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St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggeshall, Essex

By W. ODLING

COGGESHALL is an old market town. It originated on Stane Street, a Roman road running from St. Albans to Colchester. The Romans built a ford here and probably a church building of sorts on the site of the present church.

The church was rebuilt during the prosperous 15th century, when the wool trade was East Anglia's chief industry. It is a beautifully-designed church, with graceful columns and great windows, the east window being a large seven-panelled piece of work, looking large even from the tower arch, 40 yards away. The oak roof of the nave looks down from a height of 40 feet and its old and new timbers nest on canopied figures of the Apostles. These carefullycarved figures were placed here last century.

Unfortunately the church suffered severe bomb damage in 1940, which left the bells hanging somewhat precariously in the remains of the tower. Luckily the bells remained intact and were taken down and hung for chiming in a cage in the churchvard. In the 1950s the church was rebuilt in its original form except for the tower, which is slightly different in design.

THE BELLS

The earliest references to the bells appear in wills, the first being in 1506:
"Item -/20 toward the being of a bell

hanging in ye quere [choir]."
Money was left in 1518 towards the re-

pair of the church and bells, and there were similar donations at later dates.

In 1681 Miles Graye III cast a ring of six bells, with a tenor of approximately 22 cwt. in F, and much information regarding these bells is to be found in "Diary of the Time of James III and William and Mary", by John Bufton, of Coggeshall.

"... We have a history of the bells to: Nov. 8th, 1681. Three Bells were run in Mr. Ennow's Barn, and the other three Dec. 23. 1681.

In Sept. 1682, the sixth and third bells were new run at Colchester.

In April. 1683, the fifth bell was carried to Colchester, and there was made thereof a little bell, less than the least before. In May, 1692. The great bell was carried

to London to be new shot, and was brought home again in July.

In June. 1693, the fourth bell was carried to Sudbury, to be new shot and the rest were chipt to make them tuneable.

In Jan. 1693 the fourth bell was split and carried to Sudbury, to be new shot, and brought home about May 7, 1694. Then it was made too little and was carried to Sudbury to be new shot and made bigger. And was brought home about June 18 1694 and were first rung that June 22, 1694."

As can be seen, this ring was hardly a success. By 1733 two of Graye's remaining four bells, the third and the fifth, had to be recast again. This was done by Thomas Gardiner, of Sudbury, who in 1757 also recast the fourth. Apart from rehanging the treble (which was done by the local ringers in 1789) no more work was done to the bells until 1806, when John Briant, of Hertford, recast the treble.

A receipt attached to the churchwardens' accounts of 1854 shows that the bells were fitted with new wheels, these being made by John Ely, a local cartwright. The 1870s saw a new interest in the bells, which was largely encouraged by the then curate, Rev. H. T. W. Eyre. In 1874 the bells were rehung by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of London, and in 1876/7 the ring was augmented to eight and the tenor recast, again by Warners.

The next fifty years saw the rise and fall of a really strong local band, which maintained a high standard of striking and scored many peals. In 1931 the bells were overhauled and rehung, the third bell being re-cast at this time by Mesrs. Gillett and

With the outbreak of the second World War and the severe bomb damage to the tower ringing was stopped until 1955 when, the church restoration completed, the bells were retuned and rehung, in the newly-built tower, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and, even allowing for local partiality, the bells are certainly amongst the finest in Essex.

PEALS

Eighty peals have been rung on the bells since June 25th, 1888. Of these, 50 were rung before the first World War and eight since the second. There were two significant gaps between peals. These were between 1923 and 1931, and between 1939 and 1957 (when the tower was destroyed). The greatest activity in ringing was at the end of last century and the beginning of this—seven peals were rung in 1897 and seven in 1910. The most important for the local band was in 1894, when an all-local band scored a peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Major

BELL INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—"Cast by John Warner & Sons London 1876. Through the exertions of the Revd. H. T. W. Eyre Curate this peal was augmented to eight bells Easter 1876." Weight 5 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. Note E.

Second.—"Cast by John Warner & Sons London 1876. W. J. Dampier—Vicar. H. T. W. Eyre—Curate. J. S. Surridge, A. T. Warwicker-Churchwardens. 1876."
Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. Note D sharp.

Third.—"W: Swinbourne T: Alleker C.W. John Briant Hertford fecit 1806. Recast by Gillett & Johnston Croydon 1931." Weight 6 cwt. 19 lb. Note C sharp.

Fourth.—"Miles Graye made me 1681." Weight 7 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. Note B.

Fifth.—"Isaac Potter John Tayler C=Ws Tho=Gardiner fecit 1733." Weight 7 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. Note A.

Sixth.—"William Moss Church Warden Tho=Gardiner fecit 1757." Weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. Note G sharp.

Seventh. — "Thomas Gardiner Sudbury fecit 1733." Weight 13 cwt. 22 lb. Note F

Tenor.—"Cast by John Warner & Sons London. This bell cast in the year 1692 was recast June 1877 C. P. Greene, Vicar. J. S. Surridge and A. T. Warwicker Churchwardens." Weight 19 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. Note E.

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MAJ.-GEN. RECRUIT LEAVING

The band at Benington, Herts, which is already suffering on practice nights due to increased homework, suffered another blow on December 15th with the loss of two more ringers, one of whom, Brigadier P. J. Howard-Dobson, during his recent posting at Whitehall, had learnt to handle a bell at Benington and became a regular member of the Sunday service band. He has re-cently been appointed to be "chief of staff to the Commander-in-Chief Far East . . ." in the rank of major-general. It is understood that his work will be concerned with the withdrawal of troops from the Far East.

The surprise and pleasure of the ringers to find that they had such an important serving officer in their midst was only equalled by their disappointment at losing him for several years. Before he left, however, a promise was extracted from him to return to ringing as soon as possible. The band look forward to his return.

A quarter peal attempted as a farewell and to celebrate his promotion was unsuccessful

SCHOOL HANDBELL RINGERS

We are indebted to Mr. C. Rush, of Felixstowe, for a cutting from the "East Anglian Daily Times", dated December Allgham Dany Times, dated December 10th, which printed a very clear 4-column picture of Mrs. Evans, "one of the church bellringers", giving handbell instruction to a group of boys of Harwich C.P. School in the ringing chamber of St. Nicholas' Church. The lads hope to learn tower bell ringing eventually and we wish Mrs. Evans every success in her efforts.

PEAL RECORDS 1969

Mr. and Mrs. D. House, of Flat 5, 43. The Chase, Clapham Common, S.W.4, are kindly undertaking the individual peal records for 1969. Will those who have rung 25 peals and over during that year please send their record to them, giving total number of peals, number conducted in tower and in hand.

About the Central Council

1—THE PRESIDENT (MR. JOHN FREEMAN)

THESE are times of change. In all quarters long-established institutions are being scrutinised and their efficiency questioned. An example of this is the report of the Royal Commission on Local Government. The Commission has surveyed the existing structure of local government, weighed it in the balance, found it wanting in certain respects and made recommendations as to how it might be improved. Other examples also come to

The Ringing Exercise is no exception and, as is well known, the Central Council at its meeting at St. Albans in 1969 instructed the Standing Committee to examine the constitution and procedural workings of the Council. Although this task has been given to the Standing Committee, the views of not only other members of the Council but of the Exercise as a whole ought to be taken into account. Ringers have been invited to express their views and their opinions may be called for again. If comments are to be invited it is desirable that those who are likely to make them should have some reasonable knowledge of the subject of their comment. This has prompted the thought that perhaps many ringers have little idea of the workings of the Central Council other than what they glean from accounts of meetings and correspondence in "The Ringing World", and this is the first of what it is hoped will be a series of articles by the officers and conveners of committees giving an account of their jobs.

I am the President, but a newcomer to the office, so that what follows is, in part, an account of my limited experience of the office and in part my assessment of what the President's duties ought to be.

The President, of course, is most in the public eye on the day of the Central Council meeting. The proceedings hitherto have opened with a welcome by civic and clerical dignitaries and the officers of the local ringing Association. It is the President's task to reply to this welcome.

It is his duty then to preside over the formal business of the Council, as set out in the agenda already circulated to the members of the Council. People are elected to various posts, minutes read, reports received and motions are discussed. All this promotes a great deal of discussion, and although the summary of a meeting given here is of necessity brief, the meeting President hopes he will be impartial, give all an opportunity to speak and yet be able adequately to control the course of the meeting and be a match for those razorsharp minds ever ready to raise difficult points of order! It is a long, hard day, and it is with a sense of relief that the President declares the meeting closed and moves on with other members to tea, where he carries out the final formal duty of the day-that of thanking those attending to the needs of the inner man, usually the civic authorities.

It is the duty of the President, too, to take the chair at the meetings of the Standing Committee, which for many years has met on the eve of the Council meeting to discuss the agenda for the following day.



The activities so far described are selfevident and well known to many ringers. What else does the President do? Without doubt a most important function is the conduct of the annual meeting of the Council. If he is to do this to the best of his ability he must be properly prepared for it. This preparation involves a careful study of the agenda and all the committee reports immediately prior to the meeting, and discussion with the secretary about them. However, it should go further than this. In my view, the President has to "keep his ear to the ground" all the time and be well acquainted with the important matters discussed by the various committees. The President is not an "ex-officer" member of all committees, but he ought to be in close touch with them on important matters. An example of this is "The Ringing World" Committee, who invite me to all their meetings. I cannot vote on any issue but listen to their deliberations, and this is a great help to me.

On general matters throughout the year the President is in constant touch with the secretary, who keeps him well informed on all matters.

One of the more pleasant things about being President of the Central Council is that each year brings its crop of invitations to attend annual dinners. Usually this involves speaking at the dinner, proposing the toast of the local Association, replying to the toast of the Central Council, etc. I welcome these invitations because, apart from the personal pleasure I derive from them, it often gives me an opportunity to draw attention to the Council's activities and to comment on matters which are being currently raised in the columns of "The Ringing World". Probably more important, however, is the fact that it enables me to meet and talk with all sorts of people, which may, I hope, help to counter the charge that is made from time to time that the Central Council is out of touch with ringers generally.

The foregoing gives a brief account of the job of the President as I have experienced it up to now; but it goes further than this. The President must expect to be

OUR NEW LOOK!

This issue—the first in the '70s—contains several innovations which, we believe, makes "The Ringing World" more attractive. The splash of colour on the redesigned cover, the condensed peal layout which will give more space for general topics, and the repositioning of certain pages which allows for later news items, should enable our readers to enjoy their journal and find greater interest in it:

We receive many letters giving varied opinions on how the columns of the "R.W." should be used. Some contain advice and some give threats of withdrawal of patronage, but the majority send encouragement and promises of support. To quote:—

"If page after page, week after week, is taken up with petty bickering . . . "

"Have you not heard of the new game called Exercise Baiting"—a modern version of 'Editor Baiting'? . . . "

"If you decide to 'sub' my letter, kindly consult me first . . . "

"Surely my footnotes are as important as anyone else's

"Keep up the good work, and jolly good luck"

To all our correspondents we say "Thank you!" We do not always agree with the views expressed, but we endeavour to publish any letters which we feel are of general interest. The "blue pencil" to footnotes and reports causes some upset, but every journal must have a policy and there is no ulterior motive in our actions.

During the year we shall give periodic features about the Central Council and its committees, and the President, Mr. John Freeman, has this week started the series. We invite all tower captains in towns and villages everywhere to send group photographs (black and white, not colour) of their local bands for publication, giving names of ringers and officers. In this way ringers in the north will "meet" ringers in the south, others in the east, those in the west, and "names" will become "people".

To "press" representatives, whether of Guild, District or Tower, we ask you please to send contributions promptly, including those of weddings or of deaths. For tour organisers, your reports should be couched in terms of general rather than individual interest. The fact that "Dick had a double helping of chips" or "Mary lost her handbag" or that "creaking boards at the hotel told its own story" is of interest only to the participants and will not be published in the "R.W." Christian names only in these reports are not news, neither are the methods rung, except in especial circumstances.

And so, dear reader, our good wishes to you. Do endeavour to increase the circulation of your one and only paper. Take one copy for each bell in your tower—and more if possible. Let us have your views, your comments, but above all your support. You will benefit in the end. C. W. D.

called upon from time to time to represent the Central Council (and thereby all ringers) in dealings with other people and other bodies. These are likely to be pleasurable occasions in the main, but the reverse might apply. On all such occasions the President ought to be able adequately to voice the views of the Council and bring to his office the dignity which it rightly deserves. It is my sincere hope that I shall not fail in this.

C.C. Standing Committee Meeting

The Standing Committee held what may well have been a record-length meeting on November 29th, when most of the day was occupied by an examination of Council procedure and a discussion of the ways in which the Council could improve its service to the Exercise.

It will be recalled that earlier in the year the secretary of the Council had, through the columns of "The Ringing World", invited all ringers to submit suggestions as to the way in which the Council's constitution and procedural workings could be im-proved. This had resulted in suggestions being made covering various matters such as reduction in overall membership, nonrepresentation for non-territorial societies, abolition or reduction of life and honorary membership, reduction in size of the Standing Committee, standing orders for conduct of meetings, etc., etc.

Twenty-three members travelled to Leicester and four who were unable to attend had submitted papers. Material had been sent to members in advance of the meeting, consisting of a summary of the many suggestions made by Council members and ringers generally, and also two rather longer papers which embodied some novel ideas. All this formed a very useful starting point for discussion and the committee submitted both itself and the Council to a very critical examination.

The initial task was a scrutiny of the Aims of the Council as expressed in the

Handbook and their relevance to present conditions. Members of the committee expressed the view that whilst in general terms the Aims as set down were satisfactory, they needed to be expressed more specifically to establish proper guide lines for the actual working of the Council. It was thought that over the years the Council may have failed to liaise with the Associations as it should have done, had become far too rigid and had, in fact, lost the common touch.

It appeared, therefore, that the prime need was to redefine the Aims of the Council in more specific terms and then to decide on the structure and organisation best suited for the achievement of the Aims.

Nevertheless, it was agreed that there should not be change for change's sake and any proposals for change would need careful scrutiny before being brought into operation. For this reason it was realised, early in the meeting, that it would be necessary to form sub-committees to examine the various aspects of the problem, and the meeting took the form of a general discussion which, whilst it produced no firm decisions, gave an indication of the general thoughts of the committee for the guidance of the sub-committees which were formed later in the meeting.

Amongst the many other topics discussed The provision of a forum for discussion of technical matters and the fuller employment of expertise, often available outside the Council, with possibly parallel discussion groups and a reduction in time applied to routine. The need to (re)define the terms of refer-

ence of all committees. Arising from this the Standing Committee took a long and critical look at itself and its function in There was a strong feeling that its eve-of-Council-meeting discussion of the Council agenda was unnecessary, and although no firm decision was made it is certain that very serious consideration will be given to the discontinuance of what has become the traditional Standing Committee meeting, and only to hold meetings when it is necessary to discuss specific Standing Committee business. Redundant bells and restoration funds.

It was decided that three sub-committees should be appointed to examine respectively the following subjects, in the light of the day's discussion, and submit recommendations for consideration at the next meeting which has been arranged for March 21st;

(1) Aims, Objects and Procedure.

(2) Membership (a) Council

(b) Standing Committee

(c) Committee generally (3) Finance

These matters are by no means "subjudice" and all those involved will welcome any constructive contributions made to these columns, or to the Secretary of the Council by those who feel too modest to have their ideas published.

RETURN OF THE NATIVE

In mid-November Wilfred Williams arranged a peal week-end in the "land of his fathers", and on a Saturday cars arrived from the South-East, the Midlands and the Rhondda for an attempt on the ten at Abergavenny. Despite the fact that the visitors at the local football stadium were Ton Pentre, recently despatched from the F.A. cup, Iechyd-da was persuaded (or ordered) to brush up his Bristol Royal and

take his place in the band.

The first effort had been in progress for no more than a lead or so, during which time the wrong dodging in the method had been causing some little consternation, when the rope on the fifth, which had been rapidly deserted by the writer because he couldn't reach it, came tumbling around the ringer's ears. Two others immediately vanished up the stairs to execute a quick splice. Soon we were off again, and the first peal of Bristol Royal in Wales (!) was successfully rung.

There followed the traditional adjournment to the local hostelry, where we were joined by Don Clift and Teebald, who had been doing noble work greasing bearings and checking ropes at Llangattock-next-Crickhowell ready for our visit the following day. An hour or so and several pints later the Birmingham contingent set off en route for the M5, two others went over the hills and far away and the rest repaired to the Belmont, our lodgings for the night. It was by now freezing hard, so we "abandoned" the cars and walked back into

The next morning the awful truth about our parking efforts soon dawned upon us: tickets on windscreens with phrases such as "Parking without lights" and "Parking on the offside of the road during the hours of darkness" heavily underlined. Used to such setbacks, it was calmly pointed out that the dreaded documents were at that stage merely an invitation to call on the local constabulary. After we had joined the local band for service ringing the two offenders duly attended to offer their "abject apologies", and it is understood that Wilfred managed to slip in a reference to the "no lights" concession enjoyed by motorists in London without actually claiming that he was a "stranger to the district"!

The afternoon saw our pilgrimage to Llangattock, where Wilfred had rung his first peal and where he learnt to ring on eight bells. He had warned us that the bells were not too easy. In his own words: "There hasn't been a peal of Surprise on them, and that's no surprise"; but a head-line in "The Observer" that morning read "Williams Optimistic", and so it turned out. The bells are a ground-floor ring and just a little indistinct at first, so Cambridge proved a wise choice and a good peal was rung.

The return journey was broken at Gloucester, where we had a quick one with Les

Our thanks are due to Wilfred and Don Clift for their organisation at both ends, and once again to Bill Theobald for his labours. D. E. R.

900th ANNIVERSARY **PROGRAMME**

With a primary object of creating more interest in the Norman tower and church of St. Lawrence, Alton, Hampshire, an ambitious programme of events will be staged in 1970 to celebrate the 900th anniversary.

The idea of holding a series of organ recitals in recent years has given the necessary enthusiasm for these to be extended, and recitalists of international fame include Fernando Germani and Gillian Weir. Orchestral concerts are to be given by national and local orchestras.

Concerts include folk, by Cy Grant, and choral by Guildford and Winchester Cathedral choirs, with a performance of the "Messiah" by the Waverley Singers (Farn-

Exhibitions by local organisations, festivals for schools, music by the Salvation Army Band, together with a flower festival and Son et Lumiere are also to be given.

Bellringing is well and truly marking the occasion. A complete programme has been devised to fit in with all the events. and quarter peals have been arranged, the local Guild playing its part. Nearby local towers have not been forgotten. They have been invited to Alton to ring for Sunday evensong and the St. Lawrence team will replace them at their church. An open day is planned at the flower festival.

A ringing festival, centred on Alton, is being arranged in the district for Saturday, July 18th, when it is hoped many will come to help make a successful day. Full details will be published in "The Ringing World".

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A delightful photograph of the ringers at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Eastbourne, whose booklet "About Bells" makes pleasant reading.

About Bells . . .

We have received a well-produced, attractive little publication, delightfully illustrated throughout—a production of Crain Duplicating, of Eastbourne.

It has been written by Mr. Harold Reynolds, captain of the ringers at St. Marythe-Virgin's, Eastbourne, and is entitled "About Bells", and methods of ringing and the history of the bells are dealt with in layman's language, which was the reason for this publication.

Mr. Reynolds, born in Eastbourne, has rung bells since the age of 12. As a choirboy he started to ring at Christ Church, Eastbourne, and while still ringing at Christ Church he rang his first peal at St. Mary's Church on January 28th, 1936, when a muffled peal was rung on the day of King George V's funeral. By the age of 16 years he had rung four peals and had soon begun a pursuit which has led him to ring at most towers in Sussex and some as far away as Australia and New Zealand.

After the silence imposed during the last

war Mr. Reynolds attempted with the help of others to revive ringing at Christ Church, and himself ran Christ Church ringers from 1956 to 1963. In 1950 Mr. Reynolds joined St. Mary's ringers and subsequently became treasurer. Shortly after this appointment he became captain in 1961 and in 1965 became secretary, both of which positions he still holds. Mr. Reynolds has a ringing family and on practice nights he is joined by his wife, Ruth, his 15-year-old daughter, Kathleen, and her 12-year-old twin brothers, Alan and Geoffrey.

THE SCOTTISH FOURS

While on tour in the summer an opportunity was taken to make an inspection of the two Scottish 4-bell towers listed in "Dove".

The Church of the Holy Rood, Stirling (in union with the Church of Scotland), stands on the hill just below the Castle, and the battlements of its bold, oblong tower afford impressive views of the Castle, town and surrounding countryside. The bells hang in a rather crude, unsubstantial frame, dating from 1781, and are no longer safe to be rung. The treble is cracked and the tenor (about 8 cwt.) hangs very loose on her stock, while all ironwork is corroded. The second is a pre-Reformation bell of poor tone, while the third is a 1657 Dutch bell, somewhat larger than most examples in Scotland. The woodwork is rotting, including the main beams supporting the frame.

AUGMENTATION

Full circle ringing last took place in 1949 when Ranald Clouston took a band there from Paisley. Reading this you may well think here is another forgotten ring of four rotting away into oblivion. Was it worth Ron Dove's trouble listing them in his Guide? Why do we change-ringers bother even to go and look at them?

Well, in Stirling's ease it was worth itwhile the application to inspect and attempt to ring the bells was partially turned down by the church architect, it had repercussions in other directions. It sparked off a latent local interest and has led to an order being placed with one of the foundries for complete restoration and augmentation to six. Much help and advice has been proffered and plans are afoot for the Alloa ringers, led by Harry Glover, to ring the new six occasionally, and it is hoped eventually to train a band there and ring regularly each week.

With this happy thought of a new six pealing over the Gateway to the Highlands in 1970, let us move on to Fort William. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is in complete contrast to Stirling, with a tiny spired tower, so tiny in fact that it looks incapable of housing a ring of four; but they are there, in a two-tier wooden frame installed by John Warner in 1880. The third sits above the other three and is the only bell with a slider. The three bells on the lower level (tenor about $5\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.) are so tightly packed that the founder had to cut slots in the frame to accommodate some of the wheel rims! Clearances on moving parts are so fine that some recently-erected wire netting over the louvres prevents the clappers of the trebles from swinging freely and renders them unringable. A little wheel patching is also necessary, but a few hours of carpentry would give Scotland a ringable four again.

Gratefully Acknowledged . . .

Personal.—C. J. Jones 5s., H. Over 3s., Anon. 10s., A. Cutler £2, Rev. G. G. Galley 5s., M. F., Newhey 5s., C. A. Wratten 5s., S. Fenwick 5s., Exeter Colleges Guild 10s., Durban, S.A. 5s., St. Peter's, Petersfield £3, W. P. Garner 10s., J. S. Mason 10s.

Peals. — Marlborough 4s., Holme Pierrepont 3s., Bridgend 6s., Great Barr 6s., Ash Priors 6s., Combe Florey 6s., Stowmarket 8s., Kidderminster 5s., Bathampton 3s., Newton Nottage 5s., Newport 6s., Fetcham 5s., Eling 3s., Lelant 6s., Southampton 2s., Dewsbury 10s., Whitchurch Canonicorum 5s., Irnham 2s., 6d.

Quarter Peals.—Canterbury 2s., Titchfield 2s. 6d., Giggleswick 3s. 6d., St. Clement Danes' 5s., Leintwardine 4s., Babbacombe 2s., Brixham 2s., Bath 2s., Chew Magna 2s., Horringer 3s., Putney 3s., Fulham 2s. 6d., Easthampstead 7s. 6d., Glemsford 5s., High Easter 3s., Chigwell 10s., Ash Priors (4) 12s., Halse (2) 6s., Lyng 3s., Spaxton 3s., Durston 2s. 6d., Crowcombe 3s., Hale 3s., Huyton 3s., Bishopstoke 3s., Glemsford 5s., Marlesford 3s., Standon 5s., Lutton 2s. 6d., Wimbledon 3s., Aldbourne 4s., Exhall 5s., Tettenhall 10s., Diss 3s., Dickleburgh 2s., Coddington 5s., Bathford 3s., Swansea 4s., Shipbourne 5s., Midsomer Norton 4s., Melton Mowbray 4s., South Lopham 3s., Durban, S.A. 5s., Goldington 5s., Algarkirk 5s. Swindon (3) 13s., Brighton 4s. 6d., Lane End 3s., St. Clement Danes' 5s., Devizes 2s. 6d., Eling 3s., Warwivk 8s., Whittlesford 3s., Hurstpierpoint 4s. 6d. Loxton 2s. 6d., Alresford and others 2s. 6d., Egremont 3s., Caddington 3s., Thorley 2s., Wiggenhall 3s., Sketty 4s., Portsmouth 5s.

Indecision and delay are the parents of failure.

Letters

PEALS—AND RINGERS

Dear Sir, I feel Mr. Marsh (page 966) must either have a chip on his shoulder or be most unfortunate in his peal ringing acquaintances.

We know some peals are dubious, but to lump all peal ringers into the same category because of this is about the same as accusing all young people of drug addiction. Perhaps he has never heard of the "silent majority"?

He also feels that "very few" are "committed Christians" or "attend church regularly". I don't ring many peals but I find that so far this year I have done so with 17 people, of whom to my knowledge nine serve their parish church in various capaci-

Perhaps Mr. Marsh could explain why he feels that getting pleasure from peal ringing is inconsistent with the glorification of God, but this concept that one cannot enjoy one's worship is, to me, completely incomprehensible and not Christian. I get great pleasure from my little bit of peal ringing: equally I am very aware of the Christian message I am thus sending out, be it peal, meeting. Sunday or practice night.

The "R.W." is read by many of the general public, other than ringers, and we should all think carefully before we write letters which might have the effect of stirring up or injuring the reputation of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully.

ROY THREADGOLD.

Braintree, Essex.

Dear Sir, — The letter in your issue of December 12th under the name of one Edward Marsh certainly does not go far in saving space in "The Ringing World".

An Association's strength lies in the main with its peal ringers. Look at the list of Associations in the Ringers' Diary and see how many officers are regular peal ringers

a good majority!

Peal ringing provides a way of improving one's standard of ringing. Eight people in a belfry ringing a peal will generally achieve a far higher standard of ringing than the

average meeting produces.

Mr. Marsh, vou really should get your facts correct and not wildly generalise before committing vourself to print. The fifth paragraph of your letter is most objectionable, for peal ringers, certainly to my knowledge, put themselves out a good deal more than the average "one tower ringer" and these I submit are the majoritywhen it comes to turning up regularly both for ringing and worship.

The tower which has peal ringers among i's band stands a far better chance of maintaining regular ringing than the one which has just six or eight persons getting older each year and who do nothing about teaching learners or supporting their local

Association.

Yours faithfully. M D FELLOWS.

Stourbridge, Worcs,

Dear Sir .-- I am sure many indignant peal ringers have already replied to Edward Marsh's letter in a recent "Ringing World". As a non-peal ringer may I say how much I deplore his attitude. Neither "The Ring-ing World" nor the Exercise can survive without the support of us all.

We must realise that peal ringing is a leisure activity in the same way as, for example, fishing or boating. With increasing leisure and mobility it is bound to increase. Why Edward Marsh should think it less Christian than any other pastime I cannot understand.

All the peal ringers I know are loyal members of their local Sunday service bands and by virtue of their experience cannot fail to improve the efforts of the less dedicated. I would, however, appeal to them to be more tolerant towards the less proficient, for the Exercise needs us all .-Yours faithfully,

P. R. EVEREST.

Chiddingstone, Kent.

From Christopher D. Corby, of St. Neots: 'I have many friends who ring peals and most of them are keen churchgoers and ring for the glory of God Ringing World' does give information to learners and to the more advanced ringers . . . I can say I have never rung a false peal, even if Mr. Marsh thinks he is the only ringer who has not."

C.C. REVISED DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—I refer to Mr. D. E. Parsons' letter on page 985 of December 19th and to the Central Council's revised Decisions on page 987 of the same issue.

The paragraphs of the revised Decisions relating to the rows contained within a peal are to be found in Part D. Paragraphs A1 and 2 require that a peal must start and end with rounds and that no row may be struck more than once consecutively. Paragraphs B I to 8 require (with one exception, B 2b) that peals must consist of "true and complete" 24s, 120s, 720s or 5,040s, or at least 5,000 true changes. The terms "true" and "true and complete" are not defined or explained in the revised Decisions, and to obtain a definition it is necessary to consult the previous Decisions as set out in the Handbook. It is there stated (on page 19) that "On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds". There is no other stated requirement for a true peal nor is there in either the old or the revised Decisions any provision relating to repetition of rows other than that relating to repetition without an intervening change (paragraph A 2).

I conclude therefore that the Central Council's Decisions do not render unacceptable a peal containing "falseness" resulting from composition only, and that a peal should not be refused recognition under paragraph E of Section D on that ground

Whether this position is desirable is. course, another matter.—Yours faithfully, MARTIN MORRIS.

Ewell, Surrey.

COMPUTERS

Dear Sir.—The rapid spread of computers throughout industry and commerce in recent years has brought many ringers into contact with these machines. An early result was the appearance of the "H. and M." Collection of Surprise Major methods in 1963, produced as the output from a programme run on an English Electric DEUCE computer.

In the course of conversations and correspondence I have had with a number of people in different parts of the country it has become apparent that quite a lot of research is being done, with the aid of computers (in some cases as powerful as the IBM 360), into such problems as method building and extension and the composition and proof of peals. There does not, however, seem to be any liaison between the various people involved. As a result, skilled programming and expensive computer time may be being wasted in duplicative work, while other fields of research, ideal for machine handling, are being ignored.

I am prepared to act (at least initially) as a clearing house for information on computer work on ringing problems. Could I therefore ask any ringer with access to a computer who has or is planning to run any ringing programme to contact me? It would help if some indication could be given of the type of computer and what language compilers are available, and what programmes have been run - whether successful or not .- Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN. 19, Ravensgate Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Glos.

SIXTEEN IN HAND

Dear Sir, - Recent peals of sixteen on handbells have brought to mind a conversation I had with my father at the time Albert Walker rang his peal of Sextuples in 1924, in which he said: "I knew a man named Powell from Waltham Abbey who had rung a course of Grandsire Sixteen". This would have been about 1880 and my father 18 years of age.

I think I am right in saying that a man of that name was associated with John Cox, Henry Haley, Matthew Wood, etc., when they rang the first peal of Stedman Cinques in hand in 1854, either as a member of the band or as an umpire, and could easily

have been the same person.
In a long ringing life (exactly 75 years) I have never seen or heard any other reference to this and realise it may only have been tradition, but thought it worth while recording should any other information turn up unexpectedly in the future.-Yours faithfully.

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

"If all the good people were clever, And all clever people were good,

The world would be nicer than ever We thought that it possibly could,

But somehow 'tis seldom or never The two hit it off as they should: The good are so harsh to the clever,

The clever so rude to the good."
ELIZABETH WORDSWORTH.

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DISTRICT PEALS DAY

As part of an effort to combat a lack of interest in the affairs of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association, the officers borrowed an idea from the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and organised a district peal day on December 6th.

It was originally hoped that four peals might be attempted but, perhaps inevitably, a number of members had other commitments on that day. Nevertheless three separate bands were assembled and peals of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Plain Bob Major were attempted at Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Edenbridge respectively. The Sevenoaks attempt, which followed the wedding of a former member of the local band and was also to celebrate the 21st birthday of the conductor, Andrew Corby, was the only failure, being lost two courses from the end as the result of an unfortunate misunderstanding.

In spite of this disappointment, however, when members gathered later in the evening the general opinion seemed to be that the day had been worthwhile and might use-

fully be repeated.

If nothing else, the occasion provided an opportunity for the district to honour the 80th birthday of Albert Relfe and to pay a tribute to the memory of Thomas E. Sone, the sad news of whose death had been heard earlier in the week. It was fitting that the peals should have been associated with these two men, who contributed much to Kent ringing in the past.

HANDBELLS IN SCHOOL

On B.B.C. TV "Look East" from Norwich on December 17th, a dozen children, some very young, of the Primary School, Surlingham, Norfolk, played "Good King Wenceslas" and "Away in a Manger" on handbells to figures on a board and under the guidance of a teacher with pointer. It was harmonised. Some children had a bell in each hand, some one bell only and some had two hands on one bell! Only down strokes were used. The children gave a very fair performance.

A hundred years ago Surlingham Church had four bells, which it still possesses.

FOR "SINGERS" READ "RINGERS"

The "Oxford Times" cannot have any cliringers on its staff or the mix-up would never have occurred. A well-known ringer upplied copy both to the "R.W." and the local paper, and the latter decided that, as ringing the changes the team could sing them as well. It printed the following:

Christ Church singers at Faringdon.— Eight members of the Christ Church Cathedral company of ringers visited the Church of All Saints, Faringdon, on Spliced Triples, consisting of 720 Changes of Stedman Triples and 560 Changes of Grandsire Triples with 19 Changes of method.

Turner 1. Frederick A. H. Wilkins 2, Heritage 3, Martin J. Turner 4, Journeaux 5, Walter F. Judge 9. Philip H. Jocock 7, and Neil T. Allnatt Conducted by Walter F. Judge."

EXPO SALTBURN VENTURE

Now that all the peals rung at the EXPO belfry at Saltburn have been published it is possible to summarise them.

Monday, July 21st.—5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major in 2 hrs. 30 mins. Yorkshire Association.

Tuesday, July 22nd (morning). — 5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major in 2 hrs. 25 mins. Durham and Newcastle Association.

Tuesday, July 22nd (afternoon). — 5,120 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 28 mins. Yorkshire Association.

Wednesday, July 23rd.—5,120 Plain Bob Major in 2 hrs. 36 mins. Yorkshire Association.

Thursday, July 24th.—5,184 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 2 hrs. 37 mins. Yorkshire Association.

Including the belfry's first appearance in the South of England last year there have now been six peals on the bells. The Yorkshire Association is firmly established in the lead, with four peals, and the fastest peal goes to the Durham and Newcastle Association. The title "Most peals on the bells" is held jointly by Enid Lawson and James Belshaw with two peals each. P. S.

BLUE SKIES ON THE I.O.W.

With the winter months here, one looks back on summer outings with happy memories of warm sunshine and blue skies.

The outing by a party of ringers in August was with a difference. It had been arranged a year before and it was with the prime object of inspecting the bells at Shanklin and Newchurch and, with the architect's approval, of trying them out, both being unringable due to the state of the towers.

At Newchurch the bells had not been rung since 1955; after repairing a wheel the bells were pulled up individually and when rung together the "go" was quite good. A report about the wooden supports of the tower has been given, and it is hoped that when the work is done the bells may be rung again.

On then to Shanklin: here ropes were fitted, but a lot of work was needed before the bells could be raised. This was to be expected after 40 years' silence, and ringing was restricted to short touches only, the architect having fitted tell-tales on all the cracks, the outside stonework also being in a bad state. With all the tests made, we lowered the bells individually, and hope the architect's report is favourable.

A short ring at Niton preceded service ringing at Whitwell and Brighstone, the band splitting up to visit the two towers. Then the long journey by bus for the Whitwell band, along the island's glorious southern coastline to Ryde, to meet the Brighstone ringers, who had travelled by car across the middle of the island in time to make their way along Ryde Pier, loaded with bundles of ropes and providing a guessing game for fellow passengers as to their use.

For the winter there remains the memories of a day of glorious weather, successful ringing, good bells and marvellous scenery. What else could one want! G.D.

U.L.S.C.R. ACTIVITIES



Since the beginning of the new academic year in October members of the University of London Society have all been very active.

On a Saturday in late October 17 students met outside their H.Q. and went by coach along a route close to

the Thames. Ringing was enjoyed at Twickenham (8) and Isleworth (10). After lunch the towers were at Barnes, Putney, Battersea and Lambeth.

For the dinner—the second this year!—the Society had a change of venue in the Mecca Restaurant in Blomfield Street, E.C., and during the day the bells of seven London churches were rung.

The general meeting was held in St. Olave's Rectory, for which the president, Alan Thirst, took the chair. A slight change in the constitution was proposed and, after a lively discussion, approved unanimously in an amended form.

Following this, the election of two new life members (bringing the total to 132) and nine ordinary members (total now 42) was ratified.

Audrey Alexander appealed for prompt replies regarding next year's summer tour of North and Central Wales. The dates of the A.G.M. and 25th anniversary dinner—the ringing social event of the year!—were confirmed.

A company of 81 enjoyed a delicious meal, which was followed by excellent speeches. Lawrence Hanney ably proposed the toast of "The Church", to which the Rector of St. Olave's (Rev. L. E. M. Claxton) replied. "Jumbo" Seager very wittily welcomed the visitors, for whom Geoff Bridges replied. The response by the master to Bill Theobald's toast of "The Society" brought the evening's speech-making to an entertaining conclusion.

The company of 81 included:-

Revs. and Meadames: L. E. M. Claxton, M. C. C. Melville.

Messrs. and Mesdames: D. Beresford, A. J. Frost, J. Laver, J. S. Mason, A. R. Patterson, T. G. Pett, N. D. Robinson, D. E. Sibson, C. P. Starbuck, A. F. Thirst.

Misses: A. R. Alexander, J. E. Blake, F. M. Carpenter, M. J. Carruthers, J. A. Dunning, S. M. Evans, F. S. Hamilton, C. M. Harris, S. M. Holden, C. Jarvis, H. S. Johnson, H. Kippin, E. A. Layton, C. Martin, S. E. Miles, M. Pashley, A. P. Plaster, I. Shanks, A. Smith, M. Suthers, J. West, A. M. Wright.

Messrs, J. E., Andrews, G. Bridges, P. Bosworth, M. Bowker, G. Cooper, F. Darby, R. E. J. Dennis, G. A. Duke, N. Edgar, A. Faulkner, R. Fentiman, G. G. Firman, L. C. Hanney, J. M. Hills, P. G. Holden, J. R. Ketteringham, J. List, D. J. R. Martin, R. D. Mills, J. Parsons, A. K. P. Poole, R. W. Powell, J. Pratt, J. G. A. Prior, C. I. Rowson, J. S. Seager, G. W. Shanks, A. H. Smith, W. A. Theobald, N. Thomson, D. C. Town, F. C. Walters, A. W. R. Wilby, W. Williams, R. C. Woodward,

DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

A.G.M., May 9th; Summer Tour, Saturday, July 25th-Sunday, August 2nd; 25th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, November 24th. Tour enquiries to Audrey R. Alexander, 68, Kingsmead Road, Tulse Hill, S.W.2.

Quarter Peals

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ruby Mortimer 1, A. Naylor 2, Anne Barmby 3, P. Birkett 4, F. Linfoot 5, A. Rogers 6, H. L. Jones 7, V. Nutton (cond.) 8. By the local company in memoriam Mr. E. Nutton, conductor's father, who died on December 4th.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: C. J. Hudson 1, Miss J. M. Collins 2, Miss R. A. Collins 3, S. Meadows 4, P. J. Rowe 5, R. Collins 6, E. J. Futcher (first Major as cond.) 7, A. D. Elsmore 8. For Patronal Festival.

FAWLEY, HANTS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. D. Smith 1, J. C. Banks (first Minor "inside") 2, Mrs. D. H. Chamberlain 3, Catherine A. Roberts 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, R. Allinson (cond.)

FRAMPTON COTTERELL, GLOS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Taysom 1, L. W. Francombe 2, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 3, T. Jefferies 4, H. T. Ferris 5, R. H. Driver 6.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 19th, at All Saints', 1,280 London S. Major: C. A. Levett 1, Ann Smith 2, Janet Percy 3, Christine Baldock 4, Betty Percy 5, I. Smith 6, T. Barlow 7, A. Baldock (cond.)

HILLINGDON, MIDDX. — On Oct. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Claudia A. Critchley 1, J. Walters 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, M. W. Seymour 4, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 5, Patricia A Palmer 6, C. J. Venn 7, W. H. Coles 8, J. Hill 9, P. Venn 10.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOM.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. H. Andrews 1, H. J. Coombs 2, F. C. Mogford 3, A. J, Coombs 4, R. Perry (cond.) 5. For the induction of Rev. Mervyn Wilson as rector of St, Mary Magdalen's, Bermondsey.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, N. Salter 2, F. Stamp 3, L. Stevens 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline A. Pickett 1, Anne Lambert 2, H. W. Brown 3, D. Kirkcaldy 4, J. N. Lambert 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, B. J. Harfield 7, J. Kirkcaldy 8, First Triples 1, 2, 4. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Nov. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Felicity Cooke 1, N. Simon (cond.) 2, Anne Cooke 3, D. Cormell (first Caters) 4, S. Fenwick 5, J. Bull 6, N. A. James 7, J. Clatworthy 8, C. Hughes 9, F. Corney 10. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Clift 1, D. Cormell (first Minor) 2, F. Corney 3, N. Simon (cond.) 4, J. Bull 5, S. Fenwick 6, Also on Dec. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Ann Pilgrim 1, Susan E, Smith 2, C. Hughes 3, D. Cormell 4, F. Corney 5, N. A. James 6, M. Pilgrim 7, N. W. H. Simon 8, S. Fenwick (cond.) 9, J. James (first Caters) 10.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Bailey 1, T. Wright 2, W. Avery 3, G. Hazell 4, C. Meakes 5, R. Hazell (cond.) 6, For the wedding of Colin Henry Hagger (tower captain) to Pauline Mary Edwards.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): B. O. Spragg 1, Louise A. M. Evans 2, A. K. Fortin 3, Mrs. Jean E. Darmon 4, S. E. Darmon 5, D. K. Whitlock (cond.) 6. With congratulations to Roger Mitchell on the first "instalment" of a family—a daughter.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford's, on Nov. 9th, 1,272 Minimus (six methods): A. W. Froggatt 1, Vivienne West 2, Susan Faull 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Before Sung Eucharist, to mark the coming together of St. Mark's and St. Mary's congregations. Also, after service, 1,272 Minimus (three methods): I. M. Minns 1, V. West 2, S. Faull 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4, Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Karen Ford (first quarter) 1, V. West 2, I. M. Minns 3, J. Parkin (cond.) 4. An 84th birthday compliment to Mrs. Nicholson.

LISS, HANTS. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Lintott 1, Gillian Read 2, B. S. Gambrill 3, T. S. Bowles 4, D. Fox 5, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2. First Minor by Sunday Service band.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. A. Coombs 1, H. J. Coombs 2, P. Blacker 3, R. Perry 4, A. J. Coombs (cond.) 5, N. J. Osmond 6, For St. Andrew's Day.

MARTIN, HANTS. On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. 1. Baverstock 1, J. Baverstock 2, Mrs. 6. Coward (first quarter "inside") 3, C. Kimber 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, D. Kerly 6. Also on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsite Doubles: Mrs. G. Coward 1, D. Kerly 2, N. Bush 3, C. Baverstock 4, J. Baverstock (cond.) 5, G. Poore 6. Rung at Matins for the baptism of Lois, infant daughter of Pauline and Ron Poore, ringers at the local tower.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Geraldine Mitchell 1, J. Webb 2, R. Philpott 3, D. Price 4, D. Huddleston (cond.) 5, R. Huddleston 6.

MILTON REGIS, KENT. — On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): G. Kenward 1, J. E. Clark 2, Wendy R. Austin 3, F. J. Dadson 4, G. Wood 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the rinner of 5.

MORETON-IN-THE-MARSH, GLOS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Clifford 1, J. Ingles 2, A. Ewins 3, J. Nicholls 4, L. C. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, G. R. Harper 6.

NEWHEY, LANCS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Butterworth 1, B. M. Boardman 2, D. Leach (first "inside") 3, R. Lawson 4, J. W. Rideout (first quarter) 5, M. Fishwick (cond.) 6.

NORTON CANES, STAFFS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Beech 1, K. Daniels 2, Jennifer M. Beech 3, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 4, N. Holland 5, E. R. Fairbrother (cond.) 6, For Harvest Festival.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Margaret Kindred 1, G. I. Newsome (12) 2, Lynn M. Fuller (10, first quarter) 3, D. Newsome 4, M. P. Seuneke 5, J. I. White (12) 6, R. A. Fuller 7, P. Kindred (cond.) 8. First Bob Major 2, 4, 6, 7.

PENISTONE, YORKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,320 Penistone T.B. Minor: D. Scargill 1, Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, C. Moxon 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, P. Charlesworth 6, First in method by all.

PETERBOROUGH,—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 St. Clement's Minor: Liz Muncey 1, M. Spencer 2, G. Davis 3, A. Waller 4, M. Parker 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. For St. Clement's Day.

PRESTWICH, LANCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Preston 1, Jane Reynolds (cond.) 2, P. Dyson 3, D. P. Smith 4, E. A. Reeves 5, P. Reeves 6, F. Reynolds 7, G. O. Sanders 8. For St. Andrew's Day.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Willey I, H. Hanson 2, E. Buxton 3, A. King 4, B. Bull 5, D. Stainsby (cond.) 6. To celebrate the birth of Christine Bull.

RANDWICK, GLOS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Randwick Bob Doubles: Rev. the Hon. N. R. Morrison (first "inside") 1, Miss E. M. Bliss 2, Miss J. M. Scudamore 3, M. R. Rose 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, A. R. Barnett 6. First quarter in method, C.C. Collection (No. 52 F). Half-muffled in memoriam Miss Edna Harper, who donated a new bell to the tower. After an unsuccessful peal attempt.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Rose 1, C. Hancock 2, R. Rose 3, B. Coley 4, L. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6, To commemorate the commencement of Rev. G. E. Jarrold's 11th year as rector.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,440 Inswich Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, R. W. Smith 2, N. W. Harvey 3, L. Watkins 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, B. P. Morris 6.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Colleen East 1, Grace East 2, Elsie Boshier (first quarter) 3, M. L. Mann 4, D. Surman (cond.) 5, W. H. Cox 6. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Elsie and Ray Boshier.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: H. Deacon 1, J. Hemsley 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. 200th quarter togethe; 1 and 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,253 Grandsire Cinques: W. H. Leeson 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Muriel Reay 3, Verona C. Naylor 4, G. E. Fearn 5, D. H. Walters 6, V. Green 7, E. J. Cole 8, T. J. Warner (cond.) 9, E. T. Lloyd 10, R. J. Cann 11, A. Crabtree 12. First on 12 for 1, 4, 6, 9, 11 and 12.

SWANAGE, DORSET. — On Nov. 29th, 1.260 Grandsire Triples; I. Davies (com. member) 1, Judith Robertson (hon. sec.) 2, H. Falkner 3, D. Fuller (chairman) 4, H. Pitman (com. member) 5, W. Damer 6, R. Robertson (cond., Ringing Master) 7, T. Smith 8. By officers and committee members of Wimborne Branch.

STANSTED, ESSEX. On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, H Watts 3, P. Glazebrook 4, K. Westwood 5, T. Camp W. Hunt 7, D. Cheeseman 8. For Advent Sunday. STAFFORD .- On Oct. 12th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: E R. Fairbrother 1, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 2, Margaret A. Swain 3, K. Daniels 4, Jennifer M. Beech 5 R. J. Warrilow 6, F. Beech 7, N. Holland (cond.) On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Jennifer M. Beech I, E. R. Fairbrother 2, F. Brotherton 3, F. Beech 4, N. R. Holland 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. Warrilow (cond.) 7, K. Daniels 8, On Oct, 26th, 1,265 Stedman Caters: F. R. Wiggin 1, F. Beech 2, Jennifer M. Beech 3, Margaret A. Swain 4, F. H. Eley 5, C. S. Hone 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, A. E, Garbett 8, R. K. Mowforth 9, C. J. Evans 10. On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Caters: F. H. Eley 1, N. R. Holland 2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, C. S. Hone 4. R. K. Mowforth 5, Jennifer M. Beech 6, R. J. Warrilow 7, A. E. Garbett 8, F. Beech (cond.) 9, C. J. Evans 10. On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Beech 1, Jennifer M. Beech 2, G. E. Morrell 3, K. Daniels 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. R. Fairbrother (cond.) 7, C. J. Evans 8.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Edwins 1, J. Berrett 2, G. Twiney 3, V. Rose 4, J. Twiney (cond.) 5, G. Burbidge 6. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Mary Hibbert

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean F, West (first Triples) 1, J. A. Humphrey (first quarter) 2, Caroline F. Bagworth 3, J. W. F. Rea 4, F. Seabright (first Triples) 5, A. E. Bagworth 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, E. J. Adams 8,

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Myers 1, Alison Brown 2, Rosemary Snawdon 3, P. Norcross 4, Joan Gray 5, Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 6.

TALATON, DEVON.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Travers 1, N. Salter 2, W. Sparkes 3. T. Travers 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6.

TAYNTON, OXON.—1,260 Single Oxford and Pl. Bob Minor; M. P. Taylor 1, B. H. Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, Mrs. Helen Taylor 4, Hilda Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Pullon 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, N. George 5, G. Dickins 6.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandstre Doubles: Jenefer R. Roberts (first quarter) 1, Janet S. Evans 2, A. Carveth 3, R. P. Pearce 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, Kathryne R. Pearce 6.

HALF PEAL

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct, 5th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: Linda V. Cull 1, D. A. Wills 2, C. Barr 3, H. L. Crisp 4, F. W. Williams 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight. First half peal for all except cond. For Harvest.

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On Dec. 14th, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: Amanda Powell 1, A. Hobbs 2, Wendy Wallace 3, I. Wiltshire 4, Louise Powell (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6,

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. MacGregor I, W. Sarsteiner 2, D. Galbraith (first Triples) 3, D. MacEndoo 4, A. R. MacKenzie 5, C. Galbraith 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Shields 8,

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three meth., one spliced comp.): F. Pike 1, R. A. C. Cross 2, Miss F. M. Gadd (most inside) 3, K. E. Beale (cond.) 4, A. W. Knight 5, L. T. Hancock 6. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. T. Hancock 1, Miss F. M. Gadd (first in method) 2, R. A. C. Cross 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale 5, W. J. Berry (first quarter) 6. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, H. V. Young 2, J. Cornelius 3, W. J. Nurcombe 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, A. W. Knight 6. A 21st birth-day compliment to Kenneth Knight. Also on Nov. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three meth., one spliced comp.): F. Pike 1, L. T. Hancock 2, R. A. C. Cross (circled tower twice) 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, W. Tucker 6.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON. — On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Catherine Chambers 1, A. J. Garbett 2, W. Simmonds 3, G. J. Roberts 4, J. L. Read 5, W. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. C. Gant 8, BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,504 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. J. Trigg 1, P. Cuekson 2, J. Witham 3, J. Hills 4, W. L. Gates 5, R. J. Amos 6, J. Weaver 7, L. G. Gates (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to the conductor and Mrs. Gates.

BATH, SOM.—At St. Michael's Church, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Erin Triples: G. J. Hawkins 1, R. M. Stubbs 2, K. Harrison 3, A. Adams 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, A. Tubb 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, P. J. Devrell 8. First Erin Triples 2, 3, 4.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. A. G. Hopkins I, Jackie Allen 2. L. W. G. Skinner 3, A. S. Richards (cond.) 4, S. H. Gay 5, M. A. Gay 6, P. R. Butler 7, P. A. Butler 8. First on eight for 1 and 2.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 29th, 1,320 Original Royal: Ann Jenner 1, D. C. Brookes 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, Margaret Oram 4, Rev. M. Hart 5, N. Thomson 6, G. W. Shanks 7, M. O'Callaghan 8, I. H. Oram 9, S. Jenner 10. First of Royal in the principle for all.

BERE FERRERS, DEVON.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Frost 1, J. Steere 2, D. Pearce 3, S. Peirce 4, P. Bill (cond.) 5.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Anna Tobias (11) 1, T. J. Frodsham 2, J. P. Colliss 3, I. M. McCallion 4, R. Le Marechal (cond.) 5, A. Guille 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Nov. 23rd, 1,250 Pudsey S. Major: P. Hepburn 1. B. N. Read 2, Caroline Mackie 3, M. S. Loveday 4, Susan E. M. Davis 5, R. J. Talbot 6, D. Cox 7, A. P. Fester (cond.) 8.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.—On Dec. 13th, 1,296 Pl. Bob Caters: R. J. Edden 1, W. Simmonds 2, S. G. Peirce 3, W. Wayman 4, A. S. Carter 5, R. F. Shepperd 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. L. Read 8, G. J. Roberts 9, B. Tuckett 10, First in method for all. First of Caters for 3, 4 and 8,

CALDECOTE, RUTLAND,—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (seven meth./var.); W. Taylor 1, Cynthia E, Barnett 2, Patsy M. Barnes 3, L. Atton 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Alphege's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Anne Dawson 1, J. B. Keeler 2, J. Hedgcock 3, D. J. Carr 4 T. Skilton (cond.) 5.

CHEW MAGNA, SOM.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Brown I, Diana Bridle 2, Margaret James 3, J. Brain 4, G. Marchant 5, S. G. Smith 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, E. T. Lee 8. A farewell to Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Ball, leaving for Butleigh.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. Elizabeth Dunlop 1, P. D. Austin 2, G. H. Walker (cond.) 3, D. A. Tovell 4, Marion A. Cass 5, G. M. Bubb 6, Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Walker 1, A. R. F. Crowson 2, G. M. Bubb 3, Marion A. Cass 4, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 5, P. D. Austin 6. First inside 3. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Leslie C. Tibbitts.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Wilkinson I, Maureen J. Carruthers 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, G. H. Walker 4, K. Warner 5, C. E. Wilmington 6, L. C. Hanney 7, D. Tovell 8. Half-muffled by members of the Essex Association in memoriam Mr. F. George Harman.

CHOBHAM, SURREY,—On Dec. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Backhurst 1, J. Ladd 2, Marilyn Reay 3, Judith Collins 4, Margaret Lewis 5, P. J. Rowe 6, J. A. Collier 7, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 8. First Plain Bob Major 1, 2, 3.

CLERKENWELL, E.C. — On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elaine Wycherley 1, M. Wycherley 1. Woodward 3, P. Hepburn 4, Rosemary Cotton 5 D. Ton 6, S. Darvill (cond.) 7, T. Polding 8, For Confirmation,

CROWCOMBE, SOM.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. M. Gadd 1, E. Webber 2, Mrs. A. Durbin 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. J. Somerfield 6.

Bob Minor: J. Pratley J. W. Minnear 2, C. C. Clarke 3 W. J. Cowley 4, W. Ivings 5, A. W. Ivings (cond.) To welcome the Bishop of Oxford for Family Communion.

DURSTON SOM,—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles one spliced comp.): Miss F. M. Gadd 1.

Knight I. K. E. Beat 5.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX,—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. I. Ramsay 1, H. G. F. Reynolds 2, Jaqueline M. Neal 3, I. J. Rees 4 T. M. Barlow 5, S. Green (cond.) 6, D. Stewart (first quarter) 7, I. N. Clark 8.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS,—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Joan E. Scott (first Triples) 1, Susan E. Rance (first Triples "inside") 2, S. G. Scott 3, Joan A. Rance 4, E. N. Thomas (cond.) 5, K. R. Davenport 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, W. R. Churchill 8. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Reading.

EDINBURGH, — On Dec. 6th, at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, 1,280 St. Clement's College Bob Major: M. M. Peterson (cond.) 1, Miss J. Cleeve 2, Mrs. J. Tomkinson 3, T. J. Winderam 4, R. S. Wilson 5, J. P. Jenkinson 6, D. Makin-Taylor 7, J. M. Preston 8.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Jacquie Hedges 1, C. Edwards 2, Beryl Platt 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, D. Dorrington 6, D. Langdon 8. A compliment to the ringers of 1 and 2 on their engagement.

THE EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Mark's Church, on Oct, 12th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: J. N. Longridge 1, Linda V. Cull 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, D. J. Atkins 4, P. K. Goodhew 5, R. J. Wilsher 6, J. L. Anderson 7, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 8.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Linda V. Cuil 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, K. A. Hughes 3, D. J. Atkins 4, J. L. Anderson 5, F. Wreford 6, T. J. Lock 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8.

TOTNES, DEVON.—On Nov. 24th, 1,304 Spliced Bob Major, Plain and Little: M. T. L. Griffith-Jones I. D. J. Atkins 2, Linda V. Cull 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, G. P. Smerdon 5, K. A. Hughes 6, C. Ricketts 7, J. N. Longridge (comp. and cond.) 8,

WINKLEIGH, DEVON. — On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda V. Cull 1, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 2, Joan A. Hayward 3, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 4, D. J. Atkins 5, G. P. Śmerdon 6, J. N. Longridge 7, J. L. Anderson 8.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Rutland S. Major: Susan Hopkin 1, Susan Davis 2, M. S. Loveday 3, T. G. Williams 4, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 5, B. N. Read 6, D. Cox 7, R. H. Newton 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints Church, on Dec. 7th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Gwendoline G. Meyer I, Deborah Bishop 2, E. J. Adams 3, R. D. Bing 4, A. S. Bishop 5, A. J. Hampton 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, K. R. Tompsett 8.

GIGGLESWICK, YORKS.—At St. Alkelda's Church, on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): H. Walker 1, W. Pallister 2, A. Stott 3, P. Laycock 4, R. H. Brueton 5, W. S. Walker (cond.) 6, D. Warren 7.

GLEMSFORD, SUFFOLK. — On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. G. Perry 1, O. Ballard 2, M. J. Howes 3, P. Mayle 4, W. G. Perry 5, J. A. Mayle (cond.) 6.

GLODWICK, LANCS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Mitchell 1, D. G. Sanderson (first quarter) 2, H. Armstead 3, B. Owen 4, C. R. Milthorp 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Dec. 14th, 1.344 Glasgow Surprise Major: S. G. Ponting 1, A. D. Elsmore 2, W. J. Couperthwaite 3, Beryl R. Simpson 4, R. S. Bradley 5, P. J. Munday 6, M. J. Church (cond.) 7, T. Page 8. First in method 2, 3, 5, 6. First in method as conductor. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. R. White, mother of T. W. White, past editor of "The Ringing World".

HALE, LANCS. — On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. A. Cumpstey (first quarter) 1, A. Maddock 2, J. Dunbavin 3, J. P. Richardson 4, R. G. Latham 5, G. K. Austin (cond.) 6.

HALSE, SOM.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, two spliced comp.): Miss F. M. Gadd 1, L. T. Hancock 2, A. H. Reed 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale 5, F. H. Mills 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to ringer of 2 and his wife. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, L. T. Hancock 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, A. W. Knight (cond.) 5, K. E. Beale 6. Birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,264 St. Clement's College Bob Major: M. Pipkin (first Major) 1, W. C. Hughes 2, Judy Edwards 3, Jane Richards 4, S. J. Crawley 5, G. J. Parsons 6, M. A. Jackson 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8, First Major in method by all. To mark the retirement of Tony Kench as tower captain and appointment of Stephen

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Brooks 1, Mrs. G. Bloomfield 2, G. Locke 3, B. Huddleston 4, D. Wetton 5, D. Huddleston (cond.) 6, F. Bloomfield 7.

HESSLE, YORKS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Hope 1, G. F. Gardiner 2, V. Allison 3. A. Hessey 4, K. Gatman 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

HIGH EASTER, ESSEX.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Valerie Jones 1, Marion A. Cass 2, Miss L. C. Tibbetts 3, G. H. Walker 4, D. A. Tovell 5, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 6. To commemorate the retirement of the Rev. O. J. J. French as Vicar,

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. F. Ballam 1, Amanda M. Richmond (first Surprise) 2, A. G. Feaver 3, M. J. Rose 4, B. E. Whiting (first Surprise) 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6.

HUYTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Simpson 1, F. M. Latham 2, J. P. Richardson 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam H. G. Howard-Watson, churchwarden and secretary of P.C.C. for many years, whose funeral took place this day.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Semken I, J. Turney 2, H. McArthur 3, P. L. Hughes 4, P. D. Sell 5, M. Powell 6, M. Sherwood (cond.) 7, R. Powell 8, First Stedman for 5 and 7.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Dec. 14th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. S. Trotter (first Stedman) 1, E. W. Razzell 2, Mrs. H. E. Oatway 3, M. Sprackling 4, A. M. Stacey 5, P. Felton 6, R. Cadamy 7, A. Fulwell 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, N. Felton 10

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At Bell Foundry, on Dec. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. M. Wilson 1, Jill Wilson 2, Elizabeth Barber 3, Shelagh Dennis 4, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 5, R. I. Kepdrick (cond.) 6

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Raysdell 1, P. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling (cond.) 4, P. W. Campling 5, Susan J. Rudd 6, Rung for Patronal Festival. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

LYNG, SOM.—On Nov. 14th, 1,299 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss F. M. Gadd 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, L. T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, F. H. Mills 6. 50th together 2 and 5, Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Arthur Ereaut, former vicar, who died on November 10th, 1969.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Baldry 1, Ruth Bedford 2. T. Hughes 3, A. Knights 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. Rung as birthday compliments to Ruth Woodman, Roger Peters, David Jonathon Peters.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Joyce Bills 1, Margaret Aslett 2, J. Bills 3, G. Heyes 4, Jennifer Murphy 5, R. Mordaunt 6, M. Scowen 7, J. Roper 8, H. Rossell 9, A. Bolton (cond.) 10. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Heyes 1, M. Lawrence 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, G. Heyes 5, J. Bills 6, J. Roper 7, M. Scowen (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Aslett 1, J. Bills 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, M. Scowen 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6, J. Roper 7, G. Stewart 8.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Aslett 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, J. Bills (cond.) 3 R. Bampton 4, D. Heyes 5, G. Heyes 6, G. Stewart 8

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: W. Walters (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. M. Paton 2, L. J. Walters (cond.) 3, Ann Brain 4, A. A. Paton 5, R. Smith 6. First in two methods 2 and 4.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT, — On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Minor (Plain and Little Bob): M. L. Haigh 1, Anne Dawson 2, J. Hedgeock 3, Jacqueline Cullwick 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. Skilton 6. By past and present members of Christ Church College, Canterbury, to commemorate the birth of a daughter to Elaîne Mordaunt, founder member of the Society.

Peals

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

YOUTHS

St. Michael's, Cornhill. London, E.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 58min. (42 cwt.)

5088 LYDDINGTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Composed by P. Border.

1—James R. Taylor
2—Brian Bladon
3—David P. Hilling (Cond.)

4—John Armstrong
5—John N. Diserens
6—Alan R. Patterson
7—Christopher H. Rogers
8—David J. Purnell
9—David E. House
10—D. John Hunt
11—Michael P. Moreton
12—Noel J. Diserens
First of Lyddington in the City.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.
St. Mary Magdalene, Ditcheat, Somerset.
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 5min. (24 cwt.)
5024 NEMPNETT SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. J. Ivin.
1—David J. Purnell
2—Gillian M. Hunt
3—Bruce Martin

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4—Michael J. Hobbs
5—Paul A. Williams
6—Stephen Fenwick
7—James R. Taylor
8—D. John Hunt (Cond.)
First in method. C.P.S. Collection No. 303.
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8ths. 1426.

Sths. 1426.

St. John the Baptist, Batheaston, Somerset.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 40min. (13½ cwt.)

5088 HEYTHROP SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

1—Julian E. Newman
2—David C. Hawkins*

3—Walter S. Rice
4—George J. Hawkins
5—Roy W. Rice
6—Peter J. W. Hardwick
7—David J. Orledge
8—David G. Massey (Cond.)

*First of Surprise Major. First in method for Association and by all.

St. Andrew's, Banwell, Somerset.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 57mins. (23 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(Parker's 12-part.)

-Ernest Forest

2—Marjorie Legg (Cond.)
3—John Coombs*
4—George Prescott
5—John Cornelius
6—Cee:l Mogford

7—Sidney Smith 8—Geoffrey Hebden

*First on 8.

All Saints', Selworthy, Somerset.
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 27 min. (12 cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (16 methods—St. Simon, St.
Osmund, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, St.
Nicholas, St. Remigius, Rev. St. Faith, Rev.
Union, Rev. St. Julian, Rev. St. Barts, All
Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Sebastian,
Grandsire, Plain Bob and Minster Bob—52
var., 16 spliced).
1—Frederick C. Arscott
2—Adrian F. Arscott
3—John Cornelius (Cond.)
4—Mervyn A. Arscott

4—Mervyn A. Arscott 5—Raymond F. Arscott 6—Leslie H. Arscott

All Saints', Curry Mallett, Somerset.
Fri., Nov. 28, 1969, 2hrs. 32min. (10 cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (8 methods—St. Simon, Plain
Bob, Rev. St. Barts, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Minster Bob, Rev. St. Sebastian and
Grandsire—2 var., 9 spliced).
1—John Medway
2—Adrian F Arscott
3—Mervyn A. Arscott*
4—Royston Shepherd†
5—John Cornelius (Cond.)*

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6-Mervyn R Arscott *50th together. †Most methods "inside." St. Nicholas', Corfe, Somerset.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs, 41min. (7 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (7 extents, 4 methods, St.
Clement's. Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury, Plain
Bob; 7 callings).
1—Raymond F. Arscott
2—Arthur H. Reed
3—Leslie H. Arscott*
4—Royston Shepherd†
5—R. John Medway †
6—Adrian F. Arscott (Cond.)
*50th peal. †First of Minor in four methods.
First of Minor as conductor.

St. Mary the Virgin, Compton Dando, Som. Sat., Nov. 29, 2hrs. 50min. (14½ cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (Four methods—Stedman, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire. Plain Bob—two variations).

1—Brian Sarll
2—Henry J. Coombs
3—Francis C. Mogford
4—Alan J. Coombs
5—Robert Perry (Cond.)
6—Norman J. Osmondis

*Most methods to peal. First as conductor.

St. Michael and All Angels, Haselbury Plucknett, Somerset.
Thurs., Dec. 4, 1969, 2hrs, 23mins, (6\frac{3}{4} cwt.).
5040 MINOR (2 extents Cambridge Surprise,
5 Plain Bob).

1—Harold E. Turner 2—Raymond P. Selway 3—Gilbert W. Rendell 4—Trevor E. Marks 5—Frederick T. Sandy 6—William E. Turner (Cond.)*

*200th peal.

St. Lawrence's, Wick St. Lawrence, Somerset.
Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (16 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (12 extents Stedman and Grandsire, 6 Rev. Canterbury, St. Martin and Plain Bob).
1—Marjorie Legg (Cond.)
2—Peter Devrell
3 Greene Persont.

3—George Prescott
4—Cecil Mogford
5—Alan F. Lee
wedding compliment to Ann Parsons and Alan Cornish.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

All Saints', Caddington, Bedfordshire.
Sat., Dec. 6. 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (1 extent Carlisle,
Wells, London, York, Beverley, Norwich and

Cambridge)

1—Brenda P. Redfearn

2—Ronald J. Sharp

3—Alfred E. Rushton

4—Robert Sherriff

5—David Redfearn*

6—John R. Mayne

*First 7 Surprise.

St. Lawrence's, Willington, Bedfordshire.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs 25min, (9½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (7 extents: Woodbine T.B.,
Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B.,
St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob.
Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Plain Bob).

1—Simon Perry
2—Alan D Norman
3—Robert L. Piron
4—Martin Major
5—C. Michael Orme
6—Martyn J. Marriott (Cond.)

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
St. Mary's, Beverley, Yorkshire.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969. 3hrs. 32min. (35 cwt.)
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by A. Craven.
1—Marie C. Stephenson

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2—Iris Piper
3—Peter Church
4—Robert Sherriff
5—John Brook
6—Ronald Ducker
7—John N. D. Chaddock (Cond.)
8—Michael Maughan

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY
St. Michael's, Butcombe, Somerset.
Wed. Nov. 5, 1969, 2hrs. 31min. (6 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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*First peal.

St. Mary's, Nempnett Thrubwell, Somerset.
Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, 2hrs, 30min. (9 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (7 extents, 5 methods: Oxford
T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., St. Clement's
College Bob, Cambridge S., Plain Bob (2)).
1—Ivor Newell
2—Heather A. Kippin
3—Michael J. Platt
4—Peter J. Kingscote
5—Anthony J. Cox (Cond.)
6—Richard H. Youdale.

Holy Trinity, Abbots Leigh, Somerset.
Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 51min. (14 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (1 extent Kent T.B., Cambridge S., 5 of Plain Bob).
1—Anthony J. Cox (Cond.)
2—Clare M. Jarvis*
3—John Drage
4—Peter J. Kingscote
5—Michael J. Platt
6—Ivor Newell
*First "inside." 150th for the Society.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
St. Andrew the Great, Cambridge.
Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 2hrs, 45min. (11 cwt.)
5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
1—J. N. R. Lebon (Selwyn)
2—B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
3—A. S. Marland (Trinity)
4—N. G. Hughes (Jesus)
5—J. L. Humphries (Jesus)
6—M. J. Pickup (Churchill) (Com. & Con.)
7—R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)
8—A. T. Winter (Christ's)
First as conductor. For Patronal Festival. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
All Saints', Church Lawton, Cheshire.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2 hrs, 38min. (8 cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (3 methods, 1,728 each Cambridge and Yorkshire; 1,600 Superlative; 107 changes of method; all the work).
Comp. by C. Middleton, Arr. by Norman Smith.
1—Geoffrey A. Edwards*
2—Mandy McCallion*
3—Roland Morant*
4—Raymond Ballard
5—Harold Dowler
6—Roy Worrall†
7—Frank R. Morton‡
8—Ivor R. Nichols (Cond.)
*First of Spliced Surprise, †200th peal.
‡Has circled tower with peals of Surprise. CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Mary the Virgin, Eccleston, Cheshire.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 9mins. (27 cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part)
1—Harry W. Howard
2—Valerie Jamson*
3—Norah M. Randles
4—Frederick Kelly†
5—George H. Randles
6—John W Griffiths (Cond.)
7—John G. Hallett
8—John Scott
*First of Grandsire "inside", †First Grandsire.

*First of Grandsire "inside". †First Grandsire.

St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
Tues.. Sept. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 53min. (13 cwt.)
5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR (7 extents, 27 methods).

1—Geoffrey R. Gardner*
2—Kenneth Davenport*
3—Stuart Coutts*
4—F. John Nelson
5—Denis Mottershead
6—Neil D. Lomas (Cond.)
*First in 27 methods. In memoriam Henry

O. Baker,

St. Mary's, Wistaston, Cheshire.

Mon.. Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 25mins. (6 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (Ten extents Old and April Day, 22 extents Plain Bob).

1-Michael J. Crawley

2-Frank R. Morton (Cond.)

3-Gordon K. Green*

4-Harry W. Howard

5-A. Doreen Edwards

6-Nigel P. Breeze†

*First Doubles "inside". †First peal (aged 11).

St. Mary's, Wistaston. Cheshire.
Sat., Dec. 13. 1969, 2hrs. 25min. (6 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each Single Oxford. Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B..
Kent T.B., 2 of Plain Bob.
1—Gordon K. Green
2—Harry W. Howard*
3—A. Doreen Edwards
4—John R. Scott
5—Geoffrey A. Edwards
6—Frank R. Morton (Cond.)
*500th peal.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Matthew, Salford Priors, Warwickshire.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. Imin. (15 cwt.)

5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (Seven methods—960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester, 576 Pudsey; with 122 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell).

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

1—lan F. Garvie

2—Clare F. Dolphin

3—lan D. Thompson

4—lan C. Maycock

5—L. Michael Callow

6—Geoffrey W. Randall

7—Ernest J. Gower

8—Peter Border (Cond.)

St. James, Shirley, Warwickshire.

Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 27mins. (6 cwt.)

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Michael S. Bruce

1—Geoffrey W. Randall

2—R. David Baker

3—Hazel A. Mackenzie

4—John F. Thorne

5—Derek H. Walters

6—S. Clarke Walters

7—John K. Foot

8—Frederick Shallcross (Cond.)

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. Lawrence's, Measham, Leicestershire,
hurs... Nov. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 3mins (9½ cwt.)
5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Leonard Goodhall.
1—Geoffrey Bridges
Robert Chambers
3—Michael J. Fellows (Cond.)
4—Timothy Wylie
5—Brian A. Tomlinson
6—Gordon A. Halls
7—Dennis R. Carlisle
8—David W. Friend

St. Mary's, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

175 Dec. 4 1969, 3hrs. 6mins. (17 cwt.)

5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by F. Dench.

1—Arthur Hall

2—Rev. Fred Ross

3—Timothy Wylie

4 Michael J. Fellows

Brian A. Tomlinson

6—Robert Chambers

7—Gordon A. Halls (Cond.) 7—Gordon A. Halls (Cond.) 8—Denis R. Carlisle

All Saints', Sawley, Derbyshire.

Sat. Dec 6. 1.69 2hrs, 45min. (10 cwt.)

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by W. E. Critchley.

1—Gordon Fau'kes
2—Rev. Fred Ross
3 John S. Dean
4—David W. Parkin
3—Geoffrey Paul
0—Clive Thrower
7—Gordon A. Halls (Cond.)

*300th peal

St. Wilfrid's, West Hallam, Derbyshire. Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (94 cwt.). 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

1—Joyce Chadwick

2—Rev. Frederick Ross

3—George Futers*

4—Robert Tanner†

5—Clive Thrower

6—Derek Astridge

7—John V. Chadwick

8—Denis R. Carlisle (Comp and Cond.)

*First in method. †First of Surprise Major.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
St. Michael's, Heavitree, Devon.
Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 4mins. (25\frac{1}{2}\) cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Composed by J. J. Parker.
1—John N. Longridge (Cond.)
2—Joan A. Hayward
3—Bryan F, Coles
4—Peter Colton
5—James M. Clarke
6—John L. Anderson
7—Frederick Wreford
8—Charles P, Yates

All Saints'. Highweek, Devon.

Mon., Sept. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (114 cwt.).

5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by S. H. Wood.

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1—John F. Steere

2—John N. Longridge (Cond.)

3—John C. Mitchelmore

4—John A. Foster

5—Peter L. Bill

6—John L. Anderson

7—D. Roy Bould

8—Frank D. Mack

21st birthday compliment to Angela C. Hughes.

St. Andrew, Calstock, Cornwall.
Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs, 41mins. (9 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Three extents Cambridge Surprise, four Plain Bob).
1—Diccon G. Pearce
2—Norman Mallett
3—Peter L. Bill (Cond.)
4—John F. Steere
5—George E. Mudge
6—D. Roy Bould
For Patronal Festival.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. Mary, Ely, Cambridgeshire,
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins. (17 cwt.)
5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Antony R. Kench
1—Georgina C. M. Carter
2—Donald F. Murfet
3—Alan M Barber (Cond.)
4—Robert D. Bellamy

5—Afail M Battlef (C 4—Robert D, Bellamy 5—Brian B, Hullah 6—George E, Bonham 7—Geoffrey A, Lucas 8—George E, Thoday

SS. Mary and Michael, Trumpington. Cambs. Tues., Nov. 25, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (10½ cwt.) 5088 KENNINGHALL SURPRISE MAJOR Arranged by P. S. Bennett.

Arranged by P. S. Bennett.

1—Allen Twyman

2—Anthony H. Smith

3—Richard L. Underwood

4—Peter G. Brown

5—Donald F. Murfet

6—Philip J. Rothera

7—John G. Gipson

8—Kenneth J. Hesketh (Cond.)

First in the method by all, and for Association.

St. Katherine, Litlington, Cambridgeshire. Wed., Dec. 3, 1969, 2hrs, 26mins. (7 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(Seven extents).

1—A, W. Mynott*

2—D. Wil'iam Newman

3—Jean Sanderson*

4—Marion Kemp*

5—John G Gipson (Cond.)

6—Barry J. Couzens*

*First of Cambridge Minor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
St. John the Baptist, Danbury, Essex.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (10 cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
(Johnson's variation).
1—John Clarke
2—Mary Roast
3—Ivan J. M. Saunders
4—Yvonne A. Towler
5—Tony, Spurgeon*

5—Tony Spurgeon*
6—Joe E. G. Roast (Cond.)
7—Dennis A. S. Symonds
8—James L. Towler
*First of Cambridge.

The Annunciation, Prittlewell, Essex.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969. 2hrs. 56mins. (18 cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1—Alfred J. House
2—Valerie M. Jones*
3—Peter G. Giles*
4—Thomas R. Sharp*
5—C. John Warboys*
6—David Sloman
7—Michael J. Hallett
8—Stephen G. Halliwell (Cond.)
*First of Surprise First as conductor.

All Saints', Maldon, Essex.
Fri., Dec. 5, 1969, 2hrs. 40min. (12½ cwt.)
5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by E. W. Tipler.
1—Philip J. Rothera
2—Joe E. G. Roast
3—Yvonne A. Towler
4—David E. Rothera
5—Richard J Harrison
6—Keith W. Brown
7—Peter G. Brown
8—James L. Towler (Cond.)

St. Mary's, Great Dunmow, Essex.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 6min. (21½ cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (In 8 methods. 960 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 704 Bristol, Lincolnshire, 448 Pudsey, Superlative, 224 London, 111 changes method; all the work).
Composed by Richard J. Parker.
1—John G. Gipson
2—Maryl R. Fielden
3—Josephine A. Brown
4—Peter G. Brown
5—Donald F. Murfet
6—Joha H. Fielden (Cond.)
7—Kenneth J. Hesketh
8—Philip J. Rothera

All Saints', Great Holland, Essex. Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 46min. (15 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

1—John F. Thorne

2—Hazel A. Mackenzie

3—Susan J. Rothera

4—Yvonne A. Towler

5—R. David Baker

6—David E. Rothera (Cond.)

7—Keith W. Brown

8—James L. Towler

St. Mary's Tollesbury, Essex.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (7 cwt.)
5152 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced.
1—Joe E. G. Roast (Cond.)
2—Josephine A. Brown
3—Hazel A. Mackenzie
4—Richard J. Harrison
5—Susan Rothera
6—Keith W. Brown
7—John H. Fielden
8—Peter G. Brown

All Saints, Nazeing, Essex.
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (9 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (One extent Oxford T.B., two each Cambridge S., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).
1—Geoffrey H. Walker*
2—Anthony M. Faulkner*
3—David A. Tovell*
4—William H. Aley
5—John E. Murfitt*
6—Dennis Ellisdon (Cond.)
*First in four methods.

*First in four methods.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIO. ASSN. Christ Church, Swindon, Wiltshire. Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 10mins. (22 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by W. Pye. Composed by W. 1—Peter Tombs 2—Anne Lawson 3—W. Bertram Kynaston 4—Michael J. Stanley 5—Peter J. Heritage 6—Brian Bladon 7—Lewis F. Cobb 8—Eric Sutton 9—Maurice A. New 10—Noel J. Diserens (Cond.) St. Aldhelm's Abbey Church, Malmesbury, Witshire. Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, 2hrs, 51mins. (11 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES A. J. Pitman's 12-part. 1—David Powell* 2—Stanley Poole 3—Henry Taysom 4—Keith W. Scudamore 5—William F. Scudamore (Cond.) 6—Edward G. Mould 7—Dennis A. Chapman 8—Terrence Jefferies *First peal. 21st birthday peal for Prince of Wales. St. Lawrence's, Longney, Gloucestershire. un., Nov. 23, 1969, 2hrs, 49mins. (11 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Richard J. Parker. 1—J. Susan Randall 2—Geoffrey W. Randall* 3—Anthony J. Cox 4—Peter C. Randall 5—Allan Tubb 6—Andrew Howard 7—Stephen F. Royal (Cond.) 8—Richard H. Youdale 250th peal.

St. Mary, Woburn, Bedfordshire.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 12mins. (24 cwt.)
5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Composed by J. J. Parker. 1—Ivor Goulter
2—Margory A. Wratten*
3—Peter Clarkson*
4—Valerie Willard*
5—Leonard C. Edward*
6—Patrick H. Allen*
7—Cyril A. Wratten (Cond.)
8—Peter C. Gould* *First in the method.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Michael, Archangel, Aldershot, Hampshire.
Sat. Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins. (9 cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck.

1—William H. Viggers

2—Beryl R Simpson

3—Rowan S. Bradley

4—W. John Couperthwate

5—Stanley G. Ponting

6—Geoffrey K. Dodd

7—Michael J. Church (Cond.)

8—A. Patrick Cannon

St. Peter's, Soberton, Hampshire.
Sun, Dec. 7, 1969. 2hrs. 50mins. (13½ cwt)
5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (In 24
methods: 384 each of Pudsey, Uxbridge and
Yorkshire and 192 each of Ashtead, Bristol,
Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray,
Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher
Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum,
London, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone and Superlative, 155 changes
of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.
1—Edward W. Colley
2—Beryl R. Simpson
3—Alan D. Elsmore
4—Rowan S. Bradley
5—Stanley G. Ponting
6—W. John Couperthwaite
7—Michael J. Church (Cond.)
8—Peter J. Munday.
Greatest number of methods rung to a peal
by all and for the Guild.

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St. Michael's, Yorktown, Surrey.
ri., Dec. 12, 1969, 3hrs. 4mins. (14 cwt.).
5376 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
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(24-course block.)
1—William J. H. Parker
2—Beryl R. Simpson
3—Alan D. Elsmore
4—Rowan S. Bradley
5—Stanley G. Ponting
6—Christopher I. Rowson
7—Tom Page*
8—Michael J. Church (Cond.)
*200th peal. Half-muffled (starting at backstroke) in memoriam Frederick J. Farr, 63 years a ringer at this church.
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St. Michael's, Basingstoke, Hampshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs, 53mins (14\frac{1}{2} cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (14
methods: 448 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cambridge,
Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London,
Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, 192 Cornwall and Cray (130 changes of
method).

Composed by Norman Smith.
1—Alan D Elsmore
2—Beryl R. Simpson
3—Bernard F. L. Groves*
4—Rowan S, Bradley
5—Stanley G. Ponting
6—W. John Couperthwaite
7—Michael J. Church (Cond.)
8—Geoffrey K. Dodd*
*Most methods to peal of Spliced Surprise
Major.

St. Mary's, Oatlands Park, Surrey
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 54mins. (12 cwt.).
5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1—Edward J. Futcher
2—Jill M. May*
3—Felicity S. Hamilton*
4—Alan D. Elsmore
5—Stanley G. Ponting
6—David E. Parsons
7—Douglas A. R. May (Cond.)*
8—Peter J. Munday
*First in method.

St. Peter's, Ash, Surrey.

Mon., Dec. 8, 1969, 2hrs. 32mins. (8\frac{1}{4} cwt.).

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (2 London, 1 Wells,
1 Beverley, 1 Surfleet, 2 Cambridge).
1—Roland C. Backhurst*
2—Jill M. May
3—Angela J. Smart
4—Peter G. Smart
5—W. John Couperthwaite
6—Douglas A. R. May (Cond.)

*First peal.

*First peal.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD St. Bridget's, Bridstow, Herefordshire, Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (9 cwt.) 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
(27-course block reduced.)
1—Peter L. Hughes*
2—Michael V. Powell†
3—Shirley M. Drew
4—Robert Edwards*
5—Peter J. Wycherley
6—Frederick R. Harris*‡
7—Norman Mattingley*
8—Geoffrey R. Drew (Cond.)
*First in the method. †First of Surprise Major
"inside". ‡200th peal.

St. Mary's, Clifford, Herefordshire.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (12 cwt.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
1—Geoffrey R. Drew
2—Peter J. Wycherley (Cond.)
3—Elizabeth Wycherley*
4—Peter L. Hughes
5—Norman Mattingley
6—Michael V. Powell
7—Frederick R. Harris
8—Robert Edwards
*First on eight bells. First in method as cond.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
St. James', Bushey, Hertfordshire.
Tues., Nov. 18, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins (13 cwt.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by A. Knights.
1—Jill V Eastman*
2—Robert E. Moore
3—Anne E. Thompson
4—John R. Southey
5—David A. Carpenter
6—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
7—Roger Baldwin (Cond.)
8—Christopher W. Woolley
*First peal.
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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SS. Peter & Paul, Boughton-under-Blean, Kent.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (12½ cwt.)
5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1—Peter S. Philpott*
2—Leonard A. Huckstep*
3—Martin L. Haigh*
4—Philip M. Hills*
5—Geoffrey F. Gray†
6—Geoffrey Davies
7—John B. Keeler*
8—Tony Skilton (Cond.)
*First on eight. †First of Major.

St. Mary's, Lewisham, London, S.E. Sun.. Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 59mins. (21 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES Heywood's transposition.

1—Keith G. Game*

2—John Pladdys (Cond.)

3—Jennifer A. Dunning*

4—David A. Town*

5—Alan D. Flood†

6—David G. H. Hollis*

7—Norman Summerhayes

8—Geoffrey D. Armitage

*First of Stedman Triples
and completes Stedman family. 21st birthday

and completes Stedman family. 21st birthday compliment to D. A. Town.

All Saints', Poplar, London, E. Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 11mins. (24 cwt.). 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

(From 27-course block.)

1—Valerie J. Howard

2—Keith G. Game

3—Kenneth J. Rider

4—Alan D. Flood

5—Norman Summerhayes

6—John W. Smith

7—John A. Howard

8—John Pladdys (Arr. and Cond.)

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St. Mary of the Holy Rood, Little Chart, Kent. Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (6½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (seven extents).

10 PLAIN BOB MINOR (S 1—John B, Keeler (Cond.) 2—Martin L. Haigh 3—Peter S. Philpott 4—Philip M. Hills* 5—Tony Skilton 6—James Hedgcock *First peal.

St. James the Great, East Malling, Kent. Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs, 37mins, (10½ cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1—Peter S. Muchlinski

1—Peter S. Muchinski
2—Christopher T. Osenton
3—Barbara A. Gell*
4—Trevir A. Cross
5—Owen C. R. Webster†
6—Tony Lewis (Cond.)
*First peal. †First of Minor.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
St. James, Birstwith, Yorkshire.
Tues., Dec. 2, 1969, 2hrs. 46mins. (11 cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (12 methods—576 each Ashtead, Lincolnshire; 448 Bristol; 384 each Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire; 130 changes of method). Composed by Norman Smith.
1—Gillian R. Cleaver
2—Philip J. Crossthwaite
3—Michael G. Dodson
4—Robert A. Beresford
5—Jonathan G. Rose*
6—John J. Durham
7—John P. Ottaway*
8—Christopher Forster (Cond.)*

8—Christopher Forster (Cond.)*
*First 12-Spliced. A resident University band.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
Holy Trinity, Morecambe, Lancashire.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (10½ cwt.)
5184 KENT AND OXFORD T.B. MAJOR
(Ilkeston var.)
Composed by Edwin Timbre:1.

Composed by Edwin Timb
1—Betty Palmer
2—John Nelson*
3—Donald G. Lawson*
4—Cyril Crossthwaite (Cond.)
5—David Marsden*
6—Dennis H. McCormick
7—Richard Palmer*
8—John D. Nixon*
*First peal in this variation.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

All Saints', Burton-in-Lonsdale, West Yorks.

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs, 40mins, (12 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents)

1—Robin S, Bridge*

2—Alan Capstick

3—W. Stephen Walker

4—Kenneth J. Foster

5—Thomas F, Metcalfe

6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)

*First of Minor.

St. Margaret's, Hornby, Lancashire.
Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins (10½ cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
—Amy M. Warnes*
—Alan Capstick†

2—Alan Capstick†
3—Kenneth J. Foster
4—Stanley Walmsley
5—Stanley Anderton
6—John Bagnall
7—Kevin M. Price†
8—Thomas F. Metcalfe (Cond.)
*First of Major. †50th together.

St. Wilfrid's, Melling, Lancashire,
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (10 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Two Original, five Plain Bob).
1—Doreen Maclean
2—W. Stephen Wa'ker
3—A. William Pallister

4—Alan Capstick 5—Thomas F. Metcalfe 6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)

St. Peter, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.
Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 3mins. (19 cwt.)
5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. Baldwin.
1—Derek Butterworth (Cond.)
2—Christine Andrew
3—Margaret Booth
4—Ragil Jones

4—Basil Jones 5—David Howarth 6—Richard Starkie 7—Michael Fishwick

8-Neil Bennett

St. Thomas', Heptonstall, Yorkshire.
St. Nov. 29, 1969. 3hrs. (18 cwt.).

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. J. Parker.

1 B. Michael Boardman
2—Christine Broadley
3 Keith B. Tompsett*
4—Richard S. Starkie
5—Michael H. Tompsett
6—David W. Howarth
7—Richard J. Parker (Cond.)
8—Michael D. Fishwick
In method. First in method.

(Preston Branch)

St. James', Leyland, Lancashire.

26, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (9½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Five methods, one extent each
Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford
Th., Kent T.B., Kent and Oxford T.B., two
Plain Bob).

Plain Bob).

1—John Nelson
2—John D. Nixon (Cond.)
3—David L. Marsden
4—Lawrence Walmsley
5—Graham J. Mee*
James E. Sumner
ost methods. Most methods as conductor and has "circled the tower". Rung by members of the Sunday service band as a compliment to Rev. J. E. Thornber on his retirement after 26 years as vicar of the parish.

St. Thomas', Newbey, Lancashire.
Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 24mins. (14½ cwt.).
5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. F. B. Speed.
1—Michael D. Fishwick
2—Derek Butterworth

2—Derek Butterworth
3—Richard J. Parker
4—Neil Bennett (Cond.)
5—Margaret P. Booth
6—F. John Nelson
7—Michael H. Tompsett
8—David W. Howarth

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
Town Hall, Manchester, Lancashire.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs, 42mins. (42½ cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by W. Eric Critchley.
1—Monica M. Jelley
2—Geoffrey J. Hemming*
3—David G. Wilford
4—Martin Green
5—David F. Moore
6—John Bramley
7—John E. Cook
8—Gerald C. Hemming*
9—R. Kingsley Mason
10—John M. Jelley (Cond.)
300th together.

*300th together.

Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire.
Tues., Nov. 25, 1969, 2hrs, 22mins. (6 cwt.)
5088 PERSHORE BOB MAJOR
1—G. Ronald Edwards
2—Richard J. Clifton
3—Ronald D. Hughes
4—Joseph W. Cotton
5—Frank Chambers
6—B. Stedman, Payne
7—Arthur E. Rowley
8—Roland Beniston (Comp. and Cond.)

Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire.
Fri., Nov. 28, 1969, 2hrs, 31mins. (6½ cwt.)
5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by John Pladdys.
1—Clive J. Mobbs
2—Ronald D. Hughes
3—Hazel J. Nichols
4—Bridget Chritchlow*
5—E. Guy Slater
6—Roger I. Kendrick
7—B. Stedman Payne (Cond.)
8—G. Ronald Edwards
*First on eight bells.

All Saints', Leicester.

Thurs., Dec. 4, 1969, 2 hrs. 32mins. (8½ cwt.)

5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Stanley Jenner.
1—Christine L. J. Mills
2—W. Ernest Rawson
3—Monica M. Jelley
4—Martin Green
5—John M Jelley
6—K. Paul Gilliver*
7—R. Brian Mills
8—R. Kingsley Mason (Cond.)

*150th for the Guild.

St. Botolph, Shepshed, Leicestershire.
at., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (15 cwt.)
5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.
1—Clive J. Mobbs
2—Eileen J. Goodall
3—Beryl E. Cawser
4—J. Edward Cawser (Cond.)
5—Martin Green
6—Alfred Ballard
7—K. Paul Gilliver
8—E. Alan Jacques

All Saints', Thurcaston, Leicestershire. Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs, 44 mins, (10 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parke 1—John Hunt 2—Ann Gardner* 3—Hazel J. Nichols* 4—Guy Slater 5—Harry Bray 6—Richard Chantler* 7—Edward W. Martin (Cond.) 8—Raymond H. Martin *First of Grandsire Triples.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Hugh's Tower, Lincoln.
Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs, 29mins. (24 cwt.)
YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

—John Walden
Lock L. Millhouse (Co. 1)

1—John Walden
2—Jack L. Millhouse (Cond.)
3—M. Ian Minns*
4—Beryl N. Reed
5—William L. Exton†
6—Geoffrey R. Parker
7—Walter Tomlinson
8—David Phillipson†

9—Phillip C. Pitchford†
10—James W. Raithby†
11—Harold F. Gibson†
12—Peter A. Sharp
*First Maximus. †First Yorkshire Surprise

All Saints, Upton, Lincolnshire, Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 46mins. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (seven methods: London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St. Clement's).

1—Ronald Chafer 2—G. Leslie A. Lunn 3—Jack Bray 4—John G. Hall 5—Harold Judd

6-George E. Feirn (Cond.)

St. Andrew's, Kirton-in-Lindsey, Lincolnshire.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (12½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Being one of London, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent T.B., Single and Double Oxford and Plain Bob).
1—George E. Feirn
2—Ronald Chafer

3—Richard H. Hall
4—G. Leslie A. Lunn
5—Jack Bray (Cond.)
6—John G. Hall
For Patronal Festival.

All Saints', Barrowby, Lincolnshire,
Thurs., Dec. 4, 1969, 2hrs, 39mins, (10 cwt.)
5040 SPLICED DOUBLES (in 135 methods).
Extents by Denis A. Frith.
1—Frederick W. Pinchbeck

1—Frederick W. Pinchbeck
2—Brian Buttery
3—Owen Homewood
4—Peter A. Slight (Cond.)
5—Denis A. Frith
6—Thomas A. Relf
Greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

NEW METHODS 52F. 3.1.125.1.345.1.125.1.3.1. 55C. 3.145.125.1.345.1.125.145.3.1. Ancaster.

58C. 345.1.125.1.345.1.125.1.345.1. Newton. 65D. 345.145.5.3.145.3.5.145.345.1. Thurlby. 67F. 345.145.125.1.345.1.125.145.345.1. Braceborough. 68F. 345.145.125.3.145.3.125.145.345.1. Honington.

SS. Mary & Andrew's, Stoke Rochford, Lincs. Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 46mins. (10 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES (42 ex., 144 var.).

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1—Susan Aveyard

2—Vaughan P. Evans

3—Owen Homewood

4—Peter A. Slight (Cond.)

5—Brian Buttery

Believed most Doubles var. without methods.

Variation Numbers: 1-16, 32-35, 42-45, 61-72,

77-80, 91-102, 107-110, 121-132, 137-140, 301
308, 321-352, 371-402.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
Christ Church, Southport, Lancashire,
Tues., Dec. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (12‡ cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-pt.)
1—M. Ann Waldron
2—A. John Macefield
3—Patricia A. Jenkins
4—Susan D. Cowan
5—John L. Birdsall
6—Martin J. Corry
7—Bruce Wakefield (Cond.)
8—GeoTrey C. Sparling
A compliment to Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Fox on the birth of a son.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION St. Woolos', Newport, Monmouthshire. Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 4mins. (21½ cwt.) 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by Albert M. Tyler. 1—Gillian J. Colleypriest 2—Andrew W. E. Bainham 3—Thomas Yeomans 4—Rev, Russen W. Thomas 5—James Clatworthy 6—Peter Chambers 7—Jeffrey D. Hankin 8—David L. Phillips 9—M. Jack Pryor (Cond.) 10—Gordon Wilkinson 100th on the bells. LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN

St. Illtyd, Newcastle, Bridgend, Glamorgan.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (16 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Composed by J. J. Parker.
1—Paul A. Williams
2—Anne Cooke*
3—William T. Petty†
4—Stephen Fenwick (Cond.)
5—James Clatworthy*
6—Trevor M. Roderick
7—Gwyn I. Lewis
8—Alwyn R. Lewis
8First Grandsire Triples. †50th on the bells.
First as conductor.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY
Christ Church, Wanstead, London, E.
Wed., Dec. 3, 1969, 2hrs. 32mins (8 cwt.)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods: York, London, Ipswich, Hexham, Bourne, Berwick, Cambridge).

1—Susan M. Holden
2—Maureen J. Carruthers
3—Graham G. Firman
4—James E. Andrews
5—Peter G. Holden
6—A. Keith P. Poole (Cond.)

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD
The Sacred Trinity, Salford, Lancashire.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (12 cwt.)
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (1,760
Cambridge, Yorkshire. 1,600 Lincolnshire, 84
changes of method and all work each method
every bell).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1—Patricia James
2—Margaret L. Ellwood
3—William M. Taylor*
4—Lynda M. Deebank*
5—Hamish M. McNaughton†
6—Peter G. Bellamy-Knights
7—Marcus C. W. Sherwood
8—Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)
*First of Spliced Surprise. †First of Surprise inside.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire.
Tues. Dec. 2, 1969, 2hrs. 26mins. (6½ cwt.)

5056 KIRKLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by E. W. Tipler.

1—G. Ronald Edwards
2—Richard J. Cilfton
3—Rev. M. C. C. Melville*

4—Joseph W. Cotton
5—Frank Chambers
6—Arthur E. Rowley
7—B. Stedman Payne
8—Roland Beniston (Cond.)

8—Roland Beniston (Cond.)
*First in method.

SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS
Holy Cross, Binsted, Hampshire.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 36 mins (13 cwt.)
5040 BOB MINOR (7 extents).

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1—Sally Stacey*

2—Barry J Fry*

3—Steven Baybut*

4—Jean Berriman

5—R Brian Walton

6—William Wi lans (Cond.)

*First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

For the installation of the Very Rev. M. S.

Stancliffe as Dean of Winchester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD St. Margaret's, Westminster.

Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs., 5mins. (26 cwt.)

5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Composed by William Willson.

1—Dorothea Robotham*
2—Herbert E Audsley
3—J. Frank Smallwood†
4—Michael Wycherley
5—Frederick J. Cullum
6—H. Michael Williamson
7—John Euston (Cond.)
8—Bria 1 Watson‡
9—Dennis Hewitt
10—Edward Peett‡

9—Dennis Hewitt
10—Edward Peett‡
*First Stedman Caters. †200th of Stedman.
‡First on 10. Rung with thanks to the Rector of St. Margaret's, Canon M. Stancliffe, for 12½ years of valued friendship and to bid farewell and best wishes on the eve of departure to his new appointment as Dean of

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION St. Peter's, Broughton, Staffordshire.
Fri., Oct. 17, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins. (15½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Parker's 12-part.

Parker's 12-part.
1—Gordon K. Green
2—A. Doreen Edwards
3—Frank Beech*
4—Roland W. Morant
5—Frank R. Morton
6—Neville R. Holland
7—Edward R. Fairbrother (Cond.)*
8—William W. Watkin
h together.

*50th together.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 39mins. (31 cwt.)
5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Composed by P. Border.
1—Tudor P. Edwards (Cond.)
2—John H. Fielden
3—Josephine A. Brown
4—Peter G. Brown
5—Martin Cubitt
6—David E. Rothera
7—Kenneth J. Hesketh
8—Charles P. Quartley
9—Cecil W. Pipe
10—Philip J. Rothera
11—David E. House
12—George W. Pipe

St. Peter's, Mancroft, Norwich, Norfolk.
Sun., Nov. 23, 1969, 3hrs. 14mins. (38 cwt.)
5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Composed by F. Darby.
1—Tudor P. Edwards (Cond.)
2—Josephine A. Brown
3—Charles P. Quartley
4—Peter G. Brown
5—David E. Rothera
6—Kenneth J. Hesketh
7—John G. Gipson
8—Martin Cubitt
9—Philip J. Rothera
10—David E. House
11—John H. Fielden
12—James L. Towler

St. Mary's, Ditchingham, Norfolk.

Mon., Oct. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (12 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (6 ex. of Plain Bob, one of Kent T.B.).

1—Arthur C. Cooper

2—Anthony H. Roberts

3—Geoffrey A. Taylor

4—Kenneth A. Garrod

5—A. William Bird

6—H. William Barrett (Cond.)

A welcome to the Rector, Rev. F. G. Wood, and his family.

COLEGATE SOCIETY DINNER, 1969
St. Margaret's, Drayton, Norfolk.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 37 mins. (7 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 different extents).
1—Michael A. Frost*
2—Susan B. Baker†
3—Margaret A. Bunting
4—Robert G. Walker
5—Carole A. H. Patey
6—David E. House (Cond.)
*First of Minor. †First peal.

St. Mary Magdalen's, Pulham Market, Norfolk.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins (13 cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10
methods, 576 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire; 448
Bristol; 384 London, Rutland, Uxbridge, with
130 changes of method).
Composed by Norman Smith.
1—Hilary Adcock
2—Janet House
3—Angela M. Wright
4—Martin L. Howe
5—John Illingworth
6—Martin Cubitt*

6-Martin Cubitt*

*First of 10-Spliced. First of 10-Spliced by Association, To celebrate the appointment of Rev. G. Epps to living.

(26 cwt.)

SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury,
Wymondham, Norfolk.
Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins, (26 cw.
5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
1—Angela M. Wright
2—Henry Tooke
3—David Cubitt
4—Carole A. H. Patey
5—Graham A. Duke
6—Thomas E. Spight
7—David E. House (Comp. and Cond.)
8—Peter Adcock
9—Martin Cubitt
10—Philip Bosworth

St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, Suffolk.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 56min. (13½ cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. E. Burton.
1—J. Barry Pickup
2—David C. Ely*
3—Norman P. J. Cossey
4—Edwin R. Goate
5—Edward W. R. Coates
6—Andrew E. Crowe
7—David R. McLean
8—Winston S. Girling (Cond.)
*First Major. *First Major.

St. George's, Colegate, Norwich, Norfolk.
Thurs., Dec. 4, 1969, 2hrs. 28mins. (9 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain Bob).
1—Gordon K. Terris
2—David Cubitt
3—Richard J. W. Housden
4—Carole A. H. Patey
5—John Illingworth
6—Martin Cubitt (Cond.)

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NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
St. Helen's, Stapleford, Notts.

Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (7 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1—Stephanie E. Boddy*
2—Hilary K. Derham*
3—J. Martin Rice
4—Roger M. Day
5—Paul J. Bagshaw†
6—Peter N. Mackley (Cond.)
*First peal. †First Plain Bob Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Nicholas', Newbury, Berkshire.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 20mins. (21 cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by Giles B, Thompson.
1—Frank W, Lewis
2—Michael J Church (Cond.)
3—Eunice A. Lewis'
4—Beryl R Simpson
5—Reginald W. Rex
6—Rowan S. Bradley
7—Richard H. Youdale
8—Ra.ph G. Edwards
9—Geoffrey K. Dodd
10—A. Patrick Cannon
*First of Surprise Royal. In memoriam Cyril
J. Hibbert and for Patronal Festival.

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St. Andrew's, East Hagbourne, Berkshire.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969. 3hrs. 5mins. (21½ cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
5040 GRANDSIRE TRII
(Parker's 12-part.)
1—Harold Dunsdon
2—H. Gillian Garlick
3—Gerald Wells
4—Henry L. Bishop
5—Michael Bishop (Cond.)
6—George W. Bishop
7—John H. Napper
8—Leonard F. Cox
Eve of Patronal Festival.
SS. Peter and Paul, Dorchester, Oxon.

Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins (16 cwt.)

5152 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. I. Rowson.

I-Peter J. Heritage
2—Anita D. O'Brien
3—Beryl R. Simpson
4—Maurice A. New
5—Michael J. Church
6—Anthony R. Peake*
7—Timothy G. Pett (Cond.)
8—Brian Bladon
*50th Surprise Major method to peal. First in the method by all.
St. Nicholas', Hurst, Berkshire.

Sat.. Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 18mins. (14½ cwt.)

5184 KIPPEN SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Harry Poyner.

1—Leonard Stilwell

2—Alan R. Pink (Cond.)*

3—Ronald K. Russ

4—William Birmingham

5—Walter G. Knight

6—David C. Brown

7—Peter J. Heritage

8—Philip H. Tocock

*950th peal, First in the method by all except 7. For Patronal Festival.
  St. Mary and Holy Cross, Quainton, Bucks.
Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs, 34mins. (8 cwt.)
5040 LINCOLN SURPRISE MINOR
  1—D. K. Adkins (Cond.)
2—Terence J. Hester*
3—Brian W. Hall
4—G. John Collett*
5—Peter Pearce
6—Bertram J. Coggins†
First in method. †First in method inside.
 St. Mary's and Holy Cross. Quainton, Bucks. Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 57mins. (19½ cwt.). 5040 DOUBLES (2 extents Stedman, 10 each St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire).

1—Richard E Dean*

2—John Young
 1—Richard E. Dean*
2—John Young
3—David A. Cornwall
4—Roy Woodruff (Cond.)
5—Walter Lee
*First of Doubles. To mark 25 years as Rector of this parish of the Rev. S. G. Klee.
           PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
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St. Andrew's. Kingham. Oxfordshire.
Sat., Nov. 8. 1969. 2hrs. 37mins. (12½ cwt.)
5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Dennis Knox.
1—Barry E. Saunders
2—Raymond A. Vickers
3—Vernon B. Bedford
4—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)
5—Robert L. Piron
6—Alan A. Paul
7—Barrie Hendry
8—Stephen Ivin
                       8-Stephen Ivin
                  St. Mary's, Finedon, Northants.
Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins, (21½ cc)
5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Stephen Ivin.
1—Roger W. Smith
2—Raymond A. Vickers
3—Vernon B. Bedford
4—Christopher C. Stokes
5—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)
6—Barry E. Saunders
7—George W. Holland
8—Alan A. Paul
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The Ringing World - January 9, 1970 - 15 ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE
OF BIRMINGHAM
St. Matthew's, Walsall, Staffordshire.
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 5mins. (26 cwt.).
5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Composed by John Chicott.
1—J. Alan Ainsworth (Cond.)
2—J. Edward Cawser
3—Richard J. Tibbetts
4—Stephen W. Barton
5—Richard C. Ingram
6—A. Bryan Ellsmore*
7—Maurice F. Edwards
8—Robert Edwards
9—James W. Belshaw
10—Clifford A. Barron
11—Bryan D. A. Woolley
12—John N. Lindon
*First on 12 bells. Bell Tower, Evesham, Worcestershire.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 36mins. (36 cwt.)
5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE Composed by Roderick W
1—Peter Border
2—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)
3—Shirley E. Ruddlesden
4—Malcolm J. V. Chown
5—Geoffrey J. Hemming
6—Roger W. Smith
7—Barry E. Saunders
8—Vernon B. Bedford
9—Murray A. Coleman
10—Geoffrey R. Drew
11—Alan A. Paul
12—Patrick I. Chapman St. Edmund's, Northampton.
Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 4min. (18 cwt.)
5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1—Bridget Bates
2—Barrie Hendry (Cond.)
3. Alea A. Penty St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham. Thurs., Nov. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 28mins, (31 cwt.). 5136 HOLLOWAY SURPRISE MAXIMUS 2—Barrie Hendry (Cond., 3—Alai A. Paul 4—Raymond A. Vickers 5—Roger W. Smith 6—Vernon B. Bedford 7—Barry E. Saunders 8—Graham C. Paul 5136 HOLLOWAY SURPRISE MAXIMU

1—Muriel Reay

2—Roderick W. Pipe (Arr. and Cond.)

3—Norman J. Goodman

4—Vernon Green

5—J. Edward Cawser

6—Maurice F. Edwards

7—James Insley

8—Terry R. Hampton

9—Clifford A. Barron

10—George E. Fearn

11—James W. Belshaw

12—Peter Border

First in the method. SS. Peter and Paul's, Moulton. Northants.
ues., Dec. 2, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (16 cwt.)
5056 STAND SURPRISE MAJOR 5056 STAND SURPRISE MAJOR
(Johnson's variation.)

1—Barry R. Care*

2—Bridget Bates
3—Brian R. Danby
4—Alan J. Marks†

5—Richard J. Cowley
6—J. Malcolm Tyler
7—Edward C. Buckby
8—Murray A. Coleman (Cond.)
*100th peal, has circled his home tower. †First of Surprise inside, First in method for all and for Guild. HOLLOWAY SURPRISE MAXIMUS 3T—3T, 14, —12—, 3T 14—14, 5T, 16—16, 71, 58—16, 9T, 16—16, 9T. 2nds place lead-end, 14263850719E. St. James the Great, Shirley, Warwickshire.
Sat., Nov. 22. 1969, 2hrs. 26mins. (6 cwt.).
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
(Johnson's variation.)
1—Colin D. Baugh
2—Muriel Reay
3—Derek H. Walters
4—Norman J. Goodman
5—Terry R. Hampton
6—Edward T. Lloyd
7—Paul Webb
8—George E. Fearn (Cond.) and for Guild. St. Mary the Virgin, Staverton, Northants.
Sat.. Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (11 cwt.)
5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (42 extents).
1—Malcolm J. V. Chown*
2—Brian R. Danby
3—Stanley M. Ruddlesden
4—John K. Foot
5—Ian C. Maycock (Cond.)
6—Stanley F. Webb*
*Completes the circle. First of Doubles for all except conductor except conductor. St. Leonard's, Bilston, Staffordshire.
Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 24mins. (11 cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Composed by John O. Lancashire.
1—Richard J. Tibbetts
2—Stephen W. Barton
3—John S. Hopwood
4—J. Alan Ainsworth (Cond.)
5—A. Bryan Ellsmore
6—John N. Lindon
7—Clifford A. Barron
8—Eric Spence St. Mary's, Wansford, Northants.
Tues., Dec. 2, 1969, 2hrs. 10mins. (3\frac{1}{4} cwt.).
5040 MINOR (720 Cambridge, Norwich S.,
Oxford and Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St.
Clement's and Single Oxford Bob).
1—Bernard Branston Jona David
-Alfred Waller 4—Geoffrey Davis
5—Frank Sismey
6—John H. Bluff (Cond.)
After wedding of Mr. R. J. Makinson to
Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. J. B. Cooper, 8-Eric Spence churchwarden. St. John the Baptist, Croydon, Surrey.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs, 51mins, (15 cwt.).
5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1—J. Alan Ainsworth
2—Richard J. Tibbetts
3—Maurice F. Edwards
4—Bernard F. L. Groves
5—Alan R. Patterson
6—Stephen W. Barton
7—Bryan D. A. Woolley
8—Clifford A. Barron (Cond.) St. Peter's, Barrowden, Rutland.
Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (10 cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (3 methods, 2 variations, 12 extents Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure.
6 of Grandsire, Kennington and Southrepps).
1—J. Alan Ellis
2—Cynthia E. Barnett
3—Gerald W. Reynolds
4—Michael J. Buckby*
5—Christopher J. Groome (Cond.)
*First inside. For Advent Sunday. St. Mary the Virgin, Little Houghton, Northants.

Tues., Nov. 25. 1969, 2hrs, 41mins, (12 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.
Thurs., Dec. 4. 1969, 3hrs. 1min. (10} cw. 5376 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR 1—John N. Lindon 2—Muriel Reay 3—J. Edward Cawser 4—Terry R. Hampton 5—Roderick W. Pipe (Arr. and Cond.) 6—Norman J. Goodman 7—James A. Belshaw 8—George E. Fearn 1—Edward Hastings
2—David J. Morgan
3—Barry R. Care
4—Colin E. Stanton
5—Raymond Henman (Cond.)
A welcome to the Rev. John Gwinnett to the parishes of Little Houghton and Brafield-on-

1—H. James Turner 2—Muriel Reay 3—Terry R. Hampton 4—Paul W. Webb 5—George E. Fearn 6—Norman J. Goodman 7—Roderick W. Pipe (Comp. and Cond.) 8-Barrie Hendry All Saints', Claverley, Shropshire, Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 46mins. (15 cv 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Frederick Dench. Composed by Frederick Dell—John N. Lindon 2—Arthur V. Pearson (Cond.) 3—Maurice F. Edwards 4—Richard J. Tibbetts 5—Stephen W. Barton 6—Bryan D. A. Woolley 7—Clifford A. Barron 8—J. Alan Ainsworth SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS Society of Royal Cumberland Youths St. George's, Gravesend, Kent. Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 17mins. (18½ cwt.). 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (in 24 methods. 384 each of Pudsey, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum. London, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rochester. Rutland. Simonstone and Superlative, with 155 changes of method). Composed by Norman Smith. 1—Graham A. Duke 2—Jane Foster* 3—Joan Beresford 4—Angela M, Wright 5—Norman Summerhayes 6—Peter M. Wilkinson 7—David D. Smith 8—Dennis Beresford (Cond.) *100th peal. First of 24 Spliced Surprise Major by all except 3rd. SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS St. John the Divine, Colston Bassett, Notts. Sat., Nov. 22, 1969. 3hrs. 12mins. (22½ cwt.). 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. 1—J. Richard Anthony 2—Christine L. J. Mills 3—Sheila M. Anthony 4—Martin Green 5—R. Brian Mills 4—Martin Green 5—R. Brian Mills 6—Simon Humphrey 7—David G. Massey 8—R. Kingsley Mason (Cond.) First of Watford Surprise Major by all except 4th and tenor. SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wiltshire. Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (14 cwt.). 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. A. Trollope. 1—Brian J. Woodruffe 2—I. Ann Abrahams 3—Neil O. Skelton 4—Timothy R. Jones* 5—David Fox* 6—Allan G. Keen 7—Reginald T. Jones 8—Rev. Roger Keeley (Cond.) *First of Major. St. Mary the Virgin, Marlborough, Wiltshire. Tues., Dec. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (16½ cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part.) 1—Patricia Munday* 2—Ann Toomer† 3—Timothy R. Jones 4—Donald E. Lee 5—W. Edward Mashiter 6—Allan G. Keen 7—Rev. Roger Keeley (Cond.) 8—John A. W. Fuller† *First peal. †First Triples. First in method as conductor. First on the bells since augmentation.

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St. Giles' Balderton, Notts.
Sat., Dec 6, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (8 cwt.).
5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
1—Paul F. Curtis*
2—Walter Tomlinson
3—Beryl N. Reed
4—Philip C. Pitchford†
5—Harold F. Gibson
6—Derek J. Tysoc*
7—Cyril H. Pritchett
8—Colin W. Reed (Cond.)
*First of Treble Bob Major. †First in method.
           St. John the Baptist, Wroughton, Wiltshire.
Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (19 cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
   1—Sharon Titcombe*
2—Stephen E. Mitchener*
3—David I. Herring*
4—Thomas R. Collins (Cond.)
5—Allain B. Rogerson*
6—Anthony R. Hooper*
*First attempt. A 91st birthday compliment to Mr. "Bill" Ricketts (retired Wroughton ringer).
             St. Peter's, Broad Hinton, Wiltshire,
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs, 37mins, (8 cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
                    Soldo GRANDSIRE DOUB!

1—Sharon Titcombe

2—David I. Herring

3—Stephen E. Mitchener

4—Thomas R. Collins (Cond.)

5—Allain B. Rogerson

6—Anthony R. Hooper
   St. John the Baptist, Mildenhall, Wiltshire.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (7 extents).
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1—Anthony R. Peake (Cond.)

2—P. Donald Naylor*

3—Ann Toomer*

4—Antia D. O'Brien

5—Timothy R. Jones†

6—Allan G. Keen

*First of Treble Bob. †First inside. Birthday compliment to ringer of second (12 years next day).
       The Assumption, Bradford Peverell, Dorset.
Wed., Dec. 3, 1969, 2hrs. 16mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
  42 extents (4 callings).
1—Mary E. Elmes*
2—David L. Cull*
3—Melvyn J. Hiller
4—Graham W. Elmes*
5—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)*
*First of Doubles in method.
                                  SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
      SHKUPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, Salop.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs, 22mins. (39½ cwt.).
5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Composed by Charles H. Kippin.
1—Patricia C. Stocken*
2—Elizabeth Stevens
2—Elizabeth Stevens
3—S. Geoffrey Pick
4—Philip J. Evans
5—Philip R. Johnson
6—Michael J. A. Orman†
7—Ian Friend
8—Ernest F. Willcox
9—Reginald H. Newton
10—Richard C. Stevens (Cond.)
*First on ten. †First of Caters inside.
      All Saints', Worthen Salop.
Sat., Nov. 29. 1969. 2hrs. 32mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
1—Reginald H. Newton
2—Patricia A. Stocken
3—Leonard Colley
4—Alfred E. G. Owen
5—Ernest F. Willcox (Cond.)
6—John Crum
                    6—John Crum
SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
All Saints', Coddington, Notts,
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB (7 extents).
1—John Draycott
2—Frederick G. Hooper (Cond.)
3—Derek J. Tysoc
4—Keith C. Vernon
5—Frederick Derry
6—Derick E. Kirton
Half-muffled in memoriam Jesse Shemilt.
All Saints', Elston, Nottinghamshire.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969. 2hrs. 35mins, (9 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (3 ex. Single Oxford Bob. 4 of Plain Bob).
1—David W. Flower
2—Pamela J. Clifton
3—Philip K. Wild
4—John R. Rigby
5—W. Gordon Marsh (Cond.)
6—Peter L. R. Hayward
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St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.
Sat.. Dec. 6. 1969. 3hrs. 2mins. (14½ cwt.).
5008 SPLICED MAJOR (1.136 Little Bob.
3,872 Plain Bob, 28 changes of method).
(90-course block reduced.)
1—Christopher F. Mew (Cond.)
2—Susan M. O'Neill
3—Andrew L. B. King
4—William L. Exton
5—Brian J. Rull
                       5—Brian J. Bull
6—Melvyn A. Rose
7—John F. Underwood
8—Derek Stainsby
    St. Mary and All Saints', Willoughby-on-the-
  St. Mary and All Saints', Willoughby-on-the-
Wolds, Notts.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs, 25mins. (6 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 extents, 8 methods, viz.:
Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford
Bob, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton and
Plain Bob).
   Plain Bob).
1—John R. Rigby
2—Susan M. O'Neill
3—Roger Day
4—J. Martin Rice
5—Richard Anthony
6—George A. Dawson (Cond.)*
*50th Notts tower to peal.
 St. Mary's, Staunton-in-the-Vale, Notts.
Sat., Nov. 29. 1969, 2hrs, 34mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (6 ex. Rev. Canterbury, South-
repps), St. Colomb, All Saints', Rushall, 4
Plain Bob, Seighford and Old).
1—David W. Flower
2—Peter L. W. Hayward
3—Pamela J., Clifton (Cond.)
4—W. Gordon Marsh
5—H. Geoffrey Wells
St. Edmund's, Holme Pierrepont, Notts.
Sat. Dec. 6. 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (11\frac{1}{4} cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 extents: Single Court, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford.
St. Clement's, Plain Bob).
1—Ruth Blackshaw
2—Christine L. J. Mills
3—H. Geoffrey Wells*
4—Maurice W. Harrison
5—R. Brian Mills (Cond.)
6—Roland H. Cook
*First in 7 methods. Wedding compliment to Miss Ann Potts and Mr. Robert Taylor, married the previous Saturday.
  ried the previous Saturday.
St. Edmund's, Holme Pierrepont, Notts.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins, (11\frac{1}{4} cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 Oxford T.B., Kent T.B.,
Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, 3 Plain
Bob Minor).
1—Judi'h M. Pilgrim
2—Joan Carter*
3—Christine L. J. Mills
4—Brian J. Bull
5—R. Rrian Mills
  5—R. Brian Mills
6—Christopher F. Mew (Cond.)
*Most Minor methods to peal.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY DF STAFFORD

St. Martin's, Bradley, Bilston, Staffs.
Sat., Nov. 22. 1969, 2hrs. 54mins. (11½ cwt.).
5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1—Edmund Malin
2—R. Jean Henderson
3—Peter J. Barker*
4—J. Dennis Holden
5—Harry Griffiths
5—Harry Griffiths
6—Derek K. Knowles
7—Eric F. Speake
8—Antony W. T. Cleaver (Cond.)
*First of Cambridge.
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Christ Church, Coseley, Staffs.

11. Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 59mins. (11½ cwt.).

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by George Lewis.

1—Arthur Kitson*

I—Arthur Kitson*
2—R. Jean Henderson
3—Peter J. Barker†
4—Eric E. Speake
5—Derek K. Knowles
6—J. Dennis Holden
7 Harry Griffiths
8—Antony W. T. Cleaver (Cond.)
*First Treble Bob. †First Yorkshire.

All Saints', Leigh, Staffordshire.
Sat., Oct. 11, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (14½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 ex. of Oxford Bob, Doub.e
Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent T.B.,
Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise).
1—Frank Beech*

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2—Jennifer M. Beech
3—Ruth A. E. Fairbrother†
4—Alec R. Jones
5—Arthur E. Rowley (Cond.)
6—Edward R. Fairbrother
*Circled tower. †First in seven methods.

St. Chad's, Seighford, Staffordshire.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 34mins. (6\frac{1}{2} cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (4 methods, 2,160 Plain Bob, 1,680 Grandsire, 720 St. Simon and 480 St. Martin, 9 changes of method).

Martin, 9 changes of method l—Gareth Evans*
2—Cyril T. Collins
3—David J. G. Bates
4—Victor E. T. Holland†
5—Clive M. Smith (Cond.)
*First attempt. †First of Doubles.

St. Mary's, Patshull, Staffordshire.

Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 38mins. (10 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (4 methods, 2 Cambridge Surprise, St. Cement's, College Bob, Kent T.B.,

1 Plain Bob).

1—Philip J. Day

2—Ivan A, Sheffield

3—David J. G. Bates

4—Edward R. Fairbrother

5—Philip G. K. Davies.

6—Richard B. Dorrington (Cond.)

SUFFOLK GUILD
St. Mary's, Grundisburgh, Suffolk.
at., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 4mins. (9 cwt.).
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

C. Wratten's Book, No. 148.

1—Bernard W. Fairhead

2—Stephan D. Pettman*

3—Edward P. Duffield

4—Muriel R. Page†

5—Leslie G. Brett†

6—Frank B. Lufkin (Cond.)

7—Sylvia R. E. Pipe

8—Neil V. Avis

9—Cecil W. Pipe

10—Michael J. Howes

*First on ten bells. †First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

St. Mary's, Grundisburgh, Suffolk, Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs, 47mins, (8 cwt.). 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

1-Ernest G. Pearce
2-Michael J. Howes
3-Roderick W. Pipe (Comp and Cond.)
4-George, E. Symonds
5-Sylvia R. E. Pipe
6-Leslie G. Brett*
7-Cecil W. Pipe
6-George W. Pipe
10th peal

600th peal.

All Saints', Hollesley, Suffolk.

Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs, 59mins, (12½ cwt.).

5056 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. (No. 9.)

1—Walter W. Miller
2—Muriel R. Page
3—Stephen D. Pettman
4—Michael J. Howes
5—Ernest G. Pearce
6—Cecil W. Pipe
7—J. Martin Thorley
8—Leslie G. Brett (Cond.)

First by all and for Guild.

St. Mary's, Framsden, Suffolk,
Sun.. Nov. 30, 1969, 2hrs, 47mins, (16 cwt.).
5056 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 6.)
1—Walter W. Mil'er
2—Dorothy M. Durrant
3—Muriel R. Page
4—Alan G. Feaver
5—Michael J. Howes
6—Leslie G. Brett (Cond.)
7—Ernest G. Pearce
8—J. Martin Thorley
First by all and for Guild.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. Mary the Virgin, Eastbourne, Sussex.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 6mins. (15½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part.
1—Jacqueline M. Neal*
2—Frederick J. Lambert
3—Ian J. Rees†
4—George Beeney
5—Alan R. Baldock (Cond.)‡
6—Thomas M. Barlow‡
7—David R. Reed
8—Ian V. J. Smith
*First Triples. †First peal. ‡50th together.

St. Peter's, Henfield, Sussex,
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 46min. (16½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (6th obs.).
1—Caroline L. Jones (aged 12)*
2—Peggy Taylor†
3—David A. Cruttenden*
4—Kenneth Knight
5—Albert W. Bond
6—Raymond P. Wood (Cond.)
7—Roy M. Cox
8—Henry C. Weaver
*First peal, †First on eight. A 21st birthday compliment to Graham R. Hills, ringer at Heene.

St. Margaret's, Buxted, Sussex.

Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (15 cwt.).

5056 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1—Frederick J. Lambert

2—Ann Smith

3—Janet M. Percy

4—Betty Percy

5—Peter D. Hepburn

6—Thomas M. Barlow

7—Alan R Baldock

8—Ian V. J. Smith (Cond.)

First in method for all and for Association.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY
St. Llonio's, Llandinam, Montgomeryshire.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins, (6 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1—Rossalie M, Watkins*
2—Jill P, Gordon
3—Susan E, Davis
4—S. Mary Pollard
5—David E, P, Watkins*
6—Michael H. Thompsett (Cond.)
*First peal. First as conductor. All from University College of Wales, Aberystwith.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Thomas', Woolton Hill, Hampshire.
ues., Dec. 9, 1969, 2hr. 43mins (7 cwt.).
5040 LONDON DELIGHT MINOR
1—Michael J. Goss
2 Devid Goss

I—Michael J. Goss
2—David Goss
3—Peter Furness
4—Robert J. Crocker
5—Philip G. Taylor
6—Geoffrey K. Dodd (Cond.)
First in method and first of Delight by all except conductor. All are Highclere Sunday service ringers.

LONDON DELIGHT MINOR -34-16-12-36-12-36. l.e. 2nds. 36245.

St. Michael's, Highelere, Hampshire, Sun., Nov. 23, 1969, 2hrs 45mins, (11 cwt.). 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

-Philip Murduck -Bradley Murduck -Reginald W. Rex 3—Reginald W. Rex
4—David Goss
5—Peter L. Furness
6—Philip G. Taylor
7—Geoffrey K. Dodd
8—Robert J. Crocker (Cond.)
First Plain Bob Major as conductor.

St. Mary's, Portsea, Hampshire, at., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (17 cwt.). 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Charles Middleton.
1—Alan A. J. Buswell
2—Ronald N. Marlow
3—Mary E. Elmes
4—Timothy, F. Collins (Cond.)
5—Richard Green
6—Graham W. Elmes
7—John Hartless
8—Frederick E. Collins

St. Nicolas', North Stoneham, Hampshire.
Tues., Dec. 2, 1969, 2hrs. 3mins. (3½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (5 methods, 7 ex.: St. Clement's,
Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pieasure Bob. Kent T.B..
Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).
1—Melvyn J. Hiller
2—Graham W. Elmes
3--Mary E. Elmes
4--Michael J. Young
5—David Wilson
6—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION
St. Andrew's, Presteigne, Radnorshire.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (15 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (Pritchard's).
1—Frederick W. Davis*
2—Leslie F. Smith
3—Gerald L. Bowen
4—John Clements
5—John J. Stanier
6—Frederick C. Pugh
7—David Beacham (Cond.)
8—David G Franklin
First on eight.

*First on eight.

Chapel of Ease, Bredons Norton, Worcs. Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 23mins. (6½ cwt.). 5040 MINOR (in 26 methods).

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1—Roger Hunt

2—Shirley M. Drew

3—Valerie Willard

4—Hugh Evans

5—John Clements

6—Geoffrey R. Drew (Cond.)

Most methods to peal for Association.

St. Nicholas', Earls Croome, Worcestershire,
Thurs., Nov. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1—R. George Morris
2—Clarissa J. E. Caroe*
3—Geoffrey R. Drew
4—Robert W. Cole
5—Geoffrey C. Bagley
6—John Clements (Cond.)
*First neal

*First peal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Holy Trinity, Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire.
Sat., Dec. 6. 1969. 3hrs, 16mins, (25‡ cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.
Composed by W. E. Critchley.
1—Iris M. E. Lemare
2—Felicity Ashford
3—J. Henry Fielden
4—W. Eric Critchley
5—Jack Millhouse
6—Geoffrey Phillipson*
7—Roger A. Smith*
8—Alan Hartley
9—Geoffrey R. Parker
10—Richard E. Price (Cond.)
*First Cambridge Surprise Royal.

St. Mary the Virgin, Mirfield, Yorkshire, sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 16mins (30] cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES (Shipway's). 16mins (301 cwt.).

1-Margaret White 2-Patricia North 3-John W. Gibson 4-Eric Robinson 5-Delwyn B. Tidball 6-Ian North

7—Robin Brown (Cond.)*
8—David S. Lockwood *100th peal.

St. Peter's, Birstall, Yorkshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs, 12mins. (22½ cwt.).
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1—J. Henry Fielden (Cond.)
2—Elizabeth Beaumont*
3—Iris M. E. Lemare
4—Chriscopher D. Walker
5—Arthur Rogers
6—W. Eric Critchley
7—David Smith
8—Giles C. Galley†
*First peal. †200th peal.

St. Matthew's, Leeds, West Yorkshire.
un., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 32mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1—Graham S. Miller
2—Ronald J. Snack (Cond.)
3—Ruth Richardson
4—Jack Gibson
5—J. Crawford Allen*
6—Christopher N. Grandidge

*First inside.

(Barnsley and District Society.)
St. Mary's, Barnsley, Yorkshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 57mins. (14 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (4 methods, 2 Kent, Woodbine and Oxford T.B., 1 Plain Bob).
1—Arthur Dunn-Birch
2—Frances Garfield*
3—Peter Carbutt (Cond.)†
4—Glyn Scourfield
5—Eric. Stainrod

5-Eric Stainrod

6—Harry Mann
*First peal, †50th peal,
To commemorate 200th anniversary of six heavier bells.

Handbells

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
68, Warwick Avenue, Coventry.
Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs, 25mins. (15 in C.)
5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Composed by J. E. Groves.

Composed Cond.)

-2—Ernest Sibley
W. Perrens (Cond.)

3-4—Frank W. Perrens (5-6—Geoffrey Pratt 7-8—Hubert E. Ashley 9-10—Hubert G. Summers

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
114, Park Street Lane, St. Albans, Herts.
Mon., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 22mins. (15 in C.)
5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
1-2—Gerald Penney*
3-4—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin*

5-6—Frank C. Price
7-8—Julia A. Fellows*
9-10—Roger Baldwin (Arr. and Cond.)*
*First of Little Bob Royal on handbells.

23, Culver Road, St. Albans, Herts.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 6mins. (11 in
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.
1-2—Keith J. Walpole (Cond.)
3-4—Katherine S. Hardy
5-6—Robert E. Hardy
7-8—Michael D. Frost

13, Tudor Road, Wheathampstead, Herts. Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 3hrs. (16 in B flat.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Composed by Robert B. Smith.

1-2-Katherine S. Hardy*

3-4-Keith J. Walpole

5-6-Julia A. Fellows

7-8-Kenneth J. Darvill (Cond.)†

9-10-Christopher W. Woolley

11-12-Robert E. Hardy†

*First on 12 handbells. †First of Treble Bob Maximus on handbells.

15, Harford Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire.
Mon., Dec. 8, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (15 in C)
5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
(10 methods, 960 Newgate, 720 Yorkshire, 480
Clifton, Ealing, Fulham, Leatherhead, Londinium, York, 240 Leicestershire, Wigston, 104
changes of method).
1-2—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
3-4—John R. Mayne (Comp. and Cond.)
5-6—Roger Baldwin
7-8—Martyn L. J. Jordan
9-10—Julia A. Fellows
11-12—Gerald Penney*
*First of 10 Spliced Surprise Maximus.

15, Harford Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire.
Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 3hrs. (19 in F.)
5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Composed by Nolan Golden.
1-2-S, Kathleen M, Baldwin
3-4-Julia A, Fellows
5-6-John R, Mayne (Cond.)
7-8-Roger Baldwin
9-10-Christopher W, Woolley
11-12-James A, D, Woolford
First Grandsire Cinques on handbells by all.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION
Netherside, The Close, Cribbs Causeway,
Bristol,
Tues., Dec. 2, 1969, 2hrs. 2mins. (11 in G.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1-2—David Huddleston*
3-4—Gwen I. Bloomfield†
5-6—Frank G. Broomfield (Cond.)
*First on handbells. †First of Minor on inside pair. First on handbells as conductor.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
Bettyfold, Hawkshead, Lancashire.
Fri., Nov. 28, 1969, 1hr. 40mins. (13 in E.)
5040 MINOR (11 methods, Colege and Single Court, Plain and Hereward, London and Reverse, Single Oxford and Double Oxford.
St. Clement's College and Double, Original, Plain).

1-2-Joseph Whalley 3-4-Mary W. Whalley 5-6-Kevin M. Price (Cond.)

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park,

Manchester.

Wed., Dec. 3, 1969, 2hrs. 14mins. (18 in G.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1-2—Margaret L. Ellwood

3-4—Hamish M. McNaughton

5-6—William M. Taylor

7-8—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Arr., Con.)

First of Major on handbells by all at first attempt

Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester. Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 1hr. 34 mins. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (seven related ex.) 1-2—Hamish M. McNaughton 3-4—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.). 5-6—William M. Taylor

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Room A24. St. Anselm Hall. Victoria Park.
Manchester.
Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 18mins. (18 in G.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
1-2—Hamish M. McNaughton
3-4—Margaret L. Ellwood
5-6—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Arr., Con.)
7-8—William M. Taylor

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
THREE PEALS IN A DAY
Zermatt, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire.
Sun., Nov. 16, 1969, 1hr, 40mins. (27 in A.)
5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (7 ex.)
1-2-Martyn L. J. Jordan*
3-4-Frank C. Price (Cond.)†
5-6-Julia A. Fellows*
*First peal in method of Minor on handbells and now complete, in hand, the method to peals from Minor in 16-in. †100th in hand.

Zermatt, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire. Sun., Nov. 16, 1969, Ihr. 45mins. (27 in A.) 5040 MINOR (1 each Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Childwall B, St. Ctement's College Bob, Ful-beck Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob).

1-2—Julia A. Fellows
3-4—Frank C. Price (Cond.)
5-6—Martyn L. J. Jordan
First of 7 different Minor methods in hand

Zermatt, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire.
Sun., Nov. 16, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (24 in D.)
5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Composed by Frank Darby.
1-2-Martyn L. J. Jordan
3-4-Frank C. Price
5-6-Bernard F. L. Groves (Cond.)
7-8-Julia A. Fellows
9-10-Kenneth R. Davenport
Composed by Frank Darby.

The Willows, Warfield, Berkshire.
Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, 2hrs. 9mins. (27 in A.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by John Carter.

1-2-Susanne Sargeant 3-4-Kenneth R. Davenport 5-6-Frank C. Price (Cond.) 7-8-N. David Lane

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY CNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY
Belfry, St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, E.C.
Mon., Dec. 8, 1969, Ihr. 55mins. (14 in D.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
1-2—Laurence C. Hanney
3-4—Maureen J. Carruthers
5-6—Peter G. Holden (Cond.)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
29, Radipole Road, London, S.W.
ed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 12mins. ((11 in G.)
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
1-2—Jennifer A. Dunning
3-4—Christopher I. Rowson
5-6—Alan R. Patterson
7-8—Len Goodall (Cond.)

5, Copley Lane. Robin Hood, Wakefield, Yorks.
Thurs., Nov. 27, 1969. 1hr. 48mins,
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents (88
Singles, 65 bobs)).
1-2—Stella M. Brown*
3-4—Robin Brown (Cond.)
5-6—Michael C. Perrins*
*First of Minor

*First of Minor.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

Dear Sir, - The main reason given by those who. like Mr. Dunwoody ("R.W.". November 21st), would like to see Central Council representation for non-territorial Societies abolished is that since territorial Societies cover the country, all ringers are represented, at least potentially, through those bodies. To use this argument clearly implies "one man, one vote". If this is to be achieved, all non-territorial Societies, College Youths and Cumberlands included. must be denied representation, and all territorial Societies must ensure that non-resident life members do not vote for representatives. Even then something would need to be done about the overlapping of the areas of certain territorial Societies.

The impracticability of this is dimly perceived by proponents of the scheme. For example, they always illogically exclude the two senior Societies from their strictures. Knowing that vested interests would make it impossible to gain much support for the abolition of representation for these two Societies (most Council members, I suspect, belong to one of them) they turn their attentions to Societies such as the university Societies, which have less influence on the

But the basic trouble with the argument is that it is founded on a false premise. The myth that representation should depend on "one man, one vote" needs to be buried. Representation on the Council is of Societies not of individuals. Most non-territorial Societies have an individual and distinct contribution to make to the Exercise (and agree completely with Mr. Lebon's comments on university Societies which you published on December 12th). Attempts to make the Council a more effective body are essential, but if the result is to deny representation to Societies which have played and still play a major part in the raising of ringing standards, then the effect will be detrimental to the Council and to the

These views are my own and not necessarily those of the Society which I represent on the Council. Yours faithfully. JOHN CAMP.

Jesus College, Oxford.

Belfry Gossip

Mr. Tom White, editor for 23 years, and Mr. Tom White, editor for 23 years, and adviser to the present editor for the past three months, officially retired on December 31st, 1969, and every bellringer is grateful to him for his patience and hard work. He will, no doubt, be calling in to help, encourage and give us the benefit of his long experience. Thank you, Tom!

Thank you. Tom!

Congratulations. — First pealers recorded this week: Richard Gray, Patricia Munday, Sharon Titcombe, Stephen E. Mitchener, David I. Herring. Allain B. Rogerson, Arthur R. Hooper, Caroline L. Jones (12), Rosalie M. Watkins, David E. P. Watkins, Clarissa J. E. Caroe. Elizabeth Beaumont, Frances Garfield, Nigel Breeze (11), David Powell. Roland C. Backhurst, Jill V. Eastman, Philip M. Hills. Barbara A. Gill. Susan B. Baker and Stephanie Barbara A. Gill, Susan B. Baker and Stephanie

Barbara A. Gill, Susan B. Baker and Stephanie E. Boddy.

New methods printed this week include: Nempnett S. Major at Ditcheat. Somerset, Holloway S. Maximus (Birmingham), and Ancaster, Helpringham, Newton. Thurlby. Braceborough and Honington Doubles (Barrowby, Lincoln).

We regret that a number of notices of meetings for January 3rd were not received in time for publication in our last issue. In-

meetings for January 3rd were not received in time for publication in our last issue. Indeed, one dated December 15th arrived on 23rd, and under the arrangement (at that time) the printing p'ates had to be made on December 19th. New methods of production are now in hand, and it is hoped to be able to improve, not only with notices, but with more up-to-date items of news.

The management and staff of the Seven Corners Press have co-operated wonderfully to produce this new edition of "The Ringing World" and the editor is very grateful to them for their help. We also say "thank you" to the "Surrey Advertiser" for their part in machining and "finishing" our journal in the next seven the the past.

Christine Bull, born Nov. 2nd, daughter of Brian and Janet Bull, was welcomed by a peal at Radcliffe-on-Trent on December 6th.

This week we record 50 peals by L. H. Arscott and P. Carbutt, 100 by B. R. Care. Jane Foster and R. Brown, 200 by W. E. Turner, R. Worrall, T. Page. F. R. Harris and G. C. Galley, 250 by G. W. Randall, 300 by G. W. Friend, 500 by W. Howard, 600 by L. G. Brett and 950 by A. R. Pink.

The recent paragraph (R.W. p.970) about warning postcards. The address to which these cards should be sent is: "Mr. and Mrs. Seager, Church Cottage, Combe, Oxford OX72 NG" Seager, Cl OX7 2NG.

The resident members of Manchester University Guild have made a determined entry into the field of handbell peal ringing, and last term scored seven and they hope for continued progress into higher methods and more conductors next term. We wish them well and trust their studies will not suffer too much, particularly as their aim is also for tower bells.

"My interest in bellringing is solely academic, but your reference to various churches appeals to me in my 80-year age group," writes P. Williams, of Rhos-on-Sea, Denbighshire. Mr. Williams has sent for various copies, including 20 unspecified, and we hope he will become a regular reader in

At St. Wilfrid's Church, West Hallam.
Derbys, the local ringers have raised the floor, which originally was at ground level.
The Derby and Ilkeston Districts vied with each other to obtain a "first" on the new floor, and the latter won.

A licensed lay reader for 54 years, 20 of which he served at All Saints, Coddington, Notts, Mr. Jesse Shemilt, died recently and a half-muffied quarter of Bob Minor was rung on December 13th.

Mr. Stephen J. Crawley has succeeded Mr. Tony Kench as tower captain at Hemel Hempstead. A quarter peal greeted the announce-

Three members of the Osbon family rang in a quarter of Stedman Triples at Withyham on November 14th, recorded for Prince Charles' 21st birthday, but the local interest was a compliment to Roger Osbon, who was 21 next day.

Easthampstead ringers rang a quarter for Confirmation service at which several ringers, including Graham Scott and Alexandra Mac-William, were confirmed. Graham's parents rang in the quarter.

At Christ Church, Crewe, on November 22nd, the 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Royal was the 100th in the tower. On the original eight 20 were rung and another 80 since augmentations. tion to ten.

The enthronement of the Bishop of Derby was marked by a peal at Overseale, and Mr. J. W. Cotton, who took part, is the only surviving member who was present in 1919, exactly 50 years before, when the ring of eight was dedicated as a First World War Memorial.

What is the youngest band to ring a peal for the Truro Guild? Timothy J. Bell conducted a peal, with an average age 16½, at Sennen, Cornwall, on December 22nd.

An old favourite.—Mr. A. P. Cannon has called Sir A. P. Heywood's composition of 5,024 Double Norwich 125 times in 124 different towers.

ferent towers.

"Rung to the Glory of God" is the commencement of a footnote to a peal at Wentworth, Yorkshire, and, indeed, this is how all footnotes should read. The additional words read "with thanksgiving for the perseverance of the present local band to achieve a peal standard (all local band except No. 4)."

The quarter rung at Tettenhall on December 13th was a tribute to Ben Dalton, former captain at St Michael's and ringer for 60

Carol and Brian Adams have just arrived in Sydney, Australia (their local tower was St. Jude's, Randwick). They are living in the Willesden area and St. Mary's was the first tower in this country to which they paid a visit. It is hoped they will enjoy their ringing and they will be a great help to the local company.

An example of "the helping hand" received

An example of "the helping hand" received with a quarter peal—6d. per rope publication fee. 6d. per rope towards The Ringing World.

The Dulwich Handbell Ringers have again exceeded their wonderful effort for the Greater London Fund for the Blind. This Christmas they collected in the Dulwich streets the sum of £403. making a total in the last 23 years of £5,298. [Well done!—Ed.]

Mrs. K. Collins, of Farnham. Surrey. rang her first quarter for midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve, 1949. Twenty years later, for the same service, she rang her second quarter!



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B. & W. at West Coker . . .

On December 6th the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association held its A.G.M. at the Parish Church of St. Martin of Tours, West Coker. The guild service was conducted by the rector (Rev. L. H. Bailey) with Mrs. A. Davis, organist. The tower master, Mr. A. L. Guppy, read the lesson.

It was one of the best-supported meetings for many years. Among the 50 who attended were the Association treasurer, Mr. E. Naylor; the bell adviser, Mr. H. J. Sanger; and the peal secretary, Mr. G. Massey.

The hon. secretary reported a successful year with increased membership and also presented the branch accounts. The chairman thanked the retiring officials for their good work in 1969, and the following were elected to serve in 1970: Chairman, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton): vice-chairmen. Messrs. T. J. Setter (Yeovil), Gilbert Rendell and W. E. Turner (Hardington Mandeville): hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Legget (Montacute); branch ringing master and diocesan representative, Mr. Gordon Rendell (Montacute); assistant branch ringing master, Mr. James C. Taylor (Preston Plucknett).

New members elected or transferred were Mr. H. P. Gould (West Coker), Mr. S. Spearing (High Ham), Mrs. C. Rice (South Petherton), Miss M. Martin and Miss R. Chant (Preston Plucknett), Mr. Andrew Shire (Long Sutton), Miss S. Hallett (Hardington Mandeville), Messrs. C. Salisbury and S. Salisbury and Mrs. Timbrell (Tin-

. . . and at Wiveliscombe

On December 13th the Dunster Deanery held their A.G.M. at Wiveliscombe. Ringing started promptly at 3 p.m. and the glorious bells were rung almost non-stop until the service at 4.30.

Following the service 30 enjoyed a splendid tea, produced by the Wiveliscombe ladies. We were glad to welcome visitors from South Devon and Taunton.

At the business meeting concern was shown at the falling-off of support at branch practices. Learners' practices, however, were well attended and future practices were fixed for the next quarter. We returned to the tower, where a variety of methods was enjoyed.

P. T.

tinhull), Mrs. C. Clarke and Messrs. Paul Blackmore and L. J. Harvey (Langport), Mr. C. Gratton and Mrs. J. Gratton (Somerton).

Certificates were presented to Mrs. C. Clarke, Miss P. Harvey and Messrs, P. Blackmore, L. J. Harvey and H. C. Clarke (Langport).

The company stood in silence in memory of Mr. J. T. Locke (tower master, Drayton) and Mr. A. Phillips (Preston Plucknett).

Tea was enjoyed in the Church Hall, arranged by Mrs. A. L. Guppy, Mrs. L. H. Bailey and helpers. Thanks were extended to them and to all who had helped during the afternoon and evening.

Ringing continued on the popular, goodgoing, light eight (tenor 12 cwt.), under the direction of the branch ringing master.

M. M. L.

ANOTHER DEVON SIX

For many years it has been the ambition of the Inwardleigh ringers to rehang their five bells and add a treble. Patiently Mr. Sam Pengelly and his friends have worked towards this end and slowly the bell fund grew.

There have been many disappointments. Rising prices seemed to push the target farther and farther away, but in April, 1969, the P.C.C. was in a position to place an order with Mr. Arthur Fidler to rehang the five bells with new fittings in the existing bell frame, which needed some reinforcement. The taking down of the bells appeared on Western TV and created local interest. Shortly afterwards a new treble bell to complete the six was ordered.

DEDICATION

The new bell and fittings came from the Loughborough Foundry; the hanging and provision of the additional framework was carried out by Mr. Arthur Fidler, of Bow, Devon, in a very thorough manner.

Prior to the carol service on December 17th the new bell was dedicated by the Rev. A. J. Radford, Vicar of Okehampton, in the presence of a large congregation. After the service the bells were rung until a late hour by ringers from neighbouring parishes, and all spoke very highly of the work carried out.

Inwardleigh now possesses a handy ring, with a tenor weighing 6 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. The bells go well and are a pleasure to hear.

A 14-DAY TOUR

The medley of people of the John Ketteringham tour assembled in the Crown and Cushion. Derby, on a Friday in August were getting to know each other in traditional style when a 'phone call from Norman Edwards got the tour off to a flying (?) start as he had broken down in Northampton! However, the spirits of the company were not dampened.

The serious business began next day with peals at Creswell and Bolsover and visits to Clowne and Barlborough. A mix-up over the key at Creswell was soon resolved but an attempt to ring the slowest peal on the bells at Bolsover failed as it came round in 2.49.

Only half a band turned up to ring at St. Andrew's on Sunday, but the turnout was better at the Cathedral. Great Longstone that afternoon was the scene of the first disaster of the tour when a clapper fell out after an hour, but Tim Wylie arranged for us to ring a quarter at his home tower. Baslow, Meanwhile a handbell band scored Bob Major at St. Andrew's.

Keith Walpole had the pleasure (?) of ringing Middleton's twice on Monday—at the Loughborough Foundry to Christchurch and at Mountsorrel where he called it to Cambridge. Unfortunately the highlight of the tour—Stedman Cinques at Leicester Cathedral—refused to go, and we ended up by ringing Yorkshire on the light eight. Keith really made a day of it by taking part in a handbell peal on the Ml as well.

DISASTER AT CHESTERFIELD

Most people had by now found their way round Derby. Bob Hardy had his big day on Tuesday conducting his own composition of Superlative to what, by all accounts, was a very good peal and the best of the tour. The morning attempt was at Mel-

bourne — a very long draught with an extremely stretchy tenor rope, but Geoffrey Bridges rang it very well.

Wednesday brought another disaster when, after scoring a new method at Darley Dale, we went to what we consider the best ten in the county at Chesterfield, and after four courses to our amazement a broken rope put paid to the attempt. We certainly never expected such a thing to happen here and were very disappointed. We rushed to Clay Cross and joined the remainder of the party for a ring on the beautiful six.

TWO FUNERALS

Thursday morning's peal attempt at Copt Oak had to be abandoned as the funeral of a local ringer killed in a road accident was taking place that day. However, after the bird guards had been removed a quarter peal was rung prior to the service. The afternoon's attempt at The Oaks-in-Charn-wood was successful and back at "the ranch" the handbell ringers scored Bob Major in the morning and Royal in the afternoon. Friday's attempt at Duffield had to be cancelled again owing to a funeral, but after several phone calls we found ourselves back at the Foundry scoring Bob Royal. Brassington and Bradbourne were visited in the afternoon. That evening the Derby week was concluded traditionally in the Navigation, and so on to Lincolnshire for a more leisurely (?) week, but not before another handbell peal had been scored in the Derby Canal.

"THE PARTY PIECE"

Geoff performed what was to become a rather embarrassing party piece at Ewerby, the rope breaking at the tail end; but the Albanian wasn't as good as it might have been, even allowing for the tricky bells, and the attempt was abandoned. Our base for the second week was at Alford, where we

rang for Sunday morning service before the peal attempt at Walesby. Unfortunately the conductor tried to get the bells into an out-of-course coursing order and the new Delight method was not scored. The two attempts on Monday's programme at Billingborough and Edenham succeeded and another handbell peal in ten plain methods also succeeded, thanks to Mr. Holmes who loaned a room and bells for the attempt.

Tuesday was a quiet day, ringing at Horncastle and Metheringham during the morning. The evening attempt at Harmston failed, but the non-pealers had an enjoyable time at Waddington.

Two local attempts had been arranged on Wednesday—success at Willoughby, failure at Alford. The morning non-pealers found a secluded beach and one of the party (on his own admission) had his first bath for months!

We travelled as far as possible on Thursday, to the excellent eight at Barrow, where we nearly scored Rutland but after three hours it failed!

On Friday we had the pleasure of meeting John Segar. at Burgh, before our attempt there, and we also rang a handbell peal and visited the excellent six at Halton Holgate.

Another long journey on Saturday to Surfleet, calling at Sutterton on the way, resulted in our scoring the Rutland lost at Barrow.

The tour concluded on Sunday with Geoff repeating his "party piece" at Heydour whilst ringing the tenor up, but even so failure came after about an hour.

Thanks are due to the Derbyshire Association and Lincoln Guild, whose members helped in many ways, and for the tremendous amount of work involved in organising the tour we owe our thanks to John Ketteringham, and look forward to next year's tour.

G. B.

Notices

SCALE OF CHARGES

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Bennett.—On Dec. 16, 1969, at Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, to Marion (nee Panton) and Peter Bennett, a daughter, Suzanne

Buswell.—To Colleen, a birthday present for Alan—a son, Adrian Timothy, Dec. 18, 1969

DEATH

Ball, Harry S., of The New Inn, Haw Bridge, Tirley, near Gloucester, husband of Freda Ball, suddenly on Dec. 16, 1969.

ENGAGEMENT

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Johnson—Edmed.—The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, of Maidstone, Kent, and Irene, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmed, of Bredgar, near Sittingbourne, Kent, on Dec. 24.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Alan and Diana Frost are now living at:

1 The Martins Drive, Linslade, Leighton 11 The Martins Drive, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, Tel.: Leighton Buzzard (STD 052.53) 2346, (N.B.—Access: via Rothschild Road, off Stoke Road.) 8440

Henderson. — Jean's address during term-time is now: Flat 70, The Lindens, Newbridge Crescent, Wolverhampton. Phone No. Wolverhampton 753856.

PERSONAL

"They shall not labour in vain, nor bring for the trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them."—Isaiah lxv, 23.

Happy New Year from Robin Winckworth on ringing friends in Yorkshire, Cambridgeshire, Sussex, Surrey, Hertfordshire, Hampshire, Lincolnshire, Kent, Australia, New Lealand and America.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Guild.—Central District.—Ringing March 21 and 22, 1970, in Ring-wood area. invitation is extended to any-wishing to participate but priority given to Ladies' Guild members. All to me, please, by Jan. 31, latest. enclose s.a.e.—Mrs. J. Hooton, 14, Randens, Harrow, Middlesex. 8374

Stile Peal Forms are now available from R.W. Office and will be sent on receipt of samped addressed envelope (4in. x 9in.).

READERS

whose subscriptions expired in December, 1969, are reminded that these should now be renewed. Prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.

C. W. LUCAS, Subscription Manager.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oxford University Society.—A meeting will be held in the Lower Lecture Room, Exeter College, on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7.45 p.m. The following rule changes will be proposed:

(i) to provide for the election of the senior member; (ii) to create a post of general secretary; (iii) to reverse the procedure for calling extraordinary general meetings. Other minor changes will also be proposed. Details

minor changes will also be proposed. Details will be sent to any interested member on request.—J. Camp, Jesus College. 8337

Sheffield University Guild. — The Annual Dinner will be held on Feb. 14 at the Cavendish Club, Sheffield. Tickets (price 25/–) are available from the Secretary, c/o The Students Union, The University, Sheffield 10. 8419

CANCELLED

Sussex County Association. — Western Divi sion.—The practice meeting due to be held at Storrington on Sat., Jan. 10, is now cancelled. Regret no time to arrange another venue.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 8441

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Practice on Jan. 13 will be at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and on Jan 20 at St. Lawrence Jewry.—2023 I. G. A. Prior

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Practice meetings to be held at Bedworth on Jan. 7 and Jan. 21, 7.30 p.m.—9 p.m. Bells 8. Methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge. All welcome.— Ian Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8398

Guildford Guild. — Leatherhead District. — Surprise practice at Ewell on Wed. Jan. 14, 8-9.30 p.m. Methods; Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Bristol, Pudsey. 8408
Lancashire Association. — Preston Branch.—

Lancasnire Association.— Preston Branch.—
Practice meeting at Adlington (8) on Thurs.,
Jan: 15. Prompt start, please, 7.30 p.m.
Ringing up to Bob Major and Grandsire
Triples. All beginners very welcome.—D. G.
Lawson, Branch Sec.
North Staffordshire Association.—The next
meeting will be held at Newsgattle on Sat Longe

Morth Stanordsnire Association meeting will be held at Newcastle on Sat., Jan. 8414

10. Ringing at 6.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meeting at Arborfield on Sat., Jan. 17, at 6 p.m. Branch A.G.M. at Wokingham on Feb. 21.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Northampton Branch.—St. Giles' practices, 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 7.30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Society of Sherwood Youths, — Surprise Major practice, Basford, Fri., Jan. 16, 7.30 p.m. Practice at St. Mary's first Monday in every month, Bank Holidays and Holy Week excepted.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—
Frome Branch.—Annual meeting, Frome, Sat.,
Jan. 10. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.,
followed by tea and business. Names for tea.

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—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8368

Bedfordshire Association. — Biggleswade
District.—Annual meeting will be held at
Maulden (8) on Sat., Jan. 10. Arrangements:
Ringing from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30.
followed by tea and biscuits in the Church
Hall, prior to the business meeting. Further ringing available afterwards, A buffet social (complete with bar) at 8 o'clock in the Hall. Tickets (5s. each) are obtainable before the day from chairman, secretary or ringing masters. Anyone of any age made welcome.

Beverley and District Society. — Monthly meeting, Hessle (6), Jan. 10. Bells 2,30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Horton, 4 Tranby Avenue, Hessle, by previous Wed-

Chester Diocesan Guild.-Chester Branch.-Annual branch meeting at St. Mary-Without-the-Walls, Sat., Jan. 10. Bells: St. Mary-Within-the-Walls 2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m.; St. Mary Without 3.30 p.m.-4.15 p.m. and after business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. S. Jones, 51 Watling Crescent, Handbridge, Chester, by Wed., Jan 7. 8403

Chester Diocesan Guild. — Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's (12), Sat., Jan 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (nearby cafes). Short meeting in belfry 6 p.m. Ringing till 9 p.m. 8373

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge Dis-Liy Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Annual district meeting at Cambridge, Jan, 10. St. Bene't's also Great St. Andrew's 3-4.15 p.m. Service St. Michael's Hall, Trinity Street, 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Great St. Mary's 7-8 p.m.—J. S. 8371

Essex Association.—S.W. District.—A.G.M. St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Sat., Jan. 10. Ringing afternoon and evening till 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—K. W. 8438

Guildford Diocesan Guild. - Chertsey District.—Annual district meeting will take place at Hersham on Jan. 10. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea following for those who notify J. Bailey, 11 Stoke Road, Walton-on-Thames, by previous Wednesday.

Hereford Guild. - Bromyard District. - Annual meeting, Jan. 10, Bromyard, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18 New Road, Bromyard, by

Hereford Diocesan Guild .- Ross District .-Annual meeting at Ross on Sat., Jan, 10, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Central Cafe 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—J. J. Webb, Dis. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.— Quarterly meeting, Staplehurst. Sat., Jan. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss F. Tomlin, Lime Trees, Staplehurst. District advanced practices first Tuesday in each month: Jan. 6, Aylesford; Feb. 3, Leeds; March 3, Linton. 8356

Leicester Diocesan Guild. — Loughborough District.—The district A.G.M. will be held on Sat., Jan. 10, at Whitwick. Ringing: Hugglescote (8) 3-4 p.m.; Whitwick (8) 3.45-4.30 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting in the Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Beniston, 171 Hall Lane, Whitwick, Leicestershire.—H. S. W. W., Dis. Sec.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Central Branch.-Annual meeting at Harmston, Sat., Jan. 10.
Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, by Wed. previous, to G. R. Parker, 56 Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln.—G. R. P. 8393

Llandaff and Monmouth Association .- Monmouth Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Chepstow, Jan. 10. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow,

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Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Kettering
Branch. — A.G.M., Sat., Jan. 10, Rothwell.
Bells (8) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing
8430 until 8. All welcome

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Rutland Branch.—A.G.M., Oakham (8), Jan 10. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. followed by A.G.M. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 6th, to A. C. Scholes, Harringworth, Corby.

Shropshire Association.—Meeting at Hodnet), Sat., Jan. 10 Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 (8), Sat., Jan. 10 Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, by the Wednesday previous, to Mr. R. E. Morris, 12 The Crescent, Hodnet, Salop.—E. F. W., Hon.

Southwell Guild. — Bingham District. — Meeting, Bingham, Jan. 10. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, by Wed. previous, to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton,

Suffolk Guild, — N.W. District, — Ringing meeting, Mildenhall (10), Sat., Jan. 10. Bells from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Lea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Goodwin, 15 Brandon Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Andover District.—A.G.M., Highelere, Sat., Jan. 10.
Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. K Dodd, White City, Woolton Hill, Newbury. Berks.

Chester Diocesan Guild. — Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Runcorn, Sat., Jan 17. Please note change of date. Names for tea, by Wed., Jan. 14, to Mr. W. Allman, 9 Surrey Street, Runcorn.—J. Moore, Branch Sec. 8402

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be on Sat., Jan. 17, at Bulkington. Runging 3 p.m. (after wedding). Seriet 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Jan 15, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa. (Tel. Harbury 504.)

Derby Diocesan Association.—Ilkeston Dis-Jan. 17. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall.

Business meeting commences 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Marshall, 52 Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton.

8407

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon Dis-Jan. 17. Bells (8) 2,30-4.30. Service and tea Godmanchester. Huntingdon All Saints' (6) and S. Mary's (8) available during evening.—
M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8436

Essex Association.—N.E. District.—Annual general meeting, Ardleigh (8), Jan. 17. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Erith, Vinces Farm, Ardleigh. 8397

Essex Association. — Southern District. — A.G.M. Orsett (6), Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Blatch, 103 High Road, Orsett, Essex. All welcome.

Welcome.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Standish (6), Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Haresfield also available after tea. Names for tea, by Tues., 4th, please, to P. Birt, Lynholme. Rack Hill, Chalford, Glos.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—A.D.M., Jan. 17, Holy Trinity, Guildford. Bells 2.30. Names for tea. essential by Tues., 13th, to Miss Eloie, 109 Grange Road. Guildford.

8401

Guildford

Hertford County Association. — St. Albans District — Annual meeting at St. Peter's, St. Albans, January 17, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Abbey Institute. Abbey bells available 7 p.m. Names for tea essential to me at 23, Culver Road, St. Albans. — R. E. Hardy, Die San. 8232 Hardy, Dis. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.
—Meeting at Appledore, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, for those who notify, by Thurs., Jan 15, Miss D. Cullen, South View, The Heath, Appledore (T.) 2141 A P. S. B. 8411 Cullen, South View, (Tel. 314).—A. P. S. B.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Shorne. on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wed., please, to Mr. E. J. Beer, 14 Warren View, Shorne. Gravesend. — D. P. Leworthy

Ladies' Guild. — N.W. District. — Annual general meeting joint with the Manchester Branch at Manchester Town Hall on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 4 p.m. in the Town Hall, followed by tea at 5 p.m. (cafes near by). Evening ringing after the Manchester Branch meeting. — C. Andrew, Dis. Sec. 8433

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—Annual, general meeting joint with the N.W. District of the Ladies' Guild at Manchester Town Hall on Sat. Jan. 17. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (cafes near by), followed by business meeting at 6 p.m. (election of branch officers) in the Town Hall. Evening ringing after meeting. Good attentions of the same of the sam Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch. Evening ringing after meeting. Good a dance, please. All visitors welcome. – Ward, Branch Sec.

Lancashire Association, - Preston Branch Annual general meeting at Leyland St. Andrew (10) on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells available 2,30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea, please, no later than Wed., Jan. 14, please, to G. Cunliffe, 15 Broadway, Leyland. Special methods: Cambridge and Yorkshire S. Royal.—D. G. Lawson Branch Sec. 8391

Lawson Branch Sec.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — Elloc Deaneries
Branch. — Annual meeting, Spalding Parish
Church, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m.
Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the
annual meeting. Names for tea, by Wed., Jan.
14, to Mr. J. Porter, 12 Exeter Drive, Spalding
(Tel. 4462).

Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — 8343

Lincoln Diocesan Guild. West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Sat., Jan 17. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 One hour's ringing after meeting, and Lee bells if required. Special methods: Cam-bridge Surprise Major and Plain Bob.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea. Gainsborough

Middlesex County Association.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, All Saints', Edmonton, on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4,30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8429

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Welling-

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Wellingborough Branch. — Annual general meeting, Irthlingborough, Sat., Jan. 17. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 13, to Mr. A. Bigley, 30 Allen Road, Irthlingborough, 8434 Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Ramsbury, Sat., Jan. 17. Names for tea, by Tues., Jan. 13, please, to Mrs. H. Rouse, 11, Bassett Down, near Wroughton, Swindon, Wilts. 8424 Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Annual meeting, Sat., Jan. 17, Clerkenweil (8), 2.45-3.45, St. Clement Danes' (10) 4-4.45, Tea at St. Martin-in-the-Fields 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 9QB.

Southwell Diocesan Guild. — Newark District.—A.G.M., Balderton, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea (8) 3 p.m. and business meeting. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 2 Bullpit Lane, Balderton. Please note change of venue.—D. J. T. 8435

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Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Meeting at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Sat., Jan.

17. Committee meet in vestry 3 p.m. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—4.25 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan.

14, please to Mr. J. R. Cotterill, 9 Grove Vale Avenue, Birmingham 22a. Tel. 021–327 2589.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec.

Surrey Association. — Southern District.—

Annual district meeting. Rejeate Sat. Jan. 17

Annual district meeting. Reigate, Sat., Jan. 17.
Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4,30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Church Hall opposite. Buckland bells (6) available 3-4

p.m. Names for tea. by previous Wednesday, to Miss B. Minnion. 38 Josephine Avenue. Kingswood.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 8423
Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting at Petersfield on Jan. 17. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting follows. Bells until 9 p.m. Please notify numbers for tea, by 12th, to C. E. Bassett, 85 Brook Lane, Warsash, Tel. Locks Heath 2404. Bassett, 85 Heath 2404.

Heath 2404. 8358
Worcestershire and Districts Association.—
Northern Branch.— Quarterly meeting, St.
Thomas's, Stourbridge, on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells
(10) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15
p.m., followed by tea and business. Names
for tea, which are essential to avoid disappointment, to me by 14th.—M. D. Fellows, Branch
Sec., 14 Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs.
8325

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Northampton Branch.—A.G.M. to be held at Kingsthorpe, Northampton, on Sat., Jan. 24. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. J. Payne, 67, Norton Road. Kingsthorpe, Northampton (Tel. 36593). 8415

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Basingstoke District. — Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells (both towers) 2.30. Service (St. Michael's) 4.30. Tea (Church Cottage) 5.15. Number for tea. by Tues., Jan. 20, please, to J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke. 8428

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Saturday, January 10.

ANNUAL NOMINATION MEETING

Afternoon ringing, St. Mary's, Barnes, 2.30-3.45 p.m. Tea and business at Fulham Parish Hall, Fulham High Street, 4. Evening ringing, All Saints', Fulham, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Nominations for election to office in the Association to be received at this meeting. Advance notice: A.G.M., Sat., Feb. 14. Annual dinner, Feb. 8339

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Canon F. A. Page, Vicar of Ilkeston 1922-1924, of Northfleet 1934-46 and of Leatherhead 1944-59. Canon Frank Arundel Page died at his home in Dockenfield, Farnham, Surrey, early on Saturday merning has week. He was a great friend to bellringers wherever he served.

Mr. David George Velvick, of Brookland, Kent, aged 78.

Mr. Ernest S. Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk, aged 87

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Every Sunday: St. Peter's. 9.30 to 10 a.m. and 5.45 to 30 p.m. Alternate Sundays: Good Shepherd 10.30 to 11 0 a.m. (Jan. 18), and St. Nicots of Myra, 10.30 to 11 a.m. (Jan. 25).

By locesan Association.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual general meeting. Walsoken, Jan. 17.

Come—D. Strice 4.30. Tea 5. Everyone wellertford County Association.—Northern District. Jan. 13, 7.30-9 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Agg. Dis. Sec. R4.56

Leicester Guild.—Melton District.—A.G.M., Melton Mowbray (10), Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting Names for tea to Mrs. D. Day, 109 Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray, by Jan. 15, please.—S. N. May, Dis. Sec. 8467 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Dun-

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association,—Dunster Branch.—Practice meetings at Sampford Brett, Sat., Jan. 10, 6.30 p.m., and at Minehead on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 8455

Cnester Diocesan Guild.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 17. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 14.—W. Kerr, 107 Moreton Road, Crewe, 8453

Bath and Wells Association—Chew Branch.—

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—Practice meeting, Winford (6), Sat., Jan. 17.
Bells available 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec.

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Derby Diocesan Association.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Wingerworth (5), Jan, 10. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. Heeley, Wynnstay, 204 Nethermoor Road, Wingerworth, Chesterfield. Tel.: Clay Cross 3340. Clay Cross (6) available 7–8.30 p.m.—M. Phipps, Sec.

8451

Derby Diocesan Association.—Advance notice.—18th Annual Dinner at Station Hotel, Chesterfield, Sat., Feb. 7, 1970. Tickets (26/-) available from district secretaries or myself: Malcolm Phipps, 2 Renshaw's Row, Lowgates, Staveley, Chesterfield.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Market Harborough District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Great Glenn on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Royal Oak.—L. W. Allen.

Ladies' Guild.—South Wales District.—Annual district meeting, Jan. 24, Usk, Mon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Clench, Irwyn, Monmouth Road, Usk. Gentlemen welcome.

Hertford County Association.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Annual general meeting at Bishop's Stortford, Jan. 17. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., and business meeting in Infants' School Council Room, Apton Road. Evening ringing at Bishop's Stortford and Thorley (6). Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford Members please note: The meeting

Sussex County Association.—Southern Division.—Members please note: The meeting which was to be held on Sat., Jan. 17. is cancelled.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. —Swindon Branch,—Meeting, Wroughton, on Sat., Jan. 10. 3 p.m. Bells available after tea. —P. T.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Many will have heard the 9.5 a.m. pro-Many will have heard the 9.5 a.m. programme on Radio 4 which is an annual "must" for bellringers. This year the towers to broadcast were: SS. Philip and James, Holywood, Co. Down; Holy Trinity, Darlington; St. Elvan, Aberdare; St. Martin, Birmingham; St. Andrew, Stratton by Bude, Cornwall; St. John the Baptist, Hillingdon, Middlesex; St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness: Church of the Nativity Bethleses Inverness; Church of the Nativity, Bethle-

The introduction to each was brief but interesting and it is a pity this could not have been extended somewhat. All the major church festivals would, we feel sure, be enhanced by a similar programme of bells and bellringing.

"MAGPIE" PROGRAMME

Because our December 26 issue was delayed at the printers and did not appear until January 2 the information about this bellringing demonstration could not be advertised, which was most unfortunate. The "Expo" tower was erected by Mears and Stainbank in 24 hours (Mr. Douglas Hughes driving the lorry as some of his staff were down with 'flu) on December 30, the filming was done on December 31 and the programme shown on January 1. The Ancient Society of College Youths' team included 94-years-old Mr. George Symonds (making his first—and we hope not his last—television appearance) and Richard Barker (age 11), of King's Langley, Herts.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from "The Ringing World" for January 5th, 1945

A letter was printed from P. A. Corby (Herne Hill) regarding peal ringing in wartime and stated that in his experience he had found peal ringers for the most part the mainstay of Sunday service ringing and more useful than those gentlemen who, in spite of a lifelong association with the belfry, exhibit but the slightest knowledge of change-ringing and still less of striking.

Mr. E. P. T. Field resigned as ringing master of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and Messrs, W. C. Chute and L. Perret were elected in his

The bells at Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire Guild, were rededicated following re-hanging by John Taylor and Co. The body of the church had been destroyed in May, 1941, but £3,000 had been contributed to a restoration fund. The ringing floor had been removed and the ropes brought down to the

ground, but had not proved successful. For a meeting advertised at St. Giles', Lincoln, it asked all attending to "bring food and tea. Hot water provided!"

The sudden death of Mr. James E. Davis (78), of Streatham, was announced. He had been ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, a few days before. He rang 1,131 peals in all and conducted 264.

At 170, Headstone Lane, Harrow, 720 of Plain Bob Minor was recorded. The ringers were John R. Mayne 1-2, Mrs. C. C. Mayne 3-4, C. C. Mayne (cond.) 5-6.

At Soberton, Hants, a peal of Grandsire was rung in which four rang their first of Triples: Tom Page treble, John H. Hunt 3, Patrick Page 4, Harold A. Nobes 6; whilst at Aldershot a peal of Stedman Triples was the first peal for Raymond Clist and the first in the method by Will H. Viggers.

50 YEARS AGO

January 9th, 1920

Five ladies took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Ashton-under-Lyne, which was conducted by Miss Cissy Thorp, who was the first lady to conduct a peal in the

At Sharnbrook, Beds, a local band for the first time rang a 7-method peal of Minor, and the team were E. Charles Allen, W. Archibald Norman, Gilbert C. Bell, R. Charles Allen, Albert J. Barcock and Edward P. Duffield, who conducted.

It was recorded that a long length of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick by the Painswick Youths had had to be stopped because one of the ringers became unwell. 7,600 changes had been rung in 5 hours 15 minutes.

London County Association (late the St. James' Society, established 1824) gave notice of a meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell, at which the tea was to be given by the vicar.

The Provost of Edinburgh Cathedral unveiled a memorial tablet erected in the belfry in memory of the ringers who had died in the Great War.

At a meeting of the Bath and Wells Association at Evercreech 30 new members were elected.

The leading article was taken up with an argument that Bristol is not a Surprise method, and it was suggested that a Court of Appeal be set up on the lines of the High Court.

COMPOSITIONS

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Rung to Yorkshire at Romsey, Hants, on November 1st, 1969.

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1,260 BOB TRIPLES By WILLIAM WILLANS

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5,200 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL By TIMOTHY F. COLLINS

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Rung at North Stoneham, Hampshire, on November 22nd, 1969.

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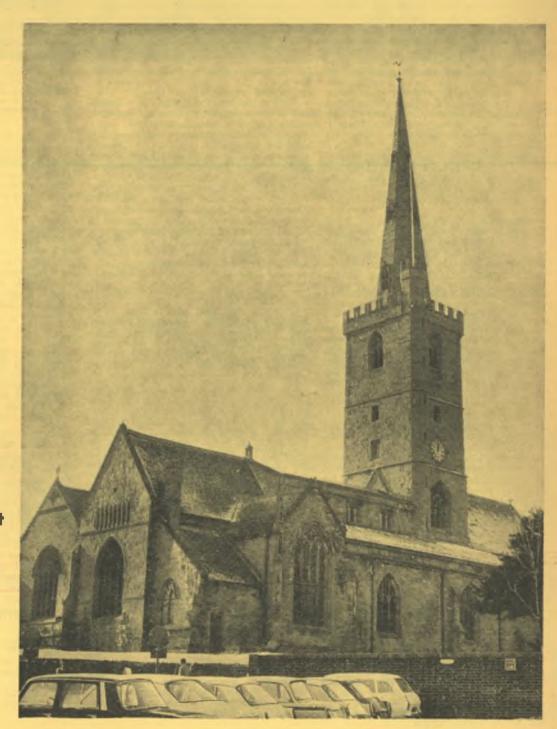
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St. John-the-Baptist, Halesowen

By MOLLY TROMANS

IN THE famous Domesday Book of 1086 we find a reference to Halas: "Earl Roger holds of the King one manor Halas..... In the demesne there is a church with two

There is no trace of this Saxon church though it must have been one of some importance. The oldest part of the present building was built by Roger Montgomery, Earl of Shrewsbury, and consists of the west and south west doorways, with indenture mouldings, two bays of rounded arches, a window in the chancel and 2 blind arcade on the exterior of the east wall. Hence the Norman church of Earl Roger was of the same length and occupied the same site as the present church, The large square font, though usually considered to be Norman, may be of an even earlier date.

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As early as 1497 there was an organ in the church. A second organ was purchased from the Abbot at the Abbey, and 40 shillings was paid to the men for mending it and setting it up in the church in the year

The patronage of the living of Halesowen has been vested in the Lyttleton family since 1559. The present head of the family, Charles John Lyttleton (Viscount Cobham) resides at the family seat, Hagley

Halesowen is justly proud of its bells. Two bells, Nos. 3 and 4, were mentioned in 1487. A new bell No. 5 was purchased in 1517 and another bell No. 6 was cast in Nottingham in 1522. No. 7 bears the in-

scription "Chas. Littleton Knight and Barr Benefactor 1707." In 1620 the tenor was cast. This has a diameter of 46½ inches, weighs 16½ cwt., and all were recast in the year 1707.

Several ringers have given more than 50 years of devoted service. There is a brass with the names of four of them:—

George Newby Cockin 53 years
Elijah White 54 years
Matthew Hackett 53 years
William H. Webb 50 years

Mr. Skittleton, of London, on a visit to Halesowen in 1753 admired the sweetness of the tones of the bells (six) and, lamenting that there was not a perfect octave, generously offered to head a subscription list to purchase two mere. These two bells, the treble and second, thus completed the octave and were recast in 1864.

Near to the belfry door there is a funeral urn to the memory of the poet Shenstone, whose tomb is in the churchyard.

Also in the church on one of the pillars near the south west porch can be seen a memorial plaque to Francis Brett Young, who was born in Halesowen and achieved world fame as a writer 1884–1954.

Although Halesowen has changed considerably over the last few years, the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist stands sentinel, with just a few old buildings left in close proximity to the new shopping centre. From the tower can still be seen the surrounding countryside of Frankley Beeches and Clent Hills in the distance.

SHINCLIFFE BELLS DEDICATED

RINGERS from Durham, Northumberland and Yorkshire, and visitors from as far afield as Birmingham were part of a large congregation at the dedication of the new ring of six bells at Shincliffe Parish Church, Co. Durham, on December 20. This was the first new ring to be dedicated in the county for 20 years. The service was conducted by the Rector of Shincliffe (Canon W. A. Lathaen), assisted by the Rector of Chester-le-Street (Rev. A. Spurr) and Rev. J. W. Rogerson, Lecturer in Theology at Durham University. The bells were dedicated by the Dean of Durham (Dr. J. H. S. Wild), who also gave the address. During the service, immediately after they had been dedicated, the bells were rung by members of the local team, and at the close a team from the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang a 720.

It was a great occasion for the committee, who had worked for the past four-and-ahalf years to replace the original three bells of the parish. The latter were cast in 1852 by J. Murphy, of Dublin, apparently not specifically for Shincliffe, since the words "St. Mary's Shincliff" (sic) were incised on the waist of the bells. The second of the three also bore the words "bought with penny subscription," and this may explain the tuning of the bells to G, F sharp and E flat—an unmusical combination to say the least. Probably the parish had two bells in the first instance, the first and third, and when the second was bought it had to be bought "off the peg" and there was no money to have it tuned to agree with the other two. The three old bells were given in part exchange for the new ring, together

with a bell from the former mission church in the parish of Chester-le-Street. The new ring in the key of D with a tenor of $4\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. was cast at the Whitechapel Foundry. The frame was constructed by H. Marsh and Son, of Sunderland, and much work was done by local craftsmen and helpers, including present and former stonemasons and carpenters from Durham Cathedral.

The inscriptions on the new bells tell something of the history of the appeal for the ring. The fifth records a donation from the Sir John Priestman Charity Trust and the third a donation given as a tribute to the work of the tower captain, Mr. T. Jopling. The treble states that it was the gift of the ringers, who raised money for it by the collection and sale of waste paper. The second mentions the efforts of the parishioners and friends who organised and supported money-raising events.

At tea after the service the bell fund treasurer, Mr. F. Stone, paid tribute to the work and inspiration of Tom Jopling, without whose determination there would be no new bells. He also reminded those present that £450 was still needed to repay the interest-free loan that had enabled the committee to place the order.

The dedication was combined with a general meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and the bells were available for ringing for the whole afternoon. The secretary of the Association, Mr. Denis Bayles, gave a talk on bellringing, which he illustrated, among other things, with a film of the Expo Belfry, taken at Saltburn. In the evening members of the parish joined members of the Association for a Christmas party.

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A CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Recordings of Christchurch Priory bells ringing Cinques, Caters and Triples were made at the end of last year with a view to using them during Christmas services.

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The broadcast of these services duly took place on December 20 and 27 and was heard in England. The recordings were used as a quiet background to the readings during the service and finally were brought into full volume, ringing Grandsire Caters to conclude the service. A tape-recording of the whole service has been presented to the Priory tower by the promoters of the broadcast.

RING OF 12

We learn that St. Stephen's, Bristol, will have a ring of 12 this year. Recasting the three trebles, plus two new trebles, retuning and rehanging in a new frame lower in the tower, will be carried out by the Loughborough Bell Foundry. At Redcliffe a new bell will be added to make a light ten.

THE "FAIR SEX" IN FORCE

The first meeting of the year for the Wigan Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Rainford, when the pleasant ring of eight was put to good use during the afternoon and evening. About 25 people enjoyed tea provided by the local ringers, and a short business meeting was held. One new junior lady member was elected and the number of young members of the "fair sex" present was particularly commented upon.

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Next meeting, St. John's, Coppull (6), February.

"STIFF-GOING EIGHT"

The Eastern District of Herts County Association held their December meeting at Ware. Some good ringing was enjoyed on the rather "stiff-going" eight until 7.30 p.m. The attendance during the meeting was very good and it was announced that the district's annual meeting would be held at the two Hertford towers in January.

B. J. W. F.



This photo, salvaged from the fire, was taken some 17 years ago and depicts the Archdeacon with his ringers.

SIXTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY

Now 83 years old, the Ven. T. Dilworth-Harrison, formerly Archdeacon of Chester-field, recently celebrated 60 years in the Ministry. He was appointed archdeacon in 1934 and held the appointment until 1963, when he moved to Halam as priest-in-charge of Edingley and Halam. It was entirely due to his efforts that the ring of ten in Chesterfield Parish Church was recast

and rehung in 1945, after 25 years of silence, and before the disastrous fire destroyed the ringing room, the clock room and the world-famous Schnetzler organ below. The archdeacon, although due to retire, remained in office until restoration work was completed.

During his years of ministry at Chesterfield he carried through a number of major works, including the central sanctuary, the great east window, the rebuilding of the organ, the cleaning of the whole interior of the nave and, of course, the ten bells in the famous crooked spire. These works, particularly the bells, will remain a lasting attribute to many years of loving and faithful service to the church in Chesterfield.

Unfortunately, all the names of the ringers in the picture are not available. Mr. S. Scattergood, stands at the back,

"The Church Bells of Wiltshire"

TO the writer the initials H. B. W. are to the campanologist as such names as Annable, Snowdon, Middleton and other great ringers may be to the composer of today. They stand rather like a bridge between the purely antiquarian researches of Victorian campanologists, who neglected altogether the circumstances of the bells with which they dealt excepting for their origins, and the newer county histories, in the main produced by R. W. M. Clouston and Frederick Sharpe, which pay detailed attention to the bells, their origins, and how they in their particular arrangements contribute to the evolution of summoning by bells as we know it today.

H. B. Walters was not a practical ringer; was, however, an historian of the first order, whose many works are often hard to the Kingsmead Bookshop, under the directorship of Mr. B. W. Frost, has the core done the Exercise a great service in producing this reprint of what is possibly the greatest county bell history. For the first time in many years younger ringers the opportunity of placing readily upon the shelves a campanological masterpiece.

pp. 350, 196 line drawings with two complete folding plates. H. B. Walters, M.A., F.S.A. Kingsmead, 1969; limited edition of 500 copies of 1929 book. Cloth 8vo and Jacket, 50s. Reviewer: D. L. Cawley, F.S.A. Scot. It is not proper for the writer to sum up the statistics of bells surveyed, and here he would say that this is a survey of 40 years ago, and naturally they have undergone very great changes since that time. What then is the value of the reprint?

First, the writer would mention the masterly chronological account of the Wiltshire bells and their founders which occupy the last hundred pages of the book. We who have particular interest in certain localities, or in particular features of bell, fitting or frame design, are thereby reminded that for an authoritative appraisal in any work our outlook must be far more comprehensive. If our local knowledge is so restricted that we seek for a foundation on which to build, then we could do far worse than to start with H. B. W.'s Wiltshire, for it has stood with remarkably little alteration the test of time for 40 years. Here we find the great Henry Jordan or the mid-15th century cut down to size, and a reappraisal of all 15th century bells which Dr. Tyssen had set out in Sussex II some 15 years beforehand, a discussion which we are still continuing.

Second, we have in profusion a variety of lettering used by West Country founders drawn out in such a degree that it provides an invaluable guide to those who, ascending some hitherto unexplored tower, may be well out of their own territory, by the taking of casts or rubbings, till now unfamiliar to them, inasmuch as they can now by the comparative method identify unnamed bells and trace their history. The 196 figures are

all beautifully produced, and afforded the writer special pleasure because of the meticulous accuracy of their detail.

Third, it provides a record of many bells which no longer exist. Recasting sometimes leaves but imperfect record of what was there before, and many times H. B. W. has to comment adversely on the "reproduction of old inscriptions." Since his book appeared there have been more changes. This takes us back—back before there was a battle school area devastating Salisbury Plain and the lovely little church of Imber still had its five bells; back to the heavy old six of Edington. And beyond this, to the glorious Cathedral of Salisbury, whose people will, like those of Ely, Norwich and Coventry, never again hear bells ringing grandly in the Close.

Fourth, this is in one sense a relic of an age past; its very format conjures up pictures of the "bridge" — of Tyssen, Raven, North, Stahlschmidt, shadowy figures of an age which saw the dawn of scientific campanistic enquiry, and of the age which numbered among its children H. B. Walters. Did he ever know them? I wonder. Whether he did or didn't is of no matter, because he is the link par excellence and this book is the embodiment of the link and is one which we cannot let snap.

Reminiscent of a gracious age and of a very great man, this book is intrinsically a lovely production. It deserves a full sale of its limited edition of 500 copies and urges us to be as worthy in our ringing, as it is in its describing our glorious heritage of hells

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Obituary

MR. C. H. HAYLINGS

By the death of Charles Harvey Haylings on December 22 the parish of Ripple and the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association have lost a great

personality.

Charlie was born in Ripple 61 years ago and lived there all his life. He worked as a gardener at Ripple Hall until his retirement due to ill-health four years ago. His father died when Charlie was 16 years of age and on his death he took on the duties of parish clerk and sexton, which had been carried out by his father and grandfather before him. The year 1962 saw the completion of 100 years of service in this office by the Haylings family, an event which was marked by a special service attended by the bishop.

Also, like his father and grandfather, Charlie became a ringer and for many years was the enthusiastic captain of the Ripple band. His main objective was to maintain a Sunday service band, and in the course of his life taught many village youngsters to handle a bell. He rang his first peal in 1930 and his first as conductor in 1932. His peal total for the Worcestershire Association was 42, of which he conducted 17. The writer is proud to have learned some of his early ringing under Charlie's enthusiastic guidance, and it was Charlie who

called his first peal in 1947.

Charlie was completely involved in the life of the parish and most things seemed to revolve around him. For the church he was parish clerk, sexton, tower captain and steeplekeeper, clockwinder, boilerman, et al. For the village he was captain of the cricket team and organiser of many functions; his enthusiasm was unbounded. And then came the first heart attack four years ago, which forced him to give up all of this. This seemed a cruel blow to one who had done so much for his church and village and might cause bitterness in anyone; but not Charlie! Though he could no longer ring or do many of the other things which were his life, the overriding cheerfulness of his personality never failed him and he maintained an active interest until the end. The packed church at his funeral was evidence enough of the esteem in which he was held.

SIMON WILLIAM KINSEY

At the age of 91 years Simon William Kinsey, known to all as "Bill," died at his home in Wallace Road, Ipswich, over two miles from St. Margaret's Church where he

used to walk twice each Sunday.

Starting his ringing career at Old Newton in 1897 while living at Mendlesham, he moved to Ipswich White House Farm as horseman. This is now built on and known White House as White House Estate. He became a member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society in 1914 and from there was asked to help train a band at St. Margaret's, and this became his

Ringing at the churches in and around Ipswich and in most of Suffolk, his peals totalled 34, many at St. Margaret's and some of Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower. Bill's peal book is very interesting, re-cording other things, such as: "1921. Very dry summer; finish cut wheat July, cut barley 1st August, finished harvest 10th August."

He was sad when he had to give up ringing in 1950 because of ill-health.

A. R. B.

CYRIL HIBBERT-AN APPRECIATION

Many ringers and churchfolk, young and old alike, will have read with regret of the passing of Cyril Hibbert, of East Ilsley, in Berkshire.

Those of us who knew him well will miss the friendly greeting and welcome we received whenever we were privileged to be his guest, either in his parish church for ringing and worship or in his wonderful little Berkshire home.

So serious in important matters, Cyril's almost impish sense of humour was a joy, as it frequently showed itself. His loyalty as sidesman and ringer was a shining example and his departure leaves a gap most difficult to fill. To Marney, his devoted wife, to Trisha and John and other members of his family, we can say: "Just as we shared your happy times, so we wish to share any sorrow. We shall be thankful for his life and work and the honour of being known as his friends."

His epitaph might well read:-

'They shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts,

In that day when I make up my Jewels." W. H. C.

A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN

The funeral of Mr. David George Velvick took place at Brookland, Romney Marsh, Kent, on January 1st. Mr. Velvick, who was 78, had been a ringer for 60 years and captain of the campanile tower for a long period. A churchwarden for some 40 years, he was a devout and faithful Christian. He welcomed the many visitors—particularly touring bellringers—with great courtesy, and many will remember him with thanksgiving, as do his fellow parish-ioners in Romney Marsh. May he rest in

MR. ALBERT YOUDE

Nailsea ringers have lost an old friend by the death of Mr. Albert Youde, and to his memory they rang a quarter peal on December 23. Albert rang his first quarter on August 6, 1968, and his last on May 13,

OVER 50 YEARS' SERVICE

The "Market Drayton Advertiser" recently printed a report with a picture of a presentation to Mr. A. M. Hickman, It stated:

"For over half a century Mr. Alan M. Hickman, of The Burgage, Market Drayton, has rung the bells in St. Mary's Church tower. He started 51 years ago but it was not until November, 1919, that he rang his first peal.

"To mark the 'golden jubilee' of that occasion the St. Mary's ringers rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob, which was the first peal that Mr. Hickman rang those 50 years ago. On that occasion he rang the treble bell and what was more appropriate than that he should ring the same bell last Saturday when he was one of the team.

"Twice every Sunday does he go to the tower to summon the parishioners to worship, and on practice night a presentation was made to Mr. Hickman to mark his long service of loyalty to his church. His colleagues of the belfry had subscribed to purchase a record cabinet and this was presented to Mr. Hickman in church by the Vicar (Rev. Grenville Morgan), who thanked him for his long and loyal service.

STOOLBALL IN 1970!

The East Grinstead and District Guild met at Cuckfield on December 13th. After afternoon ringing and service, tea was taken in the White Hart nearby, and at the meeting 35 members were present. Two new members were elected and Mr. E. Ladd informed members that dinner tickets were on sale. It was proposed to try for Maresfield for the meeting in February, with Fletching as an alternative. Members stood in memory of Mr. T. E. Sone, who had died. Two items of correspondence were received, one from Mr. C. A. Bassett thanking the Guild for the grant towards Wadhurst's ropes, and from Mr. A. Relfe acknowledging the Guild's greeting to him on his 80th birthday.

Jean Osbon (secretary, Northern Division, Sussex Association) invited the Guild to a stoolball match and carol service in 1970 and it was decided to accept the invitation. Thanks were expressed to Mr. R. V. Johnson for making the local arrangements, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

R. J. E.

DISAPPOINTMENT AVERTED

It has become in recent years a tradition to attempt a peal at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, in honour of the birthday of Mr. Charles Coles, who is in charge of the tower, in which he has been a ringer for over 50 years. On December 22nd a band turned up to celebrate Charlie's 75th birthday, but owing to difficulties of communication they found themselves short of their conductor, Mr. Alan Pink, who had been struck down with 'flu, or of a replacement for him. As The Oxford Mail sent along a reporter and a photographer, the band felt that something should be done to try to over-come Charlie's disappointment. Consequently a splendidly-struck quarter of Minor was substituted for the peal, conducted by the youngest member, Mr. David Brown.

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN LIMERICK

Despite the cold easterly wind and the bite of the freezing night air, hundreds of young people and late night revellers gathered in Nicholas Street, Limerick, beside St. Mary's Cathedral, to welcome 1970 in traditional manner. There was singing and dancing to the accompaniment of city bands, while overhead the 300-year-old ring of bells pealed out from the floodlit Norman tower, bidding farewell to the old year and a joyous welcome to the new.

Covering on the 24 cwt. tenor was Mr. Alec Brislane, who has been ringing with the Cathedral band for 57 years, while the youngest ringer had just celebrated his 12th

birthday.

A familiar figure missing this year was the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot, Dean of Limerick and president of the Irish Association, who was in hospital. All will remember the friendly welcome which the Dean extends to ringers and trust that soon he will be restored to full health. G. H. E.

LONGPARISH RINGERS' VISIT

Once again the Saturday before Christmas was chosen for Hampshire ringers to visit London to see the lights and with a theatre show as an added attraction.

Ringing en route was on the ten at Feltham, the two sixes at East Bedfont and Stanwell, and later St. Margaret's, West-minster, where John Euston had made the arrangements and which made our outing so enjoyable. Home was reached at 1.30 G.D. a.m.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY DINNER

Those who gathered in High Hall bar for an opening pint the night before the Bir-mingham University annual dinner on December 6 found that little had changed from last year. The snow was here again, the beer was much the same and the same people were propping up the bar.

Fortunately the snow had disappeared by the morning and the sun renewed the vigour and enthusiasm of those who had spent a less comfortable night sleeping on the floor. Perhaps its power was too great, since at Edgbaston Richard Parker finally managed to break a very thin-looking splice on the tail end of the tenor. However, not to be daunted, Mike Jefferyes gaily took over the chiming apparatus and managed to chime the tenor to rounds.

After a brief call at the light eight at Shirley we arrived at the newly-augmented 12 at Solihull. Here, much to the ringing master's surprise and relief, we were successful in Little Bob Maximus and Grandsire Cinques.

The afternoon's ringing commenced on the eight at Selly Oak and continued at Northfield. At these towers the faults of the morning's ringing were forgotten and some good Major was rung. Ringing con-cluded on the fine ten at King's Norton.

Forty-seven members and guests sat down to dinner in the Students' Union in the evening, a large and most welcome proportion of them being graduates. After an excellent meal the speeches were gratifyingly short. The guest speaker was Mr. E. A. Barnett, chairman of the Kent County Association and a life member of the Central Council. It was perhaps inevitable that he should make reference to Chris Rowson's recent exploits, since Chris was once an undergraduate at Birmingham and was indeed present at the dinner. His suggestion that the new Editor, on taking up his ap-pointment, had asked Chris to "make a pointment, had asked Chris to "make a row, son," with the sole purpose of enlivening the pages of The Ringing World, was refreshingly novel!

As usual, the company split up after dinher to head for various havens well stocked into the night. All in all a very successful ay. Many thanks, and see you all next S. G.

A REVIVAL AT POOLE

We learn with pleasure of a revival of chvity at the Parish Church of St. James. Poole, Dorset.

The old town of Poole is rapidly disappearing, and in its place an almost completely new town centre is rising from the bare wastes. The effect on the parish life of St. James' has been disastrous. This, undoubtedly, makes the task of building a new team of ringers a formidable proposition but has in no way daunted the enthusiasm of the new tower captain, Mr. Fred Price, of Southbourne, Bournemouth, who is convinced that in the new community there is sure to be a revival of interest in the work of the parish, and the bells will be rung every Sunday for Matins and Evensong as soon as a band can be trained.

The advice of Mr. F. E. Collins (area representative on the Central Council Towers and Belfries Committee) was enlisted with regard to mitigating noise nuisance and the rector at once gave permission for the louvres to be boarded and felted This has now been completed with good effect and further improvements are contempted, including the "go" of the F.P.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The November meeting of the St. Albans District of the Herts County Association was held at Barnet. The afternoon ringing was devoted to learners, in particular learner conductors, and many had the chance to call their first touch. The service was conducted by the new Vicar of Barnet, and tea, prepared by the Barnet ringers, followed.

At the business meeting, chaired by the Vicar, the secretary asked for volunteers to help at assisted practices held at Sandridge after Christmas, and also gave details of the memorial to Canon Harpur, Vicar of St. Michael's, St. Albans. Those wishing to contribute to this memorial, to be erected in St. Michael's Church, should hand or send their donation to Mr. Bob Hardy.

DISTRICT DINNER

The St. Albans District dinner on December 6th in the Peahen Hotel, St. Albans, was a great success. Eighty-five attended, a large proportion of these being district members. The turkey meal was much enjoyed, as were the speeches which followed. The toast of "The Church" was ably proposed by Mr. Kenneth Darvill, ringing master of St. Peter's, St. Albans, the reply being given by Canon Pasterfield, sub-Dean of St. Albans Cathedral. The following speeches came from opposing camps, Anthony Kench, Master of the College Youths, proposing the toast of "The Association and District", and the president, Mr. Walter Ayre (a Cumberland), replying. During an interval at this point a set was played on the bagpipes by Rev. Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby. This was followed by the toast of "The Visitors", proposed by Gerald Penney, ringing master of St. Albans Cathedral, to which Mr. Stuart Armeson, of Rotherham, replied. Andrew Wilby, dis-trict ringing master, acted as toastmaster.

The evening's entertainments were compered by Stephen Darvill and included three leads of Kent Sixteen and a touch of Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells, well rung by John Mayne and his band. Martyn Jordan kept everyone amused with a succession of marvellous jokes and the winning raffle tickets were drawn by Kath Moody. Tony Carter also contributed a number of good jokes.

Thanks to Bob Hardy, the district committee, the handbell ringers, Martyn Jordan, Rev. Talbot-Ponsonby, the speakers and all others who helped with the evening's suc-K. S. H.

CHRISTMAS PEALS TOUR

For the last few years Barrie Hendry has arranged peals in Northants and neighbouring counties, under the auspices of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. This Christmas a start was made on December 29 at Leighton Buzzard, Beds, where we were met by Alan Frost, who was unable to ring because of a car accident. The attempt for Lincolnshire Royal was set up after half way as the ringing was not considered good enough, and the same thing happened at Linslade with Pudsey Major. A visit was then made to Great Brickhill, Bucks, where there has been no ringing for two years. The six (tenor 14 cwt.) went reasonably well, and Sir F. P. Duncombe, the local squire, whose family has been in the village for over 400 years, arranged for his son, Major F. Duncombe, who is a churchwarden, to make a tape-recording. A course of Cambridge Minor and a course of Bob Major on handbells rung in the chancel supplied the recording.

On December 30, 12 ringers were available, so Frank Crosier, the energetic ringing master of the Thrapston Branch, got permission for four peal attempts. Islip was unsuccessful owing to a weak tenor rope, which also came untucked, so the bells were brought round after 2½ 720s. However, three good peals of Minor were rung -Seven Surprise Minor at Great Addington, seven methods at Ringstead and 28 methods of Treble Bob Minor at Lowick, where the band was met by Mr. Halifax, local captain, who informed us that the tenor had been cast 350 years before by Watt, of Leicester (1619). We met Frank Crosier at his home tower of Great Adding-

A fall of snow during the night did not prevent a punctual meeting at 9.30 a.m. on December 31 at Newton Longville, Bucks. On the long draught ring of eight Graham Paul ably called a one-part peal of London.

Mr. F. Mayne met us in the afternoon at the fine, complete Norman church of Stewkley, Bucks, which will be demolished if plans for the third London Airport materialise at Wing.

Barrie Hendry called a one-part peal of Cambridge in the steady time of 3 hours 6 minutes, and a good finish, after a bad start, brought another enjoyable "mini" tour to a close, with thanks to incumbents and captains who gave permission and to Barrie for his careful arrangements. A. P. C

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Letters

VIRTUE OR VICE

Dear Sir,-One cannot help but feel sorry for Mr. Marsh. From his letter one gains the impression that he does not enjoy peal ringing, that he probably has not accumulated a variety of past successes and failures to look back on and that he therefore has little to talk about if he meets a group of peal ringers in a pub. What a great deal he is missing!

It is strange that he feels so strongly about the "fiddling" of peals when he considers peal ringing to be a trivial activity. Certainly the participants in such affairs are hardly likely to be worried by his criticism.

If ringing is to survive in our modern society, in which a great number of leisure activities are open to all of us, it will do so because it is able to compete as a stimulating and fulfilling pursuit, and not because of any religious significance. Good ringing is enjoyable and rewarding: a good peal has the added bonus of being a kind of trophy—something one can "collect", and man has a collecting instinct.

I would summarise the characteristics of a worthwhile leisure activity in this way: it must be enjoyable to engage in; it must be competitive; one must have something positive to show for it, e.g., a record of peals rung. Do away with peal ringing or even

lessen the importance given to peal records and the Exercise will die. It seems to me that quite a few ringers suffer from two failings. Firstly, they accord the status of a virtue to what may be an inconvenient and not very enjoyable duty, and secondly they condemn as a vice something which others enjoy but which the critics do not have the inclination to indulge in themselves. The "virtue" and "vice" in question are, of course, Sunday service ringing and peal ringing (or tower grabbing) respectively.

To condemn peal ringing as a vice is short-sighted and could lead to the demise of the art of campanology. — Yours faith-

fully,

P. J. WYCHERLEY.

Hereford.

RECORD LENGTH REPORT

Dear Sir,-Some three months ago a note appeared in Belfry Gossip saying that a new record length of Superlative Surprise Major had been rung at the Bell Foundry. Loughborough, on September 13. The peal has yet to be published in The Ringing World and I understand that it is being withheld from publication by the Records Committee. I was not a member of the band, but I believe they and the general ringing public deserve a reasonable explanation for what I understand to be an action without precedent.—Yours faithfully

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple. Cheshire. Note.—We have asked for and been promised an explanation, but so far it has not arrived.-Ed.

"A TASTE OF ---?"

Dear Sir,-In reply to Mr. Cribley (page 1007), it strikes me that preferring Cinques to Maximus may well be akin to preferring lemonade to beer-very sweet, but Surely, to twist a well-known saying, in-telligibility is in the ear of the listener.— Yours faithfully,

D. E. HOUSE.

PEALS-AND RINGERS

Dear Sir.—At last someone has had the courage to speak out against the excessive peal ringing emphasis, both in "The Ringing World" and the Exercise in general. Mr. Edward Marsh's letter, however, fails to mention one vitally important aspect of the use of bells, namely the enormous expense of hanging them in the towers at all. In a world of starvation and social want of every kind the church is hardly justified in spending huge sums on keeping bells in towers for the amusement of peal ringers.

I should like to make it clear that I am not against all peal ringing - indeed, my family hope to accomplish one some time this year-but peal ringers, in my view, fall into two categories: those who ring a peal now and again for some special reason (the majority) and those who, to my mind, selfishly collect large numbers of peals, going from tower to tower for their own amusement. These latter are of little real service to the Exercise. They do little for the church in the majority of cases and seem to forget that without the church, bells and campanology would never have existed, let alone remained in being. A glance at the "R.W." will show that large numbers of peals are rung by quite small numbers of peal ringers. At my own tower we would be flooded by peal requests if we permitted them. We have to find £1,500 to rehang the

I would like to suggest four rules which ought to be fulfilled before a peal attempt is made.

- 1. It should contain at least one, and preferably more, "firsts".
- It should, alternatively or in addition. mark a special occasion, preferably of the Christian Church (not thought up afterwards).
- 3. Each ringer should pay something like 2/6 a rope before the attempt (money refunded if you don't go an hour) to the church which owns the bells.
- 4. Each ringer should pay 2/- for the privilege of publishing the peal in "The Ringing World". (It is most noticeable how the quarter pealers always send in far more than the pealers.)

This last suggestion would go a long way towards helping the financial problems of our journal.-Yours faithfully,

ERIC J. TAYLOR. Cheltenham.

Note.—Our post today: 29 quarter peals, 22 contributions; 42 peals, NIL.—Ed.

OLD PRINTS

Dear Sir, I have recently acquired some antiquarian prints of the exteriors of London churches, but have been unable to find out any details of the past and/or present bells in some of the towers. I was wondering if any of your readers could supply me with any information in regards to the following towers: St. Clement, St. Clement's Lane: St. Bene't Fink, Threadneedle Street; St. Peter le Poor. Broad Street; St. James, Piccadilly: All Hallows, Bread Street; St. James. Garlick Hill; St. Mildred, Bread Street: St. Stephen, Walbrook; St. Mary, Aldermary; St. Margaret Pattens, Rood

Perhaps anyone who could help would contact me.-Yours faithfully,

JIM HEDGCOCK.

71 Chart Road, Folkestone, Kent.

AN APOLOGY

Dear Sir,-I should like to offer my apologies to the Chester Guild handbell band and Mr. Gerald Moorhouse in particular for my recent unkind remarks.

They were intended as a humorous sequel to an earlier controversy, but having re-read my letter I confess that it does not appear to be funny at all.

I am sorry to have been the cause of unpleasantness.—Yours faithfully,

JONATHAN PORTER.

London, W.

COMMENT INVITED

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the report of the Consistory Court hearing on Stinchcombe bells and the appeal for donations by the Gloucester and Bristol Association which appeared in the subsequent Ringing World. I would like to make the following observations and would be interested to have comments from the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

(1) Mr. Sharpe speaks of "gross neglect" being the cause of the present need for rehanging. Why did the G. and B. do nothing to assist the local band when ringing was dying in the parish? This may well have prevented the present situation from arising.

(2) Both Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Scudamore give the impression that there would be no difficulty in obtaining a local band to ring the new bells. If this is so then perhaps Mr. Scudamore can say why, when I was in the area recently, there was no local ringing for evensong at either Frampton on Severn or Wheatenhurst, all neighbouring parishes to Stinchcombe. Nor did there appear to be any ringing at North Nibley. Rev. W. A. Goater's other parish.

In view of these circumstances I cannot bring myself to believe that a flourishing band will spring up at Stinchcombe if the bells are rehung for ringing. I feel that Mr. Scudamore and the Gloucester and Bristol Association could more fruitfully employ themselves by reviving ringing at towers having bells which are still ringable rather than by trying to "close the stable door after the horse has bolted" at Stinchcombe. -Yours faithfully,

ROBIN J. COLLIS.

Twickenham, Middx.

PEAL CONGRATULATIONS

D. C. Jackson, of Totton, Hants, writes congratulations to Brian Mills and his band who rang the peal of Minor with 210 methods (R.W., page 993). He adds:—

"To the average ringer, who finds keeping a steady path in Cambridge or Kent very taxing, this achievement at Holme Pierrepont is not just admirable, it is outstanding. It is also an event in the history of campanology which should surely rank alongside the extent of Major at Lough-borough and the achievements of Anthony Peake's Surprise Major band.

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"A good article marred by a petulant remark," writes Mr. N. F. Moxon, of Cawthorne, Yorks, regarding the leader contributed by Rev. M. Freeman. The observation was 'school Nativity plays with shepherds dressed in bath towels and angels with cardboard wings, etc.

"We all realise that this presentation of

the Nativity is not all that Christianity stands for, but it is part of the Christmas scene and for many young children it may be the beginning of Christian teaching."

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LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir, — I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring 12,600 London Surprise Royal by the Ancient Society of College Youths at North Stoneham, Hampshire, on January 24th, commencing at 10 a.m.-Yours faithfully,
ANDREW W. R. WILBY.

Harpenden, Herts.

MAKING A GRAMOPHONE RECORD OF SELECTED EXAMPLES OF GOOD **STRIKING**

THIS apparently simple task has proved to be a difficult and substantial one. Planning and drawing up a list of suitable examples for the tutor and inexperienced ringer, drafting comments and explanations was relatively simple. About eight examples were chosen. The booking of an appropriate band, including reserves, did not prove easy and Sunday afternoons proved to be the time most

suitable for the ringers.

Obtaining suitable towers was the next consideration. In this connection, availability, weight, musical qualities and acoustics were important. A place away from extraneous noises, for the microphone, power supply, and shelter for the recorder was also necessary, since it is accorded. sideration. since it is essential for such recordings to be made from outside the tower.

The master tape for a gramophone record must be made on first-class electronic equip-

ment, again limiting the producer's choice.

It is remarkable how nervous first-class ringers become for such an occasion and one

However, after the expenditure of much time and petrol, a collection of recordings has been made containing enough suitable material. Selecting the best from this mass of material

has been a time-consuming job and the making of the master tape for the firm producing the record will also take much time and skill.

In due course this useful record will become available to the Exercise.

N. CHADDOCK,

Convener, Education Committee.
C.C. of Church Bellringers.

EVENING INSTITUTE COURSE AT MARKET WEIGHTON, 1969/70

THE half of this course ended with an excellent practical session at Hutton Cranswick ben the following Minor methods were ring in addition to rounds and call changes:
Plain Bob, Little Bob, St. Clement's, Double
Oxford, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, London
and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.
During the three granthe' specian visits have

During he three months' session visits have been made to Pocklington (8), Howden (8), Norto (2), Bridlington (8), Howell (0), Norto (2), Bridlington (8) and Cranswick.

Theoretical preparation for practical sessions and handred ringing has taken place at the Evening Institute in alternate weeks.

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A good standard of ringing has been main-ined, including Plain and Treble Bob Major N. C. (Tutor).

BELLRINGING COURSE AT GRANTLEY HALL, YORKSHIRE

THE week end course (November 14th to 16th) was successful and attended by 37 ringers more than the original allocation of

Practical session there was a choice of an Practical sessions were held at Ripon Cathedral (10) Sharow (8), Birstwith (8) and Kirby Malzeard (6).

ton, Messrs. F. Sharpe, W. F. Morebusy at students made good progress over the week-end.

week-end.

Once again the county authority, the war-den and his staff provided most comfortable and extensive facilities. and extensive facilities.

We hope for a full report in due course.

N.C.

PERTH CATHEDRAL—A SILENT TOWER?

There are dismal prospects about ringing Perth Cathedral, W.A. According to "Ringing Towers", the engineering department at the University of Western Australia recently carried out further testing on the effect of the bells on the Cathedral building. These have shown an 80 per cent. increase in the movement of the tower, for which last year's earthquake can, no doubt, be held responsible. As a result it has been decided to limit ringing to the front five bells and to cease ringing completely at the end of the year. There is every possibility that the bells will then be removed from the tower. Dismal though this sounds (writes Jim Carter, the tower secretary) all is not yet lost.

The second major setback to Perth ringing is the departure of Tony and Heather Mann to England. Unfortunately this will not just be for a holiday. Tony, who was captain at St. George's Cathedral, has been the key figure in the improvement made in

Perth ringing in recent years.

RINGER'S UNUSUAL OCCUPATION

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Probably most trades and professions are
to be found in the ranks of bellringers. One
who has an unusual occupation is Cyril Cook,
of Bonvilston, Cardiff, who is a thatcher and
rings at Rhoose, Glam. Cyril learned his
craft and also to ring in Oxfordshire. In
1955, at the request of the Rural Industries,
he went to South Wales.

Cyril has written an interesting story about
his work for "The Channel," the magazine
of the Aberthaw and Bristol Channel Portland
Cement Company. He is pictured using wheat

of the Aberthaw and Bristol Channel Portland Cement Company. He is pictured using wheat reed, sometimes called Devon reed, being wheat straw which has been through a reed comber, and not an ordinary threshing machine; a thatch of this should last for 30 years. This thatch now costs between £60 and £80 a ton, compared with £15 when he

and £80 a ton, compared with £15 when he first started using wheat reed.

And what of the future? Cyril is looking forward to the day when a supply of plastic reed will be available. "We should then," he writes, "have an olde worlde effect with modern material and a roof which would last for many more years than those we see

at present.'

SKITTLES MATCH

On December 16th two teams, representing St. John's, Cardiff, and Llandaff Cathedral, met at the Rose and Crown, Kingsway, as a result of a challenge from Stephen Fenwick, representing Llandaff, to a skittles match. St. John's won with the total score at 346-300, but Llandaff salvaged some honour possessing the top scorer, Mike Lakin (31 from six throws). The bell-ringers' traditional thirst was well satisfied by the bar which was provided. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the evening and more especially as Peter Bennett arrived after becoming the proud father of a baby daughter that morning, and also when it was announced at the end of the match that it was Jack Pryor's birthday. The strains of "Happy birthday to Jack" rocked the alley.

After the successful evening it is hoped to make this an annual event.

MAKES YOU THINK

"A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.'

JONATHAN SWIFT.

WORK DONE

The firm of John Taylor and Co. (Loughborough) gives us the following information about major works carried out during the past year:-

Baston, Lincs.—New treble supplied and the remainder of the bells rehung on ball

Bishop's Waltham, Hants.—The bells rehung with largely new fittings in the old frame

Bungay, Suffolk.--The whole ring tuned and hung with entirely new fittings in a new frame fixed to a concrete foundation.

Chinnor, Oxon.—The two treble bells recast and hung together with the four remaining bells with entirely new fittings in a new frame.

Droxford, Hants.—A new treble to make a ring of five.

Harpenden, Herts.—The bells rehung with new fittings in the old frame.

Kingsbury, Warks.—The ring of six bells recast with additional metal into a ring of eight bells and hung in an entirely new framework with new fittings.

Kirton Lindsey, Lincs. — The ring tuned and rehung with entirely new fittings in a new frame.

Little Budworth, Cheshire. - The ring tuned and rehung with entirely new fittings in a new frame.

Llandyssul, Cards. — The ring of bells tuned, with the addition of a treble to make five, and the whole ring rehung with entirely new fittings in a new frame.

Papanui, New Zealand.—A new treble to make a ring of six.

Ringmer, Sussex. - The bells tuned and rehung with new fittings in the old frame.

Ruddington, Notts.—The whole ring recast and hung in one level with new fittings in a new frame lower in the tower. The ancient bell of the former ring cast by John de Stafford in the 14th century has been retained as a priest's bell, above the present bells. As you know, we claim some historical association with John de Stafford.

Stourbridge, Worcs. — Two treble bells added to complete the ring of ten bells and the whole ring rehung in a new frame lower in the tower

Whitnash, Warks.—The old bells retuned, two trebles added to complete the octave, and all rehung with entirely new fittings in a new two-tier frame.

BELL STUDY IN SCHOOL

It is interesting to hear of a study about bells, bellringers and of the history and art of bellringing being carried out by a class of schoolchildren. Such a venture was carried out recently by the children of Chacombe, near Banbury. Their interest was aroused when it was realised that the village of Chacombe had once been the home of the Bagley family, famous as bellfounders. They undertook considerable research into the family history, especially into the life of Henery Bagley, whose tombstone is to be found in the churchyard at Chacombe. The climax of their work was a visit to the foundry of John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

From Peterborough Newsletter, 1969.

Quarter Peals

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor (St. Clement's, Plain): Marilyn Reay 1, Judith Collins 2, P. J. Rowe 3, J. Ladd 4, J. A. Collier 5,

E. J. Futcher (cond.) 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: Elizabeth Bangham 1, Josephine Patterson 2, Ruby Myllys 3, Julie Armstrong 4, M. J. Uphill 5, C. R. Harris 6, M. J. Bangham 7, C. F. Mew (cond.) 8, Also on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Sybil Aldridge 1, Elizabeth Bangham 2, M. J. Bangham 3, M. J. Uphill 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5.

ROCHFORD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: E. Lucas 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, P. Sloman 3, P. Bedford 4, J. Tipping (first inside) 5,

Lynn Woodcock 6.

SAVERNAKE FOREST, WILTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): M. H. Jackson 1, Frances Craig (first inside) 2, Margaret Bowman 3, Ann Toomer 4, T. R. Jones (cond.) 5.

SEIGHFORD, STAFFS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (660 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 240 Grandsire): Yvonne C. Norton 1, C. T. Collins 2, Margaret Boam 3, F. Boam 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5.

SHIPHAM, SOM. — On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): C. Field 1, B. Mills 2, J. Coombs 3, S. Lewis 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, W. Warren 6.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK. — On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, A. Foreman 2, S. Flatman 3, T. G. Boast 4, D. Boast (cond.) 5, For St. Andrew's Day.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Payne 1, B. Payne 2, G. K. Terris (first Surprise Major) 3, D. P. Mortlock 4, D. Cubitt 5, C. Patey 6, M. Cubitt (cond.) 7, G. Pullin 8. For the Festival of St. Edmund.

SPAXTON, SOM.—On Nov. 21st, 1,299 Doubles (three meth., one spliced comp.): Miss F. M. Gadd 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, L. T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, F. H. Mills 6.

STANDON, HERTS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Minor (Beverley, Oxford T.B.): R. Hayden 1, W. Hunt 2, P. Warboys 3, P. Glazebrook 4, R. Prime 5, L. Luck (cond.) 6.

STOKE DAMEREL, Plymouth, DEVON.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. N. Frost 1, P. Bill (cond.) 2, D. Pearce 3, J. Steere 4, S. Peirce 5, G. Mudge 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Judith Hughes.

STRATTON, CORNWALL. — On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, C. Sangwin 2, E. Nunn 3, W. J. Conduct (cond.) 4, H. Heard 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey 7, E. Worth 8. In memoriam Cyril Hibbert, of East Ilsley.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: H. L. Hatfield 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, B. Walton (first in method) 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4,

J. H. Hunt (cond.) 5, F. H. Hicks 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: June Sinfield 1, Ann Stephenson 2, R. Stripp 3, R. J. Rowley 4, W. F. Sear 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6, R. J. Scott 7.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods; 7, 6, 8 covering): Shirley Goard 1, R. L. Coles (cond.) 2, M. J. Hawkins 3, A. F. Lee 4, C. Stillman 5, P. McKenzie 6, Teresa Nicholas 7, Valerie Thompson 8, First in more than one method 3, 5. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Teresa Nicholas (first Minor) 1, Kay Whittaker 2, C. Stillman 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, R. L. Coles 6,

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,264
Plain Bob Major: J. Hoath 1, Susan Thomas 2, S.
Mount (first Major) 3, M. C. Austin 4, I. L. Dear
(cond.) 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, J. E. Murfilt 7, D. E.
Cobb 8. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples:
Linda West 1, M. C. Austin 2, June Whitcher 3,
Miss L. Tibbitts 4, R. J. Chapman 5, S. Mount 6, J.
E. Murfit (cond.) 7, B. Barton (first quarter) 8.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Minor (Single Court, Plain Bob): Gillian Eldridge 1, Jacqueline Neal 2, T. Barlow 3, G. Beeney 4, I. Smith 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6, Rung after the marriage of Gillian Sewell (a local ringer) to the Rev. Patrick Sales.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE. — On Nov. 23rd, 1,320 Wilmslow Delight Minor: I. D. Lomas 1, Mrs. Christine Pinnington 2, S. Coutts 3, P. Oliver 4, D. Mottershead 5, N. D. Lomas (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

WENDRON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Claudia A. Critchley 1, A. Carveth 2, T. E. Howarth 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, J. C. Wearne 6, A compliment to Rev. K. W. Bannister for his induction.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane E, Smith (first quarter) 1, Jill M. May 2, Lesley J. Smith 3, Jill P. J. Edwardes 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, J. M. C. Edwardes 6. A welcome to Julia, sister for ringers of 1 and 3.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. E. Kersey 1, Catherine Law 2, R. G. Tipper 3, C. W. Chennell-White 4, R. A. Stone 5, D. G. Hatherly 6, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 7, B. E. Pink 8,

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Minor (720 St, Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): L. Luck 1, R. Prime 2, P. Warboys 3, P. Glazebrook 4, K. Westwood 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Burn 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Ruby Myllys 3, G. Topping (first inside) 4, A. Bagworth (cond.) 5, Caroline Bagworth 6.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At St, John-the-Baptist's Church, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, L. Stilwell (cond.) 2, Margaret Wenban 3, N. Phillips 4, E. Armstrong 5, K. Rawson 6, A. C. Wenban 7, S. Blyth 8. A welcome to Rev. David Price.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. L. Barr 1, Mrs. Mary Mack 2, F. W. Williams 3, G. T. West 4, D. A. Wills 5, J. A. Foster 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. L. Crisp 1, Mrs. Mary Mack 2, C. L. Barr 3, D. A. Wills 4, F. W. Williams 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8.

WORCESTER.—On Nov. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. R. Sheppard 1, D. R. Morris 2, F. C. Pugh 3, J. Clements 4, D. G. Franklin 5, C. Pickford 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. Stanier 8. The annual quarter peal in memoriam Archdeacon Goodman.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. L. Rice (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Walton 2, I. Lowther 3, J. Dowe 4, F. C. J. Arnold 5, G. Elvin 6, J. E. Spight 7, H. Tooke (cond.) 8. For Thanksgiving Sunday.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (1-3 leading): C. Barnes 1, Frances Craig 2, S. Hale (first quarter) 3, Heather Rouse 4, T. R. Jones (cond.) 5, T. A. Palmer 6, G. A. Newman 7, M. H. Rouse 8. Also on Dec. 27, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Frances Craig 1, G. A. Newman 2, T. R. Jones 3, T. A. Palmer 4, A. G. Keen (cond.) 5, C. Barnes 6. (c)

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Dec. 4, 1,269 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Till (first Minor) 1, J. J. Hill 2, D. Livingston (first Minor inside) 3, P. E. Corderoy 4, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 5, M. J. Holbrook 6. Also on Dec. 11, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): D. Livingston 1, J. J. Hill 2, M. J. Holbrook 3, M. Till 4, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 5, P. E. Corderoy 6.

ALGARKIRK, LINCS.—On Nov. 23, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Fensom 1, W. B. Dawson 2, H. Barsley 3, A. E. Flatters 4, M. J. Belcher 5, R. Stephenson (cond.) 6.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anna Tobias 1, I. M. McCallion 2, J. Huggins 3, J. P. Colliss 4, T. J. Frodsham (cond.) 5, G. Whitear 6. Archbishop's Biafra Appeal. (c)

ALTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 21, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Piggott 1, Miss C. E. Law 2, R. Reed (first Major inside) 3, G. Noakes 4, A. Reeves 5, A. Kersey 6, C. Chennell-White 7, R. E. Finch 8. For carol service

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Erin Triples: W. Simmonds 1, P. Lock 2, Valerie Stephens 3, G. J. Roberts 4, R. F. Shepperd 5, W. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, Mavis Hawkins 8. First in method for 3 and 6.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 25, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Jane Fransella 1, Barbara Shaw 2, Christine Morton 3, Susan Turcan 4, Mary Wilkinson 5, D. Gower 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Hollis 8. (c)

BATHAMPTON, BATH. — On Dec. 16, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): K. G. Weeks 1, Miss P. D. Freeland 2, Miss B. A. Bruford 3, Miss P. A. Gouly 4, C. G. Jones (cond.) 5, D. Gouly (first quarter) 6.

BATHFORD, BATH.—On Nov. 9, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Jones (cond.) 1, Miss P. A. Gouly 2, Miss P. D. Freeland 3, D. Harris 4, A. B. Cannings 5, K. G. Wecks 6. For Remembrance Sunday. (c) BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. C. Howell 1, R. Le Marechal 2, I. M.

McCallion 3, Linda V. Cull 4, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 5, T. J. Frodsham 6. (c) BLADON, OXON.—On Dec. 14, 1,296 Cambridge

BLADON, OXON.—On Dec. 14, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. P. Turner I, M. J. Turner 2, W. F. Judge 3, E. J. Smith 4, P. H. Tocock 5, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 6.

BLACKBURN, LANCS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 30, 1,440 Cambridge Minor (on the back six): Phyllis Turner 1, P. S. Woods 2, M. Gibbon 3, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 4, B. Hill 5, D. McCormick 6. A compliment to Mary Smith and Brian A. Tomlinson on their engagement. (c)

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Read (cond.) 1, Susan Hopkin 2, A. W. Bond 3, R. I. Vaughan 4, T. G. Williams 5, M. S. Loveday 6, D. R. Cox (first Triples) 7, Ann Evans 8, A farewell to Rev. C. M. Heniey. (c)

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob Church, on Dec. 18, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: B. Martin 1. Heather A. Kippin 2, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 3, R. J. Bowden 4, B. A. Shackleton 5, A. Howard 6, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 7, G. W. Land (first in method) 8. To celebrate Bishop of Bristol's decision to keep the church open for at least a further ten years. (c)

BURITON, HANTS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Shelagh Roberts 1, Ann Roberts (first inside) 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, D. Brown (first inside) 4, H. deCombe 5, Rev. P. Gallup 6.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 21, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. B. Redfearn 1, K. Lewin 2, Mrs. S. Foster 3, M. Foster 4, N. Garrard 5, D. Redfearn (cond.) 6. For service of Nine Lessons and Carols. (c)

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 14, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Margaret Reddish 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, Stella G. Cousen 3, D. Cox 4, D. C. Johnstone 5, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 6, Half-muffled in memoriam Douglas Thorp.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Ward 1, W. Newman 2, W. Drinkwater 3, D. Fraser 4, J. Culley 5, C. Burridge 6, W. Farmer (cond.) 7, G. Simmonds 8, A farewell to the ringer of the 5th.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—In December, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: G. Eilbeck 1, F. Richardson 2, Miss V. Bell 3, W. Seward 4, Mrs. M. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6. (c)

CODDINGTON, NOTTS. — On Dec. 6, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer A. Curtis 1, Susan M. Heath (first inside) 2, Elaine M. Rolfe 3, F. Derry 4, D. E. Kirton (cond.) 5, J. Draycott 6. (c)

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Dec. 25, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (middle six): C. Barker (first quarter) 1, D. J. Beeken 2, G. N. Benjamin 3, R. H. Candy 4, D. C. Manger 5, B. N. Butler 6, A. J. Leeves (cond.) 7. A W. Webb 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Nov. 30, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Janet Bailey 1, D. Bailey (cond.) 2, G. Beaven 3, B. Osborne 4, W. Alexander 5, R. Barrett 6.

DICKLEBURGH. NORFOLK.—On Nov. 29, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Boast 1, T. G. Boast 2, A. G. Harrison 3, J. A. H. Mowle 4, C. Pease 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. James Catchpole and Miss Anne E. Targett. (c) Also on All Saints' Day, 1,260 Minor (four methods): D. Boast 1, C. Catchpole 2, F. Sutton 3, C. Pease 4, O. Claxton (50th quarter) 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 14, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R, King 1, C, R. Catchpole 2, A. Cook 3, A. G, Harrison 4, F. Sutton 5, C. Pease 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, O. P. Claxton 8. In honour of the 21st birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. (c)

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): Christine Jeffers (16) 1, Susan Gorman (17) 2, Patricia Meredith (16) 3, F. E. Dukes (cond.) 4, Valerie Abraham (15) 5, Ann Hatton (17) 6, S. Tyner (16) 6, R. Mason (17) 7, Willie (15) 8, All belong to Drogheda Grammar School Society. First quarter 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

DURBAN, S. AFRICA.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 7, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: David C. Philogene 1, Cyril Chambers 2, Olive Carle 3, T. John Maeder 4, Roderick J. A. Callum (cond.) 5, John E. Philogene 6. First quarter 3, 5, 6. To celebrate 25 years as a ringer for No. 4.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 26, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret A. Roberts 1, 1, N. Clark (first inside) 2, H. G. F. Reynolds 3, G. Welch 4, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 5, D. A. Stewart 6.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.— On Nov. 23, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer M. Gough (first quarter) 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, R. K. Williams (cond.) 3, R. J. Bullock (first inside) 4, F. Lawrence 5, C. Wright 6. (c)

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 7, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss C. Peatfield (first quarter) 1, S. W. Knights 2, Miss C. M. N. Wright 3, P. N. Mounsey 4, J. A. Coates 5, R. G. Fanthorpe (cond.) 6, D. W. Leth (April 27)

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Evans 1, R. J. Everest 2, P. R. Everest 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, E. J. Jenner 5, M. W. Thompson 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, J. H. French 8.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Eilbeck 1, J. Brown 2, D. Sim 3, J. Haile 4, H. Wilson 5, C. F. Gates (cond.) 6. (c) Also 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: D. Sim 1, C. F. Gates 2, Mrs. M. Dodd 3, R. W. D. Wetenhall 4, J. Haile 5, S. Richardson 6, D. Kealy 7, B. W. Street (cond.) 8. Birthday compliment to 2nd. (c)

ELING, HANTS. — On Dec. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. H. Jones (first quarter) 1, J. Hartless 2, Gladys D. Northway 3, K. I. Tatt 4, G. M. Hartless (first as cond.) 5, Susan J. Hartless 6. (c)

EPSOM, SURREY.-At St. Martin's, on Sept. 18, Major: Yvonne Hough (first Major) 1 Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Beverley Carr (first inside) 3, Jill Oakshott 4, J. Munton 5, M. Harbott 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, J. Davidge 8. Also on Nov. 15, Grandsire Caters: Beverley Carr 1, Audrey Alexander 2, J. Aronson (first Caters inside) 3, Jill Oakshott 4, Mulvey 5, J. Helder 6, Frances Mulvey 7, R. Mills 8, J. Davidge (cond.) 9, D. Oakshott 10. For Confirmation. Also on Dec. 17, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. E. Fentiman 1, J. R. Aronson 2, Sally Forbes-Harper 3, D. J. F. Oakshott 4, M. Morris 5, J. B. Helder 6, T. Skilton (cond.) 7, P. J. Munday 8, J. C. Davidge 9, Beverley Carr 10. For Epsom Choral Society's carol service. — Also on Dec. 20, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Ann Williams 1, Jill Oakshott 2, Rosemary Astridge 3, J. R. Aronson 4, P. J. Munday 5, S. N. Mortimore 6, J. C. Davidge 7, T. Skilton (cond., 100th quarter) 8. Fully-muffled for Archbishop's Biafra

EXHALL, WARKS.—On Nov. 16, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Elliott 1, G. Hall (first inside) 2, H. Curtis 3, T. Bonham 4, H. D. Harrison (cond.) 5, D. Norman (first quarter) 6. Third induction anniversary of Vicar. Also on Christmas Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Taylor 1, G. Hall 2, G. Hammond (cond.) 3, H. Curtis 4, I. Unsworth 5, D. Norman 6, (c)

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Grandaire Triples: P. Blencowe 1, Mrs. K. Collins 2, Miss A. Collins 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, P. J. Rowe 5, E. J. Futcher 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8, For Midnight Eucharist.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 24, 1,320 Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh Doubles: M. Wills 1. Catherine A. Roberts 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, L. Dith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. C. Banks 6, For midnight service.

FROXFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec, 26, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: K. Waller 1, R. Tipper 2, D. Hughes 3, K. Sansom 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, D. Hatherly 6, C. Hatherly 6, C

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 14, 1,260
Minor: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, S.
atman 3, A. Foreman 4, H. Fuller (cond.) 5, D.
Boast 6, For carol service.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Plain Minor: R. N. Scholes 1, C. N. Stephenson 2, J. A. Lewis 3, J. A. Ellis 4, Cynthia Barnett Minor as cond.) 5, C. J. Groome 6. For udren's service.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 6, 1,260 Pl. Boblion: B. M. Barker 1, Miss G. Barker 2, S. J. conin 3, D. J. Goodman 4, R. J. Picton 5, J. H. wards (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to K. D. Waples and Miss P. F. Dobbs.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Dec. 7, 1,260 Stedman Tiples: B. Buttery 1, H. L. Squires 2, F. W. Pinchek 3, D. A. Frith 4, J. W. Watson 5, H. R. Woods 6, P. A. Slight (cond.) 7, A. Crawford 8.

First Stedman 1, 7 and 8.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire): G. Beach I, Hooks 2, Margaret A. Eyre 3, Helen M. DSon (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, T. Ford 6, For Carol service.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS.—On Dec. 6, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: G. Bowen 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, Pamela Key 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, R. Pardy 5, L. Smith 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, P. J. Key 8. First in method by all

HEVER, KENT.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Elaine Shaw 1, J. M. Hollyman 2, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 3, M. W. Thompson 4, H. W. Evans 5, A. G. Bassett 6. For carol service.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Dec. 14, 1,440 Reading Surprise Minor: P. Furness 1, M. Goss 2, D. Goss 3, R. Crocker 4, P. Taylor 5, G. Dodd (cond.) 6. First in the method.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 7, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen P. Panton 1, Elizabeth J. Cranfield 2, J. McCutcheon 3, W. Gales 4, I. R. Panton (cond.) 5, A. J. Boyd 6.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 26, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Sally E. V. Potter (first T.B.) 1, Amanda M. Richmond (first Kent inside) 2, A. F. Ballam 3, B. E. Whiting 4, R. D. Hart 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6, Also on Dec. 28, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. G. Bumstead 1, Sally E. V. Potter 2, Amanda M. Richmond 3, R. D. Hart 4, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 5. For Holy Innocents' Day

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 13, 1,344 Spliced S. Major (Standard eight): A. Newton 1, R. J. Talbot 2, J. R. Pratt 3, G. W. Massey 4, S. M. Bailey 5, R. H. Newton 6, P. H. Mackie 7, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 14, 1,260 Minor (three methods): A. Newton 1, R. Biggs 2, G. W. Massey 3, D. A. Cornwall 4, P. Newton 5, R. H. Newton (cond.) 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—At 26 Cuckfield Road, on Dec. 22, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor; J. R. Norris 1-2, K. Mary Lambert (first in hand) 3-4, P. D. Hepburn (first cond. in hand) 5-6. First quarter on handbells by a Hurstpierpoint band, Rung for Christmas. (c)

KEYNSHAM, SOM.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Lesley White 1, Marion Hunt 2, D. Buckland 3, R. Virgin 4, J. Owen (cond.) 5, D. Horrex (first quarter) 6, G. Horrex (first quarter) 7, W. Dinham 8, Rung for Nigeria/Biafra appeal.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Dec. 18, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. Wright (first quarter attempt) 1, S. Smith 2. W. Avery 3, T. Wright (cond.) 4, C. Meakes 5. C. Hagger 6.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: A. C. Newman 1, B. H. Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, Helen Taylor 4, H. Read 5, Hilda Taylor 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, A. J. Newman 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. For Confirmation of Bernard Taylor. (c)

LEDBURY, HEREFORDS. — On Dec. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer M. Gough (first Triples) 1, R. K. Williams 2, Rosemary F. Collins 3, N. F. Bellamy (first Triples inside) 4, S. B. Bell 5, P. G Hickey (first Triples) 6, M. V. White (cond.) 7, R. J. Bullock (first Triples) 8.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Single Court Bob Minor: L. Walmsley 1, J. Nelson 2, G. Mee 3, R. Crowe 4, D. G. Lawson (cond.) 5, D. E. Marsden 6. First in method by all. For midnight Communion. (c)

LISS, HANTS.—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Read 1, K. Sansom 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Cooper 4 T. Bowles 5, D. Hughes (cond.) 6. (a)

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 16. 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Miss D, E, Coleat 1, Miss J. Reynolds 2, R. J. Cooles 3, D. Town 4, R. Grant 5, N. Thompson 6, M. H. O'Callaghan 7, J. W. Smith 8, K. J. Rider 9, D. P. Smith (cond.) 10. Also on Dec. 21, 1,287 Stedman Caters: D. P. Smith 1, T. Lewis 2, Miss J. Quaife 3, P. J. Spice 4, E. J. Ladd 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6, Miss D. E. Colgate 7, P. J. Simmonds 8, J. W. Smith 9, K. J. Rider 10. For service of Nine Lessons and Carols, in aid of the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. (c)

LOXTON, SOM.—On Dec. 8, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. Chaplin (first Minor) 1, G. Hebden 2, C. Field (first in method) 3, W. Rice 4, R. Rice 5, B. Mills (first Minor as cond.) 6.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 27, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): D. Fensom I, W. B. Dawson 2, H. Barsley 3, M. J. Bekher 4, G. H. Campling (cond.) 5. 15th birthday compliment to conductor, (c)

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 20, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: T. Harris 1, F. Mogford 2, K. Weeks 3, W. Cocks (first quarter of Major) 4, D. Buckland 5, R. Virgin 6, E. Williams (first quarter of Major) 7, J. Owen (cond.) 8. (c) MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Nov. 15, 1,264
Bob Major: A. M. Hickman 1, H. White 2, B. Madely
3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, F. Price 6, S. Hughes
7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8. Rung 50 years after A.
M. Hickman's first peal, in which he rang the same
bell in the same method.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Dec. 10, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: O. Homewood 1, Karen French (first Major) 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, W. Clamp 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6, H. Clayton 7, R. Manton (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward on the birth of a daughter (born Dec. 9). (c)

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOM.—On Nov. 30, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: R. G. Beck 1, E. Wadman 2, E. J. Chivers 3, V. Savage 4, F. Savage 5, R. E. Beck 6, A. P. Beck (cond.) 7, D. Mackay 8. A compliment to Richard and Greta Savage on the birth of a daughter (Rachel).

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Dec. 23, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): H. Hardwidge 2, L. Dertick 3, D. Willis 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, L. Childs 6. In memoriam Albert Youde. Also on Boxing Day, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, L. Childs 3, C. Kortright 4, J. Lott 5, M. Robbins 6

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 3, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. R. Bentley 1, G. M. Soul 2, P. A. Butler 3, P. R. Butler 4, J. D. Cheesman 5, R. Weeks (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, (c)

NORTON, HERTS.—On Dec. 16, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. L. Gullick 1, S. Bedford 2, G. T. Horritt 3, M. R. Worthington 4, T. Groome 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's, on Dec. 22, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 Cambridge S.): C. Coles 1, P. H. Tocock 2, L. Stilwell 3, P. Heritage 4, W. Birmingham 5, D. C. Brown (cond.) 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 13, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Tipper 1, Carol Stacey 2, R. Tipper 3, Mary White 4, D. Hughes 5, K. Waller 6, K. Tipper (first Triples as cond.) 7, R. Cross 8, Also on Dec. 24, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, K. Sansom 2, M. Harbord 3, D. Hatherly 4, R. Tipper 5, D. Hughes 6, K. Tipper (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8, For Holy Communion. (a)

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 14, 1,260 Kirkgate Imperial Bob Triples: A. Hoodless 1, A. Hicks 2, Edna Jones 3, Jean Berrlman 4, M. E. Cass 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, W. Willans (cond.) 7, F. Edwards 8. For "Christmas Tree Service." Also on Dec. 16, 1,260 Ready Money Bob Doubles: Edna Jones 1, Jean Berriman 2, W. Willans (cond.) 3, M. E. Cass 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5, A. E. Hoodless 6. For H.M.S. Vernon carol service.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.—In December, 1,440 Minor: A. Cook 1, T. Boast 2, B. Harrinson 3, J. Moule 4, C. Pease 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 8, 1,344 Rotherham Surprise Major: M. S. Turner 1, Iris M. E. Lemare 2, Patricia North 3, I. North 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, N. Donovan 6, S. Armeson (cond.) 7, R. E. Price 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 30, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (on back six, treble leading): Margaret Bryson 1, Gillian Coman 3, J. Epps 4, Eileen Coman 5, A. Smith 6, T. Edwards (cond.) 7. G. Coman 8. Birthday compliment to 3 and 6. (c)

SCOLE, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Boast 1, J. Moule 2, T. Boast 3, F. Sutton 4, H. Fuller (cond.) 5, C. Pease 6. For carol service.

SCOTHERN, LINCS.—On Nov. 29, 1,260 Minor (540 Oxford Bob, 720 Plain): D. W. Bee 1, J. M. Blaikie 2, G. A. Dixon 3, W. S. Smith 4, C. V. Cade 5, A. C. A. Hopkins (cond.) 6, In memoriam Rev. E. C. Hopkins, Vicar of Scothern.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: T. Pratt 1, J. Harden 2, J. Hilton 3, D. Earle 4, A. Skinner (cond.) 5, A. Reach 6, For annual carol service; also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Chapman, members of the congregation. (c)

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—At St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 20, 1,260 Doubles (two methods, 1 and 2 leading): S. Randall 1, G. Sturdy 2, N. Randall (first quarter) 3, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 4, Hazel Way 5, Pat Jenkins 6, D. Leech 7, F. Buttery 8, Half-muffled (11 a.m. to 12 noon) for Christian Aid. (c)

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 18, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: G. W. Limmer 1, S. Hare 2, Rosamund M. Brown 3, H. Oglesby 4, L. Pearson 5, F. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham 7, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 8. For Slough and Eton C.E. School carol service.

Peals

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND ASSN. St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Victoria. Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (10 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 GRANDSIRE
1—Gordon Stewart*
2—Margaret Aslett
3—Jeffrey Bills*
4—Michael Lawrence†
5-Michael Scowen
6—Ross Bampton

7—Henry Rossell (Cond.)
8—Robin Turner
*First peal. †First in Australia. A farewell to ringer of 2nd, returning to England.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.
St. Michael with St. Paul, Bath, Somerset.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins. (17½ cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
(Washbrook's variation.)
1—David C. Hawkins*
2—David J. Orledge
3—Roy W. Rice
4—Peter J. W. Hardwick*
5—Robin L. Coles*
6—Walter S. Rice
7—George J. Hawkins (Cond.)
8—Brian Sarll*
*First of Stedman.

Holy Trinity, Ash Priors, Somerset. Wed., Nov. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 33mins. (9½ cwt.)! 5040 DOUBLES (6 methods, 4 spliced, 42 extents).

extents).

1—Frances M. Gadd

2—John Cornelius

3—Keith E. Beale (Cond.)*

4—Albert W. Knight†

5—Mervyn A. Arscott

6—Mervyn R. Arscott

*Circled the tower. †Most methods, etc., inside. 80th birthday compliment to W. J. Sealey, ringer at Ash Priors for 65 years.

St. Mary Magdalene, Berrow, Somerset.
Sat., Nov. 22. 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (12½ cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (6 methods, 7 extents, Stedman, Rev. Canterbury, Winchendon Place.
Plain Bob, St. Simon, Grandsire).

1—John Trimm
2—Christopher Field*
3—Gerald Brown†
4—Stanley Lewis
5—John S. Walton (Cond.)
6—William Warren
*First inside. †First peal.

(Taunton Branch)

SS. Peter and Paul's, Combe Florey, Somerset.
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (9½ cwt.).

5040 DOUBLES (6 methods, 2 var., 5 spliced, 42 extents).

1—Frances M. Gadd*

2—Arthur H. Reed

3—Keith E. Beale (Cond.)

4—Albert W. Knight†

5—Rodney A. C. Cross

6—Frederick H. Mills

*Most methods, etc., †most methods, etc., inside, For induction of Rev. H. L. Bonsey as Rector of Lydeard St. Lawrence with Combe Florey. Combe Florey.

St. Nicholas', Bathampton, Bath, Somerset.
Tues, Dec. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 27min, (7½ cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (14 ex. each Rev. Canterbury,
Plain Bob and Grandsire).
1—K. G. Weeks*
2—Miss P. D. Freeland*
3—Miss B. A. Bruford*
4—Miss P. A. Gouly†
5—C. G. Jones (Cond.)
6—P. D. Powell*
*First peal, first attempt. †First peal. By a

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

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St. Swithin's, Sandy, Bedfordshire.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (12 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 methods: Single Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob).

1—David J. Goss*
2—David A. Hope†
3—Anthony H. Smith
4—Robert L. Piron
5—Martin Major (Cond.)
6—Stephen Ivin
*First peal. †First in 7 methods. (c)

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD St. Michael's, Macclesfield, Cheshire. Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 3hrs. 34mins. (261 cwt.). 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Composed by F. Dench.

1—Timothy Wylie*

2—Richard S. Starkie 3—Basil Jones
4—Geoffrey Gardner†
5—C. Kenneth Lewis
6—F. John Nelson 7—Frank Osbaldiston
8—David Bates*
9—Neil D. Lomas
10—Denis Mottershead (Cond.)
11—Robert B. Smith 12—Brian Harris, *First on 12. †First inside on 12.

St. Peter's, Congleton, Cheshire.
Fri., Dec. 5, 1969, 2hrs, 32mins. (13‡ cwt.).
5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by A. Knights.
1—William F. Gibbons
2—Derek F. Yates
3—William H. Dowse
4—Raymond J. Ballard
5—Frank R. Morton.
6—Roland W. Morant
7—Roy Worrall*
8—Ian M. Holland (Cond.)
*150th for the Guild. First in the method by all except 2 and 3.

St. Chad, Tushingham, Cheshire.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 38mins. (11\frac{1}{2} cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each Single Oxford, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Plain Bob).
1—Frank R. Morton (Cond)*
2—David A. Godfrey
3—Harry W. Howard
4—Edward V. Rodenhurst
5—Geoffrey A. Edwards
6—John R. Scott
*200th as conductor. (c)

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Giles, Packwood, Warwickshire.
Mon., Dec. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 27mins, (6} cwt.).
5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.
1—Frederick Shallcross (Cond.)
2—Derek H. Walters
3—Hazel A. Mackenzie
4—R. David Baker
5—John F. Thorne
6—S. Clarke Walters
7—John K. Foot
8—Geoffrey W. Randall

*200th as conductor.

All Saints, Allesley. Coventry, Warwicks. Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 39mins. (12 cwt.). 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by William Thornley, 1—Frank W. Perrens 2—Hazel A. Mackenzie 3—Derek H. Walters

4—R. David Baker
5—Frederick Shallcross (Cond.)
6—Ian D. Thompson
7—John K. Foot
8—Geoffrey W. Randall

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
(The Exeter Colleges Guild)
St. Thomas of Canterbury, Thorverton, Devon.
Sat., Oct. 25, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (17 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1—John N. Longridge (Comp. and Cond.) 2—Alan J. Frost

2—Alan J. Frost
3—Colin L. Barr*
4—Christopher Ricketts
5—Stephen G. Peirce
6—John L. Anderson
7—Kevin A. Hughes
8—D, Roy Bould
*First peal.

St. John the Baptist, Broadclyst, Devon. Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 14mins. (21 cwt.). 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR 1—Christopher F. Longridge

2—Joan A. Hayward
3—Kevin A. Hughes
4—Malcolm S. Turner
5—James M. Clarke
6—Christopher Ricketts

7—John L. Anderson 8—John N. Longridge (Comp. and Cond.) The occasion of St. Luke's College, Exeter, Annual Dinner,

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
SS. Mary and Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street,
Co. Durham.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969. 2hrs. 54mins. (19 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1—Keith M. Talbot*
2—Alan Walton†
3—Stephen Atkinson†

3—Stephen Atkinson‡ 4—Alan C. Walker 5—D. Graham Hall 6—Wilfred Nicholson

7—David Martin
8—Denis A. Bayles (Cond.)
*First of Major. †First peal. ‡First inside.
Wedding compliment to lan V. Wintrip and
Kathleen McDermott.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
SS. Mary the Virgin, Peter & Cedd, Cathedral,
Chelmsford, Essex.
Sat., Dec. 27. 1969, 3hrs. 45mins. (34½ cwt.).
5280 NEWGATE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
1—Jennifer M. Taylor
1. Land Mar.

-Janet House 3-S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

4—Joan Beresford 5—James L. Towler 6—David P. Hilling 7—Roger Baldwin

8—James R. Taylor 9—David E. House

10—Dennis Beresford
11—Robert C. Kippin
12—John R. Mayne (Cond.)
First in the method for the Association and by all except 4th and 10th.

All Saints, Terling, Essex.
at., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs, 51mins. (11 cwt.).
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. P. Starbuck.
1—Charlotte M. Sterck*

2-Susan Rothera 2—Susan Rothera
3—Josephine A. Brown
4—Richard J. Harrison
5—David E. Rothera
6—Keith W. Brown
7—Peter G. Brown
8—Philip J. Rothera (Cond.)
*First on 8. First on bells since augmentation.

I would recognise once and for all I still have much to learn. ANON.

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St. Mary the Virgin, Harlow, Essex.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 10mins. (21½ cwt.).
5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
                                    Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Josephine A. Brown
  1—Josephine A. Brown
2—Susan Rothera
3—Philip J. Rothera
4—Andrew J. Corby
5—Keith W. Brown
6—David E. Rothera
7—James L. Towler
8—Peter G. Brown (Cond.)
To welcome Suzanne Christine (Dec. 16, 1969)
to Peter and Marion Bennett, Newport, Mon.
  St. Peter, Goldhanger, Essex.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (8½ cwt.).
S024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1—Mary Roast
2—Keith W. Brown
3—Josephine A. Brown
4—Yvonne A. Towler
5—Tony Spurgeon*
6—Dennis A. S. Symonds
7—James L. Towler
8—Peter G. Brown (Cond.)
*First in method.
   GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION
St. Mary the Virgin, Tewkesbury, Glos.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 32mins. (21½ cwt.).
5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
               42 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MA
Composed by A, S, Hudson.
1—Roderick W, Pipe
2—Josephine A. Brown
3—Maryl R, Fielden
4—Susan Rothera
5—Peter G, Brown
6—David E, Rothera
7—Kenneth J, Hesketh
8—John G, Gipson
9—Tudor P, Edwards
10—Philip J, Rothera
11—John H, Fielden (Cond.)
12—Ralph G, Edwards
      St. Andrew's, Kingham, Oxfordshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins, (12½ cwt.).
5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Richard J. Parker.
  Composed by Richard J. Par

1—Ivor Goulter

2—Margery A. Wratten*

3—Martyn Hawkes

4—Valezie Willard*

5—Michael Rose

6—Leonard C. Edwards*

Laurence E. Hitchens*

8—Cyril A. Wratten (Cond.)

*First in the method.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          *Circled tower.
HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Michael and All Angels, Bodenham,
Herefordshire
Thur., Oct. 23, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (124 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
I Alison M. Savagar*
2 Robert A. Hatcher
3 Norman R. Mattingley
4 Austin T. Wingate
5 John F. I. Turney (Cond.)
Frederick R. Harris
of Minor. 21st birthday compliment to treble
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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Laurence's, Reading, Berkshire. Dec. 17, 1969, 3hrs. 15mins. (23 cwt.). SO40 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Traditional.)

Ronald C. Christopher

Beryl R. Simpson*

Alan D. Flood†

Reginald W. Rex

Rowan S. Bradley

Christopher I. Rowson

Michael J. Church (Cond.)

Geoffrey K. Dodd

Tom Page

Bernard F. L. Groves

First of Yorkshire Royal.

St. Nicolas', North Stoneham, Hampshire.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. (10½ cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by R. W. Pipe.
1—Bernard F. L. Groves
2—Beryl R. Simpson
3—Louise A. M. Evans*
4—Alan D. Flood
5—Ronald C. Christopher†
6—Anthony K. Fortin
7—Alan D. Elsmore‡
8—Christopher I. Rowson
9—Michael J. Church (Cond.)
10—William Butler
*First on ten bells. †First of Surprise Royal inside. ‡First of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. Peter's, Benington, Hertfordshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (12 cwt.).
5120 VAUXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.
1—Alick Cutler
2—Elsie K. Hart
3—Claudia A. Critchley
4—Peter C. Worthington
5—Michael R. Worthington
6—G. William Critchley (Cond.)
7—Jack S. Dear
8—Christopher W. Woolley
First in method by all.

St. James the Apostle, Bushey, Herts.
Tues., Dec. 23, 1969, 2hrs, 40mins. (13 cwt.).
Heywood's trans. of Thurstans' 4-part.
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
1—Anne E. Thompson*
2—John R. Southey
3—Andrew C. D. Mayes*
4—Barrie R. M. Johnson
5—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
6—John R. Mayne (Cond.)
7—David Redfearn
8—Christopher W. Woolley
*First of Stedman Triples.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Holy Trinity, Coleman's Hatch, Sussex.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs, 53mins. (11½ cwt.).
5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
1—Tony Lewis* 1—1 ony Lewis*
2—Margaret E, Oram
3—Doris E, Colgate
4—Arthur S, Richards
5—Ian H, Oram
6—Ralph Bird
7—Stanley Jenner (Cond.)
8—Thomas Cullingworth

Sat., Sept. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (13½ cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1-D. Chatfield 2-Miss F. Templeman* 2—Miss F. Templeman*
3—J. Drage
4—L. Huckstep
5—C. Beeching (Cond.)
6—D. Cawley
*First peal. A farewell to the 3rd, also 21st birthday compliment to 2nd.

St. John the Baptist, West Wickham, Kent. Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (13 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1—John A. Humphrey* 2—John Pladdys (Cond.)

3—John L. Anderson
4—John A. Hemsley
5—John B. Keeler
6—John A. Howard
*First peal, For the Feast of St. John the

St. Michael, Blaisdon, Gloucestershire.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 25mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (2 extents Cambridge, Kent, 3 Plain Bob).

1—Robert C. A. Philpott
2—Roger M. Day
3—Graham J. Band*†
4—Alan A. Paton
5—J. Martin Rice
6—Geoffrey T. Horritt (Cond.)†
*First of Minor. †First in more than one method. First as conductor.

All Saints', Maidstone, Kent. Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 11mins. (32 cwt.). 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS

1—Valerie Howard

2—Janet House

3—Owen C. Webster*

4—Thomas Cullingworth

5—John A. Howard

6—Trevor A. Cross

7—Martin L. Howe

8—David E. House (Comp. and Cond.)

9—Simon A. B. Wigg†

10—Peter S. Muchlinski

*First on ten bells. †First of Caters.

In memoriam Thomas E. Sone. In memoriam Thomas E. Sone.

SS. Peter and Paul's, Edenbridge, Kent.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (14 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by Cornelius Charge.
1.—George Fry
2.—Brian E. Jeffrey
3.—Frederick W. Budgen
4.—Leslie W. Jarvis
5.—Robert P. Sherlock
6.—Edward J. Jenner
7.—Harold Evans
8.—Stanley Jenner (Cond.)
An 80th birthday compliment to Albert Relfe.

SS. Peter and Paul, Tonbridge, Kent.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. (194 cwt.).
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. Baldwin.
1—Vernon J. Benning
2—Sheila M. Dobbie
3—Walter H. Dobbie
4—Anthony J. Leeves
5—Robin J. Lee
6—David C. Brookes*
7—S. Geoffrey Waters
8—Philip A. Corby (Cond.)
*25th peal and first of Yorkshire. I

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

St. Thomas, Moorside, Oldham, LancashireSun., Dec. 21, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (11½ cwt.).

5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods: 1,120 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 672
Cambridge, Lincolnshire, 448 Pudsey, Superlative, 576 Bristol and 224 London, 108
changes of method).
Composed by R. J. Parker.

1-Michael H. Tompsett
2-F. John Nelson
3-Geoffrey Gardner
4-David W. Howarth
5-Michael J. Platt
6-Michael D. Fishwick
7-Richard S. Starkie
8-Neil Bennett (Cond.)

For the Patronal Festival.

St. John the Evangelist, Farnworth-with-Kearsley, Lancashire.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (12 cwt.).

5088 DAISY HILL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

1—Joseph Thornley
2—Michael Fishwick
3—Cyril Crossthwaite
4—James Cunliffe
5—Roy Jolley
6—David W. Howarth
7—John Illingworth
8—Geoffrey Fothergill (Cond.)

First in the method. For Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

DAISY HILL SURPRISE MAJOR (H and M. No. 2085.) --38--14--56--36--34--1258--14--58. l.e. 14263857.

St. Mary's, Goosnargh, Lancashire.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969. 2hrs. 37mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1 extent and 2 2,160's.)
1—John Jackson
2—Lawrence Walmsley*
3—Donald G. Lawson*
4—Frank Stead*
5—Richard Palmer*
6—Cyril Crossthwaite (Cond.)
*First of Surprise Minor.

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Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 8mins. (24½ cwt.).
5007 STEDMAN CATERS
        5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Composed by R. A. G. Inglis.
1—Cyril Crossthwaite (Cond.)
2—Maryl R. Fielden
3—David G. Lawson*
4—Peter H. Gardner*
5—Richard Palmer*
6—Geoffrey Fothergill
7—Dennis H. McCormick
8—Stanley Anderton
9—Philip J. Crossthwaite
10—John H. Fielden
irst in the method.
*First in the method.
     St. Peter, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.
Sun., Nov. 2, 1969, 3hrs. 1min. (18 cwt.).
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
                     -Joyce Gardner
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3—Keith P. Tompsett
4—Peter J. Malloch
5—Michael H. Tompsett
6—David W. Howarth
7—Richard S. Starkie
8—Geoffer Gardner 8-Geoffrey Gardner

St. Peter, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.
Wed., Dec. 17, 1969, 3hrs. 15mins. (18\frac{3}{4} cwt.).

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (6 methods: 1,024 Bristol, 960 Cambridge, Superlative, 768 London, Pudsey, 640 Hereford, with 131 changes of method).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1—Richard S. Starkie
2—Christine Andrew
3—Geoffrey Gardner

4—Basil Lones

4—Basil Jones
5—David W. Howarth
6—Neil Bennett (Cond.)
7—Michael Fishwick
8—Derek Butterworth

Sun., Dec. 28, 1969, 2hrs. 13mins. (44 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (2 methods, 2 extents Cam-

hitlog Camelhods, 2 extents
bridge Surprise, 5 Plain Bob).

1—Michael Rigby
2—Richard S Starkie
3—Christine Andrew
4—Michael J. Platt
5—David W. Howarth
6—Michael D. Fishwick (Cond.)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD St. Andrew's, Aylestone, Leicestershire. Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (15\(\frac{1}{4}\) cwt.). 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooks' var.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Brooks' var.

1—Geoffrey Walker*

2—Robin A. Gilliver

3—David A. Tovell*

4—K. Paul Gilliver

5—Andrew J. Hayden

6—Roland H. Cook

7—A. James Poynor (Cond.)

8—G. Harry Bray

*First in method. For Patronal Festival.

Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire.
Tues., Dec. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 26mins. (61 cwt.).
5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
1—Arthur E. Rowley
2—Richard J. Clifton
3—Ronald D. Hughes
4—Joseph W. Cotton
5—Frank Chambers
6—Alex R. Jones
7—G. Ronald Edwards
8—Roland Beniston (Cond.)

All Saints', Leicester.
Thurs., Dec. 11, 1969, 2hrs. 33mins. (8\frac{1}{2} cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods. 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol,
576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Super-

76 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Supe lative, Yorkshire, 142 changes of method).
Composed by Norman Smith.
1—Christine L. J. Mills
2—Martin Green
3—Monica M. Jelley
4—John E. Cook
5—John M. Jelley (Cond.)
6—David F. Moore
7—R. Brian Mills
8—R. Kingsley Mason

Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire.
Thurs., Dec. 18, 1969, 2hrs. 29mins. (6 cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol.
576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 140 changes of method).
1—Christine L. J. Mills
2—Martin Green
3—Monica M. Jelley
4—John M. Jelley (Cond.)
5—R. Brian Mills
6—David F. Moore
7—Roland H. Cook
8—R. Kingsley Mason

St. Peter, Claybrooke, Leicestershire.
t., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (13\(^1\) cwt.).
5024 CAMDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.
1—Eileen J. Goodall
2—Beryl E. Cawser
3—K. Paul Gilliver
4—J. Edward Cawser (Cond.)
5—Alfred Ballard
6—Rupert A. Clarke
7—Roland H. Cook
8—R. Kingsley Mason
st in the method by all.

First in the method by all.

St. Michael and All Angels, Illston-on-the-Hill,
Leicestershire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (8½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each Double Oxford, Oxford
T.B., St. Clement's, Plain Bob.
2 Cambridge).

1—Malcolm D. Bray 2—Hazel J. Nichols 3—B. Stedman Payne 4—Guy Slater* 5-Raymond H. Martin 6-Edward W. Martin (Cond.)

All Saints' Cotgrave, Notts.
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (17 cwt.).
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (1 extent Hull, Bourne, London, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge).
1—Sheila M. Anthony
2—Christine L. J. Mills
3—David F. Moore
4—Martin Green
5—R. Brian Mills
6—Roland H. Cook (Cond.)

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
St. Wulfram, Grantham, Lincolnshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 31mins. (32½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

1—Vaughan P. Evans
2—P. Mary Cheesewright*
3—Denis A. Frith
4—Frederick W. Pinchbeck
5—Roland W. Morant
6—Peter A. Hill*
7—Peter A. Slight (Arr. and Cond.)
8—Brian Buttery
9—Owen Homewood*

9—Owen Homewood*
10—Roland H. Cook
*First on ten. First of Royal as conductor.

St. Andrew, Irnham, Lincolnshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Alec Crawford

1—Alec Crawford
2—J. Richard Poole
3—Thomas A. Relf
4—Melvyn J. Hiller
5—David R. Baxter (Cond.)*
*50th peal. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the augmentation. (c)

St. Andrew, Horbling, Lincolnshire. Sat., Dec. 20. 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (94 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (St. Nicholas, Heatherslade Gower, Rev. Canterbury, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Plain Bob. Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent and Oxford T.B.).

1—Thomas A. Relf*

2—Frederick W. Pinchbeck*

3—Denis A. Frith (Cond.)

4—David E. Leafe*

5—Peter A. Slight

6—Brian Buttery*

*Most Minor methods. For the induction of

*Most Minor methods. For the induction of the Rev. R. Moseley.

St. Helen's, Willingham-by-Stow, Lincolnshire.
Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs, 49mins. (12½ cwt.).
5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR (9 methods: Newdigate and Old Oxford, Old Oxford and College Bob IV, College Bob IV and Willesden, Capel and Sandal, Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston, Kingston and Oxford).
1—Charles H. Baker
2—Jack Bray
3—George E. Feirn (Cond.)
4—Dudley Surman
5—Melvyn A. Rose
6—John F. Underwood
To celebrate the birth of a daughter, Christine, to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Bull, of Radcliffe, Notts.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN

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ASSOCIATION

St. Woolos', Newport, Monmouthshire.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 15mins, (21\frac{1}{2} cwt.).

5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Composed by Peter Border,
1—Jacqueline S. King
2—Donald G. Clift
3—David J. Llewellyn
4—J. Michael Lakin
5—Ellis N. Thomas*
6—Nicholas W. H. Simon
7—Paul A. Williams*
8—James Clatworthy*
9—Stephen Fenwick*

8—James Clatworthy*
9—Stephen Fenwick*
10—Peter S. Bennett
11—David J, King
12—Tudor P. Edwards (Cond.)
*First of Surprise Maximus. First of Surprise Maximus for the Association by a resident band. To welcome Suzanne Christine, daughter of Peter and Marion Bennett. (c)

St. John the Baptist, Newton Nottage, Glam.
Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (8½ cwt.).
5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. J. Ivin.
1—Tudor P. Edwards (Cond.)
2—Donald G. Clift
3—James Clatworthy
4—Susan E. Smith
5—Paul A. Williams
6—Stephen Fenwick
7—Christopher J. Hughes

7—Christopher J. Hughes 8—Nicholas W. H. Simon

t. Peter, Peterstone Wentloog, Glamorgan. Sat.. Dcc. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (7½ cwt.). 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR 1—Donald G. Clift* 2—Gwendoline Bidgood† 3—W. James Goodfellow†

3—W. James Goodfellow?
4—James Clatworthy?
5—Paul A. Williams
6—David J. Llewellyn
7—Stephen Fenwick?
8—Nicholas W. H. Simon
*150th peal for Association. †First of
D.N.C.B. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs.
P. S. Bennett on the birth of a daughter.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD Sacred Trinity, Salford, Lancashire.
Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 2hrs, 51mins, (11½ cwt.).
5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SUR. MAJOR
(27-course block reduced.)
1—Elizabeth M. Tingle
2—Rosemary K. Gates*
3—Christopher L. D. Munday
4—Patricia James*
5—Lynda M. Deebank
6—Hamish M. McNaughton
7—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
8—William M. Taylor
*First Surprise, First in method by all.

Sacred Trinity, Salford, Lancashire.
Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 31mins. (11\frac{1}{2} cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
(Two 2,160's and one 720.)
1—Patricia James
2—Lynda M. Deebank
3—Margaret L. Ellwood
4—Hamish M. McNaughton
5—Christopher L. D. Munday*
6—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
*Has pealed Cambridge from Minimus to
Maximus. Rung after meeting short.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD St. Mary the Virgin, Cole-Orton, Leicestershire. Wed., Dec. 17, 1969, 2hrs. 54mins. (12½ cwt.). 5056 PAPANUI SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. F. B. Speed. 1—Joseph W Cotton 2—Arthur E. Rowley 3—Rev. M. C. C. Melville 4—Frank Chambers 5—Derek P. Jones 6—Gordon H. Lane 7—B. Stedman Payne 8—Roland Beniston (Cond.)

8—Roland Beniston (Cond.)
First in method by all and for the Guild.

PAPANUI SURPRISE MAJOR
(As used for Turramurra Surprise Major.)
-38-14-1258-16-14-38.12.34.56.78
1.h. 12. 5738264.

St. Matthew, Overseale, Derbyshire. at., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (9\frac{1}{4} cwt.). 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

1—Joseph W. Cotton* 2—Sheila Parsons† 3—Frank Chambers

3—Frank Chambers
4—B. Stedman Payne
5—Arthur E. Rowley
6—Alec R. Jones
7—Norman W. Attaway‡
8—Derek P. Jones (Cond.)
*100th peal on bells and 50 years a ringer in this tower. †25th peal. ‡50th peal. On the anniversary of the dedication of the bells (December 13th, 1919), and to mark the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Cyril Bowles as Bishop of Derby.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION
St. Mathew, Buckley, Flintshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 2mins. (141 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
1—John W. Griffiths
2—Racnel Williams
3—Valerie Jamson
4—Frederick R. Evans
5—Frederick Kelly
6—Dennis H. B. Millward
7—David N. Collins
8—Geoffrey Parting (Cond.)
10 welcome a daughter (Susan) to the conductor and Mrs. Parting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Mary, Bletchley, Bucks.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2 hrs. 49mins. (15½ cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
1—Sylvia Trotter*
2—Richard W. Yates
3—Terry G Page
4—Roger Cadamy
5—William A. Yates
6—Raymond A. Vickers
7—George W. Holland (Cond.)
8—Albert E. Daniells
*First peal, first attempt.

ETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
SS Peter and Paul, Uppingham, Rutland.
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (14½ cwt.).
5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Arranged by Roger D. Bailey.
1-Christopher N. Stephenson
2-Hilary F. Watson-Walker
3-J. Charles Hudson
Lionel Atton
Cynthia E. Barnett
Roger N. Scholes
Richard J. Chantler
6-Christopher J. Groome (Cond.)

St. Mary, Staverton, Northants,
27, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins. (11 cwt.).
1 John K. Foot
Robin C. B. Speed*
3 Jonathan R. B. Speed*
4 Stanley F. Webh
Patrick I. Chapman
Richard F. B. Speed (Cond.)

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE
OF BIRMINGHAM
St. Bartholomew's, Edgbaston, Birmingham.
Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (10 cwt.).
S040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by! C. Charge.
1—Roderick W. Pipe (Cond.)
2—Margaret C. Jones*
3—M. Ann Castle*
4—Juliet Stamper
5—Victor H. Nash
6—James Insley
7—Norman J. Goodman
8—Clifford A. Barron
*First peal, first attempt. All are employees of Cadbury-Schweppes Ltd., Bournville.

St. Mary's, Handsworth, Birmingham.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (15 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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1—John F. I. Turney
2—Rosemary E. White
3—Janet M. Aston
4—John G. Perry
5—F. John Keddie
6—Richard J. Tibbetts (Arr. and Cond.)
2—Mark Androlia

7—Mark Androlia 8—David J. Purnell

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Candida and Holy Cross, Whitechurch
Canonicorum, Dorset.

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 10mins. (17 cwt.).

5120 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.

1—Mrs. C. W. Powell
2—Ross G. W. Robertson
3—Cuthbert W. Powell
4—Melvyn J. Hiller
5—Keith E. Beale
6—Raymond Haines
7—William T. Perrins (Cond.)
8—Ronald N Marlow

First in method for all and for the Guild. (c)

Abbey of St. Mary the Virgin, Sherborne,
Dorset,
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 4hrs. (46 cwt.).
5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by D. Knox.
1—A. Pattie Clapham
2—Melvyn J. Hiller
3—Stephen Fenwick
4—John J. Durham
5—Robert A. Beresford
6—Paul A. Williams
7—Ronald R. Warford
8—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)

St. Mary the Virgin, Lytchett Matravers.

St. Mary the Virgin, Lytchett Matravers, Dorset,
Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins, (8 cwt.)
5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
1—David Wilson
2—Mary E. Elmes
3—Ross G. W. Robertson
4—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)
5—Graham W. Elmes
6—Frederick E. Collins
First of London Surprise Minor by all.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Peter, Alton, Staffordshire.
Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins. (22½ cwt.),
5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Roger Baldwin.
1—Norman Sherratt
2—Mandi McCallion
3—Harold Dowler
4—John Hall
5—Michael R. Worthington
6—David J. Midgley
7—Raymond J. Ballard (Cond.)
8—Roy Worrall

St. James, Audley, Staffordshire.
at., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 2mins, (15 cwt
5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by John R. Mayne.
1—Stephen T. Yates
2—Norman Sherratt (Cond.)
3—Raymond J. Ballard
4—Philip G. K. Davies
5—Harold Dowler
6—Walter Sherratt
7—David J. Midgley
8—Roy Worrall.

8-Roy Worrall.

St. Thomas, Kidsgrove, Staffordshire.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (11 cwt.).
5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by John R. Mayne.

-Mandi McCallion 2-Norman Sherratt (Cond.)

2—Norman Sherratt (C 3—Dennis Latham 4—John Hall* 5—Geoffrey Davies* 6—Harold Dowler 7—Raymond J. Ballard 8—Charles A. S. Webb *First in the method.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

STAFFORD
St. Margaret's, Great Barr, Staffordshire.
Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (12 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
(Seven different extents.)
1—Martin R. Clive*
2—Rosemary E. White
3—Denais B. Clive*
4—Andrew S. Madeley*
5—Richard J. Tibbetts (Cond.)
6—F. John Keddie
*First peal.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Peter with St. James', Nottingham.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 16mins. (20 cwt.).
5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Composed by Hadley Hunter.
1—Susan M. O'Neill*
2—Sheila M. Anthony
3—Richard A. G. Inglis (Cond.)
4—David Stainsby
5—Paul Raithby
6—J. Richard Anthony*
7—Derek J. Tysoe
8—James W. Raithby
9—John R. Leeming
10—Peter L. R. Hayward*
*First Stedman.

*First Stedman.

St. Mary, Lowdham, Nottinghamshire.
Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 34mins. (9 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (1 extent St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Hilary, St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, St. Columb, Winchendon Place, Rev. St. Bartholomew, April Day, Seighford, Kennington. All Saints, Southrepps, Marchington and Little Aston and 9 extents each of Plain Bob, Old and Grandsire).

1—G. Peter Butler*
2—H. Geoffrey Wells (Cond.)
3—Joan Carter

3—Joan Carter
4—Peter L. R. Hayward
5—W. Gordon Marsh.
*First peal, first attempt.

SUFFOLK GUILD
SS. Peter and Mary's, Stowmarket, Suffolk.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins. (21 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by John Pritchard.
1—Samuel Twitchett
2—Arthur Haynes
3—Joan Muxlow*
4—Richard Rose

4—Richard Rose
5—Peter Muxlow†
6—David Barber
7—Rev. Arthur Muxlow
8—Frank Gilbert (Cond.)
*First peal. †First of Major. First on bells since restoration.

SURREY ASSOCIATION
St. Mary the Virgin, Barnes, Surrey.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs, 38mins, (10½ cw.
5184 ALFORD DELIGHT MAJOR cwt.).

5184 ALFORD DELIGHT MAJOR
(Wratten No. 28.)
Composed by J. R. Ketteringham.
1—John R. Ketteringham
2—Maureen J. Carruthers
3—Robin A. Grant
4—David C. Brown
5—Nigel Thomson
6—William Birmingham
7—Keith J. Walpole (Cond.)
8—Geoffrey Bridges
Believed to be the first peal in the method.
ALFORD DELIGHT MAJOR
—38—14—12—36—14—18—16—18.
Group B. l.h. 2nds. f.c.h. B, D, K.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION St. Margaret Queen, Buxted, Sussex.
at., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins, (16\frac{1}{2} cwt.).
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. H. Martin.

-Derek Slater 1—Derek Slater
2—Valerie J. Howard
3—Judith M Corby
4—Richard Hayes
5—Andrew J. Corby
6—Peter R. Butler*
7—John Pladdys
8—John A. Howard (Cond.)
*First inside in method.

St. Swithun's, East Grinstead, Sussex.
Sun., Dec. 14, 1969, 3hrs. 11mins. (23½ cwt.).
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1—Hilary A. Thick
2—Valerie J. Howard
3—Gillian R. Parsons
4—Charlotte M. Harris
5—Frank H. Hicks
6—Lawrence R. H. Smith
7-M. Peter Howard
8—John A. Howard (Cond.)
An 84th birthday compliment to George F.
Tizzard, a local ringer.

Tizzard, a local ringer.

St. Nicolas of Myra, Brighton, Sussex.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 50mns. (18 cwt.).
5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
1—E. Winifred Keys
2—Albert W. Bond
3—Edgar R. Rapley
4—Alan R Baldock
5—Frank H. Hicks
6—Henry C. Weaver
7—James H. Lilley
8—A. Patrick Cannon (Cond.)

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD St. Sennen, Sennen, Cornwall. Mon., Dec. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 23mins (6 cwt.). 5040 DOUBLES (42 extents, 1 method (Grand-sire) and 3 variations).

sire) and 3 variation

1—E. Lesiie Evans

2—Robert J. Perry

3—Kathryne R. Pearce*

4—Robert Peel Pearce

5—Timothy J. Bell (Cond.)

6—John Copping

*First peal at first attempt. Average age 16%.

St. Anta and All Saints, Carbis Bay,

Cornwall.

Cornwall.
Thurs., Dec. 25, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (9½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 different extents).
1—Janet S. Evans
2—Anthony Locke
3—Anthony P. Smith
4—Timothy J. Bell
5—F, Malcolm Bowers
6—Anthony J. Davidson (Cond.) 6-Anthony J. Davidson (Cond.)

St. Uny, Lelant, Cornwall.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 16mins. (8½ cwt.).
6240 DOUBLES (16 methods—St. Owen Place,
Rev. St. Julian, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. Union
Bob. Huntley, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place,
St. Nicholas, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St.
Simon, St. Martin, Newark, Antelope, Wollaton and Grandsire—and 104 variations).
1—Robert Peel Pearce
2—F. Malcolm Bowers
3—Anthony J. Davidson (Cond.)

2—F. Malcolm Bowers
3—Anthony J. Davidson (Cond.)
4—Anthony P. Smith
5—Timothy J. Bell
6—Janet S. Evans
Longest length and most m/v to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.
A compliment to Valerie C. Allen and Roger Pengelly on their marriage at Kenwyn earlier in the day.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 56min. (12 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
1—Ronda M. Purkess*
2—Graham Buchanan*
3—John Hartless (Cond.)

4—William G. Buchanan*
5—Trevor Matcham (Cond.)
6—Bryan M. Mackrell
*First peal. A 70th birthday compliment to William G. Buchanan. (c)

William G. Buchanan. (c)

All Saints, Catherington, Hampshire.
Fri., Dec. 19, 1969, 2hrs. 25mins (9 cwt.).
5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
(Seven extents.)
1—Roy Le Marechal*
2—John H. Hunt (Cond.)
3—Betty J. Daysh
4—R. Brian Walton†
5—H, Lyndon Hatfield†
6—Edward W. Colley †‡
*First of Treble Bob. †First of Kent Minor.
Has completed Kent family from Minor to Maximus.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS
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St. Mary and All Saints', Kidderminster, Worcestershire.

Worcestershire.

Tues., Dec. 16, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (7½ cwt.).

5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 736 Superlative, 704 London, Rutland, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, 576 Bristol, 544 Yorkshire, 120 changes of method, all the work).

Composed by Noel J. Diserens.

1—A. Bryan Ellsmore

2—Michael J. Fellows (Cond.)

3—M. Irene Brown

4—J. Clifford Skidmore

5—Michael G. J. Elson

6—Morley P. Tobin

7—Gerald C. Hemming

8—Martin D. Fellows

A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Johns, grandfather of 6th and friend of all. (c)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
SS. Peter and Wilfrid, Ripon, Yorkshire.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. (23 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
1—Iris M. E. Lemare
2. Christopher Newton*

2—Christopher Newton* 3—Neil Donovan

4—Patricia North
5—M. Alec Beaumont
6—David Nichols
7—Ian North

*First of Double Norwich.

*First of Double Norwich.

*All Saints, Dewsbury, Yorkshire.

Sun., Dec. 21, 1969, 3hrs. (13 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1—Ruth Richardson (Cond.)

2—Avis Thompson

3—Luhn M. Ineson

3—John M. Ineson 4—Wendy Platts* 5—Stephen R. Munday

6—Kenneth Ineson*
7—Ronald Warford
8—Geoffrey Richardson *First peal.

*First peal. (c)

Holy Trinity, Wentworth, Yorkshire.

Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 3hrs. (10 cwt.).

5040 DOUBLES (720 of Rev. St. Bart's, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury, April Day, Kennington and Plain Bob).

1—Thomas Cairns*

2—Raja R. Naliah*

3—David Hunton

4—John D. Cooper†

5—Michael King (Cond.)

6—Robert J. Grundy*

*First at first attempt. †First Doubles.

*First at first attempt. †First Doubles.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD 6. Ashwood Crescent, Marple, Cheshire. Sun., Dec. 14, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (15 in C.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS Composed by D. Prentice. 1-2—Robert B. Smith (Cond.)

3-4-Neil Bennett

3-4—Neil Bennett
5-6—Frank C. Price*
7-8—Gerald Moorhouse
9-10—Alan Scholfield
11-12—J. David Atkinson
*First of Kent T.B. Maximus on handbells, completing Kent T.B. from Minor to 16 ln.

West Pines, Dale Brow, Prestbury, Cheshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 1min. (15 in C.)
5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by John Reeves.

1-2—Alan McFall 3-4—Gerald Moorhouse

5-6—Frank C. Price*
7-8—Robert B. Smith (Cond.) *First of Oxford T.B. on handbells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
32, Gatesden Road, Fetcham, Surrey
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Mon., Dec. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins. (18 in
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
1-2—Frances Mulvey
3-4—N. David Robinson
5-6—Gerald Bromley
7-8—Tony Skilton (Cond.)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
15, Harford Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire.
Sun., Dec. 21, 1969, 2hrs. 28mins. (15 in C.
5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Composed by Albert M. Tyler.
1-2—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
3-4—Julia A. Fellows*
5-6—Frank C. Price
7-8—Roger Baldwin
9-10—John R. Mayne (Cond.)
*First of Grandsire Caters on handbells. (15 in C.)

114, Park Street Lane, St. Albans, Herts.
Mon., Dec. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 12mins. (15 in C.)
5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Stephen Ivin.
1-2-S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
3-4-Christopher W. Woolley
5-6-John R. Mayne (Cond.)
7-8-Roger Baldwin

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
Bettyfold, Hawkshead, Lancashire.
Tues., Dec. 16, 1969, 1hr. 45mins. (13 in E.)
5040 YAXLEY ALLIANCE AND LITTLE
BOB MINOR (7 spliced extents).
1-2—Joseph Whalley
3-4—Mary W. Whalley
5-6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)
First in methods by all

First in methods by all.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Zermatt, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire.
Wed., Dec. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (24 in D.)
5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL.
Composed by C. Charge.
1-2—Frank C. Price
3-4—Noel' J. Diserens
5-6—Bernard F. L. Groves
7-8—N. David Lane
9-10—Susanne Sargeant*
*First handbell peal on ten hells

*First handbell peal on ten bells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
5, Copley Lane, Robin Hood, Wakefield, Yorks.
Sun., Dec. 14, 1969, 2hrs. 6mins. (13 in E.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

(48-course block reduced.)
1-2—Stella M. Brown
3-4—Patricia North
5-6—Ian North
7-8—Robin Brown (Cond.)

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Belfry Gossip

The Jubilee Issue of the R.W. (1961) is now out of print and we regret we cannot supply any further copies.

The Excellent Article about Hillingdon and its church, featured in our issue of December 26 January 2, was written by Mr. Fred Goodfellow, captain of the ringers.

At Castle Cary, Somerset, a quarter of Grandsire Doubles was a special birthday compliment to H. F. Creed.

Due for closure, the Bishop of Bristol decided to keep the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob open for at least another ten years, and as a thanksgiving there was a quarter of Bristol S. Major.

Twenty-five years a ringer, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Mary's Church, Durban, S. Africa, for Mr. T. J. Maeder

Four-in-Hand, Tim Jones, of Aldbourne, Wilts, rang 1,272 Minimus in eight methods on December 29.

Senior Ringers honoured this week in our peal columns are: W. J. Sealey (80), Albert Relfe (80), George F. Tizzard (84), William G. Buchanan (70) and R. J. Johns (77).

At St. John's Church, West Wickham, Kent, on St. John's Day, a peal of Bob Minor by six ringers; Christian names— John, of course.

Meeting one short for Royal at Worsley on January 1, the band are grateful to William Dowse for standing down when Cambridge Major was rung.

Mr. John Faithfull, sen., recently fell and fractured a leg whilst on a short stay at Poole. Dorset. All his ringing friends will wish him a complete recovery.

A Christmas peal was rung at St. Clement Danes' on Boxing Day and as a compliment to Frank Lufkin, whose birthday is on December 25.

Because Horsell, Woking. bells have been silent for six months, the vicar has asked Mr. Ernest Warner to train a new band here, and any help on Tuesday evenings at 7 30 would be welcome.

When Ralph D. E. Pobjoy was baptised Barnwood his father rang the 4th (although without a stay) for a quarter and godparents also rang.

Fifty peals on the bells of Blewbury, Berks: Mr. Bob Blond has conducted 45 of them. He is an excellent conductor but has no aspirations to break records. He has yet to complete the circle at Blewbury!

At the request of the Rector of Long Stratton, Norfolk, a peal of Minor was rung on December 24, and it was the 15th consecutive Christmas Eve peal.

Canon E. W. Blyth, who died on December 22, had been rector of Yaxham for ten years and was a vice-president of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

Canon W. E. C. Thomas, of St. John, Cardiff, had the pleasure on Boxing Day of hearing his son, Paul, aged 14, ring the second to his first peal of Grandsire Caters. Paul is the youngest ringer to score a peal on the bells.

All the ringers in the peal of Grandsire Triples at Pembroke on New Year's Day were members of the local band, with the exception of the conductor. It was the first of Grandsire Triples in the county for nearly 40 years.

Barnwood ringers have done well with handbells this year, raising about £24 in three evenings—£14 0s. 6d. on one night alone. Christian Aid and the Gloucester and Bristol Special Appeal Fund are to benefit.

Members of the Northern District of the Essex Association are doing what they can to see that the bells of Rayne are rung for Sunday service, and it is hoped this may stimulate interest locally. There is a pleasant little ring of six but no ringers.

"What a delightful surprise to hear Birmingham's famous 12 at St. Martin's in the Bull Ring on Christmas morning," writes R. H. Mansell, of Handsworth. "Let's hope we hear more of these 12-bell towers in the future," he concludes.

All Saints' Church, Southbourne, is one of many in Bournemouth designed to have a bell tower and a ring of bells. None except the mother church of St. Peter has been completed in this respect. Christmas bells were heard, however, in All Saints, for members of the Christchurch and Southampton District rang Grandsire Triples on handbells prior to the carol services (morning and evening) on December 28. Carol tunes were also rung on 18 handbells by members of St. James, Pokesdown, Girl Guides.

New Style Peal Forms are now available from R.W. office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4" × 9")

During Great Adventure II the tourists rang at Papanui, near Christchurch, New Zealand, on a ring of five contained in a wooden tower. One of the tourists, Rev. M. C. C. Melville, also rang in the first peal of Papanui Surprise Major at Cole-Orton, Leicestershire, on December 17, 1969.

The Daily Sketch of December 23 printed an article regarding mini-skirted lady ringers and stated that the Vicar of Hitchin, Herts, had found a poem pinned up in the belfry regarding this subject and had reprinted it in his magazine. (The R.W. has already printed this same poem.—Ed.)

A 60 per cent rise in the annual subscription (from 5s, to 8s.) has been notified to all towers in the Guildford Guild by the general secretary. Only nine members wrote objecting to the increase and 20 was the operative number necessary to prevent the extra 3s. being added.

The Editor is grateful for the response to return copies of December 19 which, in some cases, were duplicated. Any postal subscriber who did not receive their copy of this issue should apply to us at Seven Corners Press.

Mr. C. A. Barron. of Birmingham, although qualified to be listed in the leading peal ringers does not want his name included in "some kind of league championship." His yearly total in future will not be more than 25 he assures us.

Librarian and quarter peal recorder for St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Bendigo, Australia, is Mr. Jeffrey Bills, who succeeds Miss M. Aslett. Jeffrey, who was at St. Mary's, Horsell, Surrey, before leaving for other lands, sends the good wishes of all down under to ringers in Great Britain.

Three "first pealers" at Wentworth on December 13 were aged 48, 49 and 54, and all took up the art after reaching 40! which, as our correspondent writes, "proves that perseverance, a capacity to enjoy ringing and with the tactful handling by more experienced young people, it gives immense satisfaction to say 'At last!—I've rung one!"."

First Peal congratulations to Jeffrey Bills (Australia), Gerald Brown, K. G. Weeks, Miss P. Freeland, Miss B. Bruford, P. D. Powell, Miss P. A. Gouly, David J. Goss, Colin L. Barr, Alan Walton, Miss F. Templeman, J. A. Humphrey, Sylvia Trotter, Jonathan R. B. Speed, Robin C. B. Speed, Margaret C. Jones, M. Ann Castle, Martin R. Clive, Dennis B. Clive, Andrew S. Madeley, G. Peter Butler, Joan Muxlow, Kathryne R. Pearce, Ronda M. Purkess, Graham Buchanan, William G. Buchanan, Wendy Platts, Kenneth Ireson, Thomas Cairns, Rajah R. Naliah, Robert J. Grundy.

THE LATE MR. E. S. BAILEY

As briefly reported last week, the death took place recently of Mr. Ernest S. Bailey, of Leiston. Suffolk. He contracted pneumonia and passed away in St. Audrey's Hospital, Melton. His peals were rung mainly with his brother, James, and he is survived by two other brothers. Leonard and Fred. The latter rang a peal of Maximus non-conducted at St. Martin's. Birmingham, in 1935, and has not done much peal ringing since. The funeral of Ernest Bailey was at Leiston on January 6.



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HANDBELL ENTHUSIASTS

TWENTY-FOUR members of Clere Secondary School, Burghclere, are leading a revival of interest in handbell ringing in their rural area on the Hampshire-Berkshire borders.

Since their summer holidays, when they "rescued" a fine set of 36 bells which for many years had lain idle and neglected in their parish church, these young people have shown just what it is possible to achieve by almost daily practice

achieve by almost daily practice.

Now the Clere Handbell Ringers are to appear on television in the Thames Television programme "Magpie," and the B.B.C., Southern ITV and a London recording company, "Tulip Records," are all interested in engaging them.

During the pre-Christmas period the ringers toured the parishes of North Hampshire, playing in village squares, pubs and private houses. They also visited local primary schools. The ringers were one of the highlights of the school's Christmas concert,

at which they played several of their tunes to an electronic organ backing.

Commenting on the educational value of handbell ringing, the school's musical director, Mr. Graham Page, said: "Quite apart from the pleasure pupils get from ringing the bells and the musical aspect, I feel that ringing is of great help in teaching them the importance of teamwork—of not letting the side down."

Mr. Page would like to see handbell ringing become more popular in English schools, as popular as it is in schools and colleges in Holland and America, although he realises that the cost of both bells and sheet music is much cheaper in those countries.

Now the school is to have its own set of 36 handbells—three octaves in the key of C—at a cost of about £200. The bells have been ordered from the Dutch foundry of Petit and Fritsen, several local residents making generous donations towards the cost of the bells.

SECRETARY WEDS

The secretary of the Chester-le-Street ringers, Mr. Ian V. Wintrip, was married at Chester-le-Street on December 13th in the church where he had been a member of the choir for many years. His bride was Miss Kathleen McDermott, of Perkinsville, who was attended by Mrs. Doreen Smith and also her sister, Miss Elaine McDermott. The ceremony was conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. Spurr) and the best man was Mr. John W. Oates.

The local ringers rang the bells before and after the service, and later six of the locals, with two other friends of Ian, rang a peal of Plain Bob Major to mark the occasion. The conductor, Denis Bayles, recalls that in 1944 he called a peal of Double Norwich when Ian's parents were married in the same church, Ian's mother then being an active member of the local band.

D. A. B.

IN DEVON WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

Notes that the late summer which commenced at Marldon, having an old ring of five about to be augmented.

On a Sunday we left H.Q. at Newton Abbot for a day in Exeter. Among the several bells rung were the Taylor octave of 1897 at Heavitree (and who can deny that the tonal quality of this ring is 100%?) and the impressive Cathedral bells. The first ring next day was on the Taylor eight at Wolborough. These were hung in an "H" frame in 1926. The neighbouring towers of East Ogwell and Denbury have similar rings, both containing Pennington bells of 1633 and Mears of 1907. The tenors are by Hambling, of Blackawton (1828 and 1829), and Aggett, of Chagford, placed both rings in iron frames in 1907. It is claimed, locally, that it is unsafe to go up Torbryan tower, so we were unable to have a look at the mediæval ring of four bells. However, it was observed that the first floor in the tower was of recent construction, so perhaps further work is in hand and the tower may soon be less dan-gerous to ascend. After ringing at Ipplepen we moved on to the rather ordinary Kerswells and the even more ordinary Teignheads, and the melodious Coffinswell bells provided a refreshing interlude between the two groups. We ended the day at West Teignmouth where many were baffled by the surplus rope bosses. There baffled by the surplus rope bosses. There is, it seems, a choice of two rope circles, the poorer one being used for service ringing, which leaves adequate space for the congregation to walk through the ringing room to go into church.

Legend has it that Staverton bells were hung by the local blacksmith. What Mr. Stokes, of Woodbury, who provided the steel frame and ball bearings in 1927, would have answered is open to speculation, but we encountered no difficulty and went on to Dartington (Warner, 1879). Few ringers would single out the second at Totnes as being a Gillett and Johnston recast of 1935, yet none of the others was tuned when this was done. The Warner tenor places a big question mark on this ring's splendour, but one could possibly come to appreciate it after a while. The old six at Berry Pomeroy are a mixed lot

and became even more mixed when two trebles were added in 1909. Stokes did the hanging and provided a separate iron frame for 3-4. Collaton St. Mary's bells are a shrill five, the tenor being by Mears, 1865, and the rest 1920. Taylors tuned up Paignton bells in 1953. The third at Little Hempston is a fine bell by R. Norton, of Exeter, and the fourth (Exeter, pre-Reformation with black word stamps and a Maltese cross but not positively identified) compares very favourably with most modern tuning. The second and tenor of this minor five are by Stadler, of Chulmleigh, 1700. The treble was added in 1847. At East Teignmouth we were welcomed by Dr. Gent at the practice, run by Mr. William Simmonds, of Babba-combe. These bells are a complete Llewellin and James ring of 1897 and hang in an iron two-tier frame on Aggett's patent self-aligning plain bearings.

HEARD BY THE ARCHBISHOP!

It is interesting to note that part of the Croydon foundry's restoration at Highweek in 1935 was to recast the two trebles of 1919, along with the old third. The result is a first-class ring of eight, the back five being the old Pennington ring of 1781. light six at Bickington would have benefited, we think, had the treble been recast when they were tuned and rehung in a new iron frame by Taylors in 1960. The same work was done by Gilletts in 1947 at the next tower, Ilsington. Buckfastleigh bells came from Loughborough in 1935 and the Abbey bells arrived a few months later. Fr. Paulinus welcomed us to the Abbey on the occasion of the fortnightly practice. The top eight are rung usually, and Mr. Simmonds, whom we were privileged to meet for a second time. told us that ringers cannot hear the bells above the smallest whisper, so an atmosphere of strange silence prevails during ringing. We were allowed to pull the back bells up for the last few minutes in order to "grab" the 12. The Vicar of Holne greeted us with the news that Dr. Ramsey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was staying at the inn near the church and that he was "listening out" for us. A notice had been given out in church the previous Sunday at a service attended by the Primate announcing our forthcoming visit, and several parishioners braved the pouring rain to see and hear our efforts on this Gooding five of 1743. Evening ringing was at Ashburton, where the fourth is slightly cracked, and on the magnificent 1929 Croydon octave at Kingsteignton, where perhaps the best piece of the week was the raise in peal and the Devonshire competition touch.

Coffee at the lady churchwarden's home was thankfully accepted on the cold, wet morning (Thursday) at Broadhempston. At Dean Prior we met Mr. Aubrey Bennett, who was later to sell us a ticket to the car park at Buckfastleigh Station prior to an enjoyable run to Totnes on the Dart Valley Railway. Other towers that day included Churston Ferrers, having a very tuneful six with three interesting 15th century Exeter bells, and Brixham, where five foundries have contributed to the ten.

Bovey Tracey (Taylor's, 1902 or so) was the first tower on a sunny Friday, followed by the 1920 Gillett six at Lustleigh. At N. Bovey, Mears recast the fourth of the Bilbie five (1814) in 1872 and Warners added a treble 40 years later to make a musical six. The Vicar was most agreeable to our fitting in his other tower. Manaton, which contains the only two bells in the county by a bellfoundress, Joanna Hille, of London, who cast bells in the period 1440-1443 between her marriages to two bellfounder husbands, Richard Hille and John Sturdy. The rope guides at Moretonhampstead appear far too low and make ringing difficult on this "G and J" ring. Frustration was experienced also on the lovely Taylor (1914) octave at Chagford, hung by a local firm with their own frame and fittings. The tenor crown staple was found to be loose. causing the bell to be odd-struck. Gidleigh, with three 15th century Exeter bells, provided a change of tuning technique. back four are the top of a major five and the treble is a semitone above the second. A ring on the "Gilletted" Throwleigh bells

Proceedings ended with ringing on Saturday morning at Exminster and the fine Mears (1897!) eight at Axminster. It was a pity that before savouring these latter bells one of our party, David Hughes, should have suffered a car crash, but fortunately damage was only to the vehicles involved and there were no resultant injuries.

finished our trip to the north of the moor

and the day was rounded off, after a drive

to the southern end. at Widecombe (a

grand, hefty six) and Buckland.

Many thanks, Devon, for your usual welcome and hospitality, and particularly to incumbents, local bands and tower secretaries for permission to ring and arrangements made on our behalf.

D. M. H. and M. J. U.

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Bailey. — On Dec. 30, 1969, in hospital, Ernest Sydney, aged 87, formerly of Paradise Place, Leiston, Suffolk.

ENGAGEMENTS

Craven—Key.—The engagement is announced between Donald Niall, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Craven, of Hartlebury, and Pamela Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key, also of the parish of Hartlebury in Worcestershire.

Sparling—Cowan. — The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Sparling, of Birstall, Leicestershire, and Susan Cowan, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

williams—Collins. — The engagement is announced between Rosemary Frances, of Ledbury, Herefords, and Roy Kenneth, of Ledbury and St. Albans.

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EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

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Practice Shalford, Thurs., Jan. 22, 7.45 p.m. Ealing. Rutland and Spliced.—F. W. Housden.

Norwich Diocesan Association. -- Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Acle, Sat., Jan. 17 Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m.—N. C 8901

Norwich Diocesan Association. -- Eastern Branch.—Surprise practice, Gt. Yarmouth, on Wed., Jan. 21. Ringing from 7.15 p.m.—N

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Slapton, Jan. 17, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White, 8492

Sussex County Association. Southern Division.—Surprise practice, Thurs., Jan. 22, Southover, Lewes (10), 7.30-9 p.m. Visitors wel-

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.-Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Monmouth, Fri., Jan. 30. Bells 7-8,30 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire. 8477

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Nicholas, Jan. 17. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Telephone 051-652 5192 for free tea .- Martin, Branch Sec.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—The next quarterly meeting will be on Sat., Jan. 17, at Bulkington. Ringing 3 p.m. (after wedding). Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa. (Tel. Harbury 504.)

Derby Diocesan Association.—Ilkeston District.—Annual district meeting at Sawley, Sat., Jan. 17. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, Business meeting commences 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Marshall, 52 Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton. 8407

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting, Godmanchester, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) 2,30-4,30. Service and tea Godmanchester. Huntingdon All Saints' (6) and S. Mary's (8) available during evening.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8436

Ely Diocesan Association.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual general meeting, Walsoken, Jan. 17.
Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek. 8459

Essex Association.—N.E. District.—Annual general meeting, Ardleigh (8), Jan. 17. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Erith, Vinces Farm, Ardleigh. 8397

Essex Association. - Southern District. -A.G.M. Orsett (6), Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Blatch, 103 High Road, Orsett, Essex. All welcome.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Wotton-under-Edge Branch. - Meeting at Wickwar (6), Sat., Jan. 17, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1 Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.-Guildford District.—A.D.M., Jan. 17, Holy Trinity, Guild-ford. Bells 2.30. Names for tea essential to Miss Eloie, 109 Grange Road, Guildford.

Hertford County Association. — St. Albans District — Annual meeting at St. Peter's, St. Albans, January 17, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Abbey Institute. Abbey bells available 7 p.m. Names for tea essential to me at 23, Culver Road, St. Albans. — R. E. Hardy, Dis. Sec. 8232

Hertford County Association. — Bishop's Stortford District.—Annual general meeting at Bishop's Stortford, Jan. 17. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., and business meeting in Infants' School Council Room, Apton Road. Evening ringing at Bishop's Stortford and Thorley (6). Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85, Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. Tel.: 56043.—K. Westwood, 8447

Kent County Association.—Ashford District —Meeting at Appledore, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea. for those who notify Miss D. Cullen, South View. The Heath, Appledore (Tel. 314).—A. P. S. B. Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Shorne, on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. J. Beer, 14 Warren View, Shorne, Gravesend.—D. P. Leworthy. 8388
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.— West Lindsey Branch —Annual meeting, Guipsborough, Sat.

Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Sat.
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District.—Meeting, All Saints', Edmonton, on
Sat., Jan. 17. Beils from 3 p.m. Service 4.30
p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening
ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8429

Southwell Diocesan Guild. — Newark District.—A.G.M., Baiderton, Sat., Jan. 17. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 2 Bullpit Lane, Balderton. Please note change of venue.—D.J.T. 8435

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Meeting at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Sat., Jan. Stanord Archdeaconry Society,—Meeting at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Sat., Jan. 17. Committee meet in vestry 3 p.m. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.-4.25 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. R. Cotterill, 9 Grove Vale Avenue, Birmingham 22a. Tel. 021-327 2589.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association. Worcestershire and Districts Association,—
Northern Branch.— Quarterly meeting, St.
Thomas's, Stourbridge, on Sat., Jan. 17. Bells
(10) 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.15
p.m., followed by tea and business. Names
for tea, which are essential to avoid disappointment, to me.—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec.,
14 Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8325

Bath and Wells Association. - Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Jan. 24, Churchill. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, meeting and evening ringing, Congresbury. Tea for those who send names to M. Legg, Drove Farm, Locking, Weston-super-Mare.

Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.-Annual meeting, Dunstable, Jan. 24. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. H. Burrows, 253 Luton Road, Dunstable, Beds, by 22nd. 8476

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association (Southern District).—Joint meeting, Stockton, Jan. 24. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 ton, Jan. 24. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. p.m., followed by the business meeting and service. Names for tea to Mrs. E. P. Rock, Shipmeadow, Low Worsall, Yarm, Yorkshire. No name, no tea.

Derby Diocesan Association.—Peak District. —Annual meeting, Fairfield, Sat., Jan. 24.
Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting.
Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings
Road, Fairfield, Buxton. Further ringing in
evening until 8 p.m.—T. Wylie, Dis. Sec. 8478

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—South West Branch. — Annual meeting, St. Andrew, Plymouth, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by 19th, please.—R. A. Southwood, 11 Sydney Close, Plympton, Plymouth. Phone: Plymouth 36891.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Farnham District.—District A.G.M., Aldershot, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, 121 Roberts Road, Aldershot (Aldershot 21009), by previous Wednesday, please. S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John, Erith, on Jan. 24. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names ror tea to Mr. F. J. Cullum, 78 West Street, Frith by Wed Lan. 21 Erith, by Wed., Jan. 21.

Ladies' Guild.—South Wales District.—Annual district meeting. Jan. 24, Usk, Mon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Clench, Irwyn, Monmouth Road, Usk. Gentlemen welcome.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Hinckley District.
—Annual meeting, Barwell, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells
(8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names
for tea, please, to Mr. A. Hough, 6 Oxford
Street, Barwell, Leics, by Wednesday previous.
—C. M. Wells, Discuss Sec. 8482
Lincoln Discuss Guild. Southern Branch

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Southern Branch. Annual meeting, Grantham, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. A. Frith, 22 Redcliffe Road, Grantham, by Mon., Jan. 19.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec.

Oxford Diocesan Guild. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. —Branch committee meeting, Jan. 24, Chalfont St. Peter, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing 6 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by Jan. 21.—J. Muller, 14 Southwood Road, Cookham. 8490

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Nor.hampton Branch.—A.G.M. to be hed at Kingsthorpe, Northampton, on Sat., Jan. 24. Belis (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea. by Tuesday previous, to Mr. J. Payne, 67, Norton Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton (Tel. 36593). 8415

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Thomas, Salisbury, Jan. 24. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. Paul, 6.45–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24 West Street, Wilton, by Tues., Jan. 20.

Southwell Diocesan Guild. — Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Jan. 24, Mansfield. Bells available from 3 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14 Windsor Road, Mansfield, by Wed,, Jan. 21.—F. Cooke Dis. Sec. 8487

Suffolk Guild.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Framsden (8), Sat., Jan. 24. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting from 4.30 p.m., followed by Guild committee meeting. N.B.—Place of meeting changed. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket.

Surrey Association.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, Kingston, Sat., Jan. 24, East Molesey bells (8) 3-4 p.m. Tea at Kingston Methodist Church Hall in Fairfield 4.30. Kingston bells 5.30. Service 6 p.m., followed by meeting in church. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me, please, at 4 Shirley Church Road, Shirley, Croydon (Tel. 01-654 4915), by previous Wednesday.—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 8462

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Basingstoke District. — Annual general meeting, Basingstoke, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells (both towers) 2.30. Service (St. Michael's) 4.30. Tea (Church Cottage) 5.15. Number for tea, by Tues., Jan. 20, please, to J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke.

Bath and Wells Association. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wellington, on Sat., Jan. 31. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. H. Reed, 41 George Street, Taunton.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers. — Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting, All Saints, Babbacombe, Sat., Jan. 31. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Roberts, 84 Westhill Road, Torquay, by Jan. 28. 8471

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Special meeting for learners, Chester-le-Street, Sat., Jan. 31. Ringing confined to rounds. call-changes and Plain Bob. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. D. A. Bayles, 12 Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, by Wed., Jan. 28.—K. Arthur, ringing master.

Essex Association.—N.W. District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Sat., Jan. 31. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and ringing. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Scunthorpe, Jan. 31. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Finn, 30 High Dragonby, Scunthorpe, by Jan. 28. 8420

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1970 Annual Dinner

The 1970 Guild Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 25,

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C.D.G.-Wirral Branch.

22nd Annual Dinner-Dance Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton. Saturday, January 31.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING at WAKEFIELD

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Voting will take place on the important propositions on the alterations to the Rules.

Names (not just numbers) for tea to W. F. Moreton, 6 Bar Lane, Wakefield. by Tuesday, January 13.

Tea tickets will be sent to those who enclose a s.a.e. and given (at the Cathedral between 3.15 and 3.45 on 17th) to others who book.

Towers will be open as follows:
Darrington (6, vertical ladder), 10.30-11.30
All Saints, Pontefract (8), 11-12
Wragby (6), 12-1
Ossett (10), 2-3.30
Wakefield (12), 2-3.45 and in the evening
East Ardsley (8), 7-8.30
Crofton (6), 7-8.30
W. F. MORETON.

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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a meeting of the Northern Universities in the Manchester area on March 7.

Details will be available from: Hamish McNaughton, 9 Cedar Grove, Heaton Moor, Stockport, Cheshire. 8485

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Association.—S.E. District.—District Practice Great Baddow, Fri., Jan. 23, at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec.

AGM, Witton, Northwich, Jan. 31. Ring-Norwich, Vanes for tea (5 p.m.) to A. C. P. Pugh, Oakfield, Weaverham Road, Sandiway,

Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting Sat., Jan. 24, at All Saints Hertford (10). Bells 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5.15, followed by meeting. Evening ringing 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. I. Folov. 34 Burleigh Road, Hertford, by Fri., Jan. 23, latest.—P. S. 8914

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Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Peterborough (6), Sat., Jan. 31. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough, by previous Thursday.

LAST DRINK SAVED LIVES!

In connection with the old tower at Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincolnshire, a story is told to the effect that one Christmas Eve the ringers, for the purpose of taking some refreshments, left the bells standing and adjourned to a tavern that then stood opposite. One of their number, a little more thirsty than the rest, insisted that before going back to ring they should have another pitcher of ale, and this being at last agreed on by the company they duly stayed to drink the last draught. This extra mug of beer saved their lives, for while they were drinking the steeple fell. Whether this is a tippler's tale or a sober statement of a remarkable incident has not been verified.

From Peterborough Newsletter.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for January 12, 1945

Five firsts in the method (Grandsire Triples) were recorded for Terence Gardner treble, Jill Poole 2, Peter Staniforth 3, Norman G. McCrum 4 and Dennis Dodson 6. It was rung at Thurcaston, Leics.

At Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, Miss Marie R. Cross conducted her first tower bell peal (Bob Major) and in the band were the Rev. M. C. C. Melville and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Philip J. M. Gray rang his first peal (on the treble).

A handbell peal of Spliced Major which contained 21 methods with 50 changes of method was "the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal of Major." It was rung at Sittingbourne, Kent, by W. L. B. Leese, Betty Spice, John E. Spice and Jean A. Southearst.

Mr. Arthur W. Leeder (68), whose death was reported, had rung 57 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association, and Mr. James R. Mackman, whose passing was also recorded, requested the bells of Bramley (Surrey) be rung open in his memory.

Ringing in Cornwall was the subject of a letter from Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (one-time Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild). He defended and extolled the virtues of ringers and ringing in the West Country.

At Staplegrove, Taunton, Som, Douglas Fear and William Warren rang their first quarter of Stedman Doubles.

A meeting at Sutton-on-Trent was advertised for "all Notts ringers to discuss proposal to form Southwell Diocesan Guild."

50 YEARS AGO

January 16, 1920

College Major was rung for the first time to a peal at Deptford, Kent. It was composed and conducted by Edwin Barnett, sen., the 2nd being rung by his son, Edwin Barnett, jun.

The parish church of St. Mary, Hitcham, had a "miniature" ring of six installed, which were dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham; tenor 6 cwt.

The Oxford Guild was in a flourishing financial position with a total balance of £186 12s.

Thirty-five years after a similar peal St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, ringers rang Oxford T.B. Maximus.

The foreman in a Shropshire church claimed 4d. from a visiting ringing soldier for not removing his spurs. An old rule of 1744 set out on a large stone in the tower

"Or if you ring in spurr or hatt Fore pence you must pay for that."

A handbell peal in the master's parlour at the Abbot's Hospital, Guildford, conducted by A. H. Pulling, was rung there at the express wish of the master and his daughter.

Amendments notified:

R.W. p.973. Peal at Eardisland-delete footnote.

R.W. p.975. Hereward Bob Major contained 5,088 changes.

R.W. p.940. Add turning courses to Stedman Caters composition, viz.; (a) = 1, 4, 5, 6

(a) = 1. 4. 5. 6. (b) = 2. 9s. (c) = 2. 7s. 9s.

R.W. p.995. D. G. Clift's 100th of Surprise Major 44-The Ringing World-January 16, 1970

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

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HENDRY CHRISIMAS PEALS
All Sainis, Great Audington, Northants.
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2nrs, 50mins, (10 cwt.).
5040 SURPKISE MINOR (7 extents, 7 methods: York, Bourne, London, Welis, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet).
1—Rev. M. C. C. Melvilie
2—Alan A. Paul
3—Barrie Hendry

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3—Barrie Hendry
4—Shelagh R. Melville
5—Stantey M. Ruddlesden
6—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)

St. Peter, Lowick, Northants,
Tues, Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (13 cwt.).
5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR (7 extents in

28 methods).
1—Stanley M. Ruddlesden
2—Shirley E. Ruddlesden
3—Alan A. Paul
4—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)
5—Roger W. Smith 6-Barrie Hendry

The Nativity, Ringstead, Northants.

Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2nrs. 48mins. (12½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (720 each Single Oxford, St.
Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford
T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

1—Kilby M. Holtom
2—Shelagh R. Melville*

3—Rev. M. C. C. Melville

4—Christopher C. Stokes

5—Malco.m J. V. Chown

6—A. Patrick Cannon (Cond.)

*200th peal.

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St. Faith, Newton Longville, Bucks.
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (12 cwt.).
5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.
1—Shirley E. Ruddlesden
2—Diana M. Frost
3—Christopher C. Stokes

3—Christopher C. Stokes

5—Christopher C., Stokes
4—Barrie Hendry
5—Stanley M. Ruddlesden
6—Alan A. Paul
7—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)
8—A. Patrick Cannon

St. Michael, Stewkley, Bucks. ed., Dec. 31, 1969, 3hrs. 6mins. (101 cwt.). 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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Composed by Charles J, Sedgley. (No. 7.)
1—Alan A. Paul
2—Shirley E. Ruddlesden
3—Shelagh R. Melville
4—Stanley M. Ruddlesden
5—Barrie Hendry (Cond.)
6—Christopher C. Stokes
7—Graham C. Paul
8—A. Patrick Cannon

NON-ASSOCIATION St. Mary, Pulborough, Sussex.
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (13½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)
1—Janet E. Blake
2—Margaret S. Jenner
3—Philip R. Nelson*
4—Nicholas Pollock

5—Dale Barton
6—J. Roderick Lebon
7—R. Brian Walton (Cond.)
8—Stepnen Pocock*
*First peal. Wedding compliment to Trevor
Clay and Judith Allen. (c)

COMPOSITIONS 1 260 FRIN TRIPIES

By D. J. ROBERTS						
123456	1	4	6			
152463	S	S	S			
125436 162435	S	S	S			
126453	S	S	3			
652431	S		S			

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St. Andrew Farnham Surrey

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St. Andrew, Farnham, Surrey

THE ANCIENT town of Farnham, Surrey, stands astride the northern arm of the River Wey and the busy A31 trunk road. The town has, in turn, been an important corn market, a centre of the hop growing industry and, later, Farnham gravel was famous for its road making qualities and was used all over the South of England. William Cobbett, whose tomb stands close by the north door of the church, records that Farnham hops fetched double the price of other hops in the 1820s. Farnham's brewery, alas, is now a factory, making doors, but the old Maltings have just been saved for the town.

St. Andrew's Parish Church stands in the centre of the town, but the fine square tower is one of the most conspicuous landmarks to travellers along the bypass. Parts of the church date from the early 12th century, but most of the early building has been lost by alterations and additions over the years.

The lower stages of the tower date from the first quarter of the 16th century, being the work of Bishop Fox, of Winchester, who resided at the Castle, where he also built another fine tower. Thus two of Bishop Fox's towers face each other across the rooftops of the town. The link between the castle and the church was for centuries very close, the castle being the seat of the Bishop of Winchester, and later and until recent years of Guildford.

In 1865 the tower was raised 50 feet, at a cost of £1,600. Much abuse has been showered on Victorian "improvers" but there can be no doubt that on this occasion they were right, and gave Farnham one of the finest towers in Surrey.

In 1723 Farnham's church tower had a ring of eight bells, by Richard Phelps, of London, with a tenor of about 21 cwt.

EARLY PEALS

The first peal was rung in 1730, in 3 hours 5 minutes. We only know it was "Tripples." Union Triples was rung in 1738 and the first peal of Major (Plain Bob) in 1755; a peal of Grandsire Triples in 1785 and 6,160 Bob Major in 3 hours 46 minutes in 1787. In 1805 a peal of 6,736 Bob Major in 4 hours 22 minutes was rung and seems to be the longest peal on the bells. In the same year, on October 21st, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to celebrate the "Glorious Victory at Cape Trafalgar."

The bells seem to have required some attention after this period. The fifth was recast by T. Mears in 1820, the tenor by T. Mears in 1830 and the sixth in 1869. In 1882 the bells were raised to the top of the tower at a cost of £305! It is perhaps a little unfortunate that they were hung so high, as it causes the tower to sway, which

can affect the ringing.

From the 1880s Farnham boasted a very capable band of ringers. A number of peals are recorded and include many members of the local band. Ringing for the first part of the 20th century was under the leadership of Charles Edwards, a competent and enthusiastic conductor, and whose peats are recorded in many neighbouring towers. The brothers Tom and George Upshall were also prominent in ringing and they too rang many peals in most of the local towers, some being the "first on the bells."

Richard Hasted was the next conductor, and under his leadership in the 1930s the band rang local peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Major, this last being 5,152 and was composed by R. Hasted.

In the years which followed the last war Farnham was again lucky to have a leader in the person of Charles Denyer, who had moved to Farnham from Aldershot. This was the time of National Service and many young Service ringers stationed in Aldershot and Bordon found their way to St. Andrew's, and it is interesting to note that a surprisingly large number of those young soldiers are now "household names" in the columns of the R.W.

The accent then, as now, was very much on teaching, and many of the young ringers taught at Farnham have become officers of Guilds in many areas.

A great church restoration in 1959 was planned, and the ring of bells had become odd-struck and at least two were cracked. It was decided during restoration to recast the eight with a tenor of 19 instead of 21 cwt. The work was carried out by John Taylor and Co. and on December 8, 1959, the bells were rededicated and a peal of Kent T.B. Major was rung, conducted by Charles Denyer.

INSCRIPTIONS

The inscriptions now on the bells read:
Treble.—Recast by Mears and Stainbank,
London 1906. So will I alway sing praise
unto Thy Name: that I may daily perform
my vows. H. W. L. O'Rorke, Rector. W.
T. Coleman, E. Kempson, A. H. Stevens,
G. Elphick, Churchwardens. (Taylor Foundry tablet.) Recast 1959 at the cost of their
families in memory of W. W. Williams, A.
L. Stedman.

2nd.—Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London. Laus Deo. Cast 1723, recast 1896. In memory of G. H. Barnett. Foreman of Ringers, 1870–1895. C. H. Simpkinson, M.A., Rector. William Thomas Coleman, Edgar Kempson, Samuel George Sloman, William Wells, Churchwardens. (Taylor Foundry tablet.) Recast 1959 at the cost of the Surrey Iron Company.

3rd. — Richard Phelps made me 1723. (Taylor Foundry shield.) Recast 1959 at the cost of "The Herald" Newspaper.

4th. — Richard Phelps made me 1723. (Taylor Foundry shield.) Recast 1959 at the cost of H. C. Patrick, Ltd.

5th.—T. Mears of London, Fecit 1820. (Taylor Foundry shield.) Recast 1959 at the cost of William Kingham and Sons, Ltd.

6th. — Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1869. (Taylor Foundry shield.) Recast 1959 at the cost of Mercari, Ltd.

7th.—Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London, 1890. Recast at the cost of George Trimmer. Philip Hoste, Rector. Esdaile Wyatt, Ebenezer Aylwin, Sidney Longhurst, William Wells, Churchwardens. (Taylor Foundry shield.) Recast 1959 at the cost of Taylor and Anderson, Ltd.

Tenor.—T. Mears of London, Fecit 1830. Revd, Henry Warren, Vicar. John Knight, George Miller, Thos. Falkner, Richd. Crump, Churchwardens 1830. This ring of eight bells recast Loughborough 1959 as part of general restoration of Parish Church. Hedley R. Wilds, Rector. H. C. Patrick, B. H. Ogbourn, W. R. Wilkinson, H. Beeken, Churchwardens. C. W. Denyer, Captain of Tower. Laus Deo. In memoriam Lt. A. C. P. Casper, R.M., killed in action 1945. Given by his father, Lt.-Col. E. H. Casper.

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To date just over 100 peals have been rung in the tower, the most recent being Grandsire Triples on November 29, 1969, by a local band. One old record reads:—

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Jan. 16th, 1888

Reeves' variation of Holt's 10-Part Peal of
Grandsire Triples 5040 changes
in 3 hours and 4 minutes
E. JORDAN G. H. BARNETT
G. WILLIAMS W. L. CHABERLAIN
D. JORDAN A. WHITE
REV. H. A. SPYERS E. CLAPSHAW
Conductor G. Williams,
Believed the first for the Guild.

St. Andrew's, Farnham, has been fortunate with a succession of loyal ringers who have served the tower for long periods. The present steeplekeeper, Sidney Meadows, learned in 1924, and this, combined with a policy of training a steady flow of learners, has helped to produce a blend of youth and experience, and these two ingredients ROY COLLINS.

FARNHAM TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Fair Virtue's up!—Old Time's the

Auctioneer

A lot, so lovely, can't be bought too dear.
Her ways are pleasant and her paths are even;

A sure conductress to the joys of Heaven. Be hence advised—advance, 'ere it's too late;

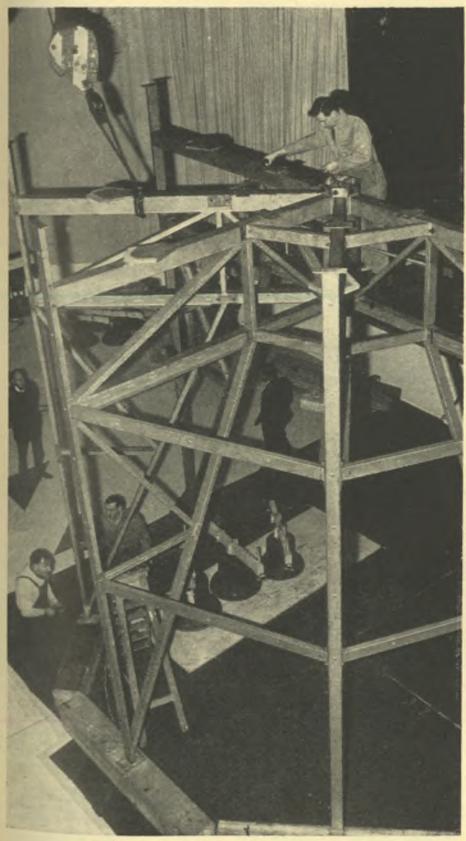
Time will not dwell—the hammer will not wait!

(On the tombstone of Henry Allen, auctioneer, Farnham, 1783.)

Skilled in the mystery of the pleasing peal Which few can know, and fewer still reveal, Whether with little bells, or bell sublime, To split a moment to the truth of time, Time, often truly beat, at length o'ercame, Yet shall this tribute long preserve his name. (On the tombstone to Francis Ellis, a Farnham ringer, 1796.)

COLLEGE YOUTHS SCORE A "MAGPIE"

By W. T. COOK



ERECTING THE "EXPO BELFRY" IN THE TV STUDIO

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31. The old year is going out in piercing cold, with flurries of snow. In the morning half-light I make my way to the station and eventually reach Waterloo, where the train for Teddington which should have left 20 minutes ago is still patiently waiting at a platform quite different from the one advertised. I board it, and presently it moves off unconcernedly.

I sit back and reflect why I am making this journey. There seems to be very little to go on. It appears that the producer of a Thames Television programme called Magpie (of which I confess I had not previously heard) has decided to feature bell-ringing in his programme. I have heard vaguely from Tony Kench, Master of the College Youths, that the producer has arranged through the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to have the Expo Belfry erected in the studio, and that the College Youths have been asked to demonstrate ringing on it. The only other thing I know is that we are supposed to be at the Thames TV studios at Teddington at 10.30 and will probably be there till six in the evening. This seems a long time, but I suppose someone knows what it's all about. There has also been a rumour that we will be sharing the programme with some elephants.

I leave Teddington Station and, following the directions I have been given, walk with hunched shoulders through the driving snow. The studios seem a long way from the station. When I arrive I state what I understand to be my business to a bored-looking girl at the reception desk. She seems unimpressed, but at that moment a young man in a pink jacket and green trousers appears and tells me to go to Studio 2.

ELEPHANTS (NOT PINK ONES!)

Hesitantly, I open an improbably heavy door and go in. I find myself in a vast barn-like structure, innocent of windows. As a good bellringer the first thing I notice is the Expo Belfry, which the men from the foundry have erected the day before in one corner of the studio. They are there now, putting the finishing touches to it. Half the floor is littered with huge cameras mounted on wheels, monitor screens and boom microphones. There are perhaps a couple of dozen people around, playing desultorily with this equipment, some of them wearing headphones.

Presently a huge door at the far side of the studio is slid back and three elephants walk in. They are grey, not pink, so I assume that all is well. An argument appears to develop between the men in charge of the elephants and the studio personnel as to why they are there or what is wanted of them. Meanwhile other ringers begin to arrive. The bell foundry men are still putting ropes on the bells and tightening nuts.

The young man in the pink jacket comes over to us and invites us to wait in the press room opposite. Here there are comfortable chairs, a battery of telephones and a radiator which soon makes the room oppressively warm. Eventually, about 11 o'clock, the whole band has assembled—Tony Kench, Andrew Stubbs, Michael Moreton, Jim Prior, George Pipe who has brought George Symonds from Ipswich, Philip and Andrew Corby, an 11-year-old ringer from King's Langley named Richard Barker, and myself. We sit around, exchanging the usual ringers' gossip, and wait

Continued overleaf

"MAGPIE"-continued

for something to happen. Nothing does, so we order coffee, which is soon produced.

We are then invited to return to the studio, where we find that an elephant has chewed one of the sallies, but otherwise the belfry is now ready. Powerful arc-lamps hang from the ceiling and it soon becomes quite warm in the studio. We ring the bells up and ring rounds on them. Because of their light weight we are somewhat apprehensive at first but soon find that they are quite easy to ring. The noise is almost deafening, although Andrew Stubbs on the treble does not seem to be ringing as loudly as the rest of us. Ropes are adjusted and we start our first rehearsal. In spite of appearances, someone does know roughly what is expected to happen. We are told to ring for one minute, after which some of the ringers will be interviewed. So we ring rounds for one minute. A TV personality, called Tony Bastable, then walks into the circle and practises the interviews with George Symonds, who tells how he rang for Queen Victoria's jubilee in 1887, with young Richard Barker and with Tony Kench, who tries to explain in as short a time as possible how a bell is rung and lets Tony Bastable "have a go." We are then asked to ring for two more minutes, so we ring a bob course of Stedman Triples. While all this has been going on cameras have been manœuvring around us and arclamps have been moving from place to place across the ceiling.

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Other pieces of the programme are rehearsed. Apparently no one has a script and the whole proceedings are inchoate. We go through our routine again. Halfway through the interview Tony Bastable is interrupted by a man wearing headphones who has been having an argument by walkie-talkie with an invisible interlocutor. The upshot of the altercation is that the interview is far too long. So the explanation of how a bell works is jettisoned—no one has been asked to explain why bells are rung, or when—and Tony Bastable's lesson No. 1 in bell control is still further reduced.

We ring our course of Stedman Triples again, and the man with the walkie-talkie decrees that it is time for lunch. A young girl with a large notepad inquires what we have been ringing and who wrote it. I tell her it was written by Fabian Stedman and was first published in 1677. She makes a careful note of this and informs us that there will probably be no difficulty about copyright!

Armed with vouchers for lunch, we follow the young man in the pink jacket through an unlikely sequence of modern workshops, crumbling 17th century buildings and car parks to the staff canteen, which overlooks Teddington Weir. George Pipe swallows a hasty lunch and dashes off back to Ipswich, but the rest of us take things more slowly and feed well—though there is no means of obtaining the beverage with which College Youths usually accompany their lunches.

DRESS REHEARSAL

We return to the press room and after a further period of waiting we go back to Studio 2 for another rehearsal. This time the whole programme is rehearsed in its correct sequence, and we can see that there is some shape to it after all. We discover that the elephants are being put through their paces by another TV personality called Pete Brady. His remark that the elephants can do some wonderful things provokes an unfortunate reaction from one of the elephants. We go through our routine again, this time with a certain amount of confidence. Everyone seems reasonably satisfied and we return to the press room for a further period of waiting. Tea is demanded and produced.

During this interval we go along to the make-up room to have our faces powdered. Douglas Hughes arrives and makes suitably facetious comments about our appearances. Soon it is time for the dress rehearsal. In one corner of the press room there is a TV monitor screen, and we watch the first part of the dress rehearsal on this. For the first time we discover what the rest of the programme is supposed to be about, although obviously things are not always going as they should. In the interval reserved for the commercials (the dress rehearsal is run in accordance with the final timing schedule) we return once more to the studio and wait for our cue to begin. We go through the now-familiar routine, except that various things go wrong and the ringing is very bad, which makes us despondent. The foundry men make some last-minute adjustments to the bells.

RINGING QUITE GOOD

Another interval, more tea, another wait in the press room. This time it is the real The programme, as it is to be seen by the public tomorrow, appears on the monitor screen. This time all the snags have been ironed out and everything goes smoothly. We go into the studio for the last time, take our places at the ropes and wait quietly for our cue. The signal to start is given. In spite of the fact that we are now familiar with the bells and with what is going to happen there is a general feeling of slight tension among the band; we are now actually doing the ringing on which we will be judged by other ringers watching the programme tomorrow; there can be no retake. Tony Kench calls "Stand"; the interviews proceed (not quite as well as during rehearsal), Tony Bastable has his lesson No. 1 on bell control for the fifth time and—for the first time, without delay—we catch hold for our bob course of Stedman Triples. This time, fortunately, the ringing is quite good. We set the bells at the end of the touch with a feeling of relief and satisfaction. We lower the bells, say our farewells, wash the powder off our faces and prepare, with perhaps a sense of anticlimax, to leave the strange world of television and return to the everyday world.

Outside it is very cold and dark. We make our way to the Angler's Arms to refresh and congratulate ourselves, and to spare a thought for the foundry men who have to get the Expo Belfry dismantled and out of the studio that same evening. The year is dying in the night, but at least we have ended the year with an unusual and in some ways an exhilarating experience.

REDEDICATION AT CHINNOR

The Bishop of Reading rededicated the bells of St. Andrew's Parish Church, Chinnor, Oxford, on November 23. The church was full, the congregation—including several visiting ringers who joined in the ringingfollowing the service.

After six years with no ringing a local band has been re-formed, practices having been held at Great Kimble since January, 1969. We are pleased to record that two quarter peals have been rung by this local

The ringing chamber at Chinnor has been decorated by the ringers and transformed from a forgotten storeroom to a clean, bright and comfortable ringing room. fitting of an extra floor between the ringing chamber and the bells has eliminated excess sound, and sound control was needed in the louvres as a housing estate has recently been built very near to the church.

There is a short draught at Chinnor and some difficulty was experienced with rope handling, especially during wet weather when the ropes were stiff. However, following a visit by Mr. Paul Taylor, some extra work was done to correct the fault, and we are pleased to say that the trouble has been eliminated. The bells go very well and are now easy to handle.

The two trebles have been recast and the other bells retuned. All are hung on cast iron headstocks, with self-aligning ball bearings. The oldest bell, the tenor, is by Knights, of Reading, circa 1586, and 3, 4 and 5 are 17th century bells, also by Knights. The tenor weighs 10-0-20, note G.

Visitors are always welcome on our practice night which is Friday, 7.30-8.45 p.m. G. N. H.

RAVING RINGERS' REUNION

We were met at St. Mary's, Guildford, by Mr. Tom White at 8 p.m. on January 2, and our hotel for the weekend was at Newlands Corner. Here we spent Saturday evening reminiscing, particularly on the tour in Scotland.

Saturday's ringing included some very pleasant and well-chosen towers, requiring little effort to find. These were West Clandon (8), Shalford (8) and Godalming (8) in the morning and Wonersh (8), Cranleigh (8), Ewhurst (8) and Albury (6) in the after-

Ringing on Sunday morning was at Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas', Guildford. Following lunch we drove to Aldershot and Farnham, concluding our weekend's ringing at Guildford Cathedral, a belfry not ideally suited to the icy weather conditions.

Thanks must be given for the excellent organisation, which had to combat influenza. G. M. B.

FINANCIAL HELP NEEDED

St. Peter's Church, Ipsley, stands high above the new town of Redditch, in which it is soon to become enveloped. It was rebuilt from an earlier chapel in the 14th century and, ironically, the aisles, which were removed during a severe restoration.

The three bells would have been rehung when the tower was restored about ten years ago, but the amount of money available was insufficient and the scheme was dropped. The bells were left lying on their sides on the bell chamber floor. The treble was cast in Worcester about 1420 and is a "Royal head" bell, bearing the heads of King Edward III and his queen, Philippa (as word stops) and the inscription: + DVM TONAT HOC SIGNVM PRECE PELLE ROBERTE MALIGNVM. The other two bells were cast by John Martin, of Worcester, in 1664.

They are now to be rehung in a new steel frame for six bells with, if financially possible, three new bells to complete a ring of six. They have been taken away to Loughborough for retuning. The bell fund, at present, has only enough money to cover the cost of rehanging the three bells in 2 new frame, and donations, large or small. towards the cost of rehanging and augmenting these bells will be most gratefully received by the rector: Rev. F. G. Foreman, Ipsley Rectory, Ipsley, Worcs. C. J. P.

Obituary

MRS. EVA SHARPE

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends has been extended to Mr. Frederick Sharpe in the death of his mother, Mrs. Eva Sharpe, on January 3. She was admitted to hospital on December 19 and three days later fell and fractured her femur. This was certified as one of the causes of her death.

Mrs. Sharpe, who was 86 years of age, was the widow of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who died in 1929. He was churchwarden at Launton and Fred succeeded him. Mrs. Sharpe was a great church worker, being enrolling member of the Mothers' Union for over 40 years and a member of the P.C.C. since its formation. For 54 years she was responsible for the flower decoration of the Lady Chapel in Launton Church, Oxon. Older generations of ringers will remember her for her great hospitality; her friendship with the Exercise had prevailed even before Fred married.

Mrs. Sharpe lived at Church Cottage, Launton, with her daughter, Miss Marjorie Sharpe. who looked after her in latter years.

MR. F. J. WILLIAMS

A very popular chairman of the Melton Mowbray District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild for eight years. Mr. Frederick John Williams. of Eaton, died in Carlton Hayes Hospital on December 31, at the age of 69. He was employed as chauffeur by Lady Paynter and was a very active village worker. He was also for a short period secretary of the Framland Association. He had rung three peals for the guild.

The funeral service, which preceded interment in the cemetery, was conducted in Denys Church, Eaton, by Rev. J. J. A. Hodgins, and Mrs. Williams' grand-daughter was at the organ. Members of tramland ringers attended and the bells were rung half-muffled by Messrs, J. T. W. Morris, Clayton, Turner, R. Hazlewood, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cooke and Miss A. Cooke.

J. H. C.

STILL RAGING

It must always be embarrassing to be could after 25 years but amusing to find that the controversy about peal ringers still ges. writes Mr. P. A. Corby. "I haven't changed my views since 25 years ago, although I would happily widen the description of ringing enthusiasts to that used by Philip Gray in a recent document in which he refers to the specialist peal or touring band." In short, the people who are interested enough to get themselves out and about are usually found to be more reliable in attendance at their own tower and more use when they get there."

CROSSWORD No. 16—SOLUTION

1 Handcuff. 5 Border, 9 Not Stands, 12 Strap. 13 Enactment, 14 Stich in time, 18 Probationers. 21 Imperfect, 23 House, 24 Toured, 25 Uncovers, 26 Dodger, 27 Asserted.

Pown. 1 Honest, 2 Nature, 3 Cleopatra, 4 Fastest times, 6 Octet. 7 Do no evil, 8 Rosettes, 11 Bathing tents. 15 North Pole, 16 Sprinted. 17 Compound, 19 Purest, 20 Teased 22 Reeve.

from Mr. J. Ralph, Dry Lane. Gillingham, Dorset. who receives the 10s. prize.

HANDBELLS AT SERVICE

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild took place at Bradford-on-Avon on January 3.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., under the direction of ringing master Reg Jones, of Longbridge Deverill. At the service Rev. B. Strangeways welcomed the ringers and spoke of the varied talents of a ringer. During the service handbells were rung by Messrs. F. Slatford, N. G. Knee, E. C. Shepherd and E. E. Norris. Mr. V. Burchell presided at the organ and the lessons read by members of the local band.

Between 30 and 40, including visitors from Chiseldon and Box, sat down to a tea, provided in the Youth Centre by local ringers and friends, and was greatly enjoyed.

ringers and friends, and was greatly enjoyed. The chair was taken by Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Melksham (branch chairman) with Mr. G. D. Davis, of Bradford-on-Avon, as secretary. Mr. G. H. Harding, of Trowbridge, was congratulated on 60 years' service as a ringer and was applauded. The accounts were adopted unanimously and it was decided to carry on with the collections at monthly services as this had helped churches as well as branch funds. Thanks were extended to the secretary/treasurer and auditor.

Officers elected were: Chairman, C. F. Andrews (Melksham); vice-chairman, A. T. Weeks (Devizes): secretary, G. D. Davis (Bradford-on-Avon): treasurer, A. T. Weeks (Devizes): ringing masters. R. Jones (Longbridge Deverill). N. G. Knee (Warminster) and R. Purnell (Melksham): auditor. J. Weeks (Devizes). Messrs. E. J. Hitchins (Melksham) and E. C. Shepherd (Warminster) were re-elected to the branch committee.

Over 20 new members were elected, those present receiving Central Council hand-hooks from the chairman. After discussion, it was decided to leave the nature of the monthly instructional period to the branch committee. The striking competition was discussed. Mr. Purnell asking for more support from tower captains, and it was decided to hold the competition in October in the evening, arrangements to be made by branch committee.

Rev. R. N. Longridge was put forward to the guild committee as a recommendation for the office of guild president from the Devizes Branch.

Ringing continued until the failure of the lighting system prematurely ended the proceedings.

N. G. K.

PEMBROKE RINGER MARRIED

The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Pembroke, on January 5, of Miss Susan Stevens and Pilot Officer Kenneth Deveson, B.Sc., R.A.F.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a Victorian-style gown of nylon lace, trimmed with crystal satin, and a bouffant veil held in place by a lace-trimmed Alice band. The flower girl was three-years-old Helen Hodges, who looked sweet in a sapphire blue velvet dress with white lace bonnet. Helen's mother was also formerly a local ringer.

Susan is now teaching at Winterton Comprehensive School, Lincolnshire, where she still manages an occasional ring, although at the local tower practices are held only once every three weeks.

After the wedding a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung by past and present pupils of Pembroke Grammar School, which both Ken and Sue had attended and where they became head boy and girl respectively before leaving school to embark on their careers.

NINE TOWERS REPRESENTED

The quarterly meeting of St. David's Guild was held at Haverfordwest on Dec. 13. Members attended from Burry Port, Cardigan. Carmarthen, Haverfordwest, Llanbadarn Fawr. Pembroke, St. David's, St. Florence and Tenby. The standard of striking on the rather heavy-going. anti-clockwise ring proved much better than had been anticipated.

The service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar of Haverfordwest. Canon Ll. J. Davies. At the short business meeting which followed it was decided to accept the suggestion made by the Swansea and Brecon Guild that we should once again combine for our March quarterly meeting, which will be held on the second Saturday at Llanelli, if available.

B. M. R.

"TOWER GRABBERS" OF 1969

Will those who rang in 100 or more new towers during 1969 please send to Miss Penelope J. Thorley, of School House, Laxfield. Woodbridge. Suffolk, the following information: Name and home tower, number of new towers in 1969 and grand total of towers. The closing date is February 13.

OVER 200 MEMBERS

The A.G.M. of the Bath Branch of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, Bath. on January 3. Ringing, under the direction of the ringing master. Mr. J. Owen began promptly at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m. At the service the rector. Rev. G. Holden, welcomed members and commented on the improvement in the singing. The lesson was read by the secretary of the branch. Mr. Alan Lee, and the address was given by the rector of Shepton Mallet, Rev. L. A. B. White, who is a ringer.

The customary solendid tea in the Church Hall was provided by the ladies and the business meeting was under the chairmanship of Mr. G. J. Hawkins, 70 members being present. The secretary announced that the membership had now passed the 700 mark. "To reach this target has always been one of my aims," he said, "and I am

pleased that I can announce it in this my last report." A hearty and sincere vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Alan Lee. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. G. J. Hawkins: vice-chairman, Mr. L. Taylor: ringing master. Mr. P. Devrell: deputy ringing master. Mr. D. J. Orledge: hon. secretary/treasurer. Mr. A. Adams. New members were elected from Keynsham, Bathwick (St. Mary's), Twerton-on-Avon, Bathampton, Batheaston and Bath Abbey.

The quarterly meetings were provisionally arranged: April. Weston; July. Keynsham: October. Bathwick. The Corporate Communion in November will be at Marksbury.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Alan Lee. The meeting ended with prayers, with special reference to the late Mrs. Dora Evans, for so long a faithful member of the branch. Ringing was continued at the Abbey, under the direction of Mr. Peter Devrell, until 9 p.m. A. A.

Letters

MINSTEAD BELLS, HAMPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the information contained in Mr. Cobb's letter (R.W., page 1006) regarding previous per-formances on the bells and their state in

The bells are still in quite good condition despite many years of neglect. The rector has no recollections of any ringing during his incumbency from 1963 and at the present time the bells are chimed for services by an elderly gentleman with no ringing experience. The wooden headstocks and frame show signs of woodworm but the ropes are very sound.

The performance for which I was responsible awakened some interest in the village. many people thinking the tower was unsafe because of the many years since the bells were last rung. An architect examined the tower several weeks ago and pronounced it safe for ringing. An estimate is to be sought as to the cost of augmenting to five.

Regrettably, the memorial plaques to Sir Arthur and Lady Conan Doyle (buried in the churchyard) are still in a dilapidated state, propping up the wall of the chamber between the bells and the ringing chamber as they were in 1961.—Yours faithfully,

BARRY J. FRY.

Brockenhurst, Hants.

GRANDSIRE SIXTEEN

Dear Sir,-I was interested in the letter from Mr. E. Barnett (page 6, Jan. 9) and his references to "a man named Powell from Waltham Abbey who had rung a course of Grandsire Sixteen." This would almost certainly have been Thomas C. Powell, son of the famous Birmingham ringer Joseph Powell and a highly-proficient handbell ringer.

Thomas Powell rang his first peal (Stedman Triples) on January 31, 1847, at Aston. and in the following April another peal in the same method at Deritend, both conducted by Henry Johnson. The next year he rang in the then record peal of 7,392 Stedman Cinques before moving to London in 1850, where his prowess as a handbell ringer soon became apparent. On December 19, 1853, he rang 3-4 to the first peal of Stedman Triples in hand, and in June. 1854, again rang 3-4 to the first peal of Holt's Original on handbells.

About 1857 he accepted an appointment Waltham Abbey, where he teamed up with Thomas Britten and the brothers Carr to maintain a high standard of ringing in this town. When Britten retired as proprietor of the Three Tuns Inn it was Powell who succeeded him, and many handbell evenings were spent at this hostelry during the 1870s and 1880s. The first peal for the newly-formed Essex Association was rung at Waltham Abbey on August 2, 1879, conducted by Thomas Powell, and it was at the Three Tuns that William A. Alps conducted the first handbell peal by four Essex

A rift eventually occurred between Powell and the local ringers, and he resigned his appointment as belfry warden. later moving from Waltham Abbev to become landlord of the Hollybush at Loughton.

I trust this will be of interest to Mr. Barnett and give some confirmation of his father's remark.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. G. ROAST.

STEDMAN CINQUES

Dear Sir, — I have looked up Matthew Wood's peal books and the particulars of the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques referred to by Mr. E. Barnett (Letters, page 6) are as follows:-

The St. James' Society.-On Friday, February 10th, 1854, was rung on handbells re-tained in hand at the Whittington Hat, Church Row, Bethnal Green, 5,014 Stedman Cinques in 3 hours and 28 minutes, being the first ever rung. Performers: H. Haley 1-2, J. Cox 3-4, G. Ferris 5-6, M. A. Wood 7-8, W. Cooter 9-10, J. Dwight 11-12. Conducted by H. Haley.

Whether Mr. Powell was associated with the peal we are not told, but it is clear that he was not in the band.—Yours faithfully, W. G. W.

DIAL IIII

Dear Sir, I noticed on the cover of the R.W. No. 3062 (for Dec. 26 and Jan. 2) that the picture of St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, Middlesex, showed the clock face with the hour "4" marked "IV," which in Roman numerals is correct. However, on most clocks (and watches!) the "4" is shown as "IIII."

I have only actually seen two public clocks marked "IV," one at Brewood, in Staffordshire, and one at Christ Church, Crewe, Cheshire (the latter being my home tower).

I wonder if any of your readers have noticed any others? If so, perhaps someone could enlighten me why the majority are marked "IIII."—Yours faithfully,
JOHN HOLLOWAY.

Crewe, Cheshire.

HOBBY OR DUTY

Dear Sir. - Peal ringing is basically a hobby, Sunday service ringing is a duty. Successful peals, in common with any other successful enterprise undertaken for the love of it, make good items of news: the weekby-week attendance for duty on the part of Sunday service bands passes unreported, as is generally the case with duties regularly performed.

The popularity of peals and their interest as news items inevitably causes the R.W. to carry a very high proportion of items relating to peals, peal bands, peal tours and the like, a proportion which has prompted Mr. Marsh to write the letter published in the issue of December 12.

Every thinking ringer knows that it is not ultimately by peal ringing that the Exercise stands or falls, that peal ringing forms only a part of its activities. How to reflect this fact in the R.W. is the problem

Yours faithfully. ELIZABETH M. BARBER.

St. Albans, Herts. (Miss Barber made suggestions which are already "in hand" - tower pictures. See R.W., page 3.--Ed.)

NOT KNOWN

Dear Sir, - After extensive enquiries in the Redhill area I have been unable to discover a ringer called Edward Marsh. I believe that this may be a nom de plume of a well-known contributor to these columns.

I would be pleased to hear that Mr. Marsh indeed exists, but unfortunately I feel this is unlikely. I heartily deplore hoax letters of this type as they lower the tone of an otherwise excellent publication.-Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM REYNOLDS.

Redhill, Surrey.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Dear Sir,-I should like to draw attention to the following omissions:-

Page 967, column 2.—The name of P. G. Smart from the list of those greeted by the President

Page 987, column 3, (A) 7.—The words "to any ringer" after "given."

It is not as clear as I would have liked

that the last two paragraphs of column 2 on page 988 are not connected with "The Technical Committees."—Yours faithfully, VERNON BOTTOMLEY,

Secretary,

Northowram, Halifax.

Dear Sir,-I write to point out that the Central Council Minutes as printed in The Ringing World, Dec. 26, 1969, and Jan. 2, 1970, page 1007, are incorrect.

The motion which was proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. J. D. Clarke did not urge consultation with the Council for the Care of Churches to vary policy on the recasting of bells, but read as follows:-

"That this Council through its Tower and Belfries Committee seeks early consultation with the Council for the Care of Churches and the Principal Bell Founders, to revise and bring up to date their agreed policy on Bells and Bell Frames, with particular regard to (a) the recasting of bells and (b) the position of bells in Churches which are, or are about to become redundant or closed."

As you will appreciate there is a considerable difference between the words and "revise and bring up to date."

In view of the considerable amount of discussion that has taken place on this subject since the last Central Council meeting. may I ask all of those who have an interest in this side of the Exercise to contact me before the next meeting, please. - Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON, Hon. General Secretary Southwell Diocesan Guild.

St. Quens. Whatton, Nottingham, NG13 9EQ.

RUNG WITHOUT PERMISSION?

Dear Sir,-It was brought to my attention that the five bells at Alvescot were rung recently. These bells, whilst not completely unringable, are considered to be in a dangerous condition. The point I wish to make, however, is that they were rung some time around midnight on the night of Sunday, December 21, and Monday, December The incumbent did not give permission for the bells to be rung, and he was quite surprised wher. I contacted him regarding the matter. However, the churchwarden at Alvescot, who heard the ringing, although surprised thought the ringers must have been "experts" as he considered the ringing to be good. In fact this churchwarden felt that no harm had been done.

It is very doubtful whether the identity of these "experts" will be revealed. Fortunately, there was not an accident. But there might well have been. This irresponsible action has more than likely harmed the public's attitude to ringers. - Yours faithfully,

Woodstock, Oxford.

E. R. VENN.

"The whole world's queer-save thee and

And even thee's a little queer . . .

Chelmsford, Essex.

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LLANDYSSUL BELLS REDEDICATED

Over 12 months ago the parish of Llandyssul in Cardiganshire set itself the mammoth task of raising £10,000 to overhaul and make safe the church tower and to put its four bells in ringing condition.
Thanks to the generosity of Miss Sadie

Hodgson, a new treble was added to the ring, and on December 21 at a service conducted by the vicar (Rev. I. D. John), the Lord Bishop of St. David's (Dr. J. Richards Richards) dedicated the ring of five.

There was a sorrowful note to the service because of the death, a few months before the dedication, of Miss Hodgson.

The original four, a complete ring by Thomas Rudhall, has the new treble added, cast by Taylors, of Loughborough. The bells and inscriptions are as follows:-

Treble. This bell was given by Sadie Hodgson to the glory of God and in loving memory of her dear parents, William and Anne Hodgson, Beechwood, Llandyssul. Easter 1969. Vicar I. D. John. Churchwardens: E. Griffiths, W. Lorez Laber Teels: fiths, W. Jones. John Taylor and Co., Bellfounders, Loughborough.

2nd.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood 1777.

3rd. - Fear God Honour the King 1777. - Thos. Rudhall Glocester Founder

Tenor.-Come at my Call, Serve God all 1777.

Details of Llandyssul bells may be found in Mr. F. Sharpe's excellent book The Church Bells of Cardiganshire.

The ring, which has been hung in a new metal frame, is the third ringable in Car-

diganshire

Representatives of the St. David's Diocesan Guild and the University of Wales Society were present at the service and rang during the service, and afterwards the bells were rung to various Doubles methods.

A. F. W.

NOTTS UNIVERSITY IN DERBYSHIRE

The number of ringers estimated, usually, for our end-of-term outing is in the region of 15, and this tempts the organiser to hire a 15-seater minibus. On the other hand, should the estimated number be exceeded chaos would ensue, and so the wise organiser orders a small coach. Come the end of term at least one person is ill, one has gone home early, one pretends he had never been told of the outing and has made some other arrangements, and so on. Now there are 10 or 12 of us and, on the day, a 42-seater coach arrives, and there we are, scattered over a vast coach.

I thought I wouldn't be so stupid as to let the same thing happen again, and so I managed to be a driver insured for the

University minibus.

Never, since I've been at Nottingham, have we had 20 ringers on our outing!

of our ringers who own cars "volun-teered" to help out, and these car-loads to help out, and these car-loads were the only ones to get to the first two towers at Clay Cross and Ashover on December 6: the minibus key I had collected the day before was not the right one! I didn't manage to acquire the right key until mid-morning, and we finally joined the others at Bakewell, the third tower. Here the ringing was not up to the standard of the bells. After lunch we went northwards to Castleton, where the length of the ropes

TIME FOR ACTION

"Northamptonian" contributes the following to the Peterborough Guild Newsletter. I sit writing this having just returned from a Northampton Branch week-night practice at St. Giles' Church, Northampton, . rather to commiserate on the fact that only five ringers turned up! And one of those was a visitor from another branch. Many bitter thoughts swept over my mind. A panorama of ringers' faces passed before my eyes . . . where were they all? Glowing speeches from past A.G.M.s rang hollow in my ears . . . had everyone forgotten what was said?

"But then what does one say about such a state of affairs? Here we have a branch of 170 members, the centre of which is a town. The town centre has one 10-bell tower and four eights, and within four miles of the centre are three 6-bell towers, one five and another eight. Yet an official branch-sponsored practice dies slowly for lack of support. It has no rival practice.

"One could accept the situation joyfully, I suppose, if thriving practices were held in the other town towers but, with the exception of Kingsthorpe on the outskirts, none could be called that. All Saints' are the only local band practising in the town centre. St. Peter's Church doesn't have a band, Holy Sepulchre's never practise, and one is forced to wonder when these bells are ever allowed to be rung! Which leaves St. Giles', with the fortnightly 'branch' practices—now on the skids for lack of support.

"It seems to me that the ringers of Northampton and district are not interested in supporting week-night ringing ventures outside their own home towers. The attitude is fair enough I suppose, but gosh, I do hope they can maintain their band without

one day needing outside help!
"My thoughts finally turned to despair despair of ever seeing a strong local ringing band at St. Giles' and St. Peter's without some regular practice being established in these towers—despair for the future of the bells in Northampton. I wonder what the future holds for the bells of such towers as St. Giles' and St. Peter's? Sold off to pay for the mounting repair bills to the church buildings? One could hardly blame the church authorities, if the bells are never

"Gosh, I must go to St. Giles' next Thurs-day; perhaps it will buck up a bit!

'NORTHAMPTONIAN'."

EIGHT LADY RINGERS

Emmanuel, Southport, ringers are proud of the fact that the New Year was rung in by a band of eight ladies. After minutes of very creditable ringing, After five male members took over and, helped by some of the ladies, achieved Bristol and Stedman. The good standard of striking is attributed to the generous hospitality of the Guy family before the ringing. A fortunate tower indeed!

made handling somewhat difficult; but this was not the case at Baslow (a light six). The last tower of the day, after tea in Mat-lock, was at Wirksworth (a first-class ring of eight).

Thanks to the incumbents and local ringers who permitted us to ring and who, in many cases, kindly met us at their churches.

P. N. M.

TWO HANDBELL TEAMS IN ONE SCHOOL.

Ecclesfield Comprehensive School, near Sheffield, with about 1,750 pupils and 95 staff, has two sets of handbells—those of the former Grammar School and Hunshelf Secondary Modern School—the schools having been amalgamated. The Grammar School (now known as Mr. Mitchell's team) has a recently-overhauled set of 163 bells which formerly belonged to the renowned Ecclesfield Village Ringers. The others, now known as the Hunshelf Ringers, organised by Mr. M. King, have an older set, which until October, 1969 (still a theory), belonged to the Ecclesfield Village team. These bells were presented to the school last October on the understanding that the school took full responsibility for their upkeep. This responsibility has been met by the Hunshelf Ringers raising an average of £35 a year for the past five years for the bells' future overhaul and maintenance. Thus the school has now in its possession a five chromatic octave set of 61 bells plus two small bells. Ecclesfield is probably the only school to possess a full set of bells.

Announcements of the School's new property were made by the headmaster at the first two of the end-of-term concerts. Among tunes rung was an arrangement of Darke's "In the bleak mid-winter" and Tchaikovsky's "Waltz of the Flowers." The teams have also rung at two old folks' Christmas parties.

Last autumn term, for the first time, regular weekly practices have been held on tower bells at Ecclesfield Parish Church. Steady progress at these practices resulted in a fair standard of rounds and callchanges for the school's three carol services. Next term it is hoped to start change-

MENTALLY HANDICAPPED BENEFITED

The Wadhurst Handbell Ringers had another successful Christmas, playing round the streets on five evenings. After our subscriptions to the County Association and putting £24 into the belfry fund (for new handbells), £15 was given to mentally handicapped children.

Only three old hands were available to start practising and the ten recruits seemed very slow. During the last two practices, however, they suddenly improved and we found we could have two teams. The problem was where to borrow another set of bells! Ernie Ladd's bells were already booked; the Vicar of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells; would not let his set go out of the tower; Albert Relfe had given his set to Lamberhurst Church; but after three phone calls we located some at the captain's house.

Saturday, 20th, saw the writer sitting on the floor with 28 bells, trying to produce two sets in a certain order, but found he could only get one set of nine (instead of the usual 12) in the key of F and another of eight in the key of B, with an odd bell to change it to F sharp, on which only five tunes could be played; but the music was hastily rewritten for the evening. By next Christmas we hope to acquire five small bells, which will give two sets of 12, on which can be played over 20 tunes.

Quarter Peals

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 15, 1,260 P.B. Minor: Sheila M. Welland (first quarter) 1, G. M. Soul 2, R. Weeks 3, A. R. Bentley 4, P. A. Butler 5, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 6, Also on Dec. 10, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 1, G. M. Soul 2, P. A. Butler 3, A. R. Bentley 4, R. Weeks 5, S. J. Coleman (first quarter) 6.

OVERION, HANTS.—On Nov. 19, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: M. R. Hutcheson 1, G. M. Soul 2, H J. Payne 3, Angela R. Wells 4, A. R. Bentley 5, P. A. Butler 6, R. Weeks 7, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2 and 5.

ROMSEY, HANIS.—On Dec. 6, 1,280 P.B. Major: Sheila M. Holland 1, G. M. Soul 2, A. R. Bentley 3, P. A. Butler 4, 1. H. Trueman 5, P. J. Forder 6, J. U. Chesman 7, R. Weeks (cond.) 8. (c)

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET. — On Dec. 19 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): D, B, Ellery t, Judith A, Robertson 2, P. R. Board 3, M. J. Hiller 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 30, 1,260 Boo Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, S. Flatman 2, T. G. Boast 3, A. Foreman 4, D. Boast (cond.) 5. For St. Andrew's Day.

SOUTHSEA, HANIS.—On Dec. 11, at 77 Gains Road, 1,296 Minimus (four methods): G. R. Lovelock (first quarter) 1-2, W. Willans (cond., first in hand) 3-4. Also on Dec. 13, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. Lovelock 1-2, W. Willans (cond.) 3-4, M. Eales (urst quarter) 5-6. From the Society of New Forest Youths, to the memory of Robert Roan, who gave the Exercise its "best and most ingenious peal."

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Dec. 27, 1,440 Plain Boo Minor: Julie Barnes 1, Jean F. West (first inside) 2, R. W. Balls 3, Jean Sanderson 4, M. R. Kitson 5, R. I. West (cond.) 6. A farewell to Rev. David Caton, leaving Stapleford. (c)

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 15, 1,344 Pl. Bob Major: W. Munson 1, W. Brown 2, W. Lawrence 3, M. Searle 4, P. Rumley 5, D. Taplin 6, L. Cooper 7, D. Gullick (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 7. For induction of Rev. J. S. Scott (lately priest-in-charge) to the benefice of Collingham, Yorks. (c)

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Dec. 20, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Cambridge, Norwich): J. Orme 1, A. Harris 2, G. Horritt 3, D. Gullick (cond.) 4, S. Gullick 5, M. Orme 6.

SWANSEA, GLAM. — At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 15, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Moore 1, Elizabeth Way 2, Gillian Armstrong 3, P. Mainwaring 4 J. T. Williams (cond.) 5. To celebrate the raising of Swansea to city status. (c)

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 7, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. J. Hayward (first on ten) 1, Mrs. P. Wilton 2, V. R. Ballard 3, Mrs. E. Jaques 4, E. Sutton (cond.) 5, P. Tombs 6, M. A. Sutton 7, M. J. Stanley 8, M. A. New 9, L. F. Cobb 10, 118th anniversary of dedication of Christ Church Also on Nov. 9, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. W. T. Daniell 1, L. F. Cobb 2, V. R. Ballard (first Stedman Caters) 3, B. Bladon 4, Mrs. P. Wilton 5, P. Tombs 6, M. A. New 7, M. J. Stanley 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, M. A. Sutton 10. For Remembrance Sunday, Also in December, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hayward 1, Mrs. P. Wilton 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, M. Sutton 4, R. W. Everall 5, M. J. Stanley (cond.) 6.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sat., Dec. 13, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. S. Butler (first Triples) 1, A. G. Newman 2, P. J. Day 3, Miss C. D. Tebbot 4, F. Carter 5, Miss L. C. Slater 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, D. Jones 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Ben Dalton, aged 93 years. (6)

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss A. Walters 1, R. Wilsher 2, Miss J. Digby 3, A. Sears 4, D. Harris 5, A. Walters (first quarter) 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. (c)

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 17, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: P. Glazebrook 1, D. Hutley 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, T. Camp 4.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Dec. 28, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Stillman (first Surprise) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, D. J. Barnett 3, Kay Whittaker 4, R. L. Coles (cond.) 5, A. F. Lee 6. For united carol service with the local Baptist and Methodist churches.

WALKLEY, Sheffield, YORKS.—On Dec. 13, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anthea Cryer (first quarter) 1, R. Heicher 2, R. Padbury 3, J. F. S. Eborall 4, J. D Cooper (cond.) 5, J. D. Staley 6,

WARWICK.—At St Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 20, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Caroline Mackie 1, Pam Sturdy 2 Elizabeth Mackie 3, Clare F. Dolphin 4, E. J. Gower 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6, P. H. Mackie (cond.) 7, L. Mackie 8. (c)

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Dec. 22, 1,440 P.B. Minor: C. C. Dilnot 1, Miss J. Steed 2, Miss C. A. Steed 3, Miss D. E. Austin 4, M. Ostier 5, D. L. Cawley (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Stanley A Wooding, a member of the local band, who died suddenly two days previously.

WHITLESFORD, CAMBS,—On Dec. 19, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. York-Moore (first quarter) 1, F. Harper 2, P. Hurworth 3, M. Kemp 4, J. Sanderson 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6. (c)

WIGGENHALL, NORFULK.—On Dec. 21, 1,260
Minor (720 Cambridge 540 Plain Bob); P. J.
Gagen I, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, D. P.
Gagen 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6

(cond.) 6

(c)

WILLESDEN, MIDDX.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Bob Minor: Carol Adams 1, Valerie E. Ware 2, Elsie Lankester 3, C. E. Lankester 4, C. R. Bird 5, E. H Kilby (cond.) 6, B. Adams (covering) 7, (Q.

HALF PEAL

HALIFAX, YORKS.— At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Dec. 6, 2,520 Cambridge Surprise Royal:
J. P. Ottaway 1, A. Pattie Clapham 2, Gillian R. Cleaver 3, C. Forster (cond.) 4, Rosamund M. Brown 5, J. G. Rose 6, M. G. Dodson 7, J. J. Durham 8, P. J. Crossthwaite 9, R. A. Beresford 10, First half peal by all. (c)

DATE TOUCH

YAXLEY, HUNTS.— On Jan. 2, 1,970 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. W. Gadd I, M. R. Spencer 2, J. R. Charlton 3, W. J. Riley 4, J. M. Tyler 5. Conducting shared by ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Jan. 1, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Hale 1, Frances Craig 2, Peta Lloyd (first quarter) 3, Heather L. Rouse 4, T. A. Palmer 5, T. R. Jones 6, A. G. Keen (cond.) 7, M. H. Rouse 8, With 1 and 3 leading. A welcome to

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 7, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. P. Burton 1, Sharon McGonigle (first Minor inside) 2. Cynthia Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, R. Riley 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6 Also on Dec. 7, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: R. Riley 1, J. L. Humphreys (2, Daphne Appleby 3, Cynthia Humphreys (11, T.B.) 4, N. R. White 5, J. P. Burton 6. First quarter of T.B. by local band. Also on Dec. 20, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwyneth Dorrall 1, Diana White 2, Sharon McGonigle 3, Rosemary White 4, R. Riley (first as cond.) 5, M. Allery 6. For the Biafra appeal. Also on Dec. 24, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Sylvia Langford (first Minor) 1, Cynthia Humphreys 2, R. Riley 3, E. Hough 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, J. P. Burton 6, For Midnight Communion. (c)

AXBRIDGE, SOM.—On Dec. 19, 1,260 Grandaire
Doubles: V. Criddle 1, Yvonne Criddle 2, Marjorie
Legg (cond.) 3, A. Peters 4, S. Bendle 5, H. Button 6.
For Christmas.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Diane Pobjoy (first quarter) 1, Susan Williams 2, B. McBurnie 3, D. Pobjoy 4, Sara Cornock 5, G. Clark 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 4. For the christening of Ralph David Edward Pobjoy; also for Youth Service. (c)

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Jan 1, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Peters 1, T. Hughes 2, Ruth Woodman 3, M. Baldry 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. To greet a new decade. (c)

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 27, 1,269
Doubles (six m/v): Anna Tobias I, T. J. Frodsham 2,
Linda V. Cull 3, R. Le Marechal 4, J. P. Colliss
(cond.) 5, A. L. Guille 6, Also on Dec. 28, 1,260
Plain Bob Minor: A. L. Guille 1, R. Le Marechal 2,
Linda V. Cull 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, M. J. Tbomas 5,
J. P. Colliss (cond.) 6. Both as 21st birthday compliment to Linda V, Cull. (c)

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, P. E. Corderoy 2, A. H. Webb 3, E. J. Grace 4, Claude Corderoy 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Half-muffled before the funeral service of Morris E. Caudwell, life member of Oxford Guild, who died on December 12, aged 95. (c)

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Dec. 24, 1,344 Grandsire Triptes, Janice Gudge 1, R. Haines 2, Helen Haines 3, R. Williamson 4, D. B. Ellery 5, 1. L. Andrews 6, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8. For Christmas.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob, on Dec. 11, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Heather Kippin 1, G. W. Land (cond.) 2, Elisabeth Bowden 3, R. J. Bowden 4, A. J. Bishop (first Major) 5, D. A. Powney 6, B. Martin 7, R. C. Kippin 8. (c)

BURGHCLERE, BERKS.—On Dec. 28, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Goss 1, M. Goss 2, G. K. Dodd 3, W. Furniss 4, P. L. Furniss (first as cond.) 5.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Barker 1, Susan Lloyd 2, M. Barrett 3, R. D. Baker 4, A. Guthrie (first Triples inside) 5, D. K. Knowles 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, E. J. Borley 8, An engagement compliment to 2.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Davidson 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A. P. Smith 3, A. Locke 4, W. R. Curtis 5, F. M. Bowers 6, Canon A. S. Roberts (cond.) 7, T. J. Bell 8, For 21st anniversary of formation of the parish. (c)

CAWTHORNE, Barnsley, YORKS.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Bagshaw (first quarter) 1, N. Crossland 2, D. Burkinshaw 3, D. Schofield 4, P. Charlesworth 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. For the National World Poverty appeal. (c)

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 12, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Hancock 1, P. Dyc 2, Eunice A. Lewis 3, W. Johnson 4, W. Rich 5, J. A. Beaumont 6, W. J. Irving 7, F. Lewis (cond.) 8. Also on Dec. 19, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judy Brough 1, Ruth Money 2, Mrs. Eve Hodgson 3, P. Dyc 4, K. Johnson 5, R. Hancock (first Triples inside) 6, W. Rich (cond.) 7, H. Eccott 8.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 20, 1,264 Double Norwich C.B. Major; Vera Beil 1, R. Wetenhall 2, N. M. Newby 3, G. Tembey 4, S. Richardson 5, A. Capstick 6, K. M. Price 7, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 8.

COMBE FLOREY, SOM. — On Dec. 28, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. C. Cross 1, M. R. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, T. Hancock 4, M. A. Arscott 5, A. Cross 6.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 16, 1,260 Grandsite Triples: Christine Murray 1, I. J., M. Saunders 2, E. W. Roast 3, L. Ainger 4, P. J. Came 5, T. Spurgeon 6, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 7, E. G. Roast 8. For wedding of Yvonne A. Murray and J. L. Towler; aiso birthday compliment to L. Ainger, Also on Dec. 14, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Susan Spurgeon (urst Treble Bob) 1, Mary Roast 2, T. Spurgeon 3, Yvonne Towler 4, P. J. Came 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6, E. G. Roast 7, J. L. Towler 8, A 100th birthday compliment to Mr. S. Everett. (c)

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Beaven (first quarter) 1, R. W. Bridges 2, F. Bailey 3, W. Beaven 4, J. S. Wecks (cond.) 5. Saxton 6. For Confirmation, and 14th birthday of treble ringer. On Dec. 21, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Beaven 1, R. W. Bridges 2, F. Bailey 3, J. S. Wecks (cond.) 4, J. Saxton 5, W. Beaven 6. For carol service.

DITCHEAT, SOM.—On Dec. 10, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Wainwright (first Major) 1, Glenda Becket 2, E. J. Chivers 3, J. D. Tarrant 4, R. G. Beck 5, P. H. D. Jones (cond.) 6, R. E. Beck 7, A. P. Beck 8, (c)

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Nov. 30, 1,250 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Critchley (cond.) 1, Sheila Bruce 2, W. Johnson 3, H. Wagstaff 4, J. McCluskey 5, P. Bruce 6, R. Smith 7, E. Padgett 8. For dedication of the tower floodlighting by the Bishop of Sheffield. Also on Dec. 28, 1,250 Spliced Rutland, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Joyce J. Barton 1, E. J. Padgett 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Wagstaff 4, F. Reed 5, J R. Whitham 6, S. W. Barton 7, R. A. Smith 8. (c)

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Dec 28, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Edwards 1, Carole Francis 2, Jacquie Hedges 3, Beryl Platt 4, Teresa Langdon 5, Margaret Twigg 6, H. Howson 7, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 8. A compliment to Rev. D. St. J. Chadwick on his ordination in St. Paul's Cathedral. (c)

ELTHAM, KENTs-1,260 Bob Minor: R. Boyce 1, Mrs. E. J. Coode 2, F. Hurrell 3, K. Small 4, E. J. Coode 5, G. Clarke (cond.) 6, T. Hall 7. For Midnight Mass. (c)

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On Jan. 2, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Dixon I, M. F. Davidson (first quarter, aged 11) 2, W. J. Davidson 3, K. Arthur (cond.) 4, T. Sewell 5, E. N. Harrison 6. (c)

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On Dec. 21, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: M. Taylor 1, J. Dickinson 2, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 3, R. Moore 4, Rev. C. Gillhespey (first quarter inside) 5, G. Smart (first quarter) 6. Also on Dec. 28, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Hill 1, J. Dickinson 2, R. Moore 3, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 4. Rev. C. Gillhespey (first quarter in method) 5, G. Smart 6.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—On Nov. 23. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Cynthia Barnett 1, L. Atton 2, Mrs. Jennings 3, J. A. Ellis 4, J. C. Hudson 5, G. W.

Reynolds (cond.) 6.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 6, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Ann Sessford (first Minor) 1. D. Ramsay (first Minor) 2, Janet Percy (cond) 3, Betty Percy 4 G. Beeney 5, T. Barlow 6. Birthday compliment to 1.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Dec. 31 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. E. D. Kelly 1, I. Be^{ij} (first quarter) 2, Stephanie Boyles 3, D. J. Kelly 4, Judith J. Gilbert 5, J. E. Turley 6, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 7, C. Rusby 8. (c)

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Nov. 23, 1,344 Bob Major: E. G. Venton (first Major) 1, F. Bowden 2, B. L. J. Toms (first Major) 3, Mrs. E. W. Struckett 4, Mrs. K. Bowden 5, T. J. Wellan 6, H. Gauntlett 7, D. W. Struckett (cond.) 8,

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. D. Piper (aged 11) 1, Caroline West and Jaqueline Collins (both aged 11) 2, Marion Kemp 3, E. Baker 4, E. West 5, A. H. Kemp 6, S. G. Waters 7, S. P. Piper 8, Rung with treble leading. (c)

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Cambridge Royal: C. Venn 1, Patricia A. Palmer 2, J. Hill (cond.) 3. D. C. Brown 4, R. K. Russ 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, M. W. Seymour 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, M. I. Palmer 9, D. Hilling 10. Also on Dec. 20, 1,260 Stedman Triples (half-muffled): A. R. G. Twinn I. J. Walters 2, C. Venn 3, R. K. Russ 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, J. Hill (cond.) 6, M. J. Palmer 7, P. Venn 8. For the Archbishon's Blafra appeal, Also on Dec. 28, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Claudia A. Critchley 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, Ruby M. Myllys 3, Patricia A. Palmer 4, C. Venn 5, J. Walters 6, G. W. Critchley 7, R. K. Russ 8, M. J. Palmer 9, W. H. Coles 10, After carols by candlelight service.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOM.—On Dec. 30, 1.312 Solleed Surprise Major: J. J. Durham 1, Elizabeth J. Campbell 2, A. Pattle Clapham 3, L. F. Palmer 4, G. J. Jones 5, M. G. Dodson 6, R. A. Beresford 7, C. Forster (cond.) 8, First Spliced Surprise 2, 4, (c)

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 28, 1,264
Plain B. Major: Pamela A. Middleton 1, Jacqueline A.
Pickett (first Major Inside) 2, P. D. Hepburn 3, J. N.
Lambert 4, D. Kirkcaldy (first Major Inside) 5, B. J.
Harfield 6, J. R. Norris 7, J. Kirkcaldy (first as cond.) 8. For Holy Innocents' Day.

HUTTON, ESSEX. — On Dec. 20 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. J Tyler-Maggs 1, J. Wailett 2, C. 1111 3, W. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. A compil-

INGESTRE. STAFFS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Illedee 1. Cynthia Humphreys 2. J. P. Burton 3. R. Riley 4. J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5. P. Lemson 6. For Christmas Eve service. (c)

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—On Dec. 30, 1,260
Plain Bob Minor: A. L. Guille 1, Linda V. Cull 2,
J. Frodsham 3, I. M. McCallion 4, R. Le Marchal 5, I P Colliss 6, Jointly conducted 5 and 6, (c)
LIOMINSTER, HEREFORDS.—At the Priory, on Dec. 29, 1,601 Grandsire Caters Mrs. V. M. Edge 1,
A. Hatcher 2, L. Evans 3, A. T. Wingate 4, M
Powell 5, N. R. Mattingley 6, F. R. Harris 7, J.
8, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 9, J. Hope
10, After the wedding of J. F. I. Turney and Miss Savager.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 27, 1,260
Doubles (five m/v): Anna Tobias 1, T. J. Frodsham
2 % Le Marechal (cond.) 3, Linda V. Cuil 4, J. P.
Collie 5 A Guille 6, 21st birthday compliment
Linda V. Cuil (c)

Mariorie Legg (cond.) 1 Jane Markham 2.

National Legg 4, Vonne Criddle 5, V.

6. For early Communion.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Dec. 7, 1,320 Stamford and Wearmouth S. Minor: A Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 24, same band, 1,320 Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise T.B. Minor. Before the first Eucharist of Christmas.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 28, 1,288 York-shire Surprise Major: R. Williamson 1, Angela Quick 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, M. Hiller 5, P. Stevens 6, F. G. Knight 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8, For service of Nine Lessons and Carols. (c)

MAISEMORE, GLOS.—On Nov. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. Barry 1, R. Dale 2, R. Hazell 3, L. Edwards 4, A. Paton 5, T. Bailey (cond.) 6, First on the bells since rehanging. (c)

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Carpenter (first quarter) 1, R. East 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. For the blessing of the Christmas Crib.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 27, 1,264
Plain Bob Major: P. Goodwin 1, Gina Carter (first
Major inside) 2, A. Ballam 3, B. Whiting 4, M.
Brown 5, H. Fuller 6, R. Palmer (cond.) 7, A. Barber
8. First Major 1 and 5.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS,—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rose Sharpe 1, Harriett Platten 2, M. Soper 3, Valerie Maynard 4, C. Ward 5, F. Head 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, J. Platten 8. Also on Dec. 31, 1,260 Plain Bob Maior: Rose Sharpe 1, Valerie Maynard 2, A. Price 3, R. Taylor 4, J. Platten 5, F. P. Mead 6, T. Pink 7, C. Ward (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4. First in method by an all-Monken Hadley band. (c)

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 21, 1.260 Doubles (two methods): K. C. Wood 1, B. G. Burton (cond.) 2, C. W. Sams 3, W. H. Aley 4, R. G. Seymour 5, A. J. Peacock 6, Half-muffled in memoriam W. C. Mansfield, for many years a local church ringer. (c)

NETHERTON, WORCS.—On Dec 24, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Margaret Masefield (first quarter) 1, Margaret Eisel 2, J. C. Eisel (cond.) 3, J. Masefield 4, J. Durham 5, B. MacNicol (first quarter) 6, By local band for Midnight Communion.

NORTHAW, HERTS. — On Dec. 28, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: J. Carter 1, N. Clarke 2, A. Ellis 3, Jfill Carter 4, R. Ellis 5, B. Greenwood (cond.) 6, For opening of Village Hall.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 29, 1,320
St. Nicholas Doubles: A. L. Guille 1, R. Le Marechal
2, Linda V. Cuil 3, I. M. McCaillon 4, J. P. Colliss
(cond.) 5. Anna Toblas (first as cover) 6. First in
method for all.

NUNBURNHOLME, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Minor (540 Spliced St. Clement's and Little Bob, 720 Plain Bob): P. Carpenter 1, D. Smith 2, R. East 3, I. Peacock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First in three methods 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

THREE QUARTERS IN A DAY Saturday, December 20

PACKINGTON, LEICS.—1.260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Frances A. Pegg 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2. Bridget Chritchlow 3, D. L. Alderton 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 6, First in method by all.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At St. Michael's, Greenhill, 1.260 Minor (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. N. Scholes (cond.) 1. Bridget Chritchlow 2, Frances A. Pegg 3, D. L. Alderton 4, A. F. Hall 5, C. J. Mobbs 6.

ELFORD, STAFFS.—1.296 Cambridge S. Minor: Bridget Chritchlow (first Surprise) 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, D. L. Alderton (first Surprise) 3, R. N. Scholes 4, A. F. Hall 5, C. J. Mobbs (first Surprise as cond.) 6.

PATRINGTON, E. YORKS. — On Dec. 27, 1,344
Bob Maior: R. East 1, Wendy Atkinson 2, D. Smith
3, P. Church 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, J. Atkinson 6, N.
Chaddock (cond.) 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8, Pirst by

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 4, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: 1, Ladner 1, Diane Carter 2, J. J. George 3 W. R. Curtis 4, M. Bowers (cond.) 5,

T. Milward 6. Also on Dec. 11, M. Bowers (cond.)
1, Diane Carter 2, J. J. George 3, J. Taysom 4, W.
R. Curtis 5.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 20, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, G. Kenward 2, W. Wood 3, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 4, F. J. Cheal 5, N. Jackson 6. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis. (c)

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 4, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: Elizabeth J. Campbell 1, Josephine A. Brown 2, R. Threadgold 3, G. J. Jones 4, P. G. Brown 5, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

ROPLEY, HANTS. — On Dec. 26, 1,260 Doubles (eight meth./var.): Catherine Law 1, Mary White 2, Lesley Tremeer 3, A. Reeves 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 20, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. C. Holland 1, Elizabeth Forster 2, Joyce M, Clarke 3, R. W. Darvill 4, Frances Dodds 5, K. J. Darvill 6, J. D. Duggan 7, C. Forster (cond.) 8, Rung half-muffled for Biafra appeal. (c)

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on Dec. 29, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Smith 1, P. J. Evans 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, M. J. Orman 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, L. Roberts 6, F. Leech 7, Crum 8 A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Cedit Hatfield (c)

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 21, 1.260 Stedman Triples: Ann M. Smith 1, Preda Cannon 2, M. J. Bangham 3, J. R. Pratt 4, C. F. Mew 5, C. M. Meyer 6, M. J. Uphili (cond.) 7, J. Pladdys 8. For Advent Ordination.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Lawrence (first on eight) 1, Betty Christopher 2, Christine Baldock 3, H. Farkner 4, D. R. Fuller 5, W. Damer (first Triples as cond.) 6, A. Baldock 7, E. Twell Smith 8. For carol service. SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 23, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Wilson (first quarter) 1, Violet Ballard 2, P. Minchm 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. Everall 5, M. Stanley (cond.) 6. (c)

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Dec. 24. 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: S. Heaven (first on eight) 1, C. J. Bell 2, Miss J. E. Bell 3, P. C. Coward 4, S. Poole 5, S. K. Williamson 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. For Christmas.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Dec. 31, 1,287 Grandsire Triples: G. Jackson 1, Miss P. Sturdy 2, E. G. Mould 3, C. J. Bell 4, S. Poole 5, S. K. Williamson 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8, Halfmuffled in memoriam Augustus Thurston, verger at

Thornbury for 33 years,
TIRLEY, GLOS, — On Dec. 20, 1,260 Grandsire
Doubles: C. E. Tustin 1, E. T. Newbury (cond.) 2,
J. Dean 3, W. Barnfield 4, H. B. Schofield 5, D. E.
Deakins 6. Half-muffled after the funeral service of

Harry S. Ball, a Tirley ringer for over 50 years. (c)
TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Pl.
Bob Minor: Catherine E. Willers 1, Monica J. Griffiths 2, Jean Sanderson 3, M. R. Kitson 4, R. I.
West 5, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 6, In memory of Tom
Pearce, grandfather of ringer of 4.

WALKDEN, LANCS.—On Dec. 14, 1,344 Lanca-

WALKDEN, LANCS.—On Dec 14, 1,344 Lancashire Surprise Major: T. Hobson I, C. Crossthwaire 2, D. McCormick 3, R. Barnes 4, J Illingworth 5, J. Ashcroft 6, J. Andrews 7, G. Fothergill (cond.) 8, (c)

WANLIP, LETCS.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. H. Sunderland 1, C. J. Mobbs (cond.) 2, Bridget Chritchlow 3, G. A. Barber 4, R. S. Moore 5, Gillian Smith 6. Also on Dec. 25, 1,269 Pl. Bob Minor: J. H. Sunderland 1, Bridget Chritchlow 2, J. C. Allen 3, R. S. Moore 4, G. A. Barber 5, C. J. Mobbs (cond.) 6 Both by members of Birstall Sunday service band.

WENDRON, CORNWALL. — On Dec. 6, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Claudia A. Critchley 1, A. Carveth 2, T. B. Howarth 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, J. C. Wearne 6. For induction of Rev. K. W. Bannister as vicar.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Dec. 31, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. York Moore (first Doubles) 1. Shella Hinton 2, L. J. York Moore 3, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 4, I. G. Hinton 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. (c)

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL
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Peals

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YOUTHS

St. Peter's Cathedral, York.

Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 58mins, (59½ cwt.).

5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Composed by C. W. Roberts.

1—Tudor P. Edwards
2—G. William Critchley
3—George W. Pipe
4—Rev. Giles C. Galley
5—John S. Mason
6—George E. Thoday
7—Cecil W. Pipe
8—Rodney B. Meadows
9—Kenneth J. Hesketh
10—Ralph G. Edwards
11—Clifford A. Barron
12—Wilfred Williams (Cond.)

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION St. Giles, Bradford-on-Tone, Somerset.

Mon., Nov. 11, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (17½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (6 methods, 1 each Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.G., Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, 2 Plain Bob).

1—Mervyn R. Arsott
2—Brenda M. Bindon
3—Ann M. Durbin*

4—Arthur H. Reed 5—Mervyn A Arscott 6—Raymond F. Arscott (Cond.) *Most Minor methods.

The Blessed Virgin Mary and Holy Trinity, West Buckland, Somerset. Thurs., Nov. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 51mins. (14 cwt.). 5040 DOUBLES (2 Stedman. 8 Grandsire, 16 Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob).

Rev. Canterbury and Frain

1—Jane Shepherd

2—Ann M. Durbin*

3—Royston Shepherd

4—Adrian F. Arscott

5—Mervyn A. Arscott (Cond.)

6—John Medway

*First of Doubles

St. Michael and All Angels, Twerton-on-Avon,
Bath, Somerset,
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins, (13½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1—Michael J. Hawkins*

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2—Kay Whittaker

3—Alan F. Lee (Cond.)†

4—Christopher J. Stillman*

5—Ian P. Cox

6—Robin L. Coles

*First of Minor. †200th peal, rung with five

pupils, and completes the circle for the second

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Mary. Maulden, Bedfordshire.
Wed., Dec. 24, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins. (103 cwt.).
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 640 Bristol, 320 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire. Lincolnshire, Pudsev, 129 changes of method).
Composed by R. F. B. Speed.
1—Anthony H. Smith
2—Kathleen A. Marriott*
3—Avril Ivin BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

2—Ka'hleen A. Marrio 3—Avril Ivin 4—Keith H. Fleming* 5—Ronald J. Sharp 6—Robert L. Piron* 7—Martyn J. Marriott* 8—Stephen Ivin (Cond.)

*First of 8-Spliced S. Major.

St Mary, Maulden, Bedfordshire,
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 44mins. (10\frac{3}{2} cwt.)

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods: 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland, 640
Bristol, 320 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire,
Lincolnshire Pudsey, 110 changes of method).
Composed by Albert J. Pitman.
1—C. Michael Orme
2—Linda Fleming*
3—Kath'een A. Marriott
4—Ronald J. Sharp†
5—Anthony H. Smith
6—Robert L. Piron
7—Keith H. Fleming
8—Stephen Ivin (Cond.)
*First of Spliced Surprise. †650th peal.

St. Giles, Totternhoe, Bedfordshire. Sat., Dec. 27. 1969. 2hrs. 47mins. (10 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)
1—Ann Stephenson*
2—Alfred E. Rushton
3—Reginald Rowley
4—Ronald J. Sharp 5-Peter Aslett†

6—Robert L. Piron
7—John W. Sinfie'd (Cond.)
8—Brian Maunders*
*First peal †First inside. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. G'adman.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUII D
St. Wilfred, Grappenhall, Cheshire,
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969. 3hrs. (11½ cwt.).

5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
1—Michael Thomson
2—Christopher J. Jones
3—Mrs. G. H. Randles
4—Geoffrey Green
5—George H. Randles
6—J Anthon Beaumont
7—Alan J. Brown

7—Alan J. Brown

8—C. Kenneth Lewis (Arr. and Cond.) In memoriam Frank Taylor, ringer and churchwarden of this church.

All Saints, Runcorn, Cheshire.
Tues., Dec. 23, 1969, 2hrs, 50mins, (154 cwt.),
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by N. J. Pitstow.
1—Oswald Claybrook
2—John E. Bibby
3—Mrs, Elizabeth Lowe*
4—John Oultram
5—John R. Bibby
6—William E. Al'man
7—Douglas Lowe*
8—Walter Allman (Cond.)
*First in the method. *First in the method.

St. Marv, Pulford. Cheshire
Sat.. Dec. 27. 1969 2hrs. 50mins. (94 cwt.).
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton. Frederick Evans 2—Christonher Jones
3—Iohn W Griffiths
4—Norah M. Randles
5—Robert Peers
6—George Randles
7—Fric Gilhert
8 Welsen Allman (Con 8-Walter Allman (Cond.)

St Wilfrid, Davenham Cheshire, Sat Dec 27 1969, 2hrs, 37mins (14 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (8 extents St Simon Grand-

5040 DOUBLES (8 extents St. Simon Grand-sire. Rev. Canterbury April Day. 10 Plain Bob). 1—Douglas W. Kirkpatrick 2—Harry W. Howard* 3—John Moore 4—Geoffrey A. Edwards 5—Frank R. Morton (Cond.) *60th on the bells.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. Michael and All Angels, Stanton-by-Dale,
Derbyshire.

Derbyshire.

Tues., Dec. 16, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (11½ cwt.).

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (21 methods: Ipswich and Norfolk; Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stamford and Wearmouth; Carlisle, Chester and Munden; Alnwick and Newcastle; Cambridge, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham; York and Durham; London and Wells).

Wells).
1—Colin M. Shaw
2—Nora Carlisle
3—Joyce Chadwick
4—John Moore
5—John V Chadwick (Cond.)
6—Denis R Carlisle (Cond.)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION SS. Mary and Michael, Trumpington, Cambs. Tues., Dec. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (10 cwt.). 5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Jean Sanderson

2—Anthony H. Smith
3—Alan M. Barber (Cond.)
4—Donald F. Murfet
5—Allen Twyman

6—Geoffrey Pearson
7—John G. Gipson
8—Kenneth J. Hesketh
First in the method by all and for Association.

All Saints, Hilgay, Norfolk.
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969. 2hrs. 54mins. (17 cwt.).
5136 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Nolan Golden.
1—Georgina C. M. Carter
2—Alan M. Barber (Cond.)
3—Kathleen A. Jordan*
4—Donald F. Murfet
5—Brian R. Hullah*

5—Brian B. Hullah*
6—George E. Bonham
7—Geoffrey A. Lucas
8—George E. Thoday
*First in the method.

Holy Trinity, Meldreth, Cambs. Ved., Dec. 24, 1969, 2hrs, 45mins, (11 cwt.). 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Speed's transposition.)
Composed by C. Middleton.
1—Georgina C. M. Carter
2—John G. Gipson
3—Alan M. Barber (Cond.)
4—Donald F. Murfet
5—D. William Newman* 6—George E. Bonham 7—Geoffrey A. Lucas 8—George E. Thoday *First in the method.

SS. Peter and Mary Magdalene, Fordham.

(c)

SS. Peter and Mary Magdalene, Fordham.
Cambridgeshire.
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (15 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (4 methods, one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., 2.160 Cambridge. 2 Plain Bob).
1—Peter G. Goodwin*
2—Georgina C. M. Carter
3—Mervyn G. Brown
4—Alan M. Barber (Cond.)
5—Donald F. Murfet
6—Roger J. Palmer
*First peal. *First peal.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
All Saints, Maldon. Essex.
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs, 39mins. (12½ cwt.).
5040 PI AIN BOB MINOR
1—Peter J. Sawyer*
2—Sandra J. Turner
3—Yvonne A. Towler
4—John A. Clarke
5—Ian V. Foster
6—James L. Towler (Cond.)
*First neal

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St. Clement Danes, Westminster, London. Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs, 8mins. (21½ cwt.). 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Composed by E. C. Shepherd. (No. 3.)
1—Peter G. Pitt
2—Kevin A. Hughes*
3—Christine A. Morton*
4—Anthony M. Faulkner*
5—Geoffrey H. Walker*
6—Bernard Fairhead
7.—Frank B. Lufkin (Cond.)
8—Dennis A. Hewitt

9—Dennis A. Hewitt 10—John E. Murfitt *First of Grandsire Caters. For Christmas. (c)

St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, Essex.
Wed. Dec. 31, 1969. 2hrs. 51mins. (13 cwt.).
S056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1—William A. Theobald
2—David E. Potter*
3—Geoffrey H. Walker*
4—Dennis Ellisdon
5—Kevin H. Hughes*
6—Dennis A. Hewitt
7—Harry Turner (Cond.)
8—John Armstrong
*First of Cambridge Major. (c)

St. Andrew, Wormingford, Essex,
Sat. Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 27mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 extents: Cambridge Surprise,
Norwich Surprise, London Surprise. St.
Clement's Bob. Double Oxford Bob, Oxford
T.B., Plain Bob.

1—Richard A. Knight
2—Michael J. Howes*
3—Neil V. Avis
4—Peter G. Pitt
5—John P. Loveless
6—Bernard W. Fairhead (Cond.)†
*100th peal. †150th peal, Rung to commemorate 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, also a compliment to Mr. E. of the hells, also a compliment to Mr. E. Leggett, towerkeeper, 50 years a bellringer. (c)

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
S. Peter and Paul. West Clandon, Surrey.
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 2mins, (17 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by H. J. Howlett.

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1—Jill M May
2—Leslie J. Smith*
3—Gillian Laver
4—Felicity S. Hamilton
5—Christopher D. J. Webb
6—John F. M. Maybrey
7—Peter J. Mundav
8—Douglas A. R. May (Cond.)†
*First on more than 5 bells. †100th for Guild.

St. Mary. Worplesdon. Surrey.
Sat., Dec. 20. 1969, 2hrs, 37mins. (18‡ cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (42 extents).
1—Judith M. Collins*
2—Peter J. Rowe*
3—Roy Collins*
4—Edward J. Futcher*
5—E. John Wells (Cond.)†
6—John A. Collier*
*First of Stedman. †First of Doubles in method.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
So. Peter and Paul, Kimpton, Hertfordshire.
Sat. Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs, 36mins, (10½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1—Janet L. Pearson*
2—Gerald Penney (Cond.)
3—Christine M. Carter
4—Anthony R. Carter
5—John G. Cull
6—Eric, Edmondson

6—Eric Edmondson
First peal. With gratifude for the work of the Rt. Rev. Michael Gresford Jones. Bishop of St. Albans, on his retirement.

Church of Christ Radlett, Hertfordshire. at. Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs, 16mins (3 cwt.). 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

(7 extents.)
1--Lvnne Woodward*

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2—Eric Edmondson
3—David H. Major*
4—Alice M. Talbot-Ponsonby*
5—Rev. Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby*
6—Robert E. Hardy (Cond.)
*First peal. †First in method. In honour of ordination to priesthood of Rev. R. Grimley.

(St. Peter's Society, St. Albans)
St. Peter, St. Albans, Hertfordshire.
Sat., Dcc. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 15mins. (23 cwt.).
5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Composed by George W. Debenham
1—Kenneth J. Darvill (Cond.)
2—Elizabeth Forster*†
3—Joyce M. Clarke*†
4—Frances Doddet*

5—Joyce M. Clarke 1 4—Frances Dodds† 5—Julian D. Duggan 6—Terence C. Holland 7—Christopher Forster

8—John E. Ewer 9—Harold V. Frost 10—George W. Debenham *First on ten bells. †First in method.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN

ASSOCIATION

St. Michael, Highworth, Wiltshire.

Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs. 3mins. (183 cwt.).

5056 KERRY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen J, Ivin.

1—George W. Massey (Cond.)

2—Philip H. D. Jones

3—Roy W. Rice

4—David C. Hawkins

5—Walter S, Rice

6—Peter J. W. Hardwick

7—David J. Orledge

8—David G. Massey

First in the method by all.

First in the method by all.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Mary and St. Ethelbert Cathedral,
Hereford, Herefordshire,
i.. Dec, 26, 1969, 3hrs. 17mins. (33\frac{1}{4} cwt.).
5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
1—Frederick R. Harris
2—Norman R Mattingley
3—Peter I., Huptes*

2—Norman R Mattingley
3—Peter L. Hughes*
4—Austin T. Wingate
5—Thomas E. Wood*
6—Peter J. Wycherley
7—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)†
8—John F. I. Turney
9—Peter D. Sell†
10—Michael V. Powell
*First of Caters. †50th together. For the Christmas Festival and engagement compliment

St. Michael and All Angels, Ledbury,
Herefordshire,
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 5mins. (20 cwt.).
5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. Carter.
1—Norman R. Mattingley
2—Peter L. Hughes
3—William Nash
4—Michael V. Powell
5—Patrick G. Hickey*
6—S. Barnaby Bell
7—Marcus C. W. Sherwood
8—Roy K. Williams (Cond.)
*First of Major inside. 21st birthday compliment to 6 and engagement compliment to Rosemary F. Collins and Roy K. Williams. (c)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION St. Mary the Virgin, Crosthwaite,

Wed., Dec. 24, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (10½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1—Robin S. Bridge
2—Mary W. Whalley
3—Joseph Whalley
4—Kenneth J. Foster
5 Alan Cartick

5—Alan Capstick 6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.) For Christmas Festival.

Emmanuel, Everton, Liverpool.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (8½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (3 methods, 1 Cambridge Surprise, 4 Kent T.B., 2 Plain Bob).
1—James Dunbavin
2—Jeremy P. Richardson*
3—James Hedgecock
4—David C. Simpson
5—Richard G. Latham
6—Graham K. Austin (Cond.)†
*First peal †25th peal, first as conductor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney, London, E.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 20mins. (28\frac{1}{4} cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

1—Kenneth J. Rider 2—Alan D. Flood 3—James Hedgcock 4—Michael J. Uphill 5-John Pladdys

6—C Kenneth Lewis (Comp. and Cond.)
7—Bernard F. L. Groves

8-Basil Jones 9-Richard Starkie 10-Robert B. Smith

SS. Peter and Paul. Appledore, Kent.
Sat., Dec 27, 1969, 3hrs. (12 cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (2.880
Yorkshire and 2.176 Cambridge, 134 changes of method).
Composed by C. Midd'eton.
1—David L. Cawley*
2—Crawford T. Hillis
3—Alexander Waddington
4—Richard A. Birch*
5—Peter Richardson*
6—Philip R, Staples*
7—Mark S. Lancefie'd (Cond.)
8—Colin J. E. Wyld
*First of Spliced Major. First since restoration of the bells (rededicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury on September 14th, 1969).
(c)

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY St. Michael and All Angels, East Coker, Som.
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins. (13 cwt.).
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.

John J. Durham

1—John J. Durnam
2—A. Pattie Clapham
3—Robert A. Beresford
4—Michael G. Dodson
5—Graham J. Jones
6—John P. Ottaway
7—Jonathan G. Rose
8—Christopher Forster (Cond.)

SS. Peter and Paul, Shepton Mallett, Som. Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 3 hrs. 9mins. (25 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Composed by J. Topp.

Alison Child

1—Alison Child
2—Elizabeth J. Campbell
3—Alan M. Glover†
4—Roger G. Green*
5—Laurence F. Palmer*
6—John P. Ottaway (Cond.)
7—John J. Durham
8—Robert A. Beresford
*First of Grandsire. †First inside. First in method as conductor.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Peter, Higham-on-the-Hill. Leicestershire.
Fri.. Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs, 39mins. (11 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (7 extents: 2 of Cambridge Surprise. 2 Kent T.B., 3 P'ain Bob).

1—J. Harry Dove
2—Valerie E. Watts
3—Neville W. Price
4—Andrew S. Hayden*
5—Tonv R. Natt
6—K. Paul Gilliver (Cond.)

*First in more than one method inside. A compliment to David and Jill Manship on the birth of a daughter.

birth of a daughter.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

INCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
All Saints, Winterton, Lincolnshire,
Mon. Nov. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 46mins. (94 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (4 methods, 1 St. Clement's Bob,
2 each Kent T.B. Single Oxford, Plain Bob).
1—John G Hall (Cond.)
2—Sarah Chafer
3—Ronald Chafer
4—Stephen Selby
5—Richard Hall
6—Rogger Hippisley

6-Roger Hippisley

wedding compliment to Robert and Enid

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION St. John the Baptist, Cardiff, Glamorgan. Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 3mins. (26 cwt.). 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by Albert M. Tyler. 1—William T. Petty 2—Paul W. Thomas* 3—Alwyn R. Lewis 4—Stephen Fenwick 5—Frank W. Corney 6—Thomas Yeomans 7—Paul A. Williams 8—Brian J. Woodruffe 9—M. Jack Pryor (Cond.)† 10—Gwyn I. Lewis *First on 10 bells. †100th peal. A compliment to Rev. G. Repath on his ordination to the priesthood; 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Corney. (c) St. Wilfred, North Muskham, Notts. Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (13½ cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1—Susan Heath* 2—Elaine M. Rolfe* 3—F. William Midwinter 4—Frederick G. Hooper (Cord.) 5—Derick E. Kirton 6—Frederick Derry *First of Minor. PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD St. John the Baptist, Peterborough, Northants. Mon., Dez 22, 1969, 3hrs. 8mins. (26‡ cwt.). 5090 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR 1—A!fred Waller 2—John D. Cooper* 3—Barry R. Care 4—J. Malcolm Tyler 5—John E. David† 6—Stephen B. Bell 7—Raymond H. Daw 8—Murray A. Coleman (Arr. and Cond.) *First of Surprise Major inside. †First of Major. SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD St. Mary and St. Chad, Brewood, Staffs. Tues., Dec. 16, 1969, 3hrs. 4mins. (21½ cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD St. Mary the Virgin, Swanage, Dorset. Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 8mins. (22 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Composed by J. J. Parker. 1—Christine M. Baldock 2—Betty A. Christopher* 3—Mary E. Elmes 4—Michael J. Dew† 5—Ross G. W. Robertson 6—Frederick E. Collins 7—Alan R. Baldock (Cond.) 8—D. Roy Fuller *First peal. †First on eight. A welcome to the Rector, Rev. David Bailey. inducted December 16, 1969. St. Hubert, Corfe Mullen, Dorset. 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Parker's 12-part (7th obs.) 1—Judith Moss* 2—Barnabas G. Key (Cond.) 3—George L. Askew 1—Alfred W. Glazzard 5—Robert G. W. Broughton 6—David R. Hawksworth 7—Howard Howell 8—Charles F. W. Eyre *Fir· peal. 21st birthday compliment to 6th. St. Mary, Whitchurch, Glamorgan. Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins. (14 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents) 1—William T. Petty 2—Paul W. Thomas* 3—Frank W. Corney 4—Thomas Yeomans 5—M. Jack Pryor 6—Michael R. Meadows (Cond.) *First in method. A welcome to Christine, daughter of Peter and Marion Bennett. St. Mary, Lichfield, Staffordshire. Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (19½ cwt). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). 1—Margaret L. Ellwood 2—Marlene E. Townsend 3—Cyril T. Collins 4—Penelope Sedgwick* 5—Eric E. Speake 6—J. Dennis Holden (Cond.) 7—Jeffrey B. Webb 8—Clive M. Smith *First of Grandsire Triples. St. Hubert, Corfe Mullen, Dorset, Fri., Dec. 19, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins. (12½ cwt.). 5040 MINOR (4 methods, 1 of London Surprise, 2 each Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Bennett. St. Catwg, Cadoxton, near Neath, Glam. Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (7½ cwt.). 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (42 extents). 1—William J. Thomas 2—Harry Boyce 3—John Chilcott e, 2 each Cambridge Surprise, and Plain Bob). 1—Melvyn J. Hiller 2—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.) 3—Mary E. Elmes 4—Ross G W. Robertson 5—Graham W. Elmes 6—Frederick E. Collins *First of Grandsire Triples. 4—Alwyn R. Lewis* 5—Gwyn I. Lewis (Cond.) 6—David Culpan* St. Mary the Virgin, Piddlehinton, Dorset. Sat.. Dec. 20. 1969. 2hrs. 41mins. (12 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1—Graham W. Elmes 2—Philip D. Cull* 3—Mary E Elmes 4—Melvyn J. Hiller 5—David L. Gill 6—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.) First peal. SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD St. Michael, Southampton, Hampshire. Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 1min. (16‡ cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. J. Pitstow. 1—Heather M. Kippin 2—Susan E. M. Davis 3—Richard Weeks 4—Michael V. White 5—Jeremy Cheeseman 6—Raymond E. Finch 7—Derek C. Jackson 8—David J. Forder (Cond.) On Guild Dinner Day, after meeting short for Royal. SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD *First of Stedman Doubles. NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION St. Mary, Long Stratton, Norfelk. Wed., Dec. 24. 1969, 2hrs, 45mins. (9½ cwt.). 5040 MINOR (1 extent Double Court, 2 St. Clement's, 4 Plain Bob). 1—Charles H. Blake 2—Frank C. J. Arnold 3—Frank Pearson All Saints, Piddletrenthide, Dorset. Wed., Dec. 24. 1969, 3hrs. 3mins. (19 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents). 1—Melvyn J. Hiller 2—Philip R. Board* 3—John W. Blackwood* 4—Graham W. Elmes 5—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)* *First of Grandsire Doubles. For Christmas. 4—Wilfred G. Saunders 5—Anthony H. Roberts 6—H. William Barrett (Cond.) Royal. SUFFOLK GUILD St Mary, Offton, Suffolk. Sat.. Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs, 40mins (18½ cwt.). 5040 MINOR (1 each London, Norwich, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Court and Plain Bob). 1—Daisy M. Andrews 2—Rachel J. R. Orman 3—Jennifer M. Whittell 4—Neville F. Whittell 5—Alan R. Andrews (Cond.) 6—George N. Orman A family peal for tenor ringer's birthday. St. Michael and All Angels, Bunwell. Norfolk. Thurs., Dec. 25, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (10 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR 1—Charles H. Blake 2—Walter S. Tyrrell* 3—Frank C. J. Arnold 4—Alfred W. Foreman 5—Frank Pearson 6—H. William Barrett (Cond.) *First peal. SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD St. Mary. Staunton-in-the-Vale, Notts. Sat., Dec. 20. 1969. 2hrs. 27mins. (7 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (42 extents. 11 methods 4 St. Simon. St. Martin, St. Remigius, Eynes-bury, St. Nicholas, St. Osmund. Winchendon, Huntley, Plain Bob. Rev. Canterbury; 2 Grandsire) St. Peter. Yaxham. Norfolk. Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 42mins (124 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (2 extents Plain Bob. St Clement's Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and 1 of Kent Treble Bob). 1—Anthony H. Roberts 2—Adrial Walton 3—Thomas E. Soight 4—Gordon D Elvin 5—Frank C. J. Arnold 6—H. William Barrett (Cond.) In memoriam Canon E. W. Blyth. Grandsire). 1—David W. Flower 2—Christine L. J. Mills 3—H. Geoffrey Wells 4—Peter L. R. Haywood 5—R. Brian Mills (Cond.) St. Mary, Preston, Suffolk. Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs, 33mins, (12 cwt.) S040 MINOR (7 extents, 5 methods: 1 T.B. Oxford T.B., 3 Plain Bob). 1—R. Alan Knight 2—Richard A. Knight* 3—Neil V. Avis 4—John P. Loveless 5—Peter G. Pitt 6—Bernard W. Fa'rhead (Cond.) *First peal. SS. Peter and Paul, Shelford, Notts. Sun. Dec. 21, 1969, 2hrs 43mins. (12 cwt.). 5040 DOUBLES (42 extents, 11 methods: 4 St. Simon. St. Martin. St. Remigius. Eynesbury. St. Nicholas. Winchendon. St. Osmund. Huntley, Plain Bob. Rev. Cant., 2 Grandsire). 1—R. Brian Mills (Cond.) 2—Christine L. J. Mills 3—Peter L. R. Haywood 4—David W. F. Lazzerini 5—H. Geoffrey Wells *First peal. TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD St. Tallan, Talland, Cornwall. Wed., Nov 26, 1969, 2hrs. 31mins. (7 cwt.). 5040 DOUBLES (42 extents, 5 methods Simon's Bob, Stedman, Plain Bob, Rev. Caterbury, Grandsire, 1 spliced April Day). 1—George E. Mudge 2—Timothy J. Bell 3—D. Rov Bould 4—Alan Carveth (Cond.) 5—Anthony J. Davidson 6—Canon A. S. Roberts First on the bells. OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD St. Michael and All Angels, Huchenden Bucks. Wed., Dec. 31, 1969 2hrs 50mins (14) cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Arranged by C. I. Rowson. 1—Roland Biggs* 2—Ann E. Parr† 3—Arthur Newton All Saints, Barnby, Notts. Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (6½ cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents). 1—Jennifer A. Curtis* 2—Anne Vessey* 3—Derek J Tysoe 4—Martin F. Mitchell 5—Paul F. Curtis (Cond.)† 6—F. William Midwinter *First attempt. †First as conductor. 3—Arthur Newton 4—A. Reginald Blaby 5—Sydney M. Bailey 6—Percy Newton 7—Robert H. Newton (Cond.) 8—David A. Cornwall. *400th peal. †First of Major. \$25th in tower.

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St. Marnark, Lanreath, Cornwall.
Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs, 33mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
I—Alan Carveth (Cond.)
2—D. Roy Bould
3—Timothy J. Bell
4—George E. Mudge
5—Canon A. S. Roberts
6—Anthony J. Davidson
First on the bells. (c)
SS. Cyric and Julitta, St. Veep, Cornwall.
Thurs., Nov. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (42 extents, 8 methods, St.
Simon's Bob, Eynesbury, St. Osmund Bob,
St. Martin's Bob, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kev.
Canterbury, Grandsire, 9 variations and 8 spliced compositions).

1—George E. Mudge
2—Timothy J. Bell
3—D. Roy Bould
4—Ala. Carveth (Cond.)
5—Anthony J. Davidson
6—Canon A. S. Roberts
First on the bells. (c)
  St. Felicitas, Phillack, Cornwall,
On Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 57mins, (14 cwt.).
5184 KENI AND UXFORD T.B. MAJUR (Lkeston variation.)
Composed by Edwin Timbrell.
1—Alan Carveth (Cond.)
2—Claudia A. Critchley
3—F. Malcolm Bowers
4—Anthony, 1 ocke
  3-F. Malcolm Bowers
4-Anthony Locke
5-Timothy J. Bell
6-Canon A. S. Roberts
7-G. William Critchley
8.-Anthony J. Davidson
First of Oxford and Kent for Guild., and all
except ringers of 2 and 7. A compliment to
the Vicar, Rev. M. Atterbury Thomas, shortly
retiring from the living. (c)
            WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Nicolas, North Stoneham, Hampshire.
Ion., Dec. 1, 1969, 2hrs. 38mins. (10½ cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
                                                                               (14 methods.)
                    Composed by Norman Smith.

1—Michael J. Thomas
2—Robert E. J. Dennis
3—Katharine J. Maundrell
4—Derek C. Jackson*
5—R. Roger Savory*
6—Charles H. Kippin*
7—David J. Forder (Cond.)
8—Thomas H. Francis*
1st of 14-Spliced Surprise Major
     *First of 14-Spliced Surprise Major. Most
Surprise Major methods by a resident Guild
   (Andover District.)
The Ascension, Burghelere, Hampshire.
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 READING SURPRISE MINOR
1—Michael J., Goss
2—Dill Goss
3—Pe er Furness
4—Robert J. Crocker
5—Philip G. Taylor*
6—Geoffrey K. Dodd (Cond.).
First of Surprise. First in the method.
                                                               (Andover District.)
     READING SURPRISE
34—14—56—36—34—56. 2nds. l.e. 35264.
         WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION
St Peter, Cradley, Worcestershire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (10 cwt.).
5047 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.)
1—Thomas J. G. Davies*
2—Harold White
3—Albert G. Hall
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2—Harold White
3—Albert G. Hall
4—Barnabas G. Key (Cond.)
5—Harold J. Shuck
6—Alfred W. Glazzard
7—Geoffrey Westwood
8—Maurice Green
First peal, A compliment to fifth, 50 years a ringer at this tower. (c)

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St. John the Baptist, Claines, Worcestershire.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 38mins. (13\frac{1}{2} cwt.).
50\rightarrow8 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
                         -Ronald Woodyatt
I—Ronald Woodyatt
2—Christopher h.ms
3—Roger H. Hunt
4—Shirley M. Drew
5—Allen Morgan
6—John E. Whittall
7—Peter S. Robertson
8—Geoffrey R. Drew (Comp. and Cond.)
In memoriam Charles Haylings, of Ripple,
Worcestershire.
    St. James the Great, Hartlebury, Worcs. Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 59mins. (17½ cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th obs.)
1—E. Marion Key
               1—E. Marion Key
2—Lucy Ann Key
3—Pamela E. Key
4—Robert E. Pardy*
5—Barnabas G. Key (Cond.)
6—Leslie Smith*
7—Alfred W. Glazzard
8—Gerald Bowen
 *First of Grandsire Triples. A compliment to Mr. N. Watkins, 50 years organist, and Mr. J. Symonds, 60 years chorister at this church. (c)
 St. Egwin, Norton, Worcestershire.

Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs, 44mms. (14 cwt.).

5088 ARFAXERXES SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. Baldwin.

1—Roger H. Hunt
2—Valerie Willard
3—Shirley M. Drew
4—John Clements
5—Martyn Hawkes
                 4—John Clements
5—Martyn Hawkes
6—Peter S. Robertson
7—Hugh Evans
8—Geoffrey R. Drew (Cond.)
   First in the method.
             ARTAXERXES SURPRISE MAJOR
-38-14-58-1236-34-1238-16.34.78
1.h. 12, 1573
 St. Michael, Great Comberton, Worcs.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 32mins. (8½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (1 240, 40 extents (10 callings)).
1—Hilary C. Glazebrook*
2—Arthur C. Berry (Cond.)
3—A. James Richings
   4—Christopher Hims
5—Roger H, Hunt
6—Christopher G. Faizey*
*First peal. For Village's Christmas Festival.
                                 YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
 Thurs., Dec. 11, 1969, 3hrs. 42mins. (42½ cwt.).

5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Composed by P. Border.

1—Christopher J. Easton*

2—Iris M. E. Lemare

3—A. Pattie Clapham*

4—Rosamund M. Brown*

5—Ichn Robinson
                             John Robinson
  5—John Robinson
6—Robert H. Jordan*
7—Michael G. Dodson*
8—Peter H. Gardner*
9—John P. Ottaway*
10 John J. Durham
11—Robert A. Beresford
12—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
*First on 12 bells.
St. Oswald, Hartlepool, Co. Durham.
Sun., Nov. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (21½ cwt.).
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by S. Armeson.
1—A. Pattie Clapham
2—Stephen C. Wells*
3—Rosamund M. Brown*
4—Malcolm E. Johnson*
5—George S. Deas
6—David Featherstone*
7—Peter H. Gardner*
8—John J. Durham*
9—Robert A. Beresford*
10—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
*First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.
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St. Peter, Leeds, Yorkshire.
Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, 3hrs, 36mins, (42½ cwt.).
5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by S. Armeson.
1—Christopher J. Easton
2—A. Pattie Clapham
3—Rosamund M. Brown.
2—A. Pattie Clapham
3—Rosamund M. Brown
4—Robert H. Jordan
5—David Featherstone
6—John J. Durham*
7—Graham J. N. Colborne
8—Robert A. Beresford
9—Paul A. Williams
10—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
*100th peal. First in the method by all.
             St. Peter, Huddersfield, Yorkshire,
un., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins, (23½ cwt.).
5040 HAMPSTEAD SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by S. Armeson.
                             -John J. Durham
1—John J. Durham
2—Jonathon G. Rose
3—A. Pattie Clapham
4—Robert H. Jordan*
5—David Featherstone
6—Graham J. Colborne
7—Robert A. Beresford
8—Paul A. Williams
9—Ronaid R. Warford
10—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
*100th peat. First in the method by all and for Association.
St. James, Birstwith, Yorkshire.

Mon., Sept. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (11½ cwt.).

5088 QUINTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Parker.

1—Ronald Crabtree
2—Iris M. E. Lemare
3—Christopher J. Easton
4—Graham J. Jones
5—David J. Baker
6—Peter H. Gardner
7—David Featherstone
8—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)

First in the method by all and for Association.
 St. Brandon, Brancepeth, Co. Durham.
Sat., Nov. 8, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (13\frac{1}{2} cwt.).

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4
methods: 1,440 Yorkshire; 1,280 Cambridge,
Lincolnshire; 1,120 Rutland, 69 changes of
method and all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1—Malcolm E. Johnson
2—Stephen C. Wells
3—Rosamund M. Brown
4—Peter H. Gardner
5—David Featherstone
6—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
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7—John J. Durham
8—Robert A. Beresford
        St. Paul, Drighlington, Yorkshire,
Mon. Nov. 10, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (14 cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
                                                                    (14 methods.)
                    (14 methods.)
Composed by N. Smith.
1—Peter H. Gardner
2—David Featherstone
3—John J. Durham
4—Robert A. Beresford
5—Gerald Parsons
                               -John Robinson
  7—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
8—Ronald R. Warford
First in 14 methods by all.
      St. Michael and All Angels, Headingley,
Leeds, Yorkshire.
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (20½ cwt.).
5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by N. Smith.
1—Peter M. Dawson
2—Christopher J. Easton
3—Alan Shepherd
4—John Robinson
5—Peter H. Gardner
                     5-Peter H. Gardner
                     6—David Featherstone
7—Philip J. Crossthwaite
8—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
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St. Paul, Drigalington, Yorkshire, Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. Domins. (14 cwt.). 5088 YORKSHIRE SURFRISE MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

l-John J. Durham

2—Rosamund M. Brown
3—A. Pattie Clapham
4—Christopher J. Easton
5—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)

6—Robert A. Beresford 7—Peter H. Gardner 8-David Featherstone

(The Sheffield and District Society) Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (12 cwt.).

5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by Stephen H. Wood.

-Patricia North 2—Stephanie Boyles* 3—Judith J. Gilbert†
4—Mrs. D. A. Chapman
5—John J. L. Gilbert
6—Ian North

7—Dennis A. Chapman 8—John E. Turley (Cond.) *First inside. †First in method.

St. Mary the Virgin, Tadcaster, Yorkshire.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (20½ cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by Frank Bennett.
1—Jeremy M. Burnett*
2—Cyn'hia E. Barnett
3—Susan E. Banton

3—Susan E. Banton
4—Christopher J. Groome
5—Rodney Pagdin
6—Trevor Tarbatt
7—Simon P. D. Burnett
8—A. Colin Banton (Cond.)
*First peal, first attempt. For Feast of St.
John the Evangelist.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD 6 Ashwood Crescent, Marple, Cheshire, Tues., Dec. 23, 1969, 3hrs, 19mins. (15 in C 5136 KENT TREBLE BOB FOURTEEN

Composed by Alan F, Scholfield.

1-2—Alan McFall

3-4—C. Kenneth Lewis

5-6—Robert B, Smith (Cond.)

7-8—Alan F, Scholfield

9-10—Gerald Moorhouse

11-12—J. David Atkinson

13-14—Brian J, Woodruffe

First on 14 bells by all the band and for the Guild

West Pines, Dale Brow, Prestbury, Cheshire. Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 57mins. (15 in C.) 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

1-2—Alan A. Potts
3-4—C. Kenneth Lewis (Arr. and Cond.)

5-4-C. Kenneth Lewis 5-6-David Atkinson 7-8-Robert B. Smith 9-10-Gerald Moorhouse 11-12-Neil D. Lomas* *First on 12 handbells.

West Pines, Dale Brow, Prestbury, Cheshire. Tues., Nov. 4, 1969, 2hrs. 34mins. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by H. J. Tucker.

1-2—Alan A. Potts
3-4—C. Kenneth Lewis (Cond.)
5-6—Gerald Moorrhouse
-7-8—John Gander
9-10—Neil D. Lomas

52 Wellington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire. Thurs., Nov. 13, 1969, 2hrs, 23mins. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1-2-Geoffrey Edwards

3-4—John Gander 5-6—C. Kenneth Lewis (Comp & Cond.) 7-8—Frank R. Morton

6 Ashwood Crescent, Marple, Cheshire. Thurs., Nov. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 25mins. (15 in C.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by John Reeves. 2—Robert B. Smith

3-4—C. Kenneth Lewis (Cond.) 5-6—David Atkinson 7-8—Neil D. Lomas

52 Wellington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire. Thurs., Dec. 11, 1969, 2hrs. 19mins. (14 in D.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard. 1-2—Geoffrey Edwards

3-4-John Gander

-C. Kenneth Lewis (Cond.)

7-8-Frank R. Morton

6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, Cheshire.
at., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs 30mins. (15 in C.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.
1-2—Robert B. Smith
3-4—Alan F. Scholfield
5-6—Gerald Moorhouse (Cond.)
7-8—Peter Broadbent*
First on handbells. Sat., Dec.

*First on handbells.

6, Ashwood Crescent, Marple, Cheshire. Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs, 32mins. (15 in C 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (15 in C.)

1-2—Gerald Moorhouse
3-4—Alan F. Scholfield (Comp. & Cond.)
5-6—Robert B. Smith
7-8—Ronald F. Andrew*
*First on handbells.

4, Windmill Close, Buerton, Cheshire. Sun., Dec. 28, 1969, 1hr. 45min. (18 in G.) 5040 DOUBLES (5 methods: 1 each Grand-sire, All Saints, Rev. St. Barts and 2 Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and 1 of 11 var., 2 of

12 var.). 1-2—Geoffrey A. Edwards 3-4—John R. Scott (Cond.) 5-6—Frank R. Morton

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Blackthorn, Kingstone, Hereford.
Sun., Dec. 21, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (11 in G.)
5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
1-2—Elizabeth Wycherley
3-4—Peter J. Wycherley
5-6—Norman R. Mattingley
7-8—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Ar. & Con.)
First handbell peal by a 1 except the conductor, and at first attempt.

and at first attempt.

3 Venns Lane, Hereford, Herefordshire, ues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 27mins. (11 in G.) 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Tues., Dec.

1-2—Elizabeth Wycherley
3-4—Peter J. Wycherley
5-6—Norman R. Mattingley
7-8—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Ar. & Con.)
A wedding compliment to John F. 1. Turney
and Alison Savager, married at Leominster
Priory on December 27, 1969.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

18 Sandfield Road, St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

Mon., Dec. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 11mins, (15 in C.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.

1-2—Gerald Penney (Cond.)

3-4—Geoffrey Dodds

5-6—Frederick W. Ellis

7-8—Anthony R. Carter*

*First on handbells

*First on handbells,

13, Tudor Road, Wheathampstead, Herts.
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 7mins. (13 in E.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.
1-2-Keith J. Walpole (Cond.)
3-4-Kenneth J. Darvill
5-6-Joyce M. Clark
7-8-Elizabeth Forster

13 Tudor Road, Wheathampstead, Herts. Sun., Dec. 31, 1969, 3hrs. 12mins. (19 in F.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS Composed by R. Peers.

Composed by R. Peers.
1-2-Katharine S. Hardy
3-4-Kenneth J. Darvill (Cond.)
5-6-Keith J. Walpole
7-8-Robert E. Hardy
9-10-Michael D. Frost
11-12-Frederick W. Ellis*
*First on 12 handbells. 50th as conductor.

15 Harford Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire. Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 15mins. (15 in C.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Roger Baldwin,
1-2—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
3-4—Christopher W. Woolley
5-6—John R Mayne (Cond.)
7-8—Roger Baldwin
Composition contains full combinations of
5, 6, 7 and 8 in 5678; is rung for first time
on handbells on handbells.

IRISH ASSOCIATION
Y.M.C.A, Hall, Mountmellick, Leix.
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs, 6mins, (11 in F.)
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).
1-2—Patricia Meredith (16)*
3-4—Frederick E. Dukes (Cond.)
5-6—Valerie Abraham (15)*
*First peal, First in the county.
Rung by members of the Drogheda Gram-

Rung by members of the Drogheda Grammar School Society to mark the tri-centenary of the School (1669–1969). Patricia and Valerie are school boarders and Fred is the school life-saving and bellringing instructor.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Llys Escob, Llandaff, Glamcrgan. Sun., Dec. 28, 1969, 2hrs. 20mins. Composed by E. M. Atkins.

1-2—David S. Bishop (Cond.) 3-4—Nicholas W. H. Simon 5-6—J. Michael Lakin 7-8—David J. Llewellyn

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION 4 Pound Road, Blofield, Norfolk. Thurs. Dec. 11, 1969, 2hrs. 2mins. '040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1-2—H. William Barrett 3-4—Kenneth L. Brown (Cond.) 5-6—James B. Morley

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

9, Ryecroft Close, Woodley, Berkshire.

Mon., Dec. 22, 1969, 2hrs, 19mins. (27 in A.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (Pritchard's).

1-2—Noel J. Diserens

3-4—Bernard F. L. Groves

5-6—Frank C. Price (Cond.)

7-8—Alan H. Long*

*First handbell peal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD Lindum, 29, Hanley Road, Southampton, Hands, Mon., Dec. 22, 1969, 1hr. 45mins, (17 in A.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

(Seven different extents.)
1-2—James S. Croft*
3-4—Kenneth S. B. Croft
5-6—William S. Croft (Cond.)

*First peal. First on 6 bells as conductor.

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G. P. HUCKSTEP.

Bexleyheath, Kent,

(It is the intention, we understand, to recast the six into a lighter ring of eight, not to add two trebles.—Ed.)

TRYOUT

Dear Sir,—The composition of Plain Bob Caters by D. A. Chapman on page 24 (Jan. appears interesting on the face of it. However, before committing itself to a peal in a Caters method without dodges in 8-9 using a substantially "tittums" composition, I suggest a band tries a short touch.

once suffered half a peal of St. Simon's C.B. Caters in the tittums position and assume that Plain Bob would produce similar "music," but have no intention of finding out!—Yours faithfully,

D. A. R. MAY.

West Horsley, Surrey.

MINIMUS METHODS

Dear Sir.—Could any reader please give the names of the following Minimus

34, 14, 12, 34, 12, 14, 34, 12. -, 14, 12, 34, 12, 14, -, 12.

(3)

(4)

34, 14, — 14, —, 14, 34, 12. 34, 14, — 34, —, 14, 34, 12. 34, 14, —, 14, 12, 14, 34, 14.

R. SADOWSKI.

o Bishops Drive, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos.

[Please write direct. -Ed.]

Belfry Gossip

The tenor ringer in a peal of Minor at Offton, Suffolk, celebrated his birthday with five members of his family taking part.

Get well messages were sent from the Andover District annual meeting to Mr. Dance, of Whitchurch, and Mr. Bevis, of Tangley, who have both been ill.

The bells of All Saints' Church, Oakham, Rutland, are to be heard on Radio 4 on Sun., Jan. 25. The programme, called "Holidays in Britain" is at 4 p.m.

New Methods.—Reading Surprise Minor at Burghclere, Hampshire, Artaxerxes S. Major at Norton, Worcs.

Snowdon Dinner for 1970 has been fixed for October 31st at Barnsley, and the arrange-ments are being made by the Barnsley and District Society.

The "New Look" Ringing World appears. from letters and messages received, to have been accepted enthusiastically. However, we shall wait a little longer before we summarise the general consensus of opinion.

Half-a-century a ringer at St. Peter's, Cradley, Worcs, Mr. H. J. Shuck rang the 5th to a peal of Grandsire Triples on December 13th, which was arranged in honour of the

An 81st birthday compliment was paid to Mr. Frank I. Hairs at the end of last year with a peal of Double Norwich at Withyham. Sussex. Frank rang the 6th, and we look forward to recording many more of his peals.

Mr. E. Leggett, of St. Andrew's. Worming-fold, Essex, also completes 50 years' service as a ringer and a peal of Minor was rung to mark this event.

Personal Peal Records this week.—Graham K. Austin (25), Michael J. Howes, M. Jack Pryor, John J. Durham, Robert H. Jordan (100), Bernard W. Fairhead (150), Alan F. Lee (200), Roland Biggs (400), Roland J. Sharp

When he was born, in October last year, George Dve had a peal attempt made in his It failed, and another attempt, this time successful. was at St. Mary's, Cholsey, for his christening. We trust young George will duly appreciate these efforts in years to

Mementoes.-Members of Great Adventure II have received this month mementoes from the Australian and New Zealand Association of A.N.Z.A.B. badges denoting a highly-prized honorary membership of the Associa-tion. They return a very warm "thank you" tion. They for the gifts.

New Year was this year the first of many that have been welcomed at Manchester Cathedral by ringing at midnight. A quarter peal was commenced at ten minutes past midnight after ringing Kent Major.

At Carlton-in-Cleveland the peal attempt was greeted by photographers and reporters from a local paper, and Jennie Dunning. Dave Town and John Pladdys had to be pressganged into posing in the belfry.

"Having migrated from the West Country, I am hoping that some of my friends will be pleased to see that my two boys, who have in the past been carried into St. Andrew's belfry at Plymouth and eaten huge teas at various meetings, have now rung their first quarter," writes H. W. Milford.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth is not seeking re-Mrs. P. J. Stantorth is not seeking re-election as president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and Mr. A. J. Poynor has also an-nounced his decision to retire as general sec-retary. The Leicester District has nominated Mr. John Bramley as president and Mr. Ron D. Hughes as general secretary.

The ringers of Cannington. Somerset, were pleased to welcome Miss Gillian Richardson. of Haresfield, G'os, when she recently attended a one-month residential course at the Farm Institute nearby Gillian took part in both service and practice ringing and her valuable help and pleasant manner were very much appreciated, writes D. K. L.

At Quorn. Leics, the first quarter has been rung by the Sunday service band, which was formed when the bells were recast after a serious fire two and a half years ago. Only one of the bells had been rung previously but had never been rung to a quarter. Now members have rung their first quarter. With the exception of the ringing master and one other ringer, the next oldest ringer is 18 and the average age 16.

First Peal Congratulations to Ann Stephen-First Peal Congraturations to Ann Stephenson, Peter G. Goodwin Peter J. Sawver, Janet L. Pearson, Lynne Woodward, David H. Maior, Jeremy P. Richardson, Walter S. Tyrrell, Betty A. Christopher, Philip D. Cull, Jennifer A. Curtis, Anne Vesey, Judith Moss, Richard A. Knight, Thomas J. G. Davies, Maurice Green, Christopher G. Faizey, Jeremy M. Burnett and, on handbells Patricia Meredith, Valerie Abraham and Lames S. Croft James S. Croft.

First Time on Handbells.—Peter Broadbent. Elizabeth Wycherley, Peter J. Wycherley, Nor-man R. Mattingley, Anthony R. Carter, Alan H Long.

BROKEN LIMBS

The ice and snow of recent weeks have caused a number of unfortunate accidents, and none more so than in the Barnett family at Crayford, Kent. Teddy (sen.) is in Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, with a broken hip, which occurred on January 6. and the same day Teddy (jun.) also fell and broke his wrist (his writing hand, of course!). Both, we are glad to say, are progressing fairly well and ringers every-where will wish the natients speedy and complete recovery whilst extending sym-nathy and understanding to Mrs. Olive Barnett who, no doubt will have to carry the brunt of the extra load necessitated by these mishaps.

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AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED R.W., p. 1013.-Cholsey: Conductor Bill Irvine (not

A. Beaumont).

P. 10.—Ditcheat: Nempnett Thrubwell S. Major.

P. 10.—Caddington: Conductor John R. Mayne: 4th Robert E. Hardy not R Sherriff.

16.-Balderton: Composer J. W. Parker. 16.-Wroughton: Broad Hinton: Gloucester and Bristol Association peals.

P. 17.-Kingston-upon-Hull: 6th David Phillipson

TO ST. ALBANS DINNER AS A VISITOR

ONCE again a large number of ringers from various parts of the country gathered at St. Albans for some good ringing and a good dinner. Andrew Wilby (district ringing master), assisted by Julia Fellows, had arranged no less than nine peal attempts for visitors and district members.

At the first attempt, at Dunstable on Friday morning, the band rang a good peal of 8-Spliced Surprise Major. This was to the astonishment of the ringer of the fifth, who thought a peal of Rutland was to be attempted. A peal of Turkish Delight Minor, rung at Sandridge in the afternoon, was always full of an "eastern promise" which did not materialise. Unfortunately a team at St. Michael's, St. Albans, lost its attempt for 4-Spliced Surprise Major.

On Saturday 16 ringers set forth through the snow to Barkway and Aspenden. Eight arrived at Barkway but only seven at Aspenden. Kingsley Mason's car coil was cracked and this trouble dogged him all day, finally causing him to miss the dinner. Andrew stood down at Aspenden and George Thoday conducted a lively peal of Cambridge Minor. Andrew rushed to Barkway, where Philip Mehew was calling Lincolnshire, and arrived at the time that two and five shifted course. Even the "Dorset Wonder" failed to notice until some eight courses later, when the conductor finally set up. The band were consoled by being told that "we have had less 8-2s as a result of the shift."

A late start was made at Barnet, where a somewhat hasty peal of 9-spliced was rung. The other band at Knebworth changed Yorkshire for Plain Bob and consequently also scored, under the guidance of Frank Lufkin.

The majority arrived at the dinner in good time, and even the late-comers were in time for soup. It was an excellent meal and well above last year's standards. The speeches were most entertaining but the highlight of the evening for most was, I am sure, the performance of "sixteen in" and Spliced Surprise Maximus by John Mayne's handbell team. For many this was the first time such handbell ringing had been heard and it certainly contributed to the success of the evening.

A tired band met to ring for the early service at Harpenden on Sunday and then at St. Albans Abbey. We all thank Gerald Penny for accommodating us at the Abbey.

The now-reduced number of peal ringers made their way to St. Neots, where Tim Collins called a very good peal of Bristol. It is worthy of note that at 18 years of age this was Tim's 100th peal and 48th as conductor in 1969, and a coincidence that David Rothera also scored his 100th in a year at Rickmansworth, the dinner weekend last year.

In the meantime, back in St. Albans a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major was scored, Bob Hardy conducting.

Thus seven out of nine peals were rung. Writing for the visitors who rang peals and otherwise, I say "Thank you" to the organisers. especially Andrew Wilby, for a successful and most enjoyable weekend.
"ULMUS."

FROM AUSTRALIA

GREETINGS for the New Year from all the ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, to all in the home country.

This is a brief account of ringing activities on New Year's Eve. Ringing started at 8.30 p.m. and during the evening we had about 22 ringers in the belfry. These included Ross Bampton, Craig Herbert and Keith Hendry, who came down from Sydney (550 miles), and John and Monica Martin, who came down from Bendigo (100 miles).

Apart from the ringers several passers-by came up to the belfry just to see what was going on. Comments like "What time is the next performance?" were quite common. We also had the inevitable drunk who was evicted after a bit of commotion. Ringing during the evening was fairly general, ranging from Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples to call-changes on 10 and 12.

At 11.15 p.m., when the Cathedral service started, we stopped ringing and partook of the excellent supper that had been provided by all the members of St. Paul's belfry. As usual there was an abundance of food and drink

At one minute to midnight our 12 best ringers rang the traditional 12 rounds, followed by 12 strokes of the tenor and a further 12 rounds. We then attempted to fire all 12 bells 12 times. This was not over successful, and Helen Henderson now has the honour of being the first person in the world to break a stay in 1970. At half a minute past midnight (Australian Eastern Standard Time) she was seen rising gracefully from the belfry floor only to fall again, without a sally, unharmed.

General ringing continued until 12.15 a.m., when we stopped to prepare for a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters. "Go" was called at 12.25 a.m. and a successful quarter was brought round in 49 minutes. We believe this must be the first quarter in the world for 1970, unless Sydney or New Zealand beat us to it.

At 1.15 a.m. you would think we would have had enough, but somehow six of us talked ourselves into ringing another quarter: this time it was Plain Bob Minor which was started at 1.40 a.m. and brought round at 2.20 a.m. Details as follows: 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (40 minutes): Miss J. Murphy 1, R. Bampton 2, R. Turner (cond.) 3, K. Hendry 4, M. Scowen 5, C. Herbert 6.

This really was the end of the evening (or morning), but a happy and tired band sat talking until 3 a.m., when we finally bade each other "Good morning and happy New Year."

Just one more item of news. We are losing both Margaret Aslett and Helen Henderson. Margaret is returning to England after 2½ years out here; she will be greatly missed both as a ringer and a friend. She sails on January 8 aboard the Australis. Helen is going for a 12-month trip and hopes to be in England about the middle of the year. Whilst she has not been living in Melbourne for some time, she will still be missed and we look forward to her return. She sails aboard the Marconi on January 6.

Best wishes for 1970 to all.

M. SCOWEN, Captain.

Those who live on the mountains have a longer day than those who live in the valley. Sometimes all we need to brighten our day is to rise a little higher.—Dewey.

A FEW FORESTERS AROUND BANBURY

IN SPITE of the fine summer and autumn this year, one Monday in September dawned a very damp day. A party, led by Richard Huddleston (organiser), made its way by bus towards the first tower at Butler's Marston. followed by Alderminster and Wellesbourne Hastings. Ringing is around the font at Snitterfield: then the six of Kenilworth were rung, and a novelty is the clock on the ceiling of the ringing room. At Royal Leamington Spa we were ioined by a local ringer who rang with us. We travelled on to the eight of Southam and the final ring of the day, the very easy going six at Harbury.

Another damp day. Tuesday began with a visit to the anti-clockwise six at Priors Marston. Owing to tower repairs at Byfield we were unable to ring as arranged, but a number spent the time ringing handbells. Preston Capes and Culworth (two fives) were next on our list of towers. At Helmdon we were joined by Brian Danby, of Nether Heyford, who spent the afternoon with us and rang at Marston St. Lawrence. Cropredy and Wardington were the two final rings of the day.

The beautiful-toned bells of Tvsoe were the first on Wednesday, followed by Wroxton. Lunchtime was spent ringing on the ten at Banbury, and we then went to Horley (four) where the bells are rung from the chancel. At Mollington a funeral was leaving, and much to our surprise we were allowed to ring! Next came Farnborough, having a lovely little six, and finally Radway, after which some went to Banbury to join in the evening practice.

On Thursday we rang the eights of Deddington and Adderbury and the seven of Aynhoe (the sixth here is cracked) and by the time we left the tenor rope (a new one) had been well stretched. At Souldern we attempted London, and then on to the five at Croughton. A quarter peal was rung at Middleton Cheney (Plain Bob Minor) on the rather heavy six, and another was successful at Brackley. The day's recordings were, as usual, listened to and criticised.

We were unable to ring at Steeple Aston next day because of a funeral, and so the first ring was at Bloxham (well worth a 6d, rope charge). Next came Swalcliffe and Great Tew, and then followed Swerford and Hook Norton. We had a long walk at Chipping Norton as a local fair caused a number of streets to be closed, and on to Churchill where we were very pleased in the evening to visit Mr. Jarvis. of Home Farm, and to ring his beautiful little bells.

On Saturday, the last day of the tour, the weather had improved and was the best of the week. Promptly at 9.30 we arrived at Shipston-on-Stour, followed by Brailes, Cherington and Wolford. At Bourton-on-the-Hill the front five are anti-clockwise and the tenor hidden behind the treble. From Evenlode we arrived at Adlestrop a little early and so rang a quarter peal. Here the church was beautifully decorated for harvest. Charlton Kings, the final tower, made a lovely finish to a pleasant week.

Forty-three towers had been visited in the week, and the tourists are grateful to Richard, the organiser.

A. O. K.

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RIRTH

Cox.—To Marcia Anne and Barry Cox, of Ashford, Kent, a daughter, Anne-Marie, born in Willesborough Hospital, Ashford, Jan. 12.

ENGAGEMENT

Longden—Rogers. — The engagement is announced between Cive, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Longden, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, and Patricia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Rogers, of Isleworth. Middlesex. 8947

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Barker. — Brian, Daphne, Gillian and Richard have now moved to 7 Langley Hill Close, King's Langley. Telephone number as before—King's Langley 64201.

Davies. — From Jan. 17 the address of Geoffrey, Elizabeth and Warwick as 12 St. Michael's Place, Canterbury, Kent. Ringing friends welcome.

MISCELLANEOUS

New Style Peal Forms are now available from R.W. office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4in. x 9in.).

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PERSONAL

that men shall speak, they shall give account on the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."—St. Matthew, xii, 36 and 37.

Derby Cathedral.—Mr. Harold Taylor has retired from the position of ringing master. All future correspondence to his successor, Mr. David W. Friend, 32 Parkside Road. Chaddesden, Derby. 8924

Lympne, Kent.—Friday practices have resumed at 7.30 p.m. every week.—E. A. T. 8932

Mr. Philip R. Johnson, of 8 Lansdowne Avenue, Codsail, Staffs, informs friends and inquirers that he is not available by telephone at work, but his home phone number is Codsall 3690.

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan. St. Martin-le-Grand. E.C.1, on Jan. 27 at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Jan. 27, St. Paul's Cathedral: Feb. 3. St. Mary-le-Bow; Feb. 10. St. Botolph's. Aldget. 17, Southwark Cathedral: all at 6.20 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road. London, S.W.12. 8930

Headcorn, Kent.—After Thursday, Feb. 12, practice nights will be on Wednesdays during Lent. We return to normal Thursday practice again after Easter. Visitors welcome.—

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Monmouth, Fri., Jan. 30. Bells 7-8.30 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire. 8477

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Ditcheat, Jan. 24, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8910

Derby Diocesan Association.—Peak District.

Derby Diocesan Association.—Peak District.
—Annual meeting, Fairfield, Sat., Jan. 24.
Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting.
Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings
Road, Fairfield, Buxton. Further ringing in
evening until 8 p.m.—T. Wylie, Dis. Sec. 8478
Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Farnham Dis-

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Farnham District.—District A.G.M., Aldershot, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell, 121 Roberts Road, Aldershot (Aldershot 21009), please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dissec.—8795

Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Jan. 24, at All Saints, Hertford (10). Bells 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by meeting. Evening ringing 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. J. Foley, 34 Burieigh Road, Hertford.

—P.S.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Southern Branch. Annual meeting, Grantham, Sat., Jan. 24. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. A. Frith, 22 Redcliffe Road, Grantham.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Branch committee meeting, Jan. 24, Chalfont St. Peter, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing 6 p.m. Numbers for tea, please.—J. Mulher, 14 Southwood Road, Cookham.

Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting at Staines on Sat. Jan. 24. Ringing at St. Peter's 3,30–5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting, St. Mary's Church, 6 p.m., with ringing afterwards.—M. J. Palmer. 8929
Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mansfield District.

Southwell Diocesan Guild. — Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Jan. 24, Mansfield. Bells available from 3 till 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14 Windsor Road, Mansfield. — F. Cooke, Dis. Sec. 8487

Suffolk Guild.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Framsden (8), Sat., Jan. 24. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting from 4.30 p.m., followed by Guild committee meeting. N.B.—Place of meeting changed. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket.

Surrey Association.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, Kingston, Sat., Jan. 24, East Molesey bells (8) 3-4 p.m. Tea at Kingston Methodist Church Hall in Fairfield 4.30. Kingston bells 5.30. Service 6 p.m., followed by meeting in church. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me, please, at 4 Shirley Church Road, Shirley, Croydon (Tel. 01-654 4915).—E. Godfrey, Hon. Sec. 8462

Bath and Wells Association. — Taunton Branch. — Annual meeting, Wellington, on Sat., Jan. 31. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. H. Reed, 41 George Street, Taunton. 8489

Doncaster and District Society. — Annual general meeting at Doncaster on Sat., Jan. 31. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Laughton. 6 Pamela Drive, Warmsworth. 8917

Essex Association.—N.W. District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Sat., Jan. 31. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and ringing. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.

Hereford Guild.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting at Burghill, Sat., Jan. 31. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting. Evening ringing at the Cathedral (10) 6.30-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Pannell, 12 The Cloisters, Hereford, by Tuesday, 27th, please.

Hertford County Association.—Western District.—Annual meeting, Hemel Hempstead, Jan. 31. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. E. Sheppard, 19. Great Heart. Hemel Hempstead.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Scunthorpe, Jan. 31. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Finn, 30 High Dragonby, Scunthorpe, by Jan. 28, 8420

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., St. Mary's, Peterborough (6), Sat., Jan. 31. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough, by previous Thursday.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Paulerspury on Jan. 31. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Yates, 4 Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, by Tuesday previous. 8933

Sallsbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.
—Meeting to be held at Potterne (6), Sat.,
Jan. 31. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, pease. — Mr.
Wells, 34 Court Hill, Potterne, near Devizes,
Wilts. 8935

Society of Sherwood Youths.—Meeting, Sat., Jan. 31, Wollaton, 3-4.45, followed by tea. Aspley 6. Names for tea to Miss S. Poppleston, 25 Hambledon Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham, by Jan. 28.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—N. Notts District.—A.G.M. at Retford, Jan. 31. Ringing at Babworth 3 to 4; St. Michael's 3 to 4.10; St. Swithun's 7 (approx.) to 8.30. Service at St. Swithun's 4.30. Tea and business meeting in the Ebsworth Hall. Business will include a discussion on the Guild's continued affiliation to the Central Council. Names for tea to H. Poyner, Dis. Sec. (address in Diary), by Thurs., 29th. 8494

Sussex County Association.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Horsham (8). Jan. 31, Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Osbon, 79 Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel. E.G. 23815), by Wed. Jan. 28. Tea can only be guaranteed for names received by this date.—Jean Osbon. Div. Sec. 8942

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Christ-church and Southampton District.— Annual district meeting Sat., Jan. 31. Christchurch Priory bells available 2 p.m. and in evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45, Priory Hall, Princess Avenue, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Gilian Davis, 24 Stourcliffe Avenue. Southbourne, Bournemouth.—Mrs. Gilian W. Davis, Dis. Sec. 8948

Lincoln Guild.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kirton on Feb. 7.
Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service
4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to
Mrs. J. Vandewalle, 45 Edinburgh
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C.D.G.-Wirral Branch.

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Vernon Bottomley, Hon. Sec., 45 Westercroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax, Yorkshire.

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C. W. LUCAS, Subscription Manager.

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Ilkley, May 26th, 1970 Preliminary Examination

Headquarters will be the Craiglands Hotel, Cowpasture Road (Ilkley 2181). Special terms for the Central Council, 65/(plus 10%) Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, but only for bookings made before March 31st. The proprietor has agreed to reserve a limited number of rooms and Council members are advised to book without delay.

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There is at least one other conference in llkley during the week-end and Council members are warned that failure to reserve accommodation at an early date may well cause inconvenier.ce.

JUST AN IDEA

MENTIONED to the Professor the other day an idea suggested to me by a ringing friend of mine. This was that Minor splicing should be carried out in half leads, the changeover being made with the treble in 3-4. This would necessitate the touch or 720 starting with a quarter of a lead before the changeover, this then being made thereafter every half lead, the whole terminating with a quarter lead.

The Professor returned to his cell and when I next saw him had produced some arrangements which I hope will prove of interest. He pointed out that as a half or a quarter lead did not sufficiently define any one method the only logical conclusion was to name all the methods represented by the truncated section, as it could, indeed, be any of them.

As an illustration of this type of splicing I give the first one-and-three-quarter leads of one of his arrangements (without figures).

First quarter lead. Oxford, London Scholars, Kingstone, Sandal, Capel, Burton, Coventry, Richborough, Cawthorne, Snowdrop, College Youths' Pleasure, Morning Exercise, Worcester, Chichester, Blythe, Pilsey, Wellington, London New Delight.

Half-lead (backwork). College Exercise, Royston, Gladstone, College Bob IV, Queen Bess, Bocking, Vale Royal, South Kirkby, Newtown.

Half-lead (frontwork). Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, Evening Star, Rochester, Morning Star, Disley, Conisbrough, Houghton, London Delight, Hatfield, Nostell, Darton Exercise, Ringers' Delight.

Half-lead (backwork). Penistone, Hoylandswaine, Wragby, Willesden, St. Werburg, Felkirk.

And the list of methods, as the Professor gleefully pointed out, is by no means complete.

With this procedure each 720 could be made to include several hundred methods, and a peal, especially if plain and alliance methods were included, run into several thousand. The idea had the added attraction that hundreds of methods not yet invented, or ever likely to be rung, could also be included.

As each peal would probably take several pages of "The Ringing World" he suggested that the Central Council could publish a spliced supplement and that spliced ringers could cover the cost at so much a line or alternatively pay a fixed charge for each method included.

When I pointed out that his arrangement was merely a lead and three-quarters of Spliced College Exercise and Norbury, he accused me of being a cynic bent on impeding the march of progress, but I have a feeling that he was not really serious.

H. C.

Members experiencing difficulty should write to Bluebird Travel, The Grove, Ilkley. This agency, which is retained by Ilkley U.D.C., will also find accommodation further afield for those wishing to take the opportunity of having a holiday in the Dales.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY, Hon. Secretary.

45, Westercroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION JOINT MEETING AT BIRSTALL Saturday, January 31st, 1970

1.-It will be proposed at the meeting that the Leeds and District Society be dissolved. 2.-Election of officers for a new branch of the Yorkshire Association, based on the area of the Leeds Society will take place. Bells available:

Birstall (8) 3.00-5.00 and evening. Batley (8) 3.00-4.45. Cleckheaton (8) evening.

Names for tea to Mr. D. J. North, 269 Healey Lane, Batley, by previous Tuesday, please. R, Cater, W. F. Moreton, Hon. Secs.

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Hillingdon, Middlesex. — There will be no practice on Feb. 2.—(Mrs.) P. A. Palmer.

inchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Isle of Wight District —Annual district meeting, Ryde, Jan 31 Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names to Mrs Guy, The Shieling, Afton Road, Fresh-

Cheter Guild.—Stockport Branch.—Annual stockport St. George, Jan. 31. Bells 3.1s pm. Strice 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m. No tea owing to alterations at school. Ample cafes nearby. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Annual dinner and dan e, Fri., Feb. 27, Harvey's Restaurant, 8. Reaver's Road, Farnham, or David Tubbs, 192 London Road, Burpham, Guildford. 8962

Lancashire Association. - Fylde Branch.-A.G.M., Sat., Jan. 31, held at St. John's Parish Church, Church Street, Blackpool. Bells (8) 3

THE HILLINGDON SUPPER

will be held at the Masonic Hall, New Windsor Street, Uxbridge, on Friday, February 20, 7 for 7.30 p.m.

Price 30s.
Names to Mrs. P. A. Palmer, 90 Ryefield Avenue, Hillingdon, by Feb. 3. 8959

'FLU STRIKES AGAIN

The long peal attempt for 10,080 Spliced Surprise Major in 45 methods at Longney, Gloucestershire, last Saturday (Jan. 17), had to be called off at the last moment because one of the team was struck down with influenza. Another day will be fixed shortly.

DEATH OF MR. C. W. NUTT

The sudden death of C. William Nutt at his home on January 3 came as a great shock to his fellow ringers in the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He had been a ringer at Bosbury for about 50 years, was ringing master of the Ledbury District for 20 years and a loyal member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. A farm worker, and later a gardener, he was known to be thorough and trustworthy, and as a ringer, especially a peal ringer, he was the same. His peal total of 70 included those for the Worcester Association.

The funeral took place at Bosbury on January 8, when 20 ringers were present. Mr. J. Ward represented the Hereford Diocesan Guild and Mr. J. Ranford (ringing master) the Ledbury and District Branch. The service was choral and ended with the ringers' hymn. Four ringers acted as bearers and the bells were rung halfmuffled after the service. In the evening a peal of Doubles was rung by some of the band who rang in his last peal ten days previous. Quarter peals were rung at Crad-ley and Eastnor and on January 10 the bells at Bosbury were rung to a quarter peal by fellow members. A peal was also rung half-muffled at Mathon.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for January 19, 1945

The leader followed up Col. Jerram's letter of the previous issue regarding the West Country Round Ringing.

At Appleton the first peal in the method by all, Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, was conducted by Walter F. Judge, whilst at Enderby, Leics, Francis W. Jelley rang his — the treble to Cambridge Surprise

Parker's 12-Part Grandsire Triples was rung silent at Coseley, Staffs, and to umpire it-Francis Brotherton.

William A. Stote conducted his first peal

of Doubles at Keresley, Warwicks.

Holme Pierrepont, Notts, ringers rang a quarter of Doubles in which four of the five scored first quarters.

An editorial note stated that the increased circulation of The Ringing World had exhausted the extra supply of paper allowed. and new subscribers would only be supplied as vacancies, either from death or other cause, occurred! [Editor's note: We can supply any number now!]

The death of Mr. Samuel Cotton (78), of Leicester, was reported. He was a fine handbell ringer, but only rang 80 peals in all.

A request came from W. Edgar Clarke, Chaplain, R.A.F., S.H.A.E.F., for a set of handbells for "an enthusiastic body of soldiers and airmen in France to learn and

The deaths of Mr. Hugh Beechey (58), of St. John's, Peterborough, and of Mr. C. E. Read (77), of Ewell, were announced.

50 YEARS AGO January 23, 1920

In a peal of Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch, Alfred H. Winch rang the 6th-his first attempt for a 12-bell peal.

A resident band, the first, rang a first peal of Doubles on the newly-rehung five bells at Orlingbury, Northants.

During a week's visit to Guildford seven handbell peals and four tower bell peals were rung, all conducted by Alf Pulling. The new ring of eight at Watford Parish

Church was dedicated and the "new slider and also a device for preventing the clapper from rebounding" were of great interest to

The Ancient Society of College Youths decided to exclude ladies from membership. In Rule 1 the word "male" was to be inserted and in Rule 4 the words "or she" were to be omitted.

The bells at Portbury (tenor 25 cwt.) had been renovated by Messrs. Llewellin and James, of Bristol.

At Leiston, Suffolk, on January 13, six brothers rang a handbell peal of Kent T.B. Maximus, the first ever as such. They were Allen F. Bailey 1-2, Ernest S. 3-4, Charles F. 5-6, James M. 7-8, Frederick W. 9-10 and Edgar H. 11-12. It was a birthday peal for Ernest S. Bailey. [See R.W., p. 39.—Ed.]

MR. J. E. BARBER'S PASSING

Mr. John Edward Barber, of Wrexham, passed away peacefully, after a long illness, on January 9, at the age of 65. He had given a lifetime of devoted service as a ringer and sidesman at Wrexham Parish Church.

Following the funeral service, attended by many friends and ringers, a half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by his fellow ringers, three of whom had been ringers with him for 50 years.

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Repeated. First rung at Farnham on Feb. 28, 1933, conducted by R. Hasted.

I had ambitionby which sin the angels fell; I climbed and, Step by step, ascended into hell. -DAVIES.

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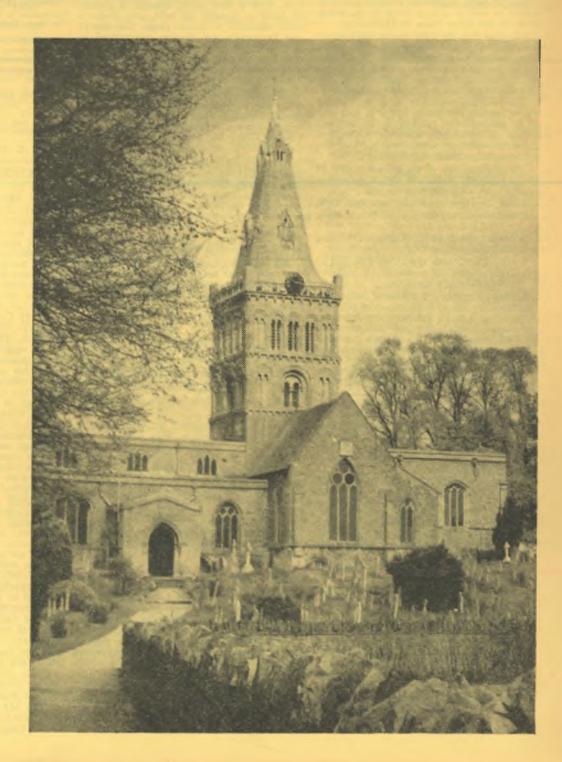
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History of the Bells and Bellringing By J. D. COOPER

THE VILLAGE OF CASTOR lies about five miles to the west of Peterborough, at present amidst rich farmland, although by 1986 it is expected that it will have been swallowed up by Greater Peterborough—a new town of 180,000.

There has been a settlement at Castor for at least 2,000 years, for when the Romans came there was already a pottery industry. In Roman times the area was very industrial with important pottery and iron works, as well as a large camp on the south bank of the River Nene at Duribrivae.

The church is the only one in the country dedicated to St. Kyneburgha, who came about A.D. 650 with her sister, St. Kyneswitha, and built a nunnery. There are traces of Roman and Saxon materials in the church, which was dedicated in 1124.

The Norman tower has stood aloft above the valley for 800 years, and it is reckoned to be second only to that of Tewkesbury Abbey. The ringing chamber is reached through a curious priest chamber and has a fine oak roof with crude carvings.

The present ring of six bells was cast in 1700 by Henery Bagley, of Ecton, near Wellingborough. The inscriptions are:—

 and 2.—Henricus Bagley nos fecit 1700.
 and 4.—Henry Bagley Of Ecton made me 1700.

5. — Cantate Domine, Canticum Novem Henricus fecit 1700.

 To the Church the living call and to the grave do summon ali. Henry Bagley made me 1700.

Little is known of the ringing before the beginning of the 19th century. In 1795 the ringers had a lucky escape when the tower was struck by lightning just after they had finished ringing for the King's birthday. During the 19th century the ringers received 18s. a year, for the bells were rung for the monarch's official birthday and also on November 5, after which they were given a "hot" supper at the Royal Oak, which consisted of bread, cheese and onions. This practice continued until 1914. New bell ropes were purchased every year from 1812 to 1825 at the cost of 50s, for six. This stock of ropes appears to have lasted well as no more ropes were bought until 1835 and then 1850.

A bell was tolled at Castor on the night of Princess Leopold's funeral and a "dumb" peal was rung on November 18, 1852, on the occasion of the Duke of Wellington's funeral. A peal of 5,040 Bob Minor variations was rung on the bells on January 18, 1853, conducted by Jonathan Shelton, and by the same band who rang the peal of 10,080 changes at Glinton on January 17, 1852

The last national event of the 19th century for which the bells rang was the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria in June, 1897. After June, 1898, the bells were only to be chimed for the morning and evening services on Sundays. In 1900 they were rehung in iron frames with steel girders by Taylor's, of Loughborough, and the opportunity was taken to retune and turn the bells

The rehung bells were rung in December, 1900, for the death of the Bishop of London, but a much more joyful event was the Coronation of King Edward VII in 1902.

In 1908 the face of the clock was renovated and this was followed by repairs to the tower and spire in 1909. The year 1910 brought a Peterborough Association meeting on Easter Monday and muffled ringing for the King's death, May 20. In 1924 the bells rang for the celebrations of the church's 800th anniversary, but in 1932 were pronounced unringable on account of the state of the spire.

In 1948 a new rector brought a change of heart as regards the bells, and Taylor's were requested to inspect them. The report was favourable and ringing commenced in July, 1948. A new local band was formed and the first peal since 1926 took place in 1952 and included three local ringers. It is hoped to ring a local peal this year.

Since 1948 progress has been continuous, although the present band includes few of the 1948 ringers. The bells have been rung regularly twice on Sundays and also at 6.30 a.m. on Easter Day and 5.30 a.m. on Ascension Day.

Although there have been only six peals rung since 1948, quarter peals have proved very popular on a variety of occasions, including the Coronation in 1953. The first quarter by the local band was in 1956. The year 1961 brought a quarter for the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury and a peal to commemorate the century of the village school.

In 1968 the bells were probably rung more than ever before, 13 quarters and one peal being rung. The autumn of 1969 saw the bells being taken down yet again by Taylor's for rehanging, but the advances of the modern world are such that a job which took two months in 1900 now takes six months. It is hoped that 1970 will see great advances in the standard of ringing, the basis of which has already been laid.

SCOTTISH HOSPITALITY

Mr. Alan Carveth, of Truro, Cornwall, writes:—

"I was very interested in the article by R. K. R. on Scottish rings of four, and particularly regarding the visit in 1949 to ring the bells of the Church of the Holy Rood, Stirling. I was serving in the R.A.F. at Dunfermline at the time, and was invited to join the band by Mr. Ranald Clouston. I still have his copy of the ten Minimus methods we rang that afternoon, and the event was notable for the many townspeople who visited the tower during the afternoon's ringing, and these included some of the civic dignitaries.

"At that time I enjoyed a great deal of hospitality amongst the Scottish ringers, particularly in Edinburgh and Paisley. This hospitality was repeated ten years later when my wife and I spent our honeymoon in Scotland. A band of ringers from Edinburgh met us on a Wednesday afternoon to enable my wife and myself to ring at Alloa, Dunblane and Fettes College, towers which had 'eluded' me during my previous stay.

"Perhaps some time in the future we shall have the opportunity to come north again and ring at our 'untouched' towers at Inverness, Inveraray, Dundee and the new six at Stirling."

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STINCHCOMBE STILL SUB JUDICE

Dear Sir,-In his letter published on Jan. 16 Mr. Robin Collis asked the Gloucester and Bristol Association to comment on his observations. As the matter of Stinchcombe bells is still sub judice—the Chancellor has not yet given his decision—the Association is unable to reply to his criticism. would point out, however, that the Gloucester and Bristol Association was not alone in opposing the granting of a faculty; the petition was actually filed by the Archdeacon of Gloucester, and the Diocesan Advisory Committee whose chairman gave evidence—was strongly opposed to the application. Had Mr. Collis a full knowledge of the events leading up to the Consistory Court hearing or had he been present in court his opinion would, no doubt, be rather different.

We are aware that within our Association, as in most Associations, there are towers where the bells, for various reasons, are not rung regularly every Sunday. It is the Association's aim to teach ringers wherever and whenever possible. To this end we organise residential and day courses and pay travelling expenses of instructors. To date no request for instruction has ever been turned down.

Recently a band of ringers was trained ready to ring at Maisemore as soon as the bells were rehung after a silence of some 30 years. At the present time three of the Association officers are engaged in teaching bands of ringers in addition to regular practice and Sunday service ringing at their own towers. Mr. Scudamore has regularly been travelling a round distance of 50 miles to help an inexperienced band. Those who know our ringing master know that there is no one keener to teach and foster the interest of young ringers.

As Mr. Collis so obviously has an interest in the Gloucester and Bristol area we shall look forward with pleasure to receiving his donation to the Special Appeal Fund, which has already received support from a wide area.—Yours faithfully,

E. MARY BLISS, Chairman CHARLES ROUSE, Hon, Secretary Gloucester and Bristol Association.

A HISTORY OF SPLICED MINOR

By C. A. WRATTEN

"TO mutilate . . . 720's in order to compress an exceptional number of methods within a 5,040 is a procedure which will never commend itself to the Exercise generally."—
A. Percival Heywood ("Bell News," May,

"Just a word more to dismiss as unpracticable the question of producing methods that will interlock without producing false changes. The idea is a pretty one, and it may afford fireside amusement (a pleasant may afford fireside amusement (a pleasant department of our art) for those who have time to go into it, but except as a fancy performance such methods will never be rung, as the better known will necessarily be those chosen for multi-method peals." — William Snowdon ("Belt News," May, 1894).

PART I: THE BEGINNINGS

On Wednesday, November 10th, 1909, the Rev. H. Law James called a peal of Minor at Surfleet, which, when it was reported in "Bell News" a fortnight later, bore the simple footnote:

"First peal in eight methods on the bells, by all the band and by the above Guild,"
the Guild referred to being the Lincoln
Diocesan. The peal provoked no editorial the Guid Televical Diocesan. The peal provoked no editorial comment and no correspondence, and has seldom been accorded any special credit. Yet it stands as a milestone in the development of change ringing for its first 720 was in two methods—Oxford Bob and Double Bob—and was the first "spliced" 720 ever to be included in a peal.

To understand how and why this peal came To understand how and why this peal came to be rung it is necessary to go back to the closing years of the last century, to the second meeting of the Central Council. This was in 1892, at Birmingham. The Council there laid down that a peal of Minor should consist of not less than 5,040 changes made up of true 720's. A reasonable stipulation, it seems today, but nevertheless one that was to cause considerable argument at the time and for several years to follow several years to follow.

360's AND THE COUNCIL

In order to increase the number of methods In order to increase the number of methods in a peal, some of the best Minor bands had for many years been ringing peals made up of 360's or even 240's. The idea was not, as is sometimes thought, a Yorkshire innovation, the first such peal having in fact been rung in Lancashire, at Prestwich, in April, 1808. The first peal in Yorkshire on this plan was not rung until seven years later, at Darfield, and consisted of 22 240's. Multi-method peals of this type became gradually more frepeals of this type became gradually more frequent, most of them being in the West Riding of Yorkshire, but others as far afield as Braintree (in 1883), Steyning (1889) and Caversham

The idea even spread to higher numbers. At the opening of Galleywood bells in September, 1873, Squire Proctor's band from Benington had rung a 5,060 made up of touches in ten different methods, from Grand-sire Triples to London Surprise Major. And at Rotherham eight years later Charles Hat-tersley called 6,006 changes of Caters and Royal on the same "plan."

In 1883 a record had been set by George Bolland and the Tong band when, on February 17th of that year they had rung at Tong a 6,000 of Minor consisting of no less than 25 240's in as many different Treble Bob

The Council's insistence on true 720's was consequently seen by the best Minor bands as a retrograde step. The Yorkshire men maintained, with some reason, that their peals in 14 or more methods were better performances than those in seven, and they fought hard and persistently against this ruling.

Attempts to amend it were defeated in each of the following four years, the debate at the 1894 meeting in London being of particular interest, for it was here that the possibility of "spliced" ringing was first publicly

The president, Mr. (later Sir) Arthur P. Heywood, who had consistently refused to allow the requirement for complete 720's to be relaxed, said that James Wilde had sent him a true 720 consisting of several methods, while Bankes James pointed out that it was possible to splice 14 plain methods into seven 720's by using singles.

(There can be little doubt that the 720 referred to by Heywood was James Platt's nine-method masterpiece (see "Ringing World," April 18th, 1969, page 300). Its historical and theoretical significance was unfortunately not grasped by Heywood, nor by the normally persipient Bankes James. Indeed. the normal y percipient Bankes James. Indeed, the latter's reference to splicing by singles shows how far his ideas were behind those of Platt, who by this time had been dead for nearly 40 years.)

While the debates continued, multi-method peals of Minor were still being rung in the old manner. Finally, in 1897, the original resolution, which had been generally ignored, was quietly rescinded. Nothing was put in its place, and Minor ringers were once more legally free to ring what they wished.

And there the matter rested until the peal

in eight methods at Surfleet in the autumn of 1909.

SPLICED IN LINCOLNSHIRE

The Rev. Law James had played little part in the debates of 1892-7, leaving the chief protagonists—the unbending Percival Hey-wood and the persistent William Snowdon—to argue the pros and cons of the matter. the possibilities of splicing had clearly stayed in the back of his mind, and the 1909 peal was the first practical expression of his thoughts.

It was followed by a peal in nine methods at, Surfleet on March 10th, 1910. This conat Strices on March 16.5., the methods in each—Plain and Double Bob, Single and Double Court—being linked by singles. Two Double Court—being linked by singles. Two more peals in eight methods followed, the first at Edenham in September and the second a month later at Fieet. In November a second peal in nine methods was rung at Sunfleet

Then, on February 15th, 1911, Law James called a 5,000 in 14 methods at Edenham. The first five pairs of methods—Norfolk and Primrose, Cunecastre and London, Beverley and Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge and Sandal and Oxford T.B.—were spliced in whole courses, and the last two—Single and Double Oxford and Piain and Double Bob—by halfway singles. The band stood as follows:

Arthur I. Holmes .. Treble Rev. H. Law James ...
John W. Lake ...
James Osborn ...
Fred Blood ... Fred Blood 5 Rupert Richardson .. Tenor

Of these, the ringer of the treble, second and tenor belonged to Surfleet, while the other three came from Bourne.

This peal is sometimes taken to mark the introduction of spliced ringing, although it was in fact, as we have seen, the culmination of a series of peals rung over the preceding 15 months.

THE COUNCIL'S REACTIONS

Be that as it may, Law James had proved in practical terms the feasibility of splicing methods together within a 720 while yet preserving the truth of the extent. Accordingly, when the Central Council next met, in Leicester in the June of the year, he moved that a peal of Minor should consist of "at least seven true and complete seven hundred and twenties." The proposal was not met very warmly. Mindful of the arguments that had followed the similar resolution 20 years earlier, the Council could not be persuaded to adopt it as a firm rule. Instead a com-promise was reached and, on the proposition of Joseph W. Parker, the resolution was finally passed only as a recommendation.

Obituary

CANON H. T. MOGRIDGE, M.A.

The first mention of Rev. H. T. Mogridge in ringing circles is in the minutes of the Aldrington band's annual general meeting, when on January 25, 1927, he was elected a member.

He learnt to ring at Aldrington, covering for Doubles, and to hunt the treble. It was a favourite story that he promised to treat first 720. This was duly arranged and the rector's success earned his ringers a fine spread! He enjoyed bellringers' outings to the full and was affectionately known as "Moggy." the ringers to a dinner when he scored his

During his incumbency the six at Aldrington were rehung by Taylor's, being rededicated by the Bishop of Chichester on Oct. 10, 1948.

For his silver jubilee at Aldrington he was made a Canon of Chichester Cathedral.

The first non-conducted quarter peal was rung in the tower on July 18, 1954, to commemorate his 28th anniversary in the living and he was made a vice-president of the Sussex County Association the same year.

At one time, six young lady ringers (average age 17½) of the Aldrington band rang a quarter peal and an "all-male" quarter was then arranged, but this could only be attempted if the rector would be one of the ringers. On Palm Sunday, 1955, he rang the tenor for his first quarter peal at the age of 64 (the average age of the band was never disclosed!).

One peal (Grandsire Doubles) has been rung at Aldrington. A local band, on Oct. 15, 1955, paid tribute to Canon Mogridge's 29 years of devoted service. He moved to Thakeham, where his ringing continued, and a quarter of Plain Bob Minor was a compliment to him by Aldrington and Thake-ham ringers. He retired to Steyning, Sussex, in 1962. On December 26 last he suffered a cerebral hæmorrhage and died on December 29 at the age of 78 years.

A man of dignity and devotion, he did much for St. Leonard's and will long be remembered. We are the richer for his example of a life well spent in true service. S. W. B.

THE REV. G. BOWMAN

The Vicar of Newhey, Rev. George Bow-man, died suddenly on January 3. He had been there for 2½ years; his drive and enthusiasm revitalised the parish, particularly in the belfry, to which he was a regular visitor and for which he was responsible for the installation of the new ring (tenor 4) cwt.). He also raised funds for restoring the organ and resurfacing the church road. A peal was rung as an "in memoriam" and mention must be made of the excellent ringing of Miss Kathryn Lawson—her first peal inside.

Three hundred and sixties continued as a result to be rung in peals of Minor for several result to be rung in peals of Minor for several years to come. True, they were not as frequent as in the past, but it was another 13 years before the last such peal was to be recorded. This was rung at Hanley Swan, Worcestershire, on May 18th, 1924, conducted by the late Charles Camm, and consisted of 14 360's in as many methods.

[To be continued]

A QUIET YEAR

The annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch of Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Swanage on January 3. Ringing on the eight bells of the parish church took place before the service and after the meeting, and methods attempted were not very complex, about 50 per cent being devoted to rounds and Doubles methods. The guild office was conducted by the newly-inducted rector (Rev. D. Bailey), who was duly elected a member at the meeting which followed. Tea, prepared by the Swanage ringers' wives, was greatly enjoyed.

Officers elected for 1970 were: Chairman, Dr. C. T. Brown (Wareham); vice-chairman, Mr. H. I. Pitman; ringing master, Mr. H. Mitchell (St. John's, Bournemouth); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Robertson (Wareham); committee members: Mr. C. Bishop (Wimborne), Mr. I. Davis (Poole) and Mrs. M. Howitt (Swanage).

Six new members were elected and the secretary reported a quiet year, with slightly increased membership. An excellent dinner had been held at Wareham, following a quarterly meeting and an enjoyable skittles evening had taken place in February. It was hoped to repeat both these events in 1970. Twenty-six quarter peals had been rung and several younger members had rung their first peal. The winners of the branch's heat for the Blandford ringing festival were also the competition winners, viz., the "Wareham A" band. It was also hoped to arrange a coach outing to the guild A.G.M. at Bridport.

ENTERTAINMENT FOLLOWS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Biggleswade District of Bedfordshire Association was held at Maulden on January 10, with the usual ringing during the afternoon, followed by service, conducted by the rector, Rev. P. G. Oakley. Mr. M. J. Lockey was the organist.

At the business meeting in the church hall an apology was given for the president, Mr. A. E. Rushton, who was ill. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. S. H. Ashton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. H. Smith; ringing masters, Messrs. C. D. Mann and R. Webb; committee: Messrs. K. Fleming, M. Major, R. Sharp, A. S. Smith; belfry fund treasurer, Miss S. Percival; organists, Messrs. M. J. Lockey and P. Rogers; press secretary, Mrs. Mary Mann.

The arrangements for the annual district outing were again left to Mr. P. Rogers, and Mr. M. Major the striking contest. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. K. H. Fleming for his work as secretary.

Ringing continued until 8 p.m., under Mr. C. D. Mann. An excellent buffet supper had been prepared by Mrs. Linda Fleming and helpers, and the social which followed was a new venture. Keith Fleming was M.C. and the entertainment included Chris Hardy (folk songs) and Grandsire Caters on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ivin, Miss Julia Fellows, Mr. M. Major and Mr. A. H. Smith. St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, ringers gave a sketch. M. L. M.

SILENT TOWERS

Ringing took place at Great Wymondley prior to the annual general meeting of the Northern District of Hertfordshire County Association held at Hitchin on January 3. The Vicar, Rev. R. E. Meredith, conducted the service, which was held in conjunction with a service terminating the North Herts children's choirs course.

After a buffet tea, Geoffrey Dodds was elected to chair the meeting. The district reports were given and the financial position stated. This led to a discussion on how best the money in the voluntary bell fund could be invested yet readily accessible, and it was left to the secretary to make enquiries and report at the next quarterly meeting.

The following new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. Alan Boyd and Stephen Bedford (Hitchin), Trevor Broom (Stotfold) and Trevor Freer (Baldock). Mrs. Marion Searle (Stevenage) was re-elected, having moved back into the district, and John Leeming was transferred to non-resident membership.

Mrs. Anne Agg resigned her position as district secretary and thanks were accorded her for her efficient two years in office. Geoffrey Horritt (Stevenage) was elected in her place. The district expressed regret at losing its ringing master, John Leeming, whose enthusiasm had helped establish the Surprise practices. Ian Panton was elected ringing master, with Rex Agg as assistant. Other officers were re-elected, with Peter Cranfield elected to fill a vacancy on the committee.

Suggested venues for future meetings were given and it was decided that monthly Surprise practices should be continued. Ringing information for each tower was corrected for the annual report, and in view of the number of silent towers in the district the secretary was asked to compile a list so that occasional Sunday service ringing could be organised at every tower.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, to the Vicars of Hitchin and Great Wymondley, and to the ladies for preparing a very enjoyable tea concluded the business.

Members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

M. M. R.

FIRST PRACTICE IN THE 70s

Saturday, January 3, saw the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association hold their first 1970 practice meeting at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Hardington Mandeville.

Over 30 ringers attended, despite the cold weather and illness. Ringing on the pleasant light six (tenor 8 cwt.) was supervised by the ringing master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, and assistant, Mr. Jim Taylor. The branch is grateful to Canon L. Sharland, rector, and Mr. Gilbert Rendell, tower master, for their kindness in making the tower and bells available.

Forthcoming events.—February: Practice, East Coker (8, 13 cwt.); social evening, Fleur-de-Lys, Stoke-sub-Hamdon. May: Branch striking competition, Long Sutton (6, 17 cwt.). Further details from branch hon. secretary or ringing master.

M. M. L.

NEW RINGING MASTER

The pleasant village of Writtle, near Chelmsford, will always have a special significance in the history of the Essex Association as it was here that the Association was founded in 1879. Members present on that occasion would no doubt have been surprised had they seen the large number of young people who converged on Writtle and its eight bells for the annual general meeting of the South Eastern District of the Essex Association on January 3. Ringing preceded the service, conducted by the curate (Rev. W. Cummings), who in an amusing address gave his views on certain parts of the human anatomy. The Rev. A. Abbey, of Sandon, was at the organ and carols were sung in place of the traditional ringers' hymns. Tea was served in the hall by Mr. Herbert Edwards and helpers and was again generously provided by Mrs. M. French, of Writtle. At the business meeting which followed, the master (Mr. Andrew Hudson) welcomed Mrs. French and Mr. Frank Lufkin, master of the Association.

The secretary reported that 1969 had been an encouraging year, with good progress being made in many towers. The retiring master did not seek re-election and Philip Rothera was elected master for 1970. Richard Harrison was elected secretary and Jim Towler and Bob Leavett committee representatives. Philip Mark and Robert Palmer, of Terling, were elected ringing members. Mr. Lufkin spoke in appreciation of the warm welcome he had received at Writtle and expressed his pleasure at the large number of young people present. A vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success was proposed by Andrew Hudson, who also thanked members for their support during his term as master. This concluded the business of the meeting, and further ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

The A.G.M. of the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Oakham on January 10. Good use was made of the fine eight bells, over 30 members and visitors taking part. We were pleased to welcome Mr. J. H. Bluff (guild master), who took charge of the ringing.

The tea and meeting were held at the Singing Kettle Cafe. The existing officers and guild committee members were reelected and it was decided to create new positions so that branch committee members have specific responsibilities. The belfry officer is responsible for improving the standard of belfry maintenance in the branch. The press officer will report on branch activities to The Ringing World and guild newsletter.

Officers elected were: President and ringing master, Charles Hudson; vice-president and belfry officer, Lionel Atton; secretary and treasurer, Arthur Scholes; press officer, Cynthia Barnett; guild committee: Lionel Atton and Christopher Groome, branch committee members: Alan Ellis, Ray Richardson and William Taylor.

New members elected were Richard Chantler, Diane Spencer and Diane Stainsby.
C. E. B.

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Back row, left to right: Janet Farr (treasurer), Lewis Parry, Sheila Parry (captain), Raymond Vaughan, Norman Farr, Harry Jones (people's warden), Brig. Innes (rector's warden). Front row: Sharon Parry (4 and keen to learn!), Ian Parry (aged 7 and

rings alone), Tom Bailey, Rev. A. W. Mc-Adam, William Meyers.

Taken at Easter, for the dedication of the "Tower Cross," Mr. Bill Meyers (holding the cross) made the new bell frame and also hand-carved the beautiful processional cross which was made partly from the old bell frame timbers and partly from the new timber: hence the name "Tower Cross."

The small boy (Ian Parry) handles a bell extremely well and is now learning to ring rounds.

RULES DISCUSSED

The Bridgwater Branch of Bath and Wells Association held its A.G.M. on January 4 at its home tower and its only ring of eight—St. Mary's, Bridgwater. The bells rang out soon after 2.30, there being some 30 members and visitors present, and the service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. C. Andrews.

Tea was taken in a nearby cafe, and at the business meeting the members received with regret the resignation of the hon, secretary. John Aldridge. The meeting extended its appreciation to him for the work he had done over the past five years. The following officers were elected: Mr. C. Herniman (chairman). Mrs. S. Beck (vice-chairman), Mr. M. J. Stone (secretary); Mr. K. Lane was re-elected ringing master and the silent towers committee was re-elected en bloc.

Seven new members were elected, following which the general secretary explained to the meeting amendments to the rules drawn up by the standing committee. On his there was some discussion, together with the arrangements for the A.G.M.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m.

NEW SECRETARY ELECTED

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the Essex Association was held at St. Peter's Church, Coggeshall, on Jan.

3. The service was conducted by the vicar and tea was provided by the parishioners in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. C. Gillingham, of Braintree, was elected secretary in place of Mr. R. Threadgold, of Wethersfield, who for business reasons was unable to continue. Mr. Threadgold was thanked for his services over the past three years and promised to continue his activities among the younger ringers in the district.

The master, Mr. Roper, of Finchingfield, gave an encouraging report, but reminded members of the need to revitalise a number of towers in the district where the sound of bells is no longer heard.

The retiring secretary reported an increase in numbers, and after the meeting had been reminded of the present qualifications expected of members, new members and probationers were sponsored and elected from Black Notley, Coggeshall and Wethersfield. A variety of ringing continued during the evening.

C. G.

PLACE NOTATIONS

Stuart I. Bamforth writes:-

"May I ask through your columns if anybody possesses the place notation for the method Oxford Surprise Major? It was rung at Brighton on Dec. 31, 1897, composed by G. Williams, and the method by J. W. Washbrook. I suspect that it is irregular.

"I would also like to point out that the method rung as Sheppey in a peal of spliced in 1963 had, in fact, been rung previously. It was rung at Burton-on-Trent as Superlative Surprise Major, Burton variation, as early as April 29, 1886, composed by A. P. Heywood. I would like to see this method renamed Burton or New Superlative, the name Sheppey now being inappropriate."

Letters acknowledged

The Editor has received communications from the following, whose letters are under consideration: C. Michael Orme, Geoffrey Dodd, Marcus C. W. Sherwood, Peter J. Wycherley, Anthony J. Cox, S. Ivan, F. L. Coventry, G. E. Thoday.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

Letters

CHEERS!

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate you on your new Ringing World cover. It is quite obvious, however, that this is a West Country sales drive as the colour scheme has particular significance for the Cornish. For the last three years we have had the colours of the Cornwall rugby team (the R.W. came in very handy for waving at the county championship final last year) and now, as any regular visitor to the Duchy will know, we have superimposed the colour scheme used for many years by the Devenish Rudruth Brewery.-Yours cheersfully,
ANTHONY J. DAVIDSON.

Truro, Cornwall,

NOT DIRTY WORDS

Dear Sir,-Since Mr. Marsh's condemnation of peal ringers a few weeks ago two people have written to you supporting him. It seems most significant that both of these people are residents of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association - firstly, Mr. Cribley, of Stroud, then Mr. Taylor, of Cheltenham.

For several years I would make a point of loyally attending the Association's annual general meeting, but one of the reasons I now do not attend is because the Association seems to be plagued with antipealites. One tires of hearing the expression 'peal ringer" being used as if they were

dirty words.

For Mr. Taylor's education I can inform him that peal ringers are the backbone of Bristol ringing. Without them the bells of St. Ambrose's Cathedral, St. Stephen's (when ringable) and Christ Church would be silent each Sunday. It is mainly the peal ringers who attend the fortnightly practice St. John's to ring Grandsire Doubles and call-changes on a rota basis with the lessexperienced.

I can only put their attitude down to icalousy of the opportunity or ability to participate in peal ringing. — Yours faith-

fully.

D. JOHN HUNT. Bristol.

FALSE COMPOSITION

Dear Sir. — On checking the figures for Easingwold Surprise Major rung at Easingwold on July 26, 1969, I find the composition used is false and would accordingly like to withdraw it.

I would like to apologise to the band for not checking the falseness thoroughly enough and to the Methods and Analysis Committees for this late withdrawal.

It would appear that there is no composition for the falseness b. d, g: perhaps one of our leading composers could confirm this.—Yours faithfully,

Leeds, Yorks.

C. B. DOVE.

STINCHCOMBE'S BELLS

Dear Sir.-While Mr. Collis (R.W., page 30) has a very valid point regarding lack of ringers in the Stinchcombe area, the fact still remains that if Stinchcombe bells are not rehung for ringing the possibility of getting ringers there is lost forever.

It is high time that all Associations, both territorial and non-territorial, realised that there is, due to lack of ringers, a great number of bells not being rung regularly, and it is their prime duty both to the Exercise and the Church to take immediate steps to remedy this situation.—Yours faithfully, Rochford, Essex. PETER SLOMAN.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

Dear Sir,—I refer to Mr. Camp's eloquent letter on page 19. I would agree with him that representation on the Council is, or should be, of societies and not of individuals. However, there is a proportional aspect of representation that should be considered, otherwise all societies should be equal with one representative and the smallest will have equal influence with the largest.

Mr. Camp, however, having buried the false "one man one vote" promise in a manner befitting a representative of the Oxford University Society fighting to keep his place on the C.C., goes on to put forward two other equally false premises.

Firstly, that the "individual and distinct

that non-territorial societies contributions" make to the Exercise are made at C.C. meetings. Secondly, that C.C. membership has effect on the work and effectiveness of

For the smaller societies C.C. member-ship means recognition and "official status," especially in the peal ringing field. It would appear, therefore, that if non-territorial societies could affiliate to the C.C. by paying an annual fee so that they become "recognised" for peal purposes, this would go a long way to satisfy their requirements. Arrangements could be made for such affiliated societies to present motions to the Council either through a "territorial" representative or through the president.

Another point concerning representation is that although there is a laid down number of society members to a representative, many societies have differing rules for membership. Most territorial societies have resident and non-resident members, the residents only being counted for representation. Perhaps the Council could consider some method of imposing uniformity and also checking that societies are observing the rules. The University Societies, for example, do have the equivalent of resident and nonresidents though I doubt that they will admit it. The London County Association as a territorial society also has only one level of membership and four representatives on the strength of it!

Whatever the arrangements made for territorial and non-territorial societies, it would be a step in the right direction if all the C.C. representatives were there on the same basis!—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW W. R. WILBY. Harpenden, Herts.

Dear Sir,-John Camp's letter (page 19, Jan. 9) displays splendid emotion and a vested interest. I prefer to look at university representation in the wider context of the argument that the Council would function more efficiently if it were smaller.

My suggestions for achieving a reduction have been extensively, if not always accurately, reported. They include a reduction in honorary membership and all classes of elected representatives. As Mr. Camp has isolated non-territorial societies I will restrict my present remarks to them.

All non-territorial societies perform some function, or they would not exist. One would like them all to have a voice on the Council, but if one accepts, as many apparently do. that the Council is too large. they inevitably receive early attention because all their members are able to be resident members of a territorial society. The university societies are heavily represented there are eight members from the six societies affiliated—and many other members of these societies represent territorial societies, e.g., London University has about a dozen. Surely it would be sufficient for the universities to be jointly represented, per-haps through the U.A.? The other societies with restricted membership, such as those for doctors and railwaymen, merit no representation in my view because their activities are merely social; which leaves the C.Y. societies. These two provide the "further education" which most territorial societies cannot provide. They are national organisations open to all who reach an acceptable entry standard; it would be a pity if room could not be found for their representatives.

I see nothing illogical in differentiating between the university societies and the College Youths and Cumberlands. And why should the university societies be singled out as having raised standards? Most of the societies affiliated to the Council have played their part at all levels, not just with the more proficient.—Yours faithfully,

DOUGLAS A. R. MAY.

West Horsley, Surrey.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Dear Sir.-I wonder whether Mr. Exton has written to you rather than to me because he thinks you are responsible for writing the Minutes, or because he thinks you may have tampered with my copy?

Those who care to follow up Mr. Exton's point could perhaps refer to a good dictionary. The "considerable difference" between "vary" and "revise and bring up to date" is that the former is rather more succinct.—Yours faithfully,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

45 Westercroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax.

SIXTEEN IN HAND

Dear Sir,-Probably the first mention of changes on 16 bells in hand was from the records of the famous Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal. After the 7,200 Kent Treble Bob Maximus at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on April 17, 1820, he informs us: "At the same meeting several courses of Treble Bob Maximus were rung on the handbells, and one course of 16, in the Grandsire method. The ringer named Powell, mentioned by E. Barnett, would no doubt be Thomas Powell. He was not one of the band that rang the first peal of Stedman Cinques in hand on February 10, 1854. We find he rang 3-4 to what would have been (?) the first of Stedman Triples, December 19, 1853. John Cox conducted from 1-2. William Cooter. 2 noted ringer of his day, was among those that heard the ringing, and afterwards as-serted that Cox "changed hands" for nearly a course and put them right just before the part end. Grandsire Triples (Holt's Origi-

nal) was rung in hand.
"June 22, 1854. Thomas Powell ringing An interesting item which may refer to the same person. On Dec. 12, 1848. at St. Martin's, Birmingham, a Thomas Powell rang the 2nd to 7,392 Stedman Cinques. Composed and conducted by Henry Johnson, it was the longest length of Stedman Cinques to that date.—Yours faithfully,
JOHN G. NASH.

London, N.

WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,-I wish to withdraw the peal of 5.079 Stedman Caters rung at Wrington, Somerset, on November 1, 1969, owing to falseness found in the composition. sincere apologies to all those who took part. Yours faithfully.

E. NAYLOR. Bath, Som.

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A BIG PROGRAMME

The attendance at the first meeting of 1970 of the Maidstone District, K.C.A., held at Staplehurst on January 10, was exceptionally good, there being many new faces amidst the collection of ringers, and over 50 consumed the excellent tea provided

by the local ringers.

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the visitor (yes, there was only one!), and seven new members and four life members were elected. Mr. Tester, the secretary, briefly detailed the programme for 1970, in which there are 29 meetings or practices. Programme cards were made available. Matters discussed at the November committee meeting were then outlined by Mr. Garner and mention was made of the four recently-rehung bells at Addington, rededicated during evensong on Jan. 18.

Ringing, under the guidance of Mr. Muchlinski continued until 8.45 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major. The evening was suitably rounded off in the nearest alehouse (not inappro-

priately called The Bell).

TEN WAYS

in which you can stop the ringing in your tower:

1. Come on Sunday, but never for more than five minutes before ringing stops. 2. Don't ring when it is (a) too hot, (b) too cold, (c) too wet, (d) too windy.

3. Only turn up for practice nights for the last 15 minutes' ringing, and—

4. Keep away on practice night for the

slightest excuse.

5. Moan that the learners are not ringing properly, but do nothing to help.

6. Offer to stand by a beginner and say nothing, then complain to the others for speaking when the beginner goes

Always be critical and complain at the first blow out of place; never give the ringer a chance to correct himself on his own.

Talk too much and say nothing that helps ringing.

Never attend special practice meetings for learners.

Always take the attitude: "I can ring and you can't." A. R. BRIDGES.

URANGWOT-9

The Stalcentre ringers enjoyed their outing this year, ending with a quarter peal at Strikethe year, ending with a quarter pear at Strike where the bells are perfect in every way. (For the purpose of this problem this means a normal rope circle, regular weight increases from the conductor, only one conductor, from the treble to tenor, only one conductor, and no funny business in the definitions.)

After the bells were rung down, the follow-

g statements were made.

Man: Carol conducted it. Harry rang the

Ann: I rang next to Richard. Carol rang a lighter bell than Duncan.

: I rang the fifth. Alan rang a lighter than Richard.

Duscan: I conducted it. Alan rang the

Harry: I rang the third. Duncan rang the Richard: Duncan rang the fourth. I rang

The ringing was better than their truthfulness, for each ringer made only one true

Latest date for entries, addressed to the Editor, February 6. A prize of 10s, will be arded to the first correct solution opened.

WORK IN HAND

John Taylor and Co. inform us of the following:-

(1) Two trebles ordered to make Edinburgh (St. Cuthbert's) ring into 10.

(2) Work is in progress and nearly completed at Twywell, Northants. Entails new G and B and addition of a treble, plus a general overhaul. The bells already in a

Taylor H frame.
(3) January 20 work starts in the next parish, Woodford, Northants, returning the fittings after repair. This is a grand Taylor six. New G and Bs, rebushed clappers, etc. The Taylor two-tier cast iron frame has provision for two trebles to make eight and a service bell, but these have never been

(4) Work is in progress and nearly completed on a general overhaul of the fittings at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh. The local ringers are carrying out the work, John Taylor and Co. supplying and repairing the parts.

(5) Work is to start shortly on a general overhaul of the fittings of St. George's, Dublin. Mr. Peter Brown, ringing master of St. George's, is superintending works at the Irish end.

ANDOVER DISTRICT'S KEENNESS

"A Happy New Year" was the theme of the address of Canon K. W. H. Felstead at the A.G.M. of the Andover District held at Highclere on Jan. 10. Happiness, he pointed out, came from a sense of service to others. The Rev. T. H. Lewis conducted the service, which was attended by the guild master (Mr. R. E. Savory) and many visitors.

Following tea, provided by Highclere ladies, Mr. Murdock, branch chairman, presided at the business meeting and gave a special word of welcome to Mr. C. Kippin.

Mr. M. Goss (hon, secretary) in his report stated that service ringing was well supported. There had been an increase in peals and quarter peals rung during the year and the district was now tackling peals of Surprise Minor. The treasurer's report was not quite so hopeful. The number of full members had dropped and there had been a decrease in the balance in hand, mainly due to the purchase of the 40th anniversary peal book, junior members were elected.

A combined striking competition and quarterly meeting is to be held at Longparish and Barton Stacey on October 3, and the A.G.M. will be at Andover on January 9, 1971. A donation of £2 was voted to the T. W. White testimonial fund, the ringing master (Mr. G. N. Dodd) calling attention to the then Editor's assistance at the time of the district's 40th

anniversary.

After the votes of thanks ringing took place at Highclere and Burghclere.

ONE RADICAL CHANGE

The Society of Sherwood Youths held their A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, December 27. Ringing on the fine ten commenced at 3 p.m. and the service was conducted by the Vicar. the Rev. Canon D. R. Feaver, Mrs. J. Dawson and Misses S. Anthony, D. Hol'and aind S. O'Neil kindly prepared tea in St. Mary's Church Hall. At the meeting the secretary reported a fairly successful year and the treasurer's report showed a balance of over £60. The main item on the agenda was the new constitution and was agreed to. The only radical change is that subscriptions now consist of a life membership fee of five shillings with sixpence steepleage at all meetings and practices. The officers were re-elected.

HENRY BAGLEY, OF CHACOMBE

Jane Brown, a pupil of Chacombe C. of E. School, contributed this article which was published in the Peterborough Newsletter, 1969.

The Bagley family are amongst the oldest of Northamptonshire's bellfounders. Between 1600 and 1785, when Matthew Bagley died, hundreds of bells were cast at Chacombe, and they are to be found in church towers all over Northamptonshire and neighbouring counties.

We were especially interested in one of the several "Henry Bagleys" because his restored tombstone is in Chacombe churchyard, within a few yards of the tower which contains some of the bells his family cast. The headstone is inscribed:-

Here lyeth the body of Henery Bagley who departed this life the 1 day of january 1683

To perpetuate ye memory of an ingenious bell-founder this stone was restored A.D. 1794.

The restoration of the stone was paid for by Briant, of Hertford, after he recast the fifth bell at Chacombe in 1790. No doubt he was impressed by the Bagley workmanship.

All six of Chacombe's bells were originally cast by the Bagleys though two have

since been recast.

The first three are inscribed: William Bagley made mee 1694. The fourth is inscribed: Canticum Novum Cantate Domine 1694 (this was a favourite Bagley inscription).

"Our" Henry had three sons -- Henry, Matthew and William-and three daughters -Esther, Mary and Sarah. We have a copy of his will in which he left half his messuage and land to his wife, a house in Chacombe and 20 acres of land to his son Henry, and half of his messuage and land to Matthew. He gave William £200 at 21 in 1679 and in the same year Esther (then married) was given £5 and her sisters, Mary and Sarah, £100 each. Henry must have been a man of substance. A detailed inventory of his estate totalled £1,123 8s. 2d.

The fact that Chacombe's fifth bell was recast in 1790 by Briant indicates clearly that with the death of Matthew Bagley in 1785 the bell foundry came to an end. It is thought that Matthew died tragically from burns sustained in a bell casting accident.

There are no Bagleys in Chacombe now. A good deal of information is available about other members of the Bagley family. Another Henry Bagley, of Ecton (perhaps 'our" Henry's son?), recast the ten bells of Lichfield Cathedral in 1687. Among local churches most of the bells of Banbury Parish Church and those at Middleton Cheney are Bagley-cast.

POLITENESS COSTS NOTHING

"Last year a certain party was to visit our 'fishing village,' and as I had plenty of time to 'stand and stare' I volunteered to meet the visitors," writes "Plain Bob." "I was at the tower at the appointed time, but one hour the company of the control of the co and 20 minutes later I decided to call it a day. Knowing what the district is like in the summer months for traffic jams, etc., anything could happen, but our Vicar wrote to those concerned, wondering what had gone wrong, but up to now has received no reply." He asks tower secretaries and others arranging outings to endeavour to keep to a timetable, and if anything goes wrong to cause can cl-lation or delay to let those concerned know immediately.

Quarter Peals

LONG LENGTH

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 29, 2,880 Pl. Bob Minor: Nancy R. Threlfall 1, M. Kitson 2, Frances A. Threlfall 3, J. G. Gipson 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 6.

ADVENT, CORNWALL, — On Jan. 1, 1,320 Doubles (11 var.). T. N. Hitchens 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. R. Hart 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, T. J. Bell 5, Peal attempt curtailed.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 22, 1,260 Doubles (18 meth./var.): Cynthia Humphreys I, Rosemary White 2, J. P. Burton 3, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 4, R. Riley 5, J. Keddie 6. Most meth./var, by all. Also on Dec. 31, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Cynthia Humphreys 1, R. Riley 2, E. Hough 3, M. J. Mulvey 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, J. P. Burton 6. First Cxford by local band, For watchnight service.

ALDWICK, SUSSEX. — On Sat., Sept. 20, 1,272 Minimus (five methods): C. Renyard 1, Ruth E. Halford 2, P. M. Wills 3, P. Stevens 4. For dedication of Daughter Church of St. Michael. (c)

ASH PRIORS, SOM,—On Dec. 18, 1,260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Miss F. M. Gadd 2, L. T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 6. (c)

ATCHAM, SALOP.—On Jan. 2, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Vivienne B. Bennett 1, A. E. G. Owen 2, L. Roberts 3, Patricia C. Stocken 4, E. F. Wilkox (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Judith Knights 1, P. Rogers 2, S. Knights 3, K. Hilton 4, Linda Wilkinson 5, G. Pick (cond.) 6. For midnight Communion.

BANWELL, SOM. — On Jan. 2, 1,260 Court Bob Triples: Susan Stott 1, R, W. Rice 2, B. Mills 3, M. Dodson 4, W. S. Rice 5, S. G. Smith 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, C. Field 8, First in method by all. Also on Jan. 3, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. C. Barrett (first quarter) 1, P. J. England 2, M. Dodson 3, M. T., Hebden 4, R. W. Rice 5, G. Hebden 6, W. S. Rice (cond.) 7, S. G. Smith 8.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Joan C. McLean 1, E. Sybil M. McLean 2, R. R. Kennard 3, A. Turner 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6, For baptism of Michael David McLean, son of 2 and 5, and first grandchild of treble.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Colver 1, A. H. Hough 2, R. Lord 3, G. Kelham 4, C. J. Lucas 5, A. A. Lucas 6, T. K. Deacon (cond.) 7, F. Botterill 8. Also on Jan. 1, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Colver 1, R. Lord 2, Mrs. A. A. Lucas 3, C. J. Lucas (cond.) 4, G. Kelham 5, A. A. Lucas 6, A. H. Hough 7, F. Botterill 8. To start celebrations for 750th anniversary of the Parish Church.

BENDIGO, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Church, on Nov. 30, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Wiseman (first quarter) 1, J. W. Robertson 2, T. Wilson 3, J. Martin 4, R. Bampton (cond.) 5, C. Rayner 6.

BOCKING, ESSEX.-On Nov. 22, 1,260 Grandsirc Triples: R. Fuller (first in method) 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, P. Dodd 3, R. Threadgold 4, G. Saunders 5, H. Moore 6, R Suckling (cond.) 7, C. Barker 8. honour of Christ the King. Also on Dec. 4, 1,320 Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): G. Dodd 1, Mrs. M Moore 2, P. Dodd 3, H. Moore 4, G. Saunders 5, R. Fuller 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, Mr. Dodd 8. For Confirmation. Also on Dec. 11, 1,320 Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): J. Porter 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, G. Dodd 3, H. Moore 4, G. Saunders 5, P. Dodd 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, R. Fuller 8. For carol service by High School. Also on Dec. 27, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Saunders (first in method) 1, C. Barker 2, Mrs. M. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, R. Threadgold 5, A. Little 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, R. Fuller 8. For Christmas.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S, Duff 1, A. Russell 2, K. Squibb 3, T, F, East (cond.) 4, Janice Squibb 5, E. Duff 6. For midnight Eucharist.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 27, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Susan Baker (first in method) 2, Lucy Smith 3, E. J. Whiting 4, P. S. Abbott 5, J. W. Allen 6, For Christmas.

Abbott 5, J. W. Allen 6. For Christmas, BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): L. Atton 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Peggy E. Jennings 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, R. J. Chantler 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. First in two methods for 2 and 3.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Dec. 23, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. L. Pearson 1, Dorect Young 2, Kathleen Horn 3, D. Fowles 4, T. Mitchell 5, D. Young 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8, Hall-muffled in memoriam Allan Rolls, son of George and Gladys Rolls.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Dec. 13, 1,369 Grandsire Doubles; Ivy Lewis (first Doubles) I, B. J. Fry 2, S. Baybut 3, J. Hull (cond.) 4, B. F. Peachey (first inside) 5, E. Senior (first quarter) 6. For induction as vicar of Rev. Canon Roy Chamberlain, M.A. (Cantab.), and to wish him every happiness in the parish. Also on Dec. 15, 1,272 Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury Pl. Bob Minimus: Flora M. Stocker 1, Janet C. Blackbourne 2, Faith Riley 3, B. J. Fry (cond.) 4, First Minimus 2 and 3. (c)

CALVERTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 14, 1,272 Minimus (51 m/v): Patricia M. Hayward 1. P. L. R. Hayward 2. D. W. Flower 3, 11, G. Wells (cond.) 4.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET. — On Dec. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Mears 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2. P. F. Romney 3, P. R. Board 4, E. H. Amey 5, C. W. Tidwell 6, P. H. Tocock (cond.) 7, R. H. Duke 8, To weicome Rev. Langdon as Vicar of Charminster

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Leclere 1, Anne M. Stevens 2, Ruth E. Halford 3, Susan M. Wills 4, K. Knight 5, P. M. Wills 6, P. Stevens (cond.) 7, C. Renyard 8. For Epiphany. (c)

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Marion A. Cass 1, G. H. Walker 2, Leslie C. Tibbitts 3, P. W. Dickinson 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 6. For Midnight Mass. (c)

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 31, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B, Minham (first attempt) 1 L. Haywood (first inside) 2, J. W. Cotton 3, N. W. Cotton 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5 Half-muffled for New Year's Eve. (c)

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On Jan. 3, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: E. Venn (cond.) 1, Miss P. E. Powell 2, B. Wilsdon 3, A. Hicks 4, N. Bridges 5, P. Holden 6, Wedding compliment to Angela Green.

CONGRESBURY, SOM.—On Dec 26, 1,280 Bristol S Major: S. Brown 1, G. Hebden 2, T. Chapman (cond.) 3, Margaret Chapman 4, R. W. Rice 5, J. Brain 6, P. J. England 7, J. H. Gilbert 8. (c)

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 31, 2,220 Doubles (Grandsire, 12 var.); R. J. Perry 1, R. P. Pearce 2, E Lesley Evans 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, T. J. Bell '106th quarter) 5, Kathryne R. Pearce 6. Peal attempt called round, Variations rung for first time.

COULSDON, SURREY. — On Dec. 21, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Ailcen Freeman I, A. Brock 2, J. Saysell 3, D. Little 4, D. Atkins (cond.) 5. For carol service.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.—On Dec. 18, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Newbury 1, R. G. Morris 2, P. Jopp (cond.) 3, A. A. Jopp 4, J. Clements 5, A. Jopp 6, Half-muffled in memoriam Charles Hayling.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Jan. 6, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Lealey M. French 1, R. P. Sherlock 2, Pauline Sutton 3, H. W. Evans 4, P. R. Everest 5, J. H. French 6, R. J. Everest 7, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 8. For the Epiphany.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Dec. 23, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: F. Linfoot 1, Jean Pollard 2. Anne Barnsley 3, Mary Pollard 4, A. Rodgers 5, A. Naylor (firs: as cond.) 6. A compliment to F. Linfoot, 40 years a ringer.

EPPING, ESSEX. — On Dec. 27, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Duffell 1, Mrs. B. Mitchell (first of Major) 2, Miss J. Flight 3, E. Elliott 4, C. Moore 5, W. Aley (cond.) 6, E. Rochester 7, R. Walker 8. For Christmas and a birthday compliment to 5. (c)

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Nov. 28, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Ann Williams (first Royal) 1, M. Mulvey 2, J. Aronson (first Royal) 3, J. B. Helder 4, Jill P. Oakshott 5, P. J. Munday (cond.) 6, Frances Mulvey 7, S. N. Mortimore 8, K. G. Game 9, J. C. Davidge 10. Also on Dec. 26, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Ann Williams 1, Elizabeth Gibbs (first Royal) 2, G. W. Stevens 3, Jill P. Oakshott 4, J. Aronson 5, S. N. Mortimore 6, P. J. Munday (cond.) 7, W. J. Munton 8, J. C. Davidge 9, T. Skilton 10.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—On Dec. 27, 1,440 Cambridge S. Royal: P. Bridle 1, G. H. Pullin 2, Diana Bridle 3, P. J. England (150th quarter) 4, P. H. Jones 5, D. Mackay 6, R. E. Beck 7, D. W. Jack 8, J. Brain 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10.

EXHALL, WARKS.—On Dec. 25, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Taylor 4, G. Hall 2, G. Hammond (cond.) 3, H. Curtis 4, L. Unsworth 5, D. Norman 6. First Plain Bob 1, 2, For Christmas. (c)

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 25, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda D. Chamberlain 1, Mrs. D. H. Chamberlain 2, R. Allinson 3, R. H. Robertu (cond.) 4, S. J. Chamberlain 5, L. V. Smith 6.

GLINTON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: K. Oliver 1, M. Spencer 2, B. Branston 3, Margaret Hill 4, G. Oliver 5, R. Spencer (cond.) 6. A compliment to Gwen Cave and Graham Oliver on their engagement. (c) GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.—On Dec.

GODDWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.—On Dec, 30, 1,260 Minor (two methods): Elizabeth A. Banks 1, J. C. Banks 2, L. D. Smith 3, R. H. Roberts 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, J. S. Hopwood 6.

GORING, OXON. — On Dec. 24, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Tull 1, Carol Tull 2, S. Franklin 3, Mary Trent 4, D. Haines 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Midnight Communion. Also on Dec 28, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Carol Tull 1, Mary Trent 2, M. Tull 3, 1. Judd 4, S. Franklin 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, W. Judd 8, For carol service.

GOTHAM, NOTTS. — On Jan. 4, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. C. Selby 1, D. Osborne 2, T. H. Kirkman (cond.) 3, S. Adams 4, A. Newell 5.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Jan. 4, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Constant 1, Miss G. Crane 2, T. V. Barnard 3, S. Sandford 4, Miss J. E. Jarvis 5, R. J. Thompson 6, R. M. Thompson 7, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 8, First quarter of Major for 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, GREAT EASTON. ESSEX.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Moore 1, H. Moore 2, W. Chapman 3, R. Suckling (cond.) 4, A. Little 5, F. Taylor

man 3, R. Suckling (cond.) 4, A. Little 5, F. Layson 6. A tarewell to Rev. Grey-Newton on his retirement. (c)

GREAT KIMBLE, OXON. — On Nov. 7, 1,320

GREAT KIMBLE, OXON.—On Nov. 7, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wilkinson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 2, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 3, E. Harmsworth 4, F. Keen 5, C. Wilkinson 6. (c)

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On Dec. 27, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise: R. Steel I, G. Markwell 2, W. Murells 3, A. Yarrow 4, G. Walker 5, R. Grant (first Surprise as cond.) 6. For Christmas. (c)

HAVANT, HANTS.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Milford (first quarter) 1, P. M. Wilkinson 2, D. S. M. Jones 3, H. W. Milford 4, M. Marshall (cond.) 5, P. J. Milford (first quarter) 6. (c)

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On Jan. 4, 1,376 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. H. Sharp 1, G. P. Horton 2, A. Hessey 3, G. F. Gardiner 4, K. Gatman 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. First Surprise by all.

HURSLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 6, 1,260 Grandsite Triples: M. L. Northway 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, H. J. Page 3, R. S. Parratt 4, K. J. Jacobs 5, D. R. Fallick (first G.T. as cond.) 6, D. J. Forder 7, M. K. Waldron 8. For Advent.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Dec. 21, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Diane Pickett 1, Patricia Rogers 2, Kathleen Parr 3, Olive Rogers 4, H. Rogers 5, P. Felton 6, D. Pickett 7, C. Rogers 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, N. Felton 10. For first service in the new church (Festival of Carols).

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS. — On Nov. 8, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Angela Barratt (first quarter) 1, Jane A. Smith 2, Helen Dzuiba 3, L. G. Smith 4, E. J. Sollis (cond.) 5, For Dr. Kathleen Durance, who opened the bazaar. Also on Dec. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Angela Barratt 1, Jane A. Smith 2, J. K. Walton 3, L. G. Smith (cond.) 4, E. J. Sollis 5. For Christmas,

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 28, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Harris (cond.) 1, R. Spicer 2, J. Drew 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. R. Worthington 5, A. E. Jones 6, For Service of Nine Lessons. (c)

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Nov. 24, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: B. H. Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, Helen Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, H. Read 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First Cambridge for all except 3. Also on Jan. 9, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Herbert 1, B. H. Taylor 2, A. C. Newman 3, Clare Taylor Helen Taylor 5, Hilda Taylor 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, A. J. Newman 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Edific Tasker, organist.

LILLESHALL, SHROPSHIRE.—On Dec. 26, Grandsire Doubles: W. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Reynolds (cond.) 2, B. Cotton 3, E. Lane 4, P. Talbott S. D. Carrwight 6, For Christmas. (c)

5, D. Cartwright 6. For Christmas. (c) LONG ASHTON, SOM.—On Dec, 31, 1,280 Londers. Major: J. H. Gilbert 1, Margaret James (first method) 2, Diana Bridle 3, G. H. Pullin 4, E. T. 5, A. E. Cox 6, P. J. England 7, P. Bridle (cond.) 6, (c)

LINCOLN. — At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on Dec. 9, 1,272 Minimus (slx methods); A. W. Froggatt 1 Vivienne West 2, Susan A. Faull 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Half-muffled in memorlam Joan Parkin, aunt of 4. Also on Dec. 20, 1,272 Minimus (nine methods); A. W. Froggatt 1, V. West 2, S. A. Faull 3 E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. First in nine methods for all, Half-muffled for Blafra appeal. Also on Dec. 24, 1,296 Minimus (five methods); I. M. Minna 1, V. West 2, S. A. Faull 3, A. W. Froggatt (cond.) 4. For Midnight Mass. Also on Dec. 31, 1,272 Minimus (three methods); D. Simpson 1, V. West 2, R. Smalley 3, A. W. Froggatt (cond.) 4. Half-muffled for New Year's Eve. (c)

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S, Crick 1, G. Edwards 2, H. Blanchard 3, P. Holroyd 4, L. Gray (cond.) 5, P. Watts 6, First guarter 1 and 6. (c)

MANCHESTER. — At the Cathedral, on Jan. 1, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Eccles (cond.) 1, Miss I. E. Margaret Manby 2, D. G. Manby 3, P. Boucher 4, W. Birmingham 5, A. Ward 6. To welcome the new year.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOM. — On Dec. 27, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. King 1, P. Salvidge 2, G. Wareham 3, M. Winterbourne 4, P. Wareham (cond.) 5, D. Burry 6. Pirst quarter 1 and 4, and to celebrate their engagement. (c)

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Dec. 31, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Kenward 1, Mrs. Valerle Burgess 2, K. Burgess 3, J. E. Clark 4, G. Wood 5, L. Mitchell (cond.) 6. Half-muffled. First quarter by 2 and 3 as husband and wife.

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Nov. 9, 1,260 Doubles (seven m/v): Jane Witham (first quarter) 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Susan Goodwin 6, Also on Dec. 20, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Jane Witham 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Susan Goodwin (first in two methods) 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Jill Singleton 6, For Biafra appeal. Also on Jan. 3, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Jane Bryant 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6, A wedding compliment to Rev. I. Lovell (vicar designate) and Miss J. Sturdgess. (a)

MONMOUTH.—On Jan. 5, 1,260 Grandsire Triples; Jane Griffiths 1, L. Jones (cond.) 2, Anne Butcher 3, Mrs. J. S. King 4, J. J. James 5, I. Donald 6, C. Phillips 7, D. Griffiths 8. First quarter 1, 6, 8. In memoriam Mr. Samuel Goodwin, a ringer at Monmouth for over 40 years.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS. — On Nov. 16, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss E. Eady 1, M. E. Care 2, S. Ellfot 3, W. Care 4, B. R. Care 5, H. de la Haye-Davles 6. Also on Nov. 23, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Eady 1, R. Eady 2, B. R. Care 3, W. Care 4, T. Deacon 5.

NEWARK, NOTTS,-On Oct. 5, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E Chilton 1, P. G. Hooper 2, H. Mabbott 3. Mrs. M. E. Snyder 4, H. Stevenson 5, J. W. Raithby 6, P. Raithby (cond.) 7, J. A. Raithby 8. Also on Oct. 12, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: H. Mabbott 1. Miss E. Tutty 2, Mrs M. E. Snyder 3, P. Raithby 4. F. G. Hooper (cond.) 5, J. W. Raithby 6, F. W. Midwinter 7, A. E. Chilton 8, H. Stevenson 9, J. A Raithby 10. Also on Oct. 19, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E Tutty 1, Mrs. M. E. Snyder 2, P. Raithby 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, A. E. Chilton 5, J. W. Raithby 6, F. W. Midwinter 7, J. A. Raithby 8, Also on Oct. 26, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P Raithby 1. J. W. Raithby 2, H. Mabbott 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, A. E. Chilton 6. Stevenson 7, J. A. Raithby 8, Also on Dec. 24, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Mabbott 1, Miss A. Vessey Miss E. Tutty 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, P Raithby 5. Mrs. M E. Snyder 6, F. W. Midwinter 7, H Stevenson 8, J. W. Raithby 9, J. A. Raithby 10.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Dec. 31, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan M. Cheney 1, Linda M. Allen 2, W. C. Budd 3, M. D. Fiander 4, P. M. Fdrson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6, Half-muffied in memoriam Mr. R. Collins, whose family helped to restart ringing here after the war, Also on Jan. 4, 1.260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Rev. Canterbury, All Saints); K. Rigby 1, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 2, P. M. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5, Annette Randle (first quarter) 6, Also on Jan. 7, 1.260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, C. M. Powey 2, A. G. Eveleigh 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, J. G. Edgson (first Minor as cond.) 6, Half-muffied in memoriam Mr. T. C. Garland, grandfather of the conductor and father-in-law of 5.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Dec. 14, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Mrs. S. Sinden 1, A. J. Sinden (first in method) 2, W. Booth (first inside in method) 3, Mrs. M. Parker 4, M. Sinden 5, G. Parker (cond.) 6, Also on Dec. 28, 1,272 London Surprise Minor: A. Sinden 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, C. Sharp (first in method) 3, J. Millhouse 4, M. Sinden (first in method) 5, G. Parker (cond.) 6. For Service of Nine Lessons.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 2, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: N. Mudge 1, M. Calvert 2, M. Humphrey 3, Jennifer Dunning 4, D. Town 5, P. Town 6, C. Rowson 7, J. Pladdys (cond.) 8. First T.B. 1, 2 and 3.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 31, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): C. Gurden (first quarter) 1, Linda Cozler 2, G. Scarsbrook (first in two methods inside) 3, T. Smith 4, I. Ross (cond.) 5, P. Lucas 6. Half-muffled for Old Year's Night. (c)

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On Jan. 6, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Norwich, Cambridge): M. J. Down 1, A. H. Smith 2, Kathleen Marriott 3, D. A. Hope 4, M. Major 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. (c)

PEMBROKE.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): N. C. Rogers 1, Prudence Pattison 2, A. Lingard 3, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 4, P. C. Rogers 5, C. Pattison 6, Also on Jan. 5, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Pattison 1, N. C. Rogers 2, Prudence Pattison 3, Nesta M. Rosen 4, A. Lingard 5, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 6, D. Cooper (cover). Wedding compliment to Susan Stevens and Pilot Officer Kenneth Deveson, B.Sc., by past and present pupils of Pembroke Grammar School, to a former head boy and (c)

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Jan. 1, 1,260 Pi. Bob Triples: Carol Stacey 1, R. Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, D. Hughes (first in method) 4, K. Tipper 5, M. Harbord (first in method) 6, D. Hatherly (cond.) 7, F. Hagenbuch (first quarter) 8, Also on Jan. 3, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, Mary White 2, Sally Stacey 3, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 4, R. Tipper 5, D. Hatherly 6, K. Sansom 7, K. Tipper 8. Wedding compliment to Valerie Rushforth and Stanley Gunn, married this day. (a)

QUORN. LEICS. — On Jan. 4, 1.320 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Paling 1, Maureen Clulow 2, Janet Lord 3, Frances Pegg 4, D. L. Alderton (first as cond.) 5, N. E. Green 6. First quarter on the recast bells by the Sunday service band, (c)

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. M. Hibbert (first quarter) I, Miss J. Knowles 2, Miss M. Sears 3, H. A. Bradbury 4, D. M. Hibbert (cond.) 5, J. D. Hibbert 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. E. Millet, donor of the treble; also in memoriam Mrs. E. M. B. Vellam, mother of the treble ringer (c)

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Dec. 16, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J, Spiers 1, C, Hallings 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, J. Mead 4, P. Bennett 5, W. Gainey 6, Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. A. Woodward, secretary of the P.C.C.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 13, at the Abbey, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Gladys D. Northway 1, Barbara Mitchell (first in method) 2, M. L. Northway 3, D. R. Fallick 4, R. S. Parratt 5, H. J. Page 6, I. H. Trueman (cond.) 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. Also on Dec. 20, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: M. K. Waldron (first Triples on treble) 1, J. P. Colliss 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, J. S. Hopwood 4, R. S. Parratt 5, D. R. Fallick (cond.) 6, I. H. Trueman 7, P. S. Gale 8. Both for Advent. (c)

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 27. 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Marlanne Baker 1, Marie Hatswell 2, C. Newton 3, R. Harper 4, A. Beaumont 5, N. Donovan 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Thomas Church, on Dec. 31, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Jane M. Skelton 1, H. Rumens 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, Rev. R. Keeley 4, L. A. Page 5, N. O. Skelton 6, R. T. Jones 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to Canon A. J. G. Chard, vicar, on his retirement day. (c)

SANDY, BEDS.—On Jan. 1, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Mander 1, Susan L. King 2, M. J. Mander 3, D. G. Carr 4, A. S. Smith 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 9, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): R. Mills 1, F. Bradley 2, Mrs. D. Bradley 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5, Also on Dec. 7, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. Froggatt 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, R. Mills 3, D. Lazzerini 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Also on Dec. 14, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: Same band.

SOUTH WILFRID, NOTTS.—On Dec. 27, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Adey 1, J. Dawson 2, J. R. Anthony 3, P. R. Wild 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5.

SOLIHULL, WARKS.—Or Jan. 4, 1,259 Grandstre Caters: W. H. Leeson I. G. E. Fearn 2, Murlel Reay 3, C. D. Baugh (first Caters) 4, V. Green 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, T. R. Hsmpton 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10. (c) SUTTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Plain Bob

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SUTTERTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 3, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: D. Fensom I, W. B. Dawson 2, G. Flatters 3, H. Barsley 4, M. J. Belcher 5, A. E. Flatters 6, R. Bains 7, R. Stephenson (cond.) 8. First quarter 3, 7.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Christine Smith 1, F. J. Cook 2, R. J. Scott 3, P. Aslett 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, W. F. Gladman 6.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 30, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. S. K. Salisbury 1, T. R. Hart 2, R. P. Pearce 3, T. J. Bell 4, A. P. Smith (cond.) 5, Canon A. S. Roberts 6.

TWYNING, GLOS. — On Jan. 2, 1,296 Lightfoot Surprise Minor: M. Hawkes 1, B. Spiers 2, D. Price (cond.) 3, J. Clements 4, R. Sadowski 5, P. Robertson

VERYAN, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 31, 2,160 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: Janet S. Evans 1, R. P. Pearce 2, F. M. Bowers 3, A. P. Smith 4, T. J. Bell 5, A. Carveth (cond.) 6. Peal attempt curtailed. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Jan. 4, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: S. J. Laud 1, B. R. M. Johnson 2, W. J. Arnold 3, R. G. Smith 4, R. D. Bell 5, D. Laud 6, M. Eastman 7, A. R. Ling (cond.) 8, R. G. Bell 9, G. W. Scaman 10. All service ringers. First Cambridge Royal by 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTON.—On Dec. 26, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. K. M. Drabble (first quarter) 1, C. J. Smith 2, C. G. Chiplin 3, D. Robinson 4, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. Also on Jam. 1, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. J. Smith 1, P. W. West 2, C. G. Chiplin 3, D. Robinson (cond.) 4, D. J. Edmonds 5.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Cornish (first quarter) 1, S. H. Gay 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, M. A. Gay 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, W. A. Hughes 6.

WHISTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24. 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. J. Smith 1, P. W. West 2, D. Robinson (cond.) 3, P. J. Verity 4, D. J. Edmonds 5. Also on Jan. 5, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. J. Smith 1, P. J. Lankester 2, D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 3, D. Robinson 4, C. G. Chiplin 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Edwin Howell.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At St. John's Church, in 1969: 1,260 Grandsire Triples, for Confirmation, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, for Evensong; 1,260 Stedman Triples, for birthday of Queen Mother; 1,260 Grandsire Triples, for Evensong; 1,260 Stedman Triples, for Colorador (C.)

1,440 Minimus (63 m/v): Patricia M. Hayward 1, D. W Flower 2, H. G. Wells 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. birthday compliment to Lynne Hoskins. Also on Dec. 12, 1,296 Minimus (eight m/v): Jennifer R. Lush 1, W. Flower (cond.) 2, Patricla M. Hayward 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. In memoriam Capt. S. R. Wilkinson. Also on Dec. 14, 1,440 Minimus (63 m/v): H. G. Wells 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. L. R. Hayward 3, G. P. Butler 4. Also on Dec. 20, 1,272 Minimus (53 m/v); Jennifer R. Lush (most m/v) 1. D. W. Flower 2, H. G. Wells 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, Half-muffled for Biafra appeal. Also on Christmas Day, 1,272 Minimus (four m/v): Jennifer R. Lush 1, D. W. Plower 2, Patricia M. Hayward 3, P. L. R. Hayward Also on Dec. 28, 1,440 Minimus (20 m/v): H. G. Wells 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4.

WOOLPIT, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 19, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: D. Rose 1, D. Durrant 2, L. Nice 3, B. Coley 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, A. Feaver 6.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On Jan 3, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. J. Wickens (first attempt) 1, L. P. Wickens 2, Christine Baker (cond.) 3, M, K. Wickens 4, R. T. Corker 5, E. F. Putt 6.

YATTON, SOM. — On Dec. 22, 1,261) Grandsire Triples: Mary Lawrence 1, Mrs. C. Porter 2, P. J. England (cond.) 3, D. James 4, G. H. Pullin 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. Marchant 7, S. Brown 8. In memoriam Mr. C. Stuckey Also on Dec. 26, 1,260 Gransire Triples: T. Hawkins (first quarter) 1, P. J. England 2, Mrs. C. Porter 3, J. Alsop 4, H. Hawkins 5, G. H. Pullin 6, S. G. Smith (cond.) 7, L. Lawrence 1,

Peals

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

St. Mary, Seavington, Somerset.
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 22mins. (6 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (5 methods, Stedman, Plain
Bob, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St.
Barts, 2 spliced compositions).
1—John Cornelius (Cond.)
2—Mervyn R Arsott

2—Mervyn R. Arscott
3—John Medway
4—Adrian F. Arscott
5—Mervyn A. Arscott*
6—John Shepherd†

*75th peal, all for Association. †First peal. (c)

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY St. Mary, Beverley, Yorkshire.
at., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 32mins. (34½ cwt.).
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by A. Craven.
1—Maris C. Stephenson
2—Iris Piper
3—Peter Church
4—Robert Sherriff
5—John Brook

5—John Brook

6—Ronald Ducker 7—John N. D. Chaddock (Cond.) 8—Michael Maughan

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
St. John the Divine, Leicester.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 23mins. (21 cwt.).
5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.
1—Paul Reading
2—Clare F. Dolphin
3—Hazel A. Mackenzie
4—Peter C. Randall
5—Peter H. Mackie
6—Ian C. Maycock
7—Anthony J. Cox

7—Anthony J. Cox 8—Geoffrey W. Randall 9—Ernest J. Gower

10-Peter Border (Cond.)

St. Peter, Church Lawford, Warwickshire.
Wed., Dec. 17, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins, (7½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 extents, 13 methods, Cambridge. Beverley, Surfleet Surprise: Single Oxford Bob: Plain Bob; Kent, Oxford T.B.:
Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St.
Clement's, Childwall, Buxton Bob: Cambridge
Surprise; Plain Bob).

1—Peter C. Randall (Cond.)

2—Hugh J. Baker

3—Raymon A. Sheasby

4—Charles P. Quartley

5—Peter H. Mackie

6—Anthony J. Cox*

*Has circled tower. To congratulate Marian and Peter Bennett on the birth of a daughter.
Suzanne Christine.

St. Mary & Holy Cross, Alderminster. Warks. Sat., Dec. 20, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (12 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (7 extents, 9 methods. Kent T.B.: 5040 MINOR (7 extents, 9 methods. Kent T.B.: Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet Surprise; Oxford Bob: Pinehurst, Buxton Bob: Cambridge Surprise; Plain Bob.
1—Anthony J. Cox
2—Raymon A. Sheasby
3—Paul Reading
4—John F Thorne
5—Charles P. Quartley
6—Peter C Randall (Cond.)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Holy Trinity, Meldreth, Cambridgeshire.
Fri., Nov. 14, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins. (11 cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
17 methods. composed by Norman Smith.
1—Frank E. Haynes
2—Donald F. Murfet
3—James M. Hills
4—Geoffrey Pearson
5—Richard L. Underwood
6—Derek E. Sibson (Cond.)
7—John G. Gipson
8—Kenneth J. Hesketh
First of 17-Spliced Major by all (except the conductor) and for Association. For 21st birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles. **ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

ASSOCIATION
The Parish Church, Stockton-on-Tees, Teesside.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 13mins. (21 cwt.).
5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Composed by Albert M. Tyler.
1—Christine H. refter
2—Kenneth Lawson
2—App. Lawson

2—Kenneth Lawson
3—Ann Lawson*
4—Jenufer A. Dunning†
5—Richard J. W. Tibbetts
6—Enid Lawson*
7—James W. Belshaw (Cond.)‡
8—David A. Town†
9—Micnael Maughan*
10—James Burton
*First of Grandsire. †First of Grandsire
caters. ‡First of Caters. First of Grandsire
as conductor. as conductor.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Giles, Ashtead, Surrey.

Aon., Dec. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (12\frac{1}{4} cwt.).

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.

1.—Gillian M. Laver
2.—Keith G. Game
3.—Nigel Thomson
4.—Felicity Hamilton
5.—Jeremy D. Cheesman
6.—John A. Laver
7.—Peter J. Munday
8.—Roy D Mills (Cond.)

First of Surprise.

*First of Surprise

SS. Peter and Paul, Hawkley, Hampshire.
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (7\frac{1}{2} cwt.).
5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.
1—Edward W. Colley
2—Beryl R. Simpson
3—Ronald E. Stillwell
4—Alan D. Flood
5—Norman Summerhayes
6—Frank W. Lewis
7—Richard H. Youdale
8—Michael J. Church (Cond.)

St. Peter, Soberton, Hampshire. Dec. 27, 1969. 2hrs. 57mins (13½ cwt.). 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

9 methods, composed by Norman Smith.
1—Reginald W. Rex
2—Bery! R. Simpson
3—Geoffrey K. Dodd
4—Richard H. Youdale
5—Richard Green
6—Alan D. Flood*
7—Michael J. Church (Cond.)
8—Peter J. Munday†
*First of spliced. †50th peal.

St. Nicolas, North Stoneham, Hampshire,
Sun., Dec 28, 1969, 2hrs, 3mins, (3½ cwt.),
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
(7 extents.)
1—Philippa M, Tubbs*
2—Beryl R, Simoson
3—Richard H, Youdale
4—Norman, Summerhauses*

3-Kichard H. Youdale
4-Norman Summerhayest
5-Alan D. Flood
6-Michael J. Church (Cond.)†
*First of Minor. †First of Surprise Minor and completed Cambridge family to peals. The conductor has called peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. Peter, Bushey Heath. Hertfordshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969. 2hrs. 47mins. (11½ cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by A. Knights and J. R. Pritchard.
1—Thomas H. Norris
2—Carol M. E. Johnson
3—Jill A. Laud*
4—John R. Southey
5—Steven Land
6—Clive W. Simpson
7—Leonard J. North
8—Roger Baldwin (Cond.)

8-Roger Baldwin (Cond.)
*First inside. To mark the retirement of the Bishop of St. Albans.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SS. Peter and Paul, Stoke Lacy, Herefordshire.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins. (8½ cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (10 Grandstre, 9 Plain Bob 8
Rev. Canterbury, 3 Rev. Barts, April Day,
Kennington, Cliffords Pleasure, Southrepps).
1—James Ranford
2—Leonard J. Walters (Cond.)
3—C. William Nutt
4—James Ward
5—E. Charles Ripps

5-E. Charles Biggs

-George Gwynne (c)

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. Mary the Virgin, Rolvenden, Kent.
Sa: Dec. 20, 1969, 2 hrs. 56mins. (16 cwt.).
5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by D. Knox.

1—Margaret Jenner
2—Janet E. Blake
3—Nicholas Pollock
4—Richard Hayes (Cond.)
5—Roderick Lebon
6—John A Howard
7—John Pladdys

Philip A Corby

8-Philip A. Corby

St. Nicholas, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (16] cwt.).

5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Doris E. Colgate

Nicholas Pollock*

Philip A. Corby
Philip A. Butler*
Peter R. Butler*

Richard Haves
Philip J. Simmonds

Andrew J. Corby (Cond.)

*First in method.

St. Martin, Cheriton, Kent.

Tues., Dec. 30. 1969. 2hrs. 58mins. (7½ cwt.).

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1—Glynis Poppleton*
2—Paul J. Bagshaw
3—Stephanie E. Boddy†
4—John L. Anderson
5—Rhian N. Bagshaw
6—David P. Leworthy†
7—Colin J. E. Wyld (Arr. and Cond.)
8—Philip R. Staples‡
*First peal. †First on 8 bells. ‡First in the method. method.

St. Nicholas, Newington-next-Hythe, Kent. Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 30mins. (94 cwt.). 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (Seven extents.)

(Seven extents.)

1—P. Charles Sinden

2—Pamela A. Court*

3—Paul J. Bagshaw (Cond.)

4—Colin J. E. Wyld

5—Rhian N. Bagshaw

6—Peter M. J. Bradford

*First of Surprise Minor. Best wis

Pamela A. Court, leaving for Pakistan. Best wishes to

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Nicholas, Halewood, Lancashire.
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 59mins, (10½ cv.
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by John R. Pritchard.
1—David C. Simpson*
2—Nigei P. A. Goulding
3—James Dunbavin
4—James Hedgcock
5—John H. Wilton
6—Richard G. Latham
7—John R. Ridley (Cond.)
8—Graham K. Austin
*First of Major. (101 cwt.).

St. James, Accrington. Lancashire.
un.. Dec. 28. 1969. 2hrs. 34mins. (4½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1—Roger Leigh (Cond.)
2—David Howarth
3—David Wilson*
4—Ian Wilson
5—Douglas Deakin
6—Michael Bell

*First peal.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD St. Leonard, Swithland, Leicestershire. Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 39mins. (12½ cwt.). 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.)

1—Michael W. Brown (Cond.)

2—Peter D. Bailey

3-N. Roderick Ellway

4—Julien M. Morley 5—Clive J. Mobbs 6-Rupert A. Clarke

St. Margaret, Leicester.

Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 3 hrs. 5min. (15\frac{1}{2}\) cwt.).

5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods. 1,120 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 672 Cambridge. Lincolnshire, 576 Bristol. 448 Pudsey, Superlative, 224 London, with 108 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by R. J. Parker.

1—Christine L. J. Mills

2—Monica M. Jelley

3—Martin Green

4—John M. Jelley (Cond.)

4—John M. Jelley (Cond.) 5—Rupert A. Clarke Brian Mills

7-Roland H. Cook 8-R. Kingsley Mason. 150th on the bells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Hugh's Tower,

Lincoln.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs, 18mins, (23½ cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by W. E. Critchley.
1—Harold F. Gibson
2—Jack L. Millhouse (Cond.)
3—E. John Parkin*

2—Jack L. Millhouse (C. 3—E. John Parkin*
4—Raymond F. Smith 5—Walter Tomlinson 6—Peter A. Sharp 7—Christopher J. Sharp 8—Colin W. Reed 9—William L. Exton 10—Geoffrey R. Parker *First of Royal.

St. Giles, Lincoln.
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 2hrs, 58mins, (18 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by A. Percival Knights.
1—Vivienne West*
2—Susan A. Faull*
3—Kathleen Fox
4—Michael H. Sinder

4-Michael H. Sinden
Aidan C. A. Hopkins
Compared Fox

7—Christopher J. Sharp 8—Jack L. Millhouse (Cond.) *First at first attempt.

All Sain's Nettleham, Lincolnshire.
Dec. 29. 1969. 2hrs. 48mins. (8½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN
B MINOR (7 extents).
I—Margaret / Parker
Christophe: J. Sharp
3—Wilham B. Booth*
4—E. John Parkin
5—Michael H. Sinden
6—Geoffrev R. Parker (Cond.)

*First peal at first attempt.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION
Paul's Cathedral, Llandaff, Glam.
Dec 0. 1969 3hrs. 5mins. (2014 cwt.).
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Susan Harber Nicholas W. H. Simon (Cond.)

Gwen Bidgood* Gwen Bidgood*
Michael Lakin
5—Paul A Williams
6—David S. Bishon
David J Llewellyn
Fils Thomas
Stephen Fenwick
10—Timor P Edwards
*First of Surprise. To celebrate Christmas. (c)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Mary, Staines, Middlesex, Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, 2hrs, 55mins. (174 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(A. J. Pitman's 12-part.)
-Leonard Stilwell 1—Leonard Stilwell
2—Monica Blagrove
3—John R. Ketteringham
4—William Birmingham
5—Michael Hatchett
6—Albert C. Wenban
7—Frank T. Blagrove (Cond.)
8—John Hill

All Saints, Harrow Weald, Middlesex. Thurs., Dec. 4, 1969, 2hrs, 45mins, (7½ cw 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

1-Elsie K. Hart Joan Hooton Dorothea Rowbotham

4—Frank Reed 5—Alick Cutler

6—John Smith* 7—Brian C. Watson 8—Frank T. Blagrove (Cond.)

*First in method.

Sat., Dec. 6. 1969, 2hrs. 56mins. (17 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (17+ cwt.).

Composed by F. T. Blagrove. 1—Elsie Savory 2—Monica Blagrove 3—Leonard Stilwell

4-Paul Butler*

4—ran Butter
5—Steven Capper*
6—Frank T. Blagrove (Cond.)
7—Christopher H. Rogers
8—William S. Deason

*First peal.

St. Mary, Hampton, Middlesex.
Sat. Dec. 27, 1969. 2hrs. 45mins. (12 cwt.).
5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.

1-William Birmingham 1—william Birmingham
2—Dorothea Watson
3—Ronald K, Russ*
4—David C, Brown
5—Terry R, Williams
6—Malcolm S, Loveday
7—Brian C, Watson
8—Frank T, Blagrove (Cond.)
*150th peal. First in method for all.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION St. Margaret. King's Lynn, Norfolk. Wed., Dec. 31, 1969. 3hrs. 19mins. (29½ cwt 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (29½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(J. J. Parker's 12-part.)
1—Ernest A. Shipp
2—Roger J. Harrop*
3—Frederick Wigmore
4—Owen A. Needham†
5—Kevin S. Hohl
6—Leslie W. Houghton
7—Norman V. Harding (Cond.)
8—Peter Gagen*
*First on 8. †First of Grandsire Triples.
Half-muffled for passing of 1969. (c)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Andrew, Fast Hagbourne, Berkshire.
Sat., Dec 27 1969. 2hrs. 55mins (21½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(Parker's 12-part.)

1—Henry L. Bishop
2—Alfred H Webb
3—Leonard F Cox
4—Michael Bishon
6—Clifford J. Garlick
7—John H Napper (Cond.)

8—Edward G Sawyer
*50th neal. Re local hand on 50th anniversary
of first neal (Grandsire), in which Frederick Abbott, a ringer at Hagbourne, took part.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
All Hallows, Seaton, Rutland,
Sun., Dec. 28, 1969, 2hrs, 45mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (42 extents in 3 methods and three var.: Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Rev. St. Barts, Old, Kennington and Southrepps).
1—Cynthia E. Barnett
2—Christopher J. Groome (Cond.)
3—J. Alan Ellis*
4—Lionel Atton

4—Lionel Atton
5—Percy M. Fleckney
*First in more than one method.

St. Laurence, Brafield-on-the-Green, Northants. Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 46mins. (12 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (1 each Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Pinehurst, St.

I—Raymond Henman*
2—David J. Morgan*
3—Stephen B. Bell
4—Malcolm Tyler
5—Barry R. Care (Cond.)
6—Richard J. Cowley

*Circled tower,

St. Michael and All Angels, Wadenhoe, Northants.

Northants.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969. 2hrs. 36mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 extent of Oxford T.B..
Cambridge Surprise. Kent T.B., St. Clement's.
3 of Plain Bob).
1—David J. W. Gadd
2—Richard J. Cowley
3—Frank E. Sismey
4—Alan J. Marks*
5—Edward C Buckby
6—J. Malcolm Tyler (Cond.)
*First of Minor inside and most methods.
A wedding compliment to Frank E. Coales and Marilyn Radford, married on Boxing Day.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD St. Thomas of Canterbury, Salisbury, Wilts.
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 35mins. (27½ cwt.).
5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Parker,
1—Neil O. Skelton

1—Neil O. Skelton 2—Melvyn J. Hiller

3—Rev. Roger Keeley 4—Timothy F. Collins 5—Graham W. Elmes 6—Raymond Haines
7—William T. Perrins
8—Ronald N. Marlow (Cond.)

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

St. Leonard, Shoreditch, London, E.
Tues., Nov. 25, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (10½ cwt.)
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Simon Humphrey.
1—James M. Hills

2-M. Louise Slater 3—Joan Beresford 4—Graham A. Duke* 5—John S. Barnes

6-Norman Summerhayes

7—Christopher P. Starbuck (Cond.) 8—Derek E. Sibson

*First in the method.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

All Saints, Babworth, Notts,
Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (74 cwt.),
5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR (1 extent each
Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars', Cap-I, Kingston, Oxford and
Kent).

1—Bryan Birkett 2—Mary C. Poyner 3—Paul N. Mounsey 4—John A. Coates 5—Harold Denman

6-Harry Povner (Cond.) 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Jessup.

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St. Swithun, Woodborough, Notts. St. Swithun, Woodborough, Notts.
Sat., Nov. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 25mins. (14 cwt.).
5040 MINIMUS (Erin, Plain Bob, Rev. Bob,
Double Bob, St. Nicholas, Rev. St. Nicholas,
Court, Double Court, Rev. Court and 88 var.).
1—Anthony A. Boden*
2—David W. Flower
3—H. Geoffrey Wells (Cond.)
4—Peter L. R. Hayward (Cond.)
*First peal. A 21st birthday compliment to
Prince Charles and a wedding compliment to
Keith James Harvey and Vivian Cowell. (c)

St. John of Beverley, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts.

Tues., Dec. 23, 1969, 3hrs. 5mins. (13 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (7 extents: Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob'

1—Susan O'Neill

2. Christian L. L. Mills

2-Christine L. J. Mills

3—Peter Kingscote 4—Peter A. Slight 5—R. Brian Mills (Cond.)

6-Denis A. Frith

St. Mary, Edith Weston, Rutland.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 49mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (2 each St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, 3 Plain Bob).
1—David W. Flower
2—Joan Carter
3—David W. F. Lazzerini
4—Pame'a J. Clifton
5—W. Gordon Marsh (Cond.)
6—Peter L. R. Hayward

St. Wilfrid, Calverton, Nottingham,
Tues., Dec. 30. 1969, 2hrs. 39mins. (18 cwt.)
5040 MINIMUS (Plain Bob. Rev. Bob. Double
Bob. Court, Rev. Court, Double Court, Canterbury, Rev. Canterbury, Double Canterbury,
St. Nicholas),
1—David W. Flower
2—W. Gordon Marsh*
3—Pamela J. Clifton*
4—Peter L. R. Havward (Cond.)
*First of Minimus. First on the bells. (c)

St. Wilfred, North Muskham, Notts.
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969. 2hrs. 38mins. (13½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR AND DOUBLES (3 Minor methods, 4 extents: 2 Plain Bob. 1 Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, 12 Doubles methods/var..
120's).

1—David W. Flower 2—Pamela J. Clifton 3—David W. F. Lazzerini 4—Peter L. R. Hayward 5—W. Gordon Marsh (cond.) 6—H. Geoffrey Wells

First in this arrangement by all and (believed to be) for the Guild

SUFFOLK GUILD
St. James' Cathedral, Bury St, Edmunds,
Suffolk.
at., Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs, 27mins (30 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1—Sally E. Potter 2—Samuel J. Twitchett 2—Samuel J. Twitchett
3—Peter Mayle
4—John A. Mayle
5—Owen P. Claxton
6—Maurice J. Rose
7—Alan G. Feaver (Cond.)
8—Walter A. Perry.

St. Mary the Virgin. Stoke-by-Nayland,
Suffolk,
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 10mins. (22 cwt.).
5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by N. J. Pitstow.
1—David W. Barber
2—Dorothy M. Durrant*
3—John A. Mayle
4—Peter Mayle
5—Brian E. Whiting
6—Walter A. Perry
7—Alan G. Feaver (Cond.)
8 Maurice J. Rose
*25th peal. First in the method by all except ringer of 7th. First in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to tenor.

St. John the Baptist, Saxmundham, Suffolk. Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 45mins (\$2 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DO BLES 1—Desmond P. J. Harrold*

-Philip J. Harrold (aged 11)*

2—Finip J. Harroid (aged 11)
3—Winston S Girling (Cond.)
4—Thomas J Brock
5—Michael J. Parker
6—A. Harry Archer
*First at first attempt. First of Doubles as conductor

St. Mary the Virgin, Cavendish, Suffolk. Sat., Dec 27, 1969, 2hrs, 32mins, (11 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (7 extents, 7 methods: Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1—Walter A. Perry 2—Dorothy M. Durrant 3—Joha A. Mayle* 4—Peter Mayle

5—Alan G. Feaver 6—Maurice J. Rose (Cond.) *First in 7 methods.

SURREY ASSOCIATION
St. John the Evangelist, Coulsdon, Surrey.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs, 51mins. (10\frac{1}{2}\text{ cwt.}).
5040 DOUBLES (4 Rev. St. Barts, 10 extents,
2 240's Grandsire. 8 Plain Bob, 16 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure).
1—Geoffrey D. A. Long*
2—Geraldine J. Flook*
3—Andrew N. Brock
4—Donald G. Little*
5—David J. Atkins (Cond.)
*First peal. †First inside. First as conductor. First of Doubles for all. First by the Sunday service band. SURREY ASSOCIATION

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. Nicholas. Arundel, Sussex.
Sat.. Nov. 20, 1969. 3hrs. 2mins. (13½ cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
1—Christopher Renyard
2—Bronwen Davies
3—Ruth E. Halford*
4—Timothy D. W. Banner
5—Andrew P. Reeves†
6—R. Brian Walton†
7—Patrick M. Wills
8—Philip Stevens (Cond.)
*First of Major inside. †First of Major. SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD St. Thomas of Canterbury Cathedral.

St. Thomas of Canterbury Cathedral.

Portsmouth. Hamoshire.
t.. Dec. 27. 1969. 3hrs. 11mins. (254 cwt.).

5040 YORKSHIRE SUPPRISE ROYAL

Composed by C. W. Roberts.
1—Alan A. J. Buswe'l
2—Beryl R. Simpson
3—Reginald W. Rex
4—Alan D. Flood
5—Richard Green

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5—Richard Green
6—Stanley G. Ponting
7—Peter J. Munday*
8—Richard H. Youdale
9—Michael J. Church
10—Geoffrey K. Dodd (Cond.)
*First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. To welcome Adrian T. Buswell, born Dec. 18, 1969.

St. Michael. Southampton. Hampshire.
Sat. Dec. 27 1969 2hrs. 59mins (164 cwt.).
5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Composed by Robert E. J. Dennis.
1—Michael J. Thomas
2—David J. Forder

2—David J. Forder
3—Thomas H. Francis (Cond.)
4—Canon K. W. H. Fe¹stead
5—John S. Hongood
6—Robert Allinson
7—Kenneth S. R. Croft
8—John S. Croft*
9—Maurice J. Butler
10—Edward W. Colley
irst in the method

*First in the method

SS. Peter and Paul. Hambledon, Hampshire.
Mon., Dec. 22. 1969, 2hrs, 37mins. (10 cwt.),
5040 DOUBLES (42 extents. 131 methods)
Arranged by Anthony J. Mason.
1—Catherine A. Roberts
2—Barry R. M. Johnson
3—Katharine J. Maundrell
4—Anthony J. Mason
5—Derek C. Jackson (Cond.)
6—Richard H. Roberts
Largest number of Doubles methods for the

Guild.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION
The Abbey Church of the Holy Cross,
Pershore. Worcestershire.
Fri. Dec. 26, 1969. 3 hrs. (27 cwt.).
5056 PERSHORE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1—Roger H, Hunt
2—Ian Lloyd
3—Shirley M. Drew
4—Peter S. Robertson
5—Martyn Hawkes
6—Gerald C. Hemming
7—Arthur C. Berry (Cond.)
8—Geoffrey R. Drew
First in the method.

PERSHORE SURPRISE MAJOR —38—14—12—1238—14—38—56—7. I.h. 12. 6d.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION All Saints, Rotherham, Yorkshire.
Fri. Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs, 46mins, (34½ cwt.).
5400 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (3)
1—David Nichols
2—Patricia North

2—Patricia North
3—Ian North
4—Neil Donovan
5—Ian G. Campbell
6—M. Alex Beaumont
7—John N. D. Chaddock
8—R Kingsley Mason
9—Stuart Armeson (Arr. and Cond.)
10—Richard E. Price

SS. Peter and Wilfrid, Ripon, Yorkshire.
Sat., Dec 20. 1969 3hrs. (23 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
1—Iris M. E. Lemare
2—Christopher Newton*
3—Neil Donovan
4—Patricia North
5—M. Alec Beaumont
6—David Nichols

6-David Nichols

7-Ian North 8—Richard E Price (Cond.)
*First in method. In memoriam Canon D. M.
M. Bartlett of this church.

St. Augustine, Hedon, Yorkshire,
t.. Dec. 20, 1969 3hrs, 10mins, (17½ cwt.).
5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Washbrook.
1—Peter Church
3—Ronald Ducker
4—Robert Sherriff
5—John R Leary
6—Ian G. Campbell
7—Michael Maughan
8—John N. D. Chaddock (Cond.)

St. Marv. Sprotborough. Yorkshire.
Mon., Dec. 29, 1969. 2hrs. 32mins. (84 cwt.).
5152 YORKSHIRE SUPPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. P. Starbuck.
1—Joyce J. Barton
2—Frank Reed
3—John Weaver
4—Stephen W. Barton
5—Alan F. Hartley
6—John R. Whitham
7—Roger Smith
8—W. Eric Critchley (Cond.)

St. George, Doncaster, Yorkshire,
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 3hrs. 19mins. (30 cwt.).
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4
methods: 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge,
Lincolnshire; 1,120 Rutland, 69 changes of
method and all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1—J. Henry Fielden
2—Fettetty Ashford
3—W. Eric Critchley (Cond.)
4—Stephen W. Barton
5—Frank Reed
6—John R. Whitham
7—Alan E. Hartley
8—Richard E. Price

All Saints, Harworth, Notts, at., De 27, 1969, 2hrs. 19mins. (9½ cwt.). 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1—Roger A. Smith
2—Joyce J. Barton
3—Stephen W. Barton
4—W. Eric Critchley (Cond.)
5—John R. Whitham
6—Frank Reed

(Beverley and District.) (Beverley and District.)

All Saints, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Yorks.

Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (6½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (720 London, Beverley, Cambridge, Surfleet. Norwich Surprise, Oxford

T.B., Plain Bob).

1—Maris C. Stephenson

2—John Gibson*

3—Stephen Thompson

3-Stephen Thompson 4—Peter Church 5—John N. D. Chaddock 6—Ronald Ducker (Cond.) *First peal.

Eminanuel, Shelley, Yorkshire.

Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins (11½ cwt.).

5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR (6 methods, 1 each London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal T.B., Woodbine D., Kent T.B., 2 of Oxford T.B.).

1—Hedley Burton

2—Frances Garfield*

3—Robert Cater

4—Rod 1ey Pagdin

5—Peter Carbutt†

6—Tre 10 Tarbatt (Cond.)

First in 6 methods. †50th for Association.

1970

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

(Wirral Branch.)

St. Michael, Shotwick, Cheshire.
Jan. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (8½ cwt.).

DOUBLES (12 extents Plain Bob, 16
April Day, 14 Grandsire).

1 David J. Horrocks (12 years)*

2 John P. Horrocks (14 years)*

3—Thomas E. Howarth

4 John Hyden

4 John Hyden
5 Alexander J. Martin (Cond.)
6 James E. Howarth*
First peal and first attempt.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION

S. Margaret of Antioch, Stratton St. Margaret, Wiltshire.

Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (8½ cwt.).

S184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. Baldwin.

Anita D. O'Rrien.

Composed by R. Baldwin.

Anita D. O'Brien
Roger Baldwin

- Bernard F. L. Groves
- John R. Mayne
- John H. Fielden
- Noel J. Diserens
- James R. Taylor
- Anthony R. Peake (Cond.)*

Oth peal, First in the method in the nut, for the Association and by all except

equal peal. First in the method in county, for the Association and by all except

S. John the Baptist, Elmore, Gloucestershire.

Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 51mins. (12 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1—Cecil R. Cox

E. Charles Biggs

Wendy V. Meadows*

Leslie C. Meadows*

5—David H White

John Clements (Cond.)

First peal. (c) *First peal,

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS St. Mary, Rickmansworth, Herttordshire. Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs, 5mins. (20 cwt.). 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

1—John R, Ketteringham
2—Robert E, Hardy
3—Nigel Thomson
4—Frederick W. Ellis
5—Roy D. Mills
6—David E, Rothera
7—Andrew W, R. Wilby
8—Christopher H, Rogers
9—Timothy G, Pett
10—David E, House (Cond.)

St. Nicholas, Harpenden, Hertfordshire. Sun., Jan. 4, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (124 cwt.). 5056 HARPENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

1—Peter T. Dale 2—Harold V. Frost 3-J. Desmond Painter 4-Christopher Forster

4—Christopher Forster
5—Anthony R. Carter
6—Gerald Penney
7—Robert E. Hardy
8—Andrew W. R. Wilby (Cond.)
First in the method. First on the bells since renanging. All members of St. Albans District of Hertford County Association.

HARPENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR --38--14--1258--16--14--38--56.12.78 h.l. l.e, 12, f.c.h.'s b. d. o.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Peter, Hook Norton, Oxon,
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 3hrs, 11mins. (21 cwt.).
5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
1—Geotfrey W. Randall
2—Annta D O'Brien
3—Peter H. Mackie
4—Shirley E. Ruddlesden
5—Anthony J. Cox
6—Peter C. Randall
7—Anthony R. Peake (Arr. and Cond.)
8—Stephen F. Royal
First in the method by a 1 the band.

First in the method by al the band.

St. Nicholas, Nuneaton, Warwickshire.
at., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (14½ cwt.).
5024 RUFLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1—J. Susan Randall
2—reter C. Randall (Cond.)
3—Paul Reading

4-R. David Baker 5—Anthony J. Cox
6—Charles P. Quartley
7—John K. Foot
8—Geoffrey W. Randall
A welcome home to D. J. Allen on his return

from Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

St. James, Shirley, Warwickshire.

Mon., Jan 5, 1970, 2hrs. 18mins. (6½ cwt.).

5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. R. Carlisle and G. A. Halls.

1—John F. Thorne*

2—R—David Baker*

3—Frederick Shallcross (Cond.)

4—Derek H. Walters*

5—Anthony J. Cox*

6—Peter C. Randall*

7—John K. Foot*

8—Geoffrey W. Randall†

*First in method. †150th for Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION All Saints, Wigan, Lancashire.

Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 3hrs. 20mins. (294 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

1—Reginald Dorling*

2—James Hedgecock

3—Jacqueline Holmes*

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4—John Elliot
5—David Simpson*
6—David C. Makin-Taylor
7—Martin E. Snape
8—James E. Andrews
9—Graham K. Austin
10—David J. Bennett (Cond.)†
*First on 10 bells. †First of Royal and first on
10 bells as conductor For Christmas, also a 21st birthday compliment to 6,

St. Mark, Worsley, Lancashire. hurs., Jan 1, 1970, 3hrs, 17mins. (24 cwt.). 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

1-David Vincent 2—Margaret P. Booth 3—Brian A. Tomlinson 4—James Cunlifle 4—James Cunning
5—Michael D. Fishwick
6—David W. Howarth
7—Richard Starkie
8—Geoffrey Fothergill (Cond.)
After meeting short for Royal.

St. Mary the Virgin, Crosthwaite,

Westmorland,
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (104 cwt.).
5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1—Mary W. Whalley*
2—Joseph Whalley*
3—Alan Capstick

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3—Alan Capstick
4—Stanley Anderton
5—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)†
6—Kenneth J. Foster*
*First in method, †First of Minor in method and first in method as conductor. To welcome the New Year.

St. James, Accrington, Lancashire.
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 3hrs. 1min. (114 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1—John D. Watkin*
2—Gilhan G. Tompsett†
3—Keith P. Tompsett
4—K Roger Tompsett*
5—Richard S Starkie
6—Michael H. Tompsett (Cond.)
*First peal. †First inside.

Holy Trinity, Langdale, Westmorland. Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2nrs. 43mins. (8½ cwt.). 5040 DOUBLES (30 extents Grandsire and 12 Plain Bob).

Plain Bob).

1—Robin S. Bridge*

2—Nicholas M. Newby†

3—Alan Capstick‡

4—Hugh F. Pettifer§

5—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)¶

6—Hilary J. Atkinson||

*First in two methods. †First of Doubles in two methods. ‡200th peal. §First of Doubles.

¶150th peal. ||First peal, first attempt.

St. Thomas, Newhey, Lancashire. Tues., Jan. 6, 1970, 2hrs. 57mins. (4½ cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-Janet Lawson 2—Kathryn Lawson* 3—B. Michael Boardman 4—Robert Lawson 5—Derek Butterworth

6-Michael Fishwick (Cond.)
*First inside. Half-muffled by members of the Sunday service band, George Bowman, In memoriam Rev.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD St. Nicholas, Lutton, Lincolnshire. Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 28mins. (4½ cwt.). 5040 DOUBLES (21 extents Plain Bob and Grandsire).

Grandsire).

1—David Fensom*

2—William B. Dawson

3—Harold Barsley

4—Michael J. Belcher*

5—George H. Campling (Cond.)*

6—Stephen Johnson†

*First of Doubles. †First peal. First attempt as conductor (aged 15). To welcome the New Year. (c)

St. Oswald, Blankney, Lincolnshire.
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (9½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (3 methods, 2 Kent T.B., St.
Clement's, 3 Plain Bob).
1—Vivienne West*
2—Kathleen Fox
3—Gillian Bodle.

3—Gillian Radley
4—David W. Bee
5—Aidan C. A. Hopkins
6—Christopher J. Sharp (Cond.)†
*First of Minor. †50th peal. A teenage band.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD Saints, Harrow Weald, Miodlesex. Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (74 cwt.). 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES 1—Joan Beresford (Cond.) 2—Elsie K. Hart 3—Dorothea M. Robotham 4—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5—Trudy E. Newcombe 6—Joan Hooton 7—Ruth M. Foreman 8—Claudia A. Critchley *First in the method. OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD St. Laurence, Appleton, Berkshire, Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs, 47mins. (14½ cwt.). 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by Albert M. Tyler. 1—Stephen F. White* -Edwin Drewitt 2—Edwin Drewitt 3—Vivian J. White 4—Andrew J. Dyer† 5—Norman H. Leslie 6—Frank White 7—John E. Camp 8—Dennis A. Leslie 9—Francis A. White 10—Brian R. White (Cond.) *First peal. †First inside. St. Michael and All Angels, Blewbury, Berks. Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs, 54mins. (19 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Taylor's 6-part. 1—Harold W. Dunsden 2—Peter E. Corderoy 3—Henry L. Bishop 4—Harry E. Wells 5—Michael Bishop Pebers P. Bland (Cond.) 6—Robert B. Blond (Cond.) 7—James P. Blond 8—Claude Corderoy Conductor's 50th on the bells. (c) PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD St. Mary. Staverton, Northants. Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 48mins. (10½cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1—Edward C. Garrett 2—David J. Edmonds* 3—Percy Amos 4—Iris R. D. Webb 5—Stanley F. Webb 6—Malcolm J. V. Chown (Cond.) *First peal. 65th birthday compliment to 3. ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD St. Mary, Pembroke. Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970. 2hrs. 52mins. (12 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). 1—Andrew Lingard 2—Nesta Rosen* 2. Paydence Partition (12 cwt.). 2—Nesta Rosen* 3—Prudence Pattison 4—Philip C. Rogers 5—Simon P. Rogers 6—Richard L. Underwood (Cond.) 7—John Prytherch 8—Ivor Russant *First peal. First of Grandsire Triples by all except conductor. First of Triples as conductor. SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD St. Peter, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. Sat., Jan 3, 1970, 3hrs. 38mins. (33 cwt.). 5280 SOLIHULL SURPRISE MAXIMUS *First Triple Caters. 1—Bruce Martin 2—Beryl E. Cawser 3—Alan A. Paul 4—Shirley E. Ruddlesden 5—J. Edward Cawser (Cond.) 6—Graham C. Paul. 7—Barry E. Saunders 8—Gerald C. Hemming* 9—Rupert A. Clarke 10—E. Alan Jacques 11—D. John Hunt 12—R. Kingsley Mason *350th peal. First of Solihull Maximus by all. 8—Chris *First Triple Caters. St. Andrew, Thurs., Jan. 504 1—Peter 2—Jonat 3—J. M 4—Edwa 5—David 6—John *First peal.

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SUFFOLK GUILD

(The Bramford Company.)

St. Mary the Virgin, Bramford, Suffolk.

Sat., Jan 3, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins, (11½ cwt.)

040 MINOR (2 of Double Oxford. St.

Ciement's, 3 Plain Bob).

1—Brian Crouch*
5040
1—Brian Crouch*
2—Kelvin Dakin†
3—Robert J. Southgate
4—Roy W. Lockwood
5—Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey (Cond.)
6—Roger L. K. Whittell
*First peal. †First inside. For Christmas.
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All Saints, Stoke Ash, Suffolk.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (6½ cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (1 240 and 20 extents Grandsire, 20 Plain Bob).
1—Margaret H. Read*
2—Neville F. Whittell
3—Jennifer M. Whittell (Cond.)
4—David J. H. Barber
5—Peter W. A. Muxlow
*First peal.

*First peal.

ringers.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Mary, Swansea, Glamorgan. Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hr. 46mins. (20½ cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (5 240's, 32

Su40 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (5 240's, 32 extents).

1—Jane Moore*
2—Elizabeth H. Way
3—Gillian B. Armstrong
4—Marilyn E. Evans
5—John T. Williams (Cond.)
6—J. Peter Thomas
*First peal. First at Swansea since proclaimed a city. Rung by St. Mary's Sunday service ringers. (c)

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Michael and All Angels, Highelere, Hants. Thurs., Jan 1, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins, (11 cwt.). 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1—Robert J. Crocker

2—Philip G. Murduck

3—David Goss

4—Michael J. Goss

5—Bradley Murduck

6—Geoffrey K. Dodd (Cond.)

7—Peter L. Furness

8—Philip G. Taylor

For the centenary of the church and bells.

All Saints, Basingstoke, Hants.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (11\frac{1}{4}\) cwt.).
5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
1—Lynette M. Holbrook*
2—Eunice A. Lewis
3—Peter L. Furness*
4—Howard G. J. Smith
5—Robert J. Crocker*
6—Philip G. Taylor*
7—Geoffrey K. Dodd
8—A. Patrick Cannon (Cond.)
*First of D.N.C.B.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. John the Evangelist, Ranmoor, Sheffield,

Yorkshire.
Sat., Jan 3, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (164 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Arranged by James E. Groves.
1—A. Colin Banton (Cond.)

2—Susan E. Davis

2—Susan E. Davis
3—Graham A. Newman*
4—Susan E. Banton*
5—Andrew R. Queen*
6—Peter Carbutt
7—Simon P. D. Burnett*
8—Christopher J. Groome
*First Triples. Rung after meeting short for

St. Andrew, Kirkby Malzeard, N. Yorkshire.
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970. 2hrs. 52mins. (17 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
1—Peter F. Town
2—Jonathan A. Soar*
3—J. Michael Humphrey*
4—Edward Hudson
5—David A. Town
6—Jabba Pladdys (Cond.) 6-John Pladdys (Cond.)

Handbells

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincs.
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 11mins. (15 in C.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by A. Percival Knights.
1-2—Geoffrey R. Parker
3-4—Margaret A. Parker
5-6—Christopher J. Sharp
7-8—Jack L. Millhouse (Cond.)

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD 50 Ravensbourne Crescent, Islington, Toronto,

Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 13mins. (12 in 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by George Lewis. 1-2-David R. Ingram 3-4-William H. Jackson (Cond.) 5-6-Derek M. Sawyer 7-8-John Owen (12 in F.)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
6, Barn Close, Southcote, Berkshire.
n., Dec. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 10mins. (27 in A.)
5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. Nicholl.
1-2-Bernard F. L. Groves
3-4-Kenneth R. Davenport
5-6-Frank C. Price (Cond.)
7-8-N. David Lane Mon.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Cornerstones, Stonewell Lane, Congresbury,

Somerset.

Mon., Jan. 5, 1970, 2hrs. 10mins. (14 in D.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1-2—Jennifer M. Taylor

3-4—Margaret Chapman

5-6—James R. Taylor

7-8—Tom Chapman (Comp. & Cond.) (c)

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY St. Nicholas Belfry, Kenilworth, Warwickshire. Sun., Jan. 4, 1970, 1hr. 56mins. (12 in F.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-2—Anthony J. Cox 3-4—Peter C. Randall (Cond.) 5-6—Ian C. Maycock

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Blackthorn, Kingstone, Herefordshire.
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 12mins. (11 in G.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
1-2—Elizabeth Wycherley
3-4—Peter J. Wycherley
5-6—Norman R. Matting!ey
7-8—Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Ar. & Con.)
First peal of the decade.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
15, Harford Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire.
Mon., Jan. 5. 1970. 2hrs. 55mins. (16\frac{1}{2}\) in B.)
5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (10
methods, 960 Newgate. 720 Yorkshire, 480
Clifton, Ealing, Furham, Leatherhead. Londinium, York: 240 Leicestershire, Wigston;
with 104 changes of method).
1-2-S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
3-4-John R. Mayne (Comp. and Cond.)
5-6-Roger Baldwin
7-8-Martyn L. J. Jordan
9-10-Julia A, Fellows
11-12-Christopher W. Woolley*
*First of Spliced Surprise Maximus in ten
methods.

methods.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BIOCESAN GUILD

8 Gerald Road, Bournemouth, Hampshire.
Fri., Jan. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 18 mins. (15 in C)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(Parker's 12-part. 7th obs.)
1-2-Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay*
3-4-Julia A, Fellows†
5-6-Daniel T. Matkin (Cond.)*
7-8-Arthur V. Davis
*400th together (73 on tower bells and 327 in hand). †First of Grandsire Triples in hand and has now rung Triples, Caters and Cinques in hand in the method. in hand in the method.

OBITUARY

MR. H. S. BALL

The funeral of Mr. Harry S. Ball, of the New Inn, Haw Bridge, Tirley, Glos, took place at Tirley, Rev. L. Mann officiating, with the interment at Hasfield. Mrs. Dudfield was at the organ. Harry learned to ring at the age of 15 at Tirley and joined the Tewkesbury Branch of the Bristol and Gloucester Association in 1927, and did a considerable amount of visiting, including London, where he once rang at St. Martinin-the-Fields, a fact of which he was very proud. He had a fund of good ringing stories of his early days. On the day of the funeral the bells of Tirley were rung half-muffled.

SAM WARNE

Mr. Ron Suckling writes:-

"It was my very good fortune to have reached a certain standard of ringing just prior to the Second World War and also to have been able to associate with the band of Lew Wiffen, of Braintree, a band which prided itself not only on reaching Spliced Surprise Major but also on a very high standard of striking. One of the men who helped so much was our regular treble ringer, Sam Warne, whose action was a joy to see. I rang many peals with Sam and I never once remember him making a mistake or a bad blow. He took great pride in his ringing and it was good to have known him. This last year or two he had not been able to do much ringing, having been ill and suffering much pain; none the less his passing last week leaves another gap in the Exercise, I am thankful for all the pleasure I received ringing in peals with him and pray that his soul rests in peace.'

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir, —I wish to give notice of an attempt to ring 10,080 Spliced Surprise Major in 45 methods (composition as published in The Ringing World, 1969, p. 988) at Harrow Weald, Middlesex, on Saturday, February 21, starting at 1 p.m. — Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon, Wilts.

Belfry Gossip

The photograph reproduced on page 47 was by Thames Television.

Surely a record never before attained in ringing circles—400 peals together! by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and Daniel T. Matkin.

Quarter peal copy should be written as the style used in our journal, otherwise rewriting or altering can cause mistakes.

To celebrate the 1,200th anniversary of Henfield Parish Church the ringers have been invited to take part during June 27-July 4.

Holloway S. Maximus (page 15) is not an extension of Holloway S. Minor, writes A. J. Cox, of Bristol, and suggests a new name is necessary.

A letter to his local paper in Swanage by O. H. Scott complained of "man's inhumanity to man" when on Boxing Day the bells rang continuously from 10.30-1.30 "without a single break."

The efforts of Marcus C. W. Sherwood and his team to be the first peal ringers of the '70s were successful with a handbell peal of P.B. Major, starting soon after midnight on December 31-January 1.

Taking part in the peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne on Jan. 17 were eight of the present service band of All Saints, Marple. The peal was conducted by a former member of the local band, Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis.

An appeal for Titchfield Parish Church will be broadcast on B.B.C. Radio 4 by Martin Muncaster on Sunday. February 1, between 7.55 and 8 p.m., and the bells will be heard at the beginning and end of the appeal. Method: Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The peal of Bob Royal at Wakefield Cathedral on December 27 was rung as a farewell to Rev. Nicholas Webb, who has been precentor there for three-and-a-half vears. He is moving to become Vicar of Thornbill

Brought up on Part II of the new Tutor's Handbook, four lads (aged 14) who rang in a quarter peal at Market Weighton have a 100 per cent attendance record for service ringing and practices during the year since they "broke into change-ringing." — Comment by Mr. N. Chaddock.

G. Stedman Morris marked 50 years of peal ringing with one at Lyme Regis on January 10. His first was Grandsire Doubles in hand with his father and brother on Dec. 20, 1919, just before his twelfth birthday. He rang in Cambridge Maximus at Bow on the old 12 when only 17 and was also in the second peal of Maximus at Exeter.

It is not always possible to know accurately the number of peals rung on the bells of a church, but Mr. Ray Bath, of Yorktown, Camberley, has spent considerable time, written many letters and travelled some distance to ascertain and record those of his local church, St. Michael's, The 50th, he found, was rung on December 12 last.

For the fifth anniversary of the rededication of the bells and in memory of Godfrey G. Walpole, late ringing master, a peal was rung at Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, in December. The band was afterwards entertained to refreshments at Low Road, the home of the present ringing master and his parents.

The letter (c) at the end of the quarter peals and peals published indicates a contribution has been sent with the copy. An (a) indicates an annual amount is subscribed. Many ringers feel that the R.W. should not need these contributions, but they have kept the price per copy stable when the price of every other commodity has gone up.

"Bless the Bride!" The local band at Blaby, Leicester, are grateful to a bride who arrived late for her wedding on Dec. 13 as it enabled them to complete a quarter peal. In this, three young ringers scored their first quarter. The ringing also celebrated the birth of Samantha Jane Chapman. Ron Chapman was, before joining the Navy, a member of the local band.

There are not many weeks in the year in which we do not record a quarter peal or peal which bears a footnote stating that it was rung in honour of 50 years or more service as a ringer. We feel these worthy members of the Exercise deserve recognition and invite short contributions with a photograph (black and white) of the person, for possible publication from time to time.

First peal congratulations to John Shepheard, Glynis Poppleton, David Wilson, Vivienne West, Susan A. Faull, William B. Booth, Paul Butler, Steven Capper, Anthony A. Boden, Desmond P. J. Harrold, Philip J. Harrold (11), Geoffrey D. A. Long, Geraldine J. Flook, Stephen F. White, David J. Edmonds, Nesta Rosen, Brian Crouch, Margaret H. Read, Jane Moore, Jonathan A. Coar, J. Michael Humphrey.

In his 98th vear, Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of P.O. Box 2085. Plumb Hall 16, Alhambra, California 91803, has written enclosing his subscription and sending greetings to all ringers. He rang in the Guildford area. Mr. Weatherby finds both peals and editorial items of great interest and feels he must be one of the R.W.'s oldest readers. [We give his full address in the hope that some ringers may like to write to Mr. Weatherby.—Ed.]

The first response to our request for photos of Sunday service bands for publication has been from Grosmont, Monmouth, which we print on page 69. Is 7-year-old Ian Parry the youngest to handle a bell on his own? Send vour tower photo (black and white) with details of individuals (captain, secretary, etc.) and a few items of general interest (Sunday ringing, practices and so forth). Please state if photo is to be returned.



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RINGING AND CONDUCTING STANDARD METHODS

By Robert B. Smith

(Continued from page 767)

PART III CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE (b) (Continued)

Conducting and Peal Compositions CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tips for conducting

It is very useful to check that the bells are working correctly at the half-lead as well as the lead-end, i.e., when the 3rds place bell is making 5ths under the treble. This can easily be done if one remembers that the 4th and 6th place bells from the Previous lead-end dodge together in 3-4. (Note that these are a "coursing pair" and this feature of coursing pairs dodging together in 3-4 is carried through on to higher numbers although it does not occur at the half-lead.) The bells dodging in 1-2 are those which were in 2nds place and 5ths place at the previous lead-end. (Note that these are the bells coursing either side of the bell doing its full backwork. This feature is also carried through on to higher numbers, not in 1-2 but in the same relative position counted from the back, e.g., in Major this pair of bells dodge in 3-4, in Royal it becomes a dodge in 5-6 and in Maximus 7-8.)

The two most commonly used extents of Cambridge Surprise Minor are as follows, the tenor generally being used as the obser-

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_	_	45236 34256		35426 34256
Tw	ice re	epeated	Twice re	neated

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Tips for conducting

Checking of the bells dodging at the halflead when ringing Cambridge Surprise Major is not quite so easy to see as when ringing Minor, but it is a worthwhile exercise for those who wish to become proficiert conductors. At the first half-lead the bells dodging in 1-2 are 4 and 7: in 3-4, 2 and 5: and in 5-6, 6 and 8. Notice here that the bells dodging in 5-6 are those on the way into or out of slow. Also note that the 6th place bell is dodging in the section adiacent to the treble and the bell ringing full backwork. This is true of that bell on all numbers, i.e., for Minor, the 6th is dodging 3-4 up followed by places in that section: in Maximus, the 6th is dodging 9-10 up followed by places in that section.

There are one or two more interesting guides which appear in Cambridge Major which are also useful on higher numbers. One example is that when working from being a 5ths place bell to a 2nds place bell, there is a "regular pattern" for meeting bells after double dodging in 7-8 down and passing the treble in 7-6. The first bell one dodges with is the "after bell" of the bell to the bell to the pattern of the pattern you have just left to do the full backwork with the treble, e.g., if you are ringing the tenor and (presumably) have left the 7th at the back then the bell you will dodge with in 3-4 will be the 5th. This will be followed by dodging with the 3rd in 1-2 down and the 4th in 1-2 up This sequence is continued on to higher numbers and follows the rule explained below.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ON HIGHER NUMBERS

Tips for conducting

For ease of explanation consider that you are conducting from the tenor (although the idea is applicable from any bell and any coursing order: you will probably appreciate the significance of using the tenor as an example is necessary for the mathematical model only). By giving the tenor the number n, the bells will be dodged with in the following order.

At the back (n-1), 1st bell after passing the treble on the way into slow (n-3), followed by (n-5): after this the order becomes regular but on a different pattern because from (n-5) it becomes (n-9), (n-13), (n-17), (n-21), etc. ie., for ringing Cambridge on 24 bells the order after dodging 23-24 down would way to slow: 21, 19, 15, 11,

be dodge with the following bells on the Having passed the smallest odd bell in the sequence picks up from the smallest even bell and increases 4 at a time to the largest even bell. This might appear to be quite complicated but a few examples will show that the practical application is not so difficult. I have gone to this trouble to show that there is a coursing in Cambridge below the treble, despite the fact that most people refuse to believe it. In fact the coursing order is the same as for Stedman and is a direct result of alternate bells stopping four places: in Stedman it is a result of alternate bells going in slow. In fact alternate bells in the coursing order have a constant relationship throughout a

Returning to examples of the above rule. which continues until the bell concerned makes 2nds in the slow-work:

(i) The 4th working into slow in Cambridge Royal (in the plain course) dodges 9-10 down with the 6th, dodges 5-6 down with the 8th, 3-4 down with the 10th, 1-2 down with the 7th, 1-2 up with the 3rd then makes 2nds.

(ii) The 4th working into slow in Cambridge Maximus (in the plain course) dodges 11-12 down with the 6th, dodges 7-8 down with the 8th, 5-6 down with the 10th, 3-4 down with the 11th, 1-2 down with the 7th, 1-2 up with the 3rd then

makes 2nds.
(iii) The 10th working into slow in Cambridge Maximus (in the plain course) dodges 11-12 down with the tenor, 7-8 down with the 11th, 5-6 down with the 9th, 3-4 down with the 5th, 1-2 down with the 2nd, 1-2 up with the 6th then makes 2nds.

You may like to try the above rule for different coursing orders.

Note also that the bells one dodges with on the wav into slow are all the bells which are going to run through and pass the treble without making places. It is also useful to know that if you dodge with the bell going into slow that this is the last dodge you do before passing the treble on your way to the back. The bells that are passed without dodging are those that will stop for places up. The reverse of the above rule is of course true for the bells working out of slow.

I feel that in this particular article I may have become a little too technical in my explanations, but it should be appreciated that this section is addressed to those who wish to be able to conduct the method: there is no easy way to success in this field although some people are quicker to learn than others.

PEAL COMPOSITIONS

with conducting Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus without mentioning a few well-known compositions. There is very little scope for composition in the field of Cambridge Surprise Major without parting the tenors, because of internal falseness. In fact Middleton's peal and variations of it is the only one using bobs only. A number of compositions have the tenors parted for a few leads only, and at least two compositions have the tenors together but require the use of singles as well as bobs (not that I consider that this is undesirable, but I feel that when learning to conduct it is better to use simple compositions and by using bobs only the number of possible coursing orders is reduced to 50% of the total number available).

5,600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR By CHARLES MIDDLETON 23456 M W H

35264 2 2 3

Four times repeated.

This composition may be reduced to 5,152 by omitting three homes in any one part. This is generally done in the part when the 2nd is in 6ths place. By calling one part Before followed by three homes and four parts as above, the composition is reduced to 5,056 changes. This modification was introduced by Henry Johnson, and therefore is known as Johnson's Variation, i.e., all 5,056 peals by Middleton may be given the sub-title Johnson's Variation, if desired. If the composition is started by calling two homes, the coursing orders at part-ends are cyclical, i.e., 65432, 26543. 32654, 43265, 54326. Note that the peal comes round after one bob at home in the last part.

It is a pity that Middleton's is really the only composition generally used as it is not appreciated by many ringers who take it for granted. Some good music is produced below the treble. e.g., 6578 roll-ups off the front for a coursing order such as 53462 which compensates for the fact that the 2nd and 3rd spend a number of courses in

6ths place.

5.040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL By WILLIAM PYE

23456 M W 43652 26354 52364 35426 2A 23456

This composition was probably the most popular composition of Cambridge Surprise Royal before the introduction of singles. produces some good roll-ups on the little bells and only has one course with the 2nd in 6ths.

In the past five or six years there has been a revolution in compositions of Surprise Maximus. mainly due to the activities of the Birmingham St. Martin's band and the composing of Roderick W. Pipe and Peter Border. It was quite normal for bands to ring ten courses of Surprise Maximus (5,280 changes) instead of the (5,042) 92-course compositions which are now accepted as being the most desirable. The loss of five leads off the end of a peal, particularly in an evening, usually means ten minutes' less ringing, which in many cases avoids exceeding time limits.

[To be continued] It would be very remiss of me to deal See page 84 for R. W. Pipe composition.

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Quartley.—Charles and Jenny will be living at 3 Acacia Road, Learnington Spa, from Feb.

PERSONAL

"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your soul."—St. Matthew

MISCELLANEOUS

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association .-Frome Branch.—The new branch secretary is Philip H. D. Jones, 16 Pinewood Avenue, Midsomer Norton, Bath, BA3 2RE. Telephone: Midsomer Norton 3055.

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every month.—F. T. B. 8990

Middlesex County Association. — Practice meeting. St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute

from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Mon. Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. 8988

Hertford County Association. — Northern District.—Surprise practice. Norton, Tuesday, Feb. 3, 7.30–9 p.m.—G. T. Horritt, Dis. Sec.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. -Portsmouth District.-District practice at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, Fri., Feb. 6, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Stedman Triples

Bath and Wells Association. - Ilchester Bath and Wells Association.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice 7-9 p.m., St. Michael's (8, 13 cwt.), East Coker, on Sat., Feb. 7. Social evening 7 p.m., Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Fleur de Lys, Stoke-sub-Hamdon. Tickets 7s. (c.w.o.). Branch striking competition May 16, Long Sutton (6, 17 cwt.). Further details from Mrs. M. M. Legget (West Coker 208). 8909 Ely Diocesan Association.—Ely District.— Evening meeting, Haddenham, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (b) 6-8.30 p.m. Special methods: Trinity Sunday T.B. and Donbie Oxford. Heritord County Association.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Royston (8), Sat., Feb. 7, 5.30-8.30 p.m.—G. f. Horritt, Dis. Sec.

North Staffordshire Association.—Meeting at Bucknall, Sat., Feb. 7. Ringing 6 p.m. 8413 Sunoik Guild.—N.W. District.—Practice meeting at Norman Tower (10), Bury St. Edmunds, Tuesday evening, Feb. 10. Bells from 1-9 p.m.—A. F. Bailam, Dis. Sec. 8966

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Chester Guild.-Stockport Branch.-Annual meeting, Stockport St. George, Jan. 31. Bells 5.15 p.m. Service 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m. No tea, owing to alterations at school. Ample cates nearby. All welcome.-C. K. Lewis. 8961

Essex Association.—N.W. District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Sat., Jan. 31. Belis 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 1ea 5.15 p.m., tollowed by business meeting and ringing. Names for tea, please, to G. Blake, Hamiet House, Roydon Hamiet, 8491

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Society of snerwood Youths.-Meeting, Sat., Jan. 31, Wohaton, 3-4.45, followed by tea. Aspley 6. Names for tea to Miss S. Poppleston, 25 Hambledon Drive, Woliaton, Notting-

Sussex County Association.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Horsham (8), Jan. 31. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Osbon, 79 Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel. E.G. 23815).—

Avenue, East Grinstead (1el. E.G. 23813).—
Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 8942
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Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45, Priory Hall, Princess
Avenue, followed by meeting. Names for Avenue, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Gilian Davis, 24 Stourcliffe Avenue. Names for Southbourne, Bournemouth.—Mrs. Gilian Davis, Dis. Sec. 8948

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.-Isle of Wight District.—Annual district meeting, Ryde, Jan. 31. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names to Mrs. Guy, The Shieling, Afton Road, Fresh-

Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District. Meeting, Elstow, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (6) 3 p.m.
Tea 5 p.m. Come and ring John Bunyan's bells.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Alveston, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Allman, The Limes, Main Road, Tiddington, Stratford-on-Avon -H. A. M.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Arlecdon, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage.

Durham and Newcastle Association.-Northern District.—Ringing meeting, St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Keen, 24 Alnwick Avenue, Whitley Bay.

Guildford Guild. - Leatherhead District. -Annual general meeting, Leatherhead, on Sat., Feb. 7. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. P Smith, 25 Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leather-head.—J. P. O. 8963 8963

Hereford Diocesan Guild. - Bridgnorth Branch.-Annual meeting, Bridgnorth, Feb. 7. St. Leonard's bells in afternoon and St. Mary's in evening. Service at St. Leonard's 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Joan Bennett. Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than Feb. 5.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.-Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, on Sat. Feb. 7. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing to 8

Hertford County Association.-Watford Disp.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. G. Bell, 131 Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel.: 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 8975

Lancashire Association. - Wigan Branch. -Monthly meeting, Sat., Feb. 7, Coppull (6), 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Special methods: St. Simon's and St. Clement's. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Borland, 274 Spendmore Lane, Coppull, Chorley. All welcome.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch, —Monthly meeting at the Cathedral, Black-burn, Sat., Feb. 7. Ringing from 2.30-5 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Further ringing to 9 p.m. All wel-come.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 8955

Leicester Diocesan Guild.-Leicester District. -Meeting, Anstey, Feb. 7. Bells 3 p.m. vice 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in church rooms. Names, please, to Mr. R. F. Elkington, 74 Andrew Road, Anstey, Leicester, LE7 7BA, by Wed., Feb. 4. All welcome. Ron Hughes.

Lincoln Guild.-Eastern Branch.-The nual meeting will be held at Kirton on Feb. 7. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Vandewalle, 45 Edinburgh Drive, Kirton, by Tues., Feb 3.

Norwich Diocesan Association. - Southern Branch.—Meeting, Alburgh, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to F. C. Arnold, 6 The Turnpike, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 0IX, by Wed., Feb. 4.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. - Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral, Feb. 7. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Cathedral House, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. E. M. Jones, 15 Nettlecombe Avenue, Southsea, Portsmouth, by the previous Wednesday, please.

Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) and Selby and District Society.—Meeting, Snaith, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—R. Ducker and L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs.

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Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Annual meeting, Leominster, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names for tea, please, by Wed., Feb. 11. 8995

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.-Llandaff Branch.-Annual general meetring, Penarth (St. Augustine's), Sat., Feb. 14.
Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies. Branch Hon.
Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge. 8493

Norwich Association. - Northern Branch. -Monthly practice meeting of Western Deaneries on Sat. Feb. 14. Heydon, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. After tea at Wiveton 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. P. Kelly, Reepham Rectory, Norwich, NOR 69X (Tel. Reepham 220), by Feb.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. -Winchester District.—Annual meeting at Bishopstoke, Feb. 14. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mrs. Cull, 29 St. Mary's Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants, by Feb. 11. North Stoneham bells available after meeting.—M. J. Thomas Dis Sec. 2080. ing .- M. J. Thomas. Dis. Sec. 8980

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Ladies' Guild.—Sussex District.—A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8), on Sat., Feb. 14. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Ringing 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Reynolds, 74 Gore Park Road, Eastbourne, by previous Wednesday.—R. Farley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9005

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Culworth Branch. — Annual meeting, Culworth, Sat., Feb. 7. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Ruddleston, School House, Culworth, Banbury. by Tuesday previous. — A. E. R. Walker, Sec. \$004

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MRS. SHARPES FUNERAL

The funeral of Mrs. Sharpe, whose death was reported last week, took place on Jan. 10 at St. Mary's Church, Launton, and was conducted by the rector, Rev. J. Goddard, assisted by Rev. P. Vernon Jones. Family mourners were Mr. F. Sharpe and Miss Marjorie L. Sharpe (son and daughter), Miss W. M. Elizabeth Sharpe (grand-daughter), Mrs. J. Tattersall (niece), Mrs. E. J. M. Sharpe, Miss G. Evans and Mr. H. Buckingham. Launton Church was represented by Mr. Sharpe's co-churchwarden, Mr. J. Marriott (who is 85 and took part in the muffled ringing afterwards), and Mr. S. M. B. Gilpin, secretary of the Bicester Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, represented the ringers of the diocese. After the service a half-muffled 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Daphne Bellman 1, J. W. Ancil 2, James Marriott 3, George Gregory 4, Herbert A. Massey (cond.) 5, Phillip Clarke tenor. All are members of the Launton band. Mrs. Sharpe was presiding member of the Launton M.U. branch.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

A total of 40 members of the Chertsey District of Guildford Guild attended the A.G.M. at St. Peter's, Hersham, on January 10.

The master reported several experiments had been tried regarding practices and meetings last year. Some had been successful but others a failure, and this year he looked for improvement. Mr. R. Caporn was thanked for the work he had carried out during his years as secretary.

The membership had increased by ten and it was hoped there would be an increased attendance at meetings and practices also. Officers elected were: Ringing master, Mr. D. Parsons; assistants, Mr. J. J. Bailey, Mr. J. P. Ladd; secretary, Mrs. P. A. Bird; auditor, Mr. R. Pashley.

It was agreed that the secretary should

It was agreed that the secretary should write to the Editor, congratulating him on the new style Ringing World.

P. A. BIRD.

80th ANNIVERSARY PEAL

To mark the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association the first peal was on the five at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Chilton Trinity, Somerset. Earlier in the week, despite the bitter cold weather, Mike Stone spent a whole day in the tower checking the fittings and ropes and, thanks to his efforts, the bells went far better than had been anticipated

The villagers were prepared for the long period the bells would be ringing. A good peal of Reverse Canterbury Doubles was rung. Two members of the team, Ronald Short and Cecil Clarke, had learnt to ring in this tower.

The conductor (a brass band enthusiast) had forgone attending a band contest that day and was delighted that the peal was successful. Sincere thanks to Preb. Swan for allowing the use of the bells.

ANOTHER RECORD?

On Saturday last (Jan. 24), at Wonersh, Surrey, eight resident members of the Guildford Guild rang Norman Smith's composition of 27 Spliced Surprise Major, conducted by Michael Church. In this method all the bells ring one lead of each method in every part.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for JANUARY 26, 1945

It was reported in the leader that of the 619 peals rung during the year 466 had been on tower bells, Grandsire being the most popular and Plain Bob next. Three peals of Spliced Surprise in the four standard methods was a good step forward as "spliced ringing is likely to be one of the great features of change-ringing."

A peal at Leicester Cathedral was rung on the "Stelfox Eight" — London Surprise.

The peal columns reported six peals on 8, ten on 5 or 6 and three on handbells.

One of the peals at Darlington was the first in seven Surprise Minor for Jack L. Millhouse, conducted by Roland Park.

Only 14 attended the annual meeting of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association when Miss D. E. Lidbetter was elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Charles H. Wickens, of Henfield, wrote regarding the time taken to ring peals of Doubles and stated that a 5-bell tower with 7 cwt. tenor should not get through 42 six-scores under 2 hours 40 minutes.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston held a new year's dance for their staff and workpeople at which the mayor and mayoress of Croydon, the town clerk and the colonel of the 59th Bn. Home Guard were present.

50 YEARS AGO

JANUARY 30, 1920

A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Aston - juxta - Birmingham for the vicar, Canon Hodgson, who died following a bicycle accident.

Fylingdales' eight bells, recast in 1914, had their first peal rung on them—Grand-sire Triples, conducted by W. A. Breckton.

In the 350th year of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, work recently completed included the augmentation of Westminster Abbey and the rehanging of St. Clement Danes' ring of ten.

Ald. J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the ringing master, presided at the annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

By a plebiscite, Loughborough citizens decided upon the erection of a tower to contain a 45-bell carillon, the heaviest bell to weigh 3 tons.

In a peal of Bob Triples at Framlingham, Suffolk, Harold Mayhew rang his first peal and the conductor was George E. Symonds.

R.W. amendments notified:-

Page 38: Treble ringer E. Lesley Evans.

Page 13: 133 Doubles methods (not 135).

Page 19: Mr. J. Shemilt (deceased)—half-muffled peal.
Page 16: Coddington. John Draycott's first peal.

Page 15: Lincoln S. Minor rung at Great Barrington, Gloucestershire (not Quainton).

COMPOSITIONS

5,042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE **MAXIMUS**

By RODERICK W. PIPE

23456	M	W	H
42356 34256		3	
53246 43265	S	S	3
62534 (32456)	_	S	Ä

Note this comes round at the treble snap immediately after the wrong.

1,280 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB **MAJOR**

Arranged by M. M. PETERSON

23456	M	I/V	В
52364	_	SS*	
23564		х	
36245			
62345		X	
23546	S	х	
42365		SS*	
23465		х	

Once repeated.
*The \$th makes 3rds at the first single and dodges 5-6 up at the next.

5,376 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

24-course block. 23456 53426 65324 52364 2 42365 S 63524 S S 42356

Twice repeated.

Rung at Yorktown, Surrey, on Dec. 12, 1969, starting at backstroke.

Conducted by Michael J. Church,

This composition contains the maximum number of 56 and 65 roll-ups in Yorkshire Surprise Major in full courses.

5.152 RAGLAN SURPRISE MAJOR

By	TIM	UTHY	G. PETT	
M	W	H	23456	
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	_		34256 32546	
	В		'53246	
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Contains 16 combination courses with no 82s or 83s (96 c.r.u.'s). These courses are true to all methods with only group b falseness in and out of course.

First rung at Cookham, Berks, on Jan. 10, 1970.

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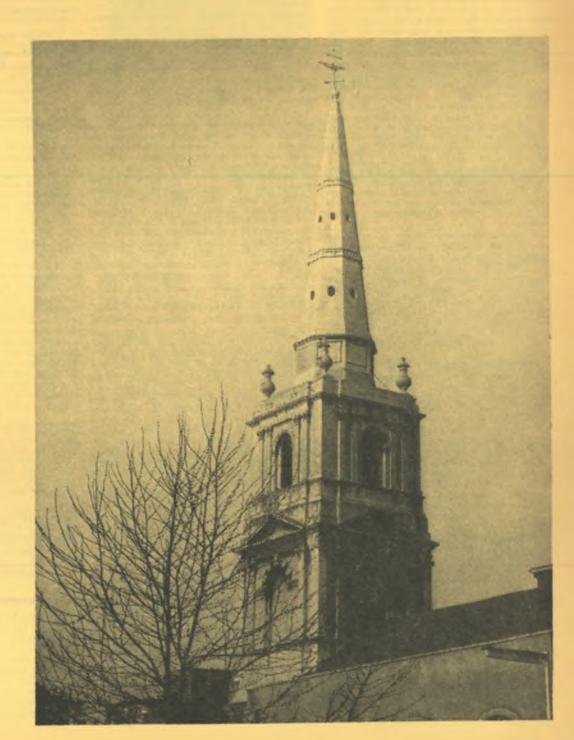
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Christ Church, Bristol

AN 18th CENTURY SOUND

FIRST-TIME VISITORS to Christ Church, Bristol, are sometimes heard to compare the sound of the bells unfavourably with utensils not usually found in a tower. Yet Bristol ringers down the ages have been extremely fond of their sound. I have known quite a few of the first-time detractors join the ranks of the admirers later. An ear accustomed to the richer fullness of modern tuning needs a little while to adjust, just as one does on hearing familiar Bach played on a harpsichord instead of a Bechstein grand. The sounds are not to be compared but each enjoyed in its own right.

It must be admitted that Christ Church bells are not the easiest to ring well. They are rather odd-struck and must be rung briskly with absolute precision. They are not the bells to flatter indifferent striking, but how well they satisfy when the right rhythm is obtained and the striking is clean!

Christ Church bells are the authentic 18th century sound. It must be rare to find a whole ten in which not a single bell has been recast or retuned since 1789. It may be unique. The back eight were cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, as the fourth proudly proclaims: "Abr. Rudhall of Gloucester cast us all 1716." All are dated and most bear the well-known founder's mark flanked by the initials "A. R." The lettering on the crowns is a model of even, clear and artistic casting; so too is the moulding which embellishes the crown staples.

Rudhall's eight were hung in an older church and tower which were completely replaced by a lovely Wren-style church in the 1780s. It is in a style developed by two or three generations of architects since Wren, and if less grandiose than the great London churches has an intimacy and wholeness which are quite delightful. The Harris organ is another 18th century masterpiece which is justly famous and has only this year been restored to full working order.

Christ Church stands on a crossroads which was the centre of the mediæval city of Bristol, and in the 18th century two other churches, St. Werburgh's and All Saints', stood at the same crossing. St. Werburgh's was removed stone by stone to the suburbs in the 1880s, but All Saints' is still there. All three churches had bells: St. Werburgh's a six and All Saints' an eight, also by Rudhall. The rebuilders of Christ Church were not going to have their close neighbours outdo their bells so they decided to add two more. William Bilbie, of Chewstoke, near Bristol, was commissioned to cast two trebles and rehang the ten in the new tower. Local legend has it that Bilbie was a perfectionist, and no one who has been privileged to see one of his exquisite clocks can doubt that. His two bells, cast in 1789, are longer-waisted than Rudhall's, and having cast them and tuned them he must have decided that they did not match the other eight to his complete satisfaction. So he proceeded to retune each of Rudhall's bells with a hammer and chisel until he had all ten perfectly tonally balanced. The neat radial chisel marks inside the sound bow of each bell are quite a work of art in themselves. Standing outside the tower it is impossible to detect that the trebles have been added to an eight, and there are not so many eights augmented to ten in this age or any other of which that is true.

Not only did Bilbie adapt Rudhall's bells to his needs; he seems to have done the same with the frame. I do not know how else to account for the deep gouging-out of the upper members to allow the bells to swing through. It seems improbable that Rudhall would have done this for a custom built frame for his eight, nor that Bilbie would have done this if he had supplied sompletely new frame for the ten. However it came about, the frame today is as sound, square and steady as it ever was.

Christ Church bells have always been popular with Bristol ringers, and in a city with 25 rings they have plenty of choice. Many peals have been rung on them but perhaps the most notable was the 10,133 Grandsire Caters on March 14, 1837, in 5 hours and 44 minutes, conducted by William Smith. It is known that this was a Bristol band but otherwise very little about any of the ringers. Extant records of 19th century ringing in Bristol are regrettably meagre.

For the past few years Christ Church has again become the unofficial headquarters of Bristol ringing. The City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association look after the Sunday ringing there. On the second and fourth Mondays of each month the branch practises its Caters and Surprise Royal and welcomes regular visitors from North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and South Wales. Fortunately the attendances are now so good that one is not missed for ten minutes if you slip down the stairs into Broad Street and listen to a touch of Caters. London or Bristol Royal from there. This is a well-worth-while experience.

PHILIP GRAY.

"WHEN A PEAL DOESN'T APPEAL"

Under this heading a journalist writes in The Swanage Times, giving the pros and cons of bells and bellringing as he finds them in this delightful Dorset town. It followed a letter from an irate lady who had complained about man's inhumanity to man (R.W., page 79). Mr. Hugh Falkner, of Swanage, sends us the following letter.

Dear Sir,—A peal at Swanage on Boxing Day has caused a furore locally. The tower is in the midst of a built-up area, and in the past peals have been few and far between. On this particular occasion the peal was to welcome a new incumbent. But a letter in the local press (The Swanage Times) quickly followed the peal. The wording was, to say the least of it, extreme . . "man's inhumanity to man," etc.

Whilst one person thought fit to write such a letter it is, of course, not known what others think. Accordingly I set myself the task of carrying out a sort of Gallup poll, and called on 20 people at random; all but one proved to be strangers to me and all living within about as many yards of the church as the lady who wrote the irate letter. As a matter of fact, I called on 21 people, but the odd one said she was no ordinary person, having had an intense dislike for bells from youth upwards. was all the same to her and her dislike whether they rang for three minutes or three hours . . . and she begged not to be included in my survey. However, even she said that if anything was legal she had to put up with it!

All 20 people liked to hear the bells, but as many as five out of the 20 thought that

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non-stop ringing for three hours was too long. But none of the five were hot enough under the collar to want to protest, other than to me in consequence of my enquiry.

Only one out of the 20 had any idea why the bells were ringing for three hours, i.e., for a "peal"—5,040 different changes meant nothing whatever to them!

Practice night ringing is usually for about an hour or slightly more. And recently there have been some quarter peals in Swanage. No mention of protest has been made of such ringing, and I think it safe to assume that there are very few (like the lady above) who object or even dislike bells ringing for that length of time. I wonder my little survey is representative of people all over the country, namely that 25% of the population have no sympathy for peal ringing?

£50 LEGACY

The Yorktown (Camberley) ring of eight has a very long draught, and the P.C.C. want to put a new floor in to make the ringing chamber up in the tower and to use the present space for a choir vestry. This alteration, when carried out, will benefit everyone, but the costs will be rather heavy.

The ringers at St. Michael's have promised £25 from their funds and the late Mr. Fred Farr left £50 in his will for the tower and this also will help towards the cost of the work. A faculty has yet to be applied for, but it is not anticipated that it will be refused.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES HELPED

Bob Smith's articles on Kent and Oxford T.B. in The Ringing World gave Derek M. Sawyer many tips which makes the method far easier. Derek, who writes from Clarkson, Ontario, "with tremendous pleasure, sends a handbell peal report of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung at McMaster University on January 6. It was the first in the method by all and in North America. [Congratulations to you, Derek, and your team.—Ed.]

About the Central Council

2.—THE SECRETARY (MR. VERNON BOTTOMLEY)

THERE must be few people who do not experience some thrill of expectation when the postman calls. The secretary of the Council has this pleasure almost every working day. The packages come in all shapes and sizes and there is even more variety in the contents. There are inquiries from members of the public as well as from ringers, and dealing with these is very much a public relations exercise. There has been a spate of inquiries in relation to The Noise Abatement Act, which indicates that people generally are taking the trouble to inform tnemselves about their "rights."

I am one of those impatient individuals who cannot live with arrears of work and I try to reply to letters by return, or at any rate to dictate my letters without de.ay. Implementation of this policy means that almost every day some duty is performed on behalf of the Council. I suppose the job must be well above average in size in the voluntary category. A postage oill of over £11 on day to day correspondence in 1969 is an indication of the volume. (I rarely take a fivepenny gamble!) The Central Council is not entirely free from Government interference and my duties include attending to S.E.T. and P.A.Y.E. returns, Insurance of the Council's property and investment of its funds are other matters which concern me.

Accountancy responsibilities are not onerous and nearly all the work is concentrated in the first three months of the year. It is certainly desirable to have the accounts complete before



the increase in work which comes with the preparations for the annual meeting. The local arrangements are the responsibility of the host association, fortunately, but we in Haifax have to attend to the committee reports—cutting and checking stencils (at least four for the Peals Analysis Committee) and printing on a rotary duplicator. We have free use of a temperamental old machine and we have learned a few hard lessons from it. First of all, it is courting disaster to try to print on both sides of the paper, and, worse, that if I dare to interfere in its manipulation it will exact a terrib'e revenge by chewing the stencil to bits only about 30 copies from the end of the run. My typist does not like cutting stencils!! Fortunately, the old thing (the

duplicator) responds very well to the feminine touch, so Jeanne (my wife) has the job which she does at two or three visits.

we learned another lesson the lirst time we made up the sets of reports, agendas, etc. We arranged them in order round a large beardroom table and then walked round and round, 115 times each, bending to pick up each safet in the set. We were still, for days, the only disability now following this operation is a sole hand with thumping the stapier. For the record we each make up a set of 30 papers in two minutes and we complete the joo of making 230 sets in one session.

The "Wilsoniae" week-end is quite hectic and there is always the turking tear of something forgotten. In the early days of my tenure 1 dreamed quite regularity of turning up without the attendance rou and of sitting up ail night typing another with one linger. And of course it was never ready in time for the meeting.

Inevitably the job has its irritations. There are the treasurers who will not send the ambiliation fees until they have been asked three or four times. I know they are not half as busy as I am; but then I must be mistaken. There are the Council members who will not be persuaded, cajoied or kicked into the meeting when it is past starting time. Then there are the secretaries who will not notify the names of representatives. (I am still without one for 1969.)

But these are more than compensated by the many sources of pleasure. There is the delight of the occasional abusive letter from Jafus and the satisfaction of replying in similar vein. There is the friendship of a countless number of ringers, some of whom we haven't even met. There is the enjoyment of a quiet dinner on the Tuesday evening after it is all over.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

The first general meeting of the Yorkshire Association for the year drew an attendance of 150 members to Wakefield on January 17. After ringing at several churches during the morning and afternoon they filled the nave of the Cathedral for a short service, conducted by two clergy who are ringers—Rev. P. Brothwell, sacrist at the Cathedral, and Rev. N. Webb, who only that week had given up his precentorship to become Rector of Thornhill. A buffet tea was provided in the Youth Centre by the ladies of the local band, with valuable help from some of the new Wragby ringers.

At the business meeting, with Mr. Vernon Bottomley presiding, seven members were elected: Mrs. Mollie Toy, of York (formerly of Bridstow, Herefords); Anthea Cryer (Walkley), Susan Brown (St. Marie's, Sheffield), Estha Sharp (Dewsbury), Fred Shaw (Thornhill), Ian Bell (Handsworth) and Simon Fisher (Rotherham).

The proposed alterations to the rules was the item on the agenda for which some had been waiting anxiously. These resulted from the suggestion made by the Leeds and District Society 14 months earlier for fusion with the Association. The most controversial point, introducing associate membership so that ringers not qualified by a 720 might belong to the Association, and be entitled to vote, but with a subscription of 3s., was accepted by a very large majority. So, for the first time since being established in 1875 the Y.A.C.R. is to have ringing members who have not "rung at least 720 changes." (Y.A.C.R. Rules, 1876.) Several associate members were elected during the meeting.

The other alterations were also accepted, with very little or no opposition. In future

districts will be called "branches" and the chief officer of the branch will be its "chairman" rather than its vice-president. Branches may decide the size of their own committees, but representation on the general committee is not changed.

Immediately following these important changes Mr. Robin Brown proposed that the Western District be divided into two branches, one of these roughly coinciding with the Leeds and District Society's area, the other being the remainder of the old district. This was accepted enthusiastically, as were the new members who formerly belonged only to the Leeds and District Society.

The fusion of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association with the Northern District was also agreed; the branch in the north will be called "The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch of the Yorkshire Association." Elections for the officers and committees of the new branches will be held within the next few weeks.

Mr. William Barton gave notice of a proposal to retain the office of vice-president, not as the chief officer of a branch but as a position to be given to members the Association might wish to honour. There will be voting on this at the A.G.M. at Ormesby in May.

In conclusion, the president gave members some details of the plans being made for the Central Council meeting at Ilkley. Members of the Association would be asked to assist with ringing on the tours on both the Saturday and Monday, and were invited to go to the welcome extended to the Council on the Monday evening as well as to the events on the Tuesday.

RINGERS IN KILIFI, AFRICA

Over 60 members and friends attended a very successful quarterly meeting of the Rochester District of Kent County Association at Shorne on January 17. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., under the direction of the ringing masters and the service at 4.30 p.m. included an amusing address given by the vicar, Rev. G. Taylor. Tea was served in the nearby village hall.

An interesting business meeting ensued, with the district chairman, Rev. S. M. Evans, presiding. Members were distressed to hear of the death of Mrs. Dorothy Dunk, the wife of the late Albert J. Dunk, who had been a very active member of the district until his death in 1964. All stood in silent remembrance.

A good start to the new year was made with the election of 15 new members, many of whom come under the definition of "young people," and Mr. Trevor A. Cross gave a report on the business transacted at the November meeting of the general committee. Members were interested to hear of the application by the ringers at Kilifi (Africa) for non-resident membership of the Association. A decision on this matter was to be left for a period to see how things progressed in Kilifi before membership was granted. At the suggestion of the Rochester District, a county striking competition is to be organised, but another proposal from the district re the printing of reports in a cheaper form was defeated. An application by Newington-next-Sittingbourne for a grant from the Association's belfry repair fund had been rewarded by the promise of £15 upon the satisfactory completion of the work on the bells.

Miscellaneous items under Any Other Business were discussed before adjournment to the tower for further ringing. L. M.

MAKE OR BREAK

A rather colourless year was reviewed by Mr. D. J. Tubbs, district ringing master, at the annual meeting of the Guildford District at Holy Trinity Hall on January 17. Membership at 110 was approximately the same and the new band of five at St. Peter's, Hascombe, under the leadership of Mr. B. Burnett, had joined.

The striking competition, continued Mr. Tubbs, was disappointing, with only three entries compared with five the previous year. Two were from the Cathedral and the other from Stoke. Of tower captains, he said, they could either make or break the district. He urged them to persuade young people to go out and get more experience and to support the district's combined practices and meetings.

Miss Y. Eloie, district secretary, said an appeal for help had been received from Dunsfold. Losses by death included Mr. C. Ernest Smith, of Godalming, and Mr. Hagley, of Witley. The accounts showed a balance of £70 16s. 10d., an increase of £4.

Because of pressure on his leisure, Mr. Tubbs resigned the mastership and was succeeded by Mr. D. Struckett (Haslemere). Mr. Tubbs, however, is holding office as assistant ringing master and treasurer. Miss Eloie was re-elected secretary, Mr. J. Horsman (Shalford) auditor and Mrs. Carolyn Tubbs to the committee.

The meeting was attended by the guild master (Mr. Douglas May) and the hon. secretary (Mr. Charles Munday), both of whom were renominated for office.

The district attended evensong at Holy Trinity Church, conducted by Rev. Warren Sellers, and tea for 54, provided by Mrs. Tubbs and her helpers, was much enjoyed.

SUPPORT LACKING

The recent North West District of Suffolk Guild quarterly meeting at Mildenhall on January 10 attracted ringers from the adjoining counties, even though it was a rather unfavourable day. Good use was made of the bells and there was some excellent ringing. Members were sorry to hear that both the ringing master and chairman were ill and it was disappointing to see that guild support was so lacking, considering that the meeting was at a 10-bell tower.

District practices were arranged at the Norman Tower in February and at Brandon in March, and the next quarterly meeting is at Lakenheath in April.

PROVING THEMSELVES

The quarter peal rung by the regular Sunday service band at Hoddesdon, Herts, on January 25, was a notable achievement in that it was the first quarter for all the band, except the conductor. Ringing has been at a low ebb for some time at Hoddesdon, but there is now a band of ringers keen to learn. For the last few months Sunday service ringing has been regular (alternating matins and evensong) and Grandsire Doubles has been mastered. The practice night is on Tuesday, 7.30 to 9 p.m., and all ringers are welcome, especially those who can help with teaching the band R. L. H. more method ringing.

MODERN STYLE

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was held in the parish hall of St. Martin's Church on January 3.

Miss Muriel Reay was re-elected master and Mr. Roderick W. Pipe was elected as ringing master and Central Council representative. Mr. Henry H. Fearn retired from the office of auditor, in which capacity he served the guild for 28 years, and Mr. Ray Aldington was elected to that office. Mr. Richard J. Tipbetts was elected as secretary on a more permanent basis.

One item in the balance sheet raised observations from Mr. Bryan Woolley, who suggested that a modern style of peal writing be adopted. A committee was formed to review the subject.

Mr. Eric Cole informed the meeting of the proposed augmentation of Hampton-in-Arden bells to an octave. It was decided to plan for a donation of £100 from the guild's bell fund in 1975, the 250th anniversary of the present bells.

The secretary informed members of arrangements for the Henry Johnson memorial dinner and Bishop Sinker, the Provost of Birmingham Cathedral, was elected as chairman for this year's dinner. R. J. T.

FREE PARKING!

"Welcome to Aldershot! If you see in this 'Home of the British Army' men in dark blue uniforms with yellow badges, they are traffic wardens, not a new brigade of Guards, but by the way they pop up when you have parked in the wrong place there must be enough to form a platoon. However, whatever traffic problems there are in the town, you can come to St. Michael's and park free, without the fear of a parking ticket, and enjoy a comfortable ground floor ring of eight.'

This was the unusual opening written by Mr. Tom Page for the ringing master's report at the A.G.M. of the Farnham District held recently. The meeting, usually in Farnham, was this year transferred to Aldershot and about 100 attended.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT HART STREET

After ringing a peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., on New Year's Eve, 1968, the rector invited the same band to make an attempt in 1969.

Unfortunately, for various reasons, the same band could not be assembled, but an attempt for Yorkshire, to be conducted by lan Dear, one of the band that rang Rutland in 1968, was arranged to commence at 8.30 p.m. At 5 p.m. a 'phone call to the organiser informed him that Ian had 'flu and couldn't ring. After several 'phone calls a substitute was found and the band met as arranged. At 9 p.m. Andrew Slade, another of last year's band, hadn't arrived and at 9.15 it was decided to attempt a peal of Minor, but this failed after two-and-abit extents. After an interval the New Year was duly rung in and the band entertained by the rector and his wife. The mulled wine made up for the loss of the peal, and we are very grateful to Norman Summer-hayes for going out of his way to ensure hayes for going out of his way, that everyone arrived home safely.

T. P. K.

INTEREST ABOUNDING

The Monmouth Branch held a very enjoyable annual meeting at Chepstow on January 10. The ten bells were well used throughout the afternoon and evening by members and friends from Gloucestershire,

The vicar, Rev. J. Barrie-Evans, took the service, Mr. Richard Owen read the lesson and Mrs. John Sims kindly played the

Despite the miserable, wet day some 85 persons sat down to tea in the Cavill Hall. New members were again elected, being Rev. Hoyle (Vicar of Trellech), Mr. Gwil-lam Hayes, of Bassaleg, together with David and Steven Everett and Pau! Phillips, of All Saints, Newport.

Meeting places for the year were chosen to be held on the second Saturdays in May, July, October and in January, 1971, at Caerleon, Ebbw Vale, Mathern and Marsh-

It was reported that Mathern bells had gone to Taylor's for rehanging as a memorial to the wife of Brig. Vaughan-Hughes, and that interest abounded at Trellech, where a handbell team had been formed by the vicar in anticipation of a ring of bells in his tower...

THREE TOWERS IN EAST NORFOLK

A few weeks ago Rev. Peter Bond mentioned Blofield, Ludham and Ranworth as being towers where beginners have been assisted by Mr. Kenneth Brown, who reports as under.

Blofield ringers have the help of Mr. Jim Morley and are capable of ringing Bob Doubles. The very enthusiastic band at Ludham, helped initially by Rev. P. Bond, David Ralls from Great Yarmouth and Derek Platford from Catfield, is now under the leadership of Mr. Neville Gower. The bells are being well looked after by Mr. Ray Osborne, whose son is also ringing. The band must go from strength to strength and the practice that would help them, I think, would be a quarter peal of Bob Doubles.

Two members from Thorpe Grammar School can now handle a bell at Ranworth and another student has recently been cycling over from Coltishall. Unfortunately the rector, Rev. E. D. Everard, who is so keen to have his bells rung, cannot get any recruits so practices have been abandoned for the winter. Some readers in this district may remember Mr. George Allen, who has promised to come back when more beginners start in the spring, on Wednesday evenings at this "Cathedral of the Broads."

K. L. B.

NOT "OPENING TIME"

When the St. Albans District members made arrangements for social visits in 1970 these included a request for a district outing and a trip to the TV studios as last year. There was also a request for an outing to one of the local breweries, but on enquiry it was found that "not even for their best customers" (ringers?) would the brewers open their doors to parties on Saturdays!

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Obituary

MR. MAURICE KEARNEY

At one time known as tenor king of Drogheda, Maurice (Moss) Kearney died in Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, on December 3, aged 76. He learned to ring at St. Peter's, Drogheda, about 1940 and had been a member of the Irish Association since 1945.

MR. S. E. WRIGHT

The death occurred on January 9, 1970 of Sidney Ernest Wright, at the age of 82. Sid learned to ring at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, about 1910, and came to St. John's, Peterborough, in 1911, serving this church faithfully as a Sunday service ringer for 52 years. He was born on January 21, 1887, and was married in June, 1924. He was a foundry moulder and worked for British Railways. He rang a few peals and many quarters and his name appears on the peal boards in St. John's belfry, including his first of Grandsire Triples in 1920. Belfry records show that he rang a peal of Kent T.B. Major in 1923 and that his next was Grandsire Triples in 1948 — a gap of 25 years. At one time he was the tower cap-Sid's last recorded quarter peal was in 1959, at the age of 72, and he retired from ringing in September, 1963. As a memorial token a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the day of the funeral.

MR, K. D. ESSAM

A former tower captain at St. Mary's Warmington, near Peterberough, from 1958 to 1966, Kenneth Douglas Essam collapsed and died at his home at School House, Warmington, just after noon on Jan. 17. Although he never did master changeringing he was a regular Sunday service ringer and rarely missed a branch meeting. He held the office of branch auditor from 1963 to the time of his death. Mr. Essam was 56.

The funeral service was on January 22 at Warmington Church, followed by cremation. The church was filled with fellow school teachers, friends and bellringers.

A half-muffled quarter peal was rung in his memory at Warmington on January 23 by members of the branch. A. H. H.

MR. E. J. BLOWER

Jack Blower, who died on January 8, aged 79, was a loyal member of the Rayleigh band for nearly 60 years. He started his ringing career at Great Dunmow and came to Rayleigh as a young man,

For many years his ringing ability was restricted to the plain standard methods, but the development of the Rayleigh area in the 1950s brought with it a dozen experienced ringers, and he took up the challenge and learned new methods. St. Clement's Triples was his favourite and he participated in a peal in this method rung on June 7, 1960, to mark his 50 years of service in Rayleigh tower, which gave him great pleasure, and in the same year the Essex Association honoured him with life

Jack Blower's loyalty to his band was an example to all, he being regular in attendance at all times. Jack was a very humble man who realised his limitations, and was secretary to the local band for many years until ill-health limited his appearances. M. J. H.

Letters

THE PEAL DISEASE

Dear Sir,-I have read with interest the recent correspondence concerning peal ringing, mainly by active peal ringers, and would like to put forward my views as a former peal ringer

Until a short time ago I was what is usually termed a "peal-grabber," ringing one, sometimes two peals, Saturday after Saturday and an occasional weekday one as well. Although I enjoyed it at first, it degenerated into a habit and one I just could not get out of. I rang the same methods over and over again, with two or three different bands. And what a lot of "firers" they were, I regret to say! Time and time again (and here I disagree entirely with one correspondent) it came home to me that taking part in lots of peals does not necessarily make one a good ringer. In the course of my travels I have met prolific peal ringers who are shocking strikers, poor bell handlers and who, after two or three hundred peals, cannot even ring a bell down properly.

Inevitably, I gave up peal ringing for more worthwhile activities, much to my later satisfaction. I think I am now leading a far fuller life, having taken up a variety of interests, from cycling and nature rambling to keeping budgerigars. True, I ring the occasional peal, but only for special occasions or to help someone along.

The peal disease seems to have two main drawbacks. First, it is so time-consuming. Secondly, it takes so great a hold on the system that, although the actual business of ringing the peal is such a bore, the patient is compelled to go on attempting even more. So many of the victims (with obvious not-able exceptions!) seem to be of the weaker, insecure personality type -- perhaps they crave the satisfaction of seeing their name in print. In this respect, I am all in favour of the reduced peal format and hope that it will, to some extent, eliminate this element in peal ringing.

Fortunately the disease is not permanent, usually giving immunity to further attacks (often the former sufferer is allergic to the word "peal" itself), but owing to its very contagious nature soon infects a fresh generation.

In conclusion, I might say that there are many people in this area alone who have shared my experience. Close examination of the R.W. over a period of two or three years will show any number of individuals who ring a vast number of peals and then fade out altogether, as dramatically as they began. Many give up ringing completely. Not a desirable state of affairs at a time when more and more towers are silent on Sundays.-Yours faithfully,

PETER E. THOMPKINS.

Crowborough, Sussex.

P.S. - I would be very happy to correspond with any other young ringer, peal ringer or not, who is interested in cycling or stamp collecting .-- P. E. T.

MR. C. W. RIGBY

Known to his many friends as "Rig," the death occurred recently of Mr. Clayson W. Rigby, at the age of 64. He was not a peal ringer but regularly rang at Greens Norton, Northants, and visited Towcester Branch meetings regularly. All his life he was a faithful servant at his own church.

W. A. Y.

IN DEFENCE OF PEAL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Following the latest instalment in the anti-peal ringers' saga (Mr. Taylor, page 30), may I be permitted to put the case for the defence?

What is the definition of a peal ringer? I don't think your correspondents know. The old dividing line between peal ringers and Sunday service ringers is hard to determine because the majority of the former are in fact the backbone of the latter. So

who, then, is criticising who?

Mr. Taylor says the majority of peal ringers are of little service to the Exercise. I agree with Mr. Wycherley on the same page-without them the Exercise would collapse and so too would the R.W. Mr. Taylor comments about the enormous expenditure on bells, etc. If this is unjustified then one could extend the argument to other ecclesiastical furniture and indeed to church buildings. He concludes by suggesting four rules under which peals should be rung:—
(1) "One or more firsts." First in what?

may I ask-first pealers or first in 100

Spliced Surprise Maximus?
(2) "Special occasions should be observed, preferably connected with the Church." There are hundreds of saints' days to choose from, so that should not be

difficult.
(3) "A tower fee of 2s. 6d. per head." This practice is fairly widespread today

anyway, but why the refund?
(4) "A 2s. levy to R.W. news." The R.W. exists for the purpose of recording news, and peals are news. Surely the privilege of printing news should be paid for by the newspaper not by the contributors. The publication of peals is governed by the rules of the Central Council. Quarter peals, on the other hand, are not controlled and the necessity of having them published does not arise. Thus peal ringers should not be asked or expected to contribute to help pay for the printing of news, whereas quarter pealers should.

The circulation, I believe, of the R.W. is approximately 6,000. There are approximately 40,000 ringers in existence, of which about 3,000-4,000 ring peals each year. Given that the majority of the latter purchase the R.W., it cannot fall upon them to support it more than they do at present.

A certain Mr. Marsh's letter (R.W., Dec. 12, 1969) did not contribute much towards Christian unity. He asks: "How many peal ringers are committed Christians?" I have experienced during the past five years the humiliation of being prevented from ringing at my local tower for Sunday services. reason for this is the fact that I ring peals and enjoy a higher standard of ringing elsewhere. The clergyman involved in the above case is now. I understand, a bishop!

Finally, Mr. Marsh complains of the leading peal ringers' list. Has anyone read of complaints in the national newspapers about the publication of county cricket averages and football league goal scorers, and a volume of other statistical data? No, sir!—Yours faithfully,

Cambridge. G. E. THODAY. Note.—There are numerous cases where items regarded as news have to be paid for, such as lists of names at many functions. Even the Football League makes a charge for its fixtures to certain bodies dealing with news! Ed.

ACCEPTED

Mr. Gerald Moorhouse, of Prestbury, Macclesfield, Cheshire, expresses thanks to Mr. Jonathan Porter for his generous apology, which is gladly accepted.

(Letters continued overleaf)

More Letters . . .

NOT RESCUED

We the undersigned wish to refute the statement made under the heading "Handbell Enthusiasts" (R.W., page 20) that pupils of Clere Secondary School "rescued" a set of handbells from the local tower, where they had lain idle and neglected. This statement suggests that the bells have not been looked after by succeeding rectors and tower captains to which their care has been entrusted, and we hope the following facts will help to prove this has not been the case.

No one would claim that al! 37 bells have been in use at any one time, but single octaves have been used over the years for tune ringing by the local band and by several parishes who have handbell teams.

Concerning the claim of neglect, we are of the opinion that the bells were in no worse condition than any to be found in the average tower where handbell ringing is not the first preoccupation of the band. The bells for many years hung behind the seat along one side of the belfry. This was a perfectly safe position when the tower was not so active in district functions, but due to increased participation in these activities it was decided to move the bells to a position under the clock case, the necessary fittings being made by the ringers. It was from here that the music master collected 24 of the bells, the other 13 being collected from the home of a ringer where they were in use by four members of the band

We would also like to make it clear that the bells are the property of the church and as such are freely available to Burghclere Church organisations and to other bodies at the discretion of the rector.

In conclusion, we would like to congratulate the pupils of Clere School on their achievements with the bells.

REV. JAMES CRAIG.

Rector of Burghclere.
PETER WATTS,

Captain, Burghclere tower.
PHILIP MURDUCK,

Chairman, Andover District.
G. K. DODD.

Ringing Master, Andover District.

M. J. GOSS,
Hon. Secretary, Andover District.

[We have also received individual letters on the same subject from G. K. Dodd and Ann Stradling.—Ed.]

CLOCK DIALS

Dear Sir,—May I comment on items appearing in the R.W. of January 23?

In partial reply to John Holloway's letter, the use of IV rather than IIII was not common in Augustan Rome, and I believe it was only with the Christian monks of the Middle Ages that it took precedence. I imagine that while the Renaissance took its orthography from the monks, the various timekeeping devices retained their longer-standing tradition in this respect.

Secondly, I am sure that the London University Minor ringers will be delighted to see the Professor's work on page 62 took precedence in this field some months ago with his suggestion of Major spliced at the cross-section. "Very satirical, but I pity the tiger."—Yours faithfully.

CHRISTOPHER I. ROWSON.
Maidenhead, Berks.

DIAL IIII

"The clock faces at the Memorial, Hastings, have the Roman IV," writes C. A. Levett, of Hastings.

HANDBELLS WANTED

Dear Sir.—As a former member of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers I still retain my love for bellringing. I have here at the University of Buffalo a group of students who upon hearing tales of my bellringing days expressed a desire to ring also. There are only three or four towers here in the States and none in our area; we thus hope to set up a band of handbell ringers. To obtain a set of bells is now our problem. I would like to ask the readers of The Ringing World for their help in locating a suitable set of handbells. I can arrange for them to be brought back to the States. I have given the group my copies of The Ringing World to give them some idea of the atmosphere of bellringing, and this has increased their interest. — Yours this has increased their interest. faithfully,

MARIAN MAY, Assistant Professor.

State University of New York, Buffalo, 4248 Ridge Lea Road, Amherst, New York 14226

[Please write direct.—Ed.]

GRANDSIRE SIXTEEN

Dear Sir.—When I was making a study of old peal boards in Hertfordshire I came across the name of Thomas Powell on a board at St. Peter's, St. Albans. It recorded a peal of Stedman Caters by the College Youths in 1865, composed and conducted by Henry W. Haley, with many famous London ringers in the band.

I discovered that Powell came from Waltham Abbey and kept the Three Tuns there. Now, thanks to Mr. J. E. G. Roast's very interesting letter. I find that both Powell and Britten rang in the first Stedman Triples in hand but that Powell rang 5-6 in the

first Holt's Original in hand.

The information that he came from Birmingham soon led me to Samuel Lawrence's statement that after the long peal of 7.200 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, April 17, 1820, several courses of Treble Bob Maximus were rung on the handbells and one course of 16 in the Grandsire method: James Jarvis 1-2, Thomas Chapman 3-4. Henry Cooper 5-6, Thomas Thurstans 7-8, Joseph Riley 9-10. Thomas Worrall 11-12, Samuel Lawrence 13-14, Alexander Sanders 15-16. I shall not be surprised if other letters are sent in containing this information as it can easily be found in Ernest Morris's book The History and Art of Change Ringing,

published in 1931.

Thomas Powell may have rung in courses of Grandsire Sixteen or heard his father talking about such activities. It all goes to show that we should never underestimate the ringers of long ago.

Such letters as those of Messrs. Barnett and Roast do provide us with some names to conjure with. We started at the Three Tuns, then to the Whittington and Cat. Rethnal Green (not Whittington Hat, Mr. W. G. W.), and finished up at Birmingham. Perhaps Mr. E. C. Shepherd can give us the name of the tavern? Before leaving the subject of "Sixteen." Elijah Roberts could tap courses of anything up to Treble Boh on 16 bells in 1824 when he was in his 17th year.—Yours faithfully.

St. Albans, Herts.

The heights by great men reached—and kept

Were not attained by sudden flight. But they, while their companions slept. Were toiling upward in the night.

-LONGFELLOW

H. V. FROST.

MULTI-SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Drew's band have scored again — Artaxerxes! Who do they think they're kidding? Surely this is only Xerxes, rung earlier last year, with Kent places in 3-4 at the half lead. Of the other dozen or so new methods rung by the same band last year, Elmore, Jonah and Bromyard are only variations of Turramurra, together with Papanui, Lathkill, Easingwold and Aswarby rung by other bands during the same year. Tuffley and Bedwardine are simple variations of Grundisburgh, only the places made in the last section when the treble is behind being different. Omega, Florence, Mr. Rusty and Zebedee (rung in 1968) are all closely related and little different from the Turramurra variations.

I do not wish to single out Mr. Drew's band as being the only offenders in this matter—indeed they are not; nor do I wish to seem over-critical of what appears to be a very keen peal ringing band, some of whom I know personally. But please, with at least a million new Surprise Major methods still to be rung, many with very interesting "blue-lines," let us stop ringing methods which are only "variations on an old theme," and some of them poorer variations at that. If Mr. Drew or any other interested ringer would like a thousand or so tailor-made methods, right and wrong place, with or without adjacent place making (34, 56, 1234, etc.), please let me know and I and a sympathetic computer will be only too pleased to be of assistance.—Yours faithfully.

STEPHEN W. BARTON.

Halesowen, Worcs.

"GLORIOUS VICTORY"

Dear Sir.—Being rather surprised to read (R.W., page 46) that the ringers of Farnham rang a peal of Grandsire Triples to celebrate the "Glorious Victorv at Cape Trafalgar" on the very day of the battle. I went to my bookshelves to check when the news arrived at Falmouth in the Pickle. The first book I laid hands on was A Personal Study of Admiral Lord Nelson. by Carola Oman, and the first paragraph of the Notes reads:

"In January, 1946, at the village of Maidwell, in Northamptonshire, at five minutes to eight in the evening, a curfew rang out from the little church, and in its ringing carried us back a hundred and forty years; for this peal was last heard in 1805, when the ringer was turned out of the belfry for becoming too merry after hearing the news of the battle of Trafalgar. This man must have been one of the few to greet the tidings with rejoicing, and it is probable that his offence was not the natural one of indulging in a celebration, to honour an event in which all his fellow-countrymen iubilated, but rather considered to be the ill-taste of a drunkard at a funeral. The victory was nothing, the loss everything. When, on November the sixth, the newspapers appeared, headed:

GLORIOUS VICTORY

OVER THE

COMBINED FLEETS.

DEATH OF LORD NELSON. the nation knew a sorrow in inverse ratio to the size of the print."

Were the ringers of Farnham at one with the unfortunate ringer of Maidwell, or are we suffering from an excess of author's licence?—Yours faithfully.

J. MERRITT, Cdr., R.N. Alverstoke, Hants.

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TAKE PEALS SERIOUSLY

Dear Sir, - My main hobby-horse, and one that I have "ridden" for some years, is the fact that people do not take peal ringing seriously enough. Over the last 20 years I have yet to go for a peal with five, seven or nine other people that I am sure really wanted to attempt it. One arrives at the church to find people bewailing the fact that they have had to get up at some ungodly hour. One person thinks it is too hot or too cold to ring a peal. Another feels too ill. Someone else says he could think of far better things to do—watch football, for instance. Yet all these people agreed to "stand in" in the first place and would probably become offensive if they were being missed out. That doesn't alter the fact that before and during the peal attempt they have a "couldn't care less" attitude to the whole proceedings.

The primary concern in present day peal ringing seems to be to get the bells round at all costs, regardless of what happens be-tween "Go next" and "That's all." Although there are notable exceptions, one must lament a definite drop in standards between peal ringing now and 50 years ago.

I can remember the odd peal I rang with the regular weekly band at Crayford, Kent. The slightest clip, the slightest hesitation, the slightest misblow and all eyes were upon you. Today there are those who seem to think that most peals have rough patches-and I would hazard a guess there are certain of our brethren who regard a peal as very dull indeed unless it contains "fire-up.

We took peals seriously years ago. Travel was much more difficult, opportunities to ring peals were less frequent, there was less leisure time, fewer ringers were advanced enough (we certainly did not have the beneht of the knowledge and experience of previous ringing generations as the youngsters nave today). But one could be sure on arrival at the tower that everyone really wanted to ring a peal and would put his very best into it. One thing that sticks in my mind is the fact that people always used to turn up in their "Sunday best," a significant indication of how seriously they were taking the thing.

No, Mr. Marsh, it is not time to stop ringing peals: it is time to start taking them seriously.

At the risk of incurring the scorn of our

less-Christian brethren, may I offer, in con-clusion, the text of II Timothy ii, 15: "Do your best to present yourself to God as approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of God "-Yours faithfully, New Milton. CHARLES DENTON.

Barry F. Peachey, of Lyndhurst, Hants, comments on Mr. E. Taylor's letter—

.. To have rung a good peal is an achievement and everyone like to achieve something; even having done it several times before doesn't quite take the spice out of it.

If the Central Council were to condemn peal ringing as 'stunts of strength and en-durance' (the opinion of a neighbouring tower captain), it is a certainty that many young people such as myself (I'm 14) would decline to take up the exercise as they would have nothing to aim for In my opinion a peal provides this aim.

QUARTER PEAL MONTH

When the idea of ringing a quarter peal in each tower in the branch during the last month of the decade was put forward at the autumn meeting of the South Oxfordshire Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild it received the full approval of members present. It was felt that a large number of people ringing the simpler methods would be of far greater benefit to the branch as a whole than a small number ringing more advanced methods, so towers were asked to arrange the quarters between themselves and ask for additional help if needed. By the end of November well over half the quarters had been arranged, and branch officers arranged the remainder. The intertower co-operation had been very high at this point, for the branch has a large proportion of young ringers who, in many cases, had only previously rung the treble to a quarter peal, so a certain amount of exchange was needed. Snow and bad weather had been anticipated, but sudden widespread 'flu in the area caused havoc to welllaid plans. Often frantic phone calls were made to replace ringers struck down the day before a quarter! To a certain extent this curtailed the variety of methods rung and, together with some lost quarters early in the month, meant that there was quite a rush after Christmas.

31 FIRSTS

The benefits to the branch and to ringing in the area were very great. Actually 54 ringers were involved, whereas others unable to ring methods gave their support by helping with arrangements and sometimes waiting in the tower to hear and benefit from the ringing. Altogether 31 "firsts" of varying kinds were achieved, and younger ringers in particular gained valuable experience. Some villages with "silent" towers heard their bells ringing again and the in-terest of incumbents and "lapsed" ringers was aroused. Generally, branch affairs benented considerably. Two towers asked for help in starting new bands; the bells of Aston Rowant, which will not now be available for ringing until after rehanging, were rung for a carol service, special permission being given. This was the hardest quarter that any had ever rung, and although because of the cold their breath could be seen in the ringing chamber before starting, there were no complaints of cold when they had finished!

It would be inadvisable to thank any one particular person for the work during this month because the event was a corporate effort. In looking over the past ten years, however, the branch members realise that the quarter peal month would not have been possible had it not been for the work of the officers during the 1960s, particularly Frank Absolom, the ringing master, and Jim Godman, secretary until May, 1969. LOR

South Oxon Branch Quarter Peal Month

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON. - On Dec. 3, 1,260 Doubles (eight m/v): C. Woodward 1, M. Journeaux 2, B. Gray 3, T. G. Pett 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5. C. Gammon 6.

CHALGROVE, OXON .- On Dec. 3, 1,260 Doubles (11 m/v): C. Woodward 1, J. Godman 2, T. G. Pett 3, B, Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, D. C. Wood-

SHABBINGTON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 6, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. W. J. East 1, A. D. Tyler 2, Mavis Clarke (first inside) 3, E. F. Putt 4, Christine Baker (first as cond.) 5, R. T. Corker 6. Also on Dec. 6, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mavis Clarke 1, Christine Baker 2, C. W. J. East 3, A. D. Tyler 4, E. F. Putt 5, R. T. Corker (cond.) 6. First Minor for 1 and 5.

DORCHESTER, OXON .- On Dec. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Woodward 1, V. Fox 2, B. Gray 3, P. G. H. McIlhone 4, J. Godman 5, A. Howes 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, D. Exon 8.

THAME, OXON.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Doubles (480 Pl. Bob, 780 Grandsire): R. L. Pilcher I, E. E. Harmsworth 2, R. G. Hazell 3, F. Keen 4, Brenda M. Arnott (cond.) 5.

WHEATLEY, OXON .- On Dec. 15, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: K. J. Harris 1, E. E. Harmsworth 2, C. Smith 3, I. M. M. O'Reilly 4, H. J. Baker 5, L. R. Porter (cond.) 6. First Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

GREAT MILTON, OXON,--On Dec. 20, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: E. F. Putt 1, Christine Baker 2, G. J. Tyler 3, R. T. Corker 4, C. W. J. East 5, A. D. Tyler 6, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 7, A. J. Cherry First in method by all except conductor,

LEWKNOR, OXON .- On Dec. 20, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): J. Moore (first quarter) 1, Paul Smith (first inside) 2, Peter Smith (first quarter) 3, R. Witney 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. E. Fulker 6.

TETSWORTH, OXON.-On Dec. 20, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Paul Smith (first quarter) 1, Anne Elkington (first Doubles) 2, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 3, I. M. M. O'Reilly 4, R. Witney 5, E. J. Aldridge 6.

ASTON ROWANT, OXON.-On Dec. 21, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): W. E. Fulker 1, F. Absolom 2, F. Godden 3, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 4. R. P. Tuckwell 5.

BENSON, OXON .- On Dec. 21, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Woodward 1, G. A. Pett 2, A. Howes 3, J. Godman 4, V. Fox 5, B. Gray 6, T. G. Pett (cond.) 7, C. Holloway 8.

EWELME, OXON.—On Dec. 22, 1,260 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob): Mrs. A. Bradshaw 1, F. Godden 2, Miss K. Tuckwell (first in two methods) 3, R. Baker 4, R. P. Tuckwell (cond.) 5, N. Elkington 6.

GREAT HASELEY, OXON. - On Dec. 27, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julie Tyler 1, G. J. Tyler 2, Christine Baker 3, E. F. Putt 4, R. T. Corker 5, Mavis Clarke 6. Conducted by 5 and 3. First in the method by all except 2.

LITTLE MILTON, OXON. — On Dec. 27, 1,260 Doubles (480 Pl. Bob, 780 Grandsire): K. J. Harris 1. P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 2, I. M. M. O'Reilly 3, C. Smith 4, F. Absolom 5, P. A. Reynolds 6.

CHINNOR, OXON.-On Dec. 28, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): P. Wilkinson 1, E. B. Harmsworth 2, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 3, P. Keen 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, C. Wilkinson 6. First by local band for 15 years; first since restoration by J. Taylor and

DRAYTON, OXON.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. J. Harris 1, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 2, F. Absolom 3, D. Exon 4, I. M. M. O'Reilly 5, W. E. Fulker 6.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.-On Dec. 28, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Susan Hague (first quarter) 1, Jane Belcher (first Doubles) 2, Anne Elkington 3, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 4, F. Absolom 5, W. E. Fulker 6.

TOWERSEY, OXON.-On Dec. 29, 1,296 Minimus (three methods): Hilary McGowan 1, E. E. Harms-worth 2, I. M. M. O'Reilly 3, P. G. H. McIlhone (cond.) 4. First Minimus by all

WATLINGTON, OXON .-- On Dec. 30, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Absolom 1, P. G. H. McIlhone 2, C. Woodward 3, F. Godden 4, J. Godman 5, V. Fox 6, C. Holloway 7, T. G. Pett (cond.) 8.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON .-- On Dec. 31, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): V. Fox 1, A. Howes 2, F. Godden 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, C. Woodward 6.

These quarter peals were rung to mark the end of the decade, and ten years of progress in the branch.

Quarter Peals

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Jan. 11, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Davis 1, Jean Davis 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, J. Carter 4, P. Davis 5, P. J. Heritage 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, J. Wyatt 8. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Paul R. Davis, brother of 1 and 5.

ASH PRIORS, SOM.—On Dec. 19, 1,260 Doubles (four methods, two spliced comps.): Mrs. M. Ann Durbin 1, R. A. C. Cross 2, K. E. Beale (cond.) 3, A. W. Knight 4, P. J. Kingscote 5, M. Durbin 6. Also on Dec. 22, 1,260 Doubles (four methods, two spliced comps.): Mrs. M. Ann Durbin 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, I. Hughes 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, W. J. Berry 6. Also on Dec. 24, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, one spliced comp.): K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Miss F. M. Gadd 2, A. W. Knight 3, R. A. C. Cross 4, L. T. Hancock 5, W. J. Berry (c.)

ISABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Dec. 28, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins I, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, P. A. Lock 4, W. Simmonds 5, P. Shipp 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, B. Tuckett 8, For Evensong. Also on Jan. 11, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Catherine Chambers (first in method) 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, G. J. Roberts 4, W. Wayman 5, W. Simmonds 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. L. Read 8, For Evensong.

BACKWELL, SOM. — On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T, G, Phillips 1, K, Lewis 2, Hilary Derham 3, E, Davey 4, E, T, Lee 5, J, R, Taylor (cond.) 6, J, Brain 7, W, J, Lott 8, First Triples 3 and 4, For Evensong.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): E. M. L. Macadam 1, Miss H. J. Osborne 2, R. R. Kennard 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, S. J. Osborne 5, Mrs. G. S. M. L. Macadam 6, Also on Jan. 11, 1,260 Doubles (seven meth./var.): Miss H. J. Osborne 1, R. R. Kennard 2, Mrs. G. S. M. L. Macadam 3, E. M. L. Macadam 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6, For the Festival of Light Service.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Lynne Brookes 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, B. S. Payne 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. Wilmore 5, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 6, For Evensong.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Jan. 2, 1,440 Bristol Surprise Royal: C. E. Jeffries 1, Linda Fleming 2, Avril Ivin 3, Kathleen Marriott 4, A. H. Smith 5, S. Ivin 6, R. L. Piron 7, M. J. Marriott 8, K. H. Fleming 9, C. M. Orme 10. For Evensong.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Alderson 1, Rogenia Bond 2, R. Le Marechal 3, I. M. McCallion 4, Linda V. Cull 5, T. J. Frodsham 6, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 7, For Evensong.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 10, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Lane 1, H. Hill 2, L. Walters 3, H. Goodchap 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Gwynne 6. Half-muffled by fellow members in memoriam C. William Nutt, a member for 50 years. (c)

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 10, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Miles 1, G. W. Taysom 2, Marion L. Lidgey (first Kent Major) 3, A. Locke 4, F. M. Bowers 5, Canon A. S. Roberts 6, T. J. Bell 7. A. J. Davidson (cond.) 8.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 5, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Susan King 1, Alison J. Mager 2, M. J. Down 3. D. A. Hope 4, C. R. Hardy 5, P. R. Jewell 6, M. Major 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8. For morning service by a Biggleswade District band, at the invitation of the Vicar (c)

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.— On Jan. 3, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Gorrod (first quarter) 1, Susan Davies 2, J. B. Gorrod 3, M. Davies 4, P. Kindred (cond.) 5. To celebrate the birth, on Jan. 1, of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tovell. (c)

CASTLE EATON, GLOS.—On Dec. 3, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Titcombe 1, S. E. Mitchener 2, T. R. Collins 3, D. I. Herring (first as cond.) 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, A. R. Hooper 6. (c)

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. D. Austin 1, Lealle C. Tibbitts (first as cond.) 2, Marion A. Cass 3, D. A. Tovell 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, G. M. Bubb 6. For Evensong. (c)

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—On Jan. 9, at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor; G. N. Sloan 1, S. H. Barnett 2, R. G. T. Bennett 3, R. J. Stevens 4, A. P. Whitehead 5, R. J. Johnston (cond.) 6. (c)

CLYST HONITON, DEVON. — On Dec. 9, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss A. Retter (first in method) 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. R. Woodley 3, Mrs. G. E. Retter 4, J. Clarke 5, R. Woodley 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Holway 8. (c)

COMPTON MARTIN, SOM.—On Jan. 9, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Morpeth, Canterbury): R. G. Beck 1, P. J. England 2, J. Brain 3, S. Brown 4, P. H. Jones 5, A. P. Beck (cond.) 6.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 8, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. F. Bellamy 1, R. Lewis 2, I. M. Bellamy 3, J. Bury (first inside) 4, R. Cooper 5, R. Sayers (first as cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam William C. Nutt, frequent ringer at this tower; also in memoriam Mrs. Ada E. Pearce. (c)

CROYION, SURREY.—On Dec. 7, at St. John's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Humphries I, E. Razzell 2, G. Fisher 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, R. Davies 5, R. Grant 6, K. Taber (cond.) 7, N. G. Steere 8. For Evensong. (c)

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 8, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 cover): Elizabeth Davis 1, Pamela Heath 2, A. Wecks 3, D. Burgess 4, J. Wecks (cond.) 5, P. Whale 6, W. Beaven 7, W. Davison 8, Half-muffled in memoriam F. V. Weaver, organist. (c)

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 31, 1,969 Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples (1,872 Pl. Bob. 97 Grandsire): H. G. F. Reynolds 1, Christine Baldock 2, Ann Smith 3, G. Welch 4, I. Rees 5, T. M. Barlow 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, A. R. Baldock 8.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—On Jan. 2, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: C. Newton 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, M. S. Turner 4, A. Beaumont 5, N. Donovan 6, D. Nichols 7, A. Armeson (cond.) 8.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bestwick (first quarter) 1, Barbara Hooks 2, T. Ford 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, G. G. Knighton 6. Also on Jan. 11, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Helen M. Simpson 1, Barbara Hooks (cond.) 2, P. Mary Beach 3, T. Ford 4, D. J. Beach 5, G. G. Knighton 6. Both rung for Evensong. (c)

GREAT HORMEAD, HERTS.—On Jan. 10, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford, Cambridge): R. Hayden 1, P. Warboys 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Glazebrook 4, W. Hunt 5, R. Prime (cond.) 6. (c)

GREINTON, SOM,—On Jan. 16, 1,260 Doubles (six meth./var. and spliced comp.): M. R. Arscott 1, R. Cross 2, Mrs. B. Bindon 3, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 4, M. A. Arscott 5, A. Cross 6. (c)

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Dec. 20, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: Mary A. Coburn 1, Catherine M. Bew 2, A. Day 3, A. W. R. Wilby 4, J. D. Painter 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6, Half-muffled for Biafra appeal.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX, — On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hunt (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Norris 2, J. Smith 3, C. K. Hill 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, M. Thompson 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, J. Woolley 8. To commemorate the dedication of the new side

HERSHAM, SURREY. — On Jan. 11, 1,264 Bob Major: P. Hartt I, Miss D. Colcombe 2, Mrs. P. Bird 3, Mrs. G. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Bailey 6, J. King 7, C. Webb (cond.) 9, For Evensong. (c)

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Jan. 11, 1,440 Beverley and York Surprise Minor: M. Goss 1, D. Goss 2, P. Furness 3, R. Crocker 4, P. Taylor 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6. First in both methods for all except the conductor. By the local band for Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 13, 1.260 Stedman Triples: S. Penfold 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, F. G. Richardson 3, P. Sippitts 4, J. Fowler 5, C. E. Brown 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, J. W. Stephenson 8. For annual rededication service of the William of Wykeham Guild. (c)

HORSMAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 11, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Tickner 1, Margaret Lewis 2, Deborah Bishop 3, T. G. Fox 4, E. R. Rapley 5, J. A. Smith 6, M. R. Reed 7, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 6. A compliment to Rev. P. Gillingham on being made Canon of Chichester Cathedral; also a thankoffering for his transport of devoted service at Horsham and on the acceptance of his son into the ministry. (c)

HUYTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. M. L. Richardson 1, G. K. Austin 2, D. C. Simpson 3, J. P. Richardson 4, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 5, P. G. Bell 6. A farewell to Rev. J. H. Richardson, to become Vicar of Ormskirk. (c)

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Nov. 16, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Dorothy Graham first quarter) 1, Sarah Dines 2, May Graham 3, G. White 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, R. Yeates 6, Also on Dec. 28, 1,360 Spliced Minor (four methods): A. Dines (first quarter) 1, R. Yeates 2, J. Pardoe 3, A. Craddock (cond.) 4, G. White 5, S. Pardoe 6, Also on Jan. 18, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Dines 1, Susan Elliott 2, A. Dempster 3, J. Pardoe 4, A. Craddock (cond.) 5, S. Pardoe 6, G. White 7, D. Wheeler 8, All by local band for Evensong. (c)

KEMPSFORD, GLOS.—On Dec. 3, 1,260 Grandsite Doubles: Miss S. Titcombe 1, T. R. Collins 2, D. I. Herring 3, S. E. Mitchener 4, A. B. Rogerson (first as cond.) 5, A. R. Hooper 6. (c)

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.— On Jan. 4, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Curston 1, R. Newson 2, R. Harrop 3, O. A. Needham 4, C. Cousin 5, J. I. Margetts 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, L. W. Houghton 8. For morning tervice. Also on Jan. 6, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain): W. Curston 1, W. W. Cousins 2, O. A. Needham 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6, R. Harrop (cover). At St. Margaret's. (c)

! **EICESTER. — At the Church of St. John the Divine, on Nov. 30, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1, S. Harrison 2, L. Greenhow 3, R. Starbuck 4, H. Bray 5, I. Frazer 6, P. Staniforth 7. M. Bray 8. For Evensong, the last service for vicar (Rev. Basil Williams) before his retirement.

LELANT, CORNWALL. — On Jan. 9, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: H. Miles 1, Marion L. Lidgey (first Kent inside) 2, T. E. Howarth (first Kent) 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6.



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LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes Church, on Jan. 18, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Mann (first quarter) 1, S. Penfold 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. Fowler 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, J. W. Stephenson (cond.) 7, P. Sippitts 8. (c)

LONG SUTTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 11, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Townsend 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling (cond.) 3, P. W. Campling 4, P. G. Butler 5, M. Crowther 6. Prior to Nativity play.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Alison Sugg (first quarter) 1, Glynis Perry 2, Elisabeth Ottaway 3, Christine Neville 4, R. E. Burbery 5, D. Riley 6, F. W. Tomlin 7, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 8.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 5, 1,320 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): R. M. Ragsdell I, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, P. G. Butler 3, P. W. Campling 4, G. R. G. Butler 5, Susan Rudd 6, For Epiphany.

MANSTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 19, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Simon's, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Pl. Bob): Susan M. Corry 1, A. J. Paulley 2, M. J. Corry 3, C. J. Corry 4, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 5.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Jan. 11, 1,260 Minor (720 London Surprise, 540 Pl. Bob): R. East 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, D. Smith 3, I. Peacock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5. N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First with London Surprise by all except 6. For allver wedding of the parents of A. Kneeshaw, whose great-uncle's name was cast on the bells when tower captain here.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Jan. 7, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Bills 1, Margaret Aslett (first as cond.) 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, Graeme Heyes 5, Jeffrey Bills 6, Henry Rossell 7, Gordon Stewart 8.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Jan. 6, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): L. Childs 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, J. Brajn 3, C. Kortright 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Also 1,260 Doubles: J. Brain 1, L. Childs 2, E. Davey 3, C. Kortright 4, J. Lott 5, A. Tovey 6. Rung halfmuffled in memoriam Mrs. A. M. Chaplin, member of P.C.C. and leader of Mothers' Union, aged 80. (c)

NETHER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 7, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: Celia Chown I, E, Garrett 2, W. Collins 3, M. Weatherhead (first quarter) 4, R. Danby 5, M. Chown (cond.) 6. Halfmuffled in memoriam Horace George Gunthrup. (c)

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Jan. 11, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: D. Booth (first Little Bob) 1, A. Sinden 2, W. Booth (first Little Bob inside) 3, D. Phillipson 4, Sinden 5, G. Parker (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OLD RADNOR, RADS.—On Jan. 11, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Hope 1, F. N. Istance 2, W. J. Clyton 3, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 4, B. Giddings 5, I. Tecce 6. To welcome Rev. S. Trickett on his appointment as priest-in-charge.

ORMSKIRK, LANCS.—On Jan. 9, 1,260 Pl. Bob Indes: J. Dilworth 1, John Dilworth 2, D. Simpson Garner 4, J. P. Richardson 5, G. K. Austin 6, J. N. Brown (cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8, To welcome new vicar, Rev. J. N. Richardson. (c)

PAPANUI, NEW ZEALAND.—On Jan. 11, at the Parish Church of St. Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. M. Clayton (first quarter) 1, Miss G. W. Spence 2, S. H. Barnett 3, R. H. Idle (cond.) 4, R. J. Stevens 5

DEVON. — On Dec. 7, 1,260 Grandsire

P Panter 1, A. Tapley 2, W. Panter 3,

P Patter (cond.) 4, F. Willmington 5, H. Willmington A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and

Mrs. W. Reeks. All members at Sowton except the

conductor.

Triples: F d M. Bardsley 1, Mary E. Took 2, Janet M. Walker M. R. Hickman 4, K. B. Sanders 5, R. Sinders 6, D E. R. Knights (cond.) 7, H. B. Jeall 8 First quarter in the method by all. For Sung F harist on the Festival of Epiphany, and with congraint in the Rev and Mrs. Tony Lee on the birth of a son, Mark, on December 30, 1969. (c)

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 18, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Newton 1, Elizabeth Waite (first inside) 2, Marianne Baker 3, M. S. Turner 4, A. Holroyd 5, R. Harper 6, S. Armeson 7, D. Nichols (cond.) 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban, on Dec. 14, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Helen Dodds 1, Christine M. Carter 2 A. R. Carter (cond.) 3, J. G. Cull (first Stedman) 4, R. E. Ewer 5, R. E. Hardy 6, G. Penney 7, W. A. Nicholls 8. Thanksgiving for the work of the Rt. Rev. Edward Michael Gresford-Jones on retirement.

ST. ALBANS, HERIS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 7, 1,280 Plain Bob Major. Dawn Owen (first quarter) 1, H. v. Frost (cond.) 2, Elizabeth Forster 3, Joyce M, Clarke 4, Frances Dodds 5, S. P. Darvill 6, F. W. Ellis 7, J. E. Ewer 8. Also on Jan. 4, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: Dawn Owen (first on ten) 1, Elizabeth Forster 2, Joyce M, Clarke 3, Barbara Morland 4, Frances Dodds 5, T. C. Holland 6, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 7, R. W. Darvill 8, J. E. Ewer 9, F. W. Ellis 10.

SANDON, ESSEX. — On Jan. 10, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Copsey (first quarter) 1, Jane Foster 2, G, A. Bainbridge 3, R. C. Chamberlain 4, G. Smith 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6. (c)

SHREWSBURY, SALOP,—On Jan. 5, at St. Mary's Church, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. G. Owen 1, Patricia C. Stocken 2, Vivienne B. Bennett (first inside) 3, A. M. Glover 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Jan. 6, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Smith 1, R. H. Newton 2, Vivienne B. Bennett 3, Patricia C. Stocken 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6, Birthday compliment to tenor

SILVERDALE, LANCS.—On Jan. 7, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Barbara Gibson (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Patricia James 2, W. Bolton 3, E. Boumphrey 4, A. Brown 5, K. J. Foster (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to E. Boumphrey (70 years this day); also an engagement compliment to K. J. Foster and Pauline Ellis, ringers at Burton-in-Kendal and Heversham. (c)

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOM. — On Jan. 3, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Holman (first quarter) 1, C. Glyde 2, R. A. Welch 3, E. Rice 4, R. C. Bealch (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. Chedzoy (first quarter) 6, An 81st birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Glyde; also 51st wedding compliment to Mr, and Mrs. Bool (South Petherton)

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 16, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Humphrles (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Titcombe (first inside) 2, T. R. Collins (cond.) 3, S. E. Mitchene: 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, A. R. Hooner 6

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 11, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Croft 1, P. Harrison 2, K. S. Croft 3, W. S. Croft 4, B. V. Butler 5, J. S. Croft 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, A. Jackson 8. First Stedman 2, 4, 5 and 6, (c)

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 1, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janice Hawes 1, C. Martin 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, D. Willcocks (cond.) 5.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 14, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Olive L. Rogers 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Deborah Bishop 3, P. N. Felton 4, R. J. Collis 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, C. T. Richards 10. For Southwark "Ordination Course."

STAINES, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, in 1969, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, 1,260 Bob Minor. Rung by S.W. District for third Sunday Evensongs.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Jan. 9, 1,320 Pl. Bob Minor: M. J. Turner (cond.) 1, J. E. Judge 2, G. Elms 3, C. P. Turner 4, W. F. Judge 5, G. J. Collett 6, 70th birthday compliment to wife of 5th ringer and grandmother of ringers 1 and 4.

STAPLEGROVE, SOM.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Pob): H. Thorne 1, A. H. Reed (cond.) 2, J. Brewer 3, K. Manley 4, M. A. Arscott 5. M. R. Arscott 6. Half-muffled in memorlam Rev. Cresswell Higgs. (c)

STOKE DAMEREL, DEVON.—On Jan. 11, 1,280 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): D. G. M. Fearce 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, S. G. Peirce (first as cond.) 3, G. E. Mudge 4, A. N. Frost 5, J. F. Steere 6. (c)

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 11, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. Taylor 1, Bronwen Davies 2, Susan Ritson 3, Jean Horton 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, D. Nicholson 6. For Epiphany.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On Oct. 26, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Martin 1, D. R. Saunderson 2, K. R. Webb 3, R. V. Webb 4, T. W. Groom 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 9, 1,320 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. W. Groom 1, P. Mehew (cond.) 2, Jane Martin 3, D. R. Saunderson 4, K. R. Webb 5, B. Thompson (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled for Evensong on Remembrance Sunday. (c)

STOULTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 10, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss R. Porter 1, Mrs. A. A. Jopp 2, P. Jopp 3, R. Sheppard 4, A. A. Jopp 5, A. Jopp (cond.) 6, A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Merriman

STOW, LINCS.—On Dec. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor; Miss M. Scott (first quarter) 1, B. J. Bull 2, Mrs. J. Bull 3, E. Dallingwater 4, J. F. Underwood 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. For Christmas Evensong. (c)

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Dec. 22, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. R. Peake (cond.) 1, P. D. Naylor 2, A. R. Strickland (first quarter) 3, R. F. Fry 4, Miss A. D. O'Brien 5, I. S. Campbell 6. Half-muffled in memorlam Rev. H Field, 33 years lay reader and curate at the local church,

STREATHAM, LONDON. — At St. Leonard's Church, on Dec. 21, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Lorna J. Huckstep (first quarter) 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Deborah Bishop 3, Christine M. Harbott 4, J. W. F. Rea 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, E. J. Adams 8. For candlelight carol service.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Dec. 14, 1,260 Bob Minor: R. Bettley-Cooke 1, C. H. Rogers 2, D. Pickett 3, P. Cranham 4, D. Brock (cond.) 5, C. W. Longden 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Dec. 1, 1,272 Pl. Bob Minimus: T. R. Collius (cond.) D. I. Herring 2, S. E. Mitchener 3, A. B. Rogerson 4. Also on Dec. 8, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Titcombe 1, T. R. Collins 2, S. E. Mitchener (cond.) 3. D. I. Herring 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, D. Jones 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Phillip Gwyther, aged 17, killed on December 4, 1969. (c)

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 7, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: H. Watts 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, K. Westwood 3, T. Camp 4, Also on Jan. 14, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): D. Hutley 1, P. Glazebrook 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, H. Watts 4, Mrs. J. Warboys 5, T. Camp 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 4, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Karel Parsons 1, Katie Parsons 2, E. Watts 3, N. Carter 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, S. Watts 6, For Evensons.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHS.—On Jan. 13, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, Miss B. Carter 2, Mrs. N. Randles 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, G. H. Randles 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, R. Davies 8. Half-nuffled in memoriam John Edward Barber, a fellow ringer at Wrexham for 50 years. (c)

WROUGHTON, WILTS. — On Dec. 18, 1,260
Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Titcombe 1, T. R. Collins
2, S. E. Mitchener 3, D. I. Herring (cond.) 4, A B.
Rogerson 5, A. R. Hooper 6. (c)

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SUFFOLK PEAL TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

All Saints, Hilgay, Norfolk.
Sat., Aug. 9, 1969, 2hrs. 57mins. (17 cwt.)
5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. P. Starbuck.
1—Iris M. E. Lemare
2—Ronald Ducker
3—Maris C. Stephenson
4—Joha N. D. Chaddock
5—Ian G. Campbell
6—M. Alec Beaumont
7—Christopher I, Rowson
8—Richard E. Price (Cond.)

St. Mary Magdalene, Debenham, Suffolk.

Mon., Aug. 11, 1969, 3hrs. 8mins. (21 cwt.).

5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods, 1,088 London, 992 Bristol, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 Superlative, 992 Pudsey, 101 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

1—David Nichols

2—Maris C. Stephenson

3—Iris M. E. Lemare

4—Richard J. Tibbetts

5—Ian G. Campbell

6—Neil Donovan 6-Neil Donovan 7—Stuart R. Armeson (Cond.) 8—Richard E. Price (c)

St. Mary, Framsden, Suffolk.
28., Aug. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (16½ cwt.).
5,088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by I. M. Holland.
1—Stuart R. Armeson
2—Maris C. Stephenson
3—Neil Depayer.

3—Neil Donovan 4—Ian North 5-Patricia Lockwood 6-M. Alec Beaumont
7-Ian G. Campbell
8-Richard E. Price (Cond.)

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SS. Mary and Lambert, Stonham Aspal, Snffolk.

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St. Mary. Helmingham. Suffolk.
Tues. Ang. 12 1969. 3hrs. 14mins. (194 cwt.)
5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (6 methods. 960 London, 896 Bristol. 832 Cambridge. 832 Superlative, 832 Pudsey. 928 Watford. 127 changes of method and all the work).
Composed by Albert J. Pitman.
1—M. Alec Beaumont
2—Patricia Lockwood
3—Maris C, Stephenson
4—Tan G, Campbell
5—Neil Donovan
6—Ian North

6—Ian North
7—Stuart R. Armeson (Cond.)
8—Richard E. Price

Mary the Virgin, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. ed., Aug. 13, 1969, 2hrs, 55mins (84 cwt.). 5040 YORKSHIRE SUPPRISE ROYAL

Composed by Christopher I. Rowson.
1—Ronald Ducker
2—Christopher I. Rowson 3—Ian North
4—Patricia Lockwood
5—M Alec Beaumont
6—Giles C. Gallev
7—Ian G. Campbell

8—Neil Donovan
9—John N. D. Chaddock
10—Richard E. Price (Cond.)

St. Mary the Virgin, Stoke-by-Nayland,
Suffolk,
Wed., Aug. 13, 1969, 3hrs. 22mins. (22 cwt.).
S152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods, 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge, 992 Superlative, 106 changes of methods and all the work).
Composed by Albert J. Pitman.
1—Ian G. Campbell
2—Iris M. E. Lemare
3—Richard J. Tibbetts
4—Neil Donovan

4—Neil Donovan 5—Cecil W. Pipe 6—J. Henry Fielden 7—Stuart R. Armeson (Cond.) 8—Richard E. Price

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St. Peter, Henley, Suffolk,
ed., Aug. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 48mins. (8 cwl
5280 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
1—Ronald Ducker
2—John N. D. Chaddock
3—Maris C. Stephenson
4—Giles C. Galley
5—M. Alec Beaumont
6—John S. Seager
7—David Nichols
8—Christopher J. Rowson (Arr. & Communication)

8-Christopher I. Rowson (Arr. & Cond.)

All Saints and St. Margaret, Pakefield, Suffolk. Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969, 2hrs, 56mins, (9 cwt.). 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Richard J. Tibbetts.

1-Ian North 1—Ian North
2—Iris M. E. Lemare
3—Neil Donovan
4—Giles C. Galley
5—Patricia Lockwood

6—M. Alec Beaumont 7—John S. Seager 8—J. Henry Fielden (Cond.)

SS. Peter and Paul, Eye, Suffolk.
Thurs., Aug. 14, 1969. 3hrs. 20mins. (21½ cwt.).
5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S, Humphrey.
1—Maris C, Stephenson
2—lan G, Campbell
3—Christopher I. Rowson
4—Richard J, Tibbetts
5—Dayid Nichole

5—David Nichols 6—John N. D. Chaddock 7—Ronald Ducker 8-Richard E. Price (Cond.)

SS. Peter and Paul, Clare, Suffolk.
Thurs.. Aug. 14, 1969, 3hrs, 30mins, (28 cwt.).
5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Washbrook.
1—David Nichols
2—Christopher I. Rowson
3—Richard J. Tibbetts
4—Cecil W. Pipe
5—Ian G. Campbell
6—John N. D. Chaddock
7—Stuart R. Armeson (Cond.)
8—Ronald Ducker (c)

8-Ronald Ducker

St. Marv. Halesworth, Suffolk.
Fri., Aug. 15, 1969, 3hrs. (18 cwt.)
5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by N. J. Pitstow.
1—Ronald Ducker

2-Ian North 2—lan North
3—Patricia Lockwood
4—David Nichols
5—M. Alec Beaumont
6—Giles C. Galley
7—John N. D. Chaddock
8—J. Henry Fielden (Cond.)

SS. Peter and Paul. Aldeburgh, Suffolk. Fri. Aug. 15, 1969. 2hrs. 45mins. (114 cwt.). 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. Jenner.

1—David Nichols
2—Christopher I, Rowson
3—Iris M. E. Lemare
4—Ian North

4—Ian North
Patricia Lockwood
6—John S. Seager
7—Giles C. Galley
8—Richard E. Price (Cond.)

St. Mary, Kenninghall, Norfolk,
Sat., Aug. 16, 1969, 3hrs. 5mins. (16 cwt.).
5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods, 736 Superlative, 704 London, 704
Rutland, 608 Cambridge, 608 Linconshire,
608 Pudsey, 576 Bristol, 544 Yorkshire, 120
changes of method and all the work).
Composed by N. J. Diserens.
1—M. Alec Beaumont
2—Iris M. E. Lemare
3—Ian G. Campbell
4—Christopher I. Rowson
5—Neil Donovan

5-Neil Donovan 6—Richard E. Price 7—Stuart R. Armeson (Cond.) 8—Ronald Ducker

ANDREW WILBY'S ST. ALBANS WEEKEND

(c)

ALL PEALS (unless otherwise stated) FOR HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Peter's Priory, Dunstable, Bedfordshire. Fri., Dec. 5, 1969, 3hrs. 5mins. (25 cwt.). 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods, all the work), composed by

methods, all the work), com Norman Smith.

1—Mary E. Elmes

2—Andrew W. R. Wilby

3—Anthony R. Carter

4—Timothy F. Collins

5—Graham W. Elmes

6—George E. Bonham

7—George E. Thoday (Cond.)

8—Philip Mehew.

(Also the Ancient Society of Purbeck Youths.)
St. Leonard, Sandridge, Hertfordshire.
Fri., Dec. 5, 1969, 2hrs. 24mins. (6 cwt.).
5040 TURKISH DELIGHT MINOR
(2 2160s. 1 extent.)
1—Graham W. Elmes
2—Mary E. Elmes
3—Philip Mehew
4—George F. Bonham

4—George E. Bonham
5—Timothy F. Collins
6—Andrew W. R. Wilby (Cond.)
First in the method. To mark the 850th anniversary of the founding of the church.

--36--1456--56--16.34--12.5. h.l. l.e. 156342. 2nds.

St. Mary, Aspenden, Hertfordshire.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 34mins, (10 cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE (1 2,160, 4 extents.)
1—Joyce M. Clark*
2—Elizabeth Forster*
3—John R. Ketteringham
4—Frank B. Lufkin
5—George E, Bonham
6—George E, Thoday (Cond.)†
*First of Cambridge S. Minor, †100th of Cambridge Surprise. After meeting short for Major.

SS. Mary and Thomas a Becket, Knebworth.

SS. Mary and Thomas a Becket, Knebworth
Hertfordshire.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 2hrs. 41mins. (12} cwt.).
5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Parker.
1—John R. Ketteringham
2—Christine M. Carter
3—Eric Edmondson
4—Alice Talbot Ponsonby
5—B. William Shanks
6—Frank B. Lufkin (Cond.)

6—Frank B. Lufkin (Cond.)
7—Stephen P. Darvill
8—Anthony R. Carter
Prior to St. Albans District Dinner.

St. John the Baptist, Chipping Barnet, Herts.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs 1min. (23 cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
(9 methods, all the work), composed by
Norman Smith.

Norman Smith.

1—Mary E. Elmes*

2—Graham W. Elmes*

3—Gerald Penney

4—Timothy F. Collins*

5—George E. Bonham*

6—Andrew W. R. Wilby*

7—George E. Thoday (Cond.)

8—R. Kingsley Mason*

*Most Surprise Major methods. Birthday compliment to the twins Mary E. Elmes and Ruth E. Blackwood. Prior to St. Albans District Dinner.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY
St. Andrew, Cromhall, Gloucestershire.
Thurs., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 49m.ns. (12½ cwt.),
5040 MINOR (15 methods: Water, Double
Bob, London S., Cambridge, Beverley, Surfect S., Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Plain Bob).

1—Peter C. Randall (Cond.).
2—Ivor Newell*
3—Peter J. Kingscote
4—Stephen F. Royal
5—Michael J. Platt
6—Anthony J. Cox.
*Most methods.
     23, Culver Road, St. Albans, Herts.
Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 26mins. (11 in G.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by C. K. Lewis.
1-2—Dianne M. Hatfield*
3-4—Katherine S. Hardy
5-6—Robert E. Hardy (Cond.)
7-8—H. Lyndon Hatfield†
*First in hand †50th peal.
                           ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
                  ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St, Mary, St. Neots, Huntingdonsnire.
In., Dec. 7, 1969, 3hrs. 31m.ns. (29 cwt.).
5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. Ivin.
1—George E. Bonham
2—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)*
3—John W. Blackwood
4—Keith J. Walpole
5—Graham W. Elmes
6—Andrew W. R. Wilby
7—George E. Thoday
8—Philip Mehew
0th this year. First in method as conductor
                                                                                                                                                                                                                     *Most methods.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                         WATER SURPRISE MINOR
-36--36.14--12--36.14--14.3, J.h. 16.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                       CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Peter, Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs. 43mins. (12 cwt.)
5184 KENT AND OXFORD T.B., MAJOR (Tkeston variation.)
Composed by E. Timbrell.
1—G. Richard King
2—Eric Roughley
3—John Bell*
4—F. John Nelson
       *100th this year. First in method as conductor.
      BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. John the Baptist, Yeovil, Somerset.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 41mins. (40½ cwt.).
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
                                                                                                                                                                                                                    3—John Bell*
4—F. John Nelson
5—Timothy Wylie
6—Alexander Richardson
7—Geoffrey Gardner
8—Denis Mottershead (Cond.)
*First of Treble Bob.
                                     Composed by John H. Fielden.
                Composed by John H. 1

—Martin Major
2—John N. Longridge
3—Graham W. Elmes
4—Timothy F. Collins*
5—George E. Bonham
6—David G. Massey
7—Leslie F. Cobb
8—Andrew W. R. Wilby
9—Ronald N. Marlow
10 Philip Mehew (Cond.)
50th peal
                                                                                                                                                                                                                   DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield, Derbys.
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 19mins. (25) cwt.).
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by C. J. Sedgley.
1—G. Richard King
2—F. John Nelson
3—Richard S. Starkie
4—Timothy Wylie
5—Joh.1 Robinson
6—Kenneth R. Davenport
            All Saints, Martock, Somerset.

fon., Dec. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 13mins. (25 cwt.).

5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Arranged by R. F. B. Speed.

1—Philip Mehew (Cond.)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   Kenneth R. Davenport
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  7—David Bates
8—Philin G. K. Davies
9—Geoffrey Gardner
10—Denis Mottershead (Cond.)
                    1—Philip Menew (Colle
2—William T. Perrins*
3—George E. Bonham
4—Graham W. Elmes
5—David G. Massey
6—Lewis F. Cobb
7—Timothy F. Collins*
6—George E. Thoday
th together.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
                                                                                                                                                                                                                        St. Brandon, Brancepeth, Co. Durham.
Fri., Dec. 5, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins. (13½ cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by A. Knights.
1—Nicholas J. Webber (John's)*
       *75th together.
       BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Nicholas, Norton, Hertfordshire.
Sat., Nov. 29, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (9½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
1-Philip Mehew (Cond.)
2 Keith R. Webb*
3 Sally K. Diamond*
4-Martin Major
5-David A. Hope
6-Trevor W. Groom*
7-Roy V. Webb
David R. Saunderson
First of Major. (c)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    1—Nicholas J. Webber (John's)*
2—Gwen Bidgood (Mary's)
3—Philip Rodgers (V. Mild.)
4—Joana Mount (Aidan's)
5—Rev. Brian Redgers (John's)
6—Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey (John's)
7—Stephen C. Wells (Grey) (Cond.)
8—Malcolm' E. Johnson (Grey)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                    *First peal.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                   St. Michael & All Angels, Houghton-le-Spring,
Co. Durham.
Sat., Dec. 6, 1969. 2hrs. 45mins. (12 cwt.).
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      *250th peal.
       rirst of Major.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  Composed by A. Crav-
Jean M. Berriman (Hild's)
   St. Leonard, Old Warden, Bedfordshire.
Oct. 5, 1969, 2hrs, 35mins, (19 cwt.).
PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents (C.C.
Nos. 21, 23, 10, 8, 12, 2, 1), 5-6 the right way).
Trevor W. Groom
David A. Hope
Martin Major
                                                                                                                                                                                                                  1—Jean M. Berriman (Hild's)
2—Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey)
3—Philin Rodgers (V. Mild.)
4—M. Alec Beaumont (V. Mild.)
5—Peter H. Gardner (Cuth's)
6—Colin C. Monson (Grey)
7—Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzev (John's)
8—Stephen C. Wells (Grev) (Cond.)
Both on the day of Annual Dinner.
                     Martin Major
4 Philip R Jewell
5-Roy V. Webb
Mary the Virgin, Stotfold, Bedfordsbire.
Dec. 20. 1969. 2hrs. 41mins. (11cwt.).
CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (2. 1 720 (C.C. Nos. 57, 54, 56, et var... and 31).

I—Keith R. Webb*
— Trevor W. Groom†
3—Ronald J. Sharp
4—David R. Saunderson
5—Rov V. Webb
— Philip Mehew (Cond.)

Treble Bob. †First of Cambridge S.
All are Sunday service ringers at this church except. To mark the retirement of Miss J.
Rosser, 28 years headmistress of Stotfold Girls' and Infants' School.
                    o Philip Mehew (Cond.)
                                                                                                                                                                                                                 HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Mary the Virgin. Fardisland, Herefordsbire,
Sat., Dec. 20, 1969. 2hrs. 52mins. (12‡ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(J. J. Parker's 12-part.)
1—James E. Wightman
2—Peter J. Wycherley (Cond.)
3—Elizabeth Wycherley*
4—Peter I. Hughes
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    4—Peter L. Hughes
5—Adrian G. Semkent
6—Peter D. Sell
                                                                                                                                                                                                                7—Leslie Evans
8—Sidney J. Daniels
*First of Trioles †First of Grandsire Trioles
First odd-bell method as conductor. Wedding compliment to Vicar's daughter.
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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. Mary, North Mymms. Hertfordshire.
at., Dec. 27, 1969. 2hrs. 55mins. (13 cwt.).
5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Sat., Dec. -Janet L. Pearson* 2-Helen Dodds† 3—Christine M. Carter 4—Jennifer M. Indge: 5-Eric Edmondson 6—Anthony R. Carter
7—Geoffrey Dodds (Cond.)
8—Thomas J. Lock
*First on 8. †First peal. ‡First of Major. KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Kent,
Fri., Dec. 26, 1969, 3hrs. 1min. (16½ cwt.).
5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Arranged by P. M. Wilkinson.
1—Christopher Simms*
2—Jennifer L. Quaife†
3—Percy J. Spice
4—Christopher J. Mundy*
5—Tony Jewis 5—Tony Lewis
6—Maxwell F. Oakshett
7—Michael H. O'Callaghan
8—D. Paul Smith (Cond.)
*First on 8 bells. †First of Plain Bob Major.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

St. Mary the Virgin, Blackburn, Lancashire.

Sat., Dec. 6, 1969, 3hrs. 21mins. (25‡ cwt.).

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by J. A. Burford.

1—F. John, Nelson

2—Timothy Wylie

3—G. Richard King*

4—Eric Roughley†

5—Dennis Latham 5—Dennis Latham 6—Michael Thompson* 7—David Bates
8—Neil D. Lomas
9—Geoffrey Gardner
10—Denis Mottershead (Cond.)
*First of Royal inside.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London, E.C. Sat., Dec. 13. 1969, 3hrs. 47mins. (41½ cwt.). 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS Composed by Peter Border.

Composed by Peter Bor
1—Barry E. Saunders
2—Richard F. B. Speed
3—Shirley E. Ruddlesden
4—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)
5—Roger W. Smith*
6—Malcolm J. V. Chown
7—David J. Marshall
8—George E. Green
9—Murray A. Coleman
10—George W. Holland
11—Alan A. Paul
12—Patrick I. Chapman
50th peal.

St. Mary. Easton Neston, Northants.
Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 39mins. (9½ cwt.).
5088 TOTTERNHOE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. F. B. Speed.
1—Roger W. Smith
2—Shirley E. Ruddlesden
3—Stanley M. Ruddlesden
4—Raymond A. Vickers
5—George W. Holland
6—Graham C. Paul (Cond.)
7—Barry E. Saunders
8—Alan A. Paul

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD St. John the Divine, Leicester,
Wed., Dec. 3, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (21 cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Composed by F. H. Dexter. (No. 1.)
1—David F. Moore

lan J. Fraser

3-G. Harry Bray
4-Lawrence Greenhow
5-John E. Harrold
6-Rupert A. Clarke
7-Peter J. Staniforth (Cond.)

8—Malcolm Bray
With best wishes to the Vicar, Rev. Basil Williams, on retirement.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION SS. Mary and Margaret, Norton Subcourse. Norfolk.

Norfolk.
Fri., Dec. 12, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins, (10 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 of Double Court, St.
Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B.,
Kent T.B., Plain Bob).
1—John M. Clarke
2—James W. Forder
3—Norman P. J. Cossey
4—Thomas J. Brock
5—Frederick C. Gunton
6—E. William Barrett (Cond.)
The fifth anniversary of the rededication of the bells: also in memory of Godfrey G. Walpole, late ringing master. (c)

pole, late ringing master.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE
OF BIRMINGHAM
St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham,
Thurs., Dec. 11, 1969. 3hrs. 18mins. (31 cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
1—Norman J. Goodman
2—Clare F. Dolphin
3—J. Edward Cawser
4—George E. Fearn
5—Iames Inslev
6—Ernest J. Gower
7—Maurice F. Edwards
8—James W. Belshaw
9—Clifford A. Barron
10—Peter Border (Comp. and Cond.)

10-Peter Border (Comp. and Cond.)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD SS. Candida and Holy Cross. Whitchurch Canonicorum, Dorset. Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2brs. 55mins. (17 cwt.). 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR 1—Paul Mehew

1—Paul Mehew
2—Katharine J. Maundrell
3—Mary E. Elmes*
4—Martin Major†
5—William T. Perrins
6—George E Bonham
7—Graham W. Elmes
8—Timothy F. Collins (Comp. and Cond.)
*150th peal., †First of Rutland. First in method, as conductor. method as corductor.

Lady St. Marv. Wareham, Dorset. Sun., Dec 28, 1969, 3hrs 7mins (15½ cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR 1—Ruth A. Blackwood 2—Claire E. N. Brown 3—Timothy F. Collins (Arr. and Cond.)

3—Timothy F Collins (Arr. and Cond.)
4—Mary E. Elmes
5—Michael J. Dew*
6—Ross G. W. Robertson
7—John W. Blackwood
8—Graham W. Elmes
*First of Major A wedding compliment to Philip and Sue Keogh,

St. Mary, Bridoort, Dorset, Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 7mins. (21 cwt.). 5152 YORKSHIRF SURPRISE MAJOR

Comnosed by Christopher P. Starbuck.

1—Graham W. Elmes

2—Mary E. Elmes

3—Melvyn J. Hiller

4—Ross G. W. Robertson

5—Martin Maior

6—John W. Blackwood

7—Frederick E. Collins

8—George E. Thoday (Cond.)

St. Giles. Wimborne St. Giles. Dorset. Wed., Dec. 31 1969, 3hrs 10mins, (154 cwt.). 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Simon Humphrey. 1—William T. Perrins 2—Christine M. Carter 3—George E. Bonham* 4—Martin Major 5—Timothy F. Collins 6—Anthony R. Carter 7—Philip Mehew. 8—George E. Thoday (Cond.)† *250th peal. †400th of Major.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

St. Leonard, Bilston, Staffordshire.

Mon., Dec. 15, 1969, 2hrs. 36mins, (10\(^1\) cwt.),

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Cornelius Charge.

1—David Walton*

-David Walton
-Alan J. Fletcher
-Ivan A. Sheffield
-Richard B. Dorrington
-Christopher J. Bennett

6—David J. G. Bates
7—Stephen Yates (Cond.)
8—Philip G. K. Davies
*First attempt. By the Sunday service band as a sponsored peal on behalf of church funds.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS St. Leodegarius, Old Basford, Nottingham. Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 2hrs. 52mins. (14\frac{1}{2} cwt.). 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Joan Carter

2—Sheila M. Anthony 3—Susan M. O'Neill

4—Simon Humphrey (Comp. and Cond.)

5—J. Richard Anthony 6—Peter L. R. Hayward 7—Richard A. G. Inglis 8—George A. Dawson

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION St. Margaret. Warnham, Sussex. Thurs., Nov. 20, 1969, 2hrs, 48mins, (14½ cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES Composed by H. Hubbard. 1—Gillian Skelton* 2—Elizabeth Watts* 3—M. Iain Davey 4—Geoffrey C. Rix 5—Neil Carter 6—Tim D. W. Banner 7—David D. Smith (Cond.) 8—Michael Davies*

8-Michael Davies* *First attempt.

St. Michael and All Angels, Withyham, Sussex. Sat., Dec. 27, 1969. 3hrs. 10mins. (15 cwt.). 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by H. Johnson.

Composed by H. Johns
1—Caroline Harris
2—Jean F. Woolford
3—Robert N. Harris
4—Arthur F. Lewry
5—Edwin A. Barnett (Cond.)
6—Frank I. Hairs
7—Ernest J. Ladd
8—James A. D. Woolford.
birthday compliment to F. I.

81st birthday compliment to F. I. Hairs.

Holy Trinity, Bosham. Sussex. Tues., Dec. 16, 1969, 2hrs. 39mins. (13 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (1 each Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob). 1.—Christopher Renyard 2.—Anne M. Stevens 3.—E. Winifred Keys 4.—Patrick M. Wills 5.—Philip Stevens 6.—Frank H. Hicks (Cond.) Half-muffled in memoriam Bernard A. F. Clutterbuck, churchwarden and ringer at this church.

church.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Mary. Overton, Hampshire.
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins. (10½ cwt.).
5184 SUPERLATIVE SUPPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Cox.

1—Ruth A. Blackwood

2—Melvyn J. Hiller

3—Martin Major

4—Katharine J. Maundrell

5—John W. Blackwood

6—Anthony R. Carter

7—Ross G. W. Robertson

8—Richard H. Youdale (Cond.)

St. Peter, East Tytherley, Hampshire. Tues., Dec. 30, 1969. 2hrs. 55mins. (14¼ cwt.). 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

1—Richard Green
2—Christine M. Carter*
3—Richard H. Youdale
4—Katharine J. Maundrell
5—Timothy F. Collins (Comp. and Cond.)
6—Melvyn J. Hiller
7—Martin Major
8—Graham W. Elmes
rst of Surprise.

*First of Surprise.

St. John the Baptist, New Alresford, Hants. Tues., Dec. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 53mins. (15\frac{1}{3} cwt.). 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1—Lewis F. Cobb

2—Mary E. Elmes*

3—George E. Bonham

4—Graham W. Elmes

5—William T. Perrins

6—Timothy F. Collins†

7—Philip Mehew

8—George E. Thoday (Cond.)

*First in method inside. †100th different tower

for peals

St. Nicolas, North Stoneham, Hampshire. Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 32 mins. (10½ cwt.). 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. S. Wilde. 1—Philippa M. Tubbs 2—Melvyn J. Hiller 3—Timothy F. Co'lins (Cond.) 4—Katharine J. Maundre'1 5—Richard H. Youdale 6—John W. Blackwood 7—William T. Perrins 8—Frederick E. Collins

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

St. John the Baptist, Tredington, Glos. Wed., Dec. 17, 1969, 2hrs. 22mins. (7½ cwt.). 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

1—Shirley Drew
2—Geoffrey R, Drew*
3—Hugh Evans
4—Peter S, Robertson (Cond.)
5—Roger Hunt
*Has completed Stedman from Doubles to

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION All Saints' Cathedral, Wakefield, Sat., Dec. 27, 1969, 3hrs. 24mins. (354 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by H. J. Tucker.

R. Anne Johnson Ruth Richardson

3—Maris C. Stephenson* 4—Robert Cater -Peter Carbutt

5—Peter Carbutt
6—George E. Hancock
7—Rev. Nicholas Webb
8—Ian G. Campbell
9—Ronald Ducker
10—Wilfrid F. Moreton (Cond.)
*First of Plain Bob.

St. Mary the Virgin. Berkeley, Glos.
Sun.. Dec 28. 1969, 3hrs. 2mins. (24 cwt.).
5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by S. Armeson.
1—Edward G. Mould
2—Bruce Martin
3—A, Pattie Clapham
4—Robert A. Beresford
5—Stephen Fenwick
6—Graham J. N. Colborne
7—John J. Durham
8—Paul A. Williams
9—Ronald R. Warford
10—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)*
*475th peal. First in the method by all and for Association.

for Association.

St. Mary, Staindrop, Co. Durham.
t., Nov. 8, 1969, 2 hrs. 46mins. (15 cwt.).
5152 HIICHIN SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. Humphrey.
1—Rosamund M. Brown 1—Rosamund M, Brown
2—John J. Durham
3—A. Pattie Clapham
4—David Featherstone
5—Malcolm E. Johnson
6—Peter H. Gardner
7—Robert A. Beresford
8—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
First in method by a.l and for Association. All Saints' Cathedral, Wakefield.
Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 50mins (14½ cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Composed by J. R. Pr 1—Robert Cater 2—George D. Johnson* 3—Anne E. C., whittaker* 4—Wiltrid F. Moreton 5—George E. Hancock 6—A. Colin Banton 7—Trevor Tarbatt 8—Rev. Nicholas Webb (Cond.) *First of Bob Major. First of Major as conductor. St. Peter, Leeds, Yorkshire.
Sat., Dec 13, 1969, 3hrs. 2mins. (17 cwt.).
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods, 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1—David Kealey
2—Christopher J. Easton
3—Rosamund M. Brown
4—Graham J. Jonts*
5—David Featherstone
6—C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
7—Robert A. Beresford
9—John J. Durham
First of Spliced inside. First of Spliced inside. Mon. Dec 22, 1969, 3hrs, 6mins. (17 cwt.).

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5
methods, 3,392 Rutland, 448 Yorkshire, 416
Cm dge, Lincolnshire, Superlative, with
110 changes. of method).
Composed by W. E. Critchley.
1—Ronald H. Dove
2—Iris M. E. Lemare
3—Graham J. Jones*
4 Robert H. Jordan*
5 Christopher J. Easton*
1 Peter H. Gardner*
7 C. Barrie Dove (Cond.)
4 Ronald R. Warford*
5 Spliced. St. Paul, Drighlington, Yorkshire, D. 29, 1969, 2hrs, 53mins. (14 cwt.). S120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by M. Hodgson.

Ronald H. Dove
Iris M. E. Lemare*

Robert, H. Jordan
David Whitehead*

Alan T. Winter
Barrie Dove (Cond.)

First of Watford Surprise Major.

1970

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
Olave, Hart Street, London, E.C.
2hrs. 50mins. (11½ cwt.).
5024 ALDGATE SURPRISE MAJOR
by Roger D, Bailey.
William A. Theobald
John R, Ketteringham
James E, Andrews
4—Frederick W, Ellis
5—Nigel Thomson 5-Nigel Thomson
Philip Bosworth
7-David E. Rothera
Corg E. Thoday (Cond.)
First in the method. ALDGATE SURPRISE MAJOR -38-1456-58-1236-14-58-16-58. 2nds. 157 b d k.

Holy Trinity, Cookham, Berkshire. Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs, 49mins, (14½ cwt.). 5152 RAGLAN SURPRISE MAJOR 1-Philip Bosworth 2—John R. Ketteringham 3—Wiliam Birmingham 4-Ronald K. Russ 5—Nigel Thomson
6—James E. Andrews
7—Timothy G. Pett (Comp. and Cond.)
8—Frank Reed
First in the method. RAGLAN SURPRISE MAJOR -38-1458-56-16-12-58-56-18. 2nds, 142 b, St. Peter, Burnham, Bucks.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (12½ cwt.).
5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Simon Humphrey.
1—Timothy G. Pett
2—William Birmingham
3—John R. Ketteringham (Cond.)
4—James E. Andrews
5—Nigel Thomson
6—Philip Rosworth 6-Philip Bosworth 7—Christopher Forster 8—Andrew W. R. Wilby SS. Peter and Paul, Aston, Birmingham. Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 35mins. (25 cwt.). 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (1,680 Londinium, Lyddington; 864 Cambridge; 8
Yorkshire; 104 changes of method).
Composed by W. E. Critchley.
1—David P. Hilling (Cond.)
2—W. Eric Critchley
3—G. William Critchley
4—lames R. Taylor. 3—G. William Critchley
4—James R. Taylor
5—John H. Fielden
6—Andrew N. Stubbs
7—John N. Diserens
8—David J. Purnell
9—David E. House
10—D. John Hunt
11—Robert C. Kippin
12—Michael P. Moreton BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION St. John the Baptist, Wellington, Somerset. Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (19½ cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(J. J. Parker's 12-part.)
1—Arthur H. Reed
2—Mrs. M. Ann Durbin*
3—Ivor G. Hughes
4—Andrew D. Kingscote*
5—Peter J. Kingscote†
6—Rodney A. C. Cross*
7—Keith E. Beale (Cond.)
8—Frank H. Morris‡
*First on 8. †First of Triples and 25th peal.
‡First attempt. First of Grandsire Triples as conductor. Birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Ann Durbin. (c)

Holy Trinity, Chilton Trinity, Somerset.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins, (12 cwt.)
5040 REV. CANTERBURY PLEASURE
BOB DOUBLES (four callings).

Alan G. Kent

1—Alan G. Kent
2—Geoffrey Marchant*
3—Ronald D. Short
4—Michael J. Stone
5—Cecil T. Clarke (Cond.)
*First in method. First on the bells. To mark 80th anniversary of the founding of the Association. Association

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
St. George, New Mills, Derbyshire.
Sat., Jan. 3. 1970. 2hrs. 55mins (13½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by H. J. Howlett.

1-Michael Foulds 2-John D. Broadbent*

2—John D. Broadbent*

3—Peter Broadbent

4—Brian S. B. Kear

5—Arthur Whiting

6—Brian S. Schofield

7—Alan F. Scholfield

8—Stuart I. Bamforth (Cond.)

*First inside and first of Major. To celebrate the birth of a daughter, Rachel Elisabeth, to Jenny and Alan F. Scholfield.

All Saints, Church Lawton, Cheshire, Fri., Jan. 9, 1970, 2hrs. 24mins. (8 cwt.). 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR -William H. Dowse -Derek F. Yates -Frank R. Morton 5—Irank R. Morton
4—Roland Morant
5—Ivor R. Nichols
6—Roy Worrall
7—Raymond J. Ballard 8—lan M. Holland (Comp. and Cond.)
First in method by all except conductor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Botolph, Newbold-on-Avon, Warwickshire.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (12 cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).
1—Aubrey G. Eve.eigh (Cond.)
2—Michael D. Fiander*
3—Philip M. Edgson
4—Christopher M. Povey
5—Julian G. Edgson
6—Keith Rigby†

*First of Grandsire Doubles †First peal. In

*First of Grandsire Doubles †First peal. In aid of Biafra, each ringer being sponsored on the number of extents rung.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. Helen, Pinxton, Derbysnire.
Thurs., Jan. 8, 1970, 2hrs. 28mins. (5½ cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter s No. 1 var. of Thurstans'.
1—Gordon A, Halls
2—David W. Friend
3—Brian A. Tomlinson
4—Timothy Wylie
5—Harold Taylor
6—Rey Frederick Ross

6—Rev Frederick Ross 7—Michael J. Fellows (Cond.) 8—Arthur F. Hall

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

St. Margaret, Littleham, Devon.

Thurs., Jan. 1. 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (7½ cwt.).

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4
methods, 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Cambridge,
Lincolnshire; 1,120 Rutland; 69 changes of
method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1—Martin Major

2—Richard A. G. Inglis

3—Anthony R. Carter

4—John W. Blackwood*

5—Richard H. Youdale

6—Melvyn J. Hiller

7—William T. Perrins

8—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)†

*First of Spliced S. Major. †75th of S. Major.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION
St. Margaret of Antioch, Stratton St. Margaret,
Wiltshire.
Fri., Jan. 9, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (8½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
1—Anthony R. Peake
2—P. Donald Naylor*
3—Ann Toomer†
4—Roger Ery

3—Ann 100mer†
4—Roger Fry
5—Peter Heritage†
6—E. William Ford
7—Anita D. O'Brien (Cond.)
8—Ian S. Cambell‡
*First on 8. †First Triples in method. ‡First peal. First as conductor.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Holy Trinity, Bosbury, Herefordshire.
Thurs., Jan. 8, 1970. 3hrs. 10mins. (15 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (2 ext. Clifford's Pleasure, 4
Southrepps, Kennington. 6 April Day, 8 Rev.
Canterbury, Plain Bob, 10 Grandsire).
1—Jack Lane
2—James Ranford
3—Peter L. Hughes
4—E. Charles Biggs
5—James Ward (Cond.)
6—George Gynne
Half-muflled in memoriam C. William Nutt, a
member of Bosbury band and past master of
Ledbury and District Guild. (c)

St. Mary, Staunton-on-Wye, Herefordshire. Fri., Jan. 9, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (10 cwt.). 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1—Peter L. Hughes
2—Elizabeth Wycherley*
3—Peter J. Wycherley*
4—Marcus C. W. Sherwood
5—Robert A. Hatcher
6—Norman Mattingtey (Cond.)
*First of Minor and Treble Boo. †Completes
Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. 129th anniversary of Samuel Thurstans' death.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION Emmanuel, Everton, Lancasaire, at., Jan. 3, 1970, 2nrs. 38mins. (8 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1—David Ellison*
2—James Dunbavin

3—Richard G. Latham 4—James Hedgcock 5—Graham K. Austin 6—John R. Ridley (Cond.) *First attempt.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD St. Andrew, Billinggorouga, Lincolnshire. Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3 hrs. (8 cwt.).

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. Barker.

1—Peter A. Slight 2—David E. Leafe* 3—Denis A. Frith
4—Alec C. Crawford*
5—James Holmes
6—John E. Colman
7—David R. Baxter

8—Brian Buttery (Cond.)
*First of Major. First of Major as conductor.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD St. Peter, Netherseale, Derbyshire. Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (11½ cwt.). 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. Knights.

1—Joseph W. Cotton 2—Jennifer M. Beech 3—Frank Beech 4-Gordon H. Lane 4—Gordon H. Lane
5—Neville R. Holland
6—Norman W. Attaway
7—Arthur E. Rowley
8—Derek P. Jones (Cond.)
To welcome the Rev. B. Everett, inducted to rectorate of Seale.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD SS, Peter and Paul, Dorches.er, Oxon. Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 17mins. (16 cwt.). 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights,
1—Ronald Hancock*
2—Carol N. J. Tull
3—Rosemary E. A. Morris†

3—Rosemary E. A. Morrist
4—fan G. Judd
5—John Hodgson
6—Paul J. Dye
7—William J. Irving
8—J. Anthony Beaumont (Cond.)
*First peal. †First of Plain Bob Major.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD St. Tysul, Llandyssul, Cardiganshire.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 28mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (5 methods: St. Simon, St.
Martin, Rev. Cant., Piain Bob, Grandsire).
1—Arthur F. Walters
2—Philip C. Rogers
3—Simon P. Rogers
4—John Prytherch

4—John Prytherch
5—Richard L. Underwood (Cond.)*
*25th for Guild. First on the bells.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 14mins, (31½ cwt.).
5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS 1-Maurice F. Edwards

2—Muriel Reay
3—Bryan D. A. Woolley
4—George E. Fearn
5—Vernon Green

6-James Insley
7-Kenneth J. Hesketh

8—Ferry R. Hampton
9—Norman J. Goodman
10—Roderick W. Pipe (Comp. and Cond.)
11—David J. Purnell
12—John A. Anderson

Prior to enthronement of the Rt. Rcv. Laurence Ambrose Brown as Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

St. Martin, Birmingham. s., Jan. 6, 1970, 3hrs. 19mins. (37 cwt.). 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by C. K. Lewis.
1—John N. Lindon
2—Stephen W. Barton
3—Maurice F. Edwards

4—James Insley 5—Richard J. Tibbetts 6—George E. Fearn

7—Norman J. Goodman 8—Roderick W. Pipe (Cond.) 9—David J. Purnell 10—John A. Anderson A farewell to Alan Ainsworth.

St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 51mins. (104 cwt.).
5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Simon Humphrey.

-Muriel Reay

2—Peter Border
3—Roderick W. Pipe (Cond.)
4—Terry R. Hampton

5-Vernon Green

6—Norman J. Goodman 7—Maurice F. Edwards 8-George E. Fearn

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Mary, Thorncombe, Dorset,
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 3mins. (20 cwt.).
5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
1—Melvyn J. Hiller
2—Sandra L. Claughton*
3—Philip Mehew
4—Jeffrey L. Claughton
5—Graham W. Elmes
6—George E. Bonham

6—George E. Bonham 7—Frederick E. Collins 8—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)

*First in method

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Oswald, Hartlepool, Co. Durham.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 7mins. (21 cwt.)
5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
1—Christopher I. Rowson
2—David A. Town
3—Peter F. Town
4—Jennifer A. Dunning
5—David R. Cox*
6—Peter Wishart
7—Thomas M. Cox

7—Thomas M. Cox

8—Jack Roach
9—Thomas Cooke
10—John Pladdys (Arr. and Cond.)†
*First on 10 bells. †200th peal.

St. Botolph, Carlton-in-Cleveland, N. Yorks. Frt., Jan. 2, 1970, 3nrs. 4mins. (15 cwt.). 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (960 Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, 768 Pudsey, Superlative, Ruttand, 143 'changes of method).

1—Enid Lawson
2—Ann Lawson
3—Jennifer A. Dunning
4—Peter F. Town*
5—James W. Belshaw
6—David A. Town
7—John Pladdys
2—Christopher I. Rowso

8-Christopher I. Rowson (Cond.)

*First spliced.

Handbells

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
15, Harford Drive, Watford, Hertfordshire.
Mon., Jan. 19, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (15 in C.)
5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (12
methods: 960 Newgate, 480 Clifton, Ealing,
Fulham, Leatherhead, Londinium, York, 240
Cambridge, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Wigston, Yorkshire, with 104 changes of method).
1-2-S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
3-4-John R. Mayne (Comp. and Cond.)
5-6-Roger Baldwin
7-8-Martyn L. J. Jordan HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

7-8—Martyn L. J. Jordan
9-10—Julia A. Fellows
11-12—Frank C. Price*
*400th peal. First of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 12 methods by all and for the Associa-

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
The Vicarage, Charing, Kent.
Fri., Jan. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 20mins. (13½ in E.)
5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by T. Day.
1-2-Margaret D. Woolley
3-4-Christopher W. Woolley (Cond.)
5-6-Betty Robbins
7-8-Rev. Peter T. Robbins*
*First of Treble Bob on handbells,

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION Bettyfold, Hawkshead, Lancashire.
Fri., Jan. 2, 1970, 1hr. 43mins. (13 in E.)
5040 HORSMONDEN BOB MINOR
(7 different extents.)
1-2—Joseph Whalley
3-4—Mary W. Whalley
5-6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)
First in the method by all. 125th as conductor.

ONFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Zermatt, Butler Road, Crowthorne, BerkshreFri., Jan. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 28mins. (24 in D.)
5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Composed by A. Knights.
1-2—Noel J. Discrens*

3-4—Kenneth R. Davenport
5-6—Frank C. Price
7-8—Bernard F. L. Groves (Cond.)
9-10—N. David Lane
*First of Treble Bob in hand.

6 Barn Close, Southcote, Reading, Berkshire-Fri., Jan. 9, 1970, 2hrs. 9mins. (27 in A.) 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by W. Harrison.

1-2—Frank C. Price

3-4—Kenneth R. Davenport*

5-6—Bernard F. L. Groves (Cond.)

7-8—N. David Lane*

*First in the method in hand.

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AUSTRALIA BOUND

Off to Sydney. Australia, shortly will be Mr. and Mrs. William Page and their two small sons. Bill, who learned to ring at his home on the Isle of Wight, joined the Police Force as a cadet and was in Farnham for a time before moving to Guildford, Godalming and finally Haslemere. Whilst at Farnham he met Miss June Whittaker who was learning to ring, and they were married when he become a constable.

"We feel there are far better opportuni-ties there than in this country," said Bill, who when he leaves the Force will train for

the probation service.

More Letters . . . SPLICED MAXIMUS

Dear Sir. - Having just rung a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 12 methods on handbells in the Watford area. I would like to offer congratulations to the Marple band on the rapidity with which they outstripped us to this goal. I am sure the other members of our band will join me in this.

Obviously a race was on when they knew we had rung a peal of 4-Spliced in July, a few days after them, and they beat us to 12 methods by almost three months! must be disappointed that Bernard Groves had to move away and thus prevent their further progress, as it means, I expect, that they will soon lose their record. Had he remained in Cheshire one wonders how far behind we would now be! We would like to think we would have caught up ulti-mately, but I wonder.—Yours faithfully. JOHN R. MAYNE St. Albans,

"READING" SURPRISE MINOR

Dear Sir. - The correct name for the method rung to a quarter peal at Highclere on December 14 and to a 5,000 at Burgh-clere on December 29 is Redding Surprise and not Reading as published in page 57 of The Ringing World for January 23

The method first appeared in print in the 1677 Campanalogia as Redding Bob: Beniamin Annable mistranscribed the name as Reading Bob 60 years later. It is, of course, possible that Redding was in fact an error for Reading in the first place. However. this is now a fairly academic point, since the inclusion of Reading Surprise Maximus in a peal at Walsall earlier in 1969 means that the name is no longer available for any Surprise Minor method.

Incidentally, the method was included (as Redding) for the first time in a peal at Church Lawford, Warwicks, on July 21. 1969. Yours faithfully.

CYRIL A WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings, Glos.

Belfry Gossip

Rung for the first time.—Turkish Delight Minor and Water Surprise Minor.

The bells of Christchurch, Hants, which were broadcast at Christmas, were on the 41 metre band, Station T.W.R., Monte Carlo.

Married for 65 years—and reason for a quarter! Mr. and M Married for 65 years—and a very good reason for a quarter! Mr. and Mrs. F. Proudman, of Market Bosworth, were deservedly honoured by the served by honoured by the ringers of their local church.

A local team of all ladies rang a quarter at Minster Abbey, Sheppey, on January 17—the first time ever that ladies have had a complete team at Minster for a quarter.

Ex-Reigate ringer Terry Jones is now at 19 Orchard Hill Apt., Highland, New York 12528 (Tel. 914-691 8649), and would be pleased to hear from any ringers visiting New

Coincidence!—Having written about a possible record of 400 peals together, the next post brought a peal report of another such event—Richard J. Clifton and Joseph W.

First peal congratulations to Nicholas J. Webber, Helen Dodds, David Walton, Gillian Elizabeth Watts, Frank H. Morris, Skelton. Elizabeth Watts, Frank H. Morris, Keith Rigby, Ian S. Campbell, David Ellison. Ronald Hancock and Michael Davies.

The Guider for January, 1970, bears a fine action front cover picture of Guildford Cathedral bells being rung—unfortunately upside down—the frame being at the top of the page and the bells ringing below. Presumably the ringers were standing on their heads!

Handbell Music Wanted.—Arrangements for 15 bells or fewer (two-octave diatonic set in C) required by inexperienced but keen hand-bell ringers. Please write to Basil Potts, St. George's Cathedral, 38 St. George's Terrace, Perth. Western Australia, 6000.

The Rev. A. J. G. Ellery. Vicar of Tanfield. St. Peter's becoming chaplain at York. He learned to ring at Tanfield, where he was largely responsible for getting the bells rehung. A farewell peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on January 17.

An enthusiastic young handbell team has been formed at Long Sutton, Lincs, under the supervision of a local schoolmaster and ringer. Mr. G. Hayward. After a very successful Christmastide of tune ringing the youngsters are now learning to ring the tower bells.

A copy of the Welsh Churchman, which is a we'l-produced octavo monthly magazine, carries a cover photo of the ringers of St. Augustine's Parish Church, Penarth, and is a view looking down on to the circle of ropes with ringers at the "ready."

Phew! "I am just off to India. Nepal and Ceylon. Best wishes for 1970"—Mr. C. W. Pipe. of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, writes a post-card to our office! Presumably he intends to return when winter has gone—or next vear—he did not say, but we wish him a pleasant

Mr. John T. Dunwoody. Master of the Irish Association. is still suffering from the consequences of his car accident some weeks ago Central Council members in particular will send their good wishes to John, who has represented the Irish Association on that body

When Miss J. Rosser retired as headmistress when Miss J. Rosser retired as headmistress of Stotford Girls' and Infants' School the local band rang a peal of Cambridge Minor to mark the occasion. No doubt a number of Miss Rosser's former pupils have become bellringers, and perhaps some of those who rang were in her infants' school at one time.

Irish Bell News.—Now entering its 19th year, the Irish Bell News has increased its price to 3s. 6d. per year or 10s. for those who subscribe for three years. This quarterly, the mature and delightful product of F. E. Dukes, is full of interest to those who enjoy bells and ringing, and is enlivened with flashes of Irish

Two peals rung simultaneously is very unusual, if not done for the first time, but this occurred at Leckford and Longstock for the induction of the Rev. J. R. S. Mitchell to the living, both churches now being in his

The Arbuthnot Report, which deals with the splitting of the Southwark Diocese and the possible creation of a new diocese, is the subject of the Bishop of Southwark's newsletter. The Bishop, like many living in South London, is opposed to the plans laid out, but admits will be many years before decisions are implemented.

In the Ministry of Public Building and Works staff journal is reproduced a picture of Robert Tregillus, a 17-years-old fitter appren-tice at Stonehouse Depot, Plymouth. He is being congratulated by the area officer on his workmanship of a brass model of an American Civil War cannon. He is a regular ringer at Plymstock Church, taking part in competition striking) bellringing.

Progress is being maintained, although rather more slowly with the father than the son, we hear from Mrs. E. Barnett, of Crayford, Another victim of the ice and snow was Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, of Warminster, Wilts. The day before his 72nd birthday (January 6) has fall and juried his spine and it is ceilled. he fell and jarred his some and it is still very painful—and no ringing! All his friends will wish him a quick and complete recovery.

There is no doubt at all that the success of a district meeting depends largely on its officers and their enthusiasm. The ringing should have a wide range of methods and business side be well prepared. Miss S. Tate-Mitchell. Farnham District secretary, has just completed her first year in office and the many and various duplicated sheets distributed giving details from agenda to proposed towers for the district's outing were a credit to her capabilities. The wise choice of the members reflects on the district as a whole.

"London Bells and Bellringers" was the title of a talk and demonstration given to members of the London Appreciation Society on January
15. Members of the Ancient Society of
College Youths explained to an interested
audience the basic principles of bell-handling and change ringing, and demonstrated the art with courses of Stedman Triples and Grand-sire Caters on handbells. The evening concluded with a selection of tunes rung on the handbells.

We apologise to correspondents who have sent peal reports in promptly and that have sent pear reports in promptly and that have not yet heen published. Unfortunately we have recently had many "late" neals come in—some as far back as August last, and these have had to receive publication priority to help association peal recorders—but to the detriment of others. We feel this is unfair those who do send peal reports promptly and wonder if these late peals ought not to be printed in smaller type and perhaps in quarter peal style. This would enable us to keep faith with peal ringers genera'ly by printing their peals nearer the date of the events.

ACCIDENT AT WORK

Mr. Charles Rouse, general secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, is in Ward 4/5, Cheltenham General Hospital, Gloucester, following an accident at his work. He is flat on his back and seems likely to remain so for some weeks, we Letters would be welcomed by Charles and all his ringing friends and acquaintances will wish him a complete recovery.

OBITUARY

MR, GORDON MELVILLE

The death is announced of Gordon Melville, brother of Rev. Malcolm Melville, after a short illness, on January 24. As a cadet on the P. & O. Barrabool he accompanied the Great Adventure I ringers to Australia in 1934. He learnt to ring as a boy at Exhall, near Coventry, and rang three peals.

PURBECK YOUTHS CELEBRATE

THE first car load of visiting Purbeck Youths arrived at Wareham on Boxing Day, so a bright start was made on Saturday morning with a peal of Rutland at Whitchurch Canonicorum. More P.Y.'s arrived over lunch, and the week started off well when Yorkshire Royal was scored at Yeovil. making up for the one lost by several of the same band in the summer.

Sunday morning was spent locally. The Wareham "regulars" scored Plain Bob Major in the afternoon, a wedding compliment to Philip Keogh, of the Wareham band and a P.Y. The first loss was at Kingston, where "the rest" lost London Major. Both bands rang for Evensong at Wareham and all returned to the Scott Arms at Kingston, Here a telephone message told us that David Wilson had 'flu, and arrangements had to be made for a replacement.

Monday saw the week begin in earnest. One morning peal was scored at Bridport, where we were joined by Fred Collins, but there was a message waiting for the second band at Litton Cheney. John Longridge had mumps and neither he nor the replacement he was bringing for David Wilson would be coming! Undaunted, the keen souls drove through the falling snow to ring in the darkness at Long Bredy (5) and Burton Bradstock (6) before joining the rest at Bridport for lunch, and it was decided to cancel one of the afternoon peal attempts. The cars set off for Martock, the roads having turned very icv and giving rise to hair-raising episodes en route. Eight were left adiusting ropes and the remainder set off for Dravton to have a short ring warm up over coffee and return in time to hear the end of the successful Martock neal. A merry evening was spent at Winfrith, where the "outsiders" were really nicking up the Dorset accent! On arrival back at the Red Lion at Warcham, blow number three fell—David Massey had gone down with "ful! More late-night phone calls and replanning

A bitterly cold Tuesday morning saw the convoy moving cast to Hampshire. An attempt was lost at St. Mary's, Southampton, but a quarter of Yorkshire Royal was rung. A peal of Yorkshire Major was scored at East Tytherley. Winchester for lunch—the full company now being assembled. Twin Ruth was talked into ringing her second peal in two years and both afternoon peals were scored, the other twin. Mary, ringing her first of London (at long last!).

Wednesday morning saw blow number four! At an early hour Ross Robertson phoned to say he also had you-know-what! More rearranging of bands and transport and we set off in more snow. Sadly the peal at Shedfield never really started. "Londin" didn't go and time was limited, but a peal of Cambridge Major was enjoyed on the back eight at North Stoneham. One of the planned peals, at St. Paul's, Sarum, was then cancelled as numbers were slowly dwindling but a peal was scored at Wimborne St. Giles, giving George Bonham his 250th and an excuse for celebrating.

The highlight of the week arrived when everyone, still fighting fit, arrived at the Red Lion at Wareham for the annual dinner. The meal was excellent and Philip Mehew welcomed those returning for the first time since marriage and new faces, particularly Mr. and Mrs. Fred Collins, Fred proposed a toast to Marv Elmes for making the usual excellent job of the organisation and afterwards everyone made their way to the New Inn. Lewis Cobb soon got busy at the piano, and celebrations were especially in order as Graham and Tim had both rung over 100 peals in 1969. and Mary will be high in the list.

Most managed to make their way to the tower. Fortunately Tim was able to tackle the third without a stay and the New Year was rung in with a "long length" of spliced.

RULES DISCUSSED

The Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association A.G.M. was held on Jan. 10 at St. John's, Frome. Attendance at the business meeting and evensong was disappointing, but the ringing was distinctly better than average.

The two main items on the agenda were the proposed revision of the Association's rules and the retirement of Mr. Ted Chivers, branch secretary for 20 years. Several of the proposed rule alterations were controversial and involved much discussion. Members' views were also sought on their preference of date for future A.G.M.s of the Association and probable increase in annual subscription. It was proposed that P.C.C.s affiliating their towers to the Association should all be asked in future to contribute £1.

Tributes were paid to the retiring branch secretary and it was announced that in his honour a peal of Wye Surprise Major had been rung at Beckington that morning by branch members from Frome, Midsomer Norton, Chilcompton and Farmborough. The peal was conducted by the new branch secretary, Philip Jones, of Midsomer Norton

Meetings in 1970 were arranged for High Littleton, Mells and Bathwick (with Bath Branch), and the annual Corporate Communion will be at Farmborough. The general secretary requested as many towers as possible to attempt a quarter peal on or near May 31, which is the Association's 80th anniversary. A vote of thanks to the rector of St. John's, the organist and the Frome ringers who arranged an excellent tea was proposed by Mr. Ted Chivers.

New Year's Day saw the convoy moving west to Devon. The day was somewhat marred by funerals, at St. Mark's, Exeter, cancel'ed because of three, and at Littleham. Exmouth, stopped right at the beginning while a funeral finished. However, it restarted and a peal of four-spliced was scored. On arrival at the Trood House Hotel that evening we were met by John Longridge, who assured us his mumps were just after-effects of 'flu!

On Sunday, at Silverton, Tim shamefacedly miscalled Heywood's Double Norwich, even after his confidence the previous evening. The band then went to Thorverton, where Lincolnshire seemed to be going very well, but the latter band arrived in the pub after 5.000 changes to announce that on correcting one of the band Philip had miscalled it right before the end. The afternoon attempt was at Culmstock, where Willy Perrins managed to cross two bells over and had to set up eight-spliced. The remainder rang a' Uffculme (8) and then back to Warcham, where Julia joined them, having scored the only peal of the day—on handbells.

Saturday was slow to start. A bandbell peal lost at Durweston 14 Minor methods lost at Milborne St. Andrew. and Cambridge Maior stood up at Cattistock. Everyone made their way to Ruckland Newton for lunch. all very tired. Piddlehinton was cancelled due to loss of numbers, and no one could decide what to ring in the afternoon at Thorncombe. All was not lost. Tim redeemed himself by successfully calling Double Norwich. All were reunited in Dorchester and the past and future discussed.

Thanks were extended to John Longridge for arranging the Devon ringing and a gift to Marv from everyone for the hard work she did in the face of extreme difficulties. Twentynine towers were involved, 12 peals scored out of 20 attempts with 28 ringers taking part and everyone scoring one peal. Tim had the highest individual score with 10.

May the Purbeck Youths wish everyone a good year ahead.

A RELUCTANT RINGER

PURITON DINNER

The Puriton ringers held their second annual supper at the Crooked Chimney Restaurant on January 15. Ringers and friends were present with the Vicar. After an excellent dinner, Louis Pope, tower captain, gave an account of the achievements during the last 12 months, stating that the bells had been rung for every morning and evening service and a regular practice maintained. A sponsored peal had brought in £38 towards the church roof restoration fund, and 1st and 4th places were gained in the striking competition. It was hoped to have the bells rehung and retuned later.

The vicar, Rev. A. Beck, replying thanked the ringers for their services; in particular Louis and Elaine, his wife. Mrs. Beck then presented Clare Evans with a ringers' diary for the best attendance: Leslie Bawden was a close second and Louis Pope had attended on all 154 occasions. G. N.

VICTORIAN GARB

The annual dinner of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at Tunbridge Wells on January 10, and following the meal and the loyal toast Mr. R. J. Everest proposed "The Church," to which the president (Rev. J. R. Missen) responded. The toast of "The Guild" was honoured on the call of Mr. B. E. Jeffrey (chairman) and Mr. R. V. Johnson replied.

For the entertainment Mr. K. Game was M.C. and was attired in Victorian garb.

INTERESTING EXHIBITION

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch, L.A.C.R., was held on January 17 at Leyland Parish Church. The ten were put to good use during the afternoon with ringing from rounds to Cambridge Royal. At the meeting, which followed an excellent "het pot" tea (provided by the Leyland ringers), branch officers were elected, viz.: Crossthwaite (ringing master). R. Barnes (assistant secretary) and R. Palmer (committee member). New members were admitted from Brindle, Leyland, Higher Walton and Samlesbury, and Mr. J. Jackson, of Bamber Bridge, was proposed for life membership of the Association. The Vicar of Leyland and the local ringers were thanked for the use of the bells and supplying the tea. Later those present were able to inspect an exhibition of photographs and books on belifounding and change-ringing which had been arranged by the local tower D.L.M. captain (Mr. G. Cunliffe).

YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES

The Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies held a striking contest at Sprotborough in November. The ten affiliated Societies had entered for the contest in which bands were permitted to ring on either six or eight bells. First to ring were the Halifax and District Society band, who rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor. The last team to compete was that from the Leeds and District Society with Little Bob Maior.

Mr. Ernest Short and assistants provided tea for over 100. The judges, Harold Chant and Jim Thorley, gave a detailed commentary on each performance, and the Halifax and District Society band were worth winners. The Leeds and District Society band were second, and last year's winners the Yorkshire Association, were third. The winners' certificate was presented to Arthur Farrand E. H.

SCALE OF CHARGES

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Evans.—On Jan. 17, 1970, to Sallyann and Brian, a daughter, Amanda Jane, a sister for Jacqueline.

Belcham.—To Diana and David, on Jan. 17, 1970, a son. Andrew David, a brother for Angela.

ENGAGEMENT

Pilkington - Washbrook. - The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pilkington, of 407 Whalley Road, Clayton-le-Moors, Accrington, and Shirley, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Washbrook, of Haleyon, Whalley Road, Clitheroe.

PERSONAL

"He shall call upon me and I will hear him; yea I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him and bring him to honour."—Psalm xci, 15.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Bennett.-David, Gill and Claire will, for the duration of their stay in Holland, be living at Karel Doormanlaan, 315, Rijswijk (Z.H.). Telephone: The Hague (070) 98 42 68. 8148

Court.-From Jan. 29, Pam's address will be: United Christian Hospital, Gulberg 3, Lahore, West Pakistan. All letters very welcome and will be answered in due course. 9012

Geoffrey H. Pullin has moved to buses green and lives at The Otteridge, 11 Yeoman Lane, Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent.

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from R.W. of the and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4in. x 9in.).

Pipe's Pilgrims' Tour of Devon, July 5th to 1th; H.Q., Exeter. Party limited to 25 Hith; H.Q., Exeter. Party limited to 22 people. Early application to Cecil W. Pipe Grundisburgn, Woodbridge, Sulfolk. 900.

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Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS
Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Practice meetings to be held at
Bedworth on Feb. 9 and 23, 7,30–9 p.m. All
welcome.—lan F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8150

Ely Diocesan Association.—Ely District.— Evening meeting, Haddenham, Sat., Feb. Bells (6) 6-8.30 p.m. Special methods: Trinity Sunday T.B. and Double Oxford. 8904

Essex Association.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Barkingside, Sat., Feb. 14. Ringing 6.30–8 p.m., followed by St. Valentine's Day Social. Everybody welcome.—K. W. 9030

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.
Chippenham Branch.—Monthly practice at
Colerne, Tues., Feb. 10. Bells (8) from 7.30.
—M. E. Stracey.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Farnham District.—Practice, Frensham, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells available 6 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec.

Ladies' Guild.—Western District.—Practice, Trowbridge (12), Wed., Feb. 11, at 7.30 p.m. Members and friends welcome. 9021

Ladies' Guild .- Western District .- Advance notice.—A.G.M., Sat., March 14, at Chewton Mendip. Details later.—B.J. 9022

Lincoln Diocesan Guild,-Central Branch,-Evening meeting, Bardney, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (6) from 6-9. All welcome.—G. R. P. 8143

Middlesex County Association.-S. and W. District.—Evening practices: All Hallows' (10), Twickenham, Thurs., Feb. 12, 7,30-9 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), Staines, Fri., Feb. 27.—C. H. Rogers, 25 Windsor Drive, Ashford. 9027

Suffolk Guild. - N.W. District. - Practice meeting at Norman Tower (10), Bury St. Edmunds, Tuesday evening, Feb. 10. Bells from 7-9 p.m.—A. F. Bailam, Dis. Sec. 8966

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Alveston, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Allman, The Limes, 41 Main Road, Tiddington, Stratford-on-Avon.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Arlecdon, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage.

Guildford Guild. - Leatherhead District. -Annual general meeting, Leatherhead, on Sat., Feb. 7. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. P. Smith, 25 Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead.-J. P. O.

Hertford County Association.-Watford Disp.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. G. Bell, 131 Hampermill Lane, Watford. Tel.: 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 8975

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. -Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, Feb. 7. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in Cathedral p.m. Service 4.30. 1ca 3.13 p.m. House, followed by the business meeting.

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Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) and Selby and District Society.—Meeting, Snaith, Sat., Feb. 7. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—R. Ducker and L. M. Wood-hand Hon Sees. head, Hon. Secs.

Beverley and District Ringing Society.— A.G.M., Feb. 14, Walkington (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m. Service 4, St. Mary's, Beverley (10). Tea 4.30 p.m. Ringing at Beverley afterwards. Names for tea to Mrs. V. Brook, 2 Langdale Avenue, Beverley, by previous Wednesday.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Meeting, Sat., Feb. 14, Fletching. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to B. E. Jetfrey, 36 Manor nouse Gardens, Edenbridge, by Tues., 10th, please.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—1 rumpington, Feo. 14. Bells 3-4.50 p.m. Service, tea, business meeting. Ringing afterwards from about 6.30 p.m.—J. S. 8436

Lly Diocesan Association.—Wisbech Branch. Meeting, Wisbech St. Mary, Sat., Feb. 14.
Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.55. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8987

Gloucester and Bristol Association.-Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Ashleworth (6), Feb. 14, 3 p.m. Service, Maisemore, 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and ringing (six beils). Names for tea to P. Gould, 139 Deans way, Gioucester, GL1 2QB, by Feb. 12. 9017

Gloucester and Bristol Association.-Wottonunder-Edge Branch.-Meeting, Stone (6), Sat., reo. 14. Belis available from 3 p.m. Service 4.50. Fea, Vicarage, 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, I Hestervine Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos, or Rev. A. E. King (Tel. Falfield

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.-East Devon Brancn.—Annual meeting, Sidmouth, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. P. Davis, 22 Peaslands Road, Sidmouth.

Hereford Diocesan Guild .- Ledbury District. -Annual meeting, Bosbury, on Sat., Feb. 14. Beils (b) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to me: J. ward, Wootields Farm, Coddington, Leabury.

Ladies' Guild.-Sussex District.-A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8), on Sat., Feb. 14. Kinging 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing o-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Reynoids, 14 Gore Park Road, Eastbourne, by previous wednesday.-R. Farley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Lancashire Association.-Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting on Sat., Feb. 14, at Dalton-in-Furness. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wall, 19 Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe. 9011

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parochial Hall. Names for tea to Mr. R. Smith, 24 Link Avenue, St. Helens, by Wed. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8972

Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.-Meeting, Hoghton (8), on Sat., Feb. 14. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. Cups of tea provided, but please bring own food. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. Special methods: Cambridge S. Major and Bristol S. Major.—D. G. Lawson,

Lancashire Association. - Rochdale Branch. Meeting, Walsden, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Hot tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. Brown, St. Peter's Vicarage, Walsden, Todmorden, by Wed., Feb. 11.—G. Cheetham.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Quarterly general meeting, Sat., Feb. 14: Great Bowden, 2-3 p.m.; Market Harborough 3 to service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to R. Bindley, 32a Coventry Road, Market Harborough (2166), Leics, not later than Feb. 11. Any proposed alterations to rules and pominations for guild officers by this meeting. nominations for guild officers by this meeting. -A. J. Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Associa-tion. -Llandaff Branch.—Annual general meeting, Penarth (St. Augustinc's), Sat., Feb. 14.
Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge. 8493

London County Association.—A.G.M., Feb. 14. Ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, 12 noon-1 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, 2.30-3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4-5 p.m. Service to follow, then tea and meeting at the Essex Head, Essex Street. Business to include the election of officers. Names for tea essential to M. R. Wycherley, 35d Holland Park, W.11, or ring PAR 5658, by previous Wed. 8943

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.-The annual general meeting will be held at Reading on Feb. 14. Bells available: St. Mary's (8), 2.30-3.30; St. Giles' (8), 3-4.15. Service at St. Giles' 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Lawrence's (12), from 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Vernon, 7 Bryants Avenue, Caversham, Feb. 9 by Feb. 9.

Southwell Diocesan Guild. - Bingham District.—Meeting, Orston, Feb. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wed. previous. 8973

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Chichester, Sat., Feb. 14. Cathedral bells 3 p.m., followed by Evensong at 5.15. Tea at St. George's Hall, Whyke Road, 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Essential to notify for tea by Wed., Feb. 11. Notifications to R. Wake, 28 Keynor Estate Sidlesham Chichester. 8147 Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester.

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Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.
—Meeting, St. Mary's, Bury, in conjunction with Association committee meeting, Sat., Feb. 21. Everyone welcome for ringing, 2.30-5 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. Porter, 2 Chesham Green Cottages, Chesham Green, Bury, Lancs, BL9 6SS, by Sat., Feb. 14. No names, no tea.—P. Dyson, Branch Sec. 8927

Barnsley and District Society.—Hemsworth, Sat., March 14. Bells 3-5 p.m. Cups of tea at Felkirk and ringing in the evening.

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ENGAGEMENT

Kench-Buxton.-The Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Antony R. Kench. pleased to announce his engagement to Miss Gill V. Buxton, of 107 Hatherley Court. Hatherley Grove, London, W.2. 8159

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Woodchester (6), Feb. 21, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Lower 7.30 but Randwick 6 available 7.30-9 p.m. Names for tea Birt, Lynholme. Rack Hill, Chalford, 8155

Peterborough Guild. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Willoughby (6), Sat., Feb. 14. Names for tea to Mr. F. Hancock, Church View, Wil-loughby, by Wed. previous.—I. Webb, Sec. 8153

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.— Evening Dractice meeting. Norton Canes, near Cannock, Sat. Feb. 21. Bells (6) available 6.30–8.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8151 Stafford

Suffolk Guild.-North East District.-Quarbehalf wheeling Sat. Feb. 14. Covenithe (5) 2.31-4 p.m. Service, Wrentham, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Name for tea to Rev. A. D. Marsh, The Wrentham, Beccles, Suffolk, by Wed., Feb. 11. Wrentham (6) available during the Stephen (1) when the Stephen (2) 11. Wrentham (6) available during the Stephen (1) 11. Wrentham (6) available during the Stephen (1) 11. Wrentham (7) 11. Wrentham (8) 12. Wrentham (8) 13. Wrentham (1) 14. Wrentham (1) 15. evening .- T. N. J. B.

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TWENTY-FIVE PRESENT

The A.G.M. of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Spalding (8) on January 17, when the service was conducted by the curate (Rev. J. Crust) and tea was served in the church hall. The meeting was attended by about 25 members, including the guild secretary, Mr. J. Millhouse. Ringing continued until 9 p.m. under the supervision of the ringing master, Mr. F. Taylor.

The next quarterly meeting will be a joint one with the Eastern Branch at Bicker in April.

YOUTHFUL QUARTER

The young members of the Mitcheldean Sunday service band had intended to ring a quarter peal for Christmas, but unfortunately the 'flu epidemic incapacitated one member of the band after another, and it was not until January 18 that the full team could assemble. A well-struck quarter of Plain Bob Doubles was rung by a band of average age 13 years, at their first attempt.

All are regular Sunday service ringers at Mitcheldean and are full of enthusiasm for A. A. P. future achievements.

DEATH OF MRS. G. FRANKLIN

We learn, as we go to press, of the death of Mrs. G. Franklin, of Staverton. A report will appear next week.

TWELVE SPLICED IN HAND

Watford team has now equalled the Cheshire record by ringing an excellent peal on Jan. 19 and the friendly rivalry is "on" again.

Amendments Notified:

Page 38. Crowthorne: Plain Bob Royal conductor Frank Price.

Holme Pierrepont: Judith M. Miller (not Pilgrim). Monken Hadley: Plain Bob Major, 1,264 changes and ringer of 6 F. Mead.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for February 2, 1945

A peal of Bob Royal at Southover was rung to commemorate the foundation of the Sussex County Association on January 24, 1885.

The proposed Southwell Guild and the future of the Midland Counties Association was the subject of the leading article and at a meeting held at Sutton-on-Trent a resolution was adopted favouring the formation of a Southwell Diocesan Guild.

At St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford a peal of St. Clement's College Bob Major was rung for the University Guild, conducted by J. E. Spice, it being the first in the method by all.

The Oxford Society held their annual lunch at the Town Hall and Mr. F. Sharpe spoke about the age of the Society and said many prominent men of the Exercise learned to ring in their undergraduate days at Oxford.

Sgt. K. Arthur, R.A.F., commended Mr. D. Bayles' suggestion for a school of

At a meeting of the Leicester District of the Midland Counties Association it was reported by Mr. H. W. Perkins, hon. secretary, that 57 new members had joined during the year and six old members had rejoined. The total membership was 275.

Mr. G. E. Symonds wrote regarding calling peals of Treble B. Maximus and stated he had called Oxford T.B. with 60 bobs—the greatest number ever called in T.B. Maximus.

At Queensbury, Bradford, a peal of Bob Major was composed and conducted by Vernon Bottomley, it being his first as conductor.

50 YEARS AGO

February 6, 1920

Two handbell peals of Bob Minor at Longstanton, Cambs, were rung by J. B. Woolley 1-2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3-4, C. W. Woolley 5-6. In one J. B. conducted his first peal and Rev. H. B. first Minor in hand and in the other C. W. (aged 13) conducted his first peal.

Mr. R. F. Deal wrote regarding the youngest ringer, stating that J. W. Washbrook raised and tolled the bell for Queen Victoria's death and had rung a peal shortly after his 8th birthday.

At the Cumberlands' A.G.M. during the proceedings it was stated that some members, in common with other Societies, felt that the benefits derived from the Central Council were hardly worth the expense. It was also decided to revive the annual

At the quarterly meeting of the Midland County Association at N. Wingfield it was proposed to raise the yearly subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d.

At Harborne, Staffs, W. B. Cartwright rang the treble to Stedman Triples for his first peal, conducted by George Pigott, whilst at Barton-on-Humber Miss M. L. Mobbs was the first Barton lady to score

At a meeting of the Middlesex County Association at Southgate, the hon, secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles, said the district was recovering quickly from wartime losses. A bcb course of Stedman Cinques was rung by J. B. Williamson, J. Thomas, W. Pye, G. R. Pye, W. Hewett and G. M. Kilby.

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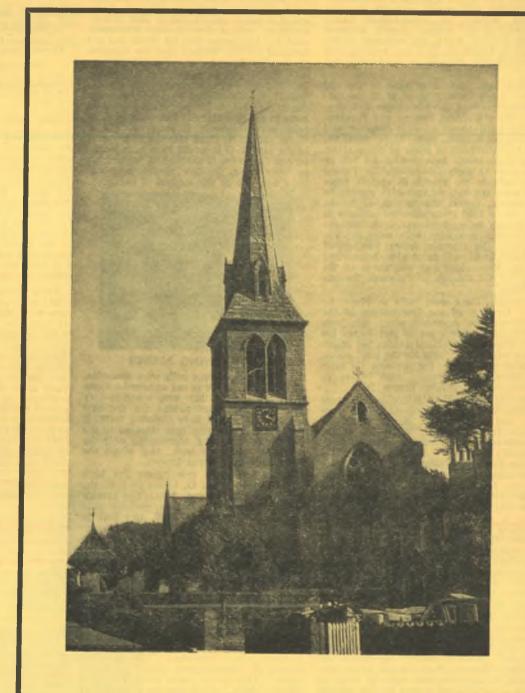
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By JOHN NORRIS

HURSTPIERPOINT is a large but still attractive village nine miles north of Brighton. Recorded merely as Hurst in the Domesday Book, the suffix was derived from its Norman "lords of the manor," who also gave their name to Holme Pierrepont in Nottinghamshire. Of the church mentioned in Domesday, all but the tower was rebuilt in the 15th century and in 1843 the whole building was razed to the ground to be replaced by the present building in the Early Pointed style. While contemporary sources deny the old Church of St. Lawrence almost any merit, it is clear from pictures that it was a building of considerable charm and would certainly be considered worthy of preservation today. Nevertheless the present church, designed by Sir Charles Barry, the architect of the House of Commons, is a fine building and a "remarkable example of the Gothic Revivel"

When bells were first hung in the old church is not known. However, in the surrounding parishes there were pre-Reformation bells at Clayton, Preston and Poynings and bells of about 1530 at Keymer and Twineham. It seems quite likely, therefore, that Hurstpierpoint, a place of comparative importance, would have possessed a bell or bells from an early date. Evidently if there were bells in the church in ancient times they were not held in very high esteem by the people, for in the records of Sussex wills up to 1560 there were no bequests to churches possessing bells were not uncommon. For example, Robert Umfrey, of Petworth, in his will dated 1544, bequeathed "to the Reparacons and mayteunce of the belles of the Church of Petworth Twentie shillinges."

Certainly there were bells at Hurst by 1685, for one of the first entries in the Churchwardens' Accounts, which date from that year, is "For a set of Bell Ropes 19s 6d." Thereafter frequent entries for ropes, minor repairs and "oyle for the bels" occur, together with entries for payment for ringing on special occasions, such "Gave ye Ringers on Gunpouder Treson 5s."

By 1717 more than minor repairs were needed, for Thomas Marchant, a local yeoman and noted Sussex diarist, wrote for March 5: "I met Mr. Whitpaine at the Church to consult about mending a bell." Evidently this was a fruitless meeting for Bishop Bowyer's Visitation of 1724 records "Six bells, one a little cracked."

Little further seems to have been done until 1775, when Messrs. Pack and Chapman cast a new ring of six bells. These were in the key of A major, the tenor weighing about 9 cwt.. and were hung by Robert Turner of the foundry, evidently in the existing frame. The total cost was £110. Even two of these bells, the 5th and tenor, were unsatisfactory and the accounts state: "Spent on the men from Cuckfeld that come to know the fault of the bells 2s" and "paid Mr. Wilson 19s 6d."

From the surviving letters from Wm. Chapman to Wm. Borrer, churchwarden, it seems clear that Chapman's intention was, to quote his own words, "to give full satisfaction." However, before the Parish was satisfied Chapman had to write letters promising to cast two new bells in place of those complained of, to pay for the carriage of the defective bells to the foundry and

of the new bells to the Parish, and to do the bellhanging, all at his own expense. He also promised to sign a deed guaranteeing his work for a year.

Finally, when the two bells had been cast, in 1784, Chapman requested the Parish to "appoint some Person to come and try them before they go out of the foundry have no objection to any Person you are to appoint Except Mr. Willson." The Please to appoint Except Mr. Willson. mysterious Mr. Willson, very probably a Cuckfield ringer, had evidently previously visited the foundry on the Parish's behalf, making himself thoroughly objectionable to Mr. Chapman in the process. On his final letter Chapman's signature was very shaky and it is sad to record that he died of consumption only a few months afterwards, aged 52. One hopes that his death was not hastened by Mr. Willson and the demands of the Parish.

Of this ring of six bells, three—the treble, 2nd and 4th—were retained when the old church was demolished in 1843, becoming the 2nd, 3rd and 5th in the ring of eight hung in the new church. The notes of these bells were originally F sharp, E and C sharp, and to fit these into the new octave in the key of G it would have been necessary to flatten the C sharp to C, presumably by chip-tuning, for five of the bells still show evidence of this method of tuning.



CHIP-TUNING MARKS

The remaining three bells were discarded, although the reason is not apparent. There is no record that they were unsatisfactory and they had notes needed for the new octave. One would have expected them, if unsatisfactory, to have been returned to the foundry for recasting. Apparently only the old tenor was sent back, and where the other bells went is not known.

To complete the new octave five bells were cast by C. and G. Mears in 1846, the tenor weighing 13 cwt. 2 lb. The invoice for the bells, bearing brasses, gudgeons and clappers, amounting to £150, was sent to the rector, Rev. Carey Hampton Borrer. The foundry neither made the bell frame nor did any of the hanging. The frame bears the inscription "M. Harmes" and it is possible that he was responsible for the work. However, he was one of the local ringers, and the inscription, which appears elsewhere in the tower, may have been just exhibitionism.

Four of the new bells bore Latin inscriptions. The Parish evidently contributed at least to the tenor, since the inscription on it runs, when translated: "The generous people of Hurstpierpoint caused me to be made." That on the treble was: "Deo Cari Nihilo Carent," which may be translated as "The beloved of God lack nothing." It was

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possibly the personal motto of the rector, since it appears on the shield surmounting his memorial in the church. Possibly Canon Borrer or his family contributed to this bell, for when it was replaced in 1868 the new one was again associated with him, bearing his initials C. H. B. It also bore the motto "Robore et Labore" (By strength and endeavour), which appears on the hatchment of his father, Nathaniel Borrer. Again it seems that the old bell was not sent back, full cost being charged for the new one, which was cast by Robert Stainbank.

From 1868 the bells rang merrily on until 1901, when the 5th cracked. This might have been expected since it must have been weakened by the considerable removal of metal necessary when it was tuned down from C sharp to C. It was recast by Thomas Blackbourn, of Salisbury, and all the bells rehung. Little further attention was required until the cracking of the 7th in 1950, a few years after it had been rehung by local craftsmen on ball bearings. It was recast and all the bells rehung on ball bearings by Gillett and Johnston in time for the bells to ring out for the Coronation in 1953, the total cost (£641) being raised in the village by public subscription in barely two months. Since then the only work required has been the fitting of a new gudgeon pin to the tenor in 1959 after the clapper had flown out and subsequently repairs to the clapper

As can be seen, the bells are a mixed lotbeing the work of four different founders. However, although only mediocre in tone, they go well and fit well together, reminding one of the inscription on the 4th: "Ecce Quam Bonum et Quam Iucundum Habitare Fratres in Unum" (Behold how good and joyful a thing it is Brethren, to dwell together in unity).

Hurstpierpoint has a keen band of twodozen ringers covering all ages, from George Mansbridge in his 60th year as a ringer to an abundance of youthful talent, with enthusiasm being stimulated by friendly rivalry between two families of four ringers each. Considerable progress is being made

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A HISTORY OF SPLICED MINOR

By C. A. WRATTEN

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PART II: THE IDEA SPREADS . . .

LAW JAMES called another peal at Surfleet on November 7th, 1911. Although this was in only 12 methods it marked a further advance, for the first extent contained three methods-Hereward, Double Oxford and Single Oxford. Eleven days later he called yet another peal on the same bells to create a new record. The peal contained 16 methods, four of them (Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars and Kingston) being spliced into the first 720.

Several more peals in eight, nine and ten methods were rung at various towers in South by virtually the same band but conducted variously by Law James himself, John W. Lake and Rupert Richardson. Richardson had rung the tenor to all of James' peals of spliced to date, while Lake's first spliced peal had been that in eight methods at Flancher in September 1982. that in eight methods at Edenham in September, 1910, and his first of spliced as conductor that at Fleet the following month.

. . . TO DERBYSHIRE

The first peal of spliced by a non-Lincolnshire company was rung at Newhall in Derbyshire on September 23, 1912, and was conducted by Albert P. Wakley of the famous
Burton-on-Trent band. Thereafter peals of
Spliced Minor slowly began to appear more
frequently in the columns of The Bell News
and The Ringing World.

Peals in 14 Surprise methods were scored
at Tibenham, Nortoik, on January 23, 1913,
conducted by Frederick R. Manser, and at
St. Ignatius', Sunderland, three weeks later,
conducted by Joseph W. Parker. Although
these two bands appeared on the "spliced"
stage almost simultaneously, their backgrounds
were quite different. The first peal of spliced by a non-Lincoln-

were quite different.

. . TO NORFOLK

The Tibenham company had rung their first peal in 1905. Over the next five years they rang a few more, and during the summer of 1910 they had succeeded in bringing round 14 360s in a mixture of Plain and Treble Bob methods; in January, 1912, they scored their first peals in seven Treble Bob and seven Surprise methods.

In February that year they rang 14 360s of Treble Bob, and, in March, 21 240s. There followed a 7,200 of Surprise in ten methods in October. Thus, although the 14-method peal the following January was their first of spliced, they had considerable previous experience of multi-method ringing.

. . . AND TO CO. DURHAM

Unlike their Norfolk rivals, the Sunderland band had never previously rung anything over seven methods. But Surprise Minor had been firmly established in this north-east corner of the country for a number of years.

The Durham and Newcastle Association could at this period boast of three excellent Minor companies—at Whitley Bay (consisting almost entities of the brothers Gofton), at Darlington under George W. Park, and Joseph Parker's band at St. Ignatius', Bishops-Joseph Parker's band at St. Ignatius, Bisnops-wearmouth. The former had rung the first peal of seven Surprise for the Association as long ago as 1903; the Darlington men had rung the first of their many peals of seven Surprise in 1908, and the Suaderland company followed them a year later. Joseph Parker, who had learned to ring at St. Ignatius about

who had learned to ring at St. Ignatius about 12 years earlier, had caited that peal, as he called most of the later peals by the band. Both Whitley Bay and Sunderland bells were augmented to eight at about this time, and although Parker did a great deal of original work on Minor composition in the years that followed, both bands soon dis-appeared from Minor ringing.

... AND TO CHESHIRE

The year 1913 also marked the arrival of The year 1913 also marked the arrival of the Chesnire men upon the scene. The history of the band at Hazel Grove, Norbury, is similar to that of the Tibenham company. They had rung the first peal in 14 methods for the Chester Guild in 1903, conducted by Samuel Fernley, and eight years later James Fernley had called the Guild's first peal of 14 Treble Bob there. Both peals had been made up of 360s.

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The ringer of the third in the 1911 peal had been the Rev. A. T. Beeston, priest-incharge of New Mills, some five miles from Norbury. On July 12th, 1913, he and the Norbury band set up a new record by ringing a peal in 19 Treble Bob methods at Hazel Grove, the Rev. A. T. Beeston conducting the ringing. ringing.

Artnur Beeston had rung his first peal at Wirksworth in March, 1900, and his first as conductor—one in four Minor methods with four first-pealers in the band—on his new bells at New Mills that October. He soon bells at New Mills that October. He soon became a regular visitor at the Norbury practices, where, following the spliced peals in Lincolnshire, he interested James Fernley and his band in the possibilities of this new idea. They soon set themselves a target of a peal in 28 methods, made up of four sevenmethod extents, and the 19-method peal in the July of 1913, marked the first significant step in this direction.

But then came the Great War, and all thoughts of record peals had perforce to be set aside. The Norbury band, in common with others throughout the country, was depletted as its members were one by one called to the colours, and further peal-ringing was out of the question. More than eight years were to elapse before their record was to be surpassed.

(To be continued)



A total of 400 peals together is not a record (see Belfry Gossip) but worthy of note. Mrs. F. J. Mar-shallsay and Mr. D. T. Matkin, photographed by Matkin, photographed by The R.W. at a ringing meeting at Christchurch, Hants, on January 31.

DISTRICT TO SPLIT?

The 12th annual meeting of the Bingham District of Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Bingham, on January 10.

Ringing was from 3 p.m. and evensong was conducted by the vicar, Rev. H. A. Kirton, with tea following in the W.I. Hut.

At the meeting the statement of accounts was read and passed and the secretary's report stated the progress among members and the increased subscriptions from P.C.C. to the belfry repair fund. Nine new members were elected. The meetings at Orston for February and Whatton for March were confirmed. Thanks to Miss O'Neill, a further £2 4s. 6d. was put in the belfry repair fund from a raffle.

Mr. D. Clarke (chairman), Miss R. Blackshaw (secretary) and Mr. M. W. Harrison (committee member) were re-elected for 1970, and Miss O'Neill, Mr. B. Bull and Mr. H. G. Wells were elected ringing masters. A proposal that Mr. A. Foster (Orston) and Mr. W. Walker (Cropwell Bishop) be made honorary members was passed, subject to the committee meeting at North Muskham in February.

The proposed splitting of the Nottingham District was discussed at length and was followed by ringing to suit all until 8 p.m. R. B.

THE EARL APPROVED

The ringing of the quarter peal at St. Martin's Church, Stamford, for morning service on January 25 was very much appreciated, particularly by Lord and Lady Exeter, who came to church much earlier than usual to listen.

When it was completed Lord Exeter stood at the bottom of the tower and shook hands with each of the ringers as they came out and thanked them for their effort.

It was rung to commemorate the christening of their grand-daughter in the chapel at Burghley House earlier in January.

HURSTPIERPOINT—continued

and achievements in the last 12 months have included the first all-local peal, of Plain Bob Major, since 1890, and 14 quar-ter peals with six firsts inside to Bob Major and five to Grandsire Triples. Cambridge Major is now being tackled. The ringers enjoy supporting Association meetings and ringing at other towers and welcome visitors to Hurstpierpoint.

INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.-Robert Stainbank Founder, London, Robore et Labore, C.H.B. 1868. Note G. 4 cwt, 1 qr. 6 lb. 2nd .-- I mean to make it understood That th'o I'm little yet I'm good, Pack and Chapman of London, Fecit 1775. F sharp, 4-2-1.

3rd.-If you have a judicious Ear, You'll own my Voice is Sweet and Clear. Pack and Chapman of London, Fecit 1775. B. 4-3-17.

4th.—Ecce Quam Bonum et Quam lucundum Habitare Fraires in Unum, C. and G. Mears London 1846. D. 4-3-2.

5th.—Ye People All who hear us Ring, Be Faithfull To Your God & King, Pack and Chapman of London, Fecit 1775, Recast by Thomas Blackbourn, Salisbury AD 1901. C. 5-2-12.

6th.—Adhaereat Lingua Mea Faucibus Meis Si Non Meminero Tul. (Let my tongue cling to my throat if 1 do not remember thee.) C. and G. Mears London 1846. B. 6-2-0.

7th.—Coronation 2 June 1953. "Long Live Our Queen." C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1846. Recast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon. A. 8-2-22.

Tenor.-Dominus Mortificat et Vivificat Deducit ad Inferos et Reducit, (The Lord dispenses death and life, He casts down to the depths and raises up again.) Generosi de Hurstplerpoint me Fieri Fecerunt. C. and G. Mears London 1846. G. 12-3-6.

MR. A. YORK-BRAMBLE HONOURED

TWO YEARS AGO, at the annual general meeting of the Portsmouth Cathedral Ringers' Guild, the chairman (A. York-Bramble) said he did not wish to stand for re-election. The president (Very Rev. E. N. Porter Goff, Provost of Portsmouth) said this would be accepted with regret, and outlined the work Mr, York-Bramble had done for ringing at the Cathedral. The Provost said that he would ask the Cathedral Council to provide some tangible form of commemorative recognition of all the voluntary effort that had been made. He thought that the Cathedral Ringers' Guild might wish to do likewise.

At the annual general meeting on January 19 those proposals were carried into effect. The Provost, on behalf of his Council and with expression of appreciation and thanks, handed over to Mr. York-Bramble a framed portrait of himself, with inscription, to be hung in the ringing chamber of the Cathedral belfry. The inscription reads:—

Albert York-Bramble (1894-19)

Portrait given by the Portsmouth Cathedral Council in commemoration of the Subject's services to Cathedral ringing:— Instituted, (1956) the Cathedral School of Ringing: Prime mover in the augmentation (1957) to 10 bells: Co-founder and inaugural Chairman of the Cathedral Guild of Ringers (1957): Sometime acting Tower Captain: Life Vice-President of the Guild.

At the same time Mr. Alan Buswell, the tower captain, handed over, on behalf of the members of the Cathedral Ringers' Guild and with cordial words of thanks, a completely detailed working model bell, properly hung in its frame, the mechanism of which he had himself made and assembled. The model, to be kept on display in the ringing chamber and used in tuition, bears the inscription:—

"Constructed by Alan A. J. Buswell on behalf of this Tower Guild to commemorate the Services of Albert E. C. York-Bramble to Cathedral ringing, especially in the teaching of beginners."

ENGROSSING SPARE-TIME CAREER

Mr. York-Bramble, on receiving these commemorative tokens, thanked the Cathedral authorities for their efforts to foster and extend ringing in the tower during the past 14 or 15 years. He also expressed his thanks for the warm regard shown by fellow ringers and mentioned that this was virtual closing down of the practical side of what had been one of his most engrossing spare-time careers.

In a résumé of his ringing career, Mr. York-Bramble confessed to a long-term disappointment in that he was no brilliant ringer of advanced methods although he had rung a few, his modest achievements in practical ringing being about 50 peals up to Caters and Surprise Royal.

His introduction to the art came when Surprise Major was something of a feat, and then for about 20 years he went out of practical ringing. His high spots were his first peal (June, 1914) of Grandsire Minor at St. John's-in-the-Wall, Bristol, and the only peals by officers of H.M. Forces—Kent T.B. Major at Putney and Grandsire Caters at South Croydon, both in 1919 for the Ancient Society of College Youths. A most satisfactory recollection was the performance for the B.B.C. recording unit at St. Mary's, Portsea, of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and London Surprise Major.

CATALOGUE OF BELLS

The annual general meeting of the N.E. District of the Essex Association was held at St. Mary the Virgin, Ardleigh, on Jan. 17. It was quite a happy gathering since the district had had a good year. One member, Geoff Isgar, had alone launched an Association Christmas card after the Association's committee had scorned the idea and £11 12s. 6d. profit had been made for the district bell restoration fund. Another bright spot was the election of eight new members from Great Bentley, the first since 1943. The thanks of the district were extended to the Thorington ringers who had been responsible for training the Bentley band.

The secretary warned that there was still a lot to be done. There were many unringable towers and many towers without ringers in the district, and one ring of four bells at Little Oakley had been stolen. The master reported that in this connection a catalogue of bells in Essex was to be made by an Association sub-committee to safeguard against such occurrences in future. The district officers for 1970 are Bernard W. Fairhead, master; John A. Avis, secretary; Peter G. Pitt and Brian J. Vaughan, committee members.

SPONSORED PEAL

A "sponsored peal" will be attempted at the Church of St. James, Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester, on Easter Monday. Some time ago dry rot was discovered in the roof of this lovely church, and parishioners set to work to pay off the bill of £1,600. With the end in sight at approximately £1,400, another part of the roof was discovered to be infected, and a further £800 was needed.

Sponsors will pledge to pay so much for each thousand changes rung, and if the peal is unsuccessful it will be taken to the nearest thousand. A sponsored peal for the fund was rung on the bells in December, 1968 (Lincolnshire S. Major), and £12 los. was raised for the "Beat the Rotter" fund. This time it is hoped to improve considerably on this sum. Perhaps readers will be willing to sponsor and should contact P. Boucher, c/o the Vicar of Birch-in-Rusholme.

DISCOVERIES

On the instructional and theoretical sides of campanology he could modestly claim to have made in 20 years certain discoveries from which was derived new knowledge or at least new forms of approach. These were described in two books—Bell Ringing and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing and Method Structure in Change Ringing. He was convinced that the theory of ringing needed a technology or at least a logical glossary—a view supported by three of the foremost authorities in the past—Shipway, Snowdon and C. D. P. Davies.

Mr. York-Bramble recalled 14 years ago when ten young people of both sexes rang rounds for the first time as a group on the rehung and augmented bells of the Cathedral. They were part of the 16 members of the Young Cathedral Members' Association who had been trained on the system planned in the books. He owed much to the facilities afforded in the Cathedral and the help of members of the Guild and particularly in recent times to their tower captain. Alan Buswell, who had now shouldered this responsibility. "I think that we may have planted in the Cathedral Ringers' Guild a seed that is growing into a tree of accomplishment that should live far into the future."

CENTENARY-1972

At its meeting on January 20 the Oxford University Society decided to elect a general secretary to be responsible for liaison with old members. Although the Society was the first University Society to create such an office (in 1947) the post has since lapsed. It is hoped, especially in view of the Society's forthcoming centenary celebrations in 1972, that all members of the Society will in future be kept fully informed about the Society's activities. If any member did not receive a circular at Christmas the new general secretary, J. E. Camp, Jesus College, would be pleased to send him or her one.

PRESENTATION TO MR. B. ASHFORD

The Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held a very successful quarterly meeting at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, on January 17, over 80 members being present. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. Morley P. Tobin, the branch ringing master, and the recently-augmented ten were enjoyed by all.

The choral service was conducted by the vicar, Rev. B. H. T. Trevor-Morgan, who also chaired the business meeting which followed the tea. The meeting was told of the courses of instruction which the branch officers had arranged, and all members were asked to give the venture their best support. It was also agreed that the branch should hold an extra striking competition in each year, and early May was accepted for this.

year, and early May was accepted for this. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of an oak writing desk to Mr. B. C. Ashford, who retired as branch secretary at the end of 1969 after 30 years in the office. The presentation was made by the Association master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, who asked Bernard to accept the gift as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by all the members. Mr. Ashford suitably replied,

Ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal, Cambridge Royal and

rounds for beginners.

M. D. F.

REPAIRS IN HAND

The bells of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, are having a very thorough overhaul, with some work to be done by Mr. Fidler. The 3rd, however, is to go to Messrs. Taylor. The work was commenced on January 19 and is expected to take about six weeks, after which visitors to Emmanuel will again be given a very warm welcome. There are five very keen young ringers, one being Philip Harris, the Vicar's son, and during the time the bells are out of action an evening visit elsewhere will be made and several invitations have been received, which is greatly appreciated.

H. H. T.

MOVING

Mr. Graham Newman, of Old Whitting ton, is moving out of the Chesterfield area and as well as being missed by members of his own tower will be greatly missed by the Chesterfield District of the Derby Diocesal Association.

In addition to being a peal ringer he has been an active member on the committee of which he has served as ringing master. He has taken a keen interest on the social side and has acted as M.C. for functions aid of the Derby Cathedral Extension Funorganised by the district. Amongst othe duties he was architectural adviser to include the social social

Everyone wishes him "all the best" in his new post.

J. D. A.

ENCOURAGING REPORT

The annual meeting of the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association was held on January 17 at St. Peter's, St. Albans, when the ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise Royal.

Rev. Andrew Bradley, of St. Peter's, conducted an unusual and amusing service, during which he compared the ingredients of a cake to the church and all ringers. The organ added spice when it temperamentally refused to play more than half a hymn at a time. A handbell "voluntary" was rung at the end of the service, much to the relief of the organist.

Seventy sat down in the Abbey Institute for the unusual tea of sausages and baked potatoes, which was a welcome change.

In the absence of the president (Mr. W. Ayre) Mr. A. R. Agg took the chair for the business meetine. All stood in memory of a member Mr. W. T. Holmes, and of a good friend, Canon Douglas Harpur, of St. Michael's. Probationers and full members, who included a number of the St. Albans Girls' Grammar School Society, were elected.

The secretary gave a very encouraging report of the year's activities. The Voluntary Bell Fund is in a healthy state, and as at least one church was to receive a grant members were asked to continue their support of the fund.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. R. E. Hardy not wishing to be renominated as hon. district secretary, Mr. F. W. Ellis was elected in his place, and Mr. A. W. R. Wilby continues as district ringing master. Miss H. Dodds was elected as Ringing World representative.

A. R. W. Wilby. E. Edmondson, G. Dodds. R. E. Hardy, K. J. Darvill and J. E. Ewer, with Mr. G. Dodds and Mr. R. E. Hardy on the general committee. Mr. K. J. Darvill is now district peal book writer.

The secretary said that Batchwood Hall had been booked for the district dinner in December.

It was announced that because the 2nd at sandridge was out of action the meeting in February had been changed to Kimpton.

The peals secretary, Mr. G. Penney, expressed thanks to conductors who had sent peals rung promptly, and Mr. G. Dodds poke appreciatively of all concerned in the arrangements that day.

For evening ringing at the Abbey rounds up to Yorkshire Maximus were rung.

H.D.

LINKINCHESTERBRIDGE GUILD OF STRANGE RINGERS

Bob Myner had a motor-car, Twould cough and squeal and sob. and when he took n down the street Twould dodge like Treble Bob.

The people hunted left and right And sought to make a place, And gladly would have missed a bob For any vacant place.

The car it made no inside place, Close to the kerb it flies. Now was this merely a Delight Or was it a Surprise?

This conundrum was given in The Ringing world on February 6, 1920. and Mr. R. Cauler collected 3d. stamps with the answers seat, and the funds thus collected would be utilised in making bobs at home, one of our older readers remembers the answer.



The band that rang 27-Spliced S. Major at Wonersh on January 24. Left to right: M. Church (Cond.), Mrs. B. Simpson, A. Elsmore, P. J. Munday, R. Bradley, S. Ponting, W. J. Couperthwaite, T. Page.

FULL AGENDA

Youth predominated at the A.G.M. of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Aldershot on January 24. Nearly 100 attended and they came mainly from the towers in the district, and the light, musical ring of eight at St. Michael's was well used and good practice enjoyed, under the ringing master and his assistant,

Mr. Ray Bath (a Yorktown ringer) was at the organ for the service, conducted by the Vicar of Aldershot (Rev. S. Zeal), and Maj. Jack Bragg read the lesson. The "locals" had a plentiful tea laid out in the hall nearby and obviously had anticipated big appetites, and the younger element certainly did full justice to the repast.

The items dealt with in the full agenda included the ringing master's report, giving details of meetings and practices, peals (a record number of 21) and first pealers, and the district's outing to the Isle of Wight: the hon. secretary's analysis of events and membership, and the accounts, clearly portrayed on a duplicated sheet and circulated to all. All three items were adopted.

OFFICERS IN 1970

The following were declared elected to serve in the coming year, there being no other nominations: ringing master, Mr. T. Page; assistant, Mr. A. Elsmore; secretary, Miss S. J. Tate-Mitchell: assistant secretary and treasurer. Mr. B. White; auditor, Mr. W. Viggers; Ringing World reporters, Mr. A. Elsmore and Miss Marilyn Reay; committee member, Mr. R. Collins, and the guild officers were renominated.

New members elected were Aileen Freeman and Julie Phelps (Ash), Alison Silverthorne and Gillian Futcher (Farnham), Sally Howarth and Jennifer Spry (Grayshott) and Mrs. E. Hiscock and Ian Hiscock (Seale).

The district outing into Wiltshire and the list of meetings arranged (and circulated) were accepted and a full discussion followed on the programme of "advanced" practices proposed, it being explained that the "advanced" did not necessarily mean Surprise but methods in advance of what those attending had previously rung.

PEAL CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations were extended to the band who had that morning rung a peal of 27-Spliced Surprise and were present at the meeting. Six of the team are district members. A number of other interesting items were also discussed, including the new layout of The Ringing World, and although accused of "blackmail' where peals and quarter peals were concerned, the editor (who was present) pointed out that any amounts, small or large, helped towards making improvements and possible extra pages as well as keeping the price stable. It was all very well to say that many would pay more for the paper. The majority would not do so, and without a R.W. where would the Exercise be? The present cor-respondence about the two sides among ringers-peal ringers and others-failed to appreciate that both were essential, for neither would survive without the other, and least of all The Ringing World,

A comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had helped arrange the meeting was received with applause, and the usual ringing then followed.

ROPE SPLICING AT A.G.M.

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held their A.G.M. at Kingsthorpe on January 24. Sixty ringers and friends were present and these included visitors from the Towcester, Daventry and Wellingborough Branches.

At the meeting, which followed an excellent tea, the following members were elected to offices in the branch: President, Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner; vice-president, Dennis Isaacs: secretary/treasurer, Raymond Henman: auditor, R. A. Eldridge; guild liaison officers. Jack C. Chapman and Barry R. Care: ringing master, David J. Morgan; ringing instructors, David Robinson, Julian C. Parker and Christopher G. Chiplin, and public relations officer. Anne Henman.

New members elected were A. Harmer, Miss S. Wootton, F. Green, A. Chater, A. Twelftree, Mrs. R. Dent, Mrs. R. Horton and Miss B. Bates.

During the evening a demonstration of rope splicing was given in the church by Mr. Leleux.

A. H.

BEST SUPPORT FOR MANY YEARS

The Salisbury Branch annual meeting at St. Thomas' Church on January 24 was one of the best-supported meetings for many years. The guild service, conducted by Rev. W. Hargrave, with Mr. E. Boulter as organist and Rev. Roger Keeley reading the lesson, preceded the tea, attended by over 50 members and visitors.

Mr. N. Skelton, branch chairman, presided and Mr. G. A. Trimby, secretary, presented the report and financial statement, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand. Officers elected were Messrs. N. Skelton, chairman; D. Kerly, vice-chairman; G. A. Trimby, secretary and treasurer; A. Newman, auditor; Rev. R. Keeley, A. Haines, R. Jones and L. Page, ringing masters: E. Butler and R. Wilson, committee.

New members were elected from St. Paul's, St. Thomas' and St. Martin's (Salisbury), Downton and Wilton.

Ringing continued afterwards at St Thomas' and St. Paul's. G. A. T.

Letters

COUNCIL MINUTES

Dear Sir, - I was very surprised at the tone of Mr. Bottomley's reply to Mr. Exton's comment on the Central Council minutes. I would have thought that in his responsible position as secretary a more constructive approach was warranted than just to play with dictionaries. It is perhaps the fact that there was any difference in the minutes that is disturbing since it would seem constitutionally wrong that they should be anything but a "true and correct record of the meeting." Whilst it is true that the motion in question was reported in The Ringing World in full on page 480 (1969), no one could infer from reading the official minutes on page 967 the bad feeling that was created by the deliberate exclusion of the motion from the agenda nor of its unceremonious dismissal at the meeting. Perhaps if such a high-handed attitude had not been taken by the secretary in the first place then there would not have been this, nor indeed some of the other queries that have arisen over last year's meeting. — Yours faithfully.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW, C.C. Representative, Surrey Association.

Putney, London, S.W.

ROMAN IIII

Dear Sir,-While Britten in Old Clecks and Watches and their Makers calls the use of IIII "strictly incorrect" and assumes that it is purely an æsthetic device to balance the somewhat heavy VIII on the opposite side of the dial, it is clear that IIII is in fact of earlier usage.

The origin of Etrusco-Roman numerals from 5 on is obscure, but 1-4 were simple vertical strokes (I, II, III, IIII).

In Roman reckoning "numerals ... were expressed either by the method of addition, in which the higher figure comes first, or by that of subtraction, in which it comes last. Of these methods the former is the earlier, and the more usual. Thus IIII is earlier and more frequent that IV, while the latter belongs to the writing of the lower class and is first found in the seventh century of Rome. VIII is commoner than IIX. and XXVIII than XXIIX." (Sandys.)

The first recorded use of IV on a clock face is by Joseph Knibb (1640-c, 1712), who used it to make the face consistent with his curious system of "Roman striking".—
Yours faithfully,
DIANA J. HANDLEY.

Nuneaton.

Kendal, Westmorland.

Dear Sir,-In reply to the letter from Mr. John Holloway, of Crewe (R.W., page 50), according to Edward Wenham, in his book Old Clocks, Chapter XIII, "the hours were almost invariably marked in Roman numerals I-XII, the fourth hour being indicated by the more ancient four strokes. IIII. This peculiarity persisted in modern times with clock dials where the hours are in Roman numerals, though the IV was often adopted after the end of the 18th century."

Long ago I read that a certain English monarch was unable to distinguish IV from VI on clock faces, so he decreed that IIII should take the place of IV. After much research I cannot, unfortunately, verify this, but it would be interesting if any other reader could throw more light on the subject.—Yours faithfully.

GEOFFREY EDMANDS.

RATHER NARROW VIEW

Dear Sir,—After reading various letters in The Ringing World for and against peal ringing, it seems to me that both sides take rather a narrow view. Nevertheless I am not convinced by anything I have read that peal ringing is any substitute for being attached to a regular Sunday service band.

I think it is probably true to say that the most enthusiastic members of any Guild are usually peal ringers. But the Exercise is obviously based on the Sunday service bands (to which most peal ringers belong anyway), so it seems a pity to exaggerate the divergence of opinion on the importance of peal ringing. The aim should be to unite in the maintenance and encouragement of Sunday service ringing.

A welcome development in this respect is the increasing popularity of striking competitions, which offer an attraction to the peal ringer while not discouraging those with lesser aspirations, as the results are by no means a forgone conclusion. If such competitions are more fully supported they can do much to create interest and improve standards of performance generally,-Yours

M. L. MANN.

Lincoln.

Dear Sir,-On reading the many controversial letters concerning the differences between Sunday service ringers and peal ringers ("goodies and baddies"?) it occurs to me that most correspondents do not appear to consider one very fundamental asnect of all ringing, namely that church bells being a traditional implement of the church do provide a valuable service to the church whenever they ring out, be it for a peal or as an invitation to surrounding Christians to come along and join in an act of worship at the church.

I believe that all bellringers, whether they be prolific peal ringers or stalwart service ringers, have been given this wonderful talent in order that the Gospel may be preached in this particular fashion. I am certain that all bellringers would profess to call themselves Christians, and as such, therefore, whilst some may not be regular attenders at services, do in fact worship in a much more energetic fashion than many of those non-ringers who do attend services regularly.

I also feel that this point of view could be applied to some of those occasions where tower-grabbers ring at churches without first seeking permission, although I would hasten to add that this behaviour is to be deprecated, but it does mean that the Gospel has been spread a little in an area that perhaps has not heard it this way for a good many

Bellringing on the whole is a fascinating. eniovable and absorbing occupation, and bellringers are surely a unique breed, so why not turn our energies away from internal squabbles which can destroy our fellowship and direct them instead towards strengthening and building this fellowship and towards presenting a unified image to the outside world. We may then be a step nearer to being true Christians. - Yours faithfully,

MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN. Nether Heyford, Northants.

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The dials on Big Ben use the IV instead of IIII, and as these numbers are so slender and well-proportioned the IV is almost unnoticeable.—Yours faithfully. S. SAYER.

Hornsea, Yorks.

POSITIVE ACTION?

Dear Sir.-There may well be some, but I have yet to meet a ringer who does not wish to have full details of peals in which he rings published in The Ringing World. Whilst it is probably reasonable to assume that most peal ringers buy our magazine, it is extraordinary that so very many consider it unnecessary to make any further contribution, however small, towards the additional costs of setting up and printing their peal details. This is indicated by the reference to a day's post which included details of 42 peals without a single contribution from, altogether, possibly 300 or more ringers! A few of these might make personal contributions but they will no doubt represent a very small minority, and some may make an annual donation.

In these circumstances, and especially if peal ringing continues to expand, it will certainly be difficult, if not impossible, to maintain the present Ringing World standards or to introduce further improvements, that is, not without increasing prices.

There is apparently no comparable problem relative to Association neal booking fees, presumably because non-payment means non-recognition of peals rung. This fact leads me to believe the following suggestions are worth consideration by yourself and others concerned:-

(1) All Associations should agree to apply the same peal booking fee.

(2) Booking fees should be sent to The Ringing World with peal details—no neal should be published if the correct fee is not paid.

(3) Associations should recognise only those peals which are published.

- (4) The Ringing World would remit booking fees to Associations at appropriate intervals, retaining a percentage of the total for its own general use. The percentage might best be fixed and reviewed from time to time by the General Council but should not be less than 10%.
- (5) Non-Association peals would attract the same booking fee and would be fully retained by The Ringing World.
- (6) Overseas need special consideration. It would appear that appeals over the vears for voluntary contributions have very little real effect and that some more positive action is required if the necessary funds are to be obtained. In present day terms the amounts involved are hardly significant and only the unreasonable among us could regard what is proposed as an unwarranted imposition.—Yours faithfully.

Bebington. F. LESLIE COVENTRY.

From Derby, Mr. M. J. Fellows writes:-"I feel quite unable to let some of Mr. Taylor's remarks in the R.W. of January 16 go by without comment. He asserts that his second category of peal ringers is of little real service to the Exercise. They do little for the church in the majority of cases and seem to forget that without the church, bells and campanology would never have existed.' Could Mr. Taylor please inform the Exercise how and when he obtained the necessary information to make such sweeping statements?

For the past three years I have resided in Derby, and before that all my ringing took place in the West Midlands. I would not hesitate to say that in both areas peal ringers are among the 'servants of the Exercise, and the Church,' and that without them Sunday service ringing, recruitment and attendances at meetings would suffer... His assertions are quite unfounded." WHITECHAPEL
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THE ARTS OF THE CHURCH —

Mr. P. R. Johnson of Codsall, Staffs, sends the following, which are extracts from "The Arts of the Church" by H. B. Walters, M.A., F.S.A. This book was first published in 1908.

Much of what was written, nearly 100 years ago, is relevant today.

"Some 50 years ago the Rev. W. C. Lukis called attention to the disgraceful condition of many belfries, in words which were by no means too strong for the occasion. He pointed out that the neglect of bells not only led to them becoming useless but also endangered the whole fabric of the tower and eventually did mischief to the parishioners also, who either had to do without their bells or pay for the repairs. Many of the towers were in so dangerous a state that the bells were forbidden to be rung, and though this may have been partly due to the vibration caused by change-ringing, for which, of course, the towers were not originally built, the evils were, in his opinion, due much more to neglect on the part of the churchwardens who were responsible for the care of the bells.

"'Bells,' he says, 'require very constant attention to keep them in ringing order.' Therefore it is not the use of the bells, nor even change-ringing of the most violent description, which destroys the bells and endangers the belfries, but simply neglect or carelessness.

"There is another matter to which the same writer calls attention, which if not a source of danger to the bells may often be so to those who visit them, and which in any case is a disgrace to those who have the House of God in their care. I allude to the condition of the staircases or ladders by which the bells are approached. 'Generally speaking, says Mr. Lukis, 'the dark, winding stone staircases (when they have any) leading to them are dirty, worn and difficult to tread; and when you have secured your footing you suddenly come upon a huge heap of sticks, straws, feathers and other rubbish, the patient and laborious work of indefatigable jackdaws. When the towers have no stone staircases, the bells have to be reached by a succession of crazy ladders, planted on equally crazy floors. Why should towers be so desecrated? Are they not as much a portion of the church as any other part?'

"These words, at the time they were written, were doubtless true of the majority of belfries in the country; but I fear there are still not a few of which the same may be said. I have been into many a belfry in which, on raising the trapdoor admitting me to the bells, I have been forcibly convinced, by the showers of accumulated filth descending upon me, that they have literally not been visited for years! In justice it may be said that where proper access to the bells exists this is seldom the case. At the worst, the bottom of the staircase is made the receptacle for brushes, dustpans and candlesticks, or suchlike necessary articles. But why should not proper access be provided in every case . . ? And even if the casual visitor to a belfry must not always expect to be considered, it is surely reasonable that the parish official whose duty it is to care for the bells should not find obstacles placed in the way of reaching them."

In the same chapter the remarks of Mr. A. H. Cocks may be of interest:—

"If all incumbents," he says, "would remember that bell-hangings are machines ... and that all machines want a little attention, the lamentable and disgraceful state of many of the belfries would cease; and we bell-hunters would no longer get the almost stereotyped, semi-apologetic statement, on making our request for the key, 'I'm afraid you will find a great mess up there, but, to tell you the truth, I have never been up to them.'

"Let every incumbent, then, who 'has never been up' determine to visit his bells. He will doubtless find his trouble repaid, if they bear inscriptions or devices; or if he finds the attempt attended by risk of life or limb let him be persuaded to renew worn steps or broken ladder rungs. If he finds the belfry or staircase full of animal or vegetable rubbish, let him take the simple but necessary step of fixing wire netting over the windows, and cleanliness, once attained, should be easily preserved."

He finishes the book with: "I plead, therefore, in conclusion, first for clean and accessible belfries; secondly for orderly ringing chambers; thirdly for due care and attention to the bells and their fittings; and last, but not least, for the preservation of all old and interesting bells, not only to earn the gratitude of the casual antiquary but to show that their historical value and the services that they have so long and faithfully rendered receive due appreciation."

Mr. Johnson adds his own comment:-

I feel I must add my thoughts to this. Quite recently I visited two towers I had never been to before. The bells in the first (a Shropshire five) were literally hanging loose from the frame. I would think, just to look at them, that any attempt to ring them would have had disastrous consequences. Furthermore the bells were two floors above the choir vestry and might well some day drop from the frame and go straight through the unsafe and almost useless floor beneath them into the vestry. second tower contained a five in Staffordshire, where we found the ringing chamber crammed with rubbish ranging from large items left over from some long-forgotten harvest festival to old metal trunks and pictures so covered in dust that they must have been there for years.

61 YEARS A RINGER

J. H. Brittan, of Burton-on-Trent, writes:—
"I am uncertain if this will be my final R.W. subscription, chiefly on account of age (78 plus), and I find difficulty in obtaining recruits, mainly because most of the dwelling places in the vicinity of our church are being demolished and all our young people are going to live on the outskirts of the town. Of my present band I am the nearest and a mile away. I cannot say how much longer I can carry on. At the end of this month it will be 61 years since I rang my first bell and the two wars have played havoc with our ringers. Anyhow, good luck to those who are able to carry on."

THE FOURS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Bow Brickhill. Treble by James Keene, 1634; 2 Anthony Chandler, 1670; 3 unknown 16th century founder; tenor Henry Bagley, 1649. These are hung in slightly antiquated fittings. The front three are swing-chimed but the tenor is unringable due to a damaged wheel.

Broughton. Treble Anthony Chandler, 1655; 2 and tenor Henry Jordan, circa 1460; 3 James Keene, 1622. These bells are unringable due to the condition of the frame and supporting beams. A new floor below the bells has been installed which has no rope holes. At present the bells are chimed by an Ellacombe apparatus.

Dorney. This ring of four was augmented to six by the Whitechapel Foundry.

Halton. A complete ring by Bryants, of Hertford, in 1815. These bells are fully ringable and permission is readily obtained.

Moulsoe. Treble by James Keene, 1640; back three by Taylors, 1839. These are also fully ringable and the vicar is always pleased to hear them rung.

Radnage. Treble by Lester and Pack, 1763, 2 and tenor Ellis Knight, 1634; 3 Richard Phelps, 1729. A major restoration of the church includes rehanging the bells, but the faculty did not make it clear whether the bells were to be rehung for ringing or chiming.

Towersey. Some editions of Dove give Towersey under Bucks and Oxon, but according to the Ordnance Survey map the church is in Oxfordshire. These bells are ringable and there was a local band in existence in 1968.

For those ringers interested in 3-bell towers there are ringable threes at Ashendon, Buckland, Chilton, Chearsley, Dorton, Little Brickhill, Newton Blossomville, Oakley, Pitchcott, Ravenstone and Upper Winchendon; but ropes may be needed at some of these towers.

[Intending visitors should make certain from the proper authority before any ringing is commenced.—Ed.]

FRAME REBUILT

For the recently-augmented bells at All Saints', Haslingfield, the task of rebuilding the existing timber frame to take the extra bell was successfully undertaken by local ringers. The bell was cast by Mears and Stainbank, who gave valuable assistance and guidance. The new treble was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Ely, Ven. M. S. Carey, on October 12.

FRIENDLINESS OF RINGERS

"It is exactly three years now since I rejoined the ranks of ringers after a break of 20 years, and I have been amazed at the progress made in the art during that break, with the multiplicity of methods and variations. But one thing has remained constant—the warm friendliness of ringers. I have been made to feel welcome in every tower I have visited in the past three years, and this has undoubtedly helped to stimulate me in my efforts and contributed to the pleasure I have experienced in reviving an almost-forgotten hobby."—A. Adams, of Bath.

Quarter Peals

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 23, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy M. Huggins 1, L. Tremeer (cond.) 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, Catherine Law 4, Jane Dando 5, A. Hoar 6, R. B. Walton 7, A. Tremeer 8. In memoriam G. Allen, a ringer and captain for over 30 years.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 16, 1,260 Plain Bon Triples: J. Wood (first away from tenor) 1, Yvonne Antwiss (first inside) 2, Helen Rowland 3, Margaret Jones 4, F. G. Huckstepp 5, B. Cox 6, C. J. E. Wyld (cond.) 7, J. Clark 8.

BEDFONT, MIDDX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. S. Baker 1, J. C. West 2, Lesley A. Warwick 3, P. D. Austin 4, Marion A. Cass 5, G. H. Walker (first Minor as cond.) 6. (c)

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 4, 1,280 Bob Major: Muriel Reay 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, C. D. Baugh 3, V. H. Nash 4, W. Thow 5, H. J. Turner 6, T. R. Hampton 7, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 8.

BLABY, LEICS.—On Dec. 13, 1,260 P.B. Doubles: M. J. Chisham 1, S. B. Thompson 2, S. R. Ledbetter 3, R. A. Cobley 4, B. C. Law (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2, 3. To celebrate the birth of a daughter (Samantha Jane) to Ron and Yvonne Chapman.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Jan, 18, 1,970 changes (24 Original Major, 1,946 Bob Major): A. R. Clark (longest length) 1, Sylvia Trotter 2, R. Cadamy 3, A. Kershaw 4, A. B. Corden 5, G. Trotter (longest length) 6, A. E. Daniells 7, T. G. Page (comp. and cond.) 8. The first date touch for all. (c)

BOVEY TRACEY, DEVON. — On Jan. 19, 1,250 Yorkshire S.M.: J. Steere 1, D. Bould 2, P. Bill 3, F. Mack 4, C. Ricketts 5, K. Hughes 6, J. Anderson 7, J. Longridge (cond.) 8.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.— On Jan. 17, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. Cant., Plain Bob): P. W. Rooke (first quarter, aged 14) 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, A. R. MacKenzie 3, R. Corson 4, J. Shields 5, D. F. Lane

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Jan. 25, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, H. Precce 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, G. Evans 4, D. Bryant 5, S. Coleman 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, R. J. Mayle 8. Halfmuffled in memoriam Mrs. Gwen David, a faithful member of St. Illtyd's Church for 75 years. (c)

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambtose's Church, on Jan. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: F. J. Sampson 1, H. Goss (first inside) 2, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 3, D. J. Hunt 4, T. Newlands 5, J. W. Collard 6, B. Martin (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 27, 1,344
Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Major: D. Peers 1,
J. M. Pemberton 2, C. B. Pemberton 3, F. L.
Coventry 4, C. F. Pocock 5, R. Peers 6, A. J.
Martin (cond.) 7, G. S. Sparling 8 First Spliced
Surprise 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. (c)

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Jan. 13, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Watts 1, M. Goss 2, G. K. Dodd 3, R. Crocker 4, P. Taylor 5, D. M. Goss (cond.) 6, (c)

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Jan. 5, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynda Roberts 1, M. Barrett 2, Susan Devey 3, Susan Lloyd 4, A. Guthrie 5, A. E. Barker 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, E. J. Barley 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Bradbury.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Jan. 21, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: R. J. Mears 1, R. H. J. Mears 2, Miss E. J. Gill 3, J. W. Marshall 4, C. W. Tidwell 5. P. R. Board 6, P. R. Rumney 7, E. H. Amey (cond.) 8. First Major on the bells by Sunday service band. On "open" bells as a tribute to the late Mr. E. S. Smith (South Dorset coroner), who died suddenly on January 14, and a thanksgiving for his services to St. Mary's Church. (c)

CHERITON, KENT.—On Jan. 20, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Munt 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, G. L. Webb 3, A. J. Blastead 4, Rachel Sinden 5, A. C. Eastmead 6, R. Elliott (cond.) 7, J. Thorne 8. A farewell to Pamela Court, leaving for hospital duty in West Pakistan.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pip Hall 1, P. W. Dickenson 2, Margaret Chappell 3, G. H. Walker 4, Marion A Cass (first in method as cond.) 5, D. A. Tovell 6. For "Blessing of the Crib" service. (c)

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 16, 1,260 Stedman Triples: I. G. Judd 1, Carol Tull 2, W. A. K. Gray 3, Mrs. Rosemary Morris (first Stedman Triples) 4, S. J. Franklin 5, J. A Beaumont 6, W. J. Irving (cond.) 7, H. Eccott 8. Half-muffled after the funeral service for Tom Paxford, retired ringer, 2ged 91

COCKERMOUTH, CUMB.—On Jan. 17, 1,264 P.B. Major: D. Sim 1, B. W. Sucet 2, C. F. Gates 3, R. W. D. Wetenhall 4, Dr. A. M. Smith 5, D. Kealey 6, H. Byram (cond.) 7, H. Wilson 8. (c)

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—On Jan. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles: J. Mortimer 1, C. Andrews 2, A. Wright 3, D. Cobb 4, A. Gibbons (first as cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6, For Evensong. (c)

COLESHILL, WARKS.—On Jan. 14, 1,264 Pl. Bob Major: Dawn Holly (first Major) 1, Lynda M. Decbank 2, L. L. Willis 3, Catherine Ticquet 4, I. Lloyd 5, D. L. Hooper 6, M. F. Edwards 7, G. H. Lane (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 15, 1,260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. G. Ensor 1, Lynne Winfield (first inside) 2, Anne E. Deebank 3, K. Richards (cond.) 4, N. Richards 5, E. Connington 6, S. Pendleton 7, H. Walker 8, First quarter 6, 7. Both half-muffied in memoriam Mr. P. Deebank, churchwarden and ringer at the local tower. (c)

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On Jan. 25, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Jeanne E. Bottomley (cond.) 1, Avis M. Thompson 2, V. Bottomley 3, Ruth Richardson 4, E. Betts 5, K. Incson (first Surprise) 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. By some of the local band for Evensong. (c)

DRAYTON BASSETT, STAFFS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,272 Minimus (eight methods): A. E. Cooper 1, Theresa Parker (11 years) 2, Jacqueline Daisley (16) 3, K. G. Parker (cond.) 4. A birthday compliment to Jacqueline. Also on Jan. 18, 1,272 Minimus (11 permissible plain hunt treble methods): A. E. Cooper 1, Theresa Parker (12) 2, Jacqueline Daisley 3, K. G. Parker (cond.) 4. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to Theresa. (c)

EAST CROMPTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 29, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. G. Sanderson 1, P. Ogden 2, H. Armstead 3, G. Abbott 4, D. Sanderson (cond.) 5, E. Cooper (first quarter) 6. By Sunday service band.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On Jan 9, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Gough 1, Rosemary Collins 2, S. B. Bell (cond.) 3, R. J. Bullock 4, P. G. Hickey 5, F. Lawrence 6. Half-muffled in memoriam C. William Nutt, of Bosbury. (c)

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS.—On Jan. 10, 1,260 Little Bob Major: Iris Lemare 1, Jennifer Indge 2, S. Bradbury 3, Marianne Baker 4, C. Newton 5, S. Armeson 6, M. Turner 7, D. Nichols (cond.) 8.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 14, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hickmott 1, J. Firkins 2, H. Plumb 3, K. Pratt 4, J. Attwood (cond.) 5, R. Perks 6, Muffled in memoriam Ted Collins, vicar's warden for 20 years. (c)

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 21, 1,296 Pl. Bob Caters: F, W. Williams 1, Mrs. Mary I, Mack 2, Joan A. Hayward 3, H. L. Crisp 4, D. A. Wills 5, F, D. Mack (100th as cond.) 6, G. T. West 7, A. White 8, J. M. Clarke 9, A. E. Knight and C. L. Barr 10. First on ten bells 1, 4, 7, 9, 10. First in method 2, 5. For first evensong by members of Withycombe Raleigh band, to mark the ordination of their curate, Fr. Nott, in the Cathedral.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—On Jan. 18, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Smith 1, Mrs. M. Horseman 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, M. J. Horseman 4, R. Perry 5, J. Maggs (cond.) 6.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 4, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ceroline F. Bagworth 1. Deborah Bishop 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, A. J. Hampton 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (400th quarter) 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, E. J. Adams 8.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Nov. 30, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. Peterson (cond.) 1, Miss J. Cleeve 2, R. L. 11eston 3, R. M. Preston 4, T. J. Winderam 5, D. M. Graham-Service 6, J. Preston 7, P. T. Fisher 8, T. C. Winderam 9, M. J. Pink 10. Also on Dec. 28, 1,260 Bob Minor. T. C. Winderam 1, R. L. Preston 2, T. J. Winderam 3, D. M. Graham-Service 4, P. T. Fisher 5, M. Peterson (cond.) 6.

GLASTON, RUTLAND,—On Jan. 18, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): R. J. Chantler 1, J. A. Ellis (first Kent) 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, L. Atton 4, J. C. Hudson 5, C J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Family Service; also birthday compliment to the rector, Rev. W. F. Rowley.

GREENS NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 19, 1,260 Bob Minor: Betty Mansfield 1, W. J. Chester 2, J. Linnell 3, W. F. Eyden 4, G. Shellard 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam C. W. Rigby, local ringer and sidesman for over 40 years. (c)

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Jan. 18, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Kingham (first Triples) 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Catherine M. Bew 3, A. Day 4, A. W. R. Wilby 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, L. G. Coburn 8. For Evensong.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX.—On Jan. 21, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Hooton (first on treble) 1, Mrs. Elsie K. Hart 2, L. White (first in method) 3, Mrs. P. J. Hooton 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. Smith 6, F. Reed (cond.) 7, C Brundrit 8. For a service of Christian Unity. (c)

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOM.—On Jan. 24, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): G. Holman J, E. Rice 2, G. Glyde 3, R. C. Beale 4, G. Rendell (cond.) 5, R. Chedzoy 6, A 24th wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Glyde. (c)

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 18, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Carol Stacey 1, T. Bowles 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, Sally Stacey 4, K. Tipper 5, R. Cross 6. For Family Communion. (a)

HAYES, KENT.—On Jan. 11, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: H. Rogers (first T.B.) 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, M. H. O'Callaghan (cond.) 3, C. J. Mundy (first Cambridge) 4, J. W. Smith 5, D. P. Smith 6, For Evensong.

HEADCORN, KENT.—On Jan. 18, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. Holroyd (first quarter) 1, G. W. Grant 2, D. Taylor 3, Freda Tomlin (first in two methods) 4, N. C. Sheppard (cond.) 5, R. Millidine 6. For a service for Christian Unity. (c)

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Jan. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Kendal 1, M. Goss 2, P. Watts 3, D. M. Goss 4, A. Green 5, P. Furniss (cond.) 6. (c)

HODDESDON, HERTS.—On Jan. 25, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia M. Knight 1, R. C. Upton 2, J. King 3, D. Clarke 4, R. L. Horder (cond.) 5, E. Monk 6. First quarter for all except conductor. For the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul. (c)

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 22, 1,440 Pl. Bob Minor: R. G. Bumstead 1, B. R. Wells 2, A. F. Ballam 3, C. R. Nunn 4, Amanda M. Richmond (first as cond.) 5, B. E. Whiting 6.

LEATHERHEAD, SURRE). — On Jan. 19, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Gillian Laver 1, Jill May (first Surprise Royal) 2, Pauline Smith 3, Felicity S. Hamilton (first Yorks, Royal) 4, A. H. Smith 5, D. A. R. May 6, P. J. Munday (cond.) 7, J. A. Laver (first S. Royal) 8, N. D. Robinson 9, A. J. Smith 10. By members of Leatherhead District. Also on Jan. 25. 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Judith Robinson 1, Hilda Oatway 2, Pauline Smith 3, A. H. Smith 4, W. Oatway 5, P. Ford 6, Anne Parr (first on ten) 7, A. J. Smith (cond.) 8, D. Robinson 9, R. Woodland (first quarter) 10, Half-muffled in memoriam Canon F. A. Page, vicar 1944-59.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 23, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marion L. Lidgey (cond.) 1, J. J. George 2, H. Miles 3, W. R. Curtis 4, F. M. Bowers 5. (c)

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL
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LONDON, E.—A: St. Mary's, Bow, on Dec. 24, 1,260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Elizabeth A. Dunlop 1, G. H. Walker 2, Margaret Chappell (first of 1, 3 and 4.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK,-On Jan. 19, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. C. Ely 1, J. I. White (first inside) 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, D. R. McLean 4, A. E. Crowe 5. J. B. Pickup (cond.) 6.

LUTTON, LINCS. — On Jan. 20, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Ragsdell 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling (cond.) 3, P. W. Campling 4, P. G. Butler 5, G. R. G. Butler 6. Half-muffled in memoriam R. G. Barwell, churchwarden for over 30 years, interred this day.

LYMPNE, KENT.-On Jan. 17, 1,260 Bob Minor and St. Clement's: Elizabeth A. Todd 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, M. J. Taylor 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. N. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Evensong. First quarter on bells following restoration.

Stedman Triples: T. K. Deacon 1, Miss V. Watts 2, J. Lawrance 3, B. Morris 4, A. H. Hough 5, J. L. Hough 6, F. K. Measures (cond.) 7, W. R. Proudman 8. A 65th wedding anniversary compilment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Proudman.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.-At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Jan. 1, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gordon Stewart 1, Margaret Aslett 2, Helen Henderson 3, Jennifer Murphy 4, Craig Herbert 5, Robin Turner 6, Henry Rossell (cond.) 7, Ross Bampton 8, Michael Scowen 9, Keith Hendry 10. A farewell to Helen Henderson, leaving for England. Believed to be the first tower bell quarter peal of the decade.

MERRIOTT, SOM .- On Jan. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lizabeth A. Robinson (first quarter) 1, W. E. Turner 2, H. Turner 3, A. Best 4, A. W. D. Robinson (cond.) 5, R. Guppy 6. A silver wedding

MINEHEAD, SOM, - On Dec. 27, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. Sheppard 1, Mrs. B. M. Bindon 2, Miss M. E. Lewis 3, A. F. Arscott 4, R. A. C. Cross R. Sheppard 6, K. E. Beale (cond.) 7, H. V.

1.260 Doubles (three m/v): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Jane Bryant Marianne Leworthy (cond.) 5, Joan Exeter 6. First quarter on the bells by an all-local ladies' band. For the induction of Rev. I. R. Lovell as vicar by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.-On Jan. 18, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Nicola Jordan (11, first quarter) 1, Nicola Paton (12, first inside) 2, R. Smith (14) 3, Susan Paton (14) 4, Ann Brain (15, first as cond.) 5. G. Davis (15) 6. Average age of band 13 years. For Evensong.

NORWOOD GREEN, MIDDX.—On Jan. 24, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. C. West 1, G. H. Walker 2, Marion A. Cass 3, P. D. Austin (first Minor Inside) 4. Lesley A. Warwick 5, A. S. Baker (cond.) 6.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.—On Jan 25 1 260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Roper (first attempt) 1, D. Hird 2, M. P. Phipps 3, J. Arkwell (cond.) 4, M. E. Buckman 5, P. Attwood 6. To mark the visit of the new Bishop of Derby.

OXFORD.-At St. Ebbe's Church, on Jan. 18, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Gillian A. Pett 1, F. A. H. Wilkins 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, E. R. Venn 4, C. Coles 5, T. G. Pett 6, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 7, P. H. Mackie 8.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.-On Dec. 20. 1,260 Pl. B. Minor: Janet Bowskill 1, Janet Aston 2, J. G. Perry 3, F. J. Keddie 4, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 5. D. J. Purnell 6. Also on Jan. 11, 1,260 Cambridge Minor: Janet Aston 1, Rosemary White 2, J. G. Perry 3, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 4, F. J. Keddie 5, M. Androlia 6. Also on Jan. 18, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: Janet Aston 1, J. F. I. Turney 2, Rosemary White 3, J. G. Perry 4, F. J. Keddie 5, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 6, M. Androlia 7, D. J Purnell 8.

PETERBOROUGH. - On Jan. 15, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Bluff 1, H. Goakes 2, D. P. Murduck 3, W. R. Barker 4, F. T Boyall 5, J. E. David 6, R. H. Daw (cond.) 7, L. W Hadman 8 Half-muffled in memoriam Sidney E. Wright, former ringer at this church, on the day of the funeral

PETERSFIELD, HANTS .- On Jan. 24, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, D. Hughes 2, Carol Stacey 3. R. Tipper 4. D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper 6, K. Waller (first Triples as cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Also on Jan. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Maureen Tipper 1, R. Tipper 2, Carol Stacey 3, K. Sansom 4, Sally Stacey 5, D. Hatherly 6, K. Tipper (first in method as cond.) 7. F. Hagenbuch 8, For Evensong and a farewell to Rev. Leslie Burt.

PETWORTH. SUSSEX.-On Jan 18, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Fynes 1, E. F. Fosberry 2, Juliet Fynes 3, R. Picton (first in method) 4. T. W Banner 5, H F, Franklin 6, G, C, Rix 7, W, L Weller (cond.) 8.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX .- On Jan. 15, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Hallett 1. Anne Jackson-Baker 2, G. Sandwell 3, M. Hallett 4, R. Goodship 5, G. Blower House (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8. Half-muffled in memoriam E, J (Jack) Blower, local ringer for 58

READING, BERKS. - At St. Laurence's Church, on Jan. 18, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: Gill Smith 1, Sue Taylor 2, P. Clarke 3, J. Sunderland (first inside) 4, J. Leavy 5, R. Woodward (cond.) 6. By a university band in recognition of the life and work of Mrs. D Catherall, for many years tower secretary.

ROPLEY, HANTS. - On Jan. 17, 1,240 Doubles (Derwent, Plain Bob): Jean M. Berrlman 1, S. Baybut 2. Penny J. Jackson (first inside) 3, Jennifer L. Quaife 4, R. W. Willans (cond.) 5, B. J. Fry 6.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Annette Petch (first quarter) 1, Rona Eagle 2, Mary Coleman 3, B. Yeomans 4, A. E. York 5, S. B. Bell (cond.) 6, A. J. Marks, cover,

ROYSTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 16, 1,320 Snowdrop T.B.: Elizabeth Scourfield 1, Frances Garfield 2, G. Scourfield 3, R. Cater 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, P.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP -At Holy Trinity Church, Meole Brace, on Jan. 17, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. Stevens 1, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 2, P. J. Evans 3, Mrs. J. Beech 4, F. Beech 5, E. F. Willcox 6

SILSOE, BEDS .- On Dec. 24, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: N. Brazier 1, Susan Catlin 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, C. Catlin 4, D. A. Eddy 5, T. R. Harris 6. For midnight Communion

STANTON LACY, SALOP. - On Jan. 18, 1,260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles: W. Bailley 1, D. Ferguson (cond.) 2, N. Keene 3, P. Keene 4, G Fletcher 5, G. Cottrell 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Ven. H. H. M. Bevan, former vicar of the parish. (c)

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS .- At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 18, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. F. L. Smith 1. Mrs. M. I. Brown 2, C. Monson 3, R. Smith 4. F. V. Nicholls 5, P. J. Brown 6, M. P. Tobin 7, G. Westwood 8, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 9, A. D. Fellows 10 First quarter on ten since augmentation. For Evensong

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 21, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Rowland 1, H. C. McNeil 2, H. Craven 3, E. Garman 4, M. Haigh (cond.) 5, A. Hoare 6. For carol service. Also on Dec. 27, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Craven 1, H. C. McNeil 2, C. McNeil 3, E. Garman 4, M. Haigh (first Minor as cond.) 5, R. Stillwell 6. First Minor 1, 2, 3. For the vicar's birthday.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX,-On Jan. 25, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Hall (first quarter) 1, E. Holman 2 Miss J. Gamble 3, K. Warner 4, T. Coles 5, C. G Wright (cord.) 6, D. A. Wright (cover) 7. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Pete and Sue. (c)

WARMINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 23, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: W. L. Ferrar 1, A. H. Hinton 2, Miss S. Kempe 3, R. Newby 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, H. G. Abbott 6. Halfmuffled in memorlam K. D. Essam, Oundle Branch auditor.

WEARE, SOM .- On Dec. 21, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury): A. Hooper 1, Susan Stott 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, S. Lewis 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5. For Matins.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.-On Jan. 25, 1,280 Pl. Bob Major: Miss D. Ramshaw 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Miss E. Jayne 3. E. Treagus 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, N. George 6, N. Vollar (first inside, and of Major) 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. Birthday compliment to ringer

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Jan. 7, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): F. W. Sherfield 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, J. D. Flook 4, K. G. Waller (cond.) 5. R. L. Ventham 6.

WEXFORD, IRELAND.—On Oct. 25, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. W. Brown 1, R. J. Cooles 2, D. McEndoo 3, L. R. Taylor 4, J. P. O. Barry 5, A. R. MacKenzie 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. Shields 8 For the opening of the Wexford Festival.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET,—
On Jan. 19, 1.280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H.
Arscott 1, R. Williamson 2, Angela Quick 3, Mrs. C.
W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris 5, H. G. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell (cond.) 7, M. Hiller 8. (c)

WINSLOW, BUCKS .- On Dec. 14, 1,260 Pl. Bob Minor: I. Charlton 1. A. Jaques 2, G. Edmans 3, H. France 4. J. Hall 5. H. Wood (cond.) 6. M. Jamieson For Sung Eucharist, and a wedding compliment to Mr. J. Hall's son. Also on Jan. 18, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, G. Edmans 2, A. Jaques 3, M. Jamieson 4, H. France 5, J. Hall (cond.) 6, H. Wood I. Charlton 8. For Sung Eucharist, and to mark the birth of a grandchild for Mr. F. Bull. (c)

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON .- On Dec. 14, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: Mrs. Mary I. Mack I, J. A. Foster 2, D. A. Wills 3, F. W. Williams 4, H. L. Criso 5, G. T. Wes: 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on Jan. 3. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Harvey 1, Mrs. Mary I. Mack 2, F. W. Wil-T. West 4, D. A. Wills 5, F. D. Mack liams 3, G. (cond.) 6, H. L. Crisp 7, A. E. Knight 8. Also on Jan. 10, 1,260 Pl. Bob Triples: G. T. West 1. Harvey 2, D. A. Wills 3, C. L. Barr 4, F. W. Williams 5, J. A. Foster 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. All for Evensong.

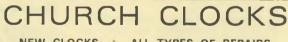
Marion A. Cass 4, A. S. Baker (cond.) 5, W. Dickenson 6. A birthday compliment to ringers

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On Jan. 17, 1,260

compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Best.

Young 8, R. F. Arscott 9, A. W. Knight 10. MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, KENT. - On Jan.

NORTON CANES, STAFFS.—On Jan. 20, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hardiman 1, Susan Devey 2, A. E. Barker 3, A. Guthrie 4, P. J. Barker (cond.) M. Barrett 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. K.



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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
St. Andrew, Kirk Ella, East Yorkshire.
Sun., Nov. 30, 1969, 2hrs. 55mins, (19½ cwt.).
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods. 1 each
Norwich. Ipswich, London, Wells, Beverley,
Surfleet and Cambridge).
1—Benjamin C. Cooper
2—Andrew J. Slade
3—Ian G. Campbell
4—David S. Johnson
5—Robert W. Sherriff
6—Michael Maughan (Cond.)
For St. Andrew's Day.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN

ASSOCIATION
SS. James and Basil, Fenham,
Newcastle upon Tyne.
Sat., Nov. 22, 1969, 2hrs. 58mins. (14 cwt.).
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by T. B, Worsley.
1—Christine H. Telfer
2—Kenneth Lawson
3—Paid Lawson

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3—Enid Lawson
4—Robert W. Sherriff
5—John F. Thorne
6—Eric N. Harrison
7—Michael Maughan (Cond.)
8—George S. Deas

The Watch Tower, Morpeth, Northumberland.
Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 40mins, (10 cwt.).
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by D. Knox.
1—Christine H. Telfer
2—Colin C. Monson
3—David Sturg
4—Andrew C. Bolton
5—Rodney A. Yeates
6—Eric N. Harrison
7—George S. Deas
8—Michael Maughan (Cond.)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Leodegarius, Old Basford, Nottingham.
Sat., Dec. 13, 1969, 2hrs, 48mins, (14½ cwt.).
5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
1—David F. Moore
2—Christine L. J. Mills
3—Sheila M. Anthony
4—J. Richard Anthony*
5—R. Brian Mills
6—K. Paul Gilliver
7—David G. Massey
8—R. Kingsley Mason (Cond.)
*First of Surprise inside.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Mawgan, Morgan-in-Meneage, Cornwall.

Mon., Dec. 29. 1969, 2hrs. 37mins. (8½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (1 240 (Morris's) and 40 extents (10 callings)).

Morris s) and 40 extents (10 of 1—R. Diane Carter 2—Robert Peel Pearce 3—Janet S. Evans* 4—Timothy J. Bell 5—Anthony P. Smith (Cond.) 6—John Copping st inside *First inside

St. Anta and All Saints. Carbis Bay, Cornwall.
Tues., Dec. 30, 1969. 2hrs. 34mins. (9½ cwt.).
5040 ANTELOPE DOUBLES
(42 extents, 6 callings.)
1—E. Leslie Evans
2—John Copping*
3—Robert Peel Pearce
4—Anthony P. Smith
5—Timothy J. Bell (Cond.)
6—Robert J. Perry
*First inside. First in the method by all, in the county and for the Guild. (c)

1970 BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

St. Gregory, Beckington, Somerset.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 9mins. (16\frac{1}{2} cwt.).
5312 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
1—Philip H. D. Jones (Comp. and Cond.)
2—Mary Jones
3—Manica E. Herramer.

2—Mary Jones
3—Monica E. Horseman
4—Ronald G. Beck
5—Robert E. Beck
6—David MacKay
7—David G. Massey
8—Adrian P. Beck
First in method for the Association and by all except the conductor. First of Major as conductor. By branch members as a compliment to Edward J. Chivers, 20 years branch secretary.

(Taunton Branch.)
St. Andrew, Wiveliscombe, Somerset.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 7mins. (16½ cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES Sir A. P. Heywood's trans. of Thurstans' 4-part.

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1—Arthur H. Reed

2—Mrs. Brenda M. Bindon*

3—Mrs. M. Ann Durbin*

4—Adrian F. Arscott*

5—Raymond F. Arscott*

6—Rodney A. C. Cross†

7—Keith E. Beale (Cond.)

8—Albert W. Knight‡

*First of Stedman. †First of Stedman Triples.

‡First on eight. First of Stedman Triples as conductor. (c)

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. James, Husborne Crawley, Bedfordshire.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (18½ cwt.).
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (9 methods, 960 London, Bristol, Watford. 640 Rutland, 320 Cambridge, Superlative. Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey with 119 changes of method).

1—Robert L. Piron
2—Linda Fleming*
3—Kathleen A. Marriott*
4—Anthony H. Smith
5—Martyn J. Marriott*
6—Keith H. Fleming*
7—Stephen Ivin (Comp. and Cond.)
8—C. Michael Orme
*First of 9-Spliced Surprise Major.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY
Holy Trinity, Wickwar, Gloucestershire.
Wed., Jan. 14. 1970, 2hrs, 36mins. (12 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (2 each Kent, Cambridge and
Plain Bob. 1 St. Clement's).
1—Patrick J. Bird (Cond.)
2—Michael J. Platt
3—Edward G, Mould
4—Peter J. Kingscote
5—Anthony J. Cox
6—Peter C. Randall

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-underLyne, Lancashire.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 11mins. (25½ cwt.).

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

1—Basil Jones

2—Peter Broadbent*

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3—Ronald F. Andrew†
4—C. Kenneth Lewis (Comp. and Cond.)
5—Brian S. B. Kear*
6—David W. Howarth
7—Arthur E. Whiting*
8—Robert B. Smith
9—Michael Foulds*
10—Richard S. Starkie
11—Alan F. Scholfield
12—Frank Osbaldiston
*First on 12, completing Minor to Maximus.
†First inside on 12. A compliment to Alan
and Jenny Scholfield on the birth of a
daughter, Rachel Elizabeth.

St. Luke's, Goostrey, Cheshire.
Fri., Jan. 16, 1970, 2hrs. 9mins. (6 cwt
5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
(7 extents.)
1—Frank R. Morton*
2—Derek F. Yates
3—Raymond J. Ballard*
4—Roland W. Morant*
5—Roy Worrall
6—Ian M. Holland (Cond.)
*First of London Minor.

St. Mary, Wistaston, Cheshire.

Mon., Jan. 19, 1970, 2hrs. 12mins. (6 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1—Gordon K. Green

2—Victor Neal

3—George H. Bailey

4—A. Doreen Edwards

5—Frank R. Morton (Cond.)

6—Harry W. Howard

St. Margaret, Wrenbury, Cheshire,
Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (14 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (St. Clement's, Childwall, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury
Pleasure and 3 Plain Bob).
1—Gordon K. Green
2—John R Scott
3—Roland W. Morant
4—Frank R. Morton (Cond.)
5—Harry W. Howard
6—Geoffrey A. Edwards

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

SS. Peter & Paul. Long Compton, Warwicks.
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970. 2hrs. 46mins. (12 cwt.).

5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents in 60 methods, with 107 changes of method and a plain lead of each method included) included).

included).
1—Anita D. O'Brien*
2—Anthony J. Cox (1 and 4)†
3—Anthony R. Peake (2)*
4—Peter H Mackie (3)
5—Peter C. Randall (5)
6—Geoffrey W. Randall (6 and 7)†
*Most Surprise Minor methods. †50th together.
The figures in parentheses indicate the extent(s) called by each ringer.

St. Nicholas, Warwick.
at.. Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 59mins. (154 cwt.).
5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Washbrook.
1—Ian D. Thompson
2—Clare F. Dolphin
3—Hazel A. Mackenzie
4—Peter H. Mackie
5—Geoffrey W. Randall
6—L. Michael Callow
7—Ernest J. Gower
8—Peter Border (Cond.)

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
St. Wilfrid of York. West Hallam, Derbyshire.
Thurs., Jan. 15, 1970. 2hrs. 32mins. (9 cwt.).
5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by John R. Mayne.
1—Rev. Frederick Ross
2—Brian A. Tomlinson
3—Michael J. Fellows (Cond.)
4—Robert Chambers
5—Timothy Wylie
6—John V. Chadwick
7—Gordon A. Halls*
8—David W. Friend
*500th peal.

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St. Mary Magdalene. Creswell, Derbyshire.
Thurs., Jan. 22. 1970, 2hrs. 49mins, (124 cwt.).

5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by F. Dench.

1—Arthur F. Halls
2—Robert Chambers
3—Brian A. Tomlinson
4—Rev. Frederick Ross
5—Timothy Wylie
6—Michael J. Fellows
7—Gordon A. Halls (Cond.)
8—David W. Friend

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION
St. Margaret, Tanfield, Co. Durham.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (13 cwt.)
5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Parker.
1—William Tyson

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2—Denis A. Bayles

3—Philip Rogers*

4—William J. Davidson

5—Eric N. Harrison

6—Michael Poppleston

7—Stephen C. Wells

8—Kenneth Arthur (Cond.)

*First in method. Farewell compliment to the Vicar, Rev. A. J. G. Ellery.

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All Saints, Melbourn, Cambridgeshire.
Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (14½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 extent each Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob).
1—Bryan F, Sims
2—Phillip S, George
3—Robert D, Bellamy
4—George E, Bonham
5—Martin Major (Cond.)
6—Philip Mehew

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
All Saints, Terling, Essex,
Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 46mins. (10 cwt.).
5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Composed by Sir A. P. I

-Susan Rothera
2—Philip J. Rothera
3—Keith W. Brown
4—Richard J. Harrison
5—Alan R. Syder
6—William A. Theobald
7—David E. Rothera
8—Peter G. Brown (Cond.)

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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St. Laurence, Longney, Gloucestershire.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 18mins. (11 cwt.).
6048 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 methods, 224 Ashtead, Barnwood, Belfast, Bisley, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Double Dublin, Fairford, Glasgow, Harwell. Ipswich, Jersey, Kenninghall, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Tavistock, Thatcham, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, 188 changes of method and all the work).
1—Cyril A. Wratten
2—Roger Baldwin
3—Brian Bladon
4—Timothy G. Pett*
5—John R. Mayne
6—James R. Taylor†
7 Anthony R. Peake (Arr. and Cond.)†
8—Noel J. Diserens
*Most Surprise Major methods to a peal.

750th together.

St. Margaret of Antioch, Stratton St. Margaret.

Wiltshire.

Fri., Jan. 23, 1970. 2hrs. 54mins. (8½ cwt.).

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by G. Lindoff.

1-W. Bertram Kynaston
2-P. Donald Naylor*

3-Lewis F. Cobb

4-Ann Toomer*

5-Roger Fry

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5—Roger Fry
6—Michael J. Stanley
7—Anita D. O'Brien (Cond.)
9—Peter J. Heritage
First in method. First in method as conductor. An 80th birthday compliment to Canon F. C. Harman (priest-in-charge).

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Nicolas, Guildford, Surrey,
at., Jan 17, 1970, 3hrs. 12mins, (22½ cwt.).
5000 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
1—Brian J. Luff*
2—Beryl R. Simpson*
3—Bernard F. L. Groves
4—Peter J. Munday*
5—David C. Brown*
6—Rowan S. Bradley
7—Frank W. Lewis*
8—Geoffrey K. Dodd*
9—Michael J. Church (Cond.)*
10—Tom Page*
irst of Rutland Surprise Royal. 50th as

*First of Rutland Surprise Royal. 50th as conductor. First of Rutland Surprise Royal for Guild.

St. John the Baptist, Womersh, Surrey.
Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 48mins. (11½ cwt.).
5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27
methods, 192 changes each of Ashtead, Bilsborrow, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 161 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.
1—Peter J. Munday
2—Beryl R. Simpson
3—Alan D. Elsmore
4—Rowan S. Bradley*
5—Stanley G. Ponting
6—W. John Couperthwaite

6-W. John Couperthwaite
7-Michael J. Church (Cond.)*†

8—Tom Page
*50th together. †75th for the Guild. Greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal by all the band and for the Guild. Rung by a resident Guild band.

BILSBORROW SURPRISE MAJOR -38-14-56-16-14-3458-36-18. l.h. 12. 1573.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

St. John the Baptist, Mathon, Herefordshire.
Tues., Jan. 13, 1970. 2hrs. 35mins. (7½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (1 ext. Single Court, 2 each Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Oxford, Plain Bob).

1—Roland E. Lewis

2—Leonard J. Lewis

3—Thomas Cooper

4—E. Charles Biggs

5—James Ward

6—John Clements (Cond.)

Half-muffled in memoriam C. William Nutt, who rang most of his peals on these bells. (c).

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION SS. Mary and Thomas a Becket, Knebworth.

SS. Mary and Thomas a Becket. Knebworth.

Hertfordshire.
Fri., Jan 16, 1970, 2hrs, 40mins. (12\frac{1}{2}\) cwt.).

5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Charles Middleton.
1—Philip Mehew (Cond.)
2—Christine M. Carter*
3—Anthony H. Smith
4—Martin Major
5—Anthony R. Carter
6—Geoffrey T. Horritt*
7—Jack S. Dear
8—David R. Saunderson†
*First of Cambridge Surprise. †First of Major in method. A compliment to Mr. E.
J. Taylor. (c)

St. Peter, Benington, Hertfordshire.
Sat.. Jan, 17, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (12 cwt
5021 FAWSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. J. Ivin.
1—Peter C. Worthington
2—G. William Critchley (Cond.)
3—Claudia A. Critchley
4—S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
5—John Hill

5—John Hill

6—J. Richard Castledine 7—Christopher W. Woolley 8—Jack S. Dear First in method by all.

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY All Saints, Madeley, Staffordshire. at Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (11 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1—Janet E. Hunt 2—J. Ian Cox

3—Janet Lawson
4—Philip C. Kimber
5—Michael R. Worthington
6—Philip W. Gay (Cond.)
wedding compliment to Michael and Leona

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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All Saints, Lydd, Kent,
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 6mins. (15½ cwt.).
5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
1—Crawford T. Hillis
2—Pamela A. Court
3—John A. Hemsley*
4—Peter Richardson
5—Philip R. Staples
6—Richard A. Birch†
7—Mark S. Lancefield
8—Colin J. E. Wyld (Cond.)
*First of Surprise. †First of Cambridge.
First of Surprise as conductor. A farewell to Pamela Court, going on V.S.O. to E. Pakistan.

Pamela Court, going on V.S.O. to E. Pakistan.

St. George, Gravesend, Kent.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins, (184 cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods, 960 London, Watford, 640 Cambridge. Cassiobury, Rutland. 320 Glasgow, Superlative, 256 Bristol, 160 Pudsey, Yorkshire, 148 changes of method).
Composed by Anthony R. Peake.
1—Stanley Jenner

Composed by Antho 1—Stanley Jenner 2—Doris E. Colgate 3—Margaret E. Oram 4—Arthur S. Richards 5—Ralph Bird 6-Thomas Cullingworth

7—Tony Lewis 8—Ian H. Oram (Cond.)

St. Nicholas, Godstone, Surrey.
at.. Jan. 24, 1970. 2hrs, 40mins, (12½ cwt.).
5024 FINEDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by E. W. Tipler.
1 Doris E. Colgate
2 Margaret E. Oram
3 David C. Brookes
4 Michael H. O'Callaghan
5 Edward F. P. Brvant
6 Edward J. Jenner
7 Ian H. Oram
8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor)*
00th peal. First in the method by all and the Association.

*400th peal. for the Association.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION St. Alkmund, Duffield, Derbyshire. Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (17½ cwt.). 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by Roger Baldwin, 1—Derek F. Yates 2—David W. Howarth* 3—Robert B. Smith (Cond.) 4—J. Barry Pickup 5—John A. Booth 6—Giles B. Thompson 7—Michael D. Fishwick 8—Richard S. Starkie 9—Basil Jones 9-Basil Jones 10—Geoffrey Paul *First of Surprise Royal. A 79th birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Stone, captain at

The Cathedral, Blackburn. Sun., Jan. 11. 1970, 3hrs. 8mins. (251 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part.) 1—Susan E. Hill* 2—John T. Parsons (Cond.) 3—Frank C. West 4—Ian Smith* 5—Geoffrey J. Haworth 6—Philip S. Woods 7—Bryan D. Hill 8—Maurice F. Hill

8-Maurice F. Hill *First of Triples. (a)

St. Michael and All Angels, Beetham,

Westmorland.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs, 44mins. (11 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 Cambridge Surprise, 6 Plain Bob)

Bob).

1—Nicholas M. Newby*

2—Alan Capstick*

3—Stanley Anderton

4—Kenneth J. Foster

5—Thomas F. Metcalfe

6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.)

*100th together. First on the bells since 1925.

To mark the restoration of the church interior.

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LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION
Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 19mins. (25 cwt.).
5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Ian Holland.
1—James Clatworthy
2—Tudor P. Edwards (Cond.)
3—David J. Llewellyn
4—Brian J. Wylde
5—Peter S. Bennett
6—Nicholas W. H. Simon
7—Michael Lakin
8—Ralph G. Edwards (c)

St. Illtyd, Bridgend, Glamorgan.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970. 2hrs. 46mins. (16 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
-William T. Petty 2—James Clatworthy 3—Nevil A. James 4—Gwyn I. Lewis 4—Gwyn I. Lewis 5—W. James Goodfellow 6—Paul A. Williams 7—Alwyn R. Lewis (Cond.) 8—Stephen Fenwick (c)

St. Mary, Caldicot, Monmouthshire.
Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 51mins. (13 cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (14 methods: London, Bristol. Rutland, Cambridge, Yorkshire. Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Lindum, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Uxbridge, Ashtead).

Composed by Norman Smith.
1—Bruce Martin
2—Stephen Fenwick
3—Paul A. Williams
4—James R. Taylor
5—James Clatworthy
6—Michael J. Lakin
7—D. John Hunt (Cond.)
8—R. Kingsley Mason
Most Major methods to a peal in Wales.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
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St. Giles, Lincoln, Lincolnshire.
at., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (18 cwt.).
5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
1—Peter A. Sharp
2—Christine L. J. Mills
3—Peter A. Slight*
4—Brian Buttery†
5—Geoffrey R. Parker
6—R. Brian Mills
7—Simon Humphrey (Comp. and Cond.)
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7—Simon Humphrey (Comp. and Cond.) 8—Denis A. Frith *First of Rutland. †First of Surprise Major.

St. Firmin, Thurlby, Lincolnshire.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3 hrs. (12 cwt.).
5040 SPLICED DOUBLES (14 methods: Plain
Bob. Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, Stedman.
All Saints, Rev St. Bartholomew, St. Simon,
St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St.
Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley
and 46 variations)

and 46 variations).

1—Thomas A. Relf

2—Frederick W. Pinchbeck

3—Peter A. Slight (Cond.)

4—Brian Buttery 5-Denis A. Frith

St. Nicholas, Ulceby, Lincolnshire.
Wed., Jan. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (9 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 methods, 1 each Kent T.B.,
Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise. Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob).

ford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Flain Boo).

1—Jack Bray
2—Ronald Chafer
3—William Bains
4—Harold Judd
5—W. Arthur Crowder
6—Michael W. Crowder (Cond.)
For W. Martin Walker on his 84th birthday.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD St. Mary, Harrow, Middlesex.

Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (19½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composed by J. Topp.

1—Ellen F. M. Norris

2—Thomas H Norris

3—Christopher K. Hill

4—Maurice Thompson

5—John Smith

6—Christopher W. Otraway (Cond.)

5—John Shifth
6—Christopher W. Ottaway (Cond.)
7—Andrew C. D. Mayes
8—Wilfrid G. Wilson

For the dedication of the Lady Chapel.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Leicestershire.
Tues., Jan. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (6} cwt.).

5088 IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

1—G. Ronald Edwards
2—Richard J. Clifton*
3—Rev. M. C. C. Melville†
4—Joseph W. Cotton*
5—Frank Chambers
6—Arthur E. Rowley
7—B. Stedman Payne
8—Roland Beniston (Cond.)

*400th together. †First in method.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY St. Michael, Wood Green, London, N. Wed., Jan. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins. (10† cwt.). 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (18 methods: Keyworth, Owthorpe, Plumtree, Normanton-on-the Wolds, Staunton-on-the-Wolds, Bevercotes, Ed-winstowe, Cuckney, Cotgrave, Collingham, Everton, Laxton, Cambridge, Surfleet, London, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet).

Surfect).

1—Julian C. West

2—Maureen J. Carruthers

3—Graham G. Firman

4—James E. Andrews

5—Peter G. Holden

6—A. Keith P. Poole (Cond.)*

*50th peal. Most methods by all the band.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Ebbe, Oxford.
Tues., Jan. 6, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (4½ cwt.).
5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Composed by Stephen .

1—David Woodley
2—Ronald K. Russ
3—Alan R. Pink (Cond.)
4—Charles Coles
5—Peter J. Heritage
6—Philip H. Tocock
7—Timeth C. Peter

7—Timothy G. Pett* 8—Edgar J. Smith *250th peal. For Epiphany.

St. Mary the Virgin, Reading. Berkshire.
Sun., Jan. 18, 1970, 3hrs. 16mins. (25½ cwt.).
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by M. Bruce.
1—Helen M. Diserens
2—Albert Diserens
3—Eunice A. Lewis
4—William Sidwell*
5—John N. Diserens
6—Frank W. Lewis
7—Noel J. Diserens
8—Bernard F. L. Groves (Cond.)
*First in method. By the local band for the Epiphany.

Epiphany.

St. Mary, Witney, Oxfordshire.

Mon., Jan. 19, 1970, 2hrs, 55mins. (16²/₄ cwt.).

5024 BLENHEIM SURPRISE MAJOR
(Tipler's A43/1.)
Composed by E. W. Tip'er, (No. A7.)

Composed by E. W. Tip'er. (N 1—Peter Pearce 2—Alan R. Pink 3—Terence J. Hester* 4—G. John Collett 5—Brian W. Hall 6—Peter J. Heritage 7—D. Kay Adkins (Cond.) 8—Bertram J. Coggins *100th peal. First in the method.

BLENHEIM SURPRISE MAJOR A—58—16—12—1238—14—38—14—38.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Peter, Deene, Northants,
Tues. Jan. 20. 1970. 2hrs. 49mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 methods, 1 each Oxford T.B..
Kent T.B., Cambridge, Single Oxford, Double
Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob).
1—Sally K. Diamond
2—Barry R. Care
3—Murray A. Coleman
4—Stephen B. Bell
5—J. Malcolm Tyler
6—Richard J. Cowley
Non-conducted. PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE
OF BIRMINGHAM
St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.
Thurs., Jan. 8, 1970. 3hrs. 25mins. (31 cwt.).
5042 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAXIMUS
1—Roderick W. Pipe
2—Richard J. Tibbetts
3—Norman J. Goodman
4—Vernon Green

4-Vernon Green 5-J. Edward Cawser

5—J. Edward Cawser
6—James Insley
7—Kenneth J. Hesketh
8—Terry R. Hampton
9—Maurice F. Edwards
10—George E. Fearn
11—David J. Purnell

12-Peter Border (Cond.)

St. James the Great Shirley, Warwickshire-Sat., Jan. 17. 1970, 2hrs. 16mins. (64 cwt.). 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Forster.

1—Roderick W. Pipe (Cond.)

2—Paul L. McEvilly

3—Derek H. Walters

4—Paul W. Webb

5—Bryan D. A. Woolley

6—Norman J. Goodman

7—George E. Fearn

8—R Kingsley Mason

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St. Mary Magdalene, Tanworth-in-Arden,
Warwickshire.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins. (12½ cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by T. R. Worsley.
1—Janet M. Aston
2—Rosemary E. White*
3—John G. Perry
4—F. John Keddie
5—John F. I. Turney
6—Richard J. Tibbetts (Cond.)
7—Mark Androlia
8—David J. Purnell
*25th peal. 21st birthday compliment to Janet
E. Blake.

E. Blake.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Michael the Archangel, Lyme Regis,
Dorset.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (104 cwt.).
5024 RUILAND SURPRISE MAJOR

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Composed by M. Hodgson.
1—David B. Ellery
2—Mrs. C. W. Powell
3—G. Stedman Morris
4—Henry G. Keeley
5—Ross G. W. Robertson
6—Melvyn J. Hiller
7—Cuthbert W. Powell
8—Rev. Roger Keeley (Cond.)
First in method as conductor.

Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts. Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (12 cwt.). 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Composed by S. J. Iv.
1—Robin L. Coles
2—David G. Massey
3—George W. Massey
4—Roy W. Rice
5—Peter J. W. Hardwick*
6—Walter S. Rice
7—David J. Orledge
8—Peter J. England (Cond.)

*First of Bristol.

St. Mary the Virgin, Puddletown, Dorset.
Mon, Jan. 5, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (16½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (3 methods, 2 extents each Cambridge S., Kent T.B., 3 extents Plain Bob).
1—Michael J. Dew
2—Mary E. Elmes
3—Melvyn J. Hiller
4—Ross G. W Robertson
5—Graham W. Elmes
6—Timothy F. Collins (Cond.)
First on the bells.

First on the bells.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

5t. Michael and All Angels, Tettenhall, Staffs. Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (14½ cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(Parker's 12-part, 7th obs.)

1—Elizabeth Stevens
2—Christine T. Tebbott
3—Gillian B. Smith
4—Philip J. Day
5—Richard C. Stevens (Cond.)
6—Philip R. Johnson
7—Stephen Yates
6—J. Dennis Holden
An engagement compliment to Gillian B. Smith and David Birch. (c)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
st. Nicholas, Bawtry, West Yorkshire.
24, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (14 cwt.).
MINOR (2 extents each Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob, 3 of Plain Bob).
1 Harold Denman
2—Christine M. N. Wright
3—Paul N. Mounsey (Cond.)
4—Alan Jewitt
5—T. Alan Gilbert
6—John A. Coates
ompliment to Mr. Fred Pigott on completing 50 years as a ringer at this church.

pleting 50 years as a ringer at this church.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. John the Baptist, Ruyton-XI-Towns, Salop.
Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (9 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Reginald H. Newton
-Patricia C. Stocken
-Alfred E. G. Owen 4—Philip J. Evans 5—Ernest F. Willcox (Cond.) 6—John Crum

(c)

SUFFOLK GUILD
St. Mary, Grundisburgh, Suffolk.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. (8½ cwt.).

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by William Pye.
1—Ernest G. Pearce
2—J. Martin Thorley
3—Adrian Knights
4—Leslie G. Brett
5—William E. Pye
6—Dennis Knox
7—Sylvia R. E. Pipe
8—Roger L. K. Whittell
9—Ernest W. Pye
10—Cecil W. Pipe (Cond.)
21st birthday compliment to ringer of 5th, grandson of the composer.

St. Mary, Wilby, Suffolk.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 55mins. (15 cwt.).
5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

B LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE IN Composed by William Barton.
1—Muriel R. Page
2—Stephen D. Pettman
3—Katharine M. Thorley
4—Michael J. Howes
5—Cecil W. Pipe
6—Leslie G. Brett
7—Ernest G. Pearce
8—J. Martin Thorley (Cond.)

All Saints, Hollesley, Suffolk.
at., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (17 cwt.).
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. J. Sedgley.
1—Cecil W. Pipe
2—Katharine M. Thorley
3—Muriel R. Page
4—Leslie G. Brett
5—Ernest G. Pearce
6—Adrian Knights

6—Adrian Knights 7—J. Barry Pickup 8—J. Martin Thorley (Cond.)

St. Andrew, Scole, Norfolk.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 17mins. (4\frac{1}{4} cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 methods: Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).
1—Sally E. V. Potter*
2—Maurice J. Rose (Cond.)
3—John A. Mayle
4—Peter Mayle
5—Alan G. Feaver
6—Brian E. Whiting
*First of Minor.

St. Andrew, Bredfield, Suffolk, Fri., Jan. 23, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (11½ cwt.). 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (1 2,160

and 4 extents).

1—Katharine M. Thorley

2—Muriel R. Page

3—Eraest G. Pearce

4—J. Martin Thorley

5—Leslie G. Brett

6—J. Barry Pickup (Cond.)

First of Kent Minor for all except 4th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
St. John the Baptist, Sedlescombe, Sussex.
Wed., Jan. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B., 1 Single Oxford,
Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, 2 Plain Bob).
1—Frederick J. Lambert
2—Ann Smith*
3—D. Roy Fuller
4—David R. Reed
5—Ian V. J. Smith
6—Alan R. Baldock (Cond.)
*Most methods inside, Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fuller.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD
St. Maddern, Madron, Cornwall.
Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (9½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.) 1—Canon A. S. Roberts* 2-Geoffrey W. Taysom 3—Robert Peel Pearce

3—Robert Peel Pearce
4—Anthony P. Smith
5—Anthony Locke
6—Anthony J. Davidson
7—F. Malcolm Bowers (Cond.)
8—W. Reginald Curtis
*250th for the Guild. Half-muffled in memoriam Lt.-Col. Sir E. H. W. Bolitho, one time chairman of Cornwall C.C. and Lord Lieut. of Cornwall.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESAN GUILD
SS. Peter and Paul, Ringwood, Hampshire.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 6mins. (18½ cwt.).
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
1—Timothy F. Collins (Comp. and Cond.)
2—Mary E. Elmes
3 Ketherina I. Mayundrell

2-Mary E. Elmes
3-Katharine J. Maundrell
4-William E. Cheater
5-Kenneth S. B. Croft
6-Graham W. Elmes
7-Ronald N. Marlow
8-Frederick E. Collins

wedding compliment to Ivan Saunders and Julie Gunner; also to mark 50 years' service by William Cheater (tower captain) to Ring-wood Parish Church.

St. Mary, Portsea, Portsmouth, Hampshire.
Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (17 cwt).
5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by H. J. Tucker.
1—John F. A. Rolph
2—William F. J. Cope
3—John H. Hunt (Cond.)

4-Jean Berriman

4—Jean Berriman
5—Albert F. W. Burbidge
6—William Willans
7—R. Brian Walton
8—Edward W. Colley
A farewell to the Vicar, Canon F. S. Temple,
M.A., leaving to become Archdeacon of Swindon.

St. Nicholas, Brockenhurst, Hampshire.
Thurs., Jan. 1, 1970, 2hrs, 34mins, (4 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (167 methods/variations).
1—Barry J. Fry
2—Faith Riley
3—Anthony J. Mason
4—Anthony A. Nunn
5—Derek C. Jackson*
6—Barry F. Peachey†
*100th peal. †First peal. In honour of the induction of Canon R. Chamberlain.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
St. Thomas, Heptonstall, Yorkshire.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (18 cwt.).
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
(Johnson's var. of Middleton's.)

1—Arthur Rogers
2—Elizabeth Beaumont

3—A. Christine Turner*
4—Andrew R. Naylor*
5—Christopher D. Walker
6—A. Barry Sullivan 7—David Smith

8-J. Henry Fielden (Cond.) *First peal.

St. John, Ashover, Derbyshire.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 21mins. (18 cwt.).
5376 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. J. Tibbetts.
1—David Nichols
2—Iris M. E. Lemare
3—Patricia North

4—M. Alec Beaumont 5—Neil Donovan 6—Ian North 7—Stuart

-Stuart Armeson (Cond.) 8-Richard E. Price

(c)

St. Mary, Ecclesfield, Yorkshire.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins. (14½ cwt.)
5152 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by C. W. Roberts.

1-Patricia North 2-Marianne Baker* 3-Marie Hatswell†
4-Iris M. E. Lemare
5-Malcolm S. Turner†
6-Ian North
7-Neil Donovan

8-Stuart Armeson (Cond.)
First peal, †First in the method. In memoriam Mr. E. H. Dawson and Mr. G. Comport, two eminent members of the church.

(Beverley Society.)

All Saints, Market Weighton, Yorkshire.
Fri., Jan 16, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (9\frac{1}{2} cwt.).

5040 MINOR (1 each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and
3 of Plain Bob; 7 different callings).

1—Raymond East*

2—Elsia Chaddock

1-Raymond East*
2-Elsie Chaddock
3-lan Peacock*
4-David Smith*
5-Andrew Kneeshaw*
6-Norman Chaddock (Cond.)
*First peal (aged 14). Half-muffled in memory of Canon E. Denyer, previous Vicar of All Saints', Market Weighton, who died at his Chichester home on January 10, 1970. (c)

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS
ASSOCIATION
St. John the Baptist, Halesowen, Worcs.
Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (17 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part.)

1—B. Eric Woodall

2—Ivor Shilvock*
3—M. Irene Brown 4—Peter J. Brown 5—Thomas Greenhall

6-A. Bryan Ellsmore 7-Michael L. Lashford (Cond.)

8—Alan Hackett†
*First inside. †First peal. First as conductor.
Half-muffled in memoriam Albert H. Harris,
50 years a ringer in this tower. (c)

St. John the Baptist, Worcester. Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3 hrs. (154 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

(Parker's 12-part.)

Composed by J. Parker.

1—Thomas W. Lewis

2—William H. Compton*

3—Dawn, V. A. Petts†

4—Austrian T. Wingate

5—M. Frederick Stal'ard†

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6-Geoffrey C. Bagley
7-John Clements (Cond.)
8-Gordon W. Hawkes‡
*50th for Association. †First on 8. ‡First

St. Cassian, Chaddesley Corbett, Worcs.
Sat., Jan. 24, 1970. 2hrs. 46mins. (16 cwt.).
5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (7
methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 121 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.
1—Roger Hunt
2—J. Clifford Skidmore
3—Michael Elson
4—Morley P. Tobin
5—Michael J. Fellows (Cond.)
6—Gerald C. Hemming
7—Robert Edwards
8—Martin D. Fellows

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Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
35, Church Street, Marple, Cheshire.
Mon., Jan. 5, 1970, 2brs. 35mins. (15 in C.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.
1-2-Gerald Moorhouse
3-4-Arthur E. Whiting*
5-6-C. Kenneth Lewis
7-8-Robert B. Smith (Cond.)†
*First on handbells. †50th of Plain Bob Major on handbells.

on handbells.

14 Highcroft Avenue, Bebington, Wirral,

Cheshire.

Cheshire.

Jan. 23, 1970, 2hrs. 10mins. (13 in E.)

5184 DOUBLE PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Robert Peers.

1-2—Charles F. Pocock

3-4—Eric J. Gilbert

5-6—Robert Peers

7-8—F. Leslie Counting (2)

7-8-F. Leslie Coventry (Cond.) First in the method on handbells by all. (c)

14 Highcroft Avenue, Bebington, Wirral, Cheshire,
Sat., Jan 24. 1970. 2hrs. 35mins. (17 in A 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Composed by Robert Peers.
1-2-Charles F. Pocock
3-4-Eric J Gilbert
5-6-F. Leslie Coventry
7-8-Robert Peers (Cond.)
9-10-Alexander J. Martin*
*First attempt of Royal on handbells.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(St. Albans Cathedral Society.)
23, Culver Road, St. Albans, Herts.
Mon., Jan. 19, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (16 in B.)
5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Composed by H. J. Tucker.
1-2—Gerald Penney (Cond.)
3-4—Katherine S. Hardy

1-2—Gerald Penney (Cond.)
3-4—Katherine S. Hardy
5-6—Geoffrey Dodds
7-8—Robert E. Hardy
9-10—Anthony R. Carter*
*First on ten handbells. First handbell peal
by the Cathedral Society since 1891.

7 Westwick Close, Leverstock Green, Herts. Sun., Jan. 18, 1970, 2hrs. 25mins. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by G. H. Cross. 1-2-John R, Southey
3-4-S, Kathleen M, Baldwin
5-6-Christopher W, Woolley (Cond.)
7-8-Francis Kirk

A birthday compliment to F. Kirk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
Bettyfold, Hawkshead, Lancashire.
Fri., Jan. 16, 1970, 1hr. 39mins. (13 in E.)
5040 MINOR (1 each Double Court, London, Plain, Double Oxford, Single Court, Reverse and College).
1-2—Joseph Whalley
3-4—Mary W. Whalley
5-6—Kevin M. Price (Cond.) (a)

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

56 Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincs.
Tues., Jan. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 18mins. (15 in C.)

5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (1,824 each
of Double and Plain Bob and 1,392 Little Bob,
with 228 changes of method).
Composed by E. M. Atkins.

1-2—Geoffrey R. Parker
3-4—Margaret A. Parker
5-6—George E. Feirn
7-8—Jack L. Millhouse (Cond.)

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD 170 Oswald Road, Chorlton, Manchester, Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2 hrs. 22mins. (18 in G.) 5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR (3,440 Plain and 1,560 Little, with 64 changes of method).

64 changes of method).
1-2-Margaret L. Ellwood
3-4-William M. Taylor
5-6-Hamish M. McNaughton
7-8-Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
First of Spliced Major on handbells by all.
A birthday compliment to the father of 1-2. (c)

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Tues., Jan. 6, 1970, 2hrs. 25mins. (12 in F.) 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by J. Reeves.

1-2—David R. Ingram
3-4—William H. Jackson
5-6—Derek M. Sawyer (Cond.)
7-8—John Owen

First in the method by all and in N. America.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

9 Ryecroft Close, Woodley, Reading, Berks.
Wed., Jan. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 23mins. (13 in E.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
1-2—Bernard F. L. Groves (Cond.)
3-4—Kenneth R. Davenport
5-6—Noel J. Diserens
7-8—Albert Diserens
*First in bond for 21 years

*First in hand for 21 years.

The Willows, Warfield, Berkshire,
Sun., Jan. 18, 1970, 2hrs. 15mins. (27 in A.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
(Pritchard's 4-part.)
1-2—Frank C. Price (Cond.)
3-4—Kenneth R. Davenport
5-6—N. David Lane
7-8—Susana Sacrant

7-8-Susanne Sargeant

(c)

80 Lambourne Drive, Cox Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mon., Jan. 19, 1970, 2hrs. 16mins, (11 in G.)

5376 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

(24-course block.)

1-2—Jennifer A. Dunning 3-4—Christopher I. Rowson (Cond.) 5-6—Bernard F. L. Groves 7-8—Len Goodall

Believed to be the first of Surprise on hand-bells for the Guild.

The Willows, Warfield, Berkshire.
Sun., Jan. 11, 1970, 1hr. 47mins. (27 in A.)
5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
1-2-Susanne Sargeant
3-4-Frank C. Price (Cond.)
5-6-Kenneth R. Davenport*
*First peal in method of Minor and now completes, in hand, the method to peals from Minor to Maximus.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Notts.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 1hr. 48mins. (12 in F.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
1-2—Paul N. Mounsey
3-4—Mary C. Poyner
5-6—Harry Poyner (Cond.)

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESAN GUILD

6 Barn Close, Southcote, Reading, Berkshire.
Thurs., Jan. 15, 1970, 2hrs. 5mins. (17 in A.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1-2—Lynette M. Holbrook*
3-4—Howard E. J. Smith*
5-6—Bernard F. L. Groves (Cond.)
*First in hand

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Obituary

MR. W. T. TURNER

With deep regret we record the passing of William Thomas Turner, at the early age of 49 years. A ringer at St. Mary's, Daltonin-Furness, Tommy started ringing about 1933 whilst still at school. Some years after, returning from the Army, he went to Africa for a few years. Returning to Dalton he rejoined the tower until his health began to fail. He rang about 25 peals, the last being in 1967 for the 40th anniversary of the recasting of the bells. His last illness was very rapid and he passed away on January 15. A half-muffled quarter peal of Bob Royal was rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Dalton-in-Furness, on the Tuesday after the funeral.

STAVERTON'S LOSS

The death of Mrs. G. Franklin, of Staverton, Northants, at the age of 72, which was briefly reported last week, came suddenly on January 21.

Mrs. Franklin was one of many taught to ring by the late Rev. E. S. Powell, Vicar of Staverton and master of the Peterborough Guild at that time. A life member of the Peterborough Guild, she was a loyal and faithful Sunday service ringer during her active life, but on medical advice was forced to give up ringing several years ago.

The funeral service at Staverton Church was conducted by the vicar (Rev. A. W. H. Cooke) on January 26, and interment in the churchyard followed. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor in memoriam by branch members.

S. F. W.

MR. F. PRIESTLEY

Mr. Fred (Freddie) Priestley was interred at Felkirk, Yorks, on January 28. On the previous evening Felkirk bells were rung in his memory by members of the Barnsley and District Society.

As Freddie had been ill and took no active part in ringing since 1930 it is hardly surprising that many ringers have never heard of him. Those of us who knew him remember a quiet and inoffensive man who was a consistent ringer and regular attender.

He was one of the band who gathered round J. T. White in the early 1920s to try to create a change-ringing band, something that, so far as is known, had never existed at Felkirk.

Freddie rang the 4th in the first 720 (Bob Minor) ever rung by a local band, in 1921. He learnt Treble Bob and in 1929 rang in 146 of the 253 720s rung in 12 months by the local band. He never aspired to multimethods and most of his Treble Bob ringing was done on the treble, upon which he scored his only two peals.

H. C.

SAD YEAR AT COALBROOKDALE

The year 1969 was indeed a sad one for the ringers of the belfry of Holv Trinity. naving lost three of their oldest friends and ellow Sunday service ringers. On April 22 Walter S. Crawford died very suddenly at age of 75. and on June 25 Robert Evans died after a short illness at the age of 67, and a month later Joseph Hanley died at he age of 75. All had been regular Sunday service ringers and each had over 55 ears of faithful service, and this has been a terrible blow to our band.

A. S. B.

Belfry Gossip

Impatient to be around among ringing friends is Mr. John Faithfull, sen., of Southampton, who is making progress following his accident some weeks ago.

The peal at St. Philip's, Birmingham, on January 22 was Mr. George E. Fearn's 600th on the bells. This is certainly the most peals rung by one man in a single tower we feel sure.

This week we record: Gordon A. Halls, 500 peals: Stanley Jenner, 400; Timothy A. Pett. 250; Terence J. Hester and Derek C. Jackson, 100; and Canon A. S. Roberts, 250th for Truro Guild.

During the removal of the old floor in St. Michael's, Southampton, tower, various relics of bygone days were unearthed and Canon Felstead, the vicar, has made a collection of them. One—of a meeting in 1912—we hope to print next week.

A Shore Leave Memory.—David King, a Merchant Navy officer, of Grimsby, scored his first peal at nearby Ulceby on January 21, the opportunity arising through a cancellation. Within 24 hours he was back again on the high seas.

A complaint that bells on a weekday keep young children awake is made in a well-known daily paper, but this attitude has a habit of being "aired" at regular intervals and no doubt will receive a suitable reply.

Mr. Dyson Scarei'l, of Thornhill, Yorkshire, rang his first neal on January 24, at the age of 67: Plain Bob Major at Guiseley. Ringing alongside him was a member of the Guiseley band, Mr. William Dixon, who is now in his 70th year.

Tune ringing leads to tower bell ringing at Ecclesfield Comprehensive School, Sheffield, Of 13 pupils who took part in a 6-hour concert, four take an interest in church bells. All four are at least nominal Methodists, writes Michael King.

Long Crendon. Bucks.—A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a wedding compliment to June Pearce and Michael Wilkins on January 17. Michael is the eldest of three brothers who ring at Long Crendon.

HOLLOWAY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir.—It has been pointed out to me by Mr. Derek Sibson that "Holloway", which was the name given to a new method (R.W. No. 3063, page 15), has already been used as a method name.

I therefore wish to rename this method "Barford" and I anologise for any inconvenience that may have been inadvertently caused.—Yours faithfully,

RODERICK W. PIPE

Birmingham.

SIDCUP BELLS

Dear Sir.--While I agree with Mr. G. P. Huckstep that the policy of recasting old bells solely to obtain "iust another modern eight" is undesirable, this does not appear to be the case with Sidcup. Perhaps in the four years since Mr. Huckstep rang there the bells have deteriorated considerably, and people with far more knowledge than I agree with the idea in this case. They, like me, applaud Mr. Lewis' initiative both in trying to encourage more recruits and gaining the money.--Yours faithfully.

S. H. GAY.

West Wickham, Kent.

Non-conducted (or silent) peals are not so regularly rung now as they were a few years ago, but this week we print one rung at Deene (Northants) — Minor in seven methods.

Steeplekeepers—are they required by law or insurance companies? enquires W. E. Hubbard, of Burgess. The answer is "No," but the efficiency of a tower revolves around a diligent and knowledgeable steeplekeeper.

"A Pair of Old Codgers," writes George E. Symonds (94), of Ipswich. He refers to himself and his senior ringer, Ernest Weatherby (97), of whom news was given last week. [We all hope both "old codgers" will make the century.—Ed.]

Veteran Jim Bennett, of Grundisburgh, has surpassed the "togetherness" of 400 peals by Mrs. Marshallsay and Mr. D. T. Matkin. With the late G. R. Pye he rang 460: the last, which Jim called, was Superlative at Romford on September 15, 1939.

First Peal Congratulations to Marianne Baker, Raymond East (14), Ian Peacock (14), David Smith (14), Andrew Kneeshaw (14), Alan Hackett, Gordon W. Hawkes, Barry F. Peachey, A. Christine Turner, Andrew R. Naylor, Hilary J. Atkinson (last week).

A Course in Bellringing for beginners is to be held at Everton on February 7, from 2 to 6 p.m., and will include bell handling and control, instruction in elementary change-ringing and all are invited to attend, so says a leaflet (complete with map) sent to our office.

Fifty years of service to the Church as bellringers is marked by peals printed this week as compliments to Mr. Fred Pigott (Bawtry) and Mr. William Cheater (Ringwood). [If friends will send us a photo (black and white) of any ringer who has completed 50 years we will be pleased to reproduce it.—Ed.]

"Coming of age" has aways been recognised as 21 years, although with new legislation this may change to 18. Mr. Alan Carveth quoted this expression for himself in a quarter, but alas, he will not see his 40th birthday again, he says, but he considers his 40th birthday as his "coming of age." [Congratulations!—Ed.]

Congratulations to Mr. F. Hagenbuch on ringing his first quarter peal, in his retirement at Petersfield. Fred is one of those enthusiasts who took up ringing late in life some ten years ago at Carbis Bay, Cornwall, where he was also a sidesman. His old vicar will be on the lookout for greater feats yet and is delighted to know this bell-pulling continues!

The peculiar expressions used by bell-ringers caused some amusement recently when the Vicar of Christchurch, Hants, said that he often wondered why his bellringers were always late coming into their pew after ringing. "I understand they are having a 'cater' or playing a 'cinque'," he quipped. "although I haven't a notion what a 'cater' or 'cinque' may be or why it causes lateness."

Following a farewell quarter peal at Malvern Link on January 25. Mr. and Mrs. P. Wood were presented with a set of kitchen ware by the local band. They both have been faithful Sunday service ringers and for the past year Marion has been assistant ringing master and Peter the steeplekeeper. Among other parish activities Peter was organist and Marion a chorister. The parish will miss them, but none more than the Sunday service band.

A YEAR "DOWN UNDER"

By Dermot Roaf

EVERY SEVEN YEARS Oxford University pays its lecturers to go away. I was invited by Monash University in Australia to spend my year's leave there. This is a new university on the outskirts of Melbourne which opened in 1961 and already has 9,000 students (and riots to match).

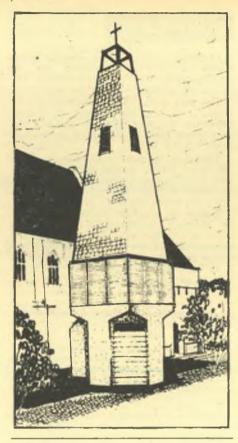
My wife was not at all certain that she liked the idea of a year in Australia with, no doubt, kangaroos bounding about eating the vegetables in the back garden and bush-fires burning down our wooden bungalow every few weeks: so, in an attempt to dissuade me from carrying her and three children down under, pointed out that I would not get any ringing. However, we consulted Dove's Guide and Joan Gray and felt reassured.

We arrived at Monash in August, 1968, and I saw that the next door to mine in the Physics Department bore the inscription "R. G. Turner"—a familiar name from the Oxford University Society peal book, though we had only met once in England. Soon I paid my first visit to St. Paul's (Anglican) Cathedral, which has 13 bells (including a sharp second). The other ringing tower in Melbourne is St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral. The Irish influence in this cathedral is shown by the only statue outside the west door - which is of Daniel O'Connell — and by the bells, which were cast by Murphy, of Dublin. They are now in need of attention though they are still ringable. They are a counter-clockwise eight rung by ringers from St. Paul's (hopefully, fortnightly).

St. Paul's belfry is large and wellequipped with tea making facilities and is
often crowded on Wednesdays with visitors
from other Australian towers (the nearest
being 70 miles away). The local band is
half Australian and half recent migrants
("Pommies"). Even the Australians have
often soent some time ringing in England.
There is a large quarter peal book and it
was interesting to look back a few years
and see what changes there have been in
the composition of the band. Ringers leave
(the latest being Andrew and Shirley Bolton
returning to England) but more are always
arriving from England (recent arrivals include Michael Scowen. David Taylor.
Michael Lawrence, Jeff and Joyce Bills and
Flizabeth Rossell), while Henry Rossell and
Lennifer Murphy returned from visits to
England.

While I was there about 30 quarter peals were rung with four conductors and about 20 ringers (not counting visitors) in various methods, including Stedman Doubles. Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Yorkshire Surorise Maior, Stedman Caters. Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal and Plain Bob Maximus. We attempted Rutland and failed, but we rang a couple of simple touches of Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Rutland. We also rang occasional courses of Stedman Cinques. We would have made more progress at Major if the back ten had not sounded so much nicer than the front eight so we concentrated on Caters when the band was strong enough.

Philin Grav paid us his annual visit in November, 1968, and we failed in a peal attempt of Grandsire Caters. After another



unsuccessful attempt in June, 1969, we were finally successful in August. This was a personal triumph for Henry Rossell, whose first peal it was as conductor. There were various sets of handbells and peals were also rung in hand.

I did almost all my ringing in Melbourne but attended the centenary celebrations at Bendigo. The bells there, like many others in Australia, have recently been rehung at enormous expense and are now a very pleasant light eight. I also visited Yass (6) in New South Wales. Ballarat in Victoria (eight at the Town Hall and eight at St. Peter's) and Adelaide (a very good, heavy eight at St. Peter's Cathedral and a six in the suburb of Walkerville). We met many Australian ringers in these visits and at the ANZAB annual meeting in June in Melbourne. The tradition of friendliness to visiting ringers, which is so important a part of English ringing, is carried even further in Australia and we were treated magnificently.

On the belfry wall in St. Paul's, Melbourne, is a photograph taken during the first "Great Adventure" showing the tourists and their hosts. Most of the people in the photograph are now only known to younger ringers as heroic figures from a past age, but up at the back there is Jack Roper, the one unchanging feature of Melbourne ringing. Jack is now president of ANZAB, and whoever else may welcome newcomers to Melbourne in future, one can safely predict that Jack will still be there and that his welcome will be the warmest; certainly there is one family in Oxford who will always look back happily to the thought of their year down under.

A little learning is a dangerous thing: Drink deep—or taste not the Pierian spring. POPE

ST. CUTHBERT'S, PROSPECT, AUSTRALIA

A drawing by Dean Perry and Partners, the architects supervising the design and construction of the new tower at St. Cuthbert's, Prospect (a suburb of Adelaide).

The design has been approved by the bishop, some soil testing has been carried out and tenders have been called for. The tower is to stand separate from the church.

The body of the tower is to be constructed of steel and concrete, while the conical section, to be built of wood and aluminium, will be constructed separately. The idea is that the frame and the bells will be assembled outside the tower and then lowered into the tower by crane. When this has been done, and the frame secured, the spire will be put into place.

Several ringers are already learning at St. Andrew's, Walkerville.

From Ringing Towers.

NOT IN VAIN

Ann Gardner writes from Washington, D.C.:—

"The Washington ringers are still trying very hard! The Christmas holidays, which brought several old ringers home to the tower, provided an opportunity for almost continuous ringing of one kind or another and the efforts were not in vain.

Two quarters were rung at 4929 Hillbrook Lane, Marj, Batchelor's house. The first was rung on Joan Hutchinson's beloved new handbells, the second on the bells given to the Whitechapel Guild long ago by the ten who came over for the dedication of the tower. All of us enjoy The Ringing World immensely and are inspired by hearing of other madmen all over the world to keep on bashing away."

FIRST FOR 45 YEARS

The recent peal at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Beetham, Westmorland, was the first on the bells since 1925. The bells, though in good order, are not rung regularly and have not been available to ringers generally.

They are a six, hung on ball-bearings in a wooden frame (tenor 11 cwt.). Before the peal three of the team spent the morning fixing ropes, tightening fittings, etc.

The peal marked the renovation of the church interior and the ringing attracted Mr. W. G. Clark, of The Westmorland Gazette, who invited the ringers to his home for tea.

The bells went exceptionally well, details of which are as follows:—

Treble. — Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Foundry, London, 1889 [also on 2nd and 3rd]. God bless the hands united, God bless the hearts made one. The gift of Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor General of Canada, May 31st, 1889.

2nd. Deum Cole, benignam serva. Given by G. W. Cole, Vicar, 1888.

3rd.—Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 1887.
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To honour Church and Queen with heart and voice. 1890.

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BIRTH

Shackleton. — On Jan. 27, 1970, at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, to Kathleen and Brynley, a son, Leon Antony. 8164

ENGAGEMENT

Orledge—Beckett. — The engagement is announced between David J. Orledge, of Bath, Somerset, and Glenda M. Beckett, of East Grinstead, Sussex.

PERSONAL

"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord."—Proverbs xx, 27.

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Llandaff Cathedral Guild.—At the A.G.M. the following were elected to serve in 1970: ptain, N. W. H. Simon; vice-captain, S. Fenwick; secretary, Miss Anne Cooke, 13 Rookwood Avenue, Llandaff, Cardiff. 8178

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Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Dun-Branch.—Practice meetings at Minehead (10) Sat., Feb. 14, 7 p.m., and at Huish Champflower (6), Sat., Feb. 28, 6.30 p.m.— E. R. T. B. Essex Association.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Barkingside, Sat., Feb. 14. Ringing 6.30-8 p.m., followed by St. Valentine's Day Social. Everybody welcome.—K. W. 9030

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Mitcheldean (8), Feb. 14, 5.30 p.m. 8162

Guildford Diocesan Guild, — Farnham District.—Practice, Frensham, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells available 6 p.m.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Central Branch.— Evening meeting, Bardney, Sat., Feb. 14. Bells (6) from 6-9. All welcome.—G. R. P. 8143

Essex Association. — South Eastern District. — District practice, Boreham, Tues., Feb. 17, 1.30 p.m. Special method: Glasgow S.M. All welcome. — R. J. H. 8187

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Church Hanborough (6), Fri., Feb. 20.—E. Vann. 8165

Leicester Guild.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Twyford (6), Sat., Feb. 21, 7-9 p.m.
—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 9033

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Chiltern Branch.— Monthly practice, Great Missenden, Feb. 21, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 8168

Yorkshire Association.—Leeds and District Branch.—Practice meeting, Armley (8), Sat., Feb. 21, 6-8.30 p.m. Rounds, call-changes and Bristol Surprise.—R. Cater, Branch Sec. 8197

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Potton (6), Sat., Feb. 14. Ringing from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec. 8198

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Trumpington, Feb. 14. Bells 3-4,30 p.m. Service, tea, business meeting. Ringing afterwards from about 6.30 p.m.—J. S. 8436

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Stratton St. Margaret (8), Feb. 14, 3 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Tombs, 31 Little Avenue, Swindon, Wilts, by Feb. 11. Nominations for Association officers will be taken at this meeting.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Quarterly general meeting, Sat., Feb. 14: Great Bowden, 2-3 p.m.; Market Harborough 3 to service at 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to R. Bindley, 32a Coventry Road, Market Harborough (2166), Leics. Any proposed alterations to rules and nominations for guild officers by this meeting.—A. J. Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9020

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual general meeting, Penarth (St. Augustine's), Sat., Feb. 14.
Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge. 8493

London County Association.—A.G.M., Feb. 14. Ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, 12 noon-1 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, 2.30-3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4-5 p.m. Service to follow, then tea and meeting at the Essex Head, Essex Street. Business to include the election of officers. Names for tea essential to M. R. Wycherley, 35d Holland Park, W.11, or ring PAR 5658.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Reading Branch.— The annual general meeting will be held at Reading on Feb. 14. Bells available: St. Mary's (8), 2.30–3.30; St. Giles' (8), 3–4.15. Service at St. Giles' 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Lawrence's (12), from 7–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Vernon, 7 Bryants Avenue, Caversham. Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Kettering Branch.—Practice meeting, Pytchley, Sat., Feb. 14. Prayers 3 p.m. Bells (5) until 5 p.m. All welcome.

Southwell Diocesan Guild. — Bingham District.—Meeting, Orston, Feb. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.

Suffolk Guild.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Feb. 14. Covehithe (5) 2.30-4 p.m. Service, Wrentham, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. A. D. Marsh, The Rectory, Wrentham, Beccles, Suffolk. Wrentham (6) available during the evening.—T. N. J. B.

Sussex County Association.—Western Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Chichester, Sat., Feb. 14. Cathedral bells 3 p.m., followed by Evensong at 5.15. Tea at St. George's Hall, Whyke Road, 6 p.m., followed by business meeting. Essential to notify for tea. Notifications to R. Wake, 28 Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.
—Winchester District.—Annual meeting at Bishopstoke, Feb. 14. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mrs. Cull, 29 St. Mary's Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants. North Stoneham bells available after meeting.—M. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 8980

Derby Diocesan Association.—Ilkeston District.—Surprise Major practice, Eastwood, Fri., Feb. 20, 7.30-9 p.m. Special methods: Cambridge and Bristol.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry monthly meeting, Feb. 21, Church Lawford. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea, please (most important), to 636 Allesley Old Road, Coventry 76413.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8194

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, St. Neots, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Special methods: Rutland Surprise and Erin Triples — M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8186

Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Great Amwell (6), Sat., Feb. 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing to 9 p.m. Names for tea to S. E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel.: 5664), by Wed., Feb. 18.—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 8185

Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Feb. 21, Kimpton, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Cull, 5 The Green, Kimpton.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 8184

Kent County Association.—Ashford District. Meeting, Charing, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. T. Robbins, The Vicarage, Charing, Ashford (Tel.: Charing Thurs., Feb. 19.—A. P. S. B. 8193

Leicester Diocesan Guild. — Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5. Service 6.30 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 8170

Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting, Lea, Sat., Feb. 21 Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. G. P. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea (Tel.: 2623), by previous Tuesday, Special methods: London Surprise and Plain Bob.

Middlesex County Association.—N. and E. District.—Annual district meeting, St. John at Hackney, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8145

Norwich Diocesan Association. — Eastern Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Carlton Colville, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. B. Gorrod, 131 Corton Road, Lowestoft, by previous Wednesday.—N. C. 8163

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Feb. 21. Service in All Saints' Wokingham on Feb. 21. Service in All Saints Church at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church House, 5 p.m. Notify Mrs. B. Castle, 419 Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, of numbers for tea by Feb. 16. Ringing: All Saints', 3 p.m. and 7-8.30; Finchampstead, 7.15-9 p.m.—B. C. Castle.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting 3 p.m., Sat., Feb. 21, Ogbourne St. George. Ogbourne St. Andrew bells available 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. Rouse, 11 Bassett Down, near Wroughton, page 5 wides. Wroughton, near Swindon, Wilts, by Tues Feb. 17.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society. — Evening practice meeting, Norton Canes, near Cannock, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells (6) available 6.30–8.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8151

Sussex County Association.—Southern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Feb. 21, St. Nicolas' (10), Brighton. Belis 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Further ringing in evening. Please send names for tea to Miss Ann Evans, 7.7 (Idlightur, Blace Peripher Property Periphers 1988). 17 Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex, not later than Wed., Feb. 18.

Guildford Guild.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Walton-on-Thames, Sat., Feb. 28. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Miseldine, 64 Molesey Close, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch. Lancashire Association.—Wallenesses St. Eliza-—Afternoon meeting, Sat., Feb. 28, St. Eliza-beth's, Reddish (8), 2.30-5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Betty Ormrod, Branch Sec.

Norwich Diocesan Association. -- Western Branch.—Meeting, Gaywood (King's Lynn), on Sat., Feb. 28. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Tovell, 18 New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn.—D. S. Parry, Dis. Sec.

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Oxford Diocesan Guild. - Vale of White Horse Branch. — Annual meeting, Faringdon, Sat., Feb. 28. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45, followed by tea at The Buttery and then business meeting. Ringing until 8.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24 Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, by Feb. 26. Everyone very wel-

Southern Universities. — The next meeting will take place on Sat., Feb. 28, in the Trowbridge area. Further details later.

Kent County Association. — Annual general meeting, Folkestone, Easter Monday, March 30. Service at noon, followed by luncheon and meeting. Full details to appear shortly.

-A. P. S. B.

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UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD 3rd ANNUAL DINNER Saturday, March 14

Tickets (30s. each) and ringing details from Chris MacKay, 5 Florence Road, Brighton, Chris MacKay, 5 Florence Road, Brighton, Sussex. A.G.M., Sun., March 15, at which a new constitution will be proposed.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, February 28,

at Bedford House, Oxford Street, Liverpool, 7. Tickets available now (price 27s. 6d.) from Dr. J. J. Fox, 4 The Chalet, Budworth Road, Noctorum, Birkenhead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

NORTHERN DISTRICT SOCIAL Wethersfield Village Hall, Wethersfield February 28, at 7.30 p.m.

Admittance by ticket, 4s. 6d. Bar applied for. Refreshments, raffle, dancing entertainments, etc.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch)

THE INAUGURAL MEETING will be held at Northallerton

On Saturday, February 21.

Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

Followed by a meeting for the election of officers for this new branch.

Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Town, Thornton-le-Moor.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

82nd HENRY JOHNSON MEMORIAL DINNER

Saturday, March 7, 7 p.m.

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BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District)

A JOINT MEETING

of the above will be held at St. John's, Penistone

On Saturday, February 21.

The eight bells will be available from 15.00, followed by a short service at 16.30 and tea in the National School at 17.00 (to be followed by a short business meeting).

Names for tea must be sent to Mr. C. Moxon, 48 Mayfield, Oxspring, Sheffield, S30 6YN (Tel.: Penistone 2509).

All ringers are cordially invited.

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APPLETON, BERKS

The 152nd Anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 7. Bells 2,30-5,30 p.m. Dinner in Village Hall 6.30 p.m. Tickets (21s.) from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks, before February 21. 8157

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Bath and Wells Association.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Barrow Gurney (8), Sat., Feb. 21. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8204

Norwich Diocesan Association. — Eastern Branch.—Surprise/General 8- and 10-bell practice, Beccles, Wed., Feb. 18, from 7-9 p.m.—
N.C. 8207

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Evening meeting, Church Hanborough (6), Fri., Feb. 20.—E. Venn, Branch Sec.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.— Annual meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton, Birkenhead, Feb. 21. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free. Please notify Mr. A. J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 8213

Yorkshire Association.—Southern Branch.— There will be a practice meeting at St. Mary's, Handsworth (Sheffield), on Wed., Feb. 25. Bells (8) available 19.30–21.00. Special method: Double Norwich C.B.M.—A. C. Banton. 8211

Gloucester and Bristol Association. — Swindon Branch. — Meeting, Stratton St. Margaret (8), Sat., Feb. 14, 3 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Tombs, 31 Little Avenue, Swindon, Wilts, by Feb. 12. 8212

Salisbury Guild. — West Dorset Branch. — Langford-Beans-Cox memorial meeting, Bradpole, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport, Dorset. 8219

Bath and Wells Association. — Crewkerne Branch.—Practice, Shepton Beauchamp (8), on Sat., Feb. 21, 7-9 p.m.—R. J. D. 8218

St. Peter's, Henfield.—Practice meetings on Wednesdays will be discontinued during Lent. All visitors welcome on Wednesday practice nights after April 1, at 7.30 p.m. 8217

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MID-SUSSEX ARTS FESTIVAL STRIKING COMPETITION

Saturday, February 28, commencing at 2 p.m.

Cloice of 210 Triples, 240 Minor or Doubles.

Entries invited, with numbers for tea to Mr.

S. Anderson, 29 St. Johns Avenue, Burgess

Hill, as soon as possible. Entry fee 6s. per band. Adjudication will be followed by a

SOCIAL EVENING

organised by the Hurstpierpoint ringers, to which all ringers and friends are invited.

Numbers to Mr. Anderson, please. 8206

CUMBERLANDS AT DINNER

A happy evening was experienced last saturday when 233 attended the Society of Royal Cumberlands' dinner in London. A full report will appear in our next issue.

ONLY LOCAL

Mr. Iames R. Taylor, of Backwell, Bristol writes in regard to our heading "Another Record?", pointing out that 32 Spliced S. Major methods were rung at overton on June 21st last, and informs us 127 Spliced S.M. were also rung at longney, Glos, on January 17, one week before the Wonersh peal. It is, however, a ecord for the Guildford Guild, particularly a all were resident members, six coming rom the Farnham District. We thank Mr. Taylor and others who have written on the subject.

TO BE AFFILIATED

The A.G.M. of St. Mary-at-Finchley Guild was held on December 30 and the meeting was chaired by Rev. R. Sentance.

Application has been made to the Middlesex County Association for the Finchley band to be reconstituted with them. Mrs. Mary Blades is the hon. secretary and treasurer.

N.S.W. VISITOR WELCOMED

Edmonton, which has an association with a trinity of poets—Cowper, Keats and Lamb—was a small country town in the days of these famous men; but it was as a well-populated, thriving suburb of North London that members of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association made their way on January 17, with the Church of All Saints as the focal point.

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. the bells rang out to a variety of methods, under the guidance of the ringing master. This was followed by the Association form of service, conducted by Rev. Maxwell Parker, with Mr. F. Platt accompanying at the organ. Everyone was ready to partake of tea, prepared by Miss Trudy Newcombe, Mrs. Burden and others, in the Lamb Institute.

A short business meeting was held, a special welcome being extended to Carol Adams, from St. Jude's, Randwick, N.S.W., attending her first ringing meeting in this

country.

Four new ringing members were elected, viz.: T. A. Getty, of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, and R. O'Connell, of Christ Church, Southgate, together with Denise Hewitt and Susan East, of the local band.

Thanks to all who had contributed to a pleasant and successful meeting were proposed by the secretary and the bells were put to good use until 8.30 p.m. E. H. K.

AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

Page 35. Blaisdon: Gloucester and Bristol Association (not Kent).

Page 75. Seaton: tenor Peter M. Fleckney,

Page 9. Eastbourne: T. M. Barlow, conductor.

Page 72. Aldwick: treble M. Leclere.

Page 76. Arundel: December 20.

R. Brian Walton, first of Plain Bob Major

Page 58. Kent T.B. Maximus, Sun., Dec. 21.

Page 1014. First of Erin Caters on ten bells by the Winchester Guild.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for FEBRUARY 9, 1945

The men especially valuable are those of broad and independent minds, who can pay attention to the opinions of others, but do not let themselves be tyrannised by them, men who can command the respect and confidence of their fellows.—The leader on Central Council representation.

The Cumberland Youths' annual meeting, after some hesitation, decided to pay the usual affiliation fee to the C. Council, so as to take part in discussion about the running and management of The Ringing World.

New members elected at the Farnham District A.G.M. included Master K. Williamson and Mrs. Pepler.

A presentation was made at Christchurch to Mr. George Preston to mark 40 years as secretary of the district of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

In a touch of Stedman five members rang whose ages totalled 400 years, viz.: George Williams 87, Charles Forfit 82, Eli Wates 79, Robert Hinton 78 and George Preston 75.

Two sets of handbells had been offered for use by Service personnel in S.H.A.E.F. H.Q., F.P.O., c/o B.L.A.

A long discourse on the origin of the Oxford Society and the similarity and otherwise of its history as compared with the College and Cumberland Youths was written by J. A. Trollope.

50 YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 13, 1920

The five bells at Bere Regis, Dorset, were rehung and a treble added and put in an iron frame. The rural dean dedicated the new bell.

A social evening was held at Hoyles Café, Accrington, for three ringers from St. James', who had each completed 50 years of service.

Notice was given of a long peal attempt at Painswick on February 14 by the Painswick Youths. The method was Grandsire Cinques.

At Oatlands Park Mr. William Shepherd conducted a peal of Stedman Triples as a birthday compliment to Miss Edna Woodrow. Albert A. Hughes rang the tenor.

Out of 19 peals recorded, seven were Stedman and five Grandsire.

The Essex Association had been divided into five instead of four districts, and at the meeting at Colchester the chairman stated that they had built up a large reserve fund during the war.

At the Yorkshire Association A.G.M. Mr. Clement Glenn was re-elected hon. secretary, Mr. P. J. Johnson acting pro tem until Mr. Glenn was at liberty to resume duties.

The new style peal forms which are available (stamped addressed (4×9) envelope to us at Seven Corners Press, Guildford) are proving time-saving in the office as well as in the composing room of the printers. Would those who send in peals not on these forms please word their copy as laid out in our peal columns.

COMPOSITIONS

5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 methods)

By NORMAN SMITH

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Repeat five times, adding bob Home at the end of alternate parts.

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By D. G. LAWSON 23456 5/4 B M H

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(Group D. Group b falseness.) By PETER S. MUCHLINSKI

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5376 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by RODERICK W. PIPE

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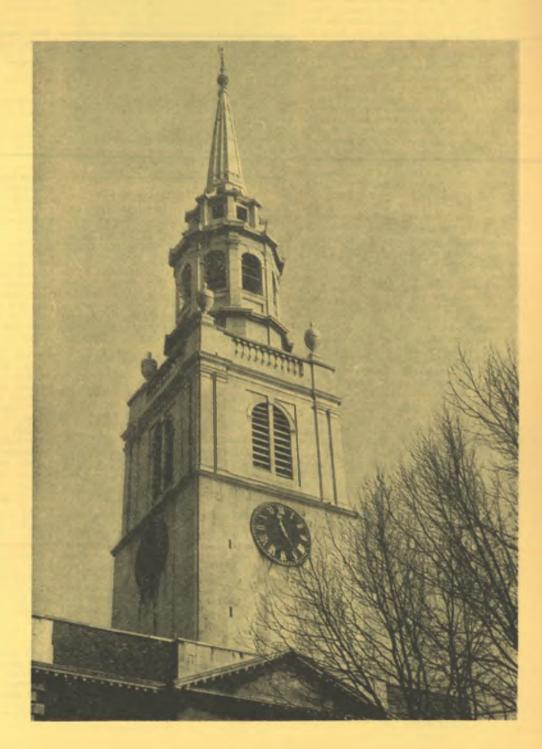
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IN THE TIME of Henry II the monk Fitz-Stephen wrote: "There are also round London, on the northern side, in the suburbs, excellent springs, the water of which is sweet, clear and salubrious—

'Mid glistening pebbles gliding playfully. Amongst which Holywell. Clerkenwell and St. Clement's Well are of the most note and most frequently visited, as well by the scholars from the schools as by the youth of the City, when they go out to take air in the summer evenings."

The parish in early times acquired some degree of celebrity on account of its having been selected by the parish clerks of London for exhibition of sacred dramas. Hence Clerkenwell takes its name from the fons clericorum or Clerks' Well, -en being the Saxon plural.

It was this most agreeable and salubrious spot which was chosen in the early 12th century for the site of St. Mary's Nunnery, a religious house for Benedictine nuns, founded by a Norman baron named Jordan Briset. It had a place of pilgrimage at Muswell Hill and the parish had an outlying tract of territory there until the 19th century. It is not known when the church first acquired a second dedication to St. James, but at the Dissolution of the nunnery in 1539 the Church of St. James was taken into use by the parishioners although they had been using a part of it for a considerable time.

SPIRE COLLAPSED

The freehold of the church passed through various hands until it was conveyed in 1656 from one Edward Drake, gentleman, to trustees on behalf of the parishioners, who at the same time obtained the right to appoint the vicar. Unlike other parishes they retained this right after the Restoration in 1660, and elections for this purpose were held, with all the excitement of parliamentary elections, right down to the early years of this century. The most noteworthy vicar of the 19th century was Rev. Robert Maguire, a prolific writer of Protestant pamphlets, who had enjoyed a peculiarly stormy and exciting election.

About 1623 the spire of the old church had collapsed, and the following year a 8d. rate was levied for rebuilding, but before it was finished it again collapsed due to faulty workmanship.

By 1788 the old church was a mixture of 17th and 18th century bits and pieces in various styles, engrafted on the remains of the mediæval nunnery church, and presented an appearance of picturesque and dilapidated muddle. In that year an Act of Parliament was passed for the rebuilding. The architect was James Carr and the design is very old-fashioned for its date, showing the obvious influence of Wren and Gibbs. The tower at the western end is of stone, surmounted by a balustrade with vases at the angles, and is in the Tuscan style of architecture. It was restored in 1849.

At the time of the Edwardian inventory it is recorded that there were "iiij bells in ye steple one saunce bell without clapper and iij small sackeunge bells." Osborne, from the inscriptions, gives the founders as 1681 James Bartlet, 1615 William Carter, 1621 Thomas Bartlet and no date William Fownder (apparently William Dawe, a 14th century founder).

When William Laughton and the Rambling Ringers visited the tower in 1734 they rang on five bells. Subsequently a treble bell was added for, when the old church was demolished in 1788, there was a ring of six which was recast into a new ring of eight by Thomas Mears in 1791 for the new church. The tenor of this ring weighed 21 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

The new church was, in fact, not consecrated until 1792, but the first peal on the bells was rung on September 26, 1791, by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and consisted of 5120 Bob Major, conducted by William Jones. No peals are known to have been rung on the old six but the new eight were used quite regularly and in all 84 peals were rung on them, the last one being Stedman Triples by the London County Association on August 30, 1913. Four peal boards were in the ringing chamber in the middle of the 18th century, recording 5040 Grandsire Triples on October 8th, 1800, by the Westminster Youths, and three peals by the Cumberlands—5040 Grandsire Triples on October 6, 1829, 5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major and 5040 Stedman Triples on January 21, 1858. This last peal was the first to be rung during Rev. Robert Maguire's incumbency.

BELL INSCRIPTIONS

Treble. — THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1791.

2nd.-T. MEARS FECIT. THIS BELL WAS RECAST 1801. THOS. WOOLLGOTT, THOS. SHARWOOD, CH. WARDENS.

3rd,—MEARS AND STAINBANK, LONDON, RECAST EASTER 1904, VICAR REV. C. J. PARKER. CH. WARDENS MR F. L. MILBURN, MR. T. H. WEBB.

4th.—THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FOUNDER 1837. JAMES HAYWARD, JOHN WALTER CROPLEY, CHURCH-WARDENS.

5th. — THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1791.

6th. — THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1791.

7th. — THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1791.

Tenor.—REV. JAMES DAVIS, MINISTER. WILLIAM PARDOE ALLET AND THOMAS GIBBARD, CH. WARDENS. JOHN GARTH, PARISH CLERK. THOS. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1791. C. J. PARKER M.A. VICAR 1928. D. E. S.

For some 50 years in the first half of the 18th century the Cumberland Society practised there regularly on Thursday evenings, and indeed the church is the second one depicted on the Society's certificate of membership along with St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

Thomas Mears recast the second in 1801 and the fourth in 1837, and Mears and Stainbank recast the third in 1904. By the 1920s these bells had obtained an unenviable reputation for some years. The fittings were old-fashioned and out of repair and the oak frame had lacked attention. It is recorded that the tone of the bells was very poor and their harmonics so false that retuning was out of the question.

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Accordingly, in 1928, work was put in hand to recast the bells and rehang them. It was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who had a special interest in Clerkenwell, for it was in the borough that Mr. William Gillett, founder of the firm, first set up his factory, before moving to Croydon in 1844. The old inscriptions were reproduced on the new bells, with the added inscription round the crown "Recast by Gillett and Johnston 1928," and the tenor weighs 24 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat. The bells were the first ringing peal in the county of London to be Simpson tuned and they are very fine indeed. The new ring was dedicated on April 28, 1929.

Only four peals have been rung on the bells—Bristol on August 3, 1929, by the Middlesex County Association, Stedman Triples on January 18, 1930, by the College Youths, Cambridge on July 11, 1930, by the Surrey Association and Grandsire Triples on May 9, 1935, by the Middlesex County Association. Unfortunately these fine bells are very noisy outside and this precludes regular open practices and peals at the present time.

BELLS IN QUEBEC CITY

An interesting snippet of information has reached us of Quebec city's two rings of bells. Bill Jackson. who emigrated to Toronto from England a year ago, made a 1,200-mile exploratory round trip to Quebec and writes: "Both eights—the Cathedral and St. Matthew's—appear in good shape. The Cathedral band has just been re-formed by Chris Wilson, and I joined them in rounds on the back five for morning service, with three young learners in evidence. St. Matthew's, although not rung regularly for many years, are clean and seem to lack only lubrication for their (plain) bearings and pulleys." It is therefore hoped to take a North American band to Quebec this summer to confirm this "one-man survey and perhaps ring a peal at the Cathedral.

[We wish them every success.—Ed.]

An Illustrious Past — The Present Meritorious

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS' DINNER

"YOU HAVE an illustrious past, the present is meritorious and I wish you well for the future," said Mr. John Freeman, president of the Central Council, in proposing the toast of "The Society" at its annual dinner on February 7th.

A change of venue, from Church House, Westminster, to the Victory Ex-Services Club in Seymour Street, was a wise move and the unusually large attendance of 233 were delighted with and appreciative of the attractive, high-ceilinged hall with its excellent appointments. If, however, numbers continue to grow, a still larger hall will be

The meal was plentiful and well served and was followed by a break before the speeches. The master, Dr. D. E. Sibson, welcomed the company and introduced Mr. C. J. Groome, who proposed the toast of "The Church."

Mr. Groome spoke of the vast changes taking place everywhere since the last war, and particularly in the Church universal, where the move towards Church Unity was very much to the fore. There was also the problem of bells being concentrated in areas where churches were becoming redundant and the newly-developed parts where new churches were planned, no rings of bells being included in these plans. In addition there was the problem of the cost of upkeep of existing churches, and he instanced one village where the inhabitants numbered 46 persons and were unable to maintain their church.

Ringers, went on the speaker, generally wanted their hobby on the cheap. At one church, where the restoration of the bells was costing £2,000-£3,000, the local Association had contributed £25! And the petty quarrels which filled the correspondence columns of The Ringing World as to who was right—the peal ringer, the Sunday service ringer or the ringer who tripped around to get as many towers as possible; this wrangling went on whilst a much more serious problem was present, namely, that the numbers of rings available were declining.

SHOULD SHOULDER RESPONSIBILITIES

Restoration was not keeping pace with the bells needing work and consequently, whatever our part, we all had a contribution to make. There were many ringers who were reluctant to pay an increased subscription from 3s. to 3s. 6d., and would protest loudly if asked to pay 5s. to a restoration fund but who would cheerfully go across the road to a pub and buy a round of drinks and pay out a pound note for it!

"I don't believe in little postal orders being sent for peals and quarter peals," said Mr. Groome. "I think we should shoulder our responsibilities in a much more manly way, or we shall see a diminution in the things we have inherited—and the number of rings of bells." He went on to suggest that the Central Council and the territorial Associations should seriously look into their responsibilities and the changing policies which were taking place, and all ringers should rededicate themselves and carry out the tremendous task which these responsibilities entailed with renewed

Preb. G. B. Timms, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Holborn, said that he supposed the Church today could not be called a wildly popular institution if judged by numbers. It was encouraging, however, that in a recent poll as to whether or not religion should be taught in State schools the result was astonishingly high in the affirmative—some 80-90 per cent. A similar poll of



Mr. John Freeman, Dr. Sibson and Rev. Austen Williams at the Dinner.

professions put clergy almost at the top of the list. He thought that deep in the hearts of the majority of people was a feeling that the Church and the Christian tradition did preserve some values that were essential for the community, and the hope that at some future time they would again become part of the accepted values of the community at

better will come," he concluded, "if the faithful remnant will continue faithful to Him who said 'Behold, I make all things new'." "Out of the present confusion something

SAFEGUARDING OF BELLS

Proposing the toast of "The Society," Mr. John Freeman, president of the Central Council, entertained the company with a continuous flow of wit, humour and amus-ing stories, which are always a delight to his listeners. He continued with a resumé of the Society's activities over the centuries and its rivalry with the Ancient Society of College Youths. It was today, he added, as active and as full of achievement as ever its predecessors were.

Of paramount importance for Guilds and Societies today, went on Mr. Freeman, was the safeguarding and safe keeping of bells in churches which might be redundant. He suggested a catalogue of these bells as a "stock list" so that augmentations and newbuilt churches would be able to have existing bells and so make use of those already available. The Central Council were aware of this nationwide problem, but it was essential for diocesan authorities and bodies at local level to help solve it.

Another point which Mr. Freeman made was for Associations to set up ringing schools to train young ringers and so re-vive enthusiasm, and this would lead to his third suggestion. He recommended Associations to encourage peal ringing, which he considered to be a measure of success for any body of ringers. He complimented the master and the Cumberlands on their successes in this field and dismissed as entirely false the suggestion that peal ringers were

the principal seats were occupied by the master (Dr. D. E. Sibson) and Mrs. Sibson, Preb. G. B. limms, Mr. John Freeman and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Edwin Barnett and Mrs. Barnett, Mr. A. R. Kench, Mr. C. J. Groome, Sir Trenchard Cox, Mr. M. P. Devereux, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winterton, Rev. Austen Williams, Rev. R. Smith and Mrs. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes.

not Sunday service ringers. [Loud applause.] He was convinced that if ringers were restricted to Sunday ringing and teaching of beginners the standards of the individual and the Exercise would tall considerably. "If you care for bells," he went on, "if

you care for teaching beginners and if you encourage peal ringing, Sunday service ringing will follow from that." The Royal Society were well to the fore in such matters. "You have an illustrious past, the present is meritorious and I wish you well for the ruture," concluded Mr. Freeman.

The toast was received enthusiastically.

MASTER'S RESPONSE

Rising to respond, the master said the Society futfilled largely what the president of the C.C. had said, and went on to review tne activities of the past year. These included large attendances at meetings and at the dinner and proved that the Society was not exclusive in its membership, for over 100 had attended the country meeting at Oxford and meetings outside London were

equally well supported.

Of peal ringing it was a fact that more had been rung during the past year than in any one year before—50 in all—and 107 members had taken part. Nine peals of Maximus (including Newgate and Littleport Little S.), two of Cinques, six of Royal, 32 Major and one Triples were rung. Of peals outside London, those at Thorburton, Tenterden and Southampton were of especial interest. Two 12-bell peals were rung on May 31 at St. Martin's and at Shoreditch, two separate bands ringing Bristol S. Maximus. In November 86 members rang in 11 Spliced S. Major attempts, and all were regular Sunday service ringers, said the master. In addition to this the Society had first performances of 4-Spliced S. Royal, 20- and 24-Spliced S. Major and Lewisham S. Major.

Three members - Messrs. George Fletcher, George Marriner and Bert Audsley—had attained 50 years' membership of the

Society.

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in proposing "The Visitors" said he had a great deal up his sleeve (his arm is in plaster) and commenced by enumerating the many qualities, both in ringing circles and in his private life, of Mr. John Freeman. He also wel-comed Mrs. Freeman and their son and daughter, Stephen and Jenny.

Of the clergy present he spoke of Preb. Timms, Rev. Austen Williams (Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields) and Rev. R. Smith, curate at Shoreditch, soon leaving with Mrs. Smith to go into the mission fields in South

America.

Sir Trenchard Cox and Mr. Devereux (churchwardens at St. Martin's) and Mr. Tony Kench (master of the Ancient Society of College Youths) were also welcomed, the latter receiving an ovation on his recently-

announced engagement.

The Ringing World editor (Mr. C. Denyer) was also mentioned—"whose task we all can do much better, but which none of us has any wish to attain!", added Mr. Barnett. Visitors from afar were given a special greeting-those from Truro, Westonsuper-Mare, Chepstow, Wales, Bristol, Bir-mingham, Southport, Grundisburgh, Cambridge, Lincoln and Southampton

(Continued overleaf)

The master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Dr. D. E. Sibson, with Mrs. Sibson, photographed by The Ringing World at the annual dinner last Saturday.



Cumberlands' Dinner (continued)

Mr. Tony Kench responded on behalf of the guests and was glad the Cumberlands had revived their dinner as had been decided 50 years ago (according to the R.W.). He urged ringers not to be so inward-looking and entreated them to pay more attention to the importance of good relations both with the clergy and the public as a whole, and endeavour to improve the understanding of ringing to people outside the Exercise.

He said that when the popular press got hold of a story it was usually exaggerated and out of all proportion to the true facts, and it was in such cases that the ringers must create the true picture.

He thanked the Society for their hospi-

tality to all the visitors.

The master concluded the formal side of the function by thanking all who had helped with the organisation of the dinner and announced the arrangements for the next day's ringing. Between speeches three leads of Treble Bob Sixteen were rung by the invited team which was introduced as the "Bushey-cum-Watford-cum-St. Albans" band, under Mr. John Mayne. It was well executed and deservedly received tremendous applause.

THOSE PRESENT

In addition to those mentioned, others attending were: G. A. Duke, Miss I, Shanks, G. W. Pipe, Mrs. G. W. Pipe, D. Beresford, Mrs. D. Beresford, J. M. Hills, Miss J. Cox, Miss M. Ward, M. Eison, Miss R. Foreman, E. Edmondson, A. Cutler, W. S. Deason, Mrs. W. S. Deason, G. W. Critchley, Mrs. G. W. Critchley, H. G. Hart, Mrs. H. G. Hart, F. W. Goodfellow, Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, J. M. Jelley, Mrs. J. M. Jelley, R. Baldwin, Mrs. R. Baldwin, J. R. Mayne, Mrs. J. R. Mayne, Mr. G. A. Penney, Mr. C. A. Tester, Mr. F. E. Darby, Mrs. F. E. Darby, N. S. Bagworth, Mrs. N. S. Bagworth, S. E. James, Mrs. S. E. James, J. R. White, Miss G. M. James, A. R. Patterson, Mrs. A. R. Patterson, I. H. Oram, Mrs. R. Horwood, Miss J. Berriman, S. Jenner, Mrs. S. Jenner, E. Jenner, W. H.

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A BREAK WITH TRADITION

Breaking with the tradition of holding their annual meeting in the city of Hereford, the Hereford District of Hereford Diocesan Guild met at Burghill on January 31.

Thirty-six members and friends were there and the bells were rung during the afternoon, the service being conducted by Rev. R. J. Coombs (vicar).

Tea was served in the Simpson Hall by the ringers and ladies of the village, and Miss Valerie Edge, diocesan guild master, took the chair for the business. Membership, slightly down on last year, was 65.

The ringing master, Mr. Peter Hughes, of Holme Lacy, had covered some 8,000 miles, mostly in the county, helping ringing and ringers. New bands were now being taught at Lyde, Much and Little Dewchurch, Ewyas Harold, Lugwardine and Burghill.

Officers elected were: Mr. P. Hughes, ringing master; Mr. Reginald Powell, assistant; Mrs. Edna Pannell, secretary/treasurer and Mr. Norman Mattingley, committee member; Mr. D. H. Jones, auditor.

Twenty-four new junior members were elected from Burghill, Lugwardine, Peterchurch, All Saints' (Hereford) and Holme Lacy, and Mr. M. C. W. Sherwood was made a non-resident life member.

It is proposed to hold combined practices at Wythington in February and Kingstone (March), with the quarterly meeting at All Saints', Hereford, in April. Mr. Michael Powell congratulated Miss Edge on her leadership as master of the guild. Mr. Michael Powell is social secretary. Mr. Norman Mattingley expressed thanks for the work of the ringing master and secretary/treasurer and to the vicar; also to the Burghill ringers and ladies for the enjoyable tea.

Evening ringing continued at Hereford Cathedral, the break with tradition being very encouraging. E. G. P.

TIME, GENTLEMEN, PLEASE!

There was little to complain about at the Cumberlands dinner on February 7, but it was unfortunate that the time 6 for 6.30 was not adhered to. It was 6.50 before the meal was served and the 15-minute interval allowed by the master extended to nearly 30. In consequence before the final toast and its reply a number had to leave to catch trains home—which is irritating both to the speakers, the organisers, the other guests, but above all to those who are compelled to leave.

We do not suggest that the Cumberlands are alone in this, for many functions suffer to a greater or lesser degree, but time is a factor which should be adhered to. The bar closed at 11 p.m., which gave barely 40 minutes for those who wanted to (after the speeches) "get together" for a beer and a chat, whereas it could have been an hour or more.

DISTRICT'S DISAPPOINTING YEAR

In his annual report for 1969 Mr. Ron Hughes, Leicester District secretary, reported to the A.G.M. at Wigston Magna on January 3 a disappointing year in many directions. Membership figures were badly down, 152 being the total inclusive number. A high number of subscriptions remain outstanding or have lapsed. New or rejoined members amount to six.

At the eight business meetings the average attendance was just over 20 district members, although a good number of visitors were present. The district striking competition, with only two entries, was highly discouraging. St. Margaret's were (practically) walk-over winers, Markfield having scraped a band together in order to achieve plurality of competitors. The district Surprise Major practices, which were a successful feature of activities, fell towards the middle of the year and were discontinued, but one at the Cathedral of December 1 was well attended and successful.

"Next year it has been decided to try full meetings at quarterly periods only, the interm months to be used as evening meetings," concludes the report.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. John Bramley (St. Margaret's); secretary, Mr. Ron D. Hughes (Markfield): committee members, Messrs. J. P. Kesterton (Belgrave) and Alec R. Jones (Markfield). Messrs. John M. Jelley and John E. Harrold were elected ringing master and deputy ringing master respectively.

Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.

—PROVERBS

FEWER ATTENDED

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild (Dorchester Branch) annual general meeting took place at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 10, when the fine ring of eight bells was rung during the afternoon and evening.

The guild service was conducted by the rector, Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, and Mr. F. J. Waite was at the organ. A smaller gathering than usual, due mainly to illness, enjoyed the tea in All Saints' Church House, which had been prepared by Mrs. R. H.

Duke and helpers.

In the absence of the branch chairman, Rev. J. L. Woods, who was indisposed, the vice-chairman, Canon E. B. Brooks, presided at the business meeting. A report for the year 1969 was presented, together with statement of account showing a satisfactory balance in hand. Some changes were made in branch offices for 1970. The Rev. K. W. Meikleighn was elected vice chairman in place of Canon Brooks, who will be leaving Dorchester later this year. The retiring ringing master, Mr. E. H. Amey, was thanked for his work during the past three vears, and Mr. D. L. Cull (Preston) is the new ringing master, with Mr. C. Tidwell (Charminster) the deputy ringing master. Mr. R. H. Duke agreed to serve on the committee and Mr. H. House will be hon. auditor in addition to being a committee The branch chairman, secretary member. and assistant secretary were all re-elected.

A suggestion that future annual meetings should be held in the spring is to be considered at the next quarterly meeting, provisionally arranged to be held at Fordington (St. George's). Towers represented at the meeting were Cattistock, Charminster, Dor-(St. Peter's). Fordington George's), Preston, Wool, Wyke Regis and

Yetminster.

A KENT RECORD

Members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 17-Spliced Surprise Major on January 24. This broke the existing record of spliced for Kent, which was previously set up by Philip Corby's band in 1962. The recent peal, rung at Edenbridge, Kent, was conducted by 17-years-old Simon A B. Wigg. of Maidstone. It was also his 100th peal, 25 of which he has conducted. The same band improved their performance still further by ringing 20 methods at Salehurst, Sussex. on January 31.

RECTOR'S WELCOME PEALS

Andover District ringers have set up a new precedent when, to welcome the new rector (Rev. J. R. S. Mitchell) to the living of Longstock with Leckford, they set out to ring two peals simultaneously on the rector's two rings of five bells.

The Rev. J. R. S. Mitchell was formerly priest-in-charge at Woolton Hill, where he became well known to the Woolton Hill ringers, even handling a bell during the six months of his incumbency there.

He was inducted to the living of Longstock with Leckford on January 8. and a week later two bands assembled at both churches to attempt welcome peals, both being successful, the Longstock peal being rung in 2 hours 38 minutes while that at Leckford was a little longer in 2 hours 43 minutes.

We afterwards joined forces at the Rectory, where there was a splendid repast prepared for us and a convivial evening was spent with Rev. J. R. S. Mitchell and his wife. We think this might be the first time hat any incumbent has been welcomed to his new parish with two peals on his own



A few of the large gathering which attended the Christchurch meeting on January 31.

R.W. photo.

A PROGRESSIVE DISTRICT

The officers of a guild or district, as has The officers of a guild or district, as has been written before, can decide the success or otherwise of the body which it serves, and the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild need have no qualms about its future or doubt of its success. The choice of officers and their enthusiasm is undoubtedly the reason for the good attendances and excellent organisation. and on January 31 at Christchurch a very happy and successful A.G.M. was held.

The 12 bells were not used continuously. Triples, Caters and Major being the "main course" during the afternoon and evening in course" during the afternoon and evening in order that all might ring what was conducive to good striking. The service at 4.30 was bright, and the address by the Rev. C. H. Bostock. Vicar of Lymington, was very amusing, consisting mainly of quotations from old rules and ancient bells. The Vicar of Christchurch (the Rev. H. Yorke) conducted the service and the Rev. W. Godfrey read the lesson

A buffet tea of great variety and proportions was enjoyed by nearly 100 persons, and the district chairman (Mr. A. V. Davis) welcomed the visitors, including The Ringing World editor. He then conceded the chair to the Vicar.

An apparently long agenda of minutes, re-

ports, balance sheet and future activities was disposed of most efficiently by the gathering, the credit for which must be given to Mrs. Gilian Davis, the very capable hon secretary. The membership has increased by 17 to 194. and the balance in hand has also gone up from £20 16s. 2d. to £22 8s. 3d. The striking competitition was won by Ringwood (again!) and Southampton University are keeping the bells ringing at North Stoneham and St. Michael's. Southampton. Mr. D. Matkin gave a peals report and mention of the peal by the

a peals report and mention of the peal by the Croft family received acclamation, with the hope of one of Caters in the future.

Canon K W. H. Felstead announced that work on the tower and interior at St. Michael's, Southampton, would prevent ringing for a time but suitable announcements would be made in due course.

The guild master, Mr. Roger Savory, who was present, mentioned several pertinent items of the wild's activities including

of the guild's and district's activities, including the rule regarding lapsed members, a possible

increase in subscriptions of the "ringers' paper."

New members elected Were Alan Truscott.

Mervyn Parsons, Mr. F. E. Bennett, Andrew Johnson, Diana Bromley, Cynthia Hunt, Colin

Smedley and Kenneth Evans.

Following the vote of thanks the meeting dispersed to ring at the Priory and to visit

PILGRIM FATHERS' ANNIVERSARY

The bells of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, rang throughout the afternoon and evening of January 24 for the annual meeting of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devon-shire Ringers. Many came from as far afield as Exeter, Truro and North Cornwall for an opportunity to ring on this majestic ring of ten. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles and rounds on the ten bells, for the less experienced, to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Royal by way of Cambridge Major.
Preb. J. K. Cavell, vicar and rural dean,

conducted a service and gave the address. He regarded the appeal of ringing as a result of the human quest for perfection.

The business meeting, chaired by George Mudge, of Whitchurch, proceeded in a straightforward manner, with George Mudge being re-elected chairman, J. P. Sims vicechairman, Robert Southwood secretary and freasurer and Roy Bould ringing master. John Mitchelmore retired as deputy ringing master and his place was taken by Norman Mallett, until recently ringing master of the Exeter Branch of the Guild.

Provisional dates and venues for 1970 meetings were decided.

A suggestion that a team representing the city of Plymouth should enter a call-change competition held to mark the 350th anniversary of the departure of the Pilgrim Fathers for the New World was not greeted with enthusiasm. The meeting felt that although "Mayflower '70" (as the celebrations are termed) is worthy of our attention, both call-changes and competition conflict with the aims and traditions of the Guild. After some spirited words in favour of method ringing the meeting closed.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Newark District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild took place at Balderton on January 17, when a towerful of ringers enjoyed a good afternoon and evening's ringing at St. Giles' under the watchful eye of Mr. Colin W. Reed, the local and joint district ringing master.

At Evensong the vicar, the Rev. G. Springett. extended a warm welcome to the visitors, and the organ was played by Mr. Paul Curtis (Coddington) An excellent meal was taken in the church hall, provided by Mrs. C. W. Read and a band of ringers' wives.

In the Newark District there are 15 towers with five or more ringable bells and 77 ringing members of the guild attached to ten of them.

There were 35 at the business meeting representing four towers and they certainly spoke up for the 42 absent members. They took 1 hour and 30 minutes in their deliberations but a feeling of good humour prevailed throughout.

The retiring district secretary, Mr. D. J. The retiring district secretary, Mr. D. J. Tysoe, did not seek re-election and officers elected were: F. W. Midwinter (chairman). Paul Raithby (hon. secretary) and C. W. Reed (committee member) and will serve on the general committee of the guild. Mrs. M. E. Snyder was elected Ringing World correspondent, and C. W. Reed and D. J. Tysoe are joint ringing masters.

It was announced that Mrs. V. Briggs had sent a donation of £20 to the bell repair fund in memory of her husband, Clarence F. Briggs. of Newark, who died in June.

Members were reminded that the A.G.M. of the Southwell Guild would be at Southwell Minster in April. The final round for the Crawford Cup would be held in the Newark district in September, and the next meeting is at Newark Parish Church in March.

F. W. M.

Letters

STINCHCOMBE BELLS

Dear Sir.—We were interested to read of the Consistory Court proceedings regarding the Stinchcombe bells, and whilst Mr. Collis has the advantage over us in knowing the area and the local towers we do feel that we can-and should-comment on the passage in that article referring to the bells at Coaley.

A letter to the incumbent (Rev. R. Hibbs) asking permission to ring his bells for evensong on February 1 brought a favourable reply and a warm welcome was extended. We arrived at 5.30 p.m. and were welcomed by Mr. G. Brown who, although in his 70s, had oiled the bearings and fitted two new ropes especially for the visit. A look at the bells showed that they were all cast by Mears in 1845 and hung in a new frame by Jacques, of Gloucester, in the same year. Whilst much of the gear was clearly still of that date, the installation appeared to be very sound and well maintained.

On raising the bells we were amazed how well they went, and even the yourgest members of our band had no difficulty whatever in ringing touches. Yet, quoting from the R.W., "Mr. W. F. Scudamore, ringing master of the G. and B. Association, ... pointed out that at Coaley, one of the churches claimed by Stinchcombe to have difficulty in finding ringers, the bells were virtually unringable and ought to be condemned. He himself was terrified when attempting to ring there some years ago. We could only conclude, after our ringing, that either the wrong tower was quoted— in which case we feel that an apology is due to Rev. Mr. Hibbs and Mr. Brown-or that the oil applied and ropes fitted before our visit improved the "go" 1,000 per cent.

Perhaps Mr. Scudamore could throw some light on this matter, as his reported comments reflect badly on the friendly people of Coaley, their love of bells being shown in the interest in our visit, with an invitation to come again in the summer. -Yours faithfully.

> GEOFFREY K. DODD. RICHARD L. JONES. CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Dear Sir,-The reply to my letter about Stinchcombe bells from Miss Bliss and Mr. Raus does nothing to assuage my doubts as to capabilities of the Gloucester and Bristol Association to revitalise ringing in the

Stinchcombe area.

Instead of giving answers to my questions the authors have adopted the politicians' method of giving bland general assurances that all will be well, thus avoiding either admitting fault in the matter or committing themselves to any definite course of action that they could later be held to. If the officers of the G. and B. wish to convince ringers of their effectiveness then they should answer the questions in my first letter and also do something about organising ringing in the silent towers in their area instead of waiting for the request for help to arrive.

I heartily endorse the sentiments of the last paragraph of Mr. Sloman's letter and hope that every reader of The Ringing World will take it to heart and act upon it. In my opinion it is the most important thing that has been published in The Ring-World for some years. - Yours faithfully,

Twickenham, ROBIN J. COLLIS.

PLACE NOTATIONS

In answer to Mr. Bamforth's request for place notations for Oxford S. Major, Rev. Malcolm Melville writes from Bedford:-

"Oxford Surprise Major may be found in Corrigan's Collection of 370 Surprise Major Methods, first published in 1948, as follows:

-36-6-58-36-14-3-4ths pl. at l.h. gives 17258463.

"The other method, Sheppey, is not the same as Superlative, Burton variation. The latter is also given in Corrigan's Collection as an irregular method because it involves bells lying still in 7-8. It is a 'double' method, and Sheppey is merely the Burton variation with the places in 7-8 removed."

Mr. A. H. Hinton, of Warmington, also

writes:-This is listed in Part C of the second

edition of 370 Surprise Major Methods, by

the late Andrew J. Corrigan. "On page 31, under irregular, uppealable

and obsolete methods, it is No. 367 with l.h. 17258463. The place notation is:

-36-6-58-36-14-5-16- with h.l. 5."

And Mr. D. Kay Adkins, of Witney,

"The collection by the late Mr. F. W.

Tipler gives the following:

A-36-16-58-36-14-38-36-18. "As this method has falseness e, g, l, k, it would be interesting to see the composi-tion used. The Tipler reference number is

"With regard to Superlative Surprise Major, Burton variation, the same collec-

tion gives B, 78, 36, 78, 14—58—36—14—58, 12, 36, 12, 78 (reference B1/M), which method is the same as Sheppey but for the 78s. It has the doubtful advantage of being a c.p.s. method.

SPLICED

Dear Sir.—On page 83, R.W., under the item "25 Years Ago," it was recalled that three peals of Spliced Surprise Major in the four standard methods were rung during 1944. On referring to my peal records I find that in company with Maurice F. R. Hibbert, Edwin Jennings and Harold Cashmore I was privileged to ring in all three peals. All were rung at Bushey for the Hertford County Association. Others taking part were John E. Spice, John E. Rootes, Frederick W. Brinklow, Ernest C. S. Turner, who all rang in two peals, and George M. Kilby, Frederick E. Collins, Walter Ayre and Charles H. Kippin, who each rang in one peal. Two were conducted by Harold Cashmore and the other by Ernest C. S. Turner.—Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS KIRK. Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

[Mr. Kirk, in his covering letter, writes: "Despite the forecast that 'spliced ringing is likely to be one of the great features of change-ringing, made 25 years ago, none of us could have visualised the heights to which it has now reached, and I am full of admiration and wonder for those who ring in the 'multies'."—Ed.]

DIAL IIII

Dear Sir, — Surely the reason for using IIII rather than IV is that the former makes a better balance with the figure VIII on the other side than the latter.

The Great Clock at Westminster is, however another example where the more correct IV was used.—Yours faithfully,

DOUGLAS HUGHES.

London, E.

WINSFORD PEAL ACCEPTED

Dear Sir,-In the issue of November 21 last you published a letter from Mr. G. Baldam (page 907) requesting withdrawal of a peal rung at Winsford for the Bath and Wells Association. The allegations made by Mr. Baldam have been investigated by the standing committee of the Association. We have received from the conductor a detailed rebuttal of the various points alleged by Mr. Baldam and the remainder of the band support the conductor. Therefore we accept that the peal was rung in accordance with the Central Council Decisions and that the extents were true. This finding has been accepted by the general committee of the Association and the peal will be included in our records,

As a general comment on this matter we feel strongly that such complaints should never arise since a member of the band can always set his bell if dissatisfied.— Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. GILBERT, General Secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

YAXLEY AND LITTLE BOB

Dear Sir,-Having very little knowledge of method splicing and composition, it is with diffidence that I draw attention to the handbell peal of Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob Minor published on page 38, as I am completely puzzled as to how it is possible to splice any method with Little Bob Minor to form a true 720.

It is axiomatic that in a true 720 the treble, in common with all the other bells, will have to strike 120 times in fifths place and sixths place. If, say, 480 changes of Yaxley were rung in a 720 the treble would strike in 5ths and 6ths 80 times. In the Little Bob it would not strike at all in these positions.

Perhaps Mr. Price will explain how this difficulty is overcome.—Yours faithfully.

A. PASHLEY.

Grimsby, Lincs.

OTHER RINGING ENJOYMENTS

Dear Sir. - I disagree with Barry F. Peachey when he states that many voung people would leave the Exercise if peal ringing was condemned. I am 16 and have now been ringing for one year. When I took up ringing I hadn't the slightest notion what a peal was, let alone any thoughts of ringing one. I took up ringing for the eniovment I could get out of it. I've made many new friends, visited many new towers and enjoyed myself a great deal. The joy doesn't come through the thought of ringing a peal but the thought of being able to ring well for practice and service ringing. -Yours faithfully, A. WEEKS.

Tonbridge, Kent.

APPRECIATION

Mr. T. A. Whitehead, Chailey, Sussex. writes:-

"In Sentember we formed a new band at St. Peter's. Chailey, and with two exceptions the band were teenagers, the eldest being 16. At Christmas we managed to ring for our first service, and this would not have been possible had it not been for all the time and help given by the Barcombe ringers and the use of their tower (sorry about the two stays!).

"We thank Mr. and Mrs. McAdam, Bert. Fred and Stephen for their assistance.

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NON-TERRITORIAL?

Dear Sir,—In this year's Ringers' Note-book and Diary there is innovation in having Territorial, Non-Territorial, and University and College Societies classified separately. There is, however, one mistake—the classification of the London County Association as territorial. Surely it should be non-territorial?

The L.C.A. was formed out of the St. James' Society, the purpose of which was to enable members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the College Youths to ring peals together. These two Societies are non-territorial, therefore it follows that

the L.C.A. is also.

It is not as if the activity of the L.C.A. at the present time is territorial, except perhaps at Chelsea, Kensington and Isleworth. Members are elected for life and therefore have a vote at any meeting. Theoretically, a member living in the depths of Africa could be elected master at the annual general meeting!

Let us hope that the London County will take its rightful place of honour with the other non-territorial Societies both in the Diary and in its representation on the Central Council. Such an anomaly hardly fits into the Association's policy of a new look in London ringing!—Yours faithfully,

PAGE-ING MR. MARSH

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Graham Reynolds, is not alone in his wish to trace Edward Marsh. As secretary to St. John's, the only tower in the town with a ring of bells, I extend an invitation to both gentlemen to meet in our ringing chamber, where we will gladly accord them the opportunity of assisting a struggling band.—Yours faith-

G. A. WEST.

Redhill.

GIFT TO COALBROOKDALE

Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale, Salop, has just had the ten clappers of the bells rebushed and overhauled at the Whitechapel Foundry. All the arrangements and transport were organised by Mr. E. S. But-ler, of Billingsley, Bridgnorth, who also pro-vided the cheque to meet the account. "Our thanks are due to him with gratitude,' writes A. S. Bayley.

WORK IN HAND

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. report the

Ingoldmells, Lincs.—Installation of a new ring of six starts shortly. Full details given after dedication.

Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts. - The two new trebles to complete the octave are being installed by Mr. W. Exton and other local ringers. All work to frame has been done locally with parts supplied by John Taylor

Chellaston, Derbys. - Here there is a mixed three in a Taylor frame for six. Mr. Willows, local ringing master, is installing two new trebles. This will make a minor five; the tenor is to follow as funds

All bells are new by John Taylor and Co.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS

The old ring of 12 was rung for the last time on March 3, 1968, for evensong. The following week work commenced to put the bells into better order by replacing the timber headstocks with metal ones, fitting new clappers, etc. However, it was found that time had taken a much greater toll than was at first thought—the 3rd, 8th and 11th bells were found to be cracked and the timber frame to be very much decayed and in places cut away in order to give clearance.

The architect wanted the bells to be placed as low as possible in the tower to reduce the strain. The Cathedral ringers held a meeting and considered a number of suggested schemes, finally recommending the authorities to have a new frame for 13 bells, have all the bells recast into a new ring of 12 (tenor 34½ cwt. in D flat), also a new flat 6th ($8\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.), giving a light octave of $14\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., this being the heaviest ring that the tower can accommodate on one level.

As a considerable amount of cash was required for other work to be done on the fabric in the near future, the ringers thought it best to have a full frame for 13 bells to be installed, were it only possible to have ten or 12 bells, the others being added at a later date. However, the authorities decided to have the scheme carried out in full, also to raise the belfry ceiling about four feet, but leaving a clock room reduced in height, fix a new timber floor under the bells, install a new chiming clock, brick-up the sound openings to a suitable height, face the inside of the bell chamber with acoustic plaster, and other repair work.

The bells will have no inscriptions, but a tablet cast in bell metal, bearing all the inscriptions, will be fixed to one of the belfry walls. The Cathedral ringers have agreed to bear the cost of the flat 6th bell (£543), most of which has been subscribed. The work on the bells is in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and the builders, Messrs. Longdon, of Sheffield, who made an excellent job of the recently-completed

Cathedral enlargement.

Many ringers have had the pleasure of ringing on the fine old 12. Any donations towards the cost of the new bells will be gratefully received and should be sent to me (Herbert O. Chaddock, 1 Hemsworth Road, Sheffield, 8) or direct to the Provost, c/o The Cathedral. An official receipt will be supplied.

"GRANTHAM AT LEISURE"

Over 11,000 people attended a three-day exhibition at The Guildhall, Grantham, Lincs, in which over 50 exhibitors of various activities staged their view of "Grantham at Leisure." At the opening ceremony on January 23 the Mayor said: "I now have an answer to all those who say to me 'There is nothing to do in Grantham.'"

those who say to me 'There is nothing to do in Grantham.'"

The St. Wulfram's band of ringers provided an interesting display of charts, books (including The Ringing World), competition trophies, handbells and photographs of past and present ringers. The main feature— a working wooden replica of a tower bell, made by Mr. Denis Frith—provided many members of the public with an opportunity to try their hand at ringing a "bell."

Several recruits were found as a result of this venture, and thanks are due to the members of the St. Wulfram's band, whose enthusiastic help made the exhibition a success.

B. B.

WHITSTABLE'S OTHER BELFRIES
A leading article last year dealt with the new ring of six at St. Alphege's Church, Seasalter, but, excluding the old Seasalter church, there are three other places of worship in Whitstable, and one other noteworthy bell, a Burmese one of 1845, at the Castle.

Pride of place must go to the beautiful Parish Church of All Saints with St. Andrew. The tower is the oldest part, dating from c.1220, but the church was only completed when the present south aisle was added in 1962, built in the Perpendicular style to match the rest of the building. Here were formerly three large bells, though they were reported as being "greatly decayed" as far back as 1594. In 1729 the tenor was cracked and all three were removed and recast into the present ring of six by Samuell Knight, of Holborn. They were rehung in 1844, but for many years were chimed by a barrel-like machine; further repairs were done in 1895 by S. B. Goslin, and in 1919. The bells were taken down, tuned, quarter-turned and rehung in new fittings and framework by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1930, a new clock by Messrs, W. Joyce, of Whitchurch, being installed at he Church of All Saints with St. Andrew. The Stainbank in 1930, a new clock by Messrs, W. Joyce, of Whitchurch, being installed at he same time. Since the last war the bells have been rung by one of the most able of North Kent's six-bell bands. The front five bells are inscribed: SAMUELL KNIGHT MADE ME 1730, while the tenor bears: IAMES MARCH IOHN ANDREUS MICHAEL GOAIHAM C W 1730, the notes, weights and diameters being as follows:—

1rebie: 25 1/8 in., F, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 10lb. Second: 26 3/16in., D sharp, 3-2-8.

1hird: 28 1/8in., C sharp, 4-0-23.

Fourth: 29½in., C, 4-2-13.

Fifth: 32 9-16in., A sharp, 5-3-6.

Tenor: 35½in., G sharp, 7-2-6.

The new daughter church of S. Andrew has not even one bell, but the magnificent Church of St. Peter, in the poorer area near the har-

ot St. Peter, in the poorer area near the harbour, began as an offshoot of All Saints' in 1911, completed in 1929, and independent since 1935, now lacks only the 150-feet high tower and spire originally designed by the architect, the late Mr. G. H. Fellowes Prynne. This is one of his finest churches, but the possibility of the tower ever rising seems infinitesimal. The church was first equipped infinitesimal. The church was first equipped with the oid mission bell, a tinny 12-inch brassfoundry casting. In 1937 a very sweet-toned 14in, sanctus bell was hung over the lady chapel by the Whitechapel Foundry, which in 1963 supplied a new bell for the new bell gable built in memory of a former assistant priest, the Rev. R. Wimbush, who was a great lover of bells before an accident forced him to give up ringing. The bell has the same note as the new St. Alphege's tenor, G; it is also 24in, in diameter and weighs 3 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb., being simply inscribed: MEARS / 19 (M) 63 / LONDON.

To the east of the town and now a part of

To the east of the town and now a part of To the east of the town and now a part of it is the old village of Swalecliffe, mentioned in Domesday Book. The old church possessed two bells, one of which was sold in 1744 for £5. In 1875 the church was entirely rebuilt on the old site, and, apart from the plate, nothing old seems to have survived. A visual examination of the bell through a telescope (it hangs in an open spirelet) by the writer and Mr. Ranald Clouston in 1968 revealed a bell of modern shape.

and Mr. Kanatu Clouder.
bell of modern shape.

But at least Whitstable is now the town with
two sixes, with a big welcome for all visitors
D. L. C.

Oh, talk not to me of a name great in story;

The days of our youth are the days of our glory;

And the myrtle and ivy of sweet two-andtwenty

Are worth all your laurels, though ever so plenty.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

CRANHAM, GLOS. — On Jan. 24, 2520 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Patricia Southwell (first half) 1, Susan Williams (first half) 2, Susan Perry 3, Margaret Powell 4, Patricia Buckland 5, Sara Cornock 6, Jointly conducted by 2 and 5. (c)

ALDBOURNE, WALLS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Doubles (four methods, 1-3 leading); S. Haie I., Frances Craige, Feta Lioyd 5, A. G. Keen (cond.) 4, I. A. Palmer 5, I. K. Jones 6, G. A. Newman 7, C. Barnes 8, Prior to a special United Anglican-Methodist Communion Service, marking Universal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. (c)

ANDUVER, HANIS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Douoles: Mrs. J. Tarrant 1, J. C. Wimieu 2, G. B. Warner 3, K. C. Wimlett 4, 1. 1arrant (cond.) 5, W. Muttord 6. A larewell to Rev. Bryan Apps and a welcome to G. B. Warner, on leave from Singapore.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 17, 1260 Grandsite Doubles: Miss H. J. Osborne I, Mrs. G. S. M. L. Macadam 2, R. R. Kennard (first as cond.) 3, A. Iurner 4, E. M. L. Macadam 5, S. J. Osborne 6, (c) Also on Jan. 26, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Chappell I, Susan E. M. Davis 2, F. G. Williams 3, P. D. Hepburn 4, D. L. Nibbe 5, D. R. Cox (cond.) 6, By the University of Sussex Guild. (c)

BATHFORD, SOM. — On Jan. 26, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: A. B. Cannings 1, Miss B. A. Bruford 2, Miss P. Gouly 3, B. Sarll 4, P. J. Devrell (cond., 100th quarter) 5, K. Weeks 6. A farewell to A. F. Lee

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Jan. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan D. A. Trousdale I, Margaret A. Robinson 2, M. J. Herbert 3, R. J. Cooles 4, D. R. Tipler (cond.) 5, P. W. Whalley 6. For evening service. (c)

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERIS.—On Nov. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Glazebrook 4, R. Prime 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. Huuley 8, Halfmuffled for Remembrance Day, Also on Dec. 7, 1260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, R. Prime 3, P. Glazebrook 4, W. Hunt 5, A. Richardson 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, D. Huuley 8, For Confirmation. (c)

BRAINIREE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Major: A. Wiften 1, Miss J. Millbank 2, Mrs. J. A. Brown 3, A. R. Syder 4, C. Barker 5, H. G. Felton 6, C. H. Gillingham 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. Halfmuttled in memoriam Samuel Warne, interred the following day, aged 78, a ringer at St. Michael's Church for over 40 years. (c)

BREWOUD, STAFFS.—On Jan. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, D. R. Hawksworth (first as cond.) 2, C. S. Dumbell 3, H. Allsop 4, R. G. W. Broughton 5, G. L. Askew 6, P. R. Johnson 7, M. J. Bradley (first quarter) 8. Preceding the united service for Christian Unity. (c)

BRIDGWATER, SOM.—On Jan. 31, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. G. Kent I, E. T. Lee 2, Diana M. Bridle 3, J. Brain (350th quarter) 4, S. Brown 5, E. Dibble 6, B. J. Wylde (cond.) 7, M. J. Stone 8, First D.N.C.B. for 1, 6 and 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 28, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Mrs. E. M. Mitchell 1, Susan Hopkin 2, Susan E. M. Davis (first in method) 3, P. D. Hepburn (first in method) 4, D. R. Cox (first in method) 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, A. W. Bond 8, To congratulate Gavin Brown on 21 years as organist of this church. (c)

BRISTOL.—At Holy Nativity Church, Knowle, on Jan. 24, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: W. G. Cocks 1, Alison Brown 2, Rosemary Snowdon 3, J. F. Boulter 4, R. Virgin 5, B. A. Shackleton 6, P. M. J. Gray 7, D. P. Treble (cond.) 8. To mark the 12th anniversary of the consecration of the restored church.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 24, 1280 Double
Norwich Court Bob Major. R. F. Arscott 1, Mrs. B.
Bindon 2, Mrs. D. Bishop 3, H. V. Young 4, R.
Woodward 5, R. Short 6, M. A. Arscott 7, A. Bishop
(cond.) 8, For Christian Unity Week.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Peter

BROMLEY, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Feb. 1, 1320 Bob Doubles: Anne Stacey (first quarter) 1, F. Gates 2, P. J. Spice 3, Elizabeth Newbery 4, D. H. Kingston (cond.) 5, M. Hansford 6. First in method 1, 2, 5. In honour of P. J. Spice on his retirement, as captain, after 55 years' ringing in Bromley; also a birthday compliment to Miss J. Thoday, ringer at Bromley, on reaching 18 years of age. (c)

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On Jan. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Carole Pursull (first Minor) 1, Rosemary Wilkinson (first Minor Inside) 2, C. L. R. Bainham 3, Cynthia M. Humpbreys 4, J. P. Burton 5, S. G. Pick (cond.) 6.

CHARING, KENT.—On Oct. 19, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Diana H. M. Bradford 1, Catherine M. Robbins (first Surprise) 2, Rev. P. T. Robbins 3, Betty Robbins 4, R. N. Bagshaw 5, P. M. J. Bradford (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 9, 1320 Surprise Minor (720 York, 600 London): Catherine M. Robbins 1, Betty Robbins 2, Diana H. M. Bradford 3, Rev. P. T. Robbins 4, R. N. Bagshaw 5, P. M. J. Bradford (cond.) 6. For Remembrance Sunday, (c)

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOM. — On Jan. 33, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: E. T. Lee 1, Monica Horseman 2, G. H. Baldam 3, J. Maggs 4, J. Brain 5, D. Mackay 6, S. Brown 7, P. J. England (first D.N.C.B. as cond.) 8. First of D.N.C.B. 3 and 4. A compliment to Mr. E. J. Chivers, retiring after 20 years as Frome Branch secretary. (c)

CHILVERS COTON, WARKS.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Perrens 1, L. M. Callow 2, J. Evans (cond., aged 17) 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, L. Trevor 5, A. H. Beamish 6, J. Draycott 7, G. A. Bell 8. Celebrating the 100th birthday of Miss Maria Woodford, Nuneaton's oldest resident, born in the parish, later becoming "Nannie" to Patrick Moore, the celebrated astronomer; also on G. A. Bell's 57th birthday. (c)

CHINNOR, OXON.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): G. Judge 1, Mrs. D. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, F. Keen 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) S. C. Wilkinson 6. For morning service. (c)

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Jan. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret A. Robinson 1, Miss J. S. Armstrong 2, J. Rea 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, R. J. Cooles 6, G. W. Shanks 7, D. R. Tipler 8. (c)

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.—On Jan. 30, 1279 Doubles (Rev. Cant., Grandsire, Plain): R. S. Bridge (first in three methods) I, Mary W. Whalley 2, J. Whalley 3, A. Capstick 4, K. M. Price (cond.) 5, M. L. Dobson (first in three methods) 6, A birthday compliment to Mary W. Whalley and Kevin M. Price.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.— On Jan. 27. 1260 Pl. Bob Royal; H. F. Pettifer (first on ten) 1, J. Bagnall 2, Miss A. M. Warnes (first Royal inside) 3, N. M. Newby 4, A. Capatick 5, J. T. Turner 6, V. Forshaw 7, W. Wall (cond.) 8, S. Walmsley 9, K. M. Price 10. Half-muffled in memoriam William Thomas Turner, of the local tower.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On Jan. 28, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: P. Dowling 1, R. J. Edden 2, A. S. Carter 3, W. Wayman 4, G. J. L. Read 5, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 5 and 6, (c)

EAST CROMPTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 26, 1320 Pl. Bob Minor: J. G. Sanderson (first quarter) 1, H. Armstead 2, P. G. A. Rowe (first quarter) 3, G. Abbott 4, D. G. Sanderson 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6, A. P. Ogden (covering) 7. To celebrate the birth of a son to Geoff and Brenda Ogden. (c)

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): Joan A. Rance I, Susan E, Rance (first in two methods) 2, G. N. Scott (first in two methods) 3, K. R. Davenport 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Feb. 1, 1264 Plain Bob Major: Joan E, Scott (first Major) 1, K. R. Davenport 2, Susan E, Rance (first Major) 3, Joan A, Rance 4, C. W. Balley 5, G. N. Scott (first Major) 6, S. G. Scott 7, A. J. N. Rance (cond.) 8. For Evensong. (c)

EDITH WESTON, RUTLAND.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. Taylor (first attempt) I, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, R. J. Chantler 3, J. C. Hudson 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

EDMONTON, N.— On Jan, 25, 1260 Plain Bob Triples: Carole Francis 1, C. Edwards 2, T. Wheeler 3, Beryl Platt 4, Jacquie Hedges 5, D. Dorrington (cond.) 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, Trudy Newcombe 8, A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 2, For Evensong.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Willis 1, Janet Parker (first quarter) 2, J. Maggs 3, Rosemary Smith 4, R. Smith 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. For Matins. (c)

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 18, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. G. Wils I, Linda D. Chamberlain (first inside) 2, Mrs. D. H. Chamberlain 3, Catherine A. Roberts (cond.) 4, Elizabeth A. Ranks 5, L. D. Smith 6. For morning service, attended by the Bishop of Southampton. Also on Jan. 25, 1260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: D. C. Jackson 1, J. C. Banks 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, Catherine A. Roberts 4, L. D. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. For Evensong. (c)

Gl.ASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Feb. 1, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. Preston 1, Miss J. Cleeve 2, Mrs. J. Tomkinson 3, M. M. Peterson 4, T. J. Winderam 5, J. Preston 6, P. T. Fisher 7, D. M. Graham-Service 8, M. J. Pink (cond.) 9, T. C. Winderam 10.

GREAT GIDDING, HUNTS.— On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Coleman 1, R. W. Yeomans 2, J. M. Tyler 3, D. P. Murduck 4, J. E. David (cond.) 5. On the 8th anniversary of the vicar's induction. (c) GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Gray (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, Miss B. Lancaster 3, G. Gray 4, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 5, P. Hambrook (first quarter) 6

GUISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Jan. 31, 126, Plain Bob Minor: R. Cooper 1, M. Livesey 2, Lynnette Banwell 3, L. Franks 4, P. Wishart 5, J. Halliwell (cond.) 6, With thanks for the birth of a son to the conductor and his wife, Joan, (c)

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: I. Shilwock 1, B. E. Woodall 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, L. W. Clissett 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, H. Shilwock 6, M. L. Lashford (first as cond. in method) 7, A. Hackett 8. For Evensong: a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Lashford on their first wedding anniversary. (c)

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Nov. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: G, Barnard 1, E, W, Brown 2, W, J, Ridgman (cond.) 3, Rev. J. B, Rowsell 4, B, Horrell 5, A, E, Ling 6, First quarter after augmentation, Also on Jan. 25, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: W, J, Ridgman 1, G, Barnard (first Minor inside) 2, J, G, Gipson 3, B, D, Threlfall (cond.) 4, B, Horrell 5, A, E, Ling 6.

HEMPSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. H. Gillingham 1, J. Connell 2, S. P. Sudbury 3, I. Messenger 4, J. Green 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 3 and 4.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hessey I, J. C. Hope (first inside) 2, G. P. Horton 3, G. F. Gardiner 4, K. Gatman 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6, A farewell to Rev. W. Stibbs (curate) and Mrs. Stibbs. Also same date and metnod: A. Hessey 1, J. C. Hope 2, G. P. Horton 3, K. Gatman 4, R. R. Horton (cond.) 5, R. H. Sharp 6. For Evensong. (c)

HEVER, KENT.—On Jan. 3, 1260 Doubles (four metnods): Karol J. Ashby (first quarter) 1, S. Jenner 2. B. Butler 3, E. J. Jenner 4, A. J. Leeves (cond.) 5, A. Jenner 6. Also on Jan. 17, 1260 Doubles: R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 1, D. Featherstone 2, P. R. Butier 3, J. A. Howard 4, A. P. Cannon 5. A farewell to Rachel Collins, daughter of the Rector of Hever, on her departure for missionary work in Peru.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On Jan. 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Newth (first quarter) 1, Elliot Wigg 2, Joyce Tildesley 3, I. Harris (cond.) 4, C. Sole 5, O. Hemming 6, R. Hoverd 7. D. Clarke 8, For 80th birthday of Frank Davis, 45 years a ringer at St. Peter's Church, (c)

HYTHE, KENT. — On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsite Triples: J. Hemsley 1, D. Manger 2, Anne Berry 3, Pamela Court 4, H. Deacon 5, P. Staples (first G.T.) 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8. A fare-well to Pamela Court on her departure to West Pakistan. (c)

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. — On Jan. 27, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bigley 1, Ann Smith 2, Eileen Chatterley 3, J. Skerritt 4, E. Buckby 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. A compliment to ringer of 3, leaving for V.S.O. in the Pacific. (c)

KESWICK, CUMB. — On Jan. 17, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Ruth Brownrigg (first quarter) 1, R. Wetenhall 2, D. Bell (first Doubles) 3, J. Brownrigg 4, D. Kealey (first Doubles and as cond.) 5, F. Barnes 6. (c)

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Katharine Salvage 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, C. D. Collin 3, B. J. Stone 4, M. J. Green (cond.) 5, Lesley A. Hawes 6. For Evensons, and for the ordination of Neville Brook as Deacon of St. Martin's, Maidstone. Also on Jan. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Bulleid 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Katharine Salvage 3, J. Whitear 4, Lesley A. Hawes 5, C. D. Collin 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, N. M. Gower (first quarter) 8, For Evensong. Also on Jan. 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Katharine Salvage 1, Lealey A. Hawes 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, C. D. Collin (cond.) 4, B. J. Stone 5, I. J. Whitear 6. For Holy Communion. (c)

LONG CRENDON, BUCKS. - On Jan. 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Clarke (first Triples) 1, A. D. Tyler 2. Christine Baker 3, L. J. Gregory 4, C. W. J. East 5, E. Evans 6, R. T. Corker (cond) 7, E. F. Putt 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 7. A wedding compliment to June Pearce and Michael Wickens. Also 27, 1260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7-8 cover): Julie Tyler 1, C. W. J. East 2. Christine Baker 3. E. F. Putt 4, R. T. Corker (cond.) 5, A. D. Tyler 6, Mavis Clarke 7, G. J. Tyler 8. A 65th birthday compliment to Mr. S. H. Young, deputy captain and local ringer for over 50 years.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE. - On Jan. 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: N. Collum (first quarter) 1, Denise Jaine 2, Valerie Edge 3, P. A. Keene 4, D. Ferguson 5. H. C. Lewis 6, F. R. Harris (cond.) 7, G. Beaumont To mark a hundred years of service as sextons and ringers at Ludlow by the Nash family.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS. - On Jan. 25, 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Barber 1, P. L. Wood 2, Mrs. M. Wood 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, G. W. Edwards 5, G. Bagley 6, J. Clements 7, R. G. Morris (cond.) 8. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. P. Wood. (c)

MARCH, CAMBS. - On Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Readshaw 1, M. Goakes 2, P. H. Langton 3, W. Moore 4, D. Feek 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) Half-muffled, prior to family service, in tribute to Mrs. D. R. Morgan, a lifelong worker for the church.

MARKSBURY, SOM. - On Jan. 22, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: P. J. Devrell 1, A. J. Coomba 2, P. Blacker 3, H. J. Coombs 4, B. Saril 5, R. Perry (first Minor as cond.) 6. In appreciation for the services of A. F. Lee, former branch secretary,

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.—On Jan. 17, 1260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): I. Mackenzie (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Mackenzie (first quarter inside) 2, V. D. Mead 3, E. Evans 4, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 5, H. E. Clifton 6.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS .- On Jan. 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss L. Redden (first Bob Minor) 1, G. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, W. Booth 4, A. Sinden 5, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS. — On Jan. 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. M. Edgson 1, Carol A. Eveleigh (first Minor inside) 2, Joan M. Cheney 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, J. G. Edgson 6. For Evensong; also a 21st birthday compliment to the 2nd ringer

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS, - On Jan. 24, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Dorothy M. Huggins 1, A. Hoar 2, . Huggins 3, A. Reeves 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, J. Quaife 6. First Stedman 1, 2 and 3.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Dec. 21, 1260 Grandsire Iriples: F. Camor 1, Sara Cornock 2, R. Watts 3, T. Pritchard 4, M. Kay 5, R. Ashby 6, R. Cornock (cond.) 7, Rev. Hon. R. Morrison 8. For People's Also on Jan. 18, 1260 Grandsire Carol Service. Triples: F. Cantor 1, Sara Cornock 2, R. Watts 3, T. Pritchard 4, M. Kay 5, R. Ashby 6, R. Cornock (cond.) 7, R. Garland 8.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 9, 1320 Rev. Canter-bury Pleasure Bob Doubles: P. Southon 1, Frances Pollard (first quarter) 2, L. Huckstep 3, C. Beeching (cond.) 4, W. Seward 5, D. Sara 6, A birthday compliment to the Archdeacon of Canterbury. (c)

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 28, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Boon (first quarter, aged 12) 1, J. Meredith 2, Mrs. M. Meredith 3, D. E. C. Isaacs 4 Payne 5, B. E. Frost (cond.) 6. For the Festival of St. Paul, and a welcome to the first grandson of

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS. - At the Cathedral, on Jan. 26. 1260 Plain Bob Caters: Jennifer L. Qualfe 1. Mrs. L. Hatfield 2, Lesley Duguid 3, Jean Berriman 4, R. J. Fry (first on ten) 5, A. A. J. Buswell (cond.) 6, W. F. J. Cope 7, L. Hatfield 8, W. Willans 9, A. Hoodless 10. First P.B. Caters 2, 3, 4. For the birth of Thomas Kenneth Wyn Welch. Also on Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jean M. Berriman 1, B. J. Fry 2. Edna Jones 3, Jennifer L. Quaife (50th quarter) 4, R. B. Walton S. A. A. J. Buswell 6, W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8. For Even-

PRISTON, SOM .- On Jan. 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. J. Coombs 1, R. Perry 2, A. J. Coombs 3, E. H. Goater 4, B. Sarll 5, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 6. A compliment to A. F. Lee, former branch secretary, and a birthday compliment to H. J. Coombs.

RAINHAM, KENT On Jan. 25, 1344 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Levick 1. D. Parks 2. Miss B. Gell 3. S. Garner 4. N. Crane 5. S. Taylor 6, G. Pullin 7, S. Muchlinski (cond.) 8. For the baptism of the 5th ringer's niece.

REEPHAM. NORFOLK.-On Feb. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss J. Westwood (first quarter) 1. S. Marshall W. Ford 3, E. Durrant (cond.) 4, R. E. Smith (first inside) 5. N. Penn 6.

ROPLEY, HANTS. - On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Palmer 1, Janet Gray 2, Dorothy M Hugoins 3. A. Hoar 4. J. Huggins (cond.) 5. R. Skinner 6 For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM. YORKS. - On Jan. 11 1 264 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Jennifer Indge 1, Marie Harswell 2. C. Newton 3, R. Harper 4, A. Beaumont 5. D. Nichols 6. N. Donovan 7. S. Armeson (cond.) 8.

ROTHERHAM YORKS.—On Jan. 25, 1264 Double Norwich C.B. Maior: Marianne Baker 1. A. Holroyd 2. Marie Hatswell 3, R. Harper 4, A. Beaumont 5, S. Armeson (cond.) 6, N. Donovan 7, D. Nichols 8. Also on Feb. 1, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: Marie Hatswell 1. Marianne Baker 2, C. Newton 3, R. Har-per 4, N. Donovan 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, D. Nichols S. Armeson (cond.) 8. First Cambridge Major 1. 2 and 3

RUARDEAN, GLOS .- On Jan. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Butcher 1. W. Reece (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Meadows 3, R. Poston 4, G. Higgins 5, F. Oakley 6, L. Meadows 7, H. Meek 8, A birthday compliment to H. Meek, a member of St. John the Baptist Church for 42 years.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS .- On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Selby 1, T. Kirkman 2, N. Handley 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, R. Stretton 6, D Oliver 7. S. Adams 8

SANDON, ESSEX. - On Jan. 31, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: L. R. Smith (first quarter) 1. G. A. Bainbridge 2. Anne Edwards 3, G. A. Smith 4, Jane Foster 5, M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Dec. 26, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: Pamela Rennard (first quarter) 1, W. Hudson 2, E. King 3, H. Pickup 4, G. Dykes (first quarter) 5, M. Pickup (cond.) 6. (c)

SEAL CHART, KENT.-On Jan. 3, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline F. West (first quarter) 1, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 2, S. P. Piper (first inside) 3, L. W. Jarvis 4, S. G. Waters 5, V. J. Benning 6.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.-On Jan. 3, 1264 Plain Bob Major: Coral D. S. Fry (first Major) 1, G. Fry 2, P. Everest 3. B. E. Jeffrey 4, R. J. Everest 5, D. C. Brookes 6, P. J. Simmonds (first Major as cond.) 7, H W Frans 8

STAMFORD, LINCS.-At St. Martin's Church, on Jan. 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: E. Cox 1, V. Chamber-lain 2, E. Tyers 3, W. Beddow 4, F. Mitchell 5, J. H Bluff (cond.) 6 For morning service, and the christening of Miranda Rosemary, daughter of Simon and Lady Leatham and grand-daughter of Lord and Lady Leatham and grand-daughter of Lord and Lady Exeter, of Burghley House, Stamford.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 26, 1260
Plain Bob Minor: Alice Hall 1, Hilda Collins 2, S.

Webb 3. Iris Webb 4. E. Garrett 5. M Chown (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Franklin, interred earlier the same day.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL. - On Jan. 11. 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): P. Scott (first quarter) 1. Hilary Multhead (cond) 2, Rosemary Snawdon 3, Joan Gray 4, P. Norcross 5, P. Gray 6. For Even-

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.-On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. P. Taylor 1, L. C. Dowdeswell
2. B H Taylor 3, Helen R. Taylor 4, Hilda C. Taylor 5. A. Ewins (first inside) 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) P C Clifford 8.

STREATLEY, BERKS.—On Jan 24, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Sunderland 1, D. Gazeley 2, Sue Taylor 3, R. Woodward 4, P. Clarke (cond.) 5, Gill Smith 6

STREATLEY. BERKS.-On Jan. 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Judd 1, I. G. Judd 2, A. J. Carpenter 3, F. H. Hale 4, D. Taylor (cond.) 5, F. J. Gale 6. For Evensong.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS. - On Jan. 11. Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. Somerton 1, G. Wade 2, H. Johnson 3, A. T. Humphries 4, S. Ruddlesden (cond.) 5, M. Rowling 6. First quarter 2, A farewell to Dr. W. J. Smart, retiring rector.

TAUNTON, SOM. - At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, on Jan. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Medway 1. Mrs. J. Shepherd 2, B. Hooper (first inside) 3, J. Medway 4, R. Shepherd (cond.) 5, J. Shenherd 6. First quarter 1, 6. For Evensong.

TITCHFIELD. HANTS .- On Feb 1, 1440 Hereward Bob Minor: J. Whiteman 1, Mrs. D. Hatfield 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, H. L. Hatfield 4, W. F. J. Cope 5. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method by all

TONBRIDGE, KENT.-On Jan, 10, 1260 Stedman Doubles: E. R. G. West (first Stedman) 1, D. Feather-stone 2, D. C. Brookes 3, S. G. Waters 4, W. H. Dobble (cond.) 5, L. T. Pope 6,

TRULL, SOM.— On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Shepherd (cond.) 1, Mm. J. Shepherd 2,

B. Hooper 3, J. Baker 4, J. Medway 5, J. Shepherd For Evensong.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX .- On Jan. 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Manser 1, J. Chalk 2, G. Walker 3, J. Eyre 4, A. Crowson 5, K. Hughes (cond.) 6. (c) WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Feb. 2, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Tickner 1, Miss C. T. Wilkins 2, Miss Ramage 3, J. Cooke (cond.) 4, R. Gerhardi 5, S. Mallett 6. For Evensong.

WARMINSTER, WILTS .- On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 in front); Monica Scammell (aged 14) 1, Karen Starling (13) 2, Miss M E. Wynne 3, L. E. J. Hawkins 4, E. E. Norris 5, A. F. Grist 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, R. Roynon 8, First quarter 1, 2, 3. To celebrate the birth of a son to the Vicar of Warminster (Rev. A. T. Johnson, M.A.) and Mrs. Johnson. (c)

WENTWORTH, YORKS. - On Jan. Doubles (five methods): R. M. Naillah 1, R. R. Naillah 2, D. E. Archer 3, L. Hailows 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6, For Matins and within the Octave of the Feast of the Epiphany.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON. - At St. Danes' Church, on Jan. 25, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: P. Sloman 1, Miss C. Neville 2, G. Walker 3, Miss B. Shaw 4, D. Gower 5, G. Bacon 6, C. Ottaway 7, D. Ellsdon (cond.) 8, C. Willmington cover. For Evensone



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Sat., Dec. 20. 1969. 3hrs. 6mins. (17 cwt.). 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR 1 Barry J. Fry⁹

1 Barry J. Fry*
2 Katharine J. Maundrell
3 Anthony J. Mason
4 H. Lyndon Hatfield
5 Barry R. M. Johnson
6 Richard Green
7 Richard H. Youdale
8 Robert E. J. Dennis (Arr. & Conductor) *First on 8 bells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Mon., Dec. 29, 1969, 3hrs. 16mins. (25 cwt.), 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS Anonymous—Traditional.
Neil Bennett

2 Richard S. Starkie 3 Christine Andrew 4 James E. Andrews* 5 Michael J. Platt*

6 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor)
7 Michael D. Fishwick*

8 David Howarth†
9 Ian M. Holland
10 J. Barry Pickup

11 Basil Jones 12 Frederick Shallcross

*First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. †First on 12.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Hertfordshire, St. Mary.

.. Dec. 20, 1969, 3hrs, 18mins (24½ cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by C. K. Lewis,

1 Janet House
2 David P. Hilling
3 John R. Southey
4 Frank T. Blagrove
5 Christopher W. Woodley
6 Jonathan S. N. Porter
7 David E. House
8 Roger Baldwin (Conducts

Roger Baldwin (Conductor) 9 Dennis Beresford 10 John R. Mayne

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire, St. James.

Sun., Dec. 7, 1969, 2hrs. 35mins. (5 cwt.).
5040 SPLICED DOUBLES (45 methods: Plain
Bob, Candlesby, Boxford, St. Simon, Rugby,
Braywood, St. Edmund, St. Martin, Slapton.
Welford, St. Osmund, Merton, Longworth,
Eynesbury, Sutton-upon-Trent, Rev. Canterbury, Raveningham, Dorton, St. Nicholas.
Longford, Fundenhall, Heathrow, Winchendon,
Thornborough, Haddiscoe, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Harpley, Huntley, Ossington, Shipway,
Colnbrook, Tandridge, Westminster, Chesham,
Knapton, Cranford, Blackburn, Broughton,
Lyng, St. Hilary, Ockham, Intwood, Dragon
and Strelley. and Strelley.

1 Monica Blagrove 2 William Butler Michael Hatchett

(c)

4 William Birmingham
5 Frank T. Blagrove (Conductor)

1970

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSN.

BURWOOD, N.S.W., St. Paul.

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Mon., Jan 26, 1970. 2hrs. 59mins.
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

1 Robert W. Ferris
2 Margaret E. Goodyer
3 Keith A. Hendry*
4 Neil H. Shaw*
5 Ross W. Bampton
6 Thomas W. Goodyer
7 Craig J. Herbert (Conductor)
8 Laurie B. Bruce
*First peal. First as conductor.
To commemorate the bicentenary of the landing of Captain Cook in Australia. (c)

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, Somerset. St. Michael and All Angels.

Sun., Jan. 18, 1970, 2hrs. 43mins. (13½ cwt.).

5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. Barker.

1 George J. Hawkins
2 Kay Whittaker

1 George J. Hawkins
2 Kay Whittaker
3 John R. Hobbs
4 Julian E. Newman
5 Peter J. Devrell
6 Alan F. Lee (Conductor)
7 David C. Hawkins
8 Robin L. Coles
A farewell to the conductor, moving to Bradford-on-Tone, Taunton.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 3hrs. 14mins. (21 cwt.). 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Soss LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 Pauline Smith
2 Peter C. Randall
3 Hilary Muirhead
4 Antony R. Kench
5 Alan J. Smith
6 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)
7 Patrick J. Bird
8 Brian J. Wylde
the Society's Annual Discounting

On the Society's Annual Dinner Day,

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

(c)

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

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Sat., Jan. 17. 1970. 2hrs. 45mins. (11 cwt.).

5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 640 Bristol. Pudsey. Rutland. Superlative, Yorkshire, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire.

London, 120 changes of method. all the work).

Composed by Noel J. Diserens.

1 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)

2 A. T. Winter (Christ's)

3 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn) (Conductor)

4 V. Nutton (Selwyn)

5 B. R. M. Johnson (Selwyn)

6 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)

7 D. Barton (Selwyn)

8 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)

CLARE, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Paul.

.. Jan. 24, 1970, 3hrs. 22mins. (28 cwt.). 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin. (C.C.C. 4.)

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1 A. T. Winter (Christ's)

2 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)

3 J. L. Humphreys (Jesus)

4 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)

5 D. Barton (Selwyn)

6 R. L. Underwood (P'house) (Conductor)

7 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)

8 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, St. Thomas.

Fri., Jan. 30, 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (14 cwt.). 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR 1 Derek F. Yates 2 Ivor R. Nichols

2 Ivor R. Nichols
3 Raymond J. Ballard
4 Roland W. Morant*
5 Frank R. Morton*
6 Ian M. Holland (Comp. and Conductor)
7 William H. Dowse
8 Roy Worrall
*First in the method.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.

Wed., Jan. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (13\frac{1}{4}\) cwt.).

5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by William Barton.

1 Ronald F. Andrew
2 Brian S. B. Kear*
3 Lynda M. Deebank
4 Hamish M. McNaughton*

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5 Paul Reading
6 Michael Foulds*
7 Richard S. Starkie
8 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
*First in the method. A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. L. M. Farmborough, M.A.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMOR-LAND ASSOCIATION

ST. BEES, Cumberland, SS. Mary and Bega's Priory.

n. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins. (13 cwt.). 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Sat., Jan. Composed by G. Lewis.

Douglas Sim*

1 Douglas Sim*
2 Alan Capstick
3 Mary Dodd†
4 David M. Hunns
5 Geoffrey Tembey
6 Colin F. Gates†
7 Stanley Richardson
8 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
First peal. †First of Major.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire, SS. Mary and Michael.

ss. Mary and Michael.

Jan. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (10½ cwt.).

S152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

Geoffrey Pearson
John G. Gipson
Donald F. Murfet
Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
Richard L. Underwood
D. William Newman*

6 D. William Newman*

7 Allen Twyman 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh *First in the method.

CAMBRIDGE, St. Andrew the Great,

Fri., Jan. 30, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (103 cwt.). 5120 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Jenner.

Georgina C. M. Carter

Donald F. Murfet

Allen Twyman

Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

Geoffrey Pearson

Richard L. Underwood

John G. Gipson

Kenneth J. Hesketh

in the method by all and for the

First in the method by all and for the Associa-

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire, SS. Mary and Michael,

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970 2hrs. 38mins. (103 cwt.).
5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Brian D. Price. Frank Harper

Jean Sanderson

Marion Kemp
Barry J. Couzens
Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
Kenneth J. Hesketh
Donald F. Murfet
on G. Gipson

100th Association peal on the bells. Birthday compliment to 2 and 4.

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 33mins. (11 cwt.).

5024 MELBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

1 Georgina C. M. Carter

2 Alan M. Barber (Composer & Conductor)

3 Donald F. Murfet

4 John G. Gipson

5 Geoffrey Pearson

6 Kenneth J. Hesketh

7 Geoffrey A. Lucas

8 George E. Thoday

irst in the method by all (except G. F. Tho-

First in the method by all (except G. E. Thoday) and for the Association.

NEWMARKET, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 58mins. (21 cwt.). 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (1 each London, Wells, York, Durham, Bourne, Ipswich, Cam-

is, York, Durham, Bourne, Ips bridge). 1 Georgina C. M. Carter 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor) 3 Brian B. Hullah 4 Donald F. Murfet 5 Geoffrey A. Lucas 6 George E. Thoday

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

CROMHALL, Gloucestershire, St. Andrew. Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs, 45mins. (12½ cwt.), 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1 Elizabeth M. Brooke* 2 David Huddlestone

3 Andrew R. Williams*
4 Edward G. Mould
5 David A. Whetton

6 Dennis A. Chapman (Conductor) *First peal.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

FARNHAM, Surrey, St. Andrew.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 7mins. (19 cwt.). SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR 5120 methods: 2400 London, 800 Glasgow, Rutland, 640 Superlative, 480 Cambridge, 129 changes of method).

(c)

of method).
Composed by Roger Baldwin.
Donald N. Jennings
Beryl R. Simpson
Peter J. Munday
W. John Couperthwaite
Stanley G. Ponting
David J. Forder
Michael J. Church (Conductor)*
Tom Page

8 Tom Page *25th of Spliced Surprise Major.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NORTON, Hertfordshire, St. Nicholas.

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Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs, 42mins. (9 cwt.).

5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Heywood's variation.)

1 Jean Sanderson
2 John R. Southey
3 Christopher W. Ottaway
4 Clive W. Simpson
5 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
6 Andrew C. D. Mayes*
7 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)
8 Christopher W. Woolley
*First of Surprise. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

to the ringer of the sixth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HERNHILL, Kent, St. Michael.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 55mins. (10 cwt.).

5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (3
methods: 2208 Cambridge, 1472 Yorkshire.
Superlative, 138 changes of method).
Composed by J. Reeves.

1 John A. Hemsley*
2 Crawford T. Hillis
3 Peter Richardson*
4 Donald H. Niblett

5 Peter Kichardson;
4 Donald H. Niblett
5 Richard A. Birch*
6 Philip R. Staples*
7 Mark S. Lancefield (Conductor)
8 Nicholas J. Davies

*First of 3-spliced.

HYTHE, Kent, St. Leonard.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970. 3hrs. 8mins. (19 cwt.).

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1 Glynis M. Poppleton
2 Marianne Leworthy*
3 Rachel J. Sinden
4 Rhian N. Bagshaw
5 David P. Leworthy
6 Robin J. Elliott
7 P. Charles Sinden

(c)

7 P. Charles Sinden

8 Peter M. Bradford (Conductor)
*First on 8. First as conductor.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

NEWHEY, Lancashire, St. Thomas.

Sat., Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 31mins. (4½ cwt.).

5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by John Carter.
1 Derek Butterworth (Conductor)*

1 Derek Butterworth (Co 2 Michael Fishwick 3 Michael J. Platt† 4 B. Michael Boardman 5 David W. Howarth 6 Michael H. Tompsett 7 Richard S. Starkie 8 F. John Nelson

*300th peal for the Association. †100th peal. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. George Bowman.

NEWHEY, Lancashire, St. Thomas.

NEWHEY, Lancashire, St. Ihomas,
Wed., Jan 14, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins, (4½ cwt.).

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. J. Parker.

1 David W. Howarth
2 Geoffrey Gardner
3 F. John Nelson
4 Michael H. Tompsett
5 Margaret P. Booth
6 Geoffrey Fothergill
7 Richard J. Parker (Comp. and Cond.)
8 Michael Fishwick
Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. George
Bowman, (a)

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Jan. 24. 1970. 2hrs. 54mins. (7½ cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Composed by A. J. Pitm

1 William Wall

2 Stanley Walmsley

3 John Bagnall

4 Colin F. Gates*

5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

6 Geoffrey Tembey

7 Alan Capstick

8 Joseph Whellow*

8 Joseph Whalley*

*First in method. First of Triples in method as conductor. For the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, as a reminder of the Church's mission.

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STALYBRIDGE, Cheshire, Holy Trinity. Sat., Jan. 17. 1970. 2hrs. 42mins. (15 cwt.). 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin. 1 Peter Malloch 2 Peter Bellamy-Knights 3 Christine Andrew 4 Margaret P. Booth 5 Geoffrey Fothergill 6 Michael Fishwick 7 Richard S. Starkie 8 Neil Bennett (Conductor) 8 Neil Bennett (Conductor) (a) WALKDEN, Lancashire, St. Paul.

Jan, 18, 1970, 2hrs. 59mins (18 cwt.).
5088 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. F. B. Speed.
Michael D. Fishwick
Donald G. Lawson 2 Donald G. Lawson
3 James Cunliffe
4 Cyril Crossthwaite
5 Dennis McCormick
6 John Ashcroft
7 David W. Howarth
8 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)
First in the method for all except for ringer of 6. (a)

NEWHEY, Lancashire, St. Thomas,

d., Jan. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (4½ cw 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 50mins. (41 cwt.). Michael Fishwick

B. Michael Boardman 4 Robert Lawson
5 Jack W. Rideout*
6 Derek Butterworth (Conductor)
*First attempt. Half-muffled in memoriam

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEIRE, Leicestershire, St. Peter.

Sat. Jan. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins. (7 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (2 extents Cambridge Surprise. Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and 1 of St. Clement's Bob).

1 John Bayliss

Rev. George Bowman.

2 Henry Dove
3 David Simpson
4 Neville W. Price
5 Brian L. Burrows (Conductor)
6 Christopher M. Sturgess

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Fri., Jan. 30, 1970. 2hrs. 25mins. (6½ cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1 Elaine Smith*

G. Ronald Edwards
David J. Smith*
Bridget Critchlow
Clive J. Mobbs

6 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor) *First peal.

ASFORDBY, Leicestershire, All Saints.

Sat., Jan. 31. 1970, 2hrs. Somins, (13½ cwt.).
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (3 methods, 2 each Surfleet, Beverley, 3 Cambridge).
1 Hazel J. Nichols
2 Arthur E. Rowley
3 E. Guy Slater
4 Ronald D. Hughes,
5 Raymond H. Martin
6 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire, St. Nicholas.

50d, Jan. 21, 1970, 2hrs, 48mins. (9 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1 Robert A. Gillies
2 John H. Parker*
3 Mary Atkinson
4 David Kingt
5 Frank Kennington
6 Arthur Parkley (Conductor)

6 Arthur Pashley (Conductor)
Circled the tower, †First attempt. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Ailsby, died suddenly, a past ringer at this church and whose son is a local ringer. (c)

LI.ANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan. SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Church.

Sat., Jan. 31. 1970, 3hrs. (20½ cwt.).

5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3)
Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1 Tudor P. Edwards
2 Heather A. Kippin*
3 David J. Llewellyn
4 Michael R. Meadows*
5 Nicholas W. H. Simon
6 Stephen Fenwick*†
7 J. Michael Lakin

6 Stephen Fenwick*†
7 J. Michael Lakin
8 Paul A. Williams*
9 James R. Taylor
10 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)
*First of London Royal. †75th peal. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles P.
Quartley, married this day. (c)

CADOXTON, near Neath, Glam, St. Catwg.

Sat., Jan. 31. 1970. 2hrs. 32mins, (7½ cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (42 6-scores).
1 Paul W. Thomas*
2 Thomas T. Yeomans
3 Alwyn R. Lewis
4 William J. Thomas
5 Gwyn I. Lewis (Conductor)†
6 Norman J. Lewis;
*First of Stedman †100th on the bells.. ‡First

peal.

MIDDLESFX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHGATE. Middlesex, Christ Church.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970. 3hrs. 6mins. (24\(\frac{1}{2}\) cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by Ernest Morris.

Composed by Ernest Morris. Jennifer M. Indge*
Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
Dorothea M. Robotham
Stephanie M. A. Green*
Brian C. Watson*
Harold J. Hazell†
Dennis Willcocks*
John R. Whitham*

9 Stuart Armeson
10 Thomas J. Lock
*First of Royal †Completes the family. 200th and first of Bob Royal on the bells.

HENDON, Middlesex, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2 hrs. 52 mins. (151 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part)
David J. Gazeley*
Dianne Gazeley†

3 Dorothea M. Robotham 4 Ruth M. Foreman 5 Eric Edmondson

6 Brian C. Watson
7 Thomas J. Lock (Conductor)

8 Brian Livings* *First peal, †First in the method. A com-pliment to the Rev. Dr. Alfred Hunt-Cooke, former churchwarden, ordained priest on December 22, 1969. (c)

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

GRESFORD, Denbighshire, All Saints.

GRESFORD, Denbighshire, All Saints.
t., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs, 5mins, (24 cwt.).
5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by A. Knights.
1 Frederick R. Evans
2 Norah M. Randles*
3 William Catherall
4 Christopher J. Jones
5 George H. Randles
6 Eric J. Gilbert
7 John W. Griffiths (Conductor)
8 Geoffrey Parting
0th peal (C.

*400th peal

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BANBURY, Oxfordshire, St. Mary.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire, St. Mary.
Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs, 3mins, (174 cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
1 Robert H. Newton
2 Raymond J. Talbot
3 Hazel A. Mackenzie
4 G. Robert Mordaunt
5 John E. Camp
6 Jeremy R. Pratt
7 Peter H. Mackie
8 Frederick A. H. Wilkins
9 Ernest J. Gower
10 Peter Border (Composer and Conductor)

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire, St. Andrew.

at. Jan. 31. 1970. 3hrs. 10mins, (21½ cwt.).

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

1 Harold W. Dunsden*
2 Anthony H. Smith
3 Mary Wells*
4 Reginald W Rex
5 Martin Major
6 Harry E. Wells
7 John H. Napper*
8 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

irst of Yorkshire.

*First of Yorkshire.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thurs., Jan. 22, 1970, 3hrs. 31mins. (31 cwt.). 5088 CLIFTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS Muriel Reay

1 Muriel Reay
2 Roderick W. Pipe (Arr. and Conductor)
3 Norman J. Goodman
4 Richard J. Tibbetts
5 J. Edward Cawser

6 James Insley 7 Vernon Green

7 Vernon Green
8 Terry R. Hampton
9 Maurice F. Edwards
10 George E. Fearn*
11 Kenneth J. Hesketh
12 Peter Border
*600th on the bells. First in the method on 12.

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral,

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 3hrs. 8mins, (31 cwt.). 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. Baldwin.

Composed by R. Baldwin.

1 Paul L. McEvilly

2 Muriel Reav

3 Derek H. Walters*

4 Paul W. Webb

5 Vernon Green

6 Terry R. Hampton

7 Norman J. Goodman

8 George E. Fearn

9 Kenneth J. Hesketh

10 John A. Anderson (Conductor)

irst of Cambridge Royal.

*First of Cambridge Royal.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.

Sun., Jan. 18, 1970. 3hrs. 15mins, (15 cwt.).

5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 methods. 192 each of Ashtead. Bristol. Cam bridge, Cassiobury. Cornwall, Cray. Delaford. Dorchester. Double Dublin. Glasgow. Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey. Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Osoringe. Pudsey. Radcliffe, Richmondshire. Rochester, Rutland. Simonstone. Superlative. Uxbridge. Yorkshire: 161 changes of method).

Adapted from Norman Smith's.

1 Janet House

Janet House Jane Foster Joan Beresford

3 Joan Berestord
4 Angela M. Wright
5 Norman Summerhayes
6 Peter M. Wilkinson
7 David D. Smith
8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)
First of 27 Spliced Surprise Major for the Society and by all the band except the ringer

of the third.

(c)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

LITTON CHENEY, Dorset, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 3hrs. 3mins. (13½ cwt.).

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. S. Wilde.

1 Michael J. Dew*
2 Mary E. Elmes
3 Melvyn J. Hiller
4 Keith E. Beale
5 David L. Cull†
6 Ross G. W. Robertson
7 Graham W. Elmes
8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
*First of Surprise Major. Thirst of Surprise.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire, St. Paul.

n. 24, 1970, 3hrs, 18mins, (28½ cwt.). 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

503) GRANDSIRE CATERS
Composed by A. Knights.

1 Michael Webster*
2 John K. Smith
3 Verona Naylor
4 Cecil T. Haynes
5 William J. Leach
6 Leslie F. Smith†
7 George L. Roobottom
8 Gerald Bowen
9 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
10 Peter J. Key†

10 Peter J. Key†
*First away from cover. †First on ten. For Patronal Festival. (c)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire, All Saints.

Wed., Jan. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 29mins. (7½ cwt.).
5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR (1 each Norwich Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars', Sandal, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise).

1 Brian Birkett
2 John A. Coates.

John A. Coates Harold Denman

Paul N. Mounsey (Conductor) Frank Cooke

6 Brynley A. Richards

SUFFOLK GUILD

UFFORD, Suffolk, The Assumption.

UFFORD, Suffolk, The Assumption.
Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs 44mins. (13½ cwt.).
5000 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB
MAJOR (3440 Plain, 1560 Little, with 95
changes of method).
Arranged by Giles B. Thompson.
1 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
2 Donald F. Murfet
3 Jennifer M. Whittell
4 Georgina C. M. Carter*
5 Neville F. Whittell
6 David J. H. Barber
7 Geoffrey A. Lucas
8 George E. Thoday
*First of Major inside. (c)

UFFORD, Suffolk, The Assumption.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (13½ cwt.). 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by T. B. Worsley. 1 Walter W. Miller 2 Katharine M. Thorley*

3 Leonard E. Last
4 Muriel R. Page
5 Leslie G. Brett
6 Adrian Knights*
7 J. Martin Thorley
8 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
First of Superlative.

SCOLE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 22mins. (4½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (2 extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., 3 of Plain Bob).

1 H. A. Jack Mowle
2 J. Barry Pickup
3 Thomas E. Speight
4 Frank C. J. Arnold*
5 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
6 Katharine M. Thorley†
Has completed the circle. †50th for the Guild (aged 13).

(aged 13).

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

CHRISTCHURCH, Hants, The Priory Church.

Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 32mins. (27 cwt.). 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXI
Composed by Peter Border.

Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay
Rev. Roger Keeley
Katharine J. Maundrell
William T. Perrins
John N. Longridge*
A. Terence Colline*

6 John N. Longridge*
7 A. Terence Collins*
8 Andrew M. Johnson*
9 Lewis F. Cobb
10 Brian J. Woodruffe
11 Richard A. G. Inglis
12 Ronald N. Marlow
*First on 12 bells.

READING, Berkshire, St. Laurence.

Sun., Jan. 25, 1970, 3hrs. 36 mins. (23 cwt.). 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by John Carter.

Composed by John Carter,

1 Beryl R. Simpson

2 Richard H. Youdale

3 Frank W. Lewis

4 Noel J. Diserens

5 Bernard F. L. Groves

6 Reginald W. Rex

7 Rowan S. Bradley

8 Michael J. Church

9 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)*

10 Timothy F. Collins*

11 Robert E. J. Dennis

12 Edward W. Colley

irst of Stedman Cinques,

*First of Stedman Cinques.

LECKFORD, Hampshire, St. Nicholas.

Thurs., Jan. 15, 1970, 2hrs. 43mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (3 methods, 2,160 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob, 1,440 Grandsire).

1 Frank R. Tonge
2 Albert H. Green
3 Miriam Green
4 Christopher Peak

4 Christopher Pack
5 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
To welcome Rev. J. R. S. Mitchell to the
living of Longstock and Leckford.

LONGSTOCK, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Thurs., Jan. 15, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (11 extents Rev. St. Barts and Plain Bob, 10 Old Doubles and Grandsire).
1 Michael Goss

1 Michael Goss
2 David M. Goss
3 Peter Watts
4 Philip G. Taylor
5 Robert J. Crocker (Conductor)
For induction of Vicar, Rev. J. R. S. Mitchell.

MONK SHERBORNE, Hampshire, All Saints.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (9 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (2520 Stedman, 720 Grandsire, 1800 Plain Bob).

1 Jennifer L. Quaife
2 Lynette M. Holbrook
3 Christopher Renyard*
4 R. Brian Walton
5 Howard E. J. Smith (Conductor)
*First of Doubles inside.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

CLENT, Worcestershire, St. Leonard.

at., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 43mins (11½ cwt.). 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

1 Roger H Hunt

2 Morley P. Tobin

3 Peter J. Brown

4 M. Irene Brown

5 Clifford Skidmore

6 Martin D. Fellows

7 Robert Edwards

8 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor)
has conductor 100th on the bell 100th as conductor, 100th on the bells. A compliment to Bernard C. Ashford on completing 30 years' service as Northern Branch secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CAMPSALL, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. ((11½ cwt.). 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Composed by R
I Ian G. Campbell
I Iris M. E. Lemare
Michael Maughan
Peter Church
M. Alec Beaumont
Neil Donovan

7 Stuart Armeson (Conductor) 8 John N. D. Chaddock *First of Glasgow. 7300th peal.

SHELLEY, Yorkshire, Emmanuel.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 48mins. (11½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford and Kent, 2 of Plain Bob).
1 George D. Johnson

2 Frances Garfield
3 George E. Hancock
4 Peter Carbutt
5 Trevor Tarbatt

Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6, Ashwood Crescent.

n., Jan. 25, 1970, 2hrs. 8mins. (15 in 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1-2 Ronald F. Andrew*
3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor) 5-6 Peter Broadbent* (15 in C.)

*First of Minor on handbells.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.

Tues., Jan. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

1-2 Alan A. Potts
3-4 Alan F. Scholfield (Comp. and Cond.)
5-6 Gerald Moorhouse
7-8 Robert B. Smith
9-10 Peter Broadbent*
*First on ten handbells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SHORNE, Kent, 14 Warren View.

Wed., Jan. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (15 in C.)
5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Composed by C. T. Osenton.
1-2 Trevor A. Cross
3-4 Frank J. Matthews
5.6 Christopher Towards (Conductor)

5-6 Christopher T. Osenton (Conductor) 7-8 Edward J. Beer

9-10 Stuart Sandford

(c)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 1hr. 41mins. (13 in E.)
5040 MINOR (1 extent each of Canterbury
Pleasure, Plain, St. Clement's, Single Oxford.
Double, College and Original).
1-2 Joseph Whalley
3-4 Mary W. Whalley
5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) (a)

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Wed., Jan. 28, 1970, 1hr. 38mins. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (4 methods, 720 Fulbeck, 720 Spliced Plain and St. Clement's College, 720 Spliced Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob, and 2880 Plain).

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

(a)

IS IT REALLY SIMPSON TUNING?

A RECENT ARTICLE in The Foundry Trade Journal (December 18/25, 1969) seems to go a long way to answering this question, which must often have arisen in the minds of those listening to a modern ring of bells accurately tuned on the five-tone system. This article describes the Taylor Bell Foundry at Loughborough and makes the following comments on bell tuning:—

The Taylor family claim to have made a substantial contribution to the evolution of Western bellfounding through the outstanding ability of John William Taylor and his son, John William II. It is said that British bells before the second half of the 19th century were, by and large, very deficient in quality of tone. If an old bell had a good sound then it was probably accidental. On the Continent of Europe, development was along different lines. Dutch bellfounders, by the 17th century, had brought their art to a state of perfection unattained in earlier times. Although the founders had based their work on some of the practices of previous craftsmen they had excellent commercial acumen. There was an insistence on obtaining what they believed to be optimum quality and it is thought that some founders would go to the extent of casting several bells until they secured the note they were after. This skill and knowledge was lost upon the death of Peter van den Geyn and his successors, Francis and Peter Hemony, who had been the first bellfounders able to guarantee a set of bells being in tune. Later bells cast in Holland are said to have been very poor indeed. Nevertheless there were a few British founders who managed to secure a good reputation although it was suspicious that one of these was centred on Colchester with its comparative easy access to the Continent. This was the foundry of the Grayes, of whom Miles Graye was the most famous. Is it by accident that until recent times the tenor bell at Lavenham, cast by Miles Graye, was thought to be the most beautiful bell in the land?

John William Taylor, father and son, had realised the deficiencies in the traditional form of bell and set about to evolve a bell which would produce the best obtainable tone. This they did by altering the shape and wall thickness. Having keen musical ears they had always been troubled by their inability to produce bells in which a'l the tones were correctly in tune. They were within sight of their objective when they were staggered to receive a visit from an English parson called Arthur B. Simpson who had apparently reached the same conclusions as themselves. The Taylors had previously no idea about any bells on the Continent being "in tune." They were amazed to find that what they had found out for themselves about the notes of bells had partially been found out 200 years before by some Dutchman! Thereafter the Taylors toured the Continent listening to bells and taking their notes. By and large they discovered that few Continental bells were better than their English counterparts.

Canon Simpson had gone about his researches in a very rational manner. Comparing the tones of British and Dutch bells, he realised that the discrepancy was accounted for by a radical difference in design. He took up residence in Holland and set about a systematic study of 17th century bells. At the same time he dug out monographs on bells of the period. Despite the fact that most of the written records were wrapped up in mystery he noted that all the pleasant-sounding bells gave forth octaves and that an optimum shape and tuning technique was required to

reproduce such notes. What he had done was to rediscover the harmonic principles practised by the Hemony brothers.

Bringing his findings with him, he approached the London bellfounders, only to be immediately shown the door—what could a parson know about bells! It was some time later he turned up on the doorstep at Loughborough to the consternation of the Taylors. After overcoming their natural animosity to an outsider they discovered a tower of strength in Canon Simpson. Their friendship ripened and during their subsequent joint endeavours to discover the perfect bell, it was Canon Simpson who kept going when the Taylors got depressed and lost heart. But progress they did and by 1896 J. Taylor and Co had produced their first carillon.

Further proof of all this is evidenced by a letter sent to John Taylor and Co and subsequently printed and widely distributed over the country. It reads as follows:—

Copy of letter sent to John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, by the Rev. Canon Simpson, Rector of Fittleworth, after testing the new ring of eight bells (tenor 14½ cwt.) for Werrington Church, Devonshire.

> Fittleworth Rectory, Sussex. July 9th 1898.

To Messrs, John Taylor and Co., Bell Founders, Loughborough.

Dear Sirs .-

I cannot let my visit to your Foundry, on Tuesday last, pass without a written word to you expressive of the great satisfaction and pleasure which I experienced.

It is no small thing to have witnessed the realisation of an idea which has occupied no inconsiderable part of my time and attention for above 20 years. For this I have now to thank you.

The peal of eight bells which you invited me to test, scientifically, is simply perfect. You may have made others as good; but, as far as my experience goes, this is the first and only peal in England of which I could say this much—

Each bell has its several tones in absolute harmony.

And the several bells are in perfect tune with each other.

The purity of tone is not only remarkable as compared with the ordinary run of bells. It is perfect.

Habit and prejudice are powerful hindrances to the appreciation of a novel excellence. But I am certain that no one who has once experienced the musical satisfaction of such a peal as this could ever be content with the very incomplete tuning which has hitherto passed muster.

I will not enlarge here on the share which I have taken in producing this result. You will, I am sure, acknowledge this to yourselves, and to others. I would rather speak of my admiration of the intelligence, skill and perseverance on your part, which has enabled you to carry out these ideas to a so eminently successful practical result.

I heartily wish you all the commercial success which you deserve; and it shall not be my fault if you do not attain it.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,
A. B. SIMPSON,
Rector of Fittleworth and Canon
and Prebendary of Chichester.

P.S.—Please to make any use you can of this letter.

TONBRIDGE PLAN QUARTERS

As a further step towards trying to rekindle interest in district activities, the quarterly meeting of the Fonbridge District, K.C.A., held at Sevenoaks on January 3, followed a slightly different pattern. A programme of quarter peal attempts took place in the early afternoon, designed to enable any member to ring or conduct a method of his choice. Of the four attempts arranged three were brought round, the fourth band meeting again (successfully) on the following Saturday. Two members rang their first quarter and several others a "first in the method."

Later all converged on Sevenoaks where, after a service and a more-than-ample tea (very kindly provided by the local band), a business meeting was held. Association chairman, Mr. E. A. Barnett, was in the chair and future activities of the district were discussed. It was felt by the secretary that the most important functions of the Association were to provide (a) opportunities for ringing which were not otherwise available, and (b) a means of social contact between members. Meetings in their present form, he considered, were far from ideal on both counts.

It was agreed that quarter peals filled a need, and in 1970 meetings should include this additional feature, with special provision for ringers yet to reach quarter peal standard. It was also agreed that further "district" peals should be attempted.

Discussion took place on the question of social activities, and on the premise that ringers like nothing better than to get together for an informal chat over a drink it was decided that a "cheese and drinks" party be held.

A GOOD TURN-OUT

On January 17 the A.G.M. of Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Manchester Town Hall. Ringing was suited to all tastes and capabilities and it was very encouraging to see a good turnout, particularly learners.

At the business meeting the ringing master gave a brief account of ringing over the past year and said some meetings had been very well attended but others not so well. The following were elected as officers for the coming year: ringing master, Mr. Alan Ward; deputy ringing master, Miss Christine Andrews; secretary, Miss Betty Ormrod; committee member, Mr. Roland Eccles. Mr. Neil Bennett continues as chairman for another year. Thanks were expressed to retiring members and ringing continued until 9 p.m.

So it seems that Canon Simpson did much of the spadework and provided the very necessary encouragement—the Taylors carried the results of their combined endeavours into successful practice. Is it really the Simpson Principle or the Taylor True-Harmonic Principle which we hear in all modern bells, both English and foreign? Let the reader judge for himself!

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Obituary

SAMUEL WARNE

The death of Samuel Warne, on January 6 was a sad introduction to the seventies for St. Michael's Guild, Braintree. At 78 Sam was our oldest member and had rung with us over 40 years. Always cheerful, punctual and good-natured, a careful striker, Sam could be relied on to do his best. He had not climbed the belfry ladder much after ringing in a "Remembrance" quarter in 1967 (one of his sons was lost in the last war). A visit to his home, or to see him in hospital, was always a pleasure. He has now rejoined his wife, whose loss was such a grief to him.
"Mine be a cot beside the hill,

A beehive's hum shall soothe my ear; A willowy brook that turns a mill

With many a fall shall linger near. . . The rest of Samuel Rogers' wish sums up the content and quiet attitude to life that Sam brought from Suffolk to Braintree and never lost. Sam rang a number of peals, mostly on the treble. Ringing was his joy, next to his family, who were his pride. C. H. G.

WILLIAM CUTMORE

The Northern District of the Essex Association has suffered another loss in the death of William Cutmore, of Belchamp St. Paul. Aged well over 70, Mr. Cutmore had been prevented from ringing in recent years by illness; but he rang there for over 60 years, having taught many in that period, and rang a number of peals in Essex and Suffolk. Three local ringers and two Suffolk ringers joined the writer in attempting a half-muffled quarter peal on the Sunday following the funeral, which took place on January 12. Unfortunately this did not come round, but the Association stands to gain three new members—two participants and one spectator - and it should not be long before the attempt is repeated with C. H. G.

MR. S. B. CAREY

Mr. Samuel Bogdale Carey, of Stock-bridge Hants, died on January 25 at the age of 89. He had been a ringer for about 70 years and was elected to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild in 1906. In recent years he was made an honorary life member of the guild. He had been Stockbridge tower captain for over 40 years, but had not rung for the last few years, being unable to climb the belfry steps.

G.D.

A. H. A.

MR. JACK COOK

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Jack Cook, of Saxmundham, Suffolk, who passed away on January 29 at the age of 71. Jack was at one time a ringer at Rendham and Saxmundham. A loyal and conscientious member of St. Peter's, Kelsale, company of ringers for many years, he regular and loyal to Sunday service ringing. A proud moment in his life was when he cycled to Sweffling to ring for Mrs. Rhoda Harris' 106th birthday, then the oldest lady in Britain. Ringing friends in Saxmundham District have many pleasant memories spent in his company.

The funeral was on February 3 at St. onn's, Saxmundham. Among the floral ributes was one from his fellow ringers at Peter's, Kelsale. Saxmundham and Kelsale bells were rung half-muffled by friends and members of the Suffolk Guild. Our sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Belfry Gossip

Complete your 1969 files now. Most copies available, but please send 1/- per copy to The Ringing World. c/o Seven Corners Press,

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Fifty at thirteen for the Suffolk Guild is Katharine Thorley's personal peal record, and an all-time record for a young lady ringer no

doubt 1

Urangwot has been very popular this time and nearly 70 answers have been received. They were duly forwarded to the competition organiser and the name of the winner will be published next week.

National Cathedral School, Washington, in sending a quarter peal of Minor in hand, re-port that only one member of their regular band has yet to get her first quarter, which

they hope to change soon.

A Land Rover purchased for the use of the Bishop of New Guinea was made possible by an Advent project at Pinner, Middlesex. The sum of £800 was raised and for the dedication before shipment the ringers took part by a quarter of Kent Minor.

letter when he informed us that he was not the footnote on a "coming-"Yours fortifully" ended Mr. of-age" quarter Anyway, he and Mrs. Carveth at the Cumberlands' Dinner certainly looked only "thirtifully."

Sending congratulations to Ian Parry on his "fine achievement" in handling a bell at the age of seven, Richard Yates, of Dadford. Bucks, says he was able to handle a bell at 7 years 1 week. Now 13, Richard has rung

seven peals.

First peal congratulations to Douglas Sims. Elizabeth M. Brooke, Andrew R. Williams, Keith A. Hendry, Neil H. Shaw, John Dover, Elaine Smith, David J. Smith, David King, Norman J. Lewis, David J. Gazley, Brian Livings and Jack W. Rideout.

58 YEARS AGO

The old meeting card found under the belfry floor at St. Michael's, Southampton,

Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change-Ringers (Winchester District).—A meeting for business and combined practice will be held on Sat. Feb. 10, 1912, at Alton. Bells available from 2.30 and Froyle. Tea to be followed by Business Meeting will take place at Church Room at 5.30. It is hoped that some of your company will attend. Kindly let me know before Tues. Feb. 6 how many will require tea.—Jas. W. Elkins, Dis. Sec.

The card, bearing a George V halfpenny stamp, is addressed to Mr. Gladdin, 203 Derby Road, Southampton. It would be interesting to know how ringers got to Alton and Froyle - six miles apart and 25 miles from Winchester-with no public transport; presumably on cycles and walking.

"VIVE LE VAUXHALL"

It was discovered that among the many thousands of employees of Vauxhall Motors Ltd. at the Luton and Dunstable plants 11 were practising members of either the Bed-fordshire Association or the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Interest was aroused and it was tentatively agreed that meetings of a few hours' duration could be arranged at towers and times to suit the majority.

Three very successful gatherings have been held at Maulden, Stoke Goldington and Em-

berton and Woburn, which culminated in a very creditable quarter of Grandsire Triples

on January 31.

It is hoped that this venture will be continued in the same spirit in which it began, and that new members will be welcomed after a report is published in the Plant magazines, which includes the Merseyside Plant at Elles-mere Port. C. D. M. Mr. Frank Osbaldiston, of 11 Willow Grove.

Mr. Frank Osbaldiston, of 11 Willow Grove, Marple, is the new tower captain in place of Mr. R. B. Smith, who is moving to Loughborough. and Mr. Alan McFall, 71 Woodville Drive, Marple, is the hon. secretary.

What better reason for ringing a quarter peal than as a "send-off" to a young lady taking up missionary work. At Hever, Kent. the rector's daughter, Rachel Collins, has left for Peru, and all will wish her well in her work. work

Similarly at Irthlingborough a quarter "send-off" to Eileen Chatterley, leaving for V.S.O. work in the Pacific, and Pamela Court, now in Pakistan.

We appeal to conductors and senders of peals and quarter peals to write on one side of the sheet only and to follow the style used in our columns. For peals, we have specia'ly printed sheets available free on receipt of a

(9 x 4) stamped addressed envelope.

Mrs. N. M. Randle's 400th peal was fittingly rung at her home tower and the band congratulated her on this achievement, which we feel sure must rank high among the per-formances of lady ringers. Others recorded week are Michael Maughan (300) and

Michael J. Platt (100).

We have just received a report of a handbell peal, where the four ringers each picked the numbers of two bells from under a coat. The order of ringing was 1-8, 3-5, 7-4, 2-6, and must have been a "teaser"—at least for the first course or so. (See next week's R.W.) first course or so. (See next week's R.W.)

A peal of Doubles was recently rung

Newbold-on-Avon on a sponsored basis, each ringer inviting friends to sponsor him at rates varying from a penny to sixpence per extent rung (i.e. 42 for the complete peal). This raised over £39 for Biafra relief. Peal ringers will, we trust, be pleased to

see the improved spacing of peal pages, made possible by the clearing of the "backlog," which necessitated "squashing" and abbreviations. We have in addition put the name of the place before the church dedication-one of the many constructive criticisms made and

which we accept.
"How very agreeable it is to be able to distinguish easily the sexes," said Preb. Timms at the Cumberlands Dinner. "The ladies are "The ladies are beautifully attired and I do not see any gentle-men with flowing locks. Quite refreshing!" [Many ladies had spent considerable time in the cloakrooms changing from male-type attire into their truly feminine garments, we understand.]

This week we give a photograph of another "local" team—Lyndhurst, Hampshire. Although the print was an awkward shape we have adapted it to our columns and apologise to the ringer who has been "inserted" as an inset. We invite other towers to send us a photograph (oblong and black and white) of their ringers together with brief details of their ringers, together with brief details of officers and capabilities.

The "Tom White" subscription list is still open. The response has been good so far. but it is realised that some associations, in addition to individuals and towers, have not had sufficient opportunity of sending a donation, Mrs. J. Staniforth, of 150 Narborough Road South, Leicester, will acknowledge all cheques and postal orders (made out to the Tom White Testimonial Fund) received before February 28.

At the recent A.G.M. of the Barnsley and District Society Mr. Peter Carbutt was elected as the new treasurer and Mr. Philip Charlesworth is now secretary.

A quarter peal of Bob Minor with 7-8 covering was rung as a 65th birthday com-pliment to Mr. S. H. Young, deputy captain of the tower and a ringer there for over 50 years. Taking part were his grandchildren, Julie and Adrian Tyler, and their father, Mr. G. Tyler.

Leaving Marple at the end of April is Mr. Robert B. Smith, as he has been appointed Head of Department of Mechanical and Production Engineering at Loughborough Technical College. Leicestershire ringers will be delighted with this news, but it is sad for Marple!

A FRAGRANCE OF POLISH

The South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild held a very enjoyable and well-attended annual district meeting at Usk on January 24.

Members, as usual, attended from a very wide area-Tewkesbury in the east to Pem-

broke in the west.

Ringing was brisk and enjoyable on the pleasant ring of eight bells, and the ladies certainly appreciated the shining ringing room, the fragrance of polish and the lovely oak table with its tasteful decoration of daffodils and ivy.

The service was conducted by the vicar, Rev. L. Rendle-Davies, and Mrs. Audrey Bruten read the lesson. Another member, Miss Gillian Clench, was at the organ.

An excellent tea waited in the Usk Memorial Hall, given and prepared by the Usk ringers. Mrs. Kear, Mrs. Clench, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Powell were thanked by Mr. Philip Rogers, of Pembroke.

When the gentlemen had returned to enjoy the bells the ladies settled down to a long business meeting involving much discussion, and it was decided to re-elect most of the district officers, viz.: vice-president, Mrs Beryl Paton (Mitcheldean); secretary, Mrs. Jacqueline King (Chepstow): committee: Mrs. E. Hughes (Usk). Miss G. Colleypriest (Newport), Mrs. A. Bruten (Ebbw Vale) and Mrs. B. Rogers (Pembroke). Central committee: Mrs. Stella Clench and Mrs. Audrey Bruten. One new member—Miss Jill Meyrick, of Mitcheldean—was elected

The next meeting is in May at Pembroke, and it was decided to try to hold a meeting at Aberdare in September.

Many members are hoping to attend the annual meeting of the guild at Leicester.

A PHELPS EIGHT

The first meeting of the year of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held on January 24 in the Collegiate Church of St. Mary Wingham The church possesses a complete ring of eight by Richard Phelps (1720), the tenor being about 19 cwt.

It was a large gathering which sat down to tea with Mr. B. J. Luck in the chair. Mr. D. C. Chaffield (district representative) gave a resume of the committee meeting. In particular it was mentioned that the new prayer cards would soon be ready for use, that a sub-committee to look into the question of a sub-committee to look into the question of a county striking competition had been appointed, that grants had been made to five churches, and the repair of the tomb of James Barham (conductor of 40,320 changes in 1761) considered. A large part of the evening had been devoted to the higher points of finance, but particular mention must be made of the smooth and excellent hand-over from Mr. Corby to Mr. Berry, which in itself was a tribute to Mr. Corby's high standard of work.

The financial statement was accepted and new members were elected from St. Stephen's and from Elham. The competition secretary. Mr. Cawley, gave a report on the result of the Tidy Towers Competition, which had re-sulted in a general improvement in belfries throughout the district. The joint winners. Dover and Walmer, could hardly share a bellrope, but they shared its cost and, together with Barham, the runners-up, receive a certificate. Mr. Cawley mentioned that the tificate. Mr. Cawley mentioned that the District Striking Contest was to be held at Birchington in March. Mr. Keeler mentioned that a practice meeting had been fixed for Chilham (evening) and Chartham (afternoon) in February.

Thanks were expressed to the ladies for their preparations: to Mr. Kemp, the senior local ringer, who has been at it over 60 years: and to the rector, Rev. H. Voller, who con-ducted a "sermonless" service but promised "double dose" next time! D. L. C.



Ringers of St. Michael and All Angels, Lyndhurst, Hampshire.

Back row, left to right: Mr. P. Sapsard (inset), Mr. E. Wollaston, Mr. P. East (captain), Mr. D. Allison, Mr. K. Tatt (vicecaptain), Mrs. K. Tatt, Denise Morgan.

Front row: John Leech, Richard Bran, Derek Bond, Barry Peachey.

The two smaller boys on the steps are the sons of Mr. Keith Tatt, the vice-captain. who unfortunately is soon leaving to go to South Africa. Lyndhurst is basically a callchange band but three are method ringers. Visitors are always very welcome and would help us in this respect.

Ringing: Practice. Friday, 7.30-9 p.m.; Sunday ringing, 9.30-10 a.m. Lyndhurst has a good ring of eight but the bells are difficult to handle due to a great draught of rope. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHAIRMAN CONDUCTED SERVICE

A successful and progressive year was reported by the chairman at the annual meeting of the Eastern branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association held at Gorleston-on-Sea on

cesan Association held at Gorleston-on-Sea on December 6, 1969.

Officers elected to serve for 1970 were: Chairman, Rev. P., N. Bond: secretary, Mr. N. P. J. Cossey: Press secretary, Miss M. Kindred; ringing master, Mr. W. S. Girling: standing committee, Mr. T. J. Brock and Mr. A. E. Crowe: branch committee, Mr. J. M. Clarke, Mr. D. C. Ely, Mr. J. W. Forder, Mr. F. C. Gunton and Mr. D. R. McLean.

It was proposed to hold Surprise practices on the third Wednesdey in each month at Great Yarmouth and Beccles alternately. Miss C. C. Keaisley, of Lowestoft, and Mr. R. Malle, of Gorleston-on-Sea, were elected ringing members of the association.

Maile, of Gorieston-on-sea, were elected ringing members of the association.

Votes of thanks were accorded by Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, a vice-president of the association, to the chairman, Rev. P. N. Bond. for conducting the service at short notice due to the illness of the Vicar of Gorleston, and to the local ladies who served a splendid tea.

A MEAT TEA

The Cary Branch of Bath and Wells Diocesan Association annual meeting was held at Ditcheat on January 24.

The service was conducted by the rector (Preb. L. E. Walsh), assisted by the branch chairman (Rev. G. S. Robinson).

Over 50 ringers sat down to a meat tea

in the hall, and among the visitors to the branch were Mr. E. Naylor (Association treasurer) and Mr. Wilfred Williams, of London.

At the business meeting officers elected were: chairman, Rev. G. S. Robinson; vice-chairman, Preb. O. H. Skipwith; ringing master, Mr. R. G. Field; assistant ringing master, Mr. K. L. Laver and secretary, Mr. L. McCreadie.

Provisional meeting places for 1970 were: Quarterly, West Lydford, Henstridge and Charlton Horethorne; practices at Babcary, Marston Magna, Barton St. David and Bruton, with the corporate Communion in October at Bruton and the next annual meeting at Evercreech.

Four new members were elected: Miss J. A. Bennett (Castle Cary), I. Woodborne and D. Stembridge (Evercreech), P. Harvey (Milborne Port). The draft copy of the proposed Association rules revision was studied and several amendments suggested.

Thanks were accorded to the rector, organist, local ringers, and to the ladies who

had provided tea.

Twenty-one towers were represented at the business meeting and many more during the evening.

"OFF-THE-CUFF"

On January 24, members and friends of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild assembled at the Masonic Hall, Witney, for the annual dinner. This year the arrangements had been ably executed by Mr. E. D. Patching.

Almost 100 people sat down to enjoy roast turkey, and although no official speeches had been planned several short "off-the-cuff" speeches were made. Mr. E. R. Venn (branch secretary) thanked those he thanked Canon C. E. Wigg (guild master). Mrs. Wigg and Miss M. R. Cross (guild secretary) for attending, and Mr. Patching for his hard work arranging the dinner.

Rev. P. Wilkins (branch chairman) endorsed the secretary's remarks and Canon C. E. Wigg mentioned his voung bands at Hook Norton (average age 11) and at Swerford (average age 13). He said it was good to see so many young ringers together with those who had given many years of devoted service. Finally, Mr. N. I. Bridges (branch ringing master) asked for more support for branch activities. He concluded by saying that without the support of the more experienced ringers progress in the branch would be very slow.

The remainder of the evening was spent under the direction of (bouncing) Bob Clow. who was the M.C., and the dancing went on until midnight, everyone taking part. E.R.V.

FEAST OF ST. UNY

For the third successive year a peal has been rung for the Feast of St. Uny. who is the patron saint of the church at Lelant. Cornwall In 1968 it was Plain Bob Minor. 1969 Stedman Doubles and this year Kent Treble Bob Minor. Five ringers have rung in all three peals. We hope the 100 per cent record will be maintained in future years for what has become an annual event. F. M. B.

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PERSONAL

"He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man; he that loveth wine shall not be rich." Proverbs xxi, 17.

University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers.—Recent Annual Reunion Dinner. Signed dinner-card received. A happy surprise. Deeply appreciative of very kind remembrance by many old friends.—York.

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Ringers' Notebook and Diary, 1970.—Plastic bound copies still available, 7s. each (including postage), from M. Hodgson, 16 The Braid, Chesham, Bucks. 8199

Yardley, Birmingham.-Practice ringing during Lent will be on Saturdays, 5.30-7 p.m. All are welcome. Tea, bring your own cup.-H.

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Derby Diocesan Association.--llkeston District.—Surprise Major practice, Eastwood, Fri., Feb. 20, 7.30-9 p.m. Special methods: Cambridge and Bristol.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Church Hanborough (6), Fri., Feb. 20.—E. Vann. 8165

Gloucester and Bristol Association,-Cirencester Branch.—Meyseyhampton (6), Sat., Feb. 21, 5.30–8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Christ-church and Southampton District.—Evening practice, Christchurch Priory, Mon., Feb. 23, 7-9 p.m. Elementary ringing on all numbers. —Gilian Davis, Hon. Sec. 8239

Yorkshire Association.—Southern Branch.-There will be a practice meeting at St. Mary's, Handsworth (Sheffield), on Wed., Feb. 25. Bells (8) available 19.30–21.00. Special method: Double Norwich C.B.M.—A. C. Banton. 8211

Yorkshire Association.-Western District.-Practice meeting, Thurs., Feb. 26, 7-9 | Elland. All welcome.—A. B. Sullivan, 7-9 p.m.,

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.-Mon-Landan and Monmouth Association.—Monmouth Branch.—Practice meeting, Usk, Fri., Feb. 27, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire. 8216
Society of Sherwood Youths.—Surprise Major practice, West Bridgford, Fri., Feb. 27, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 8242

Bath and Wells Association. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Wedmore, Feb. 28, 5 p.m. —M. Legg. 8215 -M. Legg.

Lancashire Association.-Bolton Branch.-Practice meeting, Westhoughton (8), on Tues., March 3, 7.30-9.30 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob and Bristol.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Practice meeting, Sat., March 7: Selborne, 5-6.30; Newton Valence, 6.30-8 p.m. 8238

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.— Annual meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton, Birkenhead, Feb. 21. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free. Please notify Mr. A. J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 8213

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry deaconry monthly meeting, Feb. 21, Church Lawford. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea. Names for tea. please (most important), to 636 Allesley Old Road, Coventry 76413.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, St. Neots, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Special methods: Rutland Surprise and Erin Triples — M.
Dyer, Dis. Sec.

Hertford County Association,-Eastern District.—Meeting, Great Amwell (6), Sat., Feb. 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing to 9 p.m. Names for tea to S E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel.: 5664).—S. E. James, Dis. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Ashford District. Meeting, Charing, Sat., Feb 21. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. T. Robbins, The Vicarage, Charing, Ashford (Tel.: Charing 598).—

Middlesex County Association .-- N. and E. District.—Annual district meeting, St. John at Hackney, Sat., Feb. 21. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing. E. H. Kilby, Dis.

Sussex County Association.—Southern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Feb. 21, St. Nicolas' (10), Brighton. Belis 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Further ringing in evening. Please send names for tea to Miss Ann Evans, 17511-1811. 17 Hollingbury Place, Brighton, Sussex. 8981

Sat., Feb. 28, Bentley. Bells (3) from 3 p.m. 1ea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Wylie 117 Washington Grove, West End, Bentley. Doncaster and District Society.-Meeting on

East Derbys and West Notts Association.

Meeting, Seiston, Sat., Feb. 28. Bells 3.308.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only.

-1. G. S., Treasurer.

Guildiord Guild.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Walton-on-Thames, Sat., Feb. 28. Ringing 3.50 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Miseldine, 64 Molesey Close, Hersham, waiton-on-Inames.

Maton-on-Inames.

Lancashire Association.—Bolton Branch.—
Meeting, Holy Trinity, Horwich (8), Sat., Feb.
28, 2.30-8 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea 5
p.m. Special methods: Bob Major and Bristol.
All welcome.—Miss P. Tallis, Branch Sec.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Hinckley District. Meeting, Hignam-on-the-Hill, Sat., Feb. 28.
Bells (b) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the School. Names for tea, please, to Mr. K.
P. Gilliver, 19 Main Street, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton, by Wed. previous.—J. Wathers Div. Sec. Dis. Sec.

Midtand Counties Guild and Leicester Diocesan Guild (Loughborough District). — Joint meeting, Netherseale (8), Sat., Feb. 28. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ali welcome. 8203

Norwich Diocesan Association. - Western Branch.—Meeting, Gaywood (King's Lynn), on Sat., Feb. 28. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Tovell, 18 New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn.—D. S. Parry, Dis. Sec. 8180

Oxford Diocesan Guild. — Vale of White Horse Branch. — Annual meeting, Faringdon. Sat., Feb. 28. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45, followed by tea at The Buttery and then busifor tea to C. R. Miles, 24 Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, by Feb. 26. Everyone very wel-

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Feb. 28, Cookham. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for 5 o'clock tea, please, to J. Muller, 14 Southwood Road, Cookham, by Wed., 25th.

Suffolk Guild .- South West District .- Quarterly meeting, Cavendish (6), Sat., Feb. 28. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. P. Loveless, Greenhayes, Nayland Road, Bures, Suffolk (Tel.: Bures 486), by previous Thurs. Further ringing after meeting.—J. P. L., Dis. 8235

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—Annual divisional meeting, Battle, Feb. 28. Bells available 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. 28. Bells available 3-4.30 p.iii. Service 7.30 Tuesday. please.—Div. Sec.

Devon Guild. — Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, East Budleigh, Sat., March 7. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Savage, Brookside, East Budleigh, by March 4.—R. T. Perry,

Essex Association.—South Eastern and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting, Terling (8), on Sat., March 7. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Special method: Belfast S.M. All welcome. — R.J.H. and Halifax Archdeaconry Guild.—Next meeting, March 7, Almondbury. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. Sullivan, 11 Rowley Drive, Lepton, Huddersfield, before Feb. 28.

Lincoln Guild. - North Lindsey Branch .-Meeting, Caistor, Sat., March 7. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to T. Richards, 16 Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincoln, by Wed., March 4.

Norwich Diocesan Association. — Northern ranch.—Meeting, Marsham, Sat., March 7. Branch.—Meeting, Marsham, Sat., March 7.
Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. H. F. Carter, Clovelly,
Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norwich, NOR 07Y,
2222 by 3rd.—C. Bird, Sec.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Longbridge Deverill (8), Sat., Mar. 7. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. F. Jones, The Stores, Longbridge Deverill, near Warminster, Wilts.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Annual general meeting, Linkinhorne Church, March 7, 3 p.m., followed by tea. Bells (6) after tea.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 8225

Oxford Diocesan Guild—An extraordinary general meeting and the annual general committee meeting will be held at Radley C.E. Primary School, Abingdon, at 2.30 p.m. on Sat., March 14. Names for tea to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49 Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by previous Tuesday. - Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8227

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(Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch)

THE INAUGURAL MEETING

will be held at Northallerton

On Saturday, February 21.

Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

Followed by a meeting for the election of officers for this new branch.

Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Town, Thornton-le-Moor.

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Saturday, February 28, commencing at 2 p.m. Choice of 210 Triples, 240 Minor or Doubles. Entries invited, with numbers for tea to Mr. D. S. Anderson, 29 St. Johns Avenue, Burgess Hill, as soon as possible. Entry fee 6s. per band. Adjudication will be followed by a SOCIAL EVENING

organised by the Hurstpierpoint ringers, to which all ringers and friends are invited. 8206 Numbers to Mr. Anderson, please.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

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INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

The Axbridge branch of the Bath and Wells Association assembled at Churchill for an afternoon's ringing and service before their annual meeting held at Congresbury. At the business meeting Mr. J. Gilbert explained the revision of rules. The secretary announced a slight rise in membership (now nearly 200). Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. J. Walton; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Lambard; ringing master, Mr. G. Hebden; deputy ringing master, Mr. B. Mills; secretary/treasurer, Miss M. Legg. Four new members were elected from Brent Knoll. The next quarterly meeting was provisionally arranged for Burnham-on-Sea, with practices at Wedmore in February and Brent Knoll in March. Congresbury bells were rung under the direction of G. Hebden until 9 p.m. M. L.

EAST PENNARD BELLS

Great speculation is raised in the Bath and Wells Diocese after a party of ringers from London and Highclere raised the 28 cwt. ring of five bells and rang them to rounds and two extents of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles on January 24.

The bells, originally a ring of three, were augmented to five in 1740 when the fourth and tenor were added, and in 1893 all five bells were rehung.

In 1912 all ringing ceased. The exact reason is not known, but various reasons circulated include the stonework being bad and the bells unsafe.

The Rev. Mr. Francis was very keen the bells should be rung and said that the architect could not understand why it was not possible to ring them. He welcomed our efforts to try them out.

A new floor had been installed 12 years ago but no provision had been made for bell ropes. We had the tools for the job, holes were made, ropes fitted, bells oiled and, for the first time for 58 years, the bells were rung

What a glorious sound they made! Work was needed to ring them, even to rounds, and in changes one extent was sufficient for any tenor man.

A week later we were back again and the whole village knew that the bells would be rung for the 11 a.m. service. Word had been rung for the 11 a.m. service. Word had been passed round among the ringing fraternity, as live of the band from Wells Cathedral came unexpectedly and were able to try the bells themselves. They had difficulty in believing the bells could be rung. There were plenty of listeners and later we joined them for morning service in the ancient church.

But what of the future? A visit is to be made by Mr. H. Sanger, belfry representative of the Bath and Wells Association, and his report will decide the future of the bells. To anyone visiting the tower after this we would warm them—great care must be taken in all warn them—great care must be taken in dis-connecting the chiming hammers and clock weights. For us the moment of that first ring at East Pennard will last a lifetime.

Details on East Pennard bells:-

Treble and third 1649; founder unknown-second 1607; Purdue. Fourth and tenor 1740;

Hung in two tiers, 1, 2, 3 above, and 4 and tenor below; both frames 1740. Fittings, Llewellin and James, 1893.

The diameter of the tenor bell when measured proved to be 55½ inches against 56½ inches for the tenor at Peterborough, so there is only an inch between the two.

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Dobbie.—On February 13 at Teddington Memorial Hospital, Clarence H. (Bert), of 16 Coleshill Road, Teddington, passed peacefully away, aged 78 years. 8263

FOR SALE

Set of 15 handbells (Shaw) in E, good condition.—Mitson, Buxhall, Stowmarket. 8250

Petham, near Canterbury.—The practice night at All Saints' has been changed to Wednesday, from 7-8.30 p.m. (formerly Tuesday). Visitors always welcome.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—Social planned for Sat., Feb. 28 POST-PONED until later in year. 8249

Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.— Evening meeting, Houghton Regis, Sat., Feb. 28. Bells from 5 p.m. 8251

Guildford Guild. — Leatherhead District. — Surprise practice, Leatherhead, Tues., March 3, 7.45-9.15 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire Royal, Lincolnshire and Bristol. 8253

Lancashire Association. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting, St. Anne's Church, Lytham St. Anne's, Sat., Feb. 28. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 8254

Ladies' Guild. — Kent Branch. — A.G.M. at Sevenoaks, Sat., March 7. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30 Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, by March 4.—R. Wratten, Dis. Sec. 8258

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Cheltenham Branch.—Evening meeting at Bishop's Cleeve (8), Wed., Feb. 25, 7.30 p.m.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

TENTH ANNUAL DINNER Saturday, February 28.

Ringing: Ruddington (8), 2-2.45; Lenton (8), 2.45-3.30; St. Peter's, Nottingham (12), 3.30-4.30; St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), 4.30-5.30,

O.D.G. BELL RESTORATIONS

Padworth bells are to be overhauled by Mr. Frank White, Tilehurst's are going to Mears and Stainbank and Swallowfield are obtaining estimates for work on their bells—news given at the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild A.G.M. last Saturday (at Reading).

RARE GIFT

The Guildford Diocesan Leaflet announces that a complete ring of eight bells has become available, and the master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Mr. D. A. R. May, Oatlands, The Street, West Horsley) would like to hear from any parish interested in receiving this rare gift.

5,184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (25-27 methods)

Adapted from NORMAN SMITH

Composition as for 24-Spliced Surprise Major, see Wratten Collection, page 52.

For 25 methods, replace Pudsey in lead 11 by Lincoln or Dorchester, or 26 methods, as for 25 methods but replace York-

shire in lead 10 by Bottesford or Richmondshire.
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Arranged by P. M. WILKINSON ung as 27-Spliced using Richmondshire and Dortster at Alresford on January 18, 1970.

"IN ABSENTIA"

Some "questions and answers" in the report of the "Campingologists" peal tour (August, 1969, and just received!) and which is complementary to the peals recorded elsewhere in this issue:

A large irregular polygon of wet canvas sagged baggily over a jungle of tent poles tethered uncertainly to a matsh, the very highest and marginally driest part of Warmersley, Lancs, and Fairbrother said to Hughes.

"Are you sure you brought all the poles?"

The Campingologists were erecting their tent. Rather they were erecting what they thought was their tent but, as Wylde said to his wife, as he watched from the Eden of his caravan.

"What an unusual tent."

Limp lines of damp twine condensed their own rain out of a grey Lancashire mist contained by a ruinous dry-stone wall whose hideous form sprawled around the dismal field. Damp shadows struggled in procrustean labour with the amoebic canvas, then Beech said to Friend

"Eh, what's this 'ere in this bag?"

Silently the chosen seed first taught by the shepherd, Warrilow, in the beginning how to make a shelter from canvas and stick took the new find and worked whilst others watched wondering until out of the chaos of mud, wood and barrage balloon fabric rose a proud twelve by six ridge tent. The discarded sheet became first a sort of auditorium, then a leantog garage, finally the fly-sheet, and Ruth said to Jenny

"Thank goodness."

The Bilston boys arrived. Davies constructed his own strange tent resembling an umbrella with greenstick fracture of most of its spokes and pondered on how he would sleep in it. Others, too, pondered on how he would sleep in it until Davenport said to Nelson

"Where's the pub?"

So began a peal tour with the peal total not worth the price of an apple if you collect totals. A near barren week from the black and grey grained towers of a technicolour green Lancashire promising all on Monday at Whittle-le-Woods and Samlesbury but giving nothing more until Oswaldtwistle on Thursday and nothing after for ever. But the pints were there and the darts and Davenport's, alas uncollected anecdotes of Robinson. Just up a tipsy lane over the hill's bunkered brow there was shove-ha'penny in the country's most hospitable golf club, which dished out an annual dinner on a long table, with speeches and toccata and fugue for piano and handbells. Bennett called two handbell peals sans splutter for the honour of "joint leading conductor" and for Bates to tell Yates

"He's the greatest."

The annual meeting delved deep, sounding out, examining itself as never before. Once ringing for enjoyment and only ringing whilst it was enjoyable and ringing peals; now ringing for peals in a futile effort to find enjoyment but ringing no peals and only away from the ringing is there enjoyment. Peal-greedy keepers of vain totals you have become destroyers of enjoyment. The destroyers of Campingology you will be.

Campingology could be finished and next year will be the test. Robinson was voted "in absentia" the organiser for 1970. As one said to another:

"Shall I see you in Yorkshire, Campanologist?"

"TOMBSTONE."

AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

Page 95.—Yeovil: 7 Lewis F. Cobb.

Pages 95 and 96.—Purbeck Youths peaks: see report on page 100.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for February 16, 1945

Handbells were rung at a Works Wonder programme on the Home Service of the B.B.C.

Mr. Norman Chaddock wrote from India about "The Bells of Suez"—the Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception; and when chimed the sound of the four bells was disappointing.

At a meeting of Doncaster and District Society Mr. E. Stacey was elected ringing master and the Walker Cup for the best attendance (? at meetings) was won by St. Peter's, Felkirk, Miss D. Grange receiving the trophy.

Mr. G. Newton, of the provisional com-

Mr. G. Newton, of the provisional committee for the proposed Leicester Diocesan Guild, gave an explanation of the position to a meeting at Earl Shilton.

At Trull (Somerset) James Coles, Reginald Perry and Douglas Fear rang their first peal.

Mr. B. T. Jeanes, of Riverside, Bridgwater, wrote defending unattached ringers and told of the work they did around the area.

50 YEARS AGO

February 20, 1920

13001 changes of Grandsire Cinques, in 8 hours 45 minutes, were rung at Painswick, conducted by Albert Wright, it being the longest peal on the bells.

Mr. John A. Freeman conducted the first peal ever rung solely by the Cathedral band at Lincoln—Stedman Triples—and Mr. Isaac Vickers rang his first peal.

L. & N.W. Railwaymen rang 5056 Plain Bob Major at Bletchley, Bucks, conducted by Harry Sear.

Mr. A. Morris tapped Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells in 2 hours 42 minutes at Harwich, Essex.

The order was placed with Whitechapel Foundry for the recasting and rehanging of Epsom Parish Church bells.

Mr. T. Hervey Beams, of Bradpole, Dorset, wrote suggesting that the social side of the meetings of the Central Council should be developed and peal bands and impromptu concerts might be arranged.

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First rung at St. Philip's, Birmingham, on
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Rung at Esher, Surrey, on Saturday, Nov. 1, 1969, conducted by Michael J. Church.

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

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Repeat.
Contains all the "roll-ups," and the 6th the

extent in 5-6 at course-ends. This peal is a variation of C.C.C. No. 18

by the same composer.

First rung at Hazel Grove, Cheshire, on Jan. 30, 1970.

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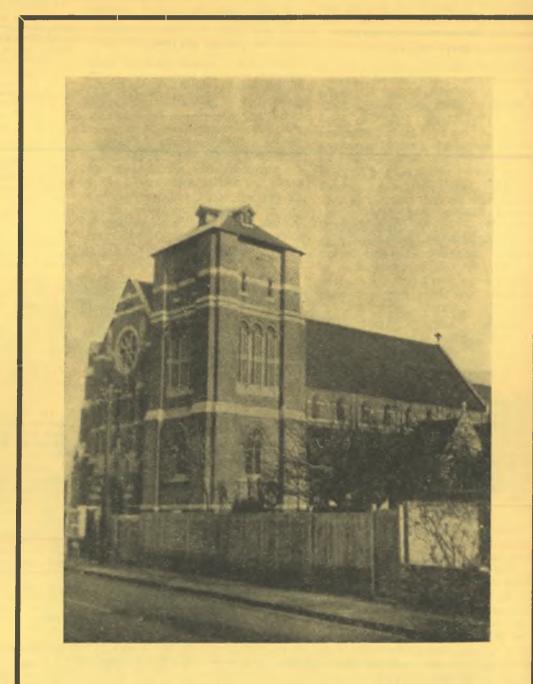
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St. Johnthe-Evangelist Sidcup, Kent

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St. John-the-Evangelist, Sidcup

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH, Sidcup, will not be found in any books on architecture, neither are its bells of any great historic interest. The foundation stone of the first St. John's was laid on November 27, 1841. This building was the daughter church of St. Nicholas, Chislehurst. Unfortunately it was too small for the community, and with the exception of the chancel and sanctuary was pulled down in 1898. In 1901 the present nave was completed, and with the population of Sidcup still growing fast the church is being used more and more for Sunday and civic services.

THE BELLS

Originally the bells hung in one of the twin towers in the old building and were transferred to their new home in the new uncompleted tower in 1901, when John Warner and Sons hung them in a new steel frame. The five and six must have been of poor tone as they were recast the same year. No further work was carried out on them until 1950, when Mears and Stainbank rehung them on ball bearings in their original fitments and also retuned them. Since the bells were cast in 1843 there have only been seven peals on them, the first in 1904 and the last in 1959. St. John's cannot boast of being a great peal tower, but at least the bells have been rung for many thousands of services.

WEIGHTS AND INSCRIPTIONS

-Thomas Mears London Founder 1843. 3-3-15 in F sharp.

-Thomas Mears London Founder 1843. 4-3-3 in E.

3.—Thomas Mears London Founder 1843.

-Thomas Mears London Founder 1843. 6-2-0 in C sharp.

5.—Recast John Warner and Sons Ltd. London 1901. 6-3-17 in B. 6.—Recast John Warner and Sons Ltd.

London 1901. C. E. Shirley Woolmer 1886 Vicar. E. Layton Warden from 1881. E. Blanks Warden from 1888. 9-0-0 in A.

Also a sanctus bell, weighing approx.

NEW BELLS

Unfortunately, owing to the old fit-ments, the "go" of the bells is once more causing concern, and on October 5, 1969, our vicar, Canon Dennis Oldaker, launched an appeal for £3,000, this being the amount needed to recast the poor-toned bells and augment them to eight, plus a sound floor. The Whitechapel Bell Foundry have given us an estimate for eight bells, which has been accepted; the tenor of the eight will weigh 7½ cwt. in the key of B flat. These bells will hang on one level in a new steel frame.

SOUND CONTROL

The tower, being so short creates a considerable problem regarding sound control. Recently the lower louvres were completely boarded up, thus allowing the sound to escape via the top four louvres. When the new eight are installed we hope to have a wooden floor above the bells. This floor will have two trapdoors which will be closed for practice nights and peals and opened for service ringing and weddings. With the trapdoors closed the bells will be almost inaudible from outside.

FUND RAISING

The ringers themselves have undertaken to raise the whole amount. The activities so far have included a sponsored walk from Rochester Cathedral to Sidcup, raising approximately £250. We are also collecting Green Shield stamps, and the company who produce them have agreed to recast one bell on the surrender of approximately 117 books. At Christmas we raised £15 6s. by playing carols on our handbells. Other fund-raising activities include the sale of ballpoint pens (suitably inscribed), wastepaper, and in the early part of May we hope to have a sum-

St. John's ringers are all very much looking forward to the day when Sidcup will possess the new octave of bells, and if you would like to help us a donation, however small, will be most gratefully received. Please send your donation to the address belowthank you.

St. John's Bell Restoration Fund, c/o Tony Lewis, 48 Imperial Way, Chislehurst, Kent.

URANGWOT-9. THE WINNER

No. 9 in the Urangwot series attracted the largest entry so far with 71 replies. Of these, 64 were completely correct, including the conductor's name; four placed the band correctly but omitted the conductor and three were incorrect. The last three gave solutions which made both statements true or false for one of the ringers instead of one true and one false as specified.

The puzzle was not difficult and may be worked out by a process of trial and error, taking a certain statement to be true and following through its implications. Starting with Alan and taking his "Carol conducted" as true, it follows that Harry did not ring 4. Duncan's claim to have conducted must be false and his "Alan rang 2" must be true, and so on

The correct solution is: 1 Richard, 2 Alan, 3 Harry, 4 Ann, 5 Carol (conductor) and 6 Duncan.

Of the correct entries, the first drawn out of the hat came from: Jas. S. Croft, 29 Hanley Road, Shirley, Southampton.

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DOUBLE PROGRAMME

The Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association have held two very successful functions recently.

On February 7, at an evening practice meeting at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, East Coker, they were welcomed by the vicar (Rev. G. Mullard), and it was one of the branch's best supported evening meetings, over 50 attending. It gave great pleasure to see so many young people present and it augurs well for the future of change-ringing in this area. The well-going, musical, light eight (tenor 13 cwt.), under the direction of the assistant ringing master, Mr. Jim Taylor, included rounds and well-known methods.

The branch is grateful to the vicar and the tower master (Mr. Frank Foot) and the East Coker ringers for their kindness and co-operation.

A SOCIAL EVENING

On Shrove Tuesday, February 11, the day for the branch's annual social evening, held this year at the Fleur de Lis, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, an excellent buffet supper was enjoyed by the 50 present.

Skittling for the Gordon Rendell trophy and other prizes proved exciting and hilarious, with teams competing from Chiselborough, Hardington Mandeville, Ilchester, Long Sutton, Montacute, Preston Plucknett Somerton and Stoke-sub-Hamdon. Chisel-borough were the winners of the trophy (duly filled and emptied!) and other prizes went to Hardington and Montacute. Chiselborough thereupon were challenged by the "clergy" to drinks all round for the winners, and again Chiselborough proved unbeatable and the clergy had to faith beatable and the clergy had to fork out.

For the various competitions and mystery prizes the awards were presented by the chairman's lady, Mrs. C. J. B. Marshall.

Flaming youth has become a flaming question. And youth comes to us wanting to know what we may propose to do about society that hurts so many of them.

—F. D. ROOSEVELT

Derby Association Welcomes its Bishop

SIR A, P. HEYWOOD MEMORIAL DINNER

The annual Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner proved again to be a most popular event as about 190 were present at this year's Derbyshire Association's dinner, held at the Station Hotel, Chesterfield, on February 7. Ringing during the afternoon took place on the 25 cwt. ring of ten in the famous "Crooked Spire" Church of St. Mary and All Saints, and members of the press were present and watched the proceedings with great interest.

Following the loyal toast the Association's president, Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby, said how privileged they were to have their newly-consecrated bishop, Rt. Rev. Cyril Bowles, present. They were grateful that despite many other engagements that befell a new bishop he and Mrs. Bowles had been able to join them, and he hoped it would be the first of many happy meetings between the bishop and his ringers in the diocese.

The provost paid tribute to Mr. Harold Taylor, who recently had been presented with a silver salver to mark his retirement after 21 years as ringing master of the cathedral, with which he had been associated for over 40 years. This was a remarkable period of distinguished service to the Church and ringing and was typical of many of the ringers in the county and explained the reason for the Association's healthy state.

Thanking the Association for the honour of asking him to propose the principal toast at their dinner, that of "The Church and the Exercise," Mr. Paul Taylor, of Loughborough, said he could never understand why people spoke of the Church and the Exercise as if they were two entirely different subjects, when in fact nothing was farther from the truth. Surely both were one and the same, as either without the other would be unthinkable even in this day and age. As the son of a bellfounder, he had a vested interest in ringing as he

made his living by making bells and as a result was constantly meeting ringers from all parts of the world.

BORED WITH PLAIN BOB

Apart from one or two places in the States, Australia and Canada, most of the ringing which took place abroad was on carillons and was mostly tunes and not change-ringing. He was most intrigued to receive a letter from Canberra recently asking for more diagrams of methods, as the carillonneur there was bored with ringing Plain Bob! He, the speaker, was amazed to learn that this gentleman and a friend of his were ringing changes on the manual by means of a kind of Venetian blind affair. In fact they had sent a tape-recording of a quarter peal of Cambridge S. Major they had rung on the carillon to mark the visit of Prince Philip to Canberra, the striking of which had to be heard to be believed, as it was faultless! In a few weeks' time, when in Australia on business, he was very much looking forward to seeing how this was done.

Mr. Taylor urged the company to think less of the Church and the Exercise, as it led many people to divorce ringing from the Church, when in fact ringers and bell-ringing probably played as vital a role as the clergy—if only ringers realised it.

Responding, the Bishop of Derby said how exciting and refreshing it was to meet ringers both here and in Wiltshire, his previous archdeaconry. It was inevitable, he supposed, that bishops should be regarded as The Church, not the ordinary folk in the congregation, although in many cases when people asked why didn't the Church do something over a particular matter they really meant why didn't the bishop do something.

FIRST AND LAST TIME

He was perhaps obviously qualified to reply to the toast on behalf of the Church, but he certainly was not as well qualified to reply on behalf of the Exercise as he had only tried to ring a bell once. That was when he had rather more spare time and had started to learn ringing only to discover one evening that the distance between the soles of his feet and the ground was rapidly increasing! Whilst he managed to let go in time that was the first and last time he had tried to share in the Association's most distinguished art.

The bishop did believe that certain qualities of mind were necessary for someone to become an accomplished ringer, and he offered his felicitations to all those who had rung peals or quarters in honour of his enthronement last November, both in Wilteshire and in Derbyshire, a gesture which was very much appreciated by both his wife and himself.

In addition to having his sympathy with regard both to the complexity of ringing nowadays and also the dedication necessary to become proficient at their art—although he thought it better for him to have swung and fallen rather than not to have swung at all!—ringers had the bishop's sympathy, most particularly for the conditions in which they had to ring, particularly as in many churches the ringing chamber was regarded as a very convenient storehouse and

(Continued overleaf)



Some of the members and guests who attended.

Heywood Memorial Dinner-continued

the very last place any self-respecting verger would think of cleaning. This was something that was very much in his mind, as no choir or servers would be expected to work under such conditions. If he could help in any way at all to improve the general conditions of belfries in the diocese he would be only too pleased to do so.

The bishop said that the work of bellringers was really of great importance as it was of value for its own sake, and he hoped that the company would continue to maintain their ancient and peculiarly English art. It was immensely valuable to the Church as a constant witness to the Christian faith and an essential part of the Church's ministry.

SUBSCRIPTION REDUCED

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the Association's general treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley. Ringers in Derbyshire, he said, were always pleased to welcome visitors to towers and belfries, whether for meetings, peals or just practices, and he was proud of the fact that this was made clear by the Association's gesture of reducing non-resident life membership subscriptions by 50% to 2s. 6d., probably one of the cheapest in the country.

The speaker also welcomed the Mayor and Mavoress of Chesterfield (Cclr. and Mrs. Allen), the Archdeacon of Chesterfield (Ven. T. W. Ingram-Cleasby), Mr. P. Saltmarsh (general secretary of the Essex Association) and also Mr. Arnold Morley, of Belper, who whilst a member of the Association was still a guest, as he had not yet paid his subscription. [Laughter.]

Replying, the mayor said he was happy to be present and very glad that his wife and he were able to attend. In what was known as a "swinging world," Cclr. Allen said he was glad to be among a real group of swingers—if they would pardon the expression—and in particular congratulated the company on having so many ladies in their midst. He was sure they added a great deal to the art of campanology, and he urged the company to be very proud of their ancient art as the sound of bells pealing out from a church tower was one of the loveliest sounds he knew. In this respect Chesterfield was very fortunate as they had a very fine ring of bells, which

he and his wife enjoyed hearing on many

Later there was dancing and during a short interlude Mr. A. Lockett, of Bolsover, entertained, and the evening ended at 11.30 p.m. M. P. P.

THOSE ATTENDING

Those attending included at the top table the Provost of Derby and Mrs. Beddoes, Bishop and Mrs. Bowles, the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, Mr. Paul Taylor, the Mayor and Mayoress, Mr. P. Saltmarsh (general secretary of Essex Association), Rev. F. Ross (general secretary) and Mrs. Ross, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (C. Council rep.) and Miss A. Smith, Mr. J. C. Woolley (general treasurer), Mr. D. W. Friend (peal secretary), Mr. G. A. Halls (C. Council rep.) and Mrs. Halls, Mr. D. R. Carlisle (C. Council rep.) and Mrs. Carlisle, Mr. J. B. Stennitt (treasurer, Bell Repair Fund), Mr. D. Davis (Chesterfield District chairman) and Mrs. Davis and Mrs. M. Phipps (Chesterfield District secretary) and Mrs. M. Phipps

Others included Mr. and Mrs. A. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bagguley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Banton, Rev. and Mrs. A. Batsleer, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bedford, Rev. and Mrs. G. Bence, Mr and Mrs. R. Bladen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. L. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper, Dr. and Mrs. G. Futers, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gascoigne, Mr. and Mrs. R. Green, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. A. Heeley, Mr. and Mrs. L. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. M. House, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. R. Marchbank, Mr. and Mrs. R. Marsden, Mr. and Mrs. D. Millington, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. D. Parkin, Mr. and Mrs. G. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. D. Peers, Mr. and Mrs. R. Petts, Mr. and Mrs. J Revill, Mr. and Mrs. B. Richards, Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Rollinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Roobottom, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stalhand, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. R. Truman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wagstaff and Mr. and Mrs. D. Windle. Mesdames Bird, Egglestone, Neves and Yates.

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twice and one, "The Wedding," three times. The music covered a wide range and included national tunes, classical pieces, popular music, carols and hymns. Great skill, stamina and enthusiasm were shown by the children, who hope to raise by this effort £60 towards the Restoration Fund.

LONG LENGTH IN TUNE RINGING

The handbell ringers of Ecclesfield Comprehensive School who figured in a recent article have introduced long lengths to tune ringing. On January 24 nine girls and four boys from this school, known as the Hunshelf Ringers, succeeded in ringing 81 tunes in a session lasting six hours. Altogether 57 of the 61 bells were rung in a tune during the session. Between each tune there was a break of about one minute for the changeover of tunes and at the end of each hour a compulsory five-minute halt for refreshments. The ringers, whose ages ranged from 14 to 16 years, were thus on their feet for 4½ hours in the six-hour period. The ringers believe that this was the longest ever session of tune ringing by one team.

The long length was sponsored at the minimum rate of 1d. per quarter hour. Thus by completing six hours they earned 2s. towards the complete overhaul of the five-chromatic octave 61-bell set which they ring. The performance created much interest and there was an excellent TV and press coverage. The repertoire included 63 individual tunes, of which 17 were rung

FOR AMERICAN VISITORS

Mrs. G. Melloan, an American journalist in England, was recently interviewed by Mr. T. W. White (our former editor) about bells and bellringing, in order to write an article for well-known American papers and journals, One question posed: "Where can visiting Americans see a typically English village within 50 miles of London, preferably just off main roads, and where bellringing for morning and evening services is part of the scene?"

A list is to be compiled, and if secretaries of village towers will send a postcard with details of Sunday ringing (must be both services) we will forward the information to our American journalist friend and await the influx of American visitors.

WILL YOU HELP?

We are now able to give our peals section better spacing, for we have cleared our backlog. Several have asked that the place name should come before the dedication and that more space be given either side of the Association titles, and this has been done, with a generally improved appearance. The little (c) has also disappeared (by popular request) but brought the desired result—an appreciation of the relative £ s. d. percentage response in peals and quarters published.

We are grateful to those who have recently become subscribers to our fully Acknowledged" paragraph, and while this is considered by some as "begging," this is considered by some as "begg "passing the cap round" or "charity, would point out that the amount contributed each week helps maintain the standard -poor though it is in quality—that we have today. Many have written to say that they are prepared to pay double for their Ringing World, and we invite them to do so. We have never refused any double subscription vet, but then we have only ever had three. The R.W. staff do not work on commission and do not make a profit from the extras received. They are all ploughed back in the hope that one day we may be able to enlarge and improve the journal.

The only way that this can be done, however, is by increasing the circulation. We have no promotion team and must rely on you, our readers.

We have been accused of sharp practice, of Americanism in sales technique, of bribery and blackmail—all this because we are endeavouring to build up a circulation worthy of the only national ringing paper in the world. When many other weekly papers with more advertising and wider appeal have ceased publication The Ringing World is still serving the ringing community after nearly 60 years. What is done is done for the Exercise as a whole and not for any one section of it. If the Journal is to improve and continue to serve the Exercise you must play your part by making The Ringing World known to all ringers everywhere and persuade others to become regular subscribers.

PLEASE DO SOMETHING THIS WEEK, WE NEED YOUR HELP IN PROMOTING OUR SALES DRIVE.

A PARTY AT BARNES

On Saturday evening, January 31, the Barnes ringers held their first party, which was a great success. The ringing master, John Ketteringham, welcomed the rector and Mr. P. H. Coley, churchwarden, and said they were also pleased to have present many of those who had helped at practices and with wedding ringing. He was pleased to see the masters of the London County Association and University of London Society and the senior steward of the Ancient Society of College Youths. It was very pleasing that regular Sunday ringing now took place and gratitude was expressed to the rector for his unfailing support. The recent engagement of two local ringers. Hilary Whitworth (the rector's daughter) and Carl Price, was evidence that the band was now well established! A peal attempt that afternoon to celebrate this event unfortunately failed, but the local ringers and some of their regular supporters made a presentation to Carl and Hilary.

The antics of some of the Exercise's leading peal ringers in attempting to demonstrate handbell ringing to the uninitiated caused considerable amusement.

J. K.

A HISTORY OF SPLICED MINOR

By C. A. WRATTEN

(Continued from page 107)

PART III: DIFFICULT TIMES

AFTER the Armistice was signed, it was appropriate that the first two peals of Spliced Minor to be rung, in November, 1919, and February, 1920, should have been conducted by John Lake and the Rev. A. T. Beeston respectively. While the former can be seen as representing the pre-war Lincolnshire band, the latter led the up-and-coming Cheshire

By now Spliced Minor had become well-established in these two widely separated areas. In 1922 a second South Lincolnshire band, under Horace Day, joined this select company with a peal in ten methods at Market Deeping.

During the ensuing nine years nearly all peals of Spliced Minor to be rung were the work of one or other of these three bands. And although it was the Cheshire men who were to set up new records during this period, was Horace Day who was to call more als of spliced than any other conductor. Indeed, between 1922 and the outbreak of the Second World War he called no less than 66 such peals-more than a fifth of all that were rung

Aithough he had been born in 1881, it was not until about 1911 that Horace M. Day started to ring. His first peal had been one in five Minor methods at Edenham in February, 1914, and his second was Stedman Caters at Christ Church, Bristol, in November, 1918the first peal to be rung in the city after the

Armistice.

After demobilisation from the Army and his return to Market Deeping, he had soon built up a band, and, before long, peals conducted by him at or near Market Deeping, Deeping St. James and Deeping St. Nicholas became a regular feature of Lincolnshire ringing.

A high point was reached in June, 1936, when he called 32 Spliced Surprise at Folkingham. Although this did not constitute a record, it did equal the record that had been set up at Lamberhurst the previous year. all, Horace Day called this peal no less than five times over the next couple of years, and there seems little doubt that, had the necessary

there seems little doubt that, had the necessary figures been available, he could easily have surpassed the Lamberhurst performance. Horace Day's ringing career extended until well after the end of the Second World War. Throughout his 60s and 70s he conducted his own birthday peal each year, the last occasion being on October 3, 1959, when, at the grand age of 78, he called 17-Spliced Surprise Minor from the second at Rippingale. This proved to be his last peal, and he died on April 30, 1961.

The Norbury band had meanwhile been

The Norbury band had meanwhile been going from strength to strength. With the assistance of John P. Fidler, the Rev. A. T. Beeston arranged many of the extents they rang, and in December, 1921, they finally control and the state of the scored a peal in 24 Treble Bob methods at Grove, conducted by James Fernley.

About this time it became apparent that it as possible to include five methods in each atent, rather than the four which had hitherto

security rather than the rour which had mitted occur thought the maximum. The goal consequently became a peal in 35 methods.

To attempts for a peal of 30 Treble Bob.

December 23 and December 27, 1922, were ooin iosi in the fourth extent, but brought round. This was on New Year's Day, 1923, the ringing again being conducted by James Fernley. Four of the extents were in five methods.

A fifth five-method extent was included in in 29 methods at Hazel Grove in March, and on December 4 the 35-method peal was last rung. The band was made up as

1—James Fernley, jun.
2—John P. Fidler
3—William Fernley

W. W. Wolstencroft
5—James Fernley, sen. (Cond.)
6—John W. Hartley

The Rev. A. T. Beeston had had to give up ringing early in 1922 on medical advice, but he had not lost his interest and was the first to greet the band after the successful completion of the peal.

A NEW BOOK

There then followed a virtual lull for five years. During this time Hazel Grove bells were augmented to eight, four or five peals of Spliced Minor were rung in Northamptonshire Spliced Minor were rung in Northamptonshire and rather more in Lincolnshire, and John Fidler wrote a series of articles on "Method Splicing." These appeared originally in The Ringing World between August and October, 1925, and in January, 1926, they were published in booklet form. They contained a clear and detailed explanation of how the 35-method real head here held to the state of the series of the ser and detailed explanation of how the 33-method peal had been built up by the use of lead- and course-splicers, and ended by remarking that it was possible to include a sixth method in each extent and thus ring no less than 42 methods in a 5,000.

The articles caused a great deal of interest. At the Central Council meeting in Ipswich that year the hon librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, was able to report that the last remaining copies of the 1907 Collection of Minor Methods had been quickly sold,

'the demand, which is always considerable. being increased by the issue of the book on Method Splicing by Mr. J. P. Fidler."
Spliced 720s began to be reported from various parts of the country almost immediately. But strangely there was no upsurge in peals of Spliced Minor. Why was this?

DIFFICULTIES

The reasons seem to have been two-fold. The first was the opposition to this "new-fangled" (albeit now 18-year-old) idea of "splicing" from some of the more conservative members of the Exercise. They contive members of the Exercise. They considered that it was only a stunt, a passing craze that would not stand the test of time. There was consequently little point in wasting time or effort on it. Attempts to sell copies of the "Method Splicing" book at certain Yorkshire meetings were as a result strongly attacked, and Mr. Fidler was warned not to

The second was the lack of a suitable col-lection of methods for Minor ringers to refer

A controversy over the names of Minor methods had now been raging for some years. In a belated attempt to reduce to some form of order the chaos that had arisen during recent years, the Central Council had in 1921 authorised its Peals Analysis Committee to determine what names had been given to those methods from the 1907 Collection that those methods from the 1907 Collection that had already been rung, and to allocate names to those that remained. The committee's report, although accepted without comment at the 1922 meeting in Lincoln, soon became the focus of growing criticism in the editorial and correspondence columns of The Ringing

Two years later a Nomenclature Committee was set up "to review existing method nomenclature." This fared little better than its predecessor, and by the time Fidler's book appeared the storm was at its height.

It did not quieten down until 1928, after yet another committee—this time the Methods Committee— had taken a hand in producing a report. A further three years were to elapse before more arguments about the contents and layout of a new Minor Collection were finally settled, and it was not until August 28, 1931. that the new book appeared.

The editor of The Ringing World, John S Goldsmith, was by now a strong advocate of splicing, and he lost no time in drawing the attention of Minor ringers to the fields now opened up. As he pointed out, "Method Splicing" had shown how to splice as many as six methods into a 720, and now the new Collection gave the methods that ringers had been waiting for

SPLICED CATCHES ON

The result was startling. A glance at the peal-ringing statistics for the years between 1918 and 1939 shows how profound was the 1918 and 1939 shows how protound was the combined impact of these two books. In the 13 years between the end of the Great War and September, 1931, 55 peals of Spliced Minor had been rung; in the eight years that remained before the outbreak of a second war, there were no less than 247 such peals—something approaching a peight fold, increase

something approaching an eight-fold increase.

As we shall see, it was the Cheshire and Lincolnshire men who continued to set up Linconshire men who continued to set up new records during this second period, just as they had in the first. But no longer could these two Guilds boast of being the only ones regularly to ring Spliced Minor. Even the Yorkshiremen, who had seemingly lost nearly all interest in multi-Minor after

their unsuccessful campaign in the 1890s to retain 360s in their peals, began to practise spliced. In June, 1933, Daniel Smith, a native of Gloucestershire, who had moved as a young man to Felkirk and there learned to ring, called a peal in 14 Spliced Treble Bob methods—the first peal of Minor in more than seven methods to be rung in Yorkshire for nearly a quarter of a century. During the next 18 months this band progressed to ringing a peal in 35 methods, and so laid the founda-tion stone on which later Yorkshire bands were to build.

(To be continued)

80 YEARS A RINGER!

Grand old man of Northampton ringing is Mr. Thomas Jennings, of 61 Queen's Park Parade, Northampton, who celebrated his 90th birthday on January 22.

It was 80 years ago, at the age of 10, he started ringing at Kingsthorpe, and on the evening of January 24 he visited this church, where he was married 68 years ago, to have a ring at the Northampton Branch A.G.M. After this some 20 ringers and friends joined him at his home to celebrate the occasion.

For ringing, his church is the Holy Sepulchre, and for between 60 and 70 years he has rung there twice every Sunday. quarter in honour of the occasion, however. did not take place at St. Sepulchre's because of the long pull, but at St. Giles on January 24. Mr. Jennings rang the third. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have five daugh-

ters, two sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Jennings only retired from business as a master butcher in Barrack Road three years ago. The great family of ringers send their best wishes to this happy couple.

TEESSIDE INTERNATIONAL **EISTEDDFOD**

Mr. P. Sotheran sends us a syllabus for the Teesside International Eisteddfod and says there is a section for handbell ringers, with prizes of up to £50. The organising secretary states handbell ringers should ring changes, being the "traditional music" for the instrument, but tune ringing would be acceptable. The rules state that a copy of the piece to be "played" should be forwar-ded to the organisers (the methods and composition would suffice), but it must be intelligible to a non-ringing judge who will judge the ringing on its musical qualities.

Any enquiry should be addressed to the

Secretary, Inter-TIE, Middlesbrough, Teesside, but Mr. Sotheran would be pleased to forward anything which comes to him.

Entries to date total over 1,500 and the attendance figures last time exceeded 50,000 during the week. All overseas competitors appear in national dress, which all adds to the colour of the spectacle.

It is hoped that this will be of interest to readers, but the closing date for entries is April 1, so do not delay if you want to try

making money for your belfry.

Letters

COUNCIL MINUTES, ETC.

Dear Sir, - I had always hoped that I should be able to avoid dealing with a scurrilous letter, but I must defend myself against the wild accusations of Mr. Mew. His statement that there was a deliberate exclusion of a certain motion is nothing more than a lie, and I should like Mr. Mew to withdraw this and apologise. It ought not to be necessary for me to repeat my statement to the Council at St. Albans that the omission was due to a misunderstanding, but this was indeed the case.

When the omission became apparent I advised the proposer of three ways in which the motion could be brought before the Council, and in the event one of these was used. I think this could be regarded as helpful rather than high-handed.

It might interest the Council (and it is certainly relevant) to learn that I received a letter from Mr. Mew on March 23 last appending two motions. Here is the text of my reply of March 24:-

"Dear Mr. Mew,—I thank you for your letter of 21st March appending two motions for inclusion on the agenda of the next Council meeting. I am sorry to say that motion (a) has already been forestalled by that proposed by the Guildford representatives which published in this week's Ringing World. Your motion is so nearly like that from Guildford that it would be out of order in the same agenda. Your remedy therefore is to move an appropriate amendment to the Guildford motion in an attempt to achieve the result you desire.

'As regards motion (b) would it not be better to confine it to the simple sentence 'that a booklet containing a glossary of technical terms be com-piled'? The remainder of your motion would follow naturally from the passing of a resolution in these terms and you would deal with these points in making your speech.—Yours sincerely."

Perhaps in Mr. Mew's mind this was high-handed, too, because I did not have the courtesy of a reply. Consequently motion (b) appeared unexpurgated and I was asked by several members of the Council whatever was I doing to publish it in that form.—Yours faithfully,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY. Halifax, Yorks.

IN PUNNING MOOD

Dear Sir,—The amusing observations of the Vicar of Christchurch (page 119) on the lateness of ringers getting to their pews (quote): "They are having a Cater, or playing a Cinque" prompts me to add, in punning mood:-

They have a Triple need to avoid a Major shuffle, to Double down the belfry steps, causing the Minimus of noise at a time when even the most Minor distraction can be a Maximus annoyance! - Yours faithfully,

G. H. ISGAR.

Holland-on-Sea, Essex.

"Then I heard in my dream that all the bells in the city rang again for joy and that it was said unto him: 'Enter thou into the joy of the Lord'."—PILGRIM'S PROGRESS.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

Dear Sir,-I hope you will allow me to reply to Mr. Wilby and Mr. May (page 70), whose comments on my earlier letter (page 19) seem to miss my point almost entirely. It is, moreover, a pity that neither correspondent is able to dissociate an argument from the person making it. Is it in any way relevant to the validity of what I said that I am supposedly "fighting to keep my place on the Central Council

One hopes that in any further debate on this matter participants will be rather more accurate in their references to previous contributions. Mr. Wilby, for example, says that I put forward two false premises. Perhaps he would reread my letter and let me know where I do so. Nor did I single out university societies as having raised stan-

dards as Mr. May claims.

My contention was that if membership of the Central Council is to be reduced (a questionable assumption) it is illogical to do it by discriminating against non-territorial societies. Mr. May takes this illogicality to its limits. His theory that university societies need no, or insignificant, representation since many of their members represent other societies on the Council can, of course, be reduced to the absurdity of a Council consisting of two membersone for the Ladies' Guild and one for everyone else. Most, probably all, Council members are members of more than one society, but this does not prevent the societies in question from wanting their full representation. I agree with Mr. May that some social organisations possibly do not merit a place on the Council, but I have great difficulty in thinking of clear criteria which would differentiate between such bodies and ringing societies. The extremes are obvious; the dividing line is not.

Mr. Wilby's suggestion that the Council

should exercise greater control over the membership rules of affiliated societies has much to be said for it. One knows of university societies which admit members who have no connection with the university, for instance. But why does he think that the university societies will not admit to having non-resident members? If he thinks that these societies should be reclassified as territorial let him say so.

I trust that the great difficulties of defini-tion will not deter the Council, and particularly the Standing Committee, from attempting to bring some order to the present confused state of affairs, and that objectivity will be used in considering any suggestions put forward for improving matters. Yours faithfully,

JOHN CAMP.

Oxford.

PEALS TOGETHER

Dear Sir, - The famous Pye brothers, Ernest and William, rang 890 peals together. Another partnership which accumulated a large number was Isaac G. Shade and William Pye, 875 peals. There is no and William Pye, or peans.

doubt that the greatest number of peals

ther would be by William peals ever rung together would be by Willia and George R. Pye.—Yours faithfully, JOHN G. NASH.

London, N.

We are informed that the twins, Misses Grace and Katharine Burchnall, of Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, each rang their 400th peal and their 400th together at Sutton last June 14th, and all were on tower bells. This surely constitutes a unique re-cord and they have since increased this number.

PEAL REPORTS

Dear Sir, -In answer to Mr. R. B. Smith, the long peal of Superlative has not been published because it did not comply with the Central Council conditions for record length peals, in that the figures were not checked throughout by a competent umpire. I have written to Ronald Edwards to ask him exactly how much was checked but have been unable to obtain any reply. I should point out that owing to a misunderstanding the official umpire did not arrive and Mr. Edwards umpired for part of the time only as a substitute. At last year's Council meeting the Council agreed that peals not rung in full compliance with the conditions for record length peals should not be published in The Ringing World, and therefore this peal will not appear.

Section (D) C. 4 of the same Decisions, as published on page 988 of The Ringing World, states that "peal reports shall state the number and names of all methods and variations separately. For peals of Spliced the number of changes of method at lead-head and at half-lead shall be stated separately, and for peals of Triples and above the number of changes rung in each method shall be stated." There has been a very pronounced tendency recently to publish peals in a manner which does not comply with this. and even in the interests of saving space is not to be encouraged.

The report of the minutes published on page 988 is incorrect in Section E, second paragraph, where the wording passed by the Council was "In the case of peals not strictly complying with parts A to C above not "parts A to D above.

Finally, may I make a plea to all conductors of new methods rung for the first time to publish the composition or alternatively make some positive identification of the composition used in the peal report. A reference to a previous publication in The Ringing World or to a collection is sufficient to enable the records to be kept, and to save me from writing a large number of letters every year!—Yours faithfully,

Putney, London, S.W. D. E. SIBSON. [Peals of Minor and Major will not. in

future, be condensed.-Ed.]

ALL RINGERS INVITED

Dear Sir, - I would be very grateful if you would publish the following information for the benefit of the thousands of ringers who, now that the £50 currency restriction has been lifted, will be hurrying to get in an overseas vacation before entry into the E.E.C. imposes a more stringent restriction on the family budget.
Ringing at Washington Cathedral.—Ad-

dress: Mount Saint Alban, Washington. D.C., 20016. Phone: (202) 966-3500. Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30 p.m. Sundays: variable-either 11.30 a.m.-2.30 p.m. or 1.30-4 p.m.

For specific information, write: Mr. Richard S. Dirksen, Ringing Master, c/o Washington Cathedral (address above); or, upon arrival in the States, telephone either Mr. Dirksen or Mr. Jack Fanfani, daily, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Cathedral; or call, evenings and Saturdays, Mr. Dirksen (703) 521-9338, or Mr. Fanfani, (301) 652-1064.

We are always very anxious to welcome visiting ringers. It is most helpful if we can be informed in advance of an impending visit, but the Cathedral staff—aides, ushers, vergers and guards—has been informed to assist any ringer presenting himwith either myself or Mr. Fanfani.
Yours faithfully,
RICHARD S. DIRKSEN,
Washington, D.C. Ringing Master.

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OLD PRINTS

The recent letter (page 30) from Jim Hedgcock about old prints and tower bells in London has brought the following from Mr. A. Clayton, of Loughborough Bell Foundry:

St. Clement, Eastcheap (Clement Lane).

One bell: T. Mears II, 1829, 33\frac{1}{2}''.

St. Bene't, Fink. — Six bells, 1708; three bells, 1824. Church demolished in 1844. No record of the bells.

St. Peter-le-Poor. — Three bells and a clock bell, all cast by John Warner 1791. The sizes and notes of the ring were: $33\frac{1}{2}$ (B), $35\frac{1}{2}$ (A), $38\frac{1}{2}$ (G), clock bell 22". There was once a ring of five here in a frame for six. Demolished 1908 and the three bells given to St. Mary's, Willesden, where they were recast to complete the octave.

St. James, Piccadilly.—Before the 1939-45 war there were: service bell, by Philip Wightman, 1686, 49½", 21 cwt. (this bell survived the war); three clock bells—Mears 1815 (17½"), Mears 1815 (20½") and Robert Catlin 1749 (23½"), the latter weighing 2½

All Hallows, Bread Street.—Service bell, Richard Phelps, 1733, 41", F sharp (lower); small bell, Lester and Pack, 1761, 24", F sharp (upper). Church demolished 1877. Bells said to have gone to All Hallows, East India Dock, but this may be confused with All Hallows, Staining; the plate from the latter church went to All Hallows, East India Dock.

St. James, Garlickhithe.—First, James Bartlett, 1682, 22", G. Second, Philip Wightman, 1700, 31\frac{1}{4}", C sharp. Second from St. Michael, Queenhithe, demolished 1876. I was refused access to this tower and do not know if the bells survived the

serious war damage to this church.

St. Mildred, Bread Street.—Thomas Bartlett, 1673, 22½". Although the shell of the

tower of this church still stands, the bell was presumably destroyed in the Blitz.

St. Stephen, Walbrook.—Service bell, Robert Mot, 1601, 37½", A. Call bell, Lester and Pack, 1761, 16" (unhung).

St. Mary, Aldermary.—One bell, C. and G. Mears, 1856, 30", C.

St. Margaret Pattens.—Service bell, Lester and Pack, 1768, 31½" (inscription incised). Call bell, Thomas Bartlett, 1624,

It is interesting to note that there are pre-Great Fire bells at St. Margaret Pattens and St. Stephen, Walbrook, both churches rebuilt by Wren after the Great Fire. I am suspicious that both these towers are partly mediæval, and this applies to a number of other City towers I have ascended and which outwardly appear much later in date.

By and large the belfries of the smaller City churches which escaped the Blitz are entirely forgotten and in a quite terrible state. Indeed one steps right back into the 17th and 18th century London in many and even into the Middle Ages at such towers as St. Ethelburga, Bishopsgate. The inscriptions on many bells bear fascinating asso-ciations with London's past. For instance, many City churches have a small bell, and from the inscription on the small bell at St. Edmund the King it can be gleaned that these were probably the apprentice bells for start and finish of work. What a vision this brings to mind of the quiet City streets, unknown to the present daytime population.



Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. E. J. Whitfield and Mr. W. Cheater.

50 YEARS' SERVICE

On January 15th the vicar, wardens, P.C.C. and ringers at Ringwood, Hants, Parish Church met in the parish hall for a social evening, the main purpose being to pay tribute to Wuliam Cheater, who had completed 50 years as tower

After musical items by members of the choir (to warm things up) the vicar called on Ted Collins, who learned to ring at Ringwood at the same time as Bill Cheater, to propose at the same time as Bill Cheater, to propose the toast. In his speech he gave a retrospect of the activities in Ringwood tower during the 50 years it had been under Bill's leadership, pointing out that in face of many setbacks and difficulties he had always maintained a Sunday service band, usually equal to any in the district. He also gave an account of the days in 1917, when Bill and he had learned to ring, although at that time, owing to war days in 1917, when Bill and he had learned to ring, although at that time, owing to war service, Ringwood tower was very short of ringers. The material for reinforcements was there, in the shape of two 16-year-old boys, but the willingness and ability to teach were completely lacking among the few remaining

ringers. Fortunately a soldier, Frederick Yates, from Claines in Worcestershire, was stationed in Ringwood and had attached himself to the tower. He offered to do the teaching and did so very creditably. Ted also stated that Bill and he had rung Ringwood bells to celebrate the Armistice on November 11, 1918, and again 51 years later in 1969.

Bill Cheater's health was drunk with enthusiasm and acclamation.

The vicar, the Rev. R. B. Jones, expressed the thanks of the whole parish to Bill for his valuable services and presented him with a pair of pipes, an ash tray and a substantial cheque. Mrs. Cheater received a bouquet.

In a modest reply Bill thanked everyone and added a few anecdotes on his ringing career. He expressed his regret that another colleague, Ernest Whitfield, whom he taught to ring in 1919 and who is still ringing in the Ringwood band, was unfortunately unable to be present that evening.

The presentation was followed by a sumptuous buffet supper and a happy evening was

brought to a close.

A GOOD YEAR FOR GUTHLAXTON

A school bellringing society, the Guthlaxton School Campanological Society at Wigston, Leicester, was founded due to quite a number of pupils being interested in the art, and those who formed it were already tower bell ringers. The Society has now existed for a year and is well established

Last year there were two outings, the first being on a Saturday in February and the second in the summer term during school hours. The ringing was of quite a good standard.

At the beginning of the autumn term new members joined from the intake of pupils. We rang handbells (loaned to the school) in the school Christmas concert, the practices being held twice a week during the dinner hour. For a carol service we rang carols before and after

a carol service we rang carols before and after as parents and friends arrived and left. We were also asked to ring at a neighbouring school's assembly, and the pupils and staff were much impressed, and thanks were expressed by the headmaster.

During the Christmas holidays four members of the society joined ringers of St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston, and rang carols around the district. Five guineas was raised and shared between the church and charity. charity.

A member of the staff, Mr. Ian Fraser, is a campanologist and gives his full support.

A former member of the society, John Har-rold (the first ringing master) has this year been appointed deputy ringing master of the Leicester District of the Leicester Diocesan

A GOOD START

Reading University Society got off to a good start in the 1970s with a tour to Oxford, and a good day's ringing was had by all. Sue Taylor made the arrangements for the trip and Martin Seabrook drove the bus. The tour started at South Stoke and went on to Warborough, where full justice was not done to the borough, where full justice was not done to the bells. Great Haseley's six proved popular and were put to good use. After lunch we went to Oxford and rang at many of the towers open that day for the Oxford University ringers' dinner. Highlights of the afternoon were the ringing at Merton and the call changes at Magdalen College. C. H. & W. K.

QUARTERLY AT FRAMSDEN

A quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Framsden on January 24, when between 40 and 50 attended. Tea, organised by Mrs. M. R. Page, the hon secretary, was followed by a business meeting and later the executive committee also met.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to a wide variety of methods.

Sweet are the uses of adversity Which, like the toad, ugly and venomous, Wears yet a precious jewel in his head.

-SHAKESPEARE

Quarter Peals

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 18, 1320 Miuor (Kent and Double Oxford): Amanda Powell 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3, A. H. Long 4, P. Butler 5, 1, Wiltshire (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 25, 1320 Bourne and Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3, Amanda Powell 4, Penny Cocks 5, I. Wiltshire 6. For Matins. Also on Feb. 8, 1296 Annable's London and Norwich Surprise Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, Penny Cocks 2, Amanda Powell 3, Louise Powell 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Matins.

ALLOA, CLACKS. — On Jan. 31, 1260 Doubles (Rev. St. Remigius, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's): Mrs. R. Aitchison 1, Miss J. Cleeve 2, H. Glover 3, M. Pink 4, M. Peterson (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6. Also on Jan. 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss L. Robson 1, Miss M. Livingstone 2, R. Aitchison 3, Miss J. Cleeve 4, M. Pink 5, M. Peterson (cond.) 6.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Jan. 30, 1259 Grandsire Caters: E. Drewitt 1, B. R. White (cond.) 2, N. H. Leslie 3, V. J. White 4, J. R. Mitty 5, F. White 6, D. A. Leslie 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White 9, H. White 10. Half-muffled in memoriam Freddie Messenger.

ASHDON, ESSEX. — On Feb. 8, 1272 Plain and Little Bob Major: J. Sanderson 1, F. Harper 2, J. Flight 3, M. Kemp 4, G. Pearson (cond.) 5, R. Collins 6, D. W. Newman 7, B. J. Couzens 8, For Evensong. First quarter on the rehung and augmented bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 18, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Jacqueline Wolfe 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Gillian M. Laver 3, Felicity S. Hamilton (first Triples as cond.) 4, G. Bronley 5, J. V. A. Stedman 6, J. A. Laver 7, A. Gordon (first on eight) 8.

ATHERSTONE, WARKS.—On Feb. 7, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering); B. Alison Moore (13) 1, N. W. Richards (18) 2, R. Farmer 3, Maureen Critchley 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5, Yvonne A. Nicklin (17) 6, 1. Crofts (14) 7, Julie Latham (14) 8. First quarter for 1, 6 and 7.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Pl. Boo Doubles: F. Smith 1, Mrs. G. S. M. L. Macadam 2, S. Brook 3, A. Turner 4, S. J. Osborne (first as cond.) 5, E. M. L. Macadam 6.

BARRINGTON, SOM.—On Dec. 1, 1260 Grandsize Doubles: C. Whitcombe 1, Mrs. R. Dean 2, A. Drayton 3, R. Welch 4, R. J. Dean (cond.) 5, M. Whitcombe 6, First quarter for 1 and 6.

BATH, SOM.—At SS. Michael with Paul Church, on Feb. 7, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor; H. J. Coomba I, B. Sarll 2, G. J. Hawkins 3, A. Swatton 4, R. Perry 5, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 6. A wedding day compliment to Robert F. M. Hand and Jacqueline E. Collins; also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Swatton.

BATTERSEA, LONDON—On Jan. 25, 1280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Rea 1, M. J. Herbert (first Major) 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, Margaret A. Robinson 4, Mary Sutcliffe 5, D. R. Tipler 6, R. J. Cooles 7, C. F. Mew (cond.) 8. A thanksgiving for the birth of a son to Rev. and Mrs. G. Lowick.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Francis (fidst quarter) 1, Suc Lee (first inside) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Belinda Wood 4, D. Wood 5, R. Lee 6, D. Francis (cond.) 7, H. J. Wingrove 8, For Evensong,

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Jan. 25, 1260 St. Clement's and Pl. Bob Minor: G. Collinge 1. B. Stocker 2, J. Collinge 3, H. M. Williamson 4, D. J. Stocker 5, P. R. Butler (first as cond. of two methods) 6.

BIRMINGHAM (PERRY BARR),—At St. John's Church, on Feb. 1, 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Janet M. Aston 1, J. F. I. Turney 2, P. L. D. McEvilley 3, J. G. Perry 4, F. J. Keddle 5, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 6, M. Androlla 7, D. J. Purnell 8.

BRADING, 1.0.W.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandaire Doubles: S. Duff 1, K. Squibb 2, A. Russell 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, Janice Squibb 5, E. Duff 6. For Parish Eucharist, and a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. S. Kent (first Triples) 1, R. Prime 2, P. R. Hunt (first Grandsire) 3, L. Luck 4, P. Glazebrook 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 8, 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. W. Bond 1, Susan E. M. Davis 2, B. J. Read 3, P. D. Hepburn (first Yorkshire) 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, T. G. Williams 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, D. R. Cox (first Surprise as cond.) 8. For Evensons.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 8, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. A. Knight I, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Reeve 3, D. J. Reeve 4, L. D. Mills 5, D. L. Mills (cond.) 6, J. P. Loveless 7, A. R. Elliott 8. First in the method 1, 4, 8. For thanksgiving service held for Julie Amos following an operation for a hole in the heart: a tribute to the skill of the doctors and nurses who so conscientiously played their part in this miracle. Also on Feb. 10, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Deirdre F. Beaumont (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, R. A. Knight 3, D. L. Mills (cond.) 4, D. J. Reeve 5, M. J. Warren 6, L. D. Mills 7, J. P. Loveless 8.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susan M. Wills 1, Anne M. Stevens 2, Ruth E. Halford 3, Stella M. Knight 4, C. Renyard 5, P. Stevens 6, P. M. Wills (cond.) 7, M. Leclere 8. In memoriam Arthur M. T. Daintey.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX, — On Feb. 1, 1272 St. Clement's Bob Minor: A. S. Baker 1, G. H Walker 2, Miss L. C. Tibbitts 3, D. A. Tovell 4, R. H. Cook 5, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 6, For Evensong, First of St. Clement's inside for all,

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 18, 1312 Double Norwich C.B. Major; D. Whent 1. E. P. Duffield 2, B. Fairhead 3, W. Brunt 4, E. E. Davey 5, F. G. Oliver 6, N. Avis 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. A farewell to Rev. W. H. Parsons, Vicar of St. Peter's for the past ten years.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Gibbons 1, J. Mortimer (first inside) 2, C. Andrews 3, D. Whent 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6, For Evensong. Also on Feb. 5, 1320 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: J. Mortimer 1, A. Gibbons 2, W. Brunt 3, A. Wright 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6, First in method for all.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Jan. 18, 720 Single Oxford, 540 Pl. Bob: I. Earl 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, B A. Richards 3, F. Cooke 4, R. Hancock 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 11, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. D. Moir (first quarter) 1. Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, P. J. Came 4, T. Spurgeon 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6,

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—On Jan. 29, at Holy Trinity Church, 1272 Pl. Bob Minor; M. C. Barker (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Irene Park 2, Miss D. M. Killingley 3, L. Boxell 4, R. Park 5, P. M. Park (cond.) 6.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 2, 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Mussell 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, N. O. Skelton (first in method) 3, W. E. Cheater 4, B. J. Woodruffe 5, R. N. Marlowe 6, A. T. Collins 7, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 8.

DROXFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 31 1440 Doubles (six methods): Betty Daysh 1, R. A. Stone 2, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 3, D. G. Hatherly 4, B. E. Pink 5, Birthday compliment to David Hatherly.

ELLAND, YORKS. — On Feb. 1, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss A. Barmby 2, P. Birket 3, H. Jones 4, A. Naylor (cond.) 5, A. Rodgers 6. For Evensong; a compliment to H. Jones, 45 years a ringer.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Abbey, on Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Turney 1, J. McDonald 2, J. F. L. Turney 3, R. J. Tibbens 4, Janet Blake 5, J. Insley 6, M. Elson 7, P. L. D. McEvilley 8.

EWELME, OXON. — Oa Feb. 6, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss H, Winfield I, F. Godden 2, Miss K., Tuckwell 3, R. Baker 4, R. Tuckwell (cond.) 5, N. Elkington 6, Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Canon K, St. Clair Thomas on the day of the funetal.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Jan 23, 1260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): Yvonne Towler 1, J. H. Sitch 2, H. Wright 3, D. A. S. Symonds 4, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 5, J. L. Towler. 6, 80th birthday compliment to Harry Bradley.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 31, 1260 Pl. Boo Minor: Mrs. M. G. Edwards 1, Sylvia Edwards 2, Mrs. D. Bishop 3, Christine Edwards 4, A. Bishop 5, J. H. Edwards (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Christine Edwards,

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Royan P. A. Slight 1, Miss P. M. Cheesewright 2, T. A. Relf 3, A. C. Crawford 4, F. W. Pinchbeck L. Squires 6, J. Holmes 7, B. Buttery (cond., first of Royal) 8, D. A. Frith 9, H. R. Woods 10. For Evensong.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Dec. 2, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Wells (first Minor) 1, Mary Wells 2, P. Corderoy 3, C. Corderoy 4, W. Corderoy 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, D. Bosley (cover) 7, Also on Dec. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Jordan 1, Mary Wells 2, L. Cox 3, H. Wells 4, M. Bishop 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8, Half-muffled in memory of C. J. Hibbert.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS. — On Nov. 9, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Goss 1, P. Watts 2, D. Goss 3, P. Furniss 4, G. K. Dodds 5, R. J. Crocker (first Surprise as cond.) 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.— On Feb. 1, 1344 Pl. Bob Major: Jacqueline A. Pickett 1, K. Mary Lambert 2, H. W. Brown 3, Anne E. Lambert (first Major) 4, D. Kirkcaldy 5, B. J. Harfield 6, J. Kirkcaidy 7, J. R. Norris (cond.) 8, For Evensong.

HUYTON, LANCS.—On Feb. 6, 1260 Grandsite Doubles: J. Walsh (first quarter) 1, A. Walsh 2, R. G. Latham 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For 18th anniversary of the Queen's Accession to the Throne.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 10, 1269 Grandsire Triples: M. Journeaux 1, W. F. Judge 2, J. E. Judge 3, E. J. Smith 4, J. Cleaver 5, P. Franklin 6, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 7, P. Sampson 8. To commemorate 60 years' membership of the Oxford Guild by the ringer of the 2nd.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Bulleid 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, I. J. Whitear 4, B. J. Stone 5, M. J. Seagrave 6, C. D. Collin (first Triples as cond.) 7, N. M. Gower 8. For Candlemas Evensong.

LADOCK, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 7, 1344 Pl. Bob Major: F. M. Bowers 1, T. E. Howarth 2, D. A. Trethewey 3, A. Locke 4, Canon A. S. Roberts 5, W. R. Curtis 6, T. J. Bell 7, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 8, A compliment to Canon A. T. Martin on his induction

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 16, 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. R. Curtis 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, J. J. George 4, T. E. Howarth (first Surprise) 5, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 29, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Julie Latham (first quarter, aged 14) 1, K. C. Richards 2, N. W. Richards 3, R. Farmer 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5, J. J. Orton 6.

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LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' Church, on Jan. 18, 1259 Grandstre Caters: Miss J. Reynolds I. R. V. Fuller 2, E. J. Ladd 3, P. J. Spice 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, Miss D. E. Colgate 6, K. J. Rider (cond.) 7, M. F. Oakshett 8, T. Lewis 9, J. W. Smith 10, For Evensong. Also on Fcb. 8, 1299 Stedman Caters: A. Fulwell 1, Sylvia Trotter 2, Hilda Oatway 3, M. Sprackling 4, A. M. Stacey 5, T. Page 6, R. Cadamy 7, W. G. Wilson 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, G. Trotter (first on ten) 10.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS. — On Jan. 28, 1260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's): W. H. Yates 1, R. A. Vickers 2, R. W. Yates 3, G. Orchard 4, W. A. Yates 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, on Jan. 11, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Sandra Butcher (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Ellis 2, Allson Levick 3, G. Pullin 4, M. Howe 5, S. Wigg (cond.) 6

MANCHESTER, — At the Cathedral, on Jan. 11, 1295 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B., Pl. Bob, Little Bob): P. G. Bellamy-Knights 1, Miss M. K. Fenton 2, Miss I, E. M. Manby 3, R. F. Eccles 4, D. G. Manby 5, A. Ward (cond.) 6, Rung on the back six. A birthday compliment to R. F. Eccles.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandslre: Susan A. Coombs 1, Susan Willis 2, lanet Parker 3, H. J. Coombs 4, A. J. Coombs (cond.) 5, R. Perry 6. For the presentation of Christ In the Temple.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Feb 1, 1260 St. Simon's Doubles: Anna Rigby 1, J. G. Edgson 2. A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, K. Rigby 6. First in method for all. For family service: an 18th birthday compliment to treble tinger.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: Margaret E. Egglestone 1, P. R. Mason 2, P. N. Chambers 3, R. Wallace 4, J. D. Hankin 5, G. R. E. Wilkinson 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, M. Esbester 8. For united service.

NORTON CANES, STAFFS, — On Jan. 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hardiman 1, Susan Devey 2, A. E. Barker 3, A. Guthrie 4, P. J. Barker (cond.) 5, M. Barrett 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. K. Eden.

PINNER, MIDDX. — On Feb. 1, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor (7, 8 covering): K. B. Sanders 1, D. Betty Cartwright 2, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 3, Mary E. Took 4, M. R. Hickman 5, R. W. Sanders 6, H. B. J. Paull 7, R. K. Rattenbury 8. First in method by all except conductor. For Evensong, and for the dedication of a Land Rover for the use of Bishop George Ambo in New Guinea.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Feb. 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering). Miss A. Butcher 1, W. Ree 2, L. Meadows 3, R. Poston 4, R. Philpott (cond.) 5, J. Huggins 6, F. Oakley 7, H. Meek 8, Half-muffied in memoriam Mr. H. J. Margel, ringer.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb 1, 1260 Plain Bob Royal: R. W. Darvill 1, Elizabeth Forster 2, Joyce Clarke 3, Dawn Owen (first Inside) 4, Barbara Morland 5, T. C. Holland 6, Frances Dodds 7, K. J. Darvill 8, J. G. Duggan 9, H. V. Frost (cond.) 10.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Jan. 27, 1260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. E. Finn 1, Miss F. A. Lacey 2, J. Selby 3, D. Arrand 4, F. T. Lacey 5, F. Lord (cond.) 6.

SHIRLEY, WARKS.—On Feb. 8, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: Dlane Clark 1, G. D. Rushton (first quarter inside) 2, V. H. Nash 3, R. J. Weekes 4, E. T. Lloyd 5, C. D. Baugh (cond.) 6. Engagement compilment to Pauline Mansell (Shirley ringer) and Collin Dellor,

SIDCUP, KENT.—On Sat., Jan. 24, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Sims (first quarter) 1, C. Sims 2, Elizabeth Newberry 3, M. Hansford 4, T. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. Atack 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Bernice Hyde, a St. John's ringer, who died on January 18, aged 17. Also on Jan. 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: D. Ketley I. Elizabeth Newberry 2, C. Sims 3, T. Lewis (cond.) 4, M. Hansford 5, C. M. Sayer 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Cyril Palmer, captain at St. John's for 33 years, who died on Jan. 16, aged 61,

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church on Feb. 8, 1296 Little Bob Major: Diane Butler 1, Joy Butler 2, W. S. Croft 3, J. S. Croft 4, K. S. Croft 5, C. J. Butler 6, A. Jackson 7, M. J. Butler (cond.) 8, First in method by all.

STAPLEGROVE, SOM.—On Feb. 11, 1260 Doubles (11 meth./var and spliced comps.): Mrs. B. Bindon 1, D. J. Medway 2, R. Cross 3, R. Shepperd 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, A. Cross 6. Birthday compliments to the wives of R. Cross and A. Cross, Mrs. S. M. Cross and Mrs. R. M. Cross.

SOUTH LOPHAM. NORFOLK.—On Dec. 28, 1440 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. B. Foreman 1, S. Flatman 2. A. W. Foreman 3, T. G. Boast 4, D. G. Boast (cond.) 5, H. B. Fuller 6. For carol service.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY,—On Feb. 7. 1260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Iacqueline Marsh (first quarter) 1, Molly Lodge 2, 7. Harrison 3, W. Savill 4, J. H. Payton (cond.) 5 R. Marsh (first quarter) 6. To celebrate the wedding of Pat Sankey a local ringer

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Lidbury 1, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 2. Marie Boniface 3, Elizabeth Bangham 4, D. Boniface 5, C. H. Rogers 6, M. J. Bangham 7, V. L. P. Davis 8.

TARLETON, LANCS.—On Feb. 9, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Nelson 1, D. G. Lawson (cond.) 2, M. Crossthwaite 3, C. D'Aeth 4, J. Richardson 5, D. E. Marsden 6, L. Walmsley 7, C. Crossthwaite 8. First Surprise Major 5, 6, A tribute for the life and work of the late Mr. P. Livesey, of Tarleton.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. B. Skinner 1, E. Fosberry 2, M. Skinner 3, J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Canon Mogridge, former rector and vice-president of Sussex County Association.

THURMASTON, LEICS. — On Jan. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Howard 1, A. Jacques 2, Anne Rickaby 3, M. Kirk 4, H. M. Payne 5, C. J. Holland (cond.) 6, First quarter of Minor 1, 6. For the induction of the new vicar

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — On Jan. 21, 1256 Little Bob Major: F. J. Cook 1, June Sinfield 2, B. R. Stripp 3, R. J. Scott 4, R. Rowley 5, W. Sear 6, J. G. Newman 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8, For united service with the Methodist Church. Also on Feb. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Newman 1, June Sinfield 2, F. J. Cook 3, R. Stripp 4, P. Aslett 5, W. Sear 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. For evening service.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 11, 1260 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 540 P. Bob): K. Nunn 1, D. Buxton 2, D. J. H. Barber 3, R. Crooks 4, A. Dilley 5, J. Girt (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. C. E. Girling (verger for 19 years).

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Pl. Bob: Miss H. Baddiley 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, H. T. Rooke 3, F. Cooke 4, R. Hancock 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6, For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Feb. 3. at National Cathedral School, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Penny Morlarty 1-2. Marjorie Batchelor (cond.) 3-4, Kit Matthews (first quarter) 5-6.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 30, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major: Gillian Laver 1, Jill May 2, D. A. R. May (cond.) 3, Felicity Hamilton 4, Jill P. Oakshott 5, J. A. Laver 6, J. C. Davidge 7, P. J. Munday 8. By members of Leatherhead District.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 11, 1344 Pl. Bob Maior: E. Burnett 1, M. Parker 2, K. Higginson 3, G. Fothergill 4, J. Cunliffe 5, R. Jolley 6, A. Greenalgh 7, R. K. Lister (cond.) 8, For Evensong.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 24, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Linda Goode 1, Brenda I. Cox 2, A. R. George (first Minor) 3, G. R. Hills 4, D. A. Smith 5, R. M. Cox 6, For Christmas.

WHITBOURNE, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Cronin (first quarter) 1, J. Ranford 2, P. Cattermole 3, Barbara Douglass (first inside) 4, C. J. Pickford (first as cond.) 5, J. Berry (first in method) 6.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS,—On Feb. 6, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. York-Moore (first giarter) 1, P. Hurworth 2, P. Harper 3, M. Kemp 4, J. Sanderson 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6.

WINFARTHING. NORFOLK.—On Dec. 28, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob. Grandsire, St. Simon's): F. Roper I, F. Sutton 2, T. G. Boast 3, C. Catchpole 4, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 5, D. G. Boast 6. For carol service.

WOBURN, BEDS. — On Jan. 31, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Catlin 1, J. W. Sinfield 2, G. Hawkins 3, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 4, O. Warren 5, R. E. Bellamy 6, C. D. Mann 7, D. R. Brazier 8, First quarter on eight bells 1, 2. First quarter rung by employees of Vauxhall Motors Ltd.

WOODBOROUGH. NOTTS .- On Jan. 2, 1272 Pl Bob Minimus: Sarah E. Boden (first quarter) 1, A. A Boden 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) Also on Jan. 4, 1272 Minimus (53 m/v): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1. G. P. Butler 2, D W. Flower 3, P R. Havward 4. Also on Jan. 11 1296 Minimus Swithun): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, D. W. Flower P. Butler 3. P. L. R. Havward (arr.) 4. this extent: 34.14.34.12.34.14.12.14.34.14-14.34.12 34.14.12.14-14.34.12.34.14. Also on Jan. 18, 1296 Minimus (Erin. 1 var.): H. G. Wells (cond.. Frin) 1. D. W. Plower 2. G. P. Butler (first Erin) 3. P. L. R. Hayward 4. Also on Jan. 25. 1272 Lindisfarne Minimus: H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, D. W. Flower 2. G P. Butler 3. P L. R. Hayward 4. First Stanton variation by all. Also on Feb. 1, 1272 Minimus (38 m/v). H G. Wells 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3. P. L. R. Hayward 4. Birthday compliments to Mrs. G Burton, J. Musson, M. Woodhead and Mr. K Woodhead

WOOD GREEN, N.—At St Michael's Church, on Jan. 24, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. E. K. Hart 1, J. H. W. Smith 2, H. G. Hart 3, Miss G. E. Newcombe 4. T. G. Hawkins 5, F. Reed (cond.) 6, Rung immediately after the wedding of Marilyn Spreadbury and Brian A. Smart.



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5040 BOB TRIPLES

Composed by H. Hubbard.

1 Colin Lancaster*

Colin Roadley*

2 Colin Roadley*
3 Alana Thomas*
4 Kevin A. Betesta
5 Reginald Wallis
6 David Walklate (Conductor)
7 Arthur F. Hall*
8 William Allsopp
*First of Bob Triples.

1970

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YATTON, Somerset, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 24mins. (21 cwt.).

5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. W. Roberts.

1 Heather A. Kippin
2 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)
3 Ronald G. Beck*

David MacKay® Gwilym Salmon
Robert E. Beck*
Adrian P. Beck*
Edward J. Chivers

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5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
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1 Alan S. Smith

Linda Fleming

2 Linda Fleming
3 Anthony H. Smith (Conductor)
4 Ronald J. Sharp
5 Martin Major
6 David R. Saunderson
7 Keith H. Fleming
8 Philip Mehew

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Sat.. Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (14½ cwt).

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Arranged by James E. Groves.

1 Stephen P. Newton*

2 David Allman†

3 Harry W. Howard

4 Eric Hotine‡

5 Geoffrey A. Edwards

6 John R. Scott

7 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

8 Wilfred Smith

8 Wilfred Smith
*First on 8. †First of Triples inside. ‡First of Triples. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Howard, wife of the ringer of 3.

POYNTON, Cheshire, St. George.

Sat. Jan. 3. 1970. 2hrs. 52mins. (13\frac{1}{2}\ \text{cwt.}).

5040 MINOR (6 methods: Norwich Surprise,
London Surprise, Kent T.B.. Oxford T.B..
Cambridge Surprise and 2 Plain Bob).

1 David Vincent
2 Sidney Hough
3 Timo:hy Wylie
4 Michael J. Platt
5 Geoffrey Gardner

Geoffrey Gardner 6 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

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DERBY, Derbyshire, All Saints.

Thurs., Jan. 29, 1970, 3hrs. 11mins. (19 cwt.).

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by G. Freebrey.

1 Michael J. Fellows

2 Jack Chadwick

3 Timothy Wylie

4 Robert Chambers

5 Frank Rogers

6 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)

7 Brian A. Tomlinson

8 David Moore

9 Geoffrey Paul

9 Geoffrey Paul
10 George H. Roobottom
To mark the retirement of Harold Taylor as ringing master at Derby Cathedral.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire, All Saints.

rs., Feb. 5, 1970, 3hrs, 9mins. (18 cwt.).
5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by W. E. Critchley.
1 Michael J Fellows

Michael J Fellows
Arthur Hall*
Rev. R. D. St John Smith
Brian A. Tomlinson
Timothy Wylie
Rev. Fred Ross
Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
David W Friend
in method

*First in method

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

HALSTEAD, Essex, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 51mins. (151 cwt.). 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by Edwin Barnett, sen.

Composed by Edwin Barnett,
1 John A. Mayle
2 Peter Mayle
3 Samuel J. Twitchett
4 Jack H. Brett
5 Thomas Bird
6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
7 John P. Loveless
9 Welter Acceles

Walter Arnold

MALDON, Essex, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 7. 1970. 2hrs. 46mins. (124 cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (12
methods: 576 Ashford and Lincolnshire, 448
Bristol. 384 Cambridge. Cray. Lindum. London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge
and Yorkshire. 130 changes of method).
Composed by Norman Smith.

Composed by Norman Smith.

1 Richard J. Harrison

2 Josephine A. Brown*

3 Yvonne A. Towler*

4 Peter G. Brown*

5 Keith W Brown*

6 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)*

7 Philip J. Rothera

8 James L. Towler

*First of 12-spliced. Most Major methods yet rung to a peal for the Association.

FRAMLAND SOCIETY

HOSE, Leicestershire, St. Michael.

Sat., Jan. 31. 1970. 2hrs, 50mins, (9 cwt.). 5160 DOUBLES (43 extents, 10 methods/soliced compositions, Winchendon Place. Rev. methods/ soliced compositions, Winchendon Place, Rev.
Canterbury Bob, Evnesbury, Huntley Bob, St.
Remigius, Plain Bob, St. Simon Bob, St.
Nicho'as, St. Osmund, St. Martin).

1 Alan French*
2 Karen French (aged 12)†
3 Harold T. Bonshor
4 Charles E. Cooper

5 Owen Homewood (Conductor)
*First peal. †First inside. First as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. A.
Wilcock, and Mr. Harold T. Bonshor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire, St. Giles.

Mon., Jan. 19, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (6} cwt.). 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR Arranged by A. R. Peake.

Arranged by A. R. Peake.

1 R. David Baker

2 Hazel A. Mackenzie

3 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)

4 Derek H. Walters

5 John F. Thorne

6 Kenneth, J. Hesketh

7 John K, Foot

8 Geoffrey W. Randall
engagement compliment to Derek H.

Walters and Pamela M. Turner.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire, St. James the Great.

Mon., Feb. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 24mins. (64 cwt.).

5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

1 Colin D. Baugh

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2 R. David Baker
3 Hazel A. Mackenzie
4 John F. Thorne
5 Derek H. Walters
6 S. Clarke Walters
7 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)
8 Geoffrey W. Randall
First in the method by all except conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

APSLEY, Hertfordshire, St. Mary.

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Thurs.. Jan. 29, 1970, 2hrs, 54mins (14½ cwt.).
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (1 extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge).

1 George A. Reading
2 Charles A. Farrow*
3 R. E. J. Sheppard
4 Augustin V. Good
5 Keith Sheppard
6 Francis M. Byrne (Conductor)
*First of Surprise inside, A birthday compliment to A. V. Good.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EDENBRIDGE, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970. 3hrs. 2mins. (14 cwt.).

5248 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (17 methods: 448 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cambridge. Lindum. Lincolnshire, London. Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, 192 Cassiobury. Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe, Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Jane Reynolds

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Jane Reynolds

2 D. Paul Smith

3 Alexander Waddington

4 Christopher T. Osenton

5 Martin L. Howe

6 Thomas Cullingworth

7 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor)*

8 Peter S. Muchlinski

*100th peal and 25th as conductor. First of 17-Spliced Major by all and for the Association.

SALEHURST, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs, 58mins, (164 cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (20 methods: 384 Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 Ashtead, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland, Yorkshire, with 150 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Jane Reynolds

2 D. Paul Smith

3 Alexander Waddington

4 Christopher T. Osenton

5 Martin L. Howe

6 Thomas Cullingworth

7 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor)

8 Peter S. Muchlinski

First of 20-Spliced Major by all and for the Association.

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., Feb 7, 1970, 3hrs. 32mins. (32½ cwt.).

5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4
methods: 1312 Bristol, 1280 Cambridge, London and Superlative, 112 changes of method
and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

- Composed by A. J. Pitm
 1 Jane Reynolds
 2 Peter S. Muchlinski
 3 Margaret E. Oram
 4 John W. Smith
 5 Martin L. Howe
 6 Simon A. B. Wigg
 7 D. Paul Smith (Conductor)
 8 Thomas Cullingworth
 First of spliced as conductor.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORTH CERNEY, Glos, All Saints.

S2t., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 31mins. (7 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).

- Christine Barrett* Susan Johnson* Alan Strickland*
- 4 Judith Harrist
 5 Michael Rose (Conductor)
 6 David Dinnell*
 *First peal. †First inside.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins, (21 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Composed by W. Shipway.
1 James Dilworth
2 Richard G. Latham
3 John McKee
4 Jeremy P. Richardson
5 David C. Simpson
6 Graham K. Austin
7 Jack N. Brown (Conductor)
8 Henry Robinson
To welcome Rev. J. H. Richardson as Vicar of Ormskirk.

of Ormskirk.

SCORTON, Lancashire, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970. 2hrs. 55mins. (20 cwt.). 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Washbrook's variation of Thurstans'.)

Washbrook's variation of Thursta Margaret Crossthwaite David G. Lawson* Alan Capstick Richard Palmer* Frank Stead Kevin M. Price* Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor) Stanley Anderton†

First of Stedman Triples. †100th peal. On the first anniversary of the Vicar's induction.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GILMORTON, Leicester, All Saints.

Sun., Feb. 8, 1970, 3hrs. (10\frac{1}{2} cwt.).
5124 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Robert M. Kilby*
Richard A. Cobley*

- 3 Harold Kilby
 4 Richard J. Welch*
 5 Brian C. Law
 6 Brian S. Chapman
- 7 W. Arthur Riddington
 8 Brian L. Burrows (Arr. and Conductor)
 First of Major. To celebrate the birth of a
 prest grand-daughter for Mr. W. A. Riddington.

CROFT, Leics. St. Michael and All Angels. Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 32mins. (6½ cwt.) 5040 THELWALL BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- John Hunt

2 Raymond H. Martin
3 Hazel J. Nichols
4 G. Harry Bray
5 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)
6 E. Guy Slater
Pirst in the method by all.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire, St. Chad.

at., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 44mins. (9 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1 Susan A. Fault (14)*
2 Vivienne West (14)
3 Gillian Radley (17)

- 3 Gillian Radley (17)
 4 M. Ian Minns (16)
 5 David W. Bee (17)
 6 Aidan C. A. Hopkins (17) (Conductor)
 *First Minor... A golden wedding compliment
 to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hallam, and to wish
 Mr. H. J. Radley a speedy recovery from his recent operation.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

ADDINGTON, Croydon, St. Mary.

Wed., Feb. 4, 1970, 2hrs. 29mins. (6\(^4\) cwt.). 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (41 methods: Whichford, Wolford, Bathely, Screveton, Napton-on-the-Hill, Burton Joyce. Brough, Car Colston, Shilton, Church Lawford, Bothamsall, Harbury; Keyworth, Normanton-on-the-Wolds, Collingham. Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Cuckney, Collingham, Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Cuckney, Plumtree, Cotgrave, Laxton, Owthorpe, Edwinstowe, Bevercotes, Everton; Dunning, Thornton-le-Moors, Sowerby-juxta-Thirsk; London, Wells; York, Durham; Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, King Edward, Queen Mary; Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet).

1 P. Ann Plaster*

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2 Maureen J. Carruthers
3 Graham G. Firman
4 James E. Andrews
5 Peter G. Holden
6 A. Keith P. Poole (Conductor)
*First peal. Most methods for all, Rung within the octave of the Purification of the Placed Virgin Mary. Blessed Virgin Mary.

Dunning:
34—56.14—12—36—12—36. l.e. 12.
Thornton-le-Moors:
34—56.14—12—36.12—12.36. l.e. 12.
Sowerby-juxta-Thirsk:
34—56.14—12—1236—12—36. l.e. 12.

These methods believed to be rung for the first time.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

SALFORD, Lancashire, Sacred Trinity.

od., Feb. 4. 1970, 2hrs. 41mins. (13 cwt.)
5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Norman Smith.
1 Elizapeth M. Tingle*

1 Elizabeth M. Tingle*
2 Patricia James*
3 Lynda M. Deebank†
4 Hamish M. McNaughton*
5 Margaret L. Ellwood‡
6 Christopher L. D. Munday
7 William M. Taylor*
8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)‡
tin method. First in method incide. *First in method. †First in method inside. ‡25th peal together. First in method as con-Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Deeductor. bank, father of 3rd.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., Jan. 27, 1970, 2hrs, 22mins, (6½ cwt.), 5008 LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
 2 Richard J. Clifton
 3 Ronald D. Hughes*
 4 Joseph W. Cotton
 5 Frank Chambers
 6 Alec B. Jones*
- 6 Alec R. Jones*
 7 Arthur E. Rowley
- 8 Roland Beniston (Comp. & Conductor) *First in method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., Feb. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 27mins. (6½ cwt). 5056 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

- Ronald Edwards

- 1 G. Ronald Edwards
 2 Richard J. Clifton
 3 Ronald D. Hughes
 4 Joseph W. Cotton
 5 Arthur E. Rowley
 6 Alec R. Jones
 7 B. Stedman Payne
 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)
 First in the method by all and for the Guild.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan, St. Illtyd.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins, Illyd.
Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins, 16 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(Parker's 12-part.)
1 Alwyn R. Lewis*
2 William T. Petty
3 Paul W. Thomas
4 Thomas T. Yeomans
5 Raymond J. Mayle
6 M. Jack Pryor
7 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)
8 Donald Bryant†
*50th peal. †First on 8.

- *50th peal, †First on 8.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam., St. Bridget.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (11 cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(4 240s, 34 extents.)

1 David Bounds (14 years)*

2 Raymond J. Mayle

3 William T. Petty (Conductor)

4 D. R. Lynn-Lones

- D R. Lynn-Jones Nigel V. Hill 6 Cyril Phillips

*First peal.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HOLT, Norfolk. St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob).
1 William R. West
2 Stephen T. Smith*
3 Elizabeth Smith

- 4 John R. Smith (Conductor)
 5 Derick W. Pardon
 6 F. Charles Goodman

*First attempt.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BUCKINGHAM, Bucks, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 3hrs. 7mins. (27 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- James Linnell

- 1 James Linnell
 2 Richard W. Yates
 3 David P. B. Miles
 4 Frederick Vickers
 5 William A. Yates (Conductor)
 6 Raymond A. Vickers
 -7 George W. Holland
 8 Barry R. Eglesfield
 A farewell to Fred and Ray Vickers.

BRIGHTWELL. Berkshire, St. Agatha.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970. 2hrs. 56mins. (10½ cwt.) 5056 BOTTESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton. MAJOR

- Composed by C. Middlete Walter G. Knight Alan R. Pink (Conductor) David C. Brown William Butler Michael Hatchett Ronald K. Russ Peter J. Heritage

8 D. Kay Adkins
First in the method by all except the conductor.
100th tower for R. K. Russ. For the Feast of St. Agatha.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs, 46mins, (16½ cwt.),
5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Norman Smith.
1 Roman Sadowski
2 Margery A. Wratten*
3 Anita D. O'Brien
4 Valerie Willard
5 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
6 Anthony R. Peake
7 Timothy G. Pett
8 Geoffrey R. Drew
*First in the method

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

DARLASTON, Staffordshire, St. Laurence.

DARLASTON, Staffordshire, St. Laurence.
Sat., Jan. 24. 1970. 2hrs. 50mins. (19½ cwt.).
5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Simon Humphrey.
1 Arthur V. Pearson
2 John S. Hopwood
3 Bryan D. A. Woolley
4 Richard J. Tibbetts
5 Stephen W. Barton
6 John C. Eisel
7 Maurice F. Edwards
8 Clifford A. Barron (Conductor)

BIRMINGHAM, Warwickshire, St. Chad.

Wed., Jan. 28, 1970. 2hrs. 32mins. (154 cwt.). 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

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(Carter's odd-bob one-part.)

1 Stephen W. Barton

2 Janet E. Blake

3 John S. Hopwood

4 Henry H. Fearn

5 Richard J Tibbetts

6 A. Bryan Elsmore

7 Clifford A. Barron (Conductor)

8 Paul L. D. McEvilley

21st birthday compliment to Janet B'ake.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

MARLBOROUGH, Wiltshire, St. Mary.

Sat. Jan. 31, 1970. 2hrs. 48mins. (17 cwt).
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Dennis Knox.

Michael A. Sutton Eric Sutton

3 W. Bertram Kynaston 4 Brian Bladon

5 William Butler
6 Bernard F. L. Groves
7 Maurice A. New
8 Lewis F. Cobb (Conductor)
First of Major on the bells.

SUFFOLK GUILD

WORLINGWORTH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

n. Jan. 25. 1970. 2hrs. 44mins. (12 cwt.).
5056 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. J. Sedgley. (No. 7.)
1 Walter W. Miller
2 Dorothy M. Durrant
3 Muriel R. Page
4 Alan G. Feaver
5 J. Martin Thorley
6 Adian Knights

6 Adrian Knights
7 Ernest G. Pearce
8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
First of Nailstone by all except 5, and first for the Guild.

HORRINGER. Suffolk, St. Leonard.

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Sat., Jan. 31, 1970. 3hrs. 8mins. (9 cwt.).
5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
1 Sally E. V. Potter*
2 Peter Mayle†
3 Brian E. Whiting*
4 Owen P. Claxton*
5 Maurice J. Rose
6 Walter A. Perry
7 Arthur F. Ballamt
8 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor)
*First in the method, †25th peal. ‡First inside. First in the method as conductor.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Solution of the control of the contr

3 J. Barry Pickup
4 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe
6 George W. Pipe
7 Howard W. Egglestone
8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
Birthday compliments to Mr. and Mrs. C. J.
Sedgley, of Ipswich, 83 and 81 respectively, the former being the author of the method; now rung in Suffolk for the first time.

WHEPSTEAD, Suffolk, St. Petronella.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 26mins. (7 cwt.). 5040 DOUBLES (4 methods. 10 extents St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, 12 extents

on, St. Martin, Plain Bob,
Grandsire).

1 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
2 David J. H. Barber
3 Georgina C. M. Carter
4 Jennifer M. Whittell
5 Neville F. Whittell

BENHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 32mins. (8½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

1 Roger Peters*

2 Ruth K. Woodman

3 Trevor Hughes*

4 Michael Baldry†

5 Peter S. Bedford (Conductor)

6 Harry Archer

6 Harry Archer
*First peal. †First inside. To celebrate the engagement of Ruth Woodman and Robert

HORRINGER, Suffolk, St. Leonard,

Thurs., Feb. 5, 1970. 2hrs. 50mins. (9 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1 Amanda M. Richmond
2 Sally E. V. Potter*
3 Arthur F. Ballam
4 Alan G. Feaver
5 Christopher R. Nunn
6 Brian E. Whiting (Conductor)
*First of Minor in the method and inside.
First of Minor as conductor. A 65th birthday compliment to Arthur F. Ballam.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Fri., Feb. 6, 1970, 2hr. 38mins, (10 cwt.), 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR 11 2160 and 4 extents.)

1 J. Martin Thorley
2 Katharine M. Thorley
3 Muriel R. Page
4 Leslie G. Brett
5 Ernest G. Pearce

6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)

BRANDON, Suffolk, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (7½ cwt.). 5040 MINOR (3 extents St. Clement's, and 4 Plain Bob).

Plain Bob).

1 Raymond G. Bumstead*

2 Amanda M. Richmond†

3 Sally E. V. Potter‡

4 Maurice J. Rose

5 Christopher R. Nunnt*

6 Brian E. Whiting (Conductor)

*First of Minor †Most methods inside. ‡Mo t methods inside to Minor. Most methods as conductor.

conductor.

SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS

BISHOPSTOKE, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Mon., Feb. 2. 1970. 2hrs. 41mins. (9} cwt.). 5008 BOB MAJOR

5008 BOB

1 Ruth E. Halford

2 Roy Le Marechal

3 Barry J Fry

4 John P. Collis

5 Patrick Wills

6 Philip Stevens

7 William Willage (6)

7 William Willans (Comp. and Conductor) 8 R. Brian Walton

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

GREAT BADDOW, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.

t., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. Imin. (14 cwt.). 5248 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Peter M. Wilkinson.

Composed by Peter M.

1 Peter Beresford
2 Jane Foster
3 Joan Beresford
4 Angela M. Wright
5 Norman Summerhayes
6 Peter M. Wilkinson
7 Derek E. Sibson
7 Derek E. Sibson
7 Derek G. Sibson
8 Despite Beresford (Col.)

8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

SURREY ASSOCIATION

DEPTFORD, London, St. John.

t., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs, 45mins, (14 cwt.). 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

1 Alan R. Patterson (Conductor)
2 Josephine Patterson

Josephine Patterson* 2 Josephine Patterson3 Jennifer A. Dunning
4 A. Keith P. Poole
5 David C. Brown
6 David A. Town
7 Rev. Michael Hart
8 Christopher I. Rowson

*First inside, †First in the method.

ADDINGTON, Surrey, St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

Solution of the priest-incharge at St. Mary's, Battersea, and his wife.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PULBOROUGH, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 7. 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (13½ cwt.).

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1 E. Winifred Keys
2 Bronwen J. Davies
3 Anne M. Stevens
4 Susan M. Wills
5 Ruth E. Halford
6 Christopher Renyard*
7 Patrick M. Wills
8 Phillo Stevens (Conductor)
*First inside.

*First inside.

(University of Sussex Guild) FINDON, Sussex, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (9½ cwt.). 1040 MIXED CAMBRIDGE AND PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 J. Margaret Chappell*
2 Susan E M. Davis
3 Terry G. Williams
4 Brian J. Read (4)
5 Peter D. Hepburn (5, 6, 7)
6 David R. Cox (1, 2, 3)†
*First peal. †First in Minor. Figures in parentheses denote extents conducted.

THAKEHAM, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970. 2hrs. 31mins. (9½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1 Caroline L. Jones*
2 Charles Skinner
3 Henry C. Weaver
4 Raymond P. Wood
5 Graham R. Hills
6 Roy M. Cox (Conductor)
*First of Minor.

WALBERTON, Sussex, St. Mary.

Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 41mins. (10½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Frank H. Hicks
2 J. Duncan Weaver*

Rev. Norman J. Smith

4 Ernest Treagus
5 Henry C. Weaver
6 Roy M. Cox (Conductor).
*First inside. Arranged for Rev. N. J. Smith and his pupil (the conductor) to ring a peal together.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

LELANT, Cornwall, St. Uny.

t., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins, (8½ cwt.).
5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
(1 2160 and four 720s.)
1 Anthony J. Davidson*

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2 Harry Miles
3 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)*
4 Marion L. Lidgey†
5 Anthony Locke*
6 F. Malcolm Bowers*
*First of T.B. Minor. †First of T.B. First of T.B. as conductor. For the Lelant Feast.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire, St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 7mins. (254 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe. William Willans* H. Lyndon Hatfield E. Winifred Keys

Richard Green
John S. Croft
John H. Punt
Edward W. Colley

8 Philip Stevens
9 Timothy F. Collins
10 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
First on ten and first of Treble Bob.

(Andover District.) HUNGERFORD, Berkshire, St. Lawrence.

Tues., Feb. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins. (13 cwt.).
5056 PLAIN BOB MINOR
1 Peter G. Watts

David Goss

2 David Goss
3 Michael J. Goss
4 Peter Furness
5 Albert Green*
6 Robert G. Crocker
7 Philip G. Taylor
8 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
First on eight bells.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire, St. Nicholas.

Wed., Jan. 21, 1970, 2hrs 34mins. (7½ cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Frank R. Tonge Philip G. Taylor

Christopher Kendall*

4 David Goss
5 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
6 Robert J. Crocker
6 Robert J. Crocker
7 of Minor. For the wedding of Miss
7 Tah Dawney and Mr. J. Coombes.

UPHAM, Hampshire, All Saints.

Fri., Jan. 30, 1970, 2hrs. 25mins. (11 cwt.).
5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (42 extents).
1 Roy Le Marechal
2 Betty J. Daysh
3 Edward W. Colley*
4 H. Lyndon Hatfield

5 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)
*Has completed Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques. First in method for all except 3.

WARNFORD, Hants, Church of Our Lady. Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 27mins. (12 cwt.). 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.)

(7 extents.)

1 John C. Hallett*

2 Jennifer L. Quaife

3 H Lyndon Hatfield

4 R. William Willans

5 Edward W. Colley

6 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)* *First of Surprise.

NON-ASSOCIATION

PUTNEY London, S.W., St. Mary.

Sun., Feb. 1, 1970, 2hrs. 57mins. (15 cwt.).
5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. H. Martin.
1 John Pladdys (Conductor)

Judith M. Corby Jennifer A. Dunning* David A. Town* Richard Hayes

Keith G. Game* Michael J. Uphill

Christopher I. Rowson *First in the method.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, 10 Eden Drive. Thurs., Jan. 22, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (14 in D.) 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by B. Annable. -2 David Atkinson

3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conducto.)

5-6 Gerald Moorhouse 7-8 John Gander 9-10 Neil D. Lomas

ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire, 52 Wellington Rd.
Thurs., Jan. 8, 1970, 2hrs. 12mins. (14 in D.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
1-2 John Gander
3-4 John R. Scott
5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis (Comp. & Cond.)

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7-8 Frank R. Morton
To welcome Rachel Elisabeth, daughter of Alan and Jenny Scholfield.

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6, Ashwood Crescent.

at., Jan. 31, 1970, 1hr. 59mins. (15 in C.) 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by J. Nicholl.

1-2 Alan McFall
3-4 Alan F. Scholfield
5-6 Robert B Smith (Conductor)
7-8 Gerald Moorhouse.

BEBINGTON, Cheshire, 14 Highcroft Avenue.

Wed., Feb. 4, 1970, 2hrs. 2mins. 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-2 Charles F. Pocock*
3-4 F Leslie Coventry*
5-6 Eric J. Gilbert (Conductor)
*Completes Minor to Maximus in hand in

the method.

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6, Ashwood Crescent.

Thurs. Feb. 5, 1970, 2hrs. (15 in C.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.
1-8 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
3-5 J. David Atkinson
7-4 Alan McFall
2-6 Neil Bennett

The bells were held in the order in which they were drawn out from under a jacket.

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6, Ashwood Crescent.

Sun., Feb. 8, 1970, 2hrs. 15mins. (1 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Arranged by John A. Acres. 1-2 Gerald Moorhouse

3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor) 5-6 Alan McFall 7-8 Peter Broadbent

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

MANCHESTER, Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

Wed., Jan. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 22mins. (15 in C.)

5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1-2 Hamish M. McNaughton

3-4 William M. Taylor

5-6 Margaret L. Ellwood

7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Arr. & Cond.)

For the Feast of St. Cyril.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WOODLEY, Reading, 9 Ryecroft Close.

Fri., Jan. 30, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (24 in D.) 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS Composed by C. T. Osenton.

1-2 Frank C, Price
3-4 Kenneth R, Davenport
5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)
7-8 N. David Lane

9-10 Noel J. Diserens 11-12 Jeffrey L. Claughton

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts, The Old Vicarage.

Feb. 6, 1970, 1hr. 51mins. (1 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR 1-2 Paul N. Mounsey 3-4 Mary C. Poyner 5-6 Harry Poyner (Conductor) Sat., Feb. (14 in D.)

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.

es., Jan. 20, 1970, 1hr. 54mins. (12 in F.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-2 Martyn Hawkes*
3-4 Valerie Willard
5-6 Hugh N. Evans (Conductor) *First in hand.

CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.

Tues., Feb. 3, 1970, 1hr. 50mins. (12 in F.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1-2 Martyn Hawkes 3-4 Valerie Willard 5-6 Hugh N. Evans (Conductor)

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IN THE ARMS OF THE LAW

The appointment for the inspection of the ring of six bells of St. Nicholas', Abingdon, had been fixed several weeks ahead, then the Vicar had written to say he would be away that day but had arranged for Mr. Albert Locke to meet me.

I arrived at the church a little before time but there was no sign of Mr. Locke and as the tower stair door was open I decided to proceed with the inspection and after donning my overalls I went up to the bell chamber, pulling the door behind me. About two hours later I completed my task. Mr. Locke still had not put in an appearance so I made myself respectable with the intention of calling upon him.

As I left the church two policemen converged on me from different directions; one of them requested to know what I had been doing in the church and when I said "inspecting the bells," they looked at one another, smiled, and said "Well! that's a new one". The next request: "Would you mind opening your case". To this I had no objection, so out came overalls, a cold chisel, a wood chisel, screwdriver, brace and bit, and when asked what these were for I replied they were the tools I needed. They were not satisfied and asked me to accompany them to the police station. I could not refrain from saying that they were doing their job but this time they had backed the wrong horse, but they answered "That remains to be seen".

Before we reached the police station however we met Mr. Locke who looked surprised and asked "Well, Mr. Fidler, what have you been up to?" I replied "Only inspecting the bells" and laughingly the policemen said "That's what he told us and it's a new one to us". Their faces were a picture when Mr. Locke said "Well it's right; he has been inspecting the bells. I should have met him at the church but was delayed".

Both gentlemen in blue said they would have to put in a report, and explained why they had acted as they did. The previous week the "poor box" had been broken open and when someone saw me go into the church with my case they phoned the police. The two officers who were sent to investigate had gone all round the church, looked under the pews but found nothing. On their arrival at the church they had been told that the intruder was still in the church, and so decided to wait. It was a two hour wait for them! After explanations the searchers' comments were "No wonder we did not find anyone in the church. When you were up in the tower, the door was shut and we presumed it was locked and we never thought of trying it or looking J. P. F. up the tower."

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD OUTING

The amazing feature of the Manchester University Guild's Lent term outing on January 31 was its smooth running and punctuality. It seems that the Guild's old transport bogey may have passed away and we can now rely on private cars.

Meeting before sunrise at the Union was considered optimistic, but there was only one late arrival. The race to the first tower, Swinton, setting the pace for the day, was won by Hamish McNaughton, the organiser, in his A35. The somewhat heavy and toneful eight has an unjustifiably bad reputation for "go," which we discounted with our usual superbringing. After ringing at Walkden we continued to Leigh, where we attempted to ring at two Roman Catholic churches and a factory before finding the eight at St. Mary's Church. Our ringing deteriorated here so we went promptly, to the delight of the motorist whom we had boxed in.

The 75-minute lunch break was profitably employed in searching for the elusive eight at St. Helen's. Eccleston, stopping only at a fish 'n chip shop, where the local delicacy named "split" turned out to be chips and peas. However, we were amply rewarded in our search by the kind hospitality of Mr. Hurst and his ladies, who provided us with

cups of tea and biscuits. This red-brick church hides a strikingly clean and pleasant interior, and an example by Mears of how a light eight should sound.

Having so far scored four Surprise Major methods, we now turned to the ten bells at St. Helen's, St. Helens, a fairly pleasant but unfortunately inaudible ring. After restringing the second, we were able to practise our famous Caters, and some members had their first taste of Royal. A brief contrasting visit to Upholland followed—a moderate six in a very pleasant setting. Our suspicions were aroused when Godfrey Foat and crew arrived at the next tower. St. James, Poolstock, long before the rest of the party, and were confirmed when he confessed that he had been using a map I As we were becoming more weary now, and this fine-toned eight is over 25 cwt., ringing here fell below standard.

A brief period for refreshment was allowed before our big treat of the day—the splendid 29 cwt. ten at All Saints', Wigan. Goodness knows why it took three of us to ring the tenor up wrong, but the well-balanced bells succumbed delightfully to our Caters, which now sounded even better, and some rather lessgood Royal. Our final tower, Hindley, has a very precise, though surprisingly odd-struck light eight, similar to the ring in our home tower.

M. C. W. S.

LEEDS SOCIETY DISSOLVED

The Leeds and District Society of Change Ringers was formally dissolved on January 31 and a new branch of the Yorkshire Association brought into being. The meeting was held at Birstall (the tower at which the Yorkshire Association itself was formed) and over 70 ringers were present. Batley and Cleckheaton bells were available, as well as those at Birstall.

Before the commencement of the business the company stood in silence in memory of Douglas Thorp, a past president of the Leeds Society, who died recently.

The members then unanimously supported the following resolution, put by the president, which formally dissolved the Society: "That whereas agreement has been

"That whereas agreement has been reached between the Yorkshire Association and this Society to merge their functions in the common interest of ringing in the county, the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Change Ringers be forthwith dissolved, in order that the projected Leeds Branch of the Yorkshire Association be properly inaugurated."

RECORDS DEPOSITED

In his report the secretary of the Leeds Society stated that the progressive trends which developed in the Society in 1968 have been continued during the past year; the attendance at meetings had increased, the Society had started weekday practice meetings to help individual towers and the general standard of ringing had further improved. With respect to the Society's funds, which stand at about £25, it was agreed to donate £5 to the Yorkshire Association to cover costs in setting up the new branch and to put the remainder towards the cost of a farewell dinner for the Society. The Society's records are to be deposited in the Leeds Library's archives for safe keeping.

When the Society's business was completed Mr. Vernon Bottomley, president of the Yorkshire Association, took the chair and brought the new branch into being. His first action involved a decision on the name of the new branch, and the "Leeds and District Branch of the Yorkshire Association".

ciation" was agreed upon.

The president of the Leeds Society,
Robin Brown, the secretary, Robert Cater,
and the ringing master, Ronald Warford,
were all elected to equivalent positions in
the new branch. Four committee members
were elected—Alfie Johnson, Martin North,
Ronald Snack and Guy Cox.

It had been previously agreed that new branches in the Association should, to a large extent, be self-governing, and the new officers proposed various activities for the branch. Full meetings at two-monthly intervals were agreed upon, with Saturday evening practice meetings in the intervening months. The weekday assistance to towers and the annual striking competition are to be continued.

One new qualified member and 16 new associate members were elected to the Association, seven of the associate members coming from Woodlesford and six from Tong, both having recently-revitalised 6-bell towers in the area.

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SPLICED MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank John Mayne for his letter in the R.W. of Feb. 6, and on behalf of the Marple band send our sincere congratulations on achieving the 12-Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells.

It is true that a race was on when it was realised that the Hertfordshire band were also turning to the sphere of Spliced Surprise Maximus. I am certain that it is this spirit of competition between the two bands that was instrumental in both bands' successes in this field.

When Bernard Groves moved to Reading this imposed a temporary setback on us, although we had already decided to stand still, having reached 12-spliced, and concentrate for a while on regaining our sanity. Alas, our plans for continuing the chase have been dealt another blow. Robert Smith is leaving us at the end of April to take up a post in Loughborough.

For the time being I regret that we will not be a serious threat to John Mayne and his band, but I sincerely hope that this does not deter them from carrying on with this most worthwhile branch of handbell ring-

Having offered our congratulations, may we at Marple offer our encouragement and best wishes to our Hertfordshire rivals, and we look forward to seeing the publication of their success in ringing 14-spliced and more besides.—Yours faithfully, Marple, Cheshire.

A. McFALL.

JAMES BARHAM HEADSTONE

The name of James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, will be familiar to many readers as that of a famous ringer of the 18th and early 19th centuries, probably the first man ever to take part in 100 peals. His first was at Harrietsham in 1744 and his last at Leeds in 1813, 69 years later. Among them were seven peals of over 10.000 changes, the most famous being 40,320 of Bob Major, rung in 27 hours by 14 men on April 7 and 8, 1761. Of an earlier attempt, when a clapper broke after 24,800 changes, it is recorded that "James Barham stood 14 hours and 44 minutes under the 7th bell, drank two glasses of wine and called all the bobs."

Barham died on January 14, 1818, 2ged 93. A headstone to his memory in Leeds Churchyard was restored in 1913 by the Kent County Association at a cost of £3 10s. and again in 1948 at a cost of £7 10s. This is now urgently in need of further renovation. With the agreement of the Vicar of Leeds, Rev. J. Ellis Robinson, a quotation has been obtained to take down the memorial, remove to works and machine clean the face, recut and paint the letters and subsequently to refix the headstone and two footstones in new concrete notches. The cost will be £90 8s.

The Kent County Association feels that it has a moral responsibility to ensure that the headstone is properly restored again and will be asking its members to contribute to a fund to raise this amount. It also invites any former residents of Kent, now living elsewhere, who would like to be associated with the project, to make a donation to the fund; and needless to say, if any other ringer would like to contribute, this and all other moneys received will be gratefully acknowledged by the hon. general secretary.

E. A. BARNETT, Chairman,
ALAN P. S. BERRY, Hon. Secretary,
Kent County Association of
Change Ringers.

7 Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent.

Belfry Gossip

This week Stanley Anderton and Simon A. B. Wigg complete 100 peals each.

Fourteen-year old Stephen Smith, of Aylsham, rang his first peal at Holt with a band which included his mother and father.

"It was good to see Walter Ayre ringing again," writes the R.W. correspondent from Watford. "A half-course of Cambridge Royal gave him (and us) great satisfaction."

There was an arrangement made for a peal at Walberton, Sussex, to enable Rev. N. J. Smith to ring with one of his pupils, R. M. Cox, who conducted.

The name Walter F. Judge has been in the columns of the R.W. for many years, and we read that he has been a member of the Oxford Guild for 60 years. Thank you for your long service, Walter.

The conductor of a peal of Grandsire Doubles at North Cerney, Glos, assisted four to get a first peal and the other member of the band a first inside. Very creditable.

Tea in church—not in the Church Hall, as stated in the West Coker (Som.) report recently. "We haven't a hall, but if anyone likes to give us one it is badly needed," writes our correspondent.

One-third of the 198 membership figures of the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association are juniors, and this youthful element is greatly valued and a cause for pride in the area.

FIRST 10-BELL PEAL

Since last September the Andover ringers have contemplated ringing a peal of Caters, but having no 10-bell towers in the district an approach was made to ring it at St. Mary's, Southampton.

Permission was readily given and we travelled to Southampton on February 7, and despite the fact that we had not rung ten together as a band immediately settled down to a good beat which was maintained for two hours, when the ninth's rope started disintegrating below the sally. A slower pace was then set and it was a tense band that heard "That's all" called.

There were seven "firsts" on ten, and at least four of these had only ever before rung a plain course. Another interesting point is that there were three fathers and three sons taking part in the peal. And now for Royal!

G. K. D.

CANADA'S HEAVIEST RING

The Victoria Daily Times, British Columbia, gave a very interesting article and photograph on 81-year-old Edward Izard, master of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, ringers, who for 33 years has "climbed the 72-step bell tower to ring out the old year and ring in the new."

"The bells," it goes on. "are replicas of Westminster Abbey and the heaviest ring in Canada. Cast in 1936 at Whitechapel, the eight bells weigh from 75 to 3.185 lbs."

A retired naval architect who learned to ring in England over 60 years ago, Mr. Izard has taught many generations of ringers and has a band of some 15 with him now.

Mr. Izard told the story of a ringer at whose funeral the bells were rung half-muffled and the muffle came off the bell which the deceased always rang—a mystery which was never solved.

Youth again has excelled by ringing a peal at Dunholme of P.B. Minor, where three ringers are 17, one 16 and two 14, and it was rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hallam.

A regular Sunday service ringer at both Burghclere and Highclere, Hants, David Goss is starting his second quarter century in peals. He rang his 25th two weeks before his 14th birthday.

A special request to print a 25th together footnote (which is not our policy but which we make as an exception!): Marcus C. W. Sherwood and Margaret L. Ellwood. We trust this gives the anticipated pleasure to both.

A letter from Christopher Corby, of St. Neots, gives his opinion that peal ringing is far superior in improving standards than striking competitions, and it helps teams to win striking competitions—as his own experience has proved.

And Barry Peachey, of Lyndhurst, draws attention to the number of quarter peals reported where odd bells cover to minor or lead, and he considers that such quarters should not be recorded.

Sedgley Surprise Major, as can be seen in our peal columns, was rung at Grundisburgh to celebrate the 83rd and 81st birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sedgley, and all readers will extend good wishes to both.

First peal congratulations to J. Margaret Chappell, Roger Peters, Trevor Hughes, Stephen T. Smith, David Bounds (14 years), P. Ann Plaster, Susan Johnson, Alan Strickland, Christine Barrett, David Dinnell and Alan French.

There is often dissension between the verger and the ringers, although both do sterling service for the Church. When, after 19 years of such service, Mr. C. E. Girling, of Tuddenham St. Martin, Suffolk, died, the local ringers rang a half-muffled quarter in memoriam.

Four young ringers from Kingsbury, Warwickshire, have rung their first quarter peal—Julie Latham at Little Aston, Alison Moore, Yvonne Nicklin and Ian Crofts at Atherstone. They are making good progress, having learned to ring since September.

Doctors and nurses are always deserving of thanks and appreciation, and none more so than those who operated on and cared for Julie Amos when a "hole-in-the-heart" operation was performed recently. The ringers at Bures, Suffolk, rang a "thank you" quarter of D. Norwich on February 8, which we all endorse.

"Is there an unwritten law in bellringing that when a mistake is made the ensuing cacophony is prolonged by the call 'go rounds,' and further din has to be endured by anyone unfortunate enough to be within hearing distance outside before 'Stand' brings relief?" asks E. M. B., of Saxilby. "Why cannot 'Stand' be called immediately it becomes obvious that the muddle can only be sorted out by beginning again?" she adds.

Our 25 years ago paragraph regarding a suggestion by K. Arthur, then serving with the R.A.F. in S. Italy, for a school of ringing has brought the comment from Mr. Arthur, now of Newcastle-on-Tyne, that he and Denis Bayles, who were then not acquainted but had similar ideas. closely co-operated in promoting a successful series of ringing courses at Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street. "It would appear that our earlier sentiments were not flights of fancy," he concludes.

INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Mr. Forbes Jackson, of Reading, in an article on industrial archæology states when in 1844 the Whitechapel Foundry took over the business of Rudhall's, of Gloucester, it brought to London a tuning machine, first used in about 1770 to replace the system of hand chipping. At Gloucester this rather crude lathe had been driven by a donkey on a treadmill, but on its arrival at Whitechapel it was driven by a steam engine which was also used to supply power to other machinery in the foundry.

This steam engine remained in use until 1908, when the crankshaft broke. The firm then decided to go in for electricity, and a 15 h.p. d.c. motor, manufactured by Newtons, of Taunton, was installed and remained in use for 50 years until the electricity supply was changed to alternating current.

Meanwhile in 1957 Mr. D. Hughes had acquired from a rectory in Suffolk a handsome turret clock of about 1725. But this needed a new bell and so, to perpetuate the memory of what the foundry regarded as a faithful friend as well as a faithful servant, he decided to cast the necessary bell from the copper in the commutator and winding of the now-superseded d.c. motor. This bell is 1 ft. 7 in. in diameter.

Following an old tradition, he cast into it an inscription, which reads:-

The copper alloyed in this bell Came from a motor that served us well: For fifty years it turned our wheels Assisting us in making peals That went to places far and wide; But now its task is laid aside.

The metal, mixed with Cornish tin, Vibrates with new life from within, And by God's grace we hope will sound For years, to mark our daily round, And thus continue in this place, Content, beneath our clock's fair face.

NEWLY-TRAINED BAND

The first meeting of the Northern District of Hertfordshire County Association at Royston for over three years, held on Feb. 7, attracted nearly 100 from a wide area and this enabled the newly-trained local band to take full advantage of their first meeting in their own tower, which is the most northerly of the district. There were plenty of rounds on this easy-going eight for the benefit of the learners, and ringing up to London Surprise was enjoyed, under the direction of Geoff Horritt, deputising as ringing master. M. M. R.

MIDWEEK PRACTICES

The first-ever meeting of the Southern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Associa-tion, held at Alburgh on February 5, proved a great success, with over 50 attend-The service was conducted by the rector (Rev. R. Close) and the address given by Rev. P. Bond, of Gt. Yarmouth, chairman of the Eastern Branch of the Association. Tea was provided at the Rectory, prepared by Mrs. Close and helpers, for which they were warmly thanked, and at the business meeting, presided over by Mr. C. F. W. Phil-lippo, it was decided to reintroduce monthly mid-week practice meetings, the first of these in March at South Lopham, Good use was made of the pleasant, light eight, under the direction of Mr. H. Fuller, branch ringing master, and ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes to Surprise Major. Next quarterly meeting, Attle-borough (6), in April. F. C. A.

FRIENDS-WHO NEVER MEET

Writing from Brisbane, Australia, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Lucas, of Guildford, Mr. Tom Roache sends the following interesting details:

. all the R.W.s have come along regularly without one missing, and I enjoy them very much, though I never had the opportunity to learn ringing. Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, often writes us lovely letters. We are old pen friends but have never met each other. What a pleasure it is to have a few friends around the London area to keep us in touch with the Mother Country

"We are so pleased with the R.W. frontispieces of churches at home. How good it is to see that the Church is so dear to the hearts of all who are believers.



St. Paul's, Maryborough.

"Australia is a vast country and we have been here since 1909-just 60 years!-and have seen much of the land in that time. I would have to write a book on our travels and experiences, and then I could only give a general description. I am enclosing a snap photo of the tower of St. Paul's, Maryborough, a fair-sized town 167 miles north of Brisbane. This beautiful church stands in the main shopping street and is the only church in all Queensland to have a fine ring of eight. The English ringers who were on tour some time ago came up from Sydney (600 miles south) just to have a peal on the bells. The people of Mary-borough said they had never heard anything like it, and those bells had been there since about 1877! Nobody knew anything of peal ringing. . . .

"I was born in Camberwell, London, in 1891, so now I am 79 and my wife 75. 1 have just one relative in London who is at Clapham and one old school pal, still living at Catford. . . .

All is change and only change is change--HERACLITUS

Obituary

MR. JOSEPH S. CARTER

The funeral of Mr. Joe Carter, of Wigston Magna, took place at All Saints Church, Wigston Magna, on February 13, the bells he loved so much being rung half-muffled during the interment at the local cemetery. Joe was a faithful and regular ringer at All Saints' for over 50 years until his health finally prevented him.

He joined the M.C.A. in 1922 and travelled extensively to meetings, making friends and helping many a learner. His legendary "barbed-wire whip" was often threatened but never seen. He was a regular visitor to the annual meetings of the National Police Guild and often regarded as an honorary member of that guild.

Peal ringing was not a prominent feature his life. The total he rang for the of his life. The total he rang for the M.C.A. was 42, many of these with the late F. H. Dexter and friends of Leicester Cathedral.

With the late Harold J. Poole he had long discussions with the Central Council over method extensions, and was successful in ensuring that the first peal of Bristol Maximus at Leicester Cathedral retained the name Bristol. He was a prolific producer of methods and would never acknowledge any adjacent places other than in 12. as perfection was his target both in method construction and the ringing of them.

On the local level, the Coronation peal at Wigston in 1937 was one of 7-spliced methods, all the methods from his pencil.

rung by a local band.

For the Leicester Diocesan Guild he rang only eight peals, making his peal total, including others not known, some 55 to 60. Whatever the commemoration or event of a peal he insisted that it be rung "to the glory of God."

As a man he was of a retiring nature. taking no credit but often the driving force helping others to the forefront, yet not afraid to voice his opinion, even if in the minority. His one aim and ambition was to maintain a good Sunday service band at Wigston, and in his latter days he evinced a keen interest in the progress of junior members at Wigston.

"Life's work well done." T. E. H.

MR. FREDERICK MESSENGER

"Freddie," as he was affectionately known, died (aged 81) on January 21, the day before he and his wife were to celebrate their diamond wedding.

Born at Shrivenham, Berks, Freddie's ringing career started when he was one of a new band trained by John Monk, of Witney, to ring the newly-augmented octave at Clanfield, Oxon. He served in the Royal Flying Corps during the Great War and in 1920 moved to Cumnor, Berks, and became a loyal member of the Appleton band. Following the 1939-45 war, he and Richard White trained a band at Cumnor, and Freddie became tower captain, ringing at Cumnor and Appleton every Sunday until ill-health forced him six years ago to give up ringing. He rang about 60 peals, mainly at Appleton, and was in one of the last rung by the late F. E. Robinson.

The funeral service was at Cumnor on January 24, after which a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by F. Sharpe (cond.) I, W. F. Judge 2. R. Mitty 3, B. R. White 4, F. A. White 5, F. C. White 6.

He leaves a widow who is in hospital and a son, to whom we extend our sympathy.

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BIRTH

Gilbert.—Barbara and John, of Long Ashton, now have a son, Antony John Charles, and brother for Joanna, born February 12, 1970, at Bristol Maternity Hospital. 8278

DEATHS

Carter.—On Feb. 9, 1970, Joseph Stephen, aged 70, for 52 years a ringer at All Saints, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 8265
Keyte.—Ethel Louise, the beloved wife of

Keyte. — Ethel Louise, the beloved wife of Jack Keyte, passed peacefully away on Feb. 8264

Lewis. — On February 18, 1970, at Battle Hospital, Reading, after a long illness, Dorothy Florence, mother of Frank, for many years a friend of ringers.

ENGAGEMENT

Read—Davis.—The engagement is announced between Susan Elizabeth Martina Davis and Brian John Read, both of Ealing and Sussex University. 8269

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Williams. — Paul's new 'phone number is Rhiwderin 3579, address unchanged: Courtlands, Court Crescent, Bassaleg, Mon, NP1 9NH. 8273

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

Kent County Association.—Maidstone Dislict.—Social planned for Sat., Feb. 28 POST-PONED until later in year. 8249

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Ringers' Notebook and Diary, 1970.—Plastic bound copies still available, 7s, each (including postage), from M. Hodgson, 16 The Braid, hesham, Bucks.

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Ancient Society of College Youths. — Practices: Mar. 3, St. Michael's, Cornhill; Mar. 10, St. Lawrence Jewry; Mar. 17, St. Giles, Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A Prior. 2068.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.
—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Evening practice meeting for 8-bell methods to be held at Wotton-under-Edge Parish Church (8) on the first Tuesday in every month, commencing on March 3 at 7.30 p.m. We shall be pleased to welcome all visitors.

Guildford Guild.—Leatherhead District.— Surprise practice, Leatherhead, Tues., March 3, 7.45-9.15 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, Yorkshire Royal, Lincolnshire and Bristol. 8253

Hertford County Association. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Codicote (6), 5.30-7 p.m.; St. Ippolyts (6), 7 to 8.30 p.m., on Sat., March 7.—G. T. Horritt, Dis. Sec. 8283

Hertford County Association. — Northern District. —Surprise practice, Knebworth, Tues., March 3, from 7.30-9 p.m. — G. T. Horritt, Dis. Sec. 8282

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.—Monmouth Branch.—Practice meeting, Usk, Fri., Feb. 27, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire.

Middlesex Association.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Mon., Mar. 2, 7 p.m. 8288

Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District.—Practice, St. Mary's, Staines, on Fri., Feb. 27, 7.45–9.15. Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Mon., March 9, 8–9.30.—C. H. Rogers.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting, Sat., March 7, at Spetisbury (5), 6-7 p.m.; East Morden (4), 7.30-8.30 p.m. Afterwards at the Cock and Bottle.

Surrey Association. — Northern District. — Evening practice, Ewell, Sat., March 7, 7-8.30 p.m.—N. Thomson, Dis. Sec. 8287

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

—Portsmouth District.—District practice at St.
Mary's, Portsea, Tues., March 3, 7.30-9. 8231

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Guildford Guild.—Chertsey District.—Meeting. Walton-on-Thames, Sat., Feb. 28. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Miseldine, 64 Molesey Close, Hersham. Walton-on-Thames.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Feb. 28, Cookham. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Numbers for 5 o'clock tea, please, to J. Muller, 14 Southwood Road, Cookham.

Suffolk Guild.—South West District.—Quarterly meeting, Cavendish (6), Sat., Feb. 28. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. P. Loveless, Greenhayes. Nayland Road, Bures, Suffolk (Tel.: Bures 486). Further ringing after meeting.—J. P. L., Dis. Sec. 8235

Bath and Wells Association. — Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, March 7, at The Chinnocks. East Chinnock (15 cwt. A/C 5): Bells 5 p.m. Service 6. Meeting 6.30. Bells 7-8 p.m. Middle Chinnock (3): Bells available 7.30-9 p.m. West Chinnock (4): Bells available 7.30-9 p.m.—M. M. L. 8273

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Egremont, Sat., March 7. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Gates, Mont Egre, Thornhill, Cumb. No names, no tea.—D. Gibson, Sec. 8279

Ely Diocesan Association.—Ely District.—A meeting at Histon on Sat., March 7. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing after meeting until 8.30 p.m. Special method: Superlative. 8903

Essex Association.—South Eastern and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting, Terling (8), on Sat., March 7. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Special method: Belfast S.M. All welcome.—R.J.H. and C.H.G

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Tunstall, Sat., March 7.
Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Barton, 100 Park Drive, Sitting-bourne, by previous Wednesday, please.—D. P. L. 8275

Ladies' Guild. — Kent Branch. — A.G.M. at Sevenoaks, Sat., March 7. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Further ringing till 8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 30 Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks, by March 4.—R. Wratten, Dis. Sec. 8258

Lancashire Association.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Burton-in-Kendal, Sat., March 7. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. Barnes, Hutton House, Burton, Carnforth, Lancs. 8255

Lancashire Association. — Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Michael's, Aughton (6), Sat., March 7, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Larkey, 38 Smithy Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Special method: Hereward Bob (2nds place Double Court). All welcome.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 8276

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.
—Branch meeting, St. Michael's, Blackburn, Sat., March 7. Ringing starts at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.
—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 8262

Lincoln Guild. — North Lindsey Branch.— Meeting, Caistor, Sat., March 7. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to T. Richards, 16 Nettleton Road, Caistor, Lincoln, by Wed., March 4.

Middlesex County Association. — S. and W. District. — Meeting, Sunbury, Sat., March 7. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and business 5. Hampton bells (8) 7-8.30 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 8244

North Staffs Association.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Sat., March 7. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. P. E. Booth, St. Luke's Vicarage, Silverdale, Staffs, by Wed., March 4.

No name, no tea. Keele bells available from 3-4.15. All welcome.—R. J. Ballard, Hon. Sec. 8271

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Creaton, Sat., March 7. Names for tea to P. A. Turner, 26 Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby, by Tuesday previous.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Nottingham District.—Monthly meeting on Sat., March 7, at Thrumpton, 1500 hours. Tea, Barton-in-Fabis, 1700 hours, followed by evening ringing at Barton. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139 Surgeys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham, by March 4.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., March 7. Milford bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing at Hordle. Names for tea to Mrs. G. W. Davis, 24 Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, BH6 3PT, by previous Wednesday.—Gilian Davis, Dis. Sec. 8289

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Annual general meeting, Sat., March 14, Chiddingstone (8). Bells 3.30-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing 7.30-8.30 p.m. Towers also open: Penshurst, 2.30-3.30 p.m.; Leigh, 3-4 p.m.; Hever, 7.30-8.30 p.m.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, March 14. Service at St. Mary's Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Congregational Church Hall, Portsmouth Road. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37 Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom (Tel.: 01-393 4986), by March 12. Bells available: Stoke-next-Guildford, 2.45-4 p.m.; Holy Trinity, 3-4.15; St. Mary's, 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas and Shalford after the meeting.

London County Association. — March 14: Special business meeting to discuss modifications and changes to the entire rules of the Association. Meeting begins at 2.30 p.m., to be held at St. Bartholomew's, Smithneld, in the cloisters of the church. Nearest tube: Aldersgate or Farringdon Street.—M. R. W.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—An extraordinary general meeting and the annual general committee meeting will be held at Radley C.E. Primary School, Abingdon, at 2.30 p.m. on Sat., March 14. Names for tea to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49 Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by previous Tuesday.— M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8227

Suffolk Guild.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting will be at Grundisburgh (10) on Sat., March 14. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Ringing in evening to 9 p.m. All wishing for tea notify Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, by Thurs., March 12.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 8285

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—
Southern Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Mar. 14, Bretforton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., then
tea and business. Willersey bells available 6.45
to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. G. Tomkins, 80 Main Street, Bretforton. 8286

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION South Eastern District.

SUPPER AND SOCIAL Saturday, March 21

7.15 p.m. at Little Baddow Memorial Hall Tickets 7s. 6d. (schoolchildren 6s.) from: R. J. Harrison, 32 Gilmore Way, Gt. Baddow. 8189

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

MEETING IN BRISTOL On May 30.

Full details later.—J. G. A. P.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Folkestone, Easter Monday, March 30.

Service at noon.

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Hon. Gen. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that it is proposed to revise the rules at the Annual General Meeting on Easter Monday.

Copies are available to members from the district secretaries.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec. 8290

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ELEVEN NEW MEMBERS

The annual meeting of the Mansfield District of the Southwell Guild was held at Mansfield on January 24. Ringing on the eight at the parish church took place as usual before the service and after the meeting. An excellent tea was prepared by the local ladies and at the business officers elected for 1970 were: chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey; secretary, Mr. F. Cooke; ringing master, Mr. H. T. Rooke; committee member, Mr. E. Sollis; assistant ringing master, Mr. F. Adcock.

Eleven new members were elected and the meetings for 1970 were arranged for Warsop (March), Selston (May), Sutton-in-Ashfield (July), Kirkby (September), Edwinstowa (November). F. C.

PRESENTATION TO MR. C. K. LEWIS

At the annual meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis was presented with a Parker presentation pen set to mark his 35 years as branch secretary. Mrs. Lewis was also presented with flowers for the assistance she has given to her husband in his work in connection with the Guild. Mr. Tom Wilde, of Hyde, and Mrs. Francis Hibbert, of Chapel-en-le-Frith, made the presentations. About 60 were present, and at the business meeting which followed the following officers were elected for 1970: chairman, Mr. Basil Jones; secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis; ringing masters, Mr. Alan F. Scholfield and Mr. Frank Osbaldiston.

In addition to other matters it was agreed to hold a quarterly branch practice, the first of which will be at Stockport St. George's in March.

CARE OF CHURCH TREASURES

The Council for the Care of Churches has appointed a conservation committee to assist in preservation of treasures in the guardianship of the Church of England. A sub-committee dealing with bells consists of Messrs. T. A. Bailey, lately senior architect in charge of ancient monuments; J. E. M. Macgregor, chairman of the technical panel of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings; Ranald Clouston, Radlett, Herts; George Elphick, Lewes; Frederick Sharpe, Central Council of Church Bell Ringers: and ex-officio G. H. S. Bushnell, curator of Cambridge University Museum of Archæology and Ethnology.

The work of sub-committees is to help in giving advice on the care of vauable works and channelling grants for preservation, the investigation of techniques and the definition of principles of conservation, and the training of conservators.

A PROUD PLANTAGENET

The finest of all the monuments in Christchurch Priory is the Salisbury Chapel, a chantry set up in her lifetime by the tragic Countess of Salisbury, Margaret, lady of the manor here. Of all the tragic stories of the ever-changing fortunes of the White and Red Roses hers is one of the saddest, touching the depths of poignancy. At the Battle of Wakefield her grandfather fell, and her father, Duke of Clarence, was killed by the treachery of his brother. Richard Crookback.

Her brother and her first-born son perished at the block, and when the last and most brilliant of her race, her young son, Reginald Pole, Dean of Wimborne at 17 and later Archbishop of Canterbury, roused the anger of Henry VIII, the king avenged himself on the remaining members of his family. The aged countess was condemned to death after two years of imprisonment, and in the Tower, when she, the last of the proud Plantagenets, refused to bow her head before the axe of the executioner, the head was severed from her body as she stood and her poor corpse was laid to rest in the burying ground for traitors.

So it is that this lovely chapel in Christchurch Priory, which she had meant to be her grave, is tenantless. Well might Macaulay write that the Salisbury Chantry "still pleads in its empty grandeur for the stately lady whose bones be in unhonoured burial."

THEIR OWN RECORDS

The Purbeck Youths' New Year peals tour rang the undermentioned peals already credited to affiliated Guilds and Associations:—

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. — Yeovil: Yorkshire Royal on Sat., Dec. 27; Martock: Cambridge Major on Mon., Dec. 29.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Whitchurch Canonicorum: Rutland Major on Sat., Dec. 27; Wareham: Plain Bob Major on Sun., Dec. 28; Bridport: Yorkshire Major on Mon., Dec. 29; Wimborne St. Giles: Yorkshire Major on Wed., Dec. 31; Thorncombe: Double Norwich C.B. Major on Sat., Jan. 3.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Overton: Superlative Major on Tues., Dec. 30; Earl
Tytherley: Yorkshire Major on Tues., Dec. 30; New
Alresford: London Major on Tues., Dec. 30; North
Stoneham: Cambridge Major on Wed., Dec. 31.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Littleham: Splices. S. Major on Thurs., Jan. 1.

The following amendments also apply: Whitchurch Canonicorum, Dec. 27: Treble, Paul Mehew should be Philip Mehew. Yeovil, Dec. 27: ringer of 7th Leslie F. Cobb should read Lewis F. Cobb.

Received too late for Classification

Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.
—Meeting, Sat., March 7, Felmersham. Bells
(8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further
ringing after tea.—C. M. Payne. 8301

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting, Fenham, Mar. 7. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. N. Harrison, 18 Hartburn Place, Newcastle, 4. 8295

Sussex County Association.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Sat., March 7, Hartfield (6), 3-5 p.m. Tea 5.15, Coleman's Hatch Coleman's Hatch bells 6.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to me, please, Mrs. J. Osbon, 79 Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel.: E.G. 23815), by Tues., March 3.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—North Notts District.—Next meeting, Harworth, March 7. Names for tea to H. Poyner, address as in Diary. 8300

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ombersley, Sat., March 7. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Venture In Café followed by business meeting in Church Hall. Shrawley bells available from 7 p.m. Tea (approx. 4s.) only for those who notify me, J. J. Stanier, 12 Arrowsmith Avenue, St. John's, Worcester, by Wed., March 4. 8294

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.
—Evening practice, Christ Church, Pendlebury,
Sat., March 14. Bells (8) from 6-9 p.m.
Everyone welcome. 8298

Lancashire Association,—Manchester Branch.—Holy Week practice, Manchester Town Hall, Wed., March 25. Bells (12) 6-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. 8299

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gretton (5), Mar. 7. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Scholes, Harringworth, Corby, by Tuesday, 3rd.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND
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COUNTRY MEETING

Saturday, April 11 BIRMINGHAM

Ringing details later.

THE LATE MRS. D. CATHERALL

Mrs. Doris Catherall, of Padstock Road, Reading, died on December 30, aged about 0 years. She was a member of St. Laurence's band for over 40 years and for a period was tower secretary. She rang some peals, including Grandsire Cinques at Reading, and she also did considerable work locally for the blind and other social work during her lifetime. On the day of the funeral and during cremation the bells were rung half-muffled by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which Mrs. Catherall was a member.

AMENDMENT NOTIFIED

Page 114.—Wiveliscombe: Rung by members of the Tauaton Branch.

TERRITORIAL

Regarding the letter signed "Exile" (page 131), we are informed that an Association which has the word London in its title cannot be non-territorial. In addition, the London County Association has a rule which reads: "That its area of operation and influence shall embrace the whole of the administrative County of London area or a radius of ten miles from St. Clement Danes' in the Strand."

NEW DISTRICT SECRETARY

The Watford District of the Herts County Association held their A.G.M. at Watford on February 7, the fine ten being made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

The Vicar of Watford (Rev. J. G. Downward) conducted a short service and in the course of his address stressed the need for all to be in tune with God and so get the right message over, likening ringers to the bells. A cracked bell in the tower, or in the ringing chamber, was of no use.

The president, Mr. Walter Ayre, took the chair for the business, which followed a very satisfying tea.

Mr. Geoffrey W. Seaman resigned as secretary and was thanked for five years of service. His successor is Mr. Andrew Mayes, of St. Michael's Vicarage, Watford.

Others elected were: district ringing master, Mr. T. H. Norris (Bushey Heath); committee, Messrs. K. R. Dunstan (Langleybury), D. Carpenter and R. Baldwin (Bushey), D. M. Hibbert (Rickmansworth), J. Southey (Aldenham) and R. G. Bell (Watford), the last-named also R.W. correspondent. Several new members were also elected.

District meetings, outings and a striking competition were among matters discussed, and the St. Albans District was thanked for an invitation to join them at a meeting later in the year.

Votes of thanks were accorded the ladies (Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Laud and Mrs. Ling) for preparing tea. R. G. B.

Brynley A. Richards informs us that the following Minor methods were rung and named at Warsop, as follows:—

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WARSOP SURPRISE

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for February 23, 1945

The leading article and a long letter from the president of the Midland Counties Association (R, F, Wilkinson) dealt with the proposed new guilds to be taken from the M.C.A.

At the A.G.M. of Basingstoke District Mr. C. Kippin was in the chair, Mr. J. Chesterman was elected secretary and Mr. C. Ostler ringing master.

At Isleworth a quarter of Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. W. Rogers, allowed P. Thirst to ring his first quarter.

George W. Pipe rang his first 720 (Bob Minor) at Grundisburgh.

The Oxford Society and its Influence was the subject of a letter from Mr. Frederick Sharpe.

Writing from Los Angeles, Mr. E. Weatherby wrote of the bells in America and of having rung handbells with Mr. Charles Wilsher and Tony Price.

At St. Matthew's Parish Church, Walsall, Mr. G. E. Fearn rang his 100th peal of Stedman—one of Cinques.

50 YEARS AGO

February 27, 1920

The first peal by a Selby Abbey band (Grandsire Triples) was recorded, and three rang a first peal with a first as conductor by H. Fairlam.

At Bucknall, Staffs, two ladies rang in a peal of Bob Minor, the first ever in the tower and also for the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association.

At a record meeting of London County Association at St. Clement Danes' Mr. A. D. Barker was elected hon, general secre-

The death was announced of Canon A. W. Boulden, of Christ Church, Erith. He gave a new tower and spire and a ring of eight bells to complete the church, where he was incumbent for 28 years.

Contributions were invited in an advert to erect a suitable memorial to Mr. Henry White, of St. Michael's, Basingstoke.

At Hereford the first annual meeting was held and it was stated that Mr. C. Edwards had covered 1,470 miles on a pushbike for the good of ringers and ringing. He was re-elected secretary.

Two trebles—for the blessing of peace—were added to the octave at Llandaff Cathedral and were dedicated by the Lord Bishop.

45-SPLICED S. MAJOR

At Harrow Weald, Middlesex, last Saturday (21st), a peal of 10,080 Spliced S. Major in 45 methods, "all the work," was successfully brought round in 5 hours 36 minutes. It was rung for the Middlesex County Association and conducted by Anthony R. Peake. [Well done!—Ed.]

HIS LAST YEAR!

Elected hon, secretary and treasurer for the 28th time, Mr. Bernard Castle, of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, warned the members last Saturday that this was definitely his last year in that office.

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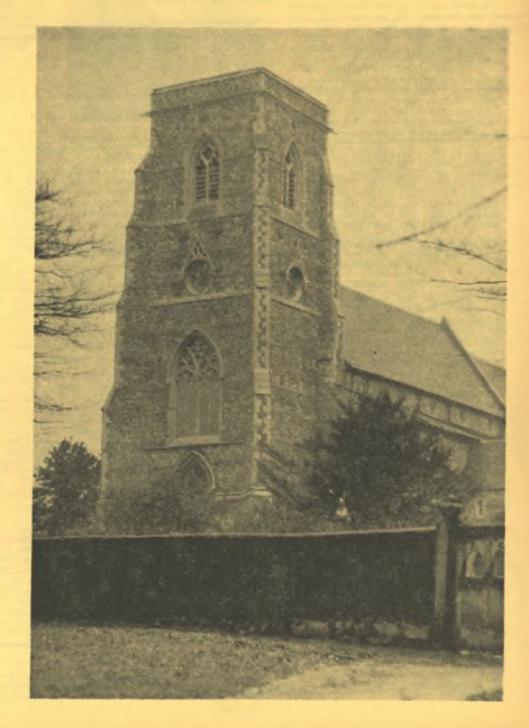
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All Saints,
Benhilton,
Sutton, Surrey

Cover Picture All Saints, Benhilton, Surrey

IN THE YEAR 1863 the parish of St. Nicholas, Sutton, was divided into two parishes, the new parish being designated Benhilton. The church was endowed by the once Lord of the Manor of Sutton, Thomas Alcock, and of the Manor of Sutton, Thomas Alecek, and the architect was J. S. Teulon, a well known church designer of the period. Today, All Saints' is considered a very good example of Victorian architecture, and is now on the list of scheduled buildings.

All Saints was consecrated in 1866, and in that year Thomas Alcock presented the church with the tenor bell. A period of 11 years elapsed before anything further was done to increase the number of bells. In 1877 the framework to take a ring of eight was erected in the tower and in the same year the seventh bell was installed. In the succeeding three years the sixth, fifth and fourth bells were added and the third was cast and hung in 1882, but a further 11 years elapsed before the ringers of that time decided to try to raise the money for another bell. A fund was started by the local band and other ringers from the Surrey area. They were very successful and raised enough for the second (which is known as the ringers' bell) and most of the money for the treble. The whole ring was com-pleted in 1893 and is as follows:—

Tenor: 19 cwt. 3 qr., cast by Warner, in E. Seventh: 16 cwt., cast by Warner.
Sixth: 12 cwt., cast by Warner. Fifth: 10 cwt. 1 qr., cast by Gillet & Bland.

Fourth: 8 cwt. 1 qr., cast by Gillet & Bland. Third: 7 cwt. 2 qr., cast by Gillet & Bland. Second: 7 cwt., cast by Warner.
Treble: 6 cwt. 1qr., cast by Warner.

The first peal on the bells was rung in 1895, and the most recent in 1966, but this, unfortunately, not by the local company.

EXTENSIVE SURVEYS

During the last war a number of bombs fell in a complete circle round the church, causing considerable damage. The tower causing considerable damage. The tower itself (built of brick with flint facing) developed several cracks and was considerable weakened, and the movement of the tower during ringing became quite pronounced. In 1948 there were two extensive surveys of the tower, one being by the late Edwin H. Lewis. Various methods of reducing the movement of the tower were suggested, the cost of which, for a permanent job, was between three and five thousand pounds, so, as a temporary measure, and because of the lack of funds. tie-bars were fixed across the tower. cracks were then kept under observation, and were found to be opening, though slowly.

Three years ago, at their annual meeting, the ringers formed a fund-raising committee, in view of the fact that the "go" of the bells was becoming increasingly difficult. From then on a much greater effort was made to increase the bell restoration fund, which had been started in a small way some years before. By the beginning of 1969 the sum required for the restoration was still insufficient, and then a member of the band suggested that a part "do-it-yourself" restoration of the bells might be possible This would save a considerable sum of money, the ringers doing some of the work, and the amount needed might then be within reach.

Reports and estimates were obtained from both bellfounders, and the movement of the tower measured. The reports obtained gave the following points which were carefully considered :-

- 1. Use the existing oak frame, or replace with a new steel frame.
- 2. Lower the bells 7 or 16 feet, the latter requiring the erection of a ringing gallery
- 3. Have a concrete or steel foundation.
- 4. Retune the present ring, or recast into a lighter ring.
- The effect of 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the movement of the tower, which was found to be almost to the limits for safety.

After much discussion between the Vicar and the ringers, it was decided that the following work be carried out:-

Recast into eight, tenor 14 cwt, in F sharp,

Install a new steel frame, which will rest on a reinforced concrete foundation.

Lower the bells seven feet.

The ringers to undertake the lowering of the old bells and deliver to the founders; make the concrete foundation; collect and erect the new steel frame; collect the recast bells and assist the founders with rehanging; replace two timber floors; refit the chiming apparatus.

APPROVED BY P.C.C.

All this was fully approved by the P.C.C. and the ringers went ahead with their plans for the "tower" work. The structural engineering member of the band has designed the concrete foundation, and a full work schedule is planned.

A committee has been formed, and an appeal for £3,000 has been launched. The bells will ring for the last time in their present form on Easter Sunday, and it is hoped they will only be out of action for four months, for the ringers are all set to give their spare time to the work necessary in the tower during the

Donations, please, to Rev. P. Penwarden, Benhilton Vicarage, All Saints' Road, Sutton, Surrey, will be most gratefully received.

[We commend this appeal to all ringers and congratulate the organisers on their enthusiasm.—Editor.]

IN THE ARMS OF THE LAW

Mr. John Fidler, of Bow, Devon, phoned us to report that St. Edmund's Church, Exeter, derelict for 20 years, had a ring of eight bells—until February 26, when the four trebles were stolen. They had apparently been carefully removed and lowered by ropes into the crypt and later taken

The Rev. John Scott, Mr. Fidler and the police immediately started an investigation and on Saturday last four men were in the arms of the law for theft and a scrap merchant charged with receiving. Some of the bell metal has been recovered.

"The Year of the Peal" was the comment of the master of the Guildford Guild at the annual dinner on Friday last. A report, with pictures, will appear next week.

A "loving cup" was circulated at the London County Association dinner at the George, London, on Saturday and will be reported in our next issue.

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THE VICAR'S TWENTY FIRST

When the Vicar of Hillingdon (Preb. F. C When the Vicar of Hillingdon (Preb. F. C. Tyler) rose to propose the toast to his ringers, the St. John's Guild of Church Bellringers, he stated that this was the 21st occasion he had had the great pleasure of doing so, and he hoped that he would be able to join them on many future gatherings. The occasion was the annual Hillingdon supper, which has been a happy event for many years, each year growing more and more popular.

This year's supper was held at the Masonic Hall at Uxbridge, a company of over 80 sitting down to a four-course meal, well served and much enjoyed. Following the loyal toast the Vicar, who was accompanied by Mrs. Tyler, spoke appreciatively and enthusiastically about the work of his ringers and punctuated his remarks with several well-chosen stories, to the amusement of his audience. audience.

The captain of the guild, a very popular ringer, Mr. Fred Goodfellow, responded to the toast and gave details of the past year's work, which was of a high standard, and he thanked everyone for the support and encouragement extended to him in his leadership.

GUESTS WELCOMED

That cheery and well-loved ringer, Bill Coles (Uncle Bill), in a witty and happy manner welcomed the guests to the Hillingdon supper, and reminisced on similar functions in the past. Some of the amusing stories he told were, he assured the company, absolutely true—although the majority of those present were scentical. sceptical.

Replying for visiting ringers present, the editor of The Ringing World (Mr. C. W. Denyer) expressed suitable thanks and told of the pitfalls into which anyone connected with newspaper work could fall—and he had had well over 40 years' experience in this line.

The curate at Hillingdon (the Rev. Michael Gabriel) responded for the non-ringing guests, and this was followed by a social "get-together which all enjoyed. During an interval in the speeches handbells were rung, and later a taper recording of Treble Bob Sixteen was heard.

The man who has not anything to boast of but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato—the only good belonging to him is underground.—OVERBURY.

About the Central Council

3.—BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(Messrs. T. J. Lock, D. A. R. May and W. H. Viggers. Mrs. J. Dodds, writer) THIS COMMITTEE is one of the nontechnical committees of the Council. It was formed in 1935 when the Council wished that a record be prepared of past members. giving a short account of their work and, where possible, a photograph. The original committee was Messrs, J. S. Goldsmith, W. A. Cave and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, and in 1939 Mr. A. C. Hazeldine was added. In 1944 the committee was revived, and in developing the work to include present members of Council much compilation of information has been done by those already mentioned and by Messrs. L. Stilwell, J. Willis and W. H. Viggers in addition, all being at some period members of the committee. So the work of the committee at present is to provide, on specially designed and printed sheets, all known biographical details of all members of Council since its formation in the year 1891. There are some 420 completed biography sheets contained in three ledgers, and from time to time one or other of these ledgers is taken for display at a Council meeting.

TRUE AND FACTUAL

Each elected member of Council receives a sheet requesting full name and informa-tion as to date of birth, when and where ringing was commenced, any Association offices held, date and place of first peal, number of peals rung to date, etc. (They have not yet been asked their means of central heating!) This sheet forms the basis of the biographical record and from this point the committee adds such relevant information as becomes available. Some such information is not always easy to come by, and certain items are definitely withheld, but the committee is always reluctant to include in records any unsubstantiated or hearsay matter until confirmation is forth-This is mentioned to indicate the desire of the committee that all entries in the records are true and factual.

Except perhaps for one's own special personal interests—be it sport, or finance, or politics, etc.—it is generally agreed that the most appreciated section of a newspaper is that which prints readers' letters. In local papers we read the views of people we know, about matters of which we have personal knowledge. In the national press we read the views of well-known people about matters of national concern. In The Ringing World we can have the best of both worlds. The Exercise is by its special interest such a closely-knit community that events and opinions of ringers everywhere are followed with close interest by almost all of us.

It is, therefore, evident that the Editor, supported by the R.W. Committee, will encourage the use of these columns to the greatest possible extent. But there are certain conventions which our correspondents must please bear in mind when writing to us, if they wish to be reasonably sure that their letters will be published. We now that letter writers have made an anort, usually for the intended good of the xercise and, therefore, of The Ringing World, and the last thing the Editor or the committee would wish is that they should then be disappointed.

Some 12 months ago, before I became convener, the Committee decided that scurious letters were not to be published. At meeting last August this decision was



Mr. T. J. Lock (convener)

The committee work is divided into four sections, and it is being done by three elected members of Council and one non-member who has been co-opted because of her special talents in handwriting. One member retains the ledgers, all the biography sheets, photographs, a Council attendance book, etc., and receives and files press cuttings and other papers pertaining to the work of the committee. The second member's main task is to collect these press cuttings—chiefly from the pages of The Ringing World—and the other cuttings and pass them on. The third member has the duty of preparing the draft of the final biography sheets after a member of the Coun-

cil has died. At this point it is, of course, hoped that all the biographical details of the deceased member have been recorded, but in practice this is not always so and the collection of such missing information is all too often a painstaking and time-consuming effort, let alone sometimes fruitless. As the committee is given no financial allocation, a visit to Somerset House, for example, is out of the question. The reader could be reminded here of merely one instance—a representative has been a member of Council for one or two triennial sessions and after some unspecified period resigns or retires from ringing, moves his place of residence or otherwise breaks his contact with the ringing Exercise and so becomes "lost" In the years following, when death is eventually presumed although no record may have been published, the committee starts making some further enquiries, and sifts out whatever information has been gathered.

When all available information is entered on the draft biography sheet it is forwarded to the calligrapher to prepare the final sheet, which is then placed alphabetically in one of the ledgers.

The work of the committee is continuous. even day to day, because a casual conversation can lead to finding out directly or indirectly some missing information. committee, of course, cannot carry all this desired information in their heads, but a mental or written retainer and then reference to the biography sheets is the obvious method of procedure. Much care has to be taken with nomenclatures as Mr. A. C. could be, for example, either Alfred Cecil or Arthur Charles—two quite different persons. Even the letter "e" at the end of a surname needs to be scrutinised. So it might now be appreciated that to assist the committee in its work an unlimited number of agents in all quarters would be most useful, but the information supplied must be reliable and factual. The committee would certainly appreciate news, of any Council member, which normally would go no further than the parish magazine or the local paper.

OUR LETTER COLUMNS

confirmed and, as reported in the R.W. of August 29, 1969 (page 667), the Editor was requested to continue to refer doubtful letters to the Committee before publication. The Editor is the first judge of what is doubtful, so this in no way detracts from his position as Editor, but it protects him from any readers who object to nonpublication. I believe that our new Editor has been and is glad to have this support and help.

THE BLUE PENCIL

The following facts about readers' letters have become more apparent to me during the last few months, when I have been more closely concerned and incidentally have made me more aware of the debt the Exercise owes to my predecessors. I hope that mention of them will help our correspondents and save them disappointment.

Many readers complain about the Editor's blue pencil. They accept this, willingly or not, for articles and reports, but feel that letters must be published as written, or not at all. At the moment of going to press, however, the Editor has, and must have, full say in what is printed and what is omitted. He will not wittingly alter the sense of a letter, but if a paragraph or sentence is, in his opinion, better left unsaid, then he must have the authority to delete it. If you are

not prepared to accept this will you please te!l the Editor "All or None" and then leave it to his judgment.

Many readers complain that the Editor is fettered by the Committee and it has even been suggested that he has been the subject of disciplinary action by the Committee. This of course is completely untrue good editors who might be willing to do the job we want for the return we can give them are too precious to discipline like that. And the whole success of our paper depends on the close and friendly collaboration of Editor and Committee. The only instruction to the Editor has been as indicated above. A clause in the contract which has recently been signed by me on behalf of the Committee and by the Editor himself, each advised by our legal representatives, gives the Editor "full power to invite, accept or reject any contribution on any subject relating to bells, bellringing or ringers or otherwise suitable for publication." This is the standard form of clause usual in such contracts and is binding on both parties. In case of doubt the Editor naturally consults the Committee or their convener. Whatever the Editor prints, the Committee will support him, even though, on subsequent reflection, they may decide as a matter of policy that certain things shall not be printed in future.

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By another clause in the contract the Editor must "take all reasonable precautions to prevent the insertion in any issue of the newspaper of any libellous . . . matter . . . " Both the writer and the pubmatter... Both the writer and the publisher of a libel are equally liable in law. The R.W., is of course insured against damages for libel, but it is most unlikely that the letter writer is. So this precaution is clearly for your protection as well as for the good name of the R.W. I can imagine the average reader saying that such a clause must be quite unnecessary and that surely in a body like the Exercise people do not write libellous letters for publication. I can assure you that they do and that in the last few weeks the Editor has had several letters which, if published, would most certainly have been libellous. I personally regret to think that any member of our Exercise would allow himself to write them.

READ BY NON-RINGERS

We must always remember that the prime reason for the ringing Exercise is in the service of the Church, and that our newspaper should contain nothing that will detract from that service. The R.W. is read by many people, clergy as well as laity, who will judge us by what they read. Does not Lord Arran say it is his favourite paper—or something like that? Such readers will not know enough about the person or subject written about to be able to make allowances. So we should remember that however critical our comments may be about a performance, or an event, or a technical subject, or even another ringer or band, there must be no doubt in the reader's mind that the letter is written without malice, or jealousy, or intention to be hurtful. We have all read letters which left a nasty taste behind them. Sometimes they are followed by an apology—a welcome sign. Unfortunately a correction never catches up—the damage is done.

Please try to make your letters brief: readable as well as legible; to the point yet polite; avoid unpleasant personalities; and when you write in anger don't post your letter until you have read it through some 24 hours later. You will often, I am sure, not then post it, saving yourself postage

MEETINGS REARRANGED

The February meeting of Biggleswade District of Bedfordshire Association was held at Potton on Saturday, 14th. The at-tendance was lower than of late, possibly due to the prevailing weather conditions. Mr. R. V. Webb was ringing master during the afternoon, after which a most welcome tea was partaken of in the nearby hall, which had been prepared by the local ladies.

Mr. S. Ashton was in the chair for the business meeting which followed, during which the new secretary (Mr A. H. Smith) stated that he had received a letter from the Association president, Mr. A. E. Rushton, expressing his thanks for the "get well" wishes which had been conveyed to him after the annual meeting. The towers for the next three monthly meetings were rearranged, resulting from problems which had arisen with regard to tea provision. The chairman reported that Mr. P. Rogers hoped to be able to publish the details of the proposed district outing at the March meeting.

Further ringing continued until the bells were lowered at 8.45 p.m., and Mr. C. D. Mann was ringing master for the evening M.L.M. session.

and disappointment and the Editor much worry. I know that he does not like rejecting contributions from our readers.

A while back the Exercise was plagued with reports of hoax peals. Now it seems to be the turn of the correspondence columns. Letters sent to stir things up; letters perhaps to take advantage of the new Editor before he gets to know all the ropes; letters sometimes with names or addresses which do not bear full investigation, or making unsupported implications. all add to our burdens and difficulties, reducing the service we are able to give to you all. And if they get through unsuspected they will cause distress to the people concerned and harm to the R.W. and the

A LIMITED BUDGET

Finally, do please remember that the aim of the Editor is to produce the best possible paper for you, its readers. It can never be easy to go on producing, on a limited budget, a full size newspaper every week. year by year, maintaining the quality and interest, while almost completely dependent on the material sent in by members of the Exercise. If you work out the proportion of reading matter to advertisements you will find that it greatly exceeds the corresponding proportion of many other weeklies, even those which are much larger and much more expensive. The aim of the R.W. Committee is equally to serve the readers of the paper; to ensure by careful management that it can continue to appear in spite of all the difficulties of rising costs; to try to increase its circulation and therefore its viability; and to support the Editor in his difficult task. Thanks to the completely voluntary work of the Committee and its predecessors, and to the unselfish help of many of our readers, the R.W. has almost reached its Diamond Jubilee and has outlived many other weeklies which have had much greater financial backing. This, to me, is proof of the fundamental soundness of heart of the large majority of our readers.

We therefore ask all our correspondents to help the Editor and the Committee in their task—not, please, to make it more difficult. WILFRID G. WILSON.

A WORTHWHILE EFFORT

An organised campaign for fund raising. using our Journal as a medium, is being carried out this coming weekend at Benhilton, Surrey, whose tower is depicted on our front cover. An extra 500 copies of The Ringing World have been printed and these, with additional suitable literature inserted, will be distributed in and around the area. appealing for funds to recast and rehang the ring of eight. Details can be read on page 166.

RHODESIAN GUILD

Writing to thank Tom White for his services to the Exercise as Editor of the R.W., Mr. Roger Thomson, of Salisbury, C.5, adds: "We are so far away from the centre of ringing that we are glad to see so much about overseas ringers and ringing in the R.W. Having only two towers in Rhodesia, we feel a little left out, but the promptness with which any article about ringing ir. Rhodesia is printed shows that we have not been forgotten.'

[Why not send us a black and white photo of your ringers and details, Roger. We all would like to see it.-Ed.]

Obituary

YOUNG RINGER'S DEATH

One is always saddened by the news of the death of a fellow ringer, but never more so than when the one concerned is so young. Amanda Bray started ringing at St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, Lincoln, about a year ago, shortly before her 12th birthday. After learning to handle a bell she came regularly to the weekly practices and Sunday service ringing. Some weeks ago she was admitted to Sheffield Royal Infirmary, where she had to undergo an operation on her brain, and she passed away early on Friday morning, February 13. The funeral service was on the following Tuesday at St. Giles Methodist Church, Lincoln, and on the same evening St. Mary's ringers paid their tribute to her memory with a half-muffled quarter peal. In her short ringing career Mandy was not able to reach even her first quarter - time, for her, ran out too soon; but her cheery smile and contribution to our ringing will long be remembered

A. W. F.

BERNICE HYDE

"She was a wonderfully happy girl and her happiness somehow never left her. She lived for only 17½ years, but she lived them to the full. I think we at St. John's have had someone in our midst the like of whom we may never see again.

So wrote Canon D. Oldaker, Vicar of St. John's, Sidcup, about Bernice Hyde, who died recently after a long illness. A Queen's Guide and an assistant Guider, she was a regular ringer at St. John's and could plain hunt, having started ringing a year or so ago. It was last September that she was taken seriously ill whilst on holiday and leukæmia was diagnosed. Bernice spent most of her remaining life in Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup.

An only child, she was to have taken her "A" levels this year and hoped to have joined the W.R.A.F., her father having served in the R.A.F. On the day of the funeral the local ringers rang a half-muffled quarter peal. The sympathy of all will be extended to her parents.

PROGRESS AT ROCHFORD

Philip Bedford has been training a young team at Rochford since 1967, originally on the old three and later on the lively little Taylor eight installed in 1968. His tuition enabled the tower to conquer the basic Doubles methods and the youngsters are venturing towards methods on higher numbers of bells, which are attempted when outside help is available

Unfortunately for Rochford, Phil's career has taken him to Birmingham, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on his last day in Essex as an au revoir.

It has been his ambition for some years to ring two bells to a quarter, an ambition which was successful in the Rochford quarter at the first attempt, for he rang the second and third bells.

The quarter was conducted by Peter Sloman, late of Prittlewell, who recently moved into the Rochford area, and he has been elected captain in place of Phil, and his enthusiasm will maintain the progress being made at Rochford.

Recent interest among the local Boy Scouts group has provided an unusual number of beginners and two extra weekly practices on silenced bells to cope with the influx are being held.

D. A. B.

THE LATE MR. J. S. CARTER



(An Appreciation)

The characters in our society are rarely the products of conformity. They are the colourful, odd-shaped pegs in a dull world of monotonous round holes. Their strength of character is the strength of individuality and seldom are they found drifting along on the currents that carry the masses.

Such a man was Joe Carter, of Wigston Magna. For nearly 40 years this slight, passionate man was the driving force behind Wigston Magna's great reputation for advanced method ringing. Both his physical movements and delicately hatched features Possessed a sensitive brittleness that suggested something of the man. So also did the kind and generous eyes.

As a ringer he was a perfection and there were many who found it impossible to attain his standards. Outwardly, his manner was clipped and tense, and the visitor to Wigston was left in no doubt that ringing at All Saints was a serious affair. To those who really knew him, however, his sometimes turbulent façade concealed a deep faith, emotion and compassion, together with a delightful humour.

There was nothing devious about him. His opinions were directly expressed—sometimes devastatingly so. He had no time for humbug, and his unique brand of integrity was known to arouse no little uneasiness among some of the more political members of the Exercise.

As a composer he was a purist with a strong distaste for messy method construction. The God Whose glory he composed and rang for was very real to him, and only the best was good enough. The strong influence of the methods he loved is evident in his own Surprise and Delight compositions which, however complex, are remarkable for their clean construction and great musical virtues.

who enjoyed the privilege of his company and teaching he will remain an unforget-table personality. To others his name will live on wherever the music of his methods it head. The immense contribution he made to the art of change-ringing must assure him of an honoured place in its history.

C. P. W.

THE RECORD AT HARROW WEALD (February 21, 1970)

Mr. C. W. Woolley, of Bushey Heath, writes:

Being privileged to act as an umpire for this peal, I can testify that it was well and truly rung. Apart from checking lead-ends, I had provided myself with a list of the methods in place-notation, and checked all but a very few leads row by row. I am quite certain that the composition was adhered to and the methods listed were correctly performed.

After a false start of just over two leads, the band went into changes at 1.25 p.m. The striking was excellent. The speed, which quickened slightly during the first two parts, thereafter kept very constant at just over 30 changes to the minute. Trips were few and were corrected within a whole pull or two. Most, I think, would have passed unnoticed had the striking been less perfect. The peal came round just after 7 p.m. in just under 5 hours 36 minutes. Altogether a thoroughly competent performance.

The composition, on the plan first devised by Norman Smith, contained 45 Surprise methods, varying in difficulty from Cambridge up to such methods as Glasgow and Belfast. Each bell performed all the work of each method. Further, the tenors were often parted at the lead-ends, which makes any method rather more tricky. At one point only—and this within three leads of the finish—the tenors came together behind for a single dodge the "wrong" way.

The general air of quiet confidence in the calling, the steadiness of the ringing and lack of any signs of nerves near the end (when there was surely more anxiety outside the tower than in), all made it hard to realise that one had been listening to the greatest performance ever in Surprise Major

Hearty congratulations to the composer and conductor, Tony Peake; to the other members of the band and, in particular, to John Mayne, who thus crowns his achievements in his old home tower.

A WELDING JOB!

The Leicester Mercury published a report on the damage caused to a 15th century bell when it was dropped outside the Parish Church at Ingoldmells, Lincoln, recently. It says:—

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"The village church's bells had cost £3.000 to be restored at the Loughborough Foundry and had just arrived back at the village after travelling on a lorry belonging to haulage contractors

"A spokesman for the foundry, Mr. A.
E. Clayton, said: 'Our people were inside
the church and the driver was outside.
"The next thing we knew was that this

"The next thing we knew was that this 15th century bell had fallen on to the road and it cracked. No one knew how it happened.

"It is only a small bell, about a foot in diameter in the mouth and is not hung in the same way in the belfry as the other bells. It is only used for small services." "He added: 'I do not know how much it

"He added: 'I do not know how much it will cost to repair the bell, but it will be welded.

"There is a research institute at Cambridge which has perfected a technique of welding cracked bells. It is very tricky and takes an expert to do it."

"Will it ever sound the same again? 'It will sound just the same as it did before,' said Mr. Clayton

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"And it will not cost the villagers a penny more? 'The cost of repairing it will just have to be sorted out elsewhere,' said Mr. Clayton."

50 YEARS' SERVICE



IR.W. photo.

MR. H. MITCHELL

"Bert," as he is known, learned to ring at Romsey but moved to Bournemouth in the early '20s. He took over the captaincy of St. John's, Surrey Road, 25 years ago and has cared for the bells and belfry ever since. He has taught innumerable young people and some are well-known personalities in ringing circles today.

Unfortunately several of his present band are leaving for university this year, but no doubt Bert will find others and continue teaching, which he enjoys as much as ringing peals and advanced methods,

In his early days at Romsey he was paid to ring the knell (passing bell) and also the curfew. He also rang for the wedding of Lord and Lady Mountbatten, whose home is at Romsey.

THE BELLS OF PARIS

If you would receive from the old city an impression which the modern one is quite incapable of giving you, ascend, on the morning of some great holiday, at sun-rise, on Easter or Whitsunday, to some elevated point from which your eye can command the whole capital, and attend the awakening of the chimes. Behold, at a signal from heaven - for it is the sun that gives it-those thousand churches starting from their sleep. At first you hear only scattered tinklings going from church to church, as when musicians are giving one another notice to begin. Then, all on a sudden, behold—for there are moments when the ear itself seems to see-behold, ascending at the same moment from every steeple a column of sound, as it were, a cloud of harmony. At first the vibration of each bell mounts up direct, clear and, as it were, isolated from the rest into the splendid morning sky. Then by degrees as they expand they mingle, unite, are lost in each other, and confounded in one magnificent concert. Then it is all one mass of sonorous vibrations, incessantly sent forth from the innumerable steeples — floating, undulating, bounding and eddying over the town, and extending far beyond the horizon the deafening circle of its oscillations. . . Here, certainly, is an opera worth hearing. Ordinarily, the murmur that escapes from Paris in the daytime is the city talking; in the night it is the city breathing; but here it is the city singing.—VICTOR HUGO.

(From translation in Everyman edition.)

Letters

PEALS—AN OBSESSION?

Dear Sir, - I venture to apply pen to paper in the knowledge that reams of newsprint have already been utilised for the use of bolts by those for and against the ringing of peals. Having rung a mere 40-odd peals in the course of 25 years, I have read correspondence with interest and, until now, had no intention of presenting my views.

However, on reading Mr. Freeman's remarks on the occasion of the Royal Cumberland Youths' annual dinner, I feel 1mpelled towards the field of events pertaining to the subject. In his speech it is recorded of Mr. Freeman ... if you care for teaching beginners and if you encourage peal ringing. Sunday service ringing will follow from that."

With respect to the speaker, I cannot help feeling that in this particular remark Mr. Freeman misjudges priority. that Sunday service ringing follows peals indicates that the science of changes-hours of continuous ringing-supersedes all other activities.

I fear that the embryo of the art has waxed into an obsession relevant to a mundane creature of powerful hypnotic influ-Many of its disciples are so wholly and irrecoverably immersed in its mysteries. the original purpose of bells is surely being trodden into unrecognisable forms. In many instances Sunday service ringing becomes another excuse for extending practices.

Let me add that I am not against the ringing of peals, but never have I accepted peals as the be-all and end-all of a bellringer's career. Obsession, like over-eating. is a bad master; moderation, like a balanced diet. and occasional fast, clears and extends the inner vision.

From my own experience in ringing peals and from observing others, peal ringing is motivated to a large degree by the amassing of personal records. Accomplishment of a peal is a positive tonic for one's ego. Furthermore, to qualify for the entry of those magic figures of 25, 50, 100, etc., elevates the successful exponent to the upper rungs of the ladder. A good round figure can well place a ringer fairly and squarely in the social standing of campanological spheres.

Peal ringing affords certain fascinations ... Sunday service ringing, to many, is rather less rewarding, but there are those who prefer to "choose that better part. They have their priorities in correct se-

On occasions I have seen ringers of considerable expertise join a rural tower-and they have been welcomed by their overworked brethren of lesser abilities. times the visitor's knowledge and willingness is a boon, but more often than not he leaves the tower, having had "more than his share" of rounds, call-changes and Plain Bob, and is "quite unaccustomed to the team's standard of ringing."

During the last 23 years I have taught 140 young people the rudiments of bellringing. To each aspirant I have explained at the outset that his or her first duty is participation in Sunday service ringing. If they are not willing then out they go! All else, according to the aspirants' degree of enthusiasm, follows that privileged duty. At March we have had ringers who have not been too careful in bell handling. There have also been ringers whose action and effect has been inspiring to behold and

With the exception of the last war, al-

MERIT OR PATRONAGE

Dear Sir, The committee now engaged in examining the constitution of the Central Council would do well to enquire into the patronage and favouritism which abound in the appointment of honorary members from amongst the Council's friends and relations.

That I have been banned is of little importance either to me personally or to the Exercise in general, and whether or not I deserved honorary membership is not only a matter of opinion but entirely beside the

What, however, is of the utmost importance is that a member of the Council put forward my name, and I hasten to add that I only learned of this some years later, but an officer of the Council turned down the suggestion out of hand and forbade my 'sponsor' to proceed with his intention.

What happened in my case could well happen again, and there are ringers more deserving of recognition. I was glad to note that, perhaps a little belatedly, the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild has recently honoured one of them whom the Council would be pleased to count amongst its number were it to elect and not select its members.-Yours faithfully.

R. H. DOVE.

It cannot be said that those elected by the Council as honorary members have no special qualification for election.—Ed.]

though a full team existed during that time. March bells have been continually manned since the time they were installed in 1802. In 168 years approximately 12 ringers from this tower have taken part in peals, and of the 140 people who have learned to ring here since 1947 only six have actually dis-played some sort of interest in the local Association. All have taken part in outings by the local team—over 60 excursions in all. Sixty-five quarter peals have been rung on the six bells by the local ringers, 62 prior to morning prayer. Two peals have been rung on the bells by Sunday service teams.

Sunday service ringing is always rated first and practice second. This is usually accepted by our young folk. Association activities are advertised and usually transport is available, but most of the ringers prefer to devote their additional time to other interests. They certainly have no use for peals. This follows the pattern over the last 17 decades. But rarely have we looked

Like most towers, we have our problems: but through all those decades special emphasis underlines the importance of Sunday service ringing. As yet it has not failed. This, I think, is creditable. It has been achieved without the incentive of peal ringing, and by this I believe a more worthwhile satisfaction prevails. Personal achievement is set aside in the knowledge that obsession and faith, like grease and water, are opposed. One ought to approach these matters with a clear understanding and allow the important and original conception a free rein.

Personal achievement with particular relationship to Church activities is undesirable. It needs to be played down. It can and does give rise to selfish motives. Peal ringing before Sunday service ringing is to begin at the top. How many are truly able to "descend" to the simple and dutiful task and testify to that act as priority? Science blinds! Must we place self-satisfaction first? I think not. If I did I would certainly have endeavoured in the last decade to ring three or four peals that I might reach my first round figure of 50.—Yours faithfully, March, Cambs. TREVOR A. BEVIS.

MR. TAYLOR REPLIES

Dear Sir,-It is obvious that the subject of peals has raised so many issues that they cannot be adequately dealt with in the R.W May I be permitted a little space to reply to those who mentioned my name in these columns?

I am sorry that several of them did not read what I wrote. I expressly said that I was not against all peal ringing. The point I wished to make is that peal ringing is essentially a hobby which serves many useful ends, particularly that of providing a goal to aim at. But it is carried on by courtesy of the church. Ringers seem forget very often that they are using £4,000worth of equipment or more, and this is a great privilege. Steeplekeeping, training of learners and Sunday service ringing all must come first. Who will rehang the bells when they are worn out? The job inevitably falls to those who love the church and its bells.

Mr. Hunt: I am very glad that the peal ringers of Bristol are the backbone of Sunday service ringing. I am sorry that you consider me uneducated (uninformed would have done). I am not jealous of peal ringing and have rung several. If I gave up other more important activities I could ring peals most weekends.

Mr. Thoday: I did not say that the majority of peal ringers were of little service to the Exercise. I said there was a minority who rang for purely selfish reasons.

Mr. Fellows: I obviously cannot say in public where I formed my impressions of the selfishness of a small minority of peal collectors. I can only assure him that I met several during the '40s and '50s. It is clear that conditions vary widely over the country. It is good news that those who ring the peals in Derby and the West Midlands are loyal servants of the Church. I found the same when I visited East Anglia recently. I am glad that my letter brought these facts to light.

Finally, may I say that I believe the ringing of peals to be interesting, in fact fascinating, that they improve your ringing like nothing else, and that they are a real challenge in these days of "spectatoritis," but they should not be the chief aim of either individual ringers or the Exercise as a whole.—Yours faithfully,

Cheltenham. ERIC J. TAYLOR.

YAXLEY ALLIANCE

Dear Sir, - If Mr. Pashley invests in a C.C.C.B. Minor Book he will find that in Yaxley Alliance the treble dodges only in 5/6, thereby making up the required extra changes with the treble in 5/6, in a spliced 720 with Little Bob Minor.—Yours faith-

GEOFFREY R. DREW Tewkesbury, Glos.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Dear Sir,-The reference on page 123 of The Ringing World to two sets of hand-bells offered for use to Service personnel in S.H.A.E.F. interested me very much.

If anyone can shed further light on the whereabouts of these bells and can let me know whether either of the sets is available for use in a school run for the children of Servicemen in the British N.A.T.O. forces in Europe I shall be pleased to receive information.—Yours faithfully,

J. R. WORRALL. Deputy Headmaster.

Windsor Boys' School, Hamm, B.F.P.O. 103.

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HANDBELLS AND REPAIRS

Mr. Michael King, of Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham, Yorks, has written re handbells and their repair:—

Are we witnessing some new heavy handbell ringing peal efforts or a printer's error, repeated quite frequently? Recently I have noticed the tenor handbell as 27 in A in some peal reports. This surely should read as 17 in A. The heaviest handbell size (Mears/Stainbank and Taylor numbering) is 29 C/C sharp (or have they now resorted to an even heavier bell, 30 B?). No 27 is the E note: 17 in A is an octave above the 25 A size.

If, however, it is the 25 A size that these ringers are using as their tenor bell then they must be near to setting up a record for the heaviest "ring" of handbells rung to a full peal. Incidentally, has a full peal ever been rung on the octave, in C, from 22 C (as treble) to 29 C (tenor)?

To another matter—that of cracked handbells. The school at where I teach has a very skilled metalwork master who has very successfully restored two of the school's set of 61 handbells (28 D and 26 F sharp bells, these two being large bass bells, costing over £25 to have recast). Both bells are now once more back in the set. I thought it might be of use to let all handbell ringers know of our way in restoring these bells.

First, locate the full extent of the crack.

Secondly, clean the area around the crack either with metal polish or on the buffer.

Thirdly, drill a small hole (not to exceed \(\frac{1}{6}\)\", if that) through the side of the bell about \(\frac{1}{6}\)\" up from the crack (this will have the effect of preventing the crack from spreading, a likely problem during the next two stages). Clean away all the chippings from the drilling.

Fourthly, using a fine metal saw, cut down the crack. This is the hardest and longest part of the "operation" and requires skill, care and patience. Cut until the drilled-out hole has been reached. The bell should be fixed in the vice for this job.

Fifthly, taking care not to apply excessive heat, apply a silver solder to the crack (that is, after making sure it is clean after the fourth stage). A soft solder, although of a lower melting point, is not suitable for this lob. During the soldering the leather handle may become a casualty.

Sixthly, after soldering allow the bell to cool and then proceed to clean the bell, preferably on the buffer (we have found that using the buffing machine is not detrimental to the bells). If the handle has become a casualty either obtain fresh leather or, as we have done, fix a wooden handle to the bell. Finally, reinsert the clapper which, naturally, had been removed in the first place.

Result: your bell should still be in tune and ringable again. If the crack was in line with the clapper try to align the clapper to hit away from the former crack, especially at the initial try-outs.

It is obvious, I hope, that the above can only be undertaken by someone skilled in silver soldering and general metalwork as

Cathedral Master Retires



The Provost of Derby (Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes) on left with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and Mr. John Stennit (right).

If Harold Taylor, ringing master at Derby Cathedral for 21 years, had had any notion of what was in store when he decided to retire at the end of 1969 he would bave changed his mind and continued in office, for the Cathedral ringers decided that this event could not go unmarked. Together with the Cathedral authorities plans were made to pay tribute to Harold and to make a presentation at a reception in the Chapter House. This took place on Sunday, February 1st, about 50 friends and members of the Cathedral staff being gathered together.

MAYOR WAS GUEST

The annual meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Guild took place at Bridgnorth on February 7. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was at St. Leonard's and St. Mary's, with the service at St. Leonard's, which was taken by the rector (Rev. D. Philipott), who gave an address. Tea, provided by the wives of St. Leonard's ringers, was served in the Old Grammar School. A guest at tea was the Mayor of Bridgnorth, Cclr. Michael Ridley, who expressed pleasure at being present. At the meeting which followed the officers elected were: ringing master, Mr. Harold Thomas; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Joan Bennett; committee representative for the Hereford Guild, Mr. Alec Osbaldiston, who was also elected deputy ringing master; auditor, Mr. Alan Elsmore. The retiring ringing master, Mr. Alan Jones, was thanked for his past services. Thanks were also expressed to the rector, Dr. David Davies (organist), the ladies for providing tea, and Rev. G. Abel, Vicar of St. Mary's, for use of his bells.

well; at my school, I will admit, we do have the facilities for such a repair job and also the skilled craftsman to execute the moneysaving repair. To have had the two bass bells recast would have cost us over £50. Now, for nothing, Ecclesfield Comprehensive School has a full, complete 61-bell set from 29 C up to 01 C.

I'll be interested to hear if any other handbell ringers have been able to repair their cracked bells in the manner described above, rather than having to go through the expense of recasting.

The Provost of Derby, in making the presentation of a beautiful silver salver, paid tribute to Mr. Taylor's loyalty and devotion. Thanking everyone for the gift, Harold was more brief in his reply than he had intended, being overcome by the occasion.

On behalf of Cathedral ringers, past and present, Mr. Gordon Halls told of Harold's achievements as ringing master. He learned to ring at St. Alkmund's, Derby, 40 years ago, but soon afterwards moved to the Cathedral where, with three brothers, he formed the nucleus of the band. After the wartime ban was lifted he resumed bellringing, under the leadership of Mr. James Paget, but the band had become depleted and it was only on rare occasions that all ten bells were rung.

In 1948 Harold became ringing master.

and since that time the band has increased in both numbers and capabilities. Nor has this improvement been confined to the Cathedral: other ringers outside Derby have advanced their capabilities and the diocese has benefited.

Mr. Taylor, in his early sixties, is employed by Bemrose and Son Ltd., printers, of Derby, and is married and has two sons and three grandchildren. He has rung about 300 peals—about 230 for the Derby Diocesan Association—and has held many offices in the Association, He led the Cathedral team in the diocesan bellringing competition—the Horsley Cup—which they have won three times since 1961.

The retirement of a popular ringing master is a sad occasion but the band is thriving and has many enthusiasts. He is handing over to one of the young enthusiasts, Mr. David Friend, and we hope that for many years to come Harold will continue to be one of the band. Later in the same week Mr. Taylor was interviewed by "Radio Nottingham" for the programme "All People."

Quarter Peals

LONG LENGTH

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 14, 2520 Plain Bob Royal: G. Cooper (first on ten) 1, B. Schofield 2, S. I. Bamforth 3, J. Moore 4, R. F. Andrew 5, P. Broadbent 6, A. E. Whiting 7, B. S. B. Kear (first on ten as cond.) 8, G. Moorhouse 9, M. Foulds 10. A peal attempt called round.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOM.—On Feb. 9, 1440 Alnwick Surprise Minor: Helen Kirkpatrick 1, J. Maggs 2, P. England 3, E. Lee 4, J. Brain 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Doubles (three methods, 1 and 3 leading): S. Hale 1, Frances Craig 2, Peta Lloyd 3, T. R. Jones 4, T. A. Palmer 5, G. A. Newman 6, A. G. Keen (cond.) 7, C. Barnes 8. For Evensong, and visit of Bishop of Taunton.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Jan 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Stead (first quarter) 1, J. J. Hill 2, W. Butler (cond.) 3, P. Corderoy 4, M. Till 5, D. Livingston 6. Also on Feb. 5, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Corderoy 1, D. Livingston 2, M. Till 3, J. Hill 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5.

APPLEDORE, KENT.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Doubles (five methods): R. Offen 1, P. S. Philpott (most methods) 2, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 3, T. Skilton 4, D. L. Cawley 5, Also 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Offen 1 D. L. Cawley 2, P. S. Philpott (first in method) 3, J. B. Keeler 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, After meeting short for peal.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Feb. 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Parr (first quarter) 1, R. Larkey 2, A. Draper 3, M. Nicholson 4, J. Lunham 5, D. Jones (cond.) 6.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Jan. 25, 1260
Grandsire Triples: J. Murray (first quarter) 1, A. J.
Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, K. Fursdon 4, W.
Simmonds 5, W. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7,
R. J. Edden 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 16,
1280 Pl. Bob Major: A. J. Garbett (50th quarter) 1,
K. Fursdon 2, Valerie Stephens 3, J. Read (first of
Major) 4, W. Wayman 5, R. J. Edden 6, D. J.
Roberts (cond.) 7, W. Simmonds 8. On the 80th
birthday of the treble ringer.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Angela A, Street I, Caroline M, Maude 2. Ann Smith 3, J. M. Swift 4, B. R. Forster 5, D. J. Winchester 6, I, V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, I. S. Holland 8, A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Blundell, still a regular member of the congregation.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 15, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Angela A. Cornish (first on eight) 1, S. H. Gay 2, Jackie Allen 3, Preda Cannon 4, S. A. Nicholls 5, I. Wiltshire 6, M. A. Gay 7, P. R. Butler (first on eight as cond.) 8.

BEXHILL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Audrey D. Eldridge 1, Daphne J. Verdon 2, Susan M. Harrison (cond.) 3, J. M. Swift (50th quarter) 4, C. E. Verdon 5, L. Cooksey 6, J. Edwards 7, A. Cluer 8. First by an all-local band in two methods. For Evensong; a welcome home to the rector, Canon M. D. Townroe, after three months in the diocese of Nakuru, Africa.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Jan. 17, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: Anna Tobias 1, R. Le Marechal 2, J. P. Colliss 3, I. M. McCallion 4, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 5, J. C. Hallett 6, Also on Jan. 18, 1260 Doubles (six m/v): Anna Tobias 1, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 2, I. M. McCallion 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, R. Le Marechal 5, J. Howell 6. For Evensong.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.—On Jan. 31, 1320 Little Bob Minor: Christine Tibby 1, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 2, C. L. Barr 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, K. A. Hughes 5, J. Foster 6. By Exeter Colleges Guild.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on Feb. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. Goss 1, F. J. Sampson 2, J. W. Collard 3, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 4, T. Newlands 5, B. Martin 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8. A 21st birthday compliment to T. Newlands.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Thompson (aged 12, first attempt) 1. R. J. Edden 2, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 3, J. L. Bell 4, R. E. Bell (first inside) 5, S. Wills 6.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Rev. P. Dowling 1, W. Simmonds 2, Valerie Stephens 3, G. J. Roberts 4, W. Wayman 5, Rev. P. Angold 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, S. French 8. A compliment to Mr. A. L. Bennett, 50 years a member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARKS.—On Feb. 9, 1279 Grandsire Doubles (2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th observation): Ann Rigby 1, Carol Eveleigh 2, A. G. Eveleigh 3, N. Orchard 4, C. M. Povey (cond.) 5,

CHATTERIS, CAMBS,—On Feb. 15, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor and Single Oxford: F. Jackson (first quarter) I, Susan Yates (first quarter) 2, W. Young 3, D. Edgley 4, R. Edgley 5, W. Seekings (cond.) 6. For Evensong, Birthday compliment to R. Edgley.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Feb. 8, 1269 Plain Bob Doubles: D. G. Harman (first quarter) 1, A. S. Baker 2, Marion A. Cass (cond.) 3, P. D. Austin 4, O. A. Tovell 5, P. J. Harman (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

CHILHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 1, 1296 Little Bob Major: Anne Dawson 1, P. S. Philipott 2, D. J. Carr 3, Jacqueline Cullwick 4, M. L. Haigh 5, J. Hedgcock 6, J. B. Keeler 7, T. Skilton (50th as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 4, 5, 7. For Evensong Also on Feb. 8, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain): C. M. Godfrey 1, W. J. Bidnell 2, P. S. Philipott 3, M. L. Haigh 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, J. Hedgcock 6. For Evensong.

CHILTON CANTELO, SOM.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Parker 1, E. Rice 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker 5.

CODDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 13, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Draycott 1, Jennifer A. Curtis (first Minor) 2, Elaine M. Rolfe 3, D. J. Tysoe 4, F. Derry 5, D. E. Kirton (first Minor) as cond.) 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS,—1296 Little Bob Major: Jane Morris 1, Maxine Johnson 2, Mrs. G. W. Pybus 3, G. W. Pybus 4, C. C. Brown 5, A. Spivey 6, J. I Booth 7, F. N. Pailing (cond.) 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11, 1260 Stedman Triples: Catherine Barrett (firs: in method) 1, Janet Pullen 2, Valeric Copleston 3, Renee Armstrong 4, P. J. Bloomfield 5, R. Copleston 6, J. Armstrong (cond.) 7, W. Inch 8, For Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service.

DARTINGTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 11, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Edden 1, W. Wayman 2, A. S. Carter 3, Rev. D. P. Angold 4, R. F. Shepperd (first as cond. in method) 5, G. J. L. Read 6.

DEAL, KENT.—On Feb. 7, 1440 Surprise Minor (Carlisle, Beighton): P. S. Philpott (first T.B.) 1, J. B. Keeler (first Surprise) 2, J. Hedgcock 3, G. Davies 4, D. J. Carr (cond.) 5, T. Skilton 6.

DONERAILE, CO. CORK.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. W. Cox (cond.) I. T. T. Marsden 2, V. R. McCormack 3, P. M. Talbot 4, G. H. Ellis 5, F. G. Bingham 6. A compliment to F. G. Bingham, 50 years a ringer at Limerick Cathedral.

DURWESTON, DORSET.—On Jan. 3, 1260 P.B. Minor: Julia A, Fellows 1-2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3-4, M. J. Corry 5-6. Also on Feb. 6, 1260 P.B. Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Kate Andrews 2, A. J. Paulley 3, Susan M. Corry (50th quarter) 4, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 5, C. F. Longridge 6. Birthday compliment to Susan M. Corry. Also on Feb. 13, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diana Davies (first quarter) 1, Kate Andrews 2, C. F. Longridge 3, B. R. Jeans 4, M. J. Corry (cond.) 5, C. J. Cotry 6. A birthday compliment to Kate Andrews.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Feb. 9, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia E. Hibbert 1, S. Jane Wells (first inside) 2, Marjorie C. Hibbert 3, D. A. Vince 4, Mary Wells 5, L. F. Cox 6, B. M. Wheeler 7, J. W. T. Hibbert (cond.) 8.

ECCLESTON (St. Helens), LANCS.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Corry 1, Gillian Sims 2, Patricia A. Jenkins 3, Susan D. Cowan 4, G. C. Sparling 5, B. Wakefield 6, A. J. Macefield (first as cond.) 7, G. H. Hurst 8, For Evensong.

ENFIELD, MIDDX.—On Feb. 1, 1260 P.B. Minor: N. Holtam 1, D. J. Duggan 2, Margaret Pack 3, R. Wood 4, H. Howson 5, P. Twigg (cond.) 6. By the Sunday service band.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Mark's Church, on Jan. 25, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Joan M. Kingdom 1, J. L. Anderson 2, Linda V. Cull 3, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 4, J. Foster 5, C. L. Barr 6, J. N. Longridge 7, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 8. By Exeter Colleges Gilld. Also on Feb. 5, 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 1, K. A. Hughes 2, D. J. Atkins 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, G. P. Smerdon 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6, C. Rickitts 7, F. D. Mack 8.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Jan. 25, 1320 Doubles (four methods): J. Dawson 1, S. M. O'Ncill 2, P. R. Wild 3, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 4, J. R. Anthony 5, R. Adey 6.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Cynthia E. Barnett 1, L. Atton 2, Peggy E. Jennings 3, W. A. Taylor (first inside) 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. For family service.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: Linda V. Cull 1, K. A. Hughes 2, C. Rickitts 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, D. J. Atkins 5, F. Wreford 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, P. Co'ton 8. By Exeter Colleges Guild.

HENSTRIDGE, SOM. — On Feb. 14, 1260 P.B. Minor: Susan M. Corry 1, Kate Andrews 2, C. J. Corry 3, M. J. Corry 4, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 5, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 6.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Stedman Doubles: N. R. Holland I, P. J. Evans 2, R. C Stevens (cond.) 3, F. Beech 4, E. F. Willcox 5, R. H. Newton 6. First in method by all.

HONILEY, WARKS.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): R. D. Baker I, Diana Meredith 2, Penny Coomber 3, G. S. Hall 4, S. C. Walters (cond.) 5. By Coventry Colleges Guild for Evensong.

ILTON, SOM.—On Feb. 7, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: E. Rice 1, R. Beale 2, F. Welch 3, R. C. Beale (first Minor inside) 4, R. Welch 5, J. Cornelius (cond.) 6, First Minor 1 and 5,

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 5, 1320 Pl. Bob Minor (6, 8 covering). Mrs. A. Foreman 1. T. Boast 2, A. Foreman 3, W. Gibbons 4, W. Saunders 5, S. Holman 6, F. Arnold (cond.) 7, S. Flatman 8, A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs W. Lake.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS. — On Feb. 16. 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Angela Barratt 1, Helen Dzuiba 2, S. Marshall 3, D. Jackson (first inside) 4, E. Sollis (cond.) 5. To welcome the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. S. Marshall.

LANGPORT, SOM. — On Feb. 10, 1320 Daffodil Doubles: Miss C, Hassell 1, Mrs. R. Parker 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. Parker 4, K. Prime 5, R. Lambert 6. First in the variation by all, Birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Newman 1, H. Read 2, B. H. Taylor 3, Helen R. Taylor 4, Hilda C. Taylor 5, T. Stephens 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, R. Webb 8. Half-muffled in memoriam to the parish priest, Rev. Geoffrey C. Ford, who died suddenly on Ash Wednesday

LEYTONSTONE, E.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Stedman Triples: C. Willmington 1, Marion Cass 2, H. Weedon 3, M. Waring 4, R. Brown 5, A. Baker 6, W. Theobald (cond.) 7, M. Balkwill 8, For Evensong, First in method for 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on Feb. 17, 1296 Minimus (Court, Rev. Court, Double Court, Rev. Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob): Vivience West 1, A. W. Froggatt 2, Susan A. Faull 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Half-muffled in memory of Amanda Bray (aged 12), ringer at this church, who died on February 13.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Stedman Triples: Elisabeth M. Ottaway 1, Glynis E. Perry 2, Christine Neville 3, R. E. Burbery 4, D. Riley 5, F. W. Tomlin 6, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 7, E. J. Cross (first quarter) 8.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL
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LUTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 8, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Hawkins 1, Brenda Redfearn 2, Sheila Foster 3, M. Foster 4, N. Garrard 5, H. Wood 6, D. Redfearn 7, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 8. A welcome to Margaret Aslett on her return from "Down Under."

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Doubles (two methods): R. P. Brotherston 1, M. J. Taylor 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, G. J. Neilson 4, B. G. Butcher 5. For Family Communion. Also on Feb. 8, 1256 Little Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Todd 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, M. J. Taylor 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Evensons. Also on Feb. 15, 1320 Doubles (four methods): A. R. Day (first quarter) 1, B. G. Butcher 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson 5, M. J. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

MALINS LEE, SALOP.—On Jan. 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Margaret J. Gwilt (first Minor) 1, Jennifer M. Beech 2, Elizabeth Stevens 3, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 4, I. Friend 5, P. Beech 6. For Evensong. Best wishes to Mrs. D. Cooper (local ringing captain) after a recent accident

MANCHESTER. — At the Cathedral, on Feb. 11, 1264 Bob Major: P. Dyson 1, Mrs. Mary Tonge 2, D Manby 3, W. Birmingham 4, P. Boucher 5, P. Bellamy Knights 6, R. F. Eccles (cond.) 7, A. Ward 8. For Ash Wednesday Holy Communion.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Dec. 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Buck 1, A. Gammon 2, S. Buck 3, M. R. Bolton 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5. Prior to the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Jan. 1 (12.25 a.m.), 1259 Grandsire Caters: G. Stewart 1, Miss M. Aslett 2, Miss H. Henderson 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, C. Herbert 5, R. Turner 6, H. Rossell (cond.) 7, R. Bampton 8, M. Scowen 9, K. Hendry 10, A farewell to Helen Henderson, leaving for England. Believed to be the first tower bell quarter peal of the decade. Ringers of 5, 8 and tenor are members of St. Paul's, Burwood, N.S.W. Also (1.40 a.m.) 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss J. Murphy 1, R. Bampton 2, R. Turner (cond.) 3, K. Hendry 4, M. Scowen 5, C. Herbert 6, Ringers of 2, 4 and tenor are members of St. Paul's, Burwood, N.S.W. Also on Jan. 28, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. English 1, D. Heyes 2, Miss J. Murphy 3, R. Turner 4, J. Roper 5, M. Scowen (cond.) 6.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Feb. 14, 1296 Pl. Bob Caters. J. Ward (first on ten) 1, Karen French (first inside on ten) 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, W. Clamp 4, H. Clayton 5, O. Homewood 6, R. Looker 7, J. Day 8, R. Manton 9, W. Holmes 10. By members of the Sunday service band.

NORTHAMPTON,—At St. Giles' Church, on Jan. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. A. Downing 1, Mrs. D. J. Kirby 2, T. Jennings 3, Miss V. W. Leleux 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, I. Buckby 6, 90th birthday compliment to ringer of 3. Also on Feb. 7, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. R. E. Roome 1, Miss J. A. Downing 2, Miss V. A. Leleux 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, I. Buckby 6, A welcome to Kathryn Jane Eldridge, born Feb. 1, 1970.

MUDFORD, SOM.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: E. Rice 1, Mrs. R. Parker 2, J. Cornelius (100th as cond.) 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker 5, First in method by all except the conductor.

NORTH CADBURY, SOM.—On Dec. 27, 1260 Pi. Bob Minor: C. J. Corry 1, Kate Andrews 2, Susan M. Corry 3, T. G. Bleathman 4, M. J. Corry (cond.) 5, C. F. Longridge 6.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Thompson (first quarter) 1, Glenda Crane 2, R. J. Thompson 3, T. Lewis 4, R. M. Thompson (cond.) 5, D. Wilkinson 6. First by a local band for many years.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Jan. 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Clifton 1, F. A. White 2, B. Miles 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, D. Osman 6. A birthday compliment for F. Trinder.

OXFORD. — At St. Ebbe's Church, on Feb. 15, 1312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. J. Adams 1, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 2, A. R. Pink 3, Pamela E. Powell (first in method) 4, P. Pearce 5, W. C. Porter 6, C. Coles 7, E. R. Venn 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 15, 1260 Norfolk Bob Triples: Penny Jackson 1, W. Willans (arr. and cond.) 2, Edna Jones 3, B. J. Fry 4, Jean Berriman 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6. M. S. Bruce 7, F. G. Edwards 8. For Evensons. Believed to be the first quarter of Triples in the method.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 8, 1262 Stedman Triples: L. Ann Mew (first Stedman) 1, Ruby Myllys 2, M. J. Bangham 3, Elizabeth Bangham 4, A. R. Patterson 5, C. R. Harris 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, M. J. Uphill 8. For Patronal Evensong.

RATBY, LEICS.—On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Helen Blackman (first quarter) 1, T. Gardner 2, Jean Blackman 3, G. Hurd 4, A. Winkless (first Triples) 5, R. Hughes 6, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 7, P. Muton (first quarter) 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Feb. 2, 1344 Glasgow S, Major: N. Turner 1, Iris M. E. Lemare 2, Patricia North 3, R. E. Price 4, I. North 5, N. Donovan 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 15, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: A. Holroyd 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, M. Turner 4, A. Beaumont 5, N. Donovan 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3 and 4.

SAWLEY, DERBYS. — On Feb. 8, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. N. Marshall 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. C. Charter 3, D.-J. Marshall 4, W. Barwell (first in method) 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey (cond.) 7, R. G. Newsum 8.

SHAW, BERKS.—On Dec. 22, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Tilling 1, R. Butler (first inside) 2, Mary Lawrenson 3, R. Rex 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS,—On Jan. 23, 1440 P. Bob Minor: R. Sherwood (first Minor) 1, Angela M. Edwards 2, Betty Daysh 3, R. Le Marechal 4, J. P. Colliss 5, E. Colley (cond.) 6. To welcome the new vicar.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOM. — On Feb. 5, 1280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Targett 1, J. E. Beck (first quarter) 2, M. Jones 3, J. E. Tarrent (first in method) 4, R. G. Beck 5, A. P. Beck 6, R. E. Beck 7, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 8.

SHIFNAL, SALOP. — On Feb. 7, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: E. F. Willcox 1, Patricia C. Stocken (first T.B.) 2, Jennifer M. Beech 3, F. Beech 4, M. J. A. Orman 5, R. H. Newton 6, N. R. Holland 7, P. J. Evans (cond.) 8.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on Feb. 10, 1288 Pl. Bob Triples: D. Smith 1, R. H. Newton 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, F. H. Bennett 4, L. Roberts 5, M. J. A. Orman 6, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 7, J. Crum 8, For Shrove Tuesday.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: D. Smith 1, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 2, Vivienne Bennett 3, R. H. Newton 4, A. E. G. Owen 5, J. Crum 6. For Evensong.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOM.—On Dec. 27, 1260 P.B. Doubles: C. J. Corry 1, Kate Andrews 2, A. J. Paulley 3, Susan M. Corry 4, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 5, B, R, Jeans 6,

SOUTHGATE, MIDDX.—On Feb. 12, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. O'Connell 1, C. Martin 2, R. Amos 3, W. Wainwright 4, D. Willcocks (cond.) 5. For St. Ethelwold's Day.

SOUTHSEA, HANTS.—At 77 Gains Road, on Feb. 15, 1296 Bob Minimus: B. J. Fry 1-2, W Willans (cond.) 3-4.

STAFFORD.—On Jan. 18, 1296 Little Bob Royal:
A. Wiggin 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, C. S. Hone 3.
Jennifer M. Beech 4, F. Beech (cond.) 5, Margaret
A. Swain 6, R. J. Warrillow 7, A. E. Garbett 8, G.
Stevens 9, E. R. Fairbrother 10. Also on Feb. 1.
1280 Yorkshire S. Major: K. Daniels 1, F. R. Wiggin
2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, Jennifer M. Beech 4,
N. R. Holland 5, R. J. Warrillow 6, F. Beech 7, E.
R. Fairbrother (cond.) 8.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Feb. 15, 1296 Surprise Minor (720 Ipswich, 576 Cambridge): Mary Crofts 1, Alison Brown 2, Rosemary Myers 3, Rosemary Snawdon 4, Hily Muirhead (cond.) 5, P. Gray 6. For Evensong, also as a wedding compliment to Prof. R. J. Brocklehurst (former captain), a churchwarden

STOULTON, WORCS.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. Cattermole 1, Judith Rhodes (first inside) 2. P. Jopp 3, C. J. Pickford (cond.) 4, A. Jopp 5, M. R. C. Hughes (first quarter) 6.

SWINDON, WILTS,—At Christ Church, on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1259 Grandsire Caters: M. J. Hayward 1, Mrs. P. Wilton 2, Violet L. Ballard 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, Mrs. E. Jaques 5, L. F. Cobb (first in method as cond.) 6, P. Minchin 7, M. J. Stanley 8, E. Sutton 9, M. A. Sutton 10. By local band for Evensong.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Walters (first away from tenor) 1, A. Sears 2, H. Shire 3, S. Marshall (first inside) 4, D. Harris (cond.) 5, P. Walters (first quarter) 6. Also on Feb. 16, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss A. Walters 1, D. Digby 2, H. Shire 3, A. Sears 4, D. Harris (cond.) 5, A. Walters 6. Half-muffled on day of funeral of Rev. G. C. Ford, Rector of Leckhampton, Glos, formerly Rector of Digswell, Herts, who died on Ash Wednesday.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Jan. 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Butler 1, R. Rex 2, Jennifer Barker 3, W. Butler 4, A. Edens 5, C. Tilling 6, R. Christopher (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Graeme Turner, unable to ring through illness

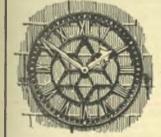
WEST CAMEL, SOM. — On Feb. 14, 1320 St. Valentine's Doubles: E. Rice 1, Mrs. R. Parker 2, C. Gratton 3, R. Parker 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, For St. Valentine.

WICKHAMBREUX, KENT.—On Jan. 31, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain): L. A. Huckstep 1, P. S. Philpott 2, T. Skilton (100th on tower bells) 3, M. L. Haigh 4, J. Hedgeock 5, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 6.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On Feb. 13, 1260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Whait 1, Mrs. N. Haines 2, J. Hough 3, A. L. Chamberlain 4, R. F. Roe 5, T. E. Harrold (cond.) 6, J. E. Harrold 7, C. H. F. Knight 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Joseph S. Carter, interred this day.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. P. Loveless 1, B. W. Fairhead 2, N. V. Avis 3, B. A. Lord 4, R. Alan Knight 5, Richard A. Knight (first as cond., aged 14) 6.

WORTLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 10, 1260 Doubles (three methods, with 7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. N. Huson (first in Yorkshire) 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, D. Hunton 3, D. Lyon 4, M. King (cond.) 5, P. Allen (first quarter) 6, R. Grundy 7, P. Wood 8. First quarter peal for two local ringers (1 and 6) since 1950. For Shrove Tuesday.



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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.

Wed., Dec. 17, 1969, 2hrs. 47mins. (13½ cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Bruerton's 12-part.)

1 Robert B. Smith
2 Peter Broadbent
3 Michael Foulds
4 Ronald F. Andrew
5 Alan McFall (Conductor)

Ian M. Holland Brian S. B. Kear Brian S. Schofield

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

SHILLINGSTONE, Dorset, Holy Rood.

d., Dec. 24, 1969, 3hrs, 4mins, (15½ cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 exter 1 John N. Longridge (Conductor) 2 Alan J. Paulley 3 Susan M. Corry 4 Timothy G. Bleathman 5 Martin J. Corry 6 Christopher F. Longridge

1970

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

WALSALL, Staffordshire, St. Matthew.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 3hrs. 25mins. (26 cwt.)
5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (6
methods: 1152 Londinium, Lyddington; 720
Cambridge, Prittlewell, Yorkshire; 576 Lincolnshire; with 90 changes of method).
Composed by J. H. Fielden.

Composed by J. H. Fielden
1 Alan J. Frost
2 David P. Hilling (Conductor)
3 Brian Bladon
4 Robert C. Kippin
5 James R. Taylor
6 Andrew N. Stubbs
7 John N. Diserens
8 David J. Purnell
9 Michael P. Moreton
10 Wilfrid F. Moreton
11 David E. House
12 D. John Hunt

TEWKESBURY, Glos, St. Mary's Abbey.

t., Feb. 14, 1970, 3hrs. 31mins. (21½ cwt.).

5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

1 Tudor P. Edwards

2 Roderick W. Pipe (Arr. and Conductor)

3 Robert E. J. Dennis

4 Christopher H. Rogers

5 David E. Rothera

6 John H. Fielden

7 John A. Anderson

7 John A. Anderson 8 Peter Border

After meeting short for Maximus.

BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, Christ Church with St. Ewen.

t., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (23 cwt.). 5002 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

1 Paul A. Treble
2 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden
3 Jennifer M. Taylor

Peter Randall

4 Peter Randall
5 Michael J. Hobbs
6 Brynley A. Shackleton
7 Peter J. England
8 James R. Taylor
9 D. John Hunt (Composer & Conductor)
10 Bernard G. North
To celebrate the birth of Leon Antony, son of the ringer of the 6th.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (University of Bath Society)

BATHFORD, Somerset, St. Swithun.

Wed., Jan. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 29mins. (10 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Alan Tubb

1 Alan S. Comer*
2 Alan S. Comer*
3 D. Paul Treble
4 Peter J. W. Hardwick
5 Peter J. England
6 Bernard G. North (Conductor)
*First peal. First by the Society.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

LEICESTER, St. Martin's Cathedral.

Sun., Feb. 1, 1970, 3hrs. 28mins. (25 cwt.). 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

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1 Jenny Field (Newnham)

2 A. T. Winter (Christ's)

3 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn, Comp. & Cond.)

4 R. S. Bradley (Clare)

5 V. Nutton (Selwyn)

6 D. Barton (Selwyn)

7 P. J. Ukderwed (Peterhouse)

6 D. Barton (Selwyn)
7 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)
8 E. N. Thomas (St. John's)
9 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)
10 S. C. Walters (Pembroke)
11 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)
12 M. J. Pickup (Churchill)

STAPLEFORD, Cambs, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 extents, 8 methods: Double Oxford, London S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Childwall, Plain Bob).

1 Janice M. Faithfull (Newnham)*
2 V. Nutton (Selwyn)
3 J. L. Humphreys (Jesus)
4 D. Barton (Selwyn)
5 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)
6 A. T. Winter (Christ's, Conductor)
*First peal.

*First peal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire, St. Wulfram.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 3hrs. 19mins. (321 cwt.) 5000 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

5000 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

1 Peter A. Slight
2 Mandi McCallion
3 Derek F. Yates
4 Roland Morant*
5 Harold Dowler
6 Frank R. Morton*
7 Raymond J. Ballard†
8 Roy Worrall
9 Ian M. Holland
10 Ivor R. Nichols (Conductor).
*First of Yorkshire Royal. †200th peal. ‡150th peal.

BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Fcb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. (18 cwt.).

5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (1280 London. Cambridge, Superlative, 1312 Bristol. with all the work, 113 changes of method). Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Composed by Albert J. Pitmar 1 Peter Broadbent 2 Giles B. Thompson 3 Alan J. Brown 4 Robert B. Smith 5 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor) 6 Frank Osbaldison 7 Basil Jones 8 Alan F. Scholfield

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD (Southampton University Guild)

EXMINSTER, Devon, St. Martin.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 58mins. (17³/₄ cwt.). **:024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

1024 PLAIN BUB Kevin A. Hughes Geoffrey M. Soul* Linda V. Cull Phillip A. Butler Jeremy D. Cheesman Richard J. Wilsher

7 John L. Anderson 8 Christopher Rickitts (Conductor) *First peal.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire, St. Giles.

Mon., Feb. 9, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (6½ cwt.). 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 Pamela M. Turner

2 R. David Baker

3 Hazel A. Mackenzie

4 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)

5 John F. Thorne*

6 Derek H. Walters*

7 Kenneth J. Hesketh

8 Geoffrey W. Randall

*First in the method.

ALLESLEY, Coventry, Warks, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (12 cwt.). 5088 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by G. Lindoff.

Composed by G. Lindoff.

1 Clare F. Dolphin

2 Ian F. Garvie

3 Hazel A. Mackenzie

4 Ian D. Thompson

5 L. Michael Callow

6 Ernest J. Gower

7 Ian C. Maycock

8 Geoffrey W. Randall (Conductor)

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire, St. Helen.

Tues., Feb. 10, 1970, 3hrs. 1min, (15½ cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Variation of Parker's 12-part.)

(Variation of Parker's 12-part.)

1 Pauline Hopkinson*

2 George H. Paulson

3 Ann M. Smith

4 Andrew Queen

5 Susan E. Davis

6 Peter D. Taylor

7 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (Conductor)

8 J. Edward Dakin†

set attempt †

*First attempt, †First on 8.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire, St. Stephen.

Sat., Feb. 14. 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
(7 extents, no 6-5s.)
1 Valerie Urban

2 Rosemary Urban* 3 Peter T. Dale 3 Peter

4 Steven D. Chandler*

5 Peter J. Fells
6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
*First peal. Rung by the Sunday service band.

KNEBWORTH, Herts, St. Mary and Thomas-a-Becket.

at., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (12 cwt.). 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

Composed by S. Humphrey.

1 John R. Ketteringham

2 Elizabeth Forster*

3 Christine M. Carter

4 Joyce M. Clarke†

5 James E. Andrews

6 Anthony R Carter

7 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)

8 Andrew W. R. Wilby

*First of Yorkshire, †First of Yorkshire inside.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 41mins. (10 cwt.).

5056 WESTMILL DELIGHT MAJOR
Composed by A. J. Pitman.
1 Helen Dodds*

1 Helen Dodds*
2 George E. Bonham
3 Jame; E. Andrews†
4 Anthony R. Carter
5 John R. Ketteringham
6 Andrew W. R. Wilby
7 Keith J Walpole (Conductor)
8 George E. Thoday‡
*First of Treble Bob, †100th peal, ‡700th peal.
First in the method. First in the method.

WESTHILL DELIGHT MAJOR
-38-18-12-16-14-38-14-78.
1.h. 2nds. Group B. f.c.h. b.d.o.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

TERLING, Essex, All Saints

Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs, 47mins, (11 cwt.). 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Philip J. Rothera Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor) Josephine A. Brown Richard J. Harrison

Susan Rothera 6 Joe E. G. Roast 7 Keith W Brown 8 Peter G. Brown

THORINGTON, Essex, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (9½ cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

1 Janet L. Wright*
2 Margery D. Tawn*
3 Alan R. Andrews
4 Daisy M. Andrews
5 George N. Orman (Conductor)
6 Rachel J. R. Orman

*First peal.

RAYNE, Essex, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (6½ cwt.).
*040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Michael J. Hunter*

John Connell†

3 Stephen Sudbury;
4 Jam's Green;
5 Peter Perkins
6 Roy Threadgold (Conductor)
*First away from cover. †First insid †First inside. ‡ First peal. For St. Valentine.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PETHAM, Kent, All Saints.

at., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs, 21mins, (6 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

Martin L. Haigh Jacqueline M. Cullwick*

James Hedgcock
Peter S. Philpott
Tony Skilton (Conductor)

6 John B. Keeler

*First on 6.

CHERITON, Kent, St. Martin.

Sat., Feb. 7. 1970, 3hrs. 1min. (7 cwt.).

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by E. W. Tipler.

1 Elizabeth A. Todd*
2 Peter Richardson

2 Peter Richardson
3 John A. Hemsley†
4 Philip R. Staples
5 Crawford T. Hillis
6 Richard A. Birch
7 Mark S. Lancefield (Conductor)
8 Raymond Lucas;
1 of Syrprise + First in method

of Surprise †First in method. ‡First of Major.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

TADCASTER, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 3hrs. 8mins. (201 cwt.).
EASINGWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

RASINGWOLD SUM
A M. Glover
Rosamund M. Brown
A. Pattie Clapham
Jonathan G. Rose
Robert A. Beresford
John J. Durham
Ottaway
Christopher Foster (6)

8 Christopher Forster (Comp. and Cond.) Believed to be the first true peal in the method. To mark the Feast of St. Valentine.

EASINGWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR 38—1—1258—16—12—1258—16.34.78. 1.h. 12. 5738264, f.c.h.'s b.d.g.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

STONEY STANTON, Leics, St. Michael.

, Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (14 cwt.). 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by G. Lindoff. 1 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)

Christine L. J. Mills

2 Christine L. J. Mills 3 Martin Green 4 Beryl E. Cawser 5 Alfred Ballard 6 Burley P. Morris 7 Roland H. Cook 8 R. Kingsley Mason

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Thurs., Feb. 5, 1970, 2hrs. 19mins. (6½ cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Christine L. J. Mills David F. Moore Rev. M. C. C. Melville R. Brian Mills

5 Martin Green
6 Rupert A. Clarke
7 G. Ronald Edwards
8 R. Kingsley Mason (Conductor)

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ELSHAM, Lincolnshire, All Saints.

Wed., Feb. 4, 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (7\frac{1}{4} cwt.). 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods: London, Wells. Beverley, Surfleet, York, Bourne, Cambridge).

Harry Baldwin 2 Ronald Chafer*
3 William Bains†
4 John G. Hall
5 Harold Judd

6 Jack Bray (Conductor)
*200th peal. First in 7-Surprise. An 84th
birthday compliment for Harry Tomlinson, a former ringer at this church.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PUTNEY, London. S.W., St. Mary.

Sun., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 43mins. (15½ cwt.). 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Middleton's.)

1 Rev. Michael Hart
2 Robin J. Collis
3 Robert J. Crocker
4 Keith G. Game

4 Ketth G. Game
5 Christopher F. Mew
6 Christopher R. Harris
7 Philip Taylor ‡
8 Michael J. Uphill (Conductor)
*Circled the tower, †25th peal. ‡First of
Surprise Major. §First of Surprise Major inside.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex, All Saints.

urs., Feb. 5, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (73 cw 5024 TILEHURST SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. R. Mayne.

1 John Smith
2 Elsie K. Hart
3 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
4 Claudia A. Critchley
5 H. George Hart

6 Alick Cutler 7 Frank Reed 8 John Hill

First in the method by all.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., Feb. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 27mins. (6½ cwt.). 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.
1 Joseph W. Cotton
2 Richard J. Clifton
3 Arthur E. Rowley
4 Ronald D. Hughes* 5 Frank Chambers
6 Alec R. Jones*
7 G. Ronald Edwards

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., Feb. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins. (6½ cwt.).

5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 G. Ronald Edwards*

2 Richard J. Clifton*

3 Rev. M. C. C. Melville†

4 Joseph W. Cotton†

5 Frank Chambers*

6 Arthur E. Rowley*

7 B. Stedman Payne†

8 Roland Repiston (Conductor)*

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)*
*First in the method. †First of Major in the method.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

Sun., Jan. 25, 1970, 3hrs. 7mins. (19 cwt.). 5120 ELFORD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Eric Billings

1 Eric Billings
2 Patrick I. Chapman
3 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
4 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
5 Vernon B. Bedford
6 Malcolm J. V. Chown
7 Barry E. Saunders
8 Alan A. Paul

First in the method by all and for the Guild

ROTHWELL, Northants, Holy Trinity.

t., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 8mins. (21 cwt.).

5056 AYNHO SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

1 Murray A Coleman (Conductor)

2 Mary R. Coleman
3 Edward C. Buckby
4 Barry R Care
5 J. Malcolm Tyler
6 Alan J. Marks
7 Stephen B. Bell
8 Richard J. Cowley

AYNHO SURPRISE MAJOR
-38-14-1258-16-14-3458-1236-78.
Group B. f.c.h. b.d.o.
(Comp. CWC No. 30.)

EASTON NESTON, Northants, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (10 cwt.).

5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by W. Eric Critchley.
1 Granam C. Paul (Conductor)
2 Christopher C. Stokes
3 Julian C. Parker*
4 Vernon B. Bedford
5 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
6 Raymond A. Vickers

6 Raymond A. Vickers
7 Barry E. Saunders
8 Alan A. Paul
*First on 8 bells.

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WEEKLEY, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues. Feb. 3, 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (8 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (Berwick, Hexham S., Primrose, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's).

Michael J. Buckby

Murray A. Coleman* Stephen B. Bell

4 J. Malcolm Tyler
5 Richard J. Cowley
6 Barry R. Care (Conductor)†
*Circled tower, †100th for the Guild.
Patronal Festival.

ISHAM, Northants, St. Peter.

ISHAM, Northants, St. Peter.

Fues., Feb. 10, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (9 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Primrose, Berwick, Hexham; Old Oxford, College IV. Willesden, Newdigate; Oswald, Edinburgh, Kentish; Walsingham, Lammas, Olney, Fulmer, Little; Double Oxford, Pinehurst. Thelwall; St. Clement's, Buxton, Childwall; Single Oxford, Plain Bob).

1 Alan J. Marks
2 Barry R. Care
3 J. Malcolm Tyler
4 Stephen B. Bell
5 Richard J. Cowley
6 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thurs., Jan. 29, 1970, 3hrs. 26mins. (31 cwt.).
5088 CLIFTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS
1 Roderick W. Pipe

James Insley

2 James Insley
3 Norman J. Goodman
4 J. Edward Cawser
5 Richard J. Tibbetts
6 Vernon Green
7 David J. Purnell*
8 Kenneth J. Hesketh
9 Maurice F. Edwards
10 George E. Fearn
11 John A. Anderson*
12 Peter Border (Arr. and Conductor)
*First in the method.

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral,

Thurs., Feb. 5, 1970, 3hrs. 27mins. (31 cwt.). 5056 LITTLEPORT LITTLE S. MAXIMUS 1 Stephen W. Barton 2 Roderick W. Pipe (Arr. and Conductor) 3 Iris M. E. Lemare

J. Edward Cawser Norman J. Goodman

James Insley

6 James Instey
7 Vernon Green
8 Terry R. Hampton
9 Maurice F. Edwards
10 George E. Fearn
11 Kenneth J. Hesketh
12 Peter Border

First in the method by all and for the Guild.

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

at., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 19mins. (31 cwt.). 5088 CLIFTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

5088 CLIFTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

1 James Insley
2 Richard J. Tibbetts
3 Norman J. Goodman
4 Stephen W. Barton*
5 Bryan D. A. Woolley*
6 Roderick W. Pipe (Arr. and Conductor)
7 Kenneth J. Hesketh
8 Terry R. Hampton
9 Maurice F. Edwards
10 George E. Fearn
11 John McDonald*

11 John McDonald*
12 John A Anderson *First in the method.

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thurs., Feb. 12, 1970, 3hrs. 11mins. (31 cwt.). 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Muriel Reay

1 Muriel Reay
2 J. Edward Cawser
3 Stephen W. Barton
4 Norman J. Goodman
5 Kenneth J. Hesketh
6 Roderick W. Pipe
7 Maurice F. Edwards
8 George E. Fearn
9 John A. Anderson
10 Peter Border (Conductor)

BIRMINGHAM, St. Martin.

s., Feb. 3, 1970. 2hrs. 52mins. (15 cwt.). 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Ivin.
1 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
2 Richard J. Tibbetts
3 John S. Hopwood*
4 Vernon Green
5 Paul W. Webb
6 George E. Fearn
7 Terry R. Hampton†
8 Norman J. Goodman
*First of London. †400th peal.

YARDLEY, Birmingham, St. Edburgha. Sat., Feb. 14, 1970. 2hrs. 55mins. (12½ cwt.). 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

James W. Belshaw (Arr. and Conductor)

James W. Belshaw (Arr. 2 Enid Lawson 3 John G. Perry 4 Rev. David Sansum 5 Richard J. W. Tibbetts 6 A. Harold Fitter 7 Donald T. Finnemore 8 Maurice F. Edwards

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Andover District)

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 20mins. (21 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Composed by Geoffrey R. Drew.

Michael J. Goss*

1 Michael J. Goss*
2 David Goss*
3 Peter Watts*
4 Robert J. Crocker*
5 Peter L. Furness*
6 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
7 Bradley Murduck†
8 Philip G. Taylor*
9 Philip Murduck†
10 Charles Taylor*
*First on 10. †First of Plain Bob Caters.
First of Bob Caters as conductor and has now conducted Plain Bob from Doubles to Maximus on all numbers. First 10-bell peal by the Andover District.

(Andover District) WOOLTON HILL, Hampshire, St. Thomas.

Thurs., Feb. 12, 1970. 2hrs. 40mins. (7 cwt.). 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods: London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge).

Michael J. Goss

1 Michael J. Goss
2 David Goss
3 Peter L. Furness
4 Robert J. Crocker
5 Philip G. Taylor
6 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
First of 7-Surprise Minor by all except conductor. By Highelere Sunday service band.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

SHOREDITCH, London, E., St. Leonard.

Sat., Jan. 3, 1970, 3hrs. 21mins. (28½ cwt.).
5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
1 John R. Pratchett
2 Janet House

Joan Beresford

Angela M. Wright
Michael H. D. O'Callaghan
Christopher P. Starbuck

7 Norman Summerhayes
8 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
9 John S. Barnes
10 James A. D. Woolford
First in the method by all and for the Society.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex, St. Margaret of Antioch,

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 3hrs, 5mins. (11 cwt.).

5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (15 methods: 224 Cassiobury, Cornwall. Cray. Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative, 448 Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, 146 changes of method and all the work).

changes of method and all the
Composed by N. Smith.

1 Peter Beresford
2 Jane Foster
3 Joan Beresford
4 Angela M. Wright
5 Norman Summerhayes
6 Peter M. Wilkinson
7 David D. Smith
8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

BROUGHTON. Staffordshire, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (15½ cwt.).
5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
1 Richard J. Warrilow
2 Richard C. Stevens
3 Elizabeth Stevens
4 Jennifer M. Beech
5 Neville R. Holland
6 Perinald R. Newton

6 Reginald R. Newton
7 Frank Beech (Conductor)
8 Ernest F. Willcox

SUFFOLK GUILD

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.
Sun., Feb. 15, 1970, 2hrs, 47mins. (16 cwt.).
5056 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. J. Sedgley.
1 Walter W. Miller
2 Dorothy M. Durrant
3 Muriel R. Page
4 J. Barry Pickup
5 Alan G. Feaver
6 Adrian Knights
7 J. Martin Thorley
8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
First by all and for the Guild.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

ASHTEAD, Surrey, St. Giles.
Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (12½ cwt.).
5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Mayne.
1 Gillian M. Laver
2 Felicity Hamilton
3 David C. Brown
4 Keith P. Poole
5 Nigel Thomson
6 Peter J. Munday
7 Christopher W. Daws
8 Roy D. Mills (Conductor)
First in the method by all except 3rd.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire, St. Laurence.

Surfleel, Lincolnshire, St. Laurence.

Sat. Feb. 7. 1970, 3hrs. 12mins. (12 cwt.).

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

1 Melvyn J. Hiller*
2 Paul A. Williams*
3 C. Barrie Dove (Comp. and Conductor)
4 Peter H. Gardner*
5 A. Pattie Clapham*
6 Laura M. Grindrod†
7 Graham J. Jones*
8 Rosa nund M. Brown*
9 Christopher J. Easton*
10 John J. Durham

10 John J. Durham
11 James Clatworthy*
12 Robert A. Beresford
*First of Plain Bob Maximus, †First on 12.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Mon., Jan. 26, 1970, 2hrs, 29mins, (7 cwt.). 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

Composed by S. Humphre:
1 Graham J. Jones
2 Christopher F. Easton
3 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
4 Peter H. Gardner
5 E. C. Gareth Higgs
6 Rosamund M. Brown
7 Royald Crabbea 6 Rosamund M. Brown 7 Ronald Crabtree 8 Ronald R. Warford *First on 8 bells.

OTLEY, Yorkshire, All Saints.

At, Jan, 31, 1970, 2hrs, 47mins, (16 cwt.).

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by N. Smith.

1 Christopher J. Easton
2 Maris C. Stephenson
3 Rosamund M. Brown
4 A. Pattie Clapham
5 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
6 John J. Durham

6 John J. Durham
7 Robert A. Beresford
8 Ronald Ducker

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorks, All Saints.

Mon. Feb. 9, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (14 cwt.). 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

David Kealey
2 E. C. Gareth Higgs*
3 Graham J. Jones
4 Christopher J. Easton
5 Ronald Crabtree*

Barrie Dove (Conductor)

6 C. Barrie Dove
7 John Potts
8 Peter H. Gardner
First of Lincolnshire.

DORE, Derbyshire, Christ Church.

at. Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (11 cwt.). 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

I Ian North
I Ian North
I Isi M. E. Lemare
Margaret White*
Christopher Newton*

4 Christopher
5 Pat North
6 M. Alec Beaumont
7 David Nichols
8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)
First of Yorkshire.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (14 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1 David Kealey
Christopher J. Easton
Rosamund M. Brown
Graham J. Jones
John J. Durham*
C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
Completes the Cambridge family.

ERSTWITH, Yorkshire, St. James the Apostle.

Mon., Feb. 2, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (11 cwt.).

Sodo CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1 Christopher J. Easton

T. Felicity Ashford

3 Graham J. Jones

4 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)*

5 Peter H. Gardnerf

*350th as conductor for the Association.

*Completes the family.

EWERBY, Lincolnshire, St. Andrew.

EWERBY, Lincolnshire, St. Andrew.

Sun., Feb. 8, 1970, 2hrs. 56mins. (15 cwt.).

5040 EWERBY SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by S. Armeson.

1 Laura M. Grindrod*
2 Melvyn J. Hiller†
3 Rosamund M. Brown
4 A. Pattie Clapham
5 Paul A. Williams
6 John J. Durham
7 Peter H. Gardner
8 James Clatworthy
9 Robert A. Beresford
10 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
*First of Treble Bob Royal. †First of Surprise Royal inside. First in the method by all and for the Association.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire, St. James the Apostle. Mon., Jan. 5, 1970, 2hrs, 45mins. (11 cwt.). 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. W. Washbrook. 1 Ronald Crabtree 2 Iris M. E. Lemare 3 Graham J. Jones*

Christopher F. Easton*

Formstopher P. Laston
Gerald Parsons
Peter H. Gardner*
C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
Ronald R. Warford

*First in method inside.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Sat., Jan. 17. 1970, 2hrs. 59mins. (17 c 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR cwt.). Composed by F. Dench.

Composed by F. Dench.

1 Elizabeth J. Campbell*

2 Rosamund M. Brown†

3 Graham J. Jones

4 Christopher F. Easton

5 Peter H. Gardner

6 John J. Durham

7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

8 Robert A. Beresford

*First of Treble Rob. †First in method inside.

PONTEFRACT. Yorkshire, All Saints.

Sat., Jan. 24. 1970, 2hrs. 37mins, (12 cwt.).
5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Rev. H. Law James.
1 Robert A. Beresford
2 Christopher F. Easton
3 Rosamund M. Brown
4 Graham J. Jones
5 Robert H. Jordan
6 Peter H. Gardner

6 Peter H. Gardner
7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

8 John J. Durham

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire, 52 Wellington Rd. Thurs., Feb. 5, 1970. 2hrs. 7mins. (14 in D.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
1-2 John Gander
3-4 John R. Scott
5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis (Comp. & Cond.)

7-8 Frank R. Morton

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.
Thurs., Feb. 12. 1970, 2hrs. 57mins. (15 in C.)
5136 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (10
methods: 864 Newgate, 720 Londinium, Yorkshire, 480 Clifton, Ealing, Fulham, 384 Leatherhead, Wigston, York, 240 Leicestershire, 88
changes of method).
1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
3-4 John R. Mayne (Comp. and Cond.)
5-5 Roger Baldwin
7-8 Gerald Penney
9-10 Julia A. Fellows
11-12 Martyn L. J. Jordan
21st birthday compliment to Sara K. D.
Woolley.

Woolley.

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

MATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., Feb. 16, 1970, 3hrs. 1min. (16½ in B.)

5136 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (12
methods: 864 Newgate, 720 Londinium, 480
Clifton, Ealing. Fulham. 384 Leatherhead.
Wigston, York, 240 Cambridge, Leicestershire.
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, 88 changes of method).

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 John R. Mayne (Comp. and Cond.)

5-6 Roger Baldwin

7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan

9-10 Julia A. Fellows

11-12 Christopher W. Woolley*

*First of 12-Spliced Surprise Maximus.

(St. Albans Cathedral Society) ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.

Thurs., Feb. 5, 1970, 2hrs. 15mins. (16 in B.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by A. Knights.
1-2 Katherine S. Hardy
3-4 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
5-6 Robert E. Hardy
7-8 Anthony R. Carter

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FRINDSBURY, Kent, 12 Hever House, Cypress Court.

Wed., Feb. 11, 1970. 2hrs. 28mins. (1

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by G. H. Cross.

1-2 Trevor A. Cross (Conductor)*

3-4 Frank J. Matthews

5-6 Christopher T. Osenton

7-8 Edward J. Beer

9-10 Peter S. Muchlinski

*50th of Royal. (15 in C.)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(ROWIHORNE, Berks, Zermatt, Butler Rd.

Fri.. Jan. 23, 1970, 3hrs. (24 in D.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

1-2 Noel J. Diserens*

3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport

5-6 Frank C. Price (Arr. and Conductor)

7-8 N. David Lane

9-10 Bernard F. L. Groves

11-12 Jeffrey L. Claughton*

*First handbelf peal on 12 bells.

CROWTHORNE, Berks, Zermatt, Butler Rd.

Fri., Feb. 6, 1970, 2hrs, 48mins. (24 in D.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

1-2 Noel J. Diserens

3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport

5-6 Frank C. Price (Arr. and Conductor)

7-8 N. David Lane

9-10 Bernard F. L. Groves

11-12 Jeffrey L. Claughton

WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.

Sun., Jan. 25, 1970, 1hr. 45mins. (27 in A.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-2 Susanne Sargeant3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport5-6 Frank C. Price (Conductor)

WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.

Sun., Feb. 8, 1970, 1hr. 41mins. (27 in A.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1-2 Susanne Sargeant
3-4 Frank C. Price
5-6 Kenneth R. Davenport (Conductor)

First as conductor on handbells.

WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.

i., Feb. 13, 1970. 1hr. 49mins. (27 in A.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1-2 Susanne Sargeant
3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport (Conductor)
5-6 Stanley G. Scott

ATTENDANCE IMPROVED

The attendance at meetings of Llandaff Branch of Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association continue to improve, and at St. Augustine's, Penarth, on February 14, 57 "signed the book" at the A.G.M. This figure has been beaten on few occasions by the branch since its formation in 1953, but we still have a long haul to better the 78 at a "quarterly" at Cowbridge in September, 1957, or to equal the numbers regularly notched up by the Monmouth Branch. Of our 21 towers, 13 were represented: Bridgend, Cadoxton, Cardiff (St. John's), Coity, Llanbleddian, Llandaff Cathedral, Llantwit Major, Merthyr Tydfil, Neath, Newton Nottage, Penarth, Porthkerry and Whitchurch.

Ringing on the pleasant, light octave (tenor 12-2-9 in F sharp) commenced at 2.15 p.m., with the Association and branch master, Mr. W. T. Petty (Bridgend), in charge. The service was conducted by the rector, Rev. L. Griffiths, and the lessons were read by Mr. D. J. Godfrey (Coity) and the branch hon, secretary. Tea was served by Mrs. Y. Apsitis and other ladies of the tower and congregation, after which the rector presided over the business meeting.

Mr. E. Morris (Neath) reported on progress made towards the initiation of a branch ringing competition, and it was decided to set up a sub-committee from towers which have signified their intention to enter.

The branch hon, secretary, presenting his report, stated that membership showed a pleasing increase on the year, paid-up members numbering 198 as against 155.

Peals rung totalled 44, including seven of Caters and three of Royal. Leading pealers were Mr. S. Fenwick (28) and Mr. N. W. H. Simon (27) (Llandaff Cathedral) and leading conductors were Mr. N. W. H. Simon (10) and Mr. T. P. Edwards (Pentre) (9). Peal "milestones" for the Association included: 200, Mr. T. T. Yeomans (Cardiff); 175, Mr. N. W. H. Simon; 150, Mr. W. T. Petty and Mr. D. Llewellyn (Porthkerry); 100, Mr. T. P. Edwards. Special congratulations were accorded Mr. W. Dare (Whitchurch), ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples at Caerphilly on July 19, the 50th anniversary of his first peal, in the same tower.

This year's first-pealers were: Miss Lynne Parker (Llandaff), Mr. M. J. Clarke (Llantwit Major), Mr. C. F. Cooke (Penmark) and Mr. P. Johnson (Whitchurch), and Mr. S. Fenwick scored his "first as conductor." Peals had been rung for the Investiture of the Prince of Wales, at Bridgend, Cardiff. Llandaff, Radyr and Whitchurch.

The hon. secretary commented with approval on the implementation (with the active co-operation of the Dean, the Very Rev. G. L. Phillips) of the scheme to invite individual towers in the diocese to ring for Cathedral evensong at Llandaff on the first Saturday of each month, and he also thanked the Association's general secretary, Mr. M. J. Pryor (Cardiff), and peal recorder, Mr. D. Llewellyn, for their hard work.

Eight new members were accepted. Mr. Nevil James (Llandaff) was elected branch master, and the branch hon. secretary and the auditor, Mr. T. M. Roderick (Newton Nottage), were re-elected, the latter as C.C. representative for a further three years from 1971.

It was agreed to hold quarterly meetings at Caerphilly, Porthkerry and Radyr and the 1971 A.G.M. at Cowbridge, After the meeting closed ringing continued at St. Augustine's and at Sully.

I.D.

45-Year Record



[Photo: The Hinckley Times.

Forty-five years ago the East Shilton, Leics, Parish Church Handbell Ringers were formed. Now all 65 years of age, the same four — Messrs. E. Chesterton, P. Coe, W. Sturgess and G. Newton (captain for 40 years)—are still ringing together.

They entered the East Shilton belfry in 1922 and were taught to handle bells by the late Mr. C. Belton. Two years later they were introduced at Croft to handbell ringing by the late Mr. Webb. In 1924 the East Shilton Church of England Men's Society was presented with a set of handbells and these have never been used by anyone else but the present quartet.

The object of the band is to help people less fortunate than themselves, and their large repertoire consists of hymns, carols and old time favourites. They give their services to play for hospital patients, old people's groups, bazaars and fetes. According to Mr. Newton, if the organisation which invites them provides transport they never charge for their services. On two occasions they have given programmes in Leicester Prison. It is the music of this band that introduces the Sunday morning programme on Radio Leicester.

Only two of the men read music and in consequence the number system of notation is employed. For many years Mr. Sturgess has been partly deaf and cannot properly hear what he is playing, but by constant practice this difficulty has been overcome.

For 45 years they have been shedding happiness around the district, and a special service of tape-recordings of their playing has been provided by Mr. Newton for the entertainment of the sick and infirm in their village.

IN THE FIELD

A well-illustrated article on bellringing appeared in the Christmas number of The Field and had been well prepared before publication. Explaining to the layman the preliminaries to ringing, the writer continues: "We are about to pour out over the countryside the loudest man-made sound which goes in praise of God. . . . all over Britain ringers have gathered week by week and the purpose is the same whether from ancient rural towers, from silvery steeples as in the cities, from red raw-brick belfries in new towns or from sooty spires above crowded streets in northern valleys."

The writer goes on to tell the story known so well to ringers—of the mixed team of young and old, of ringing up the bells and the methods that are rung. It endeavours to explain change-ringing, "the coloured sallies leaping and falling like a chorus of rhythmic snakes."

It mentions the swaying towers and solid ones and of Chewton Mendip as a "grand, steady old tower as solid as any in the west . . ." The dangers which beset the

uninitiated are explained and such Societies as the Ancient Society of College Youths and its library in St. Paul's Cathedral are given special place. The Clerical Guild and the mixture of persons and personalities, the variety of civil and military callings, are all spoken of, and the Central Council as the authoritative body. The article was probably written some time ago as Canon Thurlow is given as president. although Mr. John Freeman now holds that exalted office,

The illustrations are excellent, depicting Mr. Harry Preece, aged 90, of Stoke Lacy. Hereford—a ringer for 77 years—and the ringers' gallery of Maids Moreton, Bucks. Another picture shows four ringers performing in the belfry at Shoreditch. A most delightful and attractive illustration of 9-years-old Catherine Davis, of Christchurch Priory, shows her handling a rope whilst her father, Arthur Davis, stands nearby ready to help if required—and with a proud expression on his face!

Altogether these $2\frac{1}{2}$ pages make interesting and informative reading.



AGE AND YOUTH

Mr. George (Tom) Wigmore, of All Saints, Wokingham, who is 80 and has been ringing for 70 years, photographed by the R.W. at the Sonning Deanery meeting recently, together with 10-years-old Judith Burkey. who was elected a member at the meeting. Mr. Wigmore joined the Oxford Guild in 1905, having taught himself to ring at Thatcham in 1899 by pulling the bell up and letting it down again. He rang for the victory of the Boer War and Ted Wills was then foreman. Later he and George went to Bucklebury and helped there. After World War I Mr. Wigmore moved around a lot and finally settled in 1925 at Wokingham. He has had an interesting life, he says, and ringing has been a real enjoyment at all times.

Judith Burkey is one of a family of ringers, both mother, father and sister belonging to All Saints, Wokingham.

A PROMISING YOUNGSTER

Five years ago, at the age of 10. Peter Furness, of Highelere, rang his first peal, Plain Bob Minor, on an inside bell at East Woodhay, Hants; on Feb. 17, aged 15, he returned to the same tower and conducted his first peal. Plain Bob Minor, without fault.

During Peter's five years he has rung many peals up to Double Norwich on eight bells and seven Surprise Minor on x. and also includes the first peals of Reading Surprise Minor and King Charles and London Delight Minor. He also regards one with great pride—Plain Bob Caters by an Andover District band.

A member of the choir and regular Sunday service ringer, we trust the next five very of peal ringing in more advanced methods will be as fruitful as the first.

G. K. D.

When all the world is young, lad,
And all the trees are green;
And every goose a swan, lad,
And every lass a queen;
Then hey for boot and horse, lad,
And round the world away;
Young blood must have its course, lad,
And every dog his day.

-KINGSLEY

Belfry Gossip

The St. John's Guild, Hillingdon, hon. secretary is now Mr. J. Walters, 16 Iverdale Close, Iver, Bucks.

The new secretary for the Beverley and District Society is Mr. Robert Sherriff, Sicey Cottage, Thearne, Beverley.

Harry Tomlinson's 84th birthday was marked by a peal in seven Surprise Minor at Elsham, Lincs.

Work of reinstalling the bells at Castor. Northants, has commenced, well in advance of the time anticipated.

New Methods: Westhill Delight Major, Easingwold Surprise Major and Aynho Surprise Major recorded this week.

Easthampstead ringers have scored their first quarter of Royal, which is also the first in the Sonning Deanery by a branch band.

Overhaul of the bells at St. Matthew's Church, Blackmoor, Hants, will necessitate cessation of ringing for two months or so. Work starts on March 6.

Mrs. Gratton and her helpers ran a successful bring and buy stall at a recent social evening of the Ilchester Branch and which was very well attended.

Rector of Leckhampton from 1966-70, and previously from 1959-66 of Digswell, Herts (Rev. G. C. Ford), died recently, and a quarter was rung in memoriam.

An eminent ringer, asked what he thought of the new-look R.W., replied: "It's not bad: it's a cross between a parish magazine and Exchange and Mart."

Progress by the local band at Northfleet, Kent, is being made for they have rung a quarter—the first for many years by the local company.

Personal Records by George E. Thoday (700), Terry R. Hampton (400), Raymond J. Ballard and Ronald Chafer (200), Ivor R. Nicholls (150) and James E. Andrews (100).

Susan Yates, of Chatteris, Cambs, has been presented with her bellringer's badge and no doubt wears it proudly, as well she may, for she is a regular Sunday service ringer and quarter peal ringer as well as being a Guide.

To mark 50 years' membership of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers a quarter was rung for Mr. A. L. Bennett, and Mr. F. G. Bingham's 50 years' service to Limerick Cathedral was similarly honoured.

First peal congratulations to Janet L. Wright, Margery D. Tawn, Stephen Sudbury, Alan S. Comer, Janice M. Faithfull, Geoffrey M. Soul, Pauline Hopkinson, Rosemary Urban, Stephen D. Chandler.

St. Paul's, Wokingham, expect to have work carried out on the bells in the near future. Access to the bells is difficult (if not dangerous) and in view of this the proper attention may not have been given to the bells since the rehanging 21 years ago. (From an annual district report.)

The Index.—Again we are indebted to Mr. R. L. Roper for the 1969 Ringing World Index. Unfortunately we are not able to add another six pages to our issue owing to the high cost of setting. The Index is available at our office, price 1s plus postage.

Eighty-three years a ringer, Mr. George E. Symonds (Ipswich) ("No need to put my photo in again!") tells us that he has been 73 years a peal ringer, having rung his first peal (of Kent T.B. Royal) at St. Giles, Camberwell, in February, 1897. It was conducted by Harold N. Davis, and the second bell had no slider!

Leading Peal Ringers for 1969.—Details of those who have rung 25 or more peals should be sent without delay to Mr. D. E. House, Flat 5, 43 The Chase, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

An amusing cartoon appeared in the South Wales Echo on February 19 and sent to us by Mr. M. J. Pryor. It showed the Concord with all its windows broken and the pilot shouting: "It was those darned Cathedral bells over St. David's!".

Mr. H. T. Miller, hon. secretary at Buxton, Norfolk, writes: "An hour's ringing of Doubles by Buxton and Lammas ringers on February 16 was in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. C. Duffield. Mr. Duffield, who has rung 145 peals, was bell master at Buxton for about 30 years."

Mr. Harold Denman, of Gamston, Notts, has taken part in two peals at Brant Broughton, Lincs. In 1963 he got his peal but on the way home lost his cap—in Feb., 1970, he rang another peal and lost his gloves! What he will lose next?—we hope that it will not be his next peal!

A tower captain who is blind is Mr. George Hurst, of Eccleston, and who rang the tenor to a quarter of Grandsire Triples on February 8. Six of the ringers were Liverpool University Society members. Mr. Hurst has rung one other quarter and some years ago a peal. His timing is perfect, we are told.

We are revising our Address Book of Secretaries of Societies and Associations and would appreciate co-operation from these very worthy people. Please send amendments to us, if different from that in the Diary. Also, would secretaries please forward for reference purposes the most up-to-date issue of annual report. Thank you!

The peal of Westmill Delight Major rung at Aspenden on February 14 was so named after the nearby village of Westmill, near Buntingford, Herts. This village, one of the most attractive villages in Hertfordshire. once boasted one of the earliest, if not the earliest, ring of eight in the county. However, the back three bells were removed some years ago and the remaining five are reputed to be unringable.

At St. Helen's, Wheathampstead, Herts, work will be starting shortly on the strengthening of the tower. Ringing has been severely restricted during the past year because of a crack in the central tower. It is also hoped that two trebles may soon be added to this excellent Taylor six. The bells are well-known for having a long draught of unguided rope, making them difficult to handle for the not-so-experienced ringers.

Appreciation of the little quotations and "fillers" we put at the foot of columns is expressed by John H. Gilbert, of Long Ashton, who says: "These encourage me to read every corner of the R.W. in case I find a snippet tucked away there." [We would welcome any such quotations and snippets for possible use.—Ed.]

Mr. Gilbert also expressed pleasure at the picture of Lyndhurst ringers—his old tower (page 140).

The ancient custom of ringing the pancake bell was observed at Newark, Notts, on Shrove Tuesday, when the youngest member of the Parish Church band, Robert W. Midwinter (13), rang the 2nd bell for five minutes at 11 a.m. This was a warning to local housewives to start preparing pancakes and the signal for certain charity money to be paid to the poor in Newark Parish Church. Robert received the traditional shilling from the ringing master, Mr. J. W. Raithby.

A CROYDON CENTENARY

During 1970 Croydon Parish Church is celebrating the centenary of the rededication following the rebuilding after the disastrous fire of 1867. Details of the fire and a background to the history of the church were portrayed in a Ringing World edition of July 14, 1967.

The various bodies connected with the church and its activities are contributing to the celebrations to ensure that 1970 will be an historic and memorable year. The bellringers, whose Society was established in 1730, have decided to play their part by holding a ringing festival on September 12. Arrangements have been made with the nearby 10-bell towers of St. Peter's, South Croydon, and St. Mary's, Beddington, for them to be open at certain times during the day. Also it is hoped to arrange for towers on routes to Croydon to open, and details will be circulated to those who apply for tickets to the festival service. Three or four routes starting from towers bordering the Surrey and nearby county boundaries are envisaged. Provided there is sufficient response a luncheon will be available in the church halls between 12 noon and 2.30

Everyone who is interested in supporting the festival should write to K. Taber, 17 Birdhurst Rise, South Croydon, CR2 7EG, Surrey, for tickets as soon as possible so as to have some idea of the possible success of the event. A separate advertisement is published in our Notices columns and further advertisements will appear during the next few months. There is no charge for tickets and the collection at the service will be donated to the centenary fund and will go to help the work of the Croydon Churches Housing Association Ltd.

Peal attempts at the Parish Church during the year are to be made by invited bands on the following dates: April 4, Surrey Association; June 20, College Youths; November 14, Cumberland Youths; ringing to commence at approximately 2.30 p.m.

80th BIRTHDAY-50th QUARTER

Arthur Garbett, who came to Torquay on retirement from Broseley, Staffordshire, joined the change-ringing band at Babba-combe early in 1958. He rang the tenor at Highweek to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in memory of J. Lilley on April 24, 1958, and since then he has been a regular and faithful member of the band. At 78 he scored his first quarter of Stedman Triples, which gave him much pleasure. It was fitting that he should ring the treble for his 50th quarter peal on his 80th birthday, having been with the Babbacombe band for 12 years. The 1280 of Bob Major took 50 minutes to ring and Arthur rang faultlessly throughout. After the quarter peal a celebration cake, baked by two lady members, was enjoyed by the band and D. R. other friends.

HISTORICAL RECORD

A little booklet giving the History of Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild, compiled by the then secretary (W. J. Paice) and printed 40 years ago gives the names of officers of the branch from its foundation in 1880 and the details of the jubilee celebrations which took place at Wokingham on May 24, 1930. The address at the church service was given by the Archdeacon of Berkshire, Ven. R. Wickham Legg, and the tea for the occasion was by invitation of the rector (Rev. H. M. Walter).

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY DINNER

While the Bristol University's dinner was not held until January 24, proceedings started in the traditional manner with ringers from many areas assembling at the Naval Volunteer on the previous evening. "Not very full yet, still room to fall over," commented one on entering, a reference no doubt to leaving! Thirteen towers in the suburbs were available during the morning and three routes were arranged, all meeting at St. John-on-the-Wall just before lunch. In the afternoon ringing ended at St. Michael's, the ringers' own church, where a short service was led by the vicar and president of the Society, Rev. Vyvyan-Jones, and the annual meeting followed.

During the day there were two peal attempts of London Surprise Major. That at the Cathedral was successful, but the attempt at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church was lost after two courses.

At the dinner a company of 160 sat down at the Arms Court Hotel to a very enjoyable meal. A feature was the taking of wine by present officers with past holders.

A bright and witty speech by Mr. Andrew Brock introduced the toast of "The Visitors." The arch-visitor, Mr. Cyril Wratten, was introduced by the president as "Gloucester and Bristol treasurer and C.C. representative—whatever that may mean." Mr. Wratten mentioned the Society's record Minor peal, commenting on the subtleties of the names given to some Delight methods—"Turkish Delight and Turnon" (especially suited for ringing in dark and dingy belfries).

Mr. Anthony Kench, master of the Ancient Society of College Youths and a former member of the Society, entertained with an excellent speech. Being a member of the Society himself he created a precedent by inviting all those present to drink to the future well-being of the Society. Mr. Anthony Cox (the master) rose and acknowledged the cheers of his supporters and spoke with great confidence, outlining the achievements of the Society during the past year. He foresaw further success during 1970, including skittles matches with nonresidents and the city branch.

With the added attraction of the filmed highlights of last summer's tour, a convivial evening was enjoyed by all until the bar closed at 1 a.m., the company then dispersing to various beds, floors and railway benches throughout Bristol.

S. F. R. and J. W. O.

A MAGNIFICENT RESULT

Mr. T. Ogden, of Oldham, writes:—
"This morning I have had word from their correspondent that the handbell ringers at the Malabar Home for the Blind, Truro, Cornwall, have collected the magnificent sum of over £1,500 by their ringing over

the Christmas period, 1969.

"To do this entailed travelling all over the Duchy, and for a small band of blind ringers who have to memorise all their music, and who also have only a small set of handbells and are therefore very limited in what they can play. I think this is a marvellous achievement, and well worthy of mention.

"Certainly it puts to shame those of our sighted ringers who 'haven't time' or 'can't be bothered' to go round their own parishes and districts, let alone visit their local hospitals, with seasonal music at Christmastime."

THREESCORE YEARS AND TEN

It was nice to have a drink with my old friend Bert Audsley on his 70th birthday (January 31). We attempted a peal at Dartford but alas, it went the way of the great majority; not that it mattered because we were ringing a touch afterwards and the light went out. The conductor uttered a superfluous "Stand" and no harm was done but it turned out that the vicar was being kind, and in switching on the light on the belfry staircase for a visitor from Cornwall who had heard the bells he turned the wrong switch,

Still, it enabled our young Cornish friend. now living in the district, to be introduced to some ringing history. We could tell him with pride of our old friend's birthday and we could draw his attention to the peal boards in the tower: "The conductor's 1,000th peal"—Herbert E. Audsley; Double Norwich silent and non-conducted; Groombridges, Barnetts, George Cross and —Herbert E. Audsley, Grandsire Triples: 200th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, conductor Herbert E. Audsley.

I wish I could record all that this most modest of men told us in the pub afterwards. How A. G. Driver, who used to write to The Ringing World as the "Mad Hatter," was a genius destined in life to be a tram driver, who knew as much if not more than any composer of his day but cauld not be taught to handle a bell; who came to the tower and said: "Ring Grandsire Triples with the hunt bell coursing in front of the treble instead of behind it." How Bert said to old Harry (his great friend, Harry Hoverd, beloved of North Kent ringers, who died so prematurely): "Call a touch by when you are 'before', and after they had started Harry said: "How can I ever be before if the hunt bell is in front of the treble?"

How the College Youths and the Cumberlands rang peals at Northfleet and Swanscombe one year and reversed towers the next year, and how old Jim Bennett, then in the Marines but long since retired to his native Suffolk, finished up in Northfleet Station in the early hours of Sunday morning and never did get back to Chalham Barracks that night!

What did Bert think about Stedman?—wouldn't care if it was the only method there was. The other week he went down to see old Ted Beer at Shorne, heard tapes of some of the handbell peals they are ringing down there—first-class ringing, a credit to them. What about 12-bell ringing these days?—most of it much too fast; can't get the best out of the bells like that. Evening peals the cause of all this rushing the bells along.

In North Kent everyone knows Bert. Most of his ringing has been done there—he rang his 1,300th peal at Erith a month or two ago. Most people can claim vast numbers of towers for their peals. I bet few people have rung 1,300 peals in as few towers—Erith and Crayford over 200 each, Dartford over 100, large numbers at Christ Church, Erith, Gravesend, Swanscombe, Northfleet, etc. Over 100 peals on the 5th at Crayford. Known to succeeding generations of ringers as a candid friend—outspoken and fearless but never offensive.

May his shadow never grow less.

P. A. C.

Ah vanity of vanities!

How wayward the decrees of fate are, How very weak the very wise,

How very small the very great are!
—THACKERAY

[&]quot;Do not waste time for that is the stuff life is made of."—FRANKLIN.

Notices

SCALE OF CHARGES

5/- for 30 words (minimum), each additional word 2d.; Meeting Notices—3 insertions the price of 2.
Display Advertisements: 7/6 per inch single column; ½-page £3; ½-page £5/10; Whole page £10. Reduction for block bookings (on application) 65 screen for half-tones.

Leale.—To Gillian and Robin, on January 1970, a son (Andrew James), a brother for

"The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."—1 Samuel xvi, 7.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Barton.—The address of Stephen and Joyce is now 54 Royal Oak Road, Halesowen, Worcs.

Marsh.—Alec, Molly and family now live at 15 Ashdene Crescent, Pudsey, Yorkshire. Telephone now connected: Pudsey 71944. 8336

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Bed and breakfast, 22s. 6d. per night. Full board, £9 9s. per week. Personal service, separate tables.—(Mrs.) H. Savage, 15 Connaught Road, Folkestone, Kent. 8179

Dorset, near Milton Abbey.—B. and B. 20s. Evening meal 7s. 6d. Mrs. Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. Indoor sanitation. Full terms on application. 8998

Mid-Devon. Good centre for touring. Bed and breakfast, dinner. Mrs. Jean Fidler, High-croft, Bow, Crediton, EX17 6HN. Bow 379. Also 4-berth caravan at Sandymouth Bay, near Bude Bude

MISCELLANEOUS

Campingologists. — Reunion in Derby but Postponed until May 9; details later. Peal tour. Yorkshire Dales, August 1-8. To simplify arrangements please let me have names and addresses of those interested as soon as possible.-John Robinson, 21 Grove Court, Leeds. LS6 4AE.

Masonic Reunion.—The date has been changed to June 6. Any who wish to attend and have not notified please do so to W. T., c/o R.W. Office, Guildford.

New Style Peal Forms are now available from R.W. office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4 in. x 9 in.).

Ringing World Index for 1969 is now available, price 1s., plus stamp for postage. Other years from 1958 price 6d. each. Apply Ringing World Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Ltd., Guildford.

Sussex County Association.—Southern Divion. — Please note the new secretary's name and address: Mrs. M. Kirkcaldy, 29 Manor Gardens, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex. 8325

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Practice meetings to be held at deaconty, Mons., March 9 and 23, 7.30 – 9 p.m. All welcome.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 8338

Association.—S.W. District.—Evening Woodford, Sat., March 14. Ringing 7.30-9 p. m. - K.W. 8306 7.30-9 p.m.-K. W.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Chipmer Branch.—Evening meeting. Corsham Branch.—Evening meeting. Corsham E. Stracey, Branch Sec. 8323

Guildford Diocesan Guild. - Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Hawley, Tues., Mar. 17, 7.30-9 p.m. This practice is for anyone wishing to learn Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich or any of the Surprise methods, etc., etc. 8320

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Wood-stock Branch.—On Tues., March 10, Witney (8), branch practice.—E. Venn. 8259 Suffolk Guild.—North West District.—Prac-tice meeting, Brandon (6), Wed. evening, Mar. 11. Bells from 7–9 p.h. Please note change of

Surrey Association. — Northern District. — Evening practice, Ewell, Sat., March 7, 7–8.30 p.m.—N. Thomson, Dis. Sec. 8287

Sussex County Association.—Southern Division.—Surprise practice meeting, St. Nicolas of Myra, Brighton (10), Wed., March 11, 7.30 to 9 p.m. Visitors welcome.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Coventry Diocesan Guild.-Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Farnborough, on Sat.. March 7. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing, Burton Dassett. Bells (6) 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Boneham, 3 Council Houses, Farnborough, Banbury, Oxon.-H. A. M. 8333

Ely Diocesan Association.—Ely District.—A meeting at Histon on Sat., March 7. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing after meeting until 8.30 p.m. Special method: Superlative.

Essex Association.—South Eastern and Northern Districts.—Joint meeting, Terling (8), on Sat., March 7. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Special method: Belfast S.M. All welcome.—R.J.H. and C.H.G

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—By-meeting, Tunstall, Sat., March 7.
Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Barton, 100 Park Drive, Sitting-bourne, please.—D. P. L. 8275

Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Sunbury, March 7. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and business 5. Hampton (8), 7–8.30. Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, March 9, 8–9.30 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 8245

Sussex County Association.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Sat., March 7, Hartfield (6), 3–5 p.m. Tea 5.15, Coleman's Hatch. Coleman's Hatch bells 6.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to me, please, Mrs. J. Osbon, 79 Blount Avenue, East Grinstead (Tel.: E.G.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guido.

—Christchurch and Southampton District.—
Quarterly meeting, Sat., March 7. Milford bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing at Hordle. Names for tea to Mrs. G. W. Davis, 24 Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, BH6 3PT.—Gilian Davis, Dis.

Worcestershire and Districts Association .-Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ombersley, Sat., March 7. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at the Venture In Café, followed by business meeting in Church Hall. Shrawley bells available from 7 p.m. Tea Shrawley bells available from 7 p.m. Tea (approx. 4s.) only for those who notify me, J. Stanier, 12 Arrowsmith Avenue, St. John's, Worcester. 8294

Barnsley and District Society.-Hemsworth, Sat., March 14. Bells 3-5 p.m. Cups of tea at Felkirk and ringing in the evening, 9028 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Dun-

ster Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Carhampton (6). Sat., March 14, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., then tea and business. Names for tea to E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346. 8316

Beverley and District Society. — Monthly meeting, March 14, Sutton (6). Bells 2.45 p.m., Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22 Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton, by Robinson, 22 Lime previous Wednesday.

Derby Diocesan Association. - Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough, Sat., March 14. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. A. Ashby, 72 Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield, by previous Wednesday.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Annual general meeting, Sat., March 14, Chiddingstone (8). Bells 3.30-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing 7.30-8.30 p.m. Towers also open: Penshurst, 2.30-3.30 p.m.; Leigh, 3-4 p.m.: Hever, 7.30-8.30 p.m.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, March 14: Great Wilbraham, 6-7.15 p.m.; Cherry Hinton, 7.30—8.45 p.m.—J. S.

Essex Association.—N.E. District.—Meeting March 14, Great Holland (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Leech, 3 Holland Villas, Gt. Holland, Frintonon-Sea.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.-Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Hannington (6), Sac, March 14, 3 p.m. Service at Blunsdon, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to P. Tombs, 31 Little Avenue, Swindon, Wilts, by March 11. Evening ringing at 8334

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, March 14. Service at St. Mary's Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Congregational Church Hall, Portsmouth Road. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37 Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom (Tel.: 01-393 4986), by March 12. Bells available: Stoke-next-Guildford, 2.45. -4 p.m.; Holy Trinity, 3-4.15; St. Mary's, 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas and Shalford after the meeting.

Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.— Meeting, Sat., March 14, Hoddesdon (8), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at Broxbourne 5.15, fol-(8), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at Broxbourine 5.13, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Broxbourne (8) to 9 p.m. Names for tea to S. E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel.: 5664), by Wed, March 11.—S. E. James, Dis.

Kent County Association.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Harrietsham (8), on Sat., March 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Roebuck. Names to C. A. Tester, 18 Maxwell Drive, Allington Park, Maidstone.

Ladies' Guild.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, Sat., March 14, at Chewton Mendip. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Miss B. Johnson, 10 Lancashire Road, Bristol, BS7 9DL, by March 11.

It is much regretted that the practice meeting for the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was not held on February 11 at Trowbridge as advertised. At the last minute we had word from Trowbridge that the bells could not be rung that night, although it had been con-firmed by them. This made it impossible to contact many people, and we apologise to any-one who went to Trowbridge, but the circumstances were beyond our control.—B. Johnson, Sec., Western District. 8331

London County Association. - March London County Association.—March 14: Special business meeting to discuss modifications and changes to the entire rules of the Association. Meeting begins at 2.30 p.m., to be held at St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, in the cloisters of the church, Nearest tube: Aldersgate or Farringdon Street.—M. R. W. 8284

Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting, Sat., March 11, Ambleside. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Meeting in Parish Rooms at 5.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—T. F. Metcalfe.

Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—
Meeting. St. James (6), Leyland, Sat., March
14. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m.
Tea after service in School Room, followed by
business meeting. Names for tea to J. D.
Nixon, Esq., 22 Grange Road, Leyland, by
Wed., March 11. Special methods: London S.
Minor, Hereward Bob Minor.—D. G. Lawson,
Branch Sec. 8318 Branch Sec.

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.
—Meeting, Moorside (Oldham), Sat., March
14. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. D. W. Howarth, 49
Sholver Lane, Moorside, Oldham, by Wed.,
11th.—G. Cheetham. 8321

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Syston District.— The March monthly meeting, will be held at Rothley on Sat., March 14. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. A. Yates, 40 Woodfield, Rothley, Leics, by March 11. Cossington bells available for ringing from 2.30–3.30 p.m. 8309

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—An extraordinary general meeting and the annual general committee meeting will be held at Radley C.E. Primary School, Abingdon, at 2.30 p.m. on Sat., March 14. Names for tea to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49 Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by previous Tuesday.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8227

St. David's and Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guilds.—Joint meeting, Llanelli, on Sat., March 14. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Rees, 41 St. Mary's Rise, Burry Port, Carms, by March 12, please.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — North Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Okeford Fitzpaine, March 14. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business and more ringing. Names to M. M. Godley, St. Francis' Cottage, Yetminster, Sherborne, by March 10, please.

Suffolk Guild.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting will be at Grundisburgh (10) on Sat., March 14. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Ringing in evening to 9 p.m. All wishing for tea notify Mrs. Sylvia Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, near Woodbridge, Suffolk, by Thurs., March 12.—W. L. Dis. Sec. 8285

Worcestershire and Districts Association.— Southern Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Mar. 14, Bretforton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., then tea and business. Willersey bells available 6.45 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. G. Tomkins, 80 Main Street, Bretforton. 8286

Essex Association.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Sawbridgeworth (8), Sat., March 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m.—G. Blake. Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8322

Essex Association.—Southern District.—Meeting, Bentley Common, Sat., March 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea with further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49 Hatch Road, Brentwood. All are welcome

Ladies' Guild.—Midland District.—Annual general meeting, joint with the Leicester and Market Harborough Districts of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, at St. Thomas', Sth. Wigston, Sat., March 21. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting at 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. P. Brown, 14 Westmorland Avenue, South Wigston, Leicester, by Wed., 18th.—B. C. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8328

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting, Wootton, Sat., March 21. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (important) to Mr. J. C. Parker, 62 The Warren, Hardingstone, Northampton, by Tuesday previous.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mansfield District.—Warsop, Sat., March 21. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cuckney bells available afternoon only. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Rooke, 9 York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield, by previous Wednesday.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Full meeting, Seighford, near Stafford, Sat., March 21. Important committee meeting in nave 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for latter, please. to Mr. G. Evans, The Vicarage, Seighford. Stafford, by March 18, latest. Bells (5) available 3-4.25 p.m. and after tea. Also Stafford (10) from 7.15 p.m. onwards.—C. M. S.. Hon. Sec.

Sussex County Association.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, March 21, Holy Cross (8), Uckfield. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Please send names for tea to Mrs. Q. P. Sandells (the caterer), 8 The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield. Names must be sent in by previous Wednesday, otherwise no tea 8266

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South Eastern District, SUPPER AND SOCIAL Saturday, March 21

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NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES MEETING

Saturday, March 7

List of towers.-

9.30-10.15: Marple (8).

10.30-11.15: Hazel Grove (8)*.

11.30-12.15: Stockport (St. George) (10).

1.30- 2.15: Hyde (8).

2.30- 3.15: Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Michael)

3.30- 4.15: Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Peter) (8). 4.30- 5.15: Manchester Cathedral (10).

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J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 834

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION St. Albans District

TOWER CAPTAINS' CONFERENCE

Easter Saturday, March 28

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BIRTH

Tremeer. — On Feb. 17, 1970, at 9 Perins Close, Alresford, Hants, to Les and Prisca, a son, Sefton Leslie, a brother for Andrew. 8352

DEATH

GRIFFIN. — Victor, aged 37, of 82 Upper Road, Kennington, Oxford, passed away at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, on Feb. 26, 1970. Cremation was at Oxford Crematorium on Wed., March 3, at 11.30 a.m. 8359

Received too late for Classification

Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting, Biggleswade, March 14. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please note venue.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec. 8339

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Wottonunder-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Yate (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Sat., March 7. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1 Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos. 8343

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Church Stretton District.—Practice meeting, Bromfield, on Sat., March 21. Bells (6) available 5 p.m. 8344

Hertford County Association.—Western District.—Meeting, Great Gaddesden (6), on Sat., March 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Sheppard, 19 Great Heart, Hemel Hempstead.

Peterborough Guild. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Bugbrooke (5), Sat., Mar. 14. Names for tea to Mr. K Rogers, Downs Farm, Weedon, by Wednesday previous.—I. Webb. 8341

Sussex County Association. — Western Division. — Practice meeting at Lodsworth (6) and Petworth (8), Sat., March 14. Lodsworth bells 3 p.m. Service at Lodsworth 5. Tea 5.45. Petworth bells until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea P. M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis.

Yorkshire Association.—Western District.—Meeting, Denholme, Sat., March 21. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea and biscuits only available.—A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec. 8340

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting and striking competition will be held at All Saints, Birchington, on Sat., March 14, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be held at 5 p.m., approx. Names for tea to Mr. H. Luck, Lubin. 57 Kent Gardens, Birchington, by previous Wednesday.—J. B. K.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Crewe Branch.— Audlem, March 14. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4,30 p.m. Names by March 11.—W. Kerr, 107 Moreton Road, Crewe. 8349

Selby and District Society.—Meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Sat., March 7. Bells 2.30, Service 4.15. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead.

Yorkshire Association.—Southern Branch.— There will be a practice meeting on Fri., Mar. 20, at St. Leonard's, Wortley. The eight belts will be available from 18.30 (6.30 p.m.) until 21.00. Ringing will range from rounds and call-changes to Surprise Major.—A. C. Banton.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for March 2, 1945

At Guildford William J. Robinson conducted a peal of Grandsire in which Harold A. May rang his first peal at the first attempt.

The first peal on the bells (Grandsire Doubles) was rung at Ludgvan, Cornwall, conducted by Rev. A. S. Roberts from the treble.

Three doctors rang in a peal of Kent Minor at Stoke Mandeville, conducted by Walter Ayre,

Miss Jill Poole received a copy of Time, an American publication, which included an article of her ringing in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus

Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton) performed the marriage ceremony between Miss Joan Wheeler, of Bishopstoke, and Petty Officer Ernest Salmon, of Hereford Cathedral.

"Battle Axes" was the venue for tea when the Ladies' Guild held a meeting at Wraxall.

The Editor apologised for not answering letters as he had been confined to bed for three weeks

50 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1920

The Basingstoke Combined Society appealed for subscriptions towards a memorial for Mr. Henry White.

Five members of the Pitstow family took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Saffron Walden Parish Church, conducted by H. N. Pitstow. In addition to it being the first peal on the bells, L. E. Pitstow rang his first peal.

At Guildford, A. H. Pulling conducted the first peal of Little St. Lawrence Major, which was composed by Rev. E. Bankes James.

At Leiston, Suffolk, the eight Bailey brothers rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major as a welcome home to Wilfred Bailey (who rang treble), he being the last of six of the brothers to be demobilised.

At a meeting in the tower of St. Mary's. Taunton, it was hoped to raise sufficient money to rehang the bells and to increase the ring from 10 to 12 bells.

The new ring of eight at Tunbridge Wells was much enjoyed when the Tonbridge District held a meeting there. The recasting and rehanging by Gillett and Johnston had cost nearly £500, all of which had been paid.

At Benhilton a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a 68th birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Perkins, who conducted.

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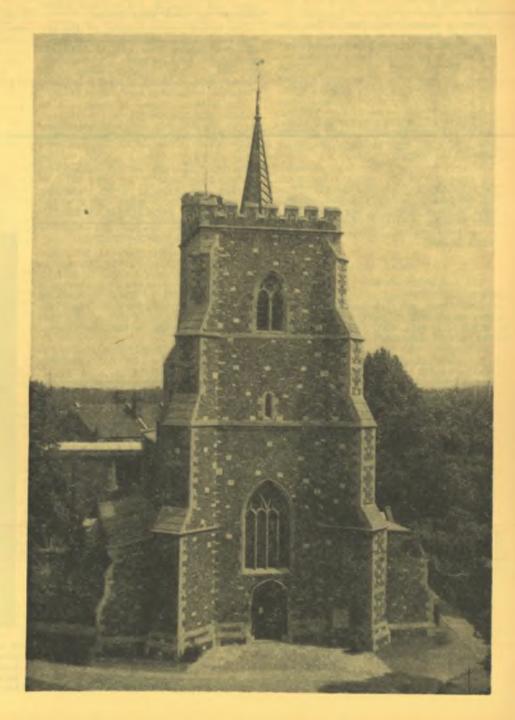
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ALTHOUGH the beginnings of ringing in Watford are somewhat obscure, we know that there were bells here in the year 1415 for in a Watford will of that date one Thomas bequeathed "to the bells of the same Church X11d"; from an inventory, 1553, "5 bells in the steeple and a market bell"; in 1638, "6 bells with the furniture." The six bells may or may not have included the Market Bell, which was rung at the opening of the market, when a "lecture" was delivered by a clergyman appointed for the purpose. In 1613 he was provided with a house close by the market and church and he probably assisted at St. Mary's for to this day the senior curate is known as "The Lecturer." (The house was recently demolished to make way for a new ring road.)

From a vestry book, June, 1704: "The great bell have broken down and all her crown cannon broken off and that she cannot be hung up without being new cast and the Fifth bell being not tuneable to the rest of the said bells, we do agree the said two bells be not runn at the public charge."

The following September a special meeting reversed this decision, for "Thomas Ewin having paid £74 17s. for new casting two of the bells, he shall be paid the same and receive the approbation of the inhabitants of the town."

A vestry book of 1750 tells us: "Whereas the great bell of this parish is broke and the other bells are very bad and out of tune we do hereby consent that the six bells shall be taken down and new run and that there shall be an addition of metal to make a complete peal of 8 bells the tenor to weigh 22 cwt."

OLD PEAL BOARDS

The new bells were cast by Thomas Lester at Whitechapel.

The tower contains several old peal boards and from the earliest we learn that on May 25, 1751, 5040 Plain Bob Trebles was rung by the Society of Eastern Youths "in 3 hours & 30 minuets."

Some curiosity has been expressed from time to time as to the identity of this band, so for interest we quote:—

"Thos. Rudd treble, Thos. Shepherd 2nd, James Coxon 3rd, Thos. Dobinfon 4th, Saml. Debart 5th, Willm. Thorpe 6th, Stephen Green 7th, John Green, jun. and John Goodwin tenor."

No conductor is named.

The first peal by the Society of Watford Youths was 5040 Bob Major on April 30, 1780, conducted by Daniel Pope, who, with other members of his family, did much to establish change-ringing in the locality. In 1876 the 7th bell of Lester's ring was recast by John Briant, of Hertford.

The last peal on these bells, 5040 Stedman Triples, was rung on May 7, 1907 (from the ground floor), conducted by George N. Price. In 1919, at the initiative of the vicar, the late Rev. Cecil F. Ayerst, himself a ringer of some ability, the bells were recast and tuned on the five harmonic principle by Gillett and Johnston. The weight of the tenor was increased to 24½ cwt., its note, at the request of the churchwardens, remaining at E flat. A massive frame, with provision for ten bells, was installed and a new ringing chamber constructed at the level of the fine west window.

The first peal on the recast ring — 5040 Grandsire Triples—on December 10, 1921, was conducted by Frederick Edwards, while in the 1930s several Surprise Major peals were rung by the resident band, conducted by Harold G. Cashmore.

In September, 1946, two memorial bells, from the Croydon foundry, were added, and the first peal on the ten—5039 Grandsire Caters on March 15, 1947—was conducted by G. W. Debenham. On May 25, 1951, a bicentenary peal of 5040 Plain Bob Royal was conducted by Geoffrey W. Seaman.

No account of Watford ringing would be complete without mention of Stephen H. Hoare who for over 40 years, as a good ringer and conductor and one-time master, rendered the tower great service.

The longest-serving member of the present band is the writer who, starting in 1925, was master from 1931 to 1952, and again from 1965 onwards. Another who has held the reins of office is Ray Smith. whilst second, in length of service, is Walter Paul, who came from East Anglia in 1931.

The Watford ringers of today are an amiable blend of youth and experience. Service ringing is well maintained and Surprise Royal is sometimes heard on Sundays.

In the early days of Simpson tuning controversy was rife on this subject and Watford bells came in for their share of criticism; now, listening to this grand ring, 50 years later, one wonders what it was all about.

RICHARD G. BELL.

BELLS SCRAPPED

The ring of eight bells at St. James' Church, Bolton, Bradford, has been sold by the church authorities for the scrap value of the metal. They were a complete ring of eight cast in 1878 by Shaw, of Bradford, but had not been rung for many years. The ring was given to the church by a former parishioner and was opened in October. 1878.

The bells have already been removed by the Whitechapel Foundry and transported to London for breaking up.

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AN EARLY START



A picture of 7-years-old Ian Parry, complete with box, ready to pull-off at his local tower, St. Nicholas, Grosmont, Mon, where he has been taught to handle by his parent his mother being leader of the local band.

THE YEAR OF THE PEAL

"1969 must be regarded as the Year of the Peal as far as our Guild is concerned. The average rung is 35-40, but last year 93 were accomplished, nearly 40 above the previous best in 1931—in Alf Pulling's heyday—when 55 were rung."

So said Mr. D. A. R. May (master) at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, commemorating the name of John S. Goldsmith and held at Harvey's Restaurant, Guildford, on February 27. The attendance was 174. Mr. May was replying to the toast "Continued prosperity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild," which had been proposed by Mr. Derek Sibson (master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths).

Continuing, Mr. May said that of the 93 rung, 42 were by one band, and Michael Church had conducted more in 1969 than the Guild as a whole had rung in 1968 and now held the Guild record for the greatest number rung and conducted in any one year. Enumerating the other activities connected with the Guild, he said that an increase in quarter peals also indicated the life and energy which prevailed, and he had no doubt that directly and indirectly peals and quarters did improve the standard of Sunday service ringing. "All this expertise and much that I have not detailed," continued the speaker, "are due to two factors: the determination and effort by the ringer concerned and the firm base supplied by our predecessors."

Mentioning those vice-presidents living today and who had helped with the building up of the Guild, Mr. May named Alfred Winch, Bill Shepherd, George Marriner, Jack Bragg and Charles Denyer (now in an active role as R.W. editor), and of the past John Goldsmith, Charles Hazelden, Major Hesse and Alf Pulling. He went on to pay particular tribute to George Grover, of Clandon, who died last year and who, in his (the speaker's) opinion, was the "ideal ringer" for he lived a life of service and as a true Christian gentleman.

"May we continue to build on what all our illustrious past officers and members nave left behind," he concluded, and then proposed "The memory of John Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guild."

BELLRINGERS ARE "SQUARES"?

The Dean of Guildford (Very Rev. A. C. Bridge) had previously proposed, in jocular terms, "The Church and the Ringing Exercise. He confessed he knew nothing of bellringing but had read that the first bells made were square, and he had no doubt many ringers today were also considered squares" because of their work for the Church. Bellringers, in some ways, typified its best what the Church is about—being in a community and enjoying being together in that had love. If only other sections of young and old in a well-knit service and did something worth doing we would all eenefit, said the Dean. It gave him the greatest possible pleasure to propose the loast of "The Church," of which they were part, and of "The Ringing Exercise" which welded them together.

GUILD "OBJECTS" QUOTED

Replying to the toast, Mr. Sibson said he as the son of a clergyman, and his wife at the daughter of one also; both, therefore, had a specialist knowledge of the hurch. He was in entire agreement with hat the Dean had said about the part bellingers played in the work of the Church, continued by proposing the toast of "The Guildford Guild" and referred to the

"historical speech" made by Canon Felstead at the 40th anniversary dinner two years ago. Mr. Sibson then quoted the "objects" of the Guild, which had not been published since 1964, and said that only two of the Guild's 63 towers did not have regular Sunday service ringing and one of those was because the bells were unringable. This record of service ringing was a fine achievement, as were the well-attended practices, striking competitions and social functions held within the diocese and which made for a thriving society of bellringers. A belfry repair fund recently inaugurated was also a very worthwhile proposition for it would greatly assist in restoration work to be carried out in future years.

ALLEGATION DENIED

Mr. Sibson then deliberated on the importance of quarter peal ringing by local bands which so often marked a step of some achievement, not always fully appreciated. Equally peals did the same, and he strongly denied the allegation that peal ringers, generally, were not Sunday service ringers. "It just is not true," he emphasised, and went on to speak of the number of Spliced Major peals rung by Guild members during 1969. He mentioned particularly the 17-spliced method peal rung nonconducted and silent recently, and the Cambridge Maximus by a resident band at Reading and, addressing the Dean, he added: "This Guild is capable of ringing 12 bells and [amidst laughter] although last Saturday 20 ringers turned up to ring a peal of Royal, I wonder if two more bells in the Cathedral will be enough! A Guild without a ring of 12 has a real handicap," concluded Mr. Sibson.

The master acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the speakers during the formal proceedings. During an interval Mr. David Parsons and his handbell team from

Egham delighted the company with Bach's chorale "Jesu, joy" and a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters.

The remainder of the evening was spent dancing and concluded at 1 a.m.

Those attending included: at the principal table, Mr. D. A. R. May (master) and Mrs. May, the Dean of Guildford (Very Rev. A. C. Bridge) and Mrs. Bridge, Mr. D. E. Sibson and Mrs. Sibson, Mr. C. W. Munday (Guild secretary) and Mrs. Munday, Mr. and Mrs. D. Tubbs, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. D. Struckett, Mr. C. W. Denyer (Editor, R.W.) and Mrs. Denyer, Mr. A. Elsmore and Miss J. Collins.

and Mrs. Denyer, Mr. A. Elsmore and Miss J. Collins. Others attending included Canon F. Crooks, Rev. P. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor, Rev. H. Jackson and Mrs. Jackson, Rev. S. A. Zeal and Mrs. Zeal, Messrs. M. H. Ward, T. Baker, L. Moody, R. Moody, R. Clist, Maj. E. J. Bragg, C. White, D. Parsons, N. Summerhayes, A. Flood, S. Elliott, D. Stone, W. Viggers, T. Page, S. L. Baker, C. K. Hill, P. Smart, G. Gilder, R. Backhurst, M. Cattell, P. Lewin, E. Warner, K. Glue, G. Speed, T. Parker, P. Sherwood, M. Franklin, N. Piper, J. Bailey, R. Caporn (and guest), J. Maybrey, P. Henry, E. Morey, A. Holden, S. Hughes, D. Misseldine, D. Bird, C. Webb, J. King, J. Edwardes, M. Harbott, C. Easterman, M. Elliott, M. Mulvey, D. Oakshott, P. Munday, Dr. D. James, N. Thomson, P. Ford, V. Stedman, H. Day, R. Mills, J. Laver, M. Mortls, R. Fentiman, S. Mortimore, J. Davidge, J. Aronson, J. Morton, J. Sewell, M. Kirk, J. Leggett, M. Novell, D. Jennings, G. Roff, M. Church, W. Couperthwaite, J. Dodds, B. White, H. Reed, J. Novell, P. Atkins and R. Gee.

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The Misses Benbow, Moody, Clist, Elliott, Freeman, Page, Tate-Mitchell, Hill, Press, Reay, Eade, Butcher, Rignell, Jackson, Cookson, Sharpe, Levers, Cragg, J. Smith, L. Smith, Sinclair, Hamilton, Oakshott, Elliott Alexander, Stevens, Tribe, Romano, Williams, Walker, Quittenton and Bunch.

SPLICED!

A copy of The Ringing World was put beside the plate of the Dean of Guildford at the Guild Annual Dinner, and during his speech the Dean said: "I see there is an article in your journal on 'The History of a Spliced Minor,' and the two very young ladies in front of me have some large glasses of a very suspicious looking liquid. I fear they are in danger of becoming two spliced minors—but I hope I shall not in turn become a plastered major."



The Master and Mrs. Jill May with the Dean of Guildford, photographed by the R.W. at the dinner. London County Association

MASTER'S CASTING VOTE DECIDES

AT THE London County Association A.G.M. on February 14 the ballot for mastership resulted in a tie and the retiring master, Mr. Harold Rogers, had, in consequence of the rules, to give his casting vote. Mrs. Rogers is the new master.

The meeting was at the old headquarters at St. Clement Danes' and ringing took place at St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Maryle-Bow and St. Clement Danes'. The resident chaplain conducted a service based on the Association's own pre-war service plan, which was originally in booklet form, but all except one copy was destroyed when St. Clement Danes' was gutted by fire during the blitz. Tea followed the service at the Waldorf Hotel.

After dealing with the business routines and the election of new members the meeting stood in silence for those who had "passed on" during the year. Among these were Mr. Robert C. Heazel, Mrs. F. Hairs and Mr. Joseph Marks.

MASTER'S REPORT

The master, Mr. Harold Rogers, reviewed the continuing steady work of the Association, and said the usual pattern of meetings had been followed, eight being held in London and the traditional joint meeting with the Middlesex Association. The annual dinner had been successfully held at The George, and members were well represented at the Richmond-upon-Thames Music Festival in March. A team won the handbell challenge shield for method ringing and another came a close second for tower bell ringing.

The meeting activities entailed visits to some 22 towers and it was a great joy to be invited to the Roman Catholic Church at Clapham Common for a true "Christian

Unity" service.

Regular monthly practices had been held at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, and it was a pity that adequate support was not forthcoming for the beginners' lectures arranged to precede the practices. Another activity had been the Sunday evening ringing organised by Mr. Meyer and encompassing a rota of some six churches. During the year 24 members had been elected. Eight tower bell peals (all of Caters and Royal) had been rung, and six on handbells. Six Surprise Royal methods were rung—Yorkshire, Evesham, Christchurch, Isleworth, London and Ewerby.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBER

A new member to the Central Council—Mr. William Shanks—is one of the Association's four representatives. Mr. Wilfrid Wilson had the honour of the "hot seat" as convener of the Ringing World Committee. The meeting wished him well and said that he and his committee, together with the new editor, would, they felt sure, look after the interests of all ringers.

The peal book had been written up in illuminated style by Mrs. Elaine Wycherley, and the association expressed its appreciation to her. The master thanked the officers and members who had supported him during his three-year term and extended his good wishes to his successor. He gave his advice to those present on the qualities required in a successor as master.

The meeting congratulated the oldest established member present — Mr. Bert Turner, elected in 1907 and still going

strong.

ST. JAMES', CLERKENWELL

St. James', Clerkenwell, which was featured recently, has brought comment from different sources. Mr. A. D. Barker points out that it was the original headquarters of the St. James' Society, now the London County Association. Mr. David Gough states that there are regular Wednesday evening practices, and recently there were 19 present and methods were rung. Mr. Michael Wycher'ey has worked hard to establish a band and on alternate Sunday mornings there is ringing by the local team. Sound control is under consideration and will no doubt be carried out effectively at some future date. Members between the wars included Ken Gough, Dicky Rickson and Bill Prockson.

He finishes by saying that the spirit is good in the tower and there is also a new recruit—an 8 lb. baby son to the captain and his wife.

SOUTHAMPTON RINGERS VISIT EXETER

Recently a peal of Plain Bob Major was scored at Exminster by a combined band of Southampton and Exeter Universities and the Southampton members enjoyed ringing at many other local towers whilst on a week-end visit to Exeter. The miniature rings owned by Mr. Frank Mack were particularly enjoyed. Exeter members won a skittles match.

At the Southampton U.G. A.G.M. on Feb. 4 the officers elected were: Master, Phillip A. Butler; vice-master, Richard Weeks; secretary/treasurer, Steven J. Coleman; steeplekeeper, Mark R. Hutcheson.

ALTON (HAMPSHIRE) ANNIVERSARY

The ambitious programme planned to celebrate the church's dedication is progressing well, with concerts, quarter peals and visiting ringers for Sunday evening on exchange principle. A quarter peal tour resulted in one of three being successful, but a peal attempt for Stedman Triples failed after an hour's good ringing. Further attempts are being made, however, by the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Two popular nominees for the office of master were Mr. Jack Phillips, a hardworking and co-operative London ringer (the retiring deputy master) and Mrs. Olive Rogers, who has held various offices in the association since 1938. The result of a paper ballot was a tie. With gentlemanly gesture Mr. Phillips offered to stand down but Mrs. Rogers wanted the decision by a draw from the hat or the toss of a coin. The meeting was adamant that the election must be by the rules, and the chairman (the retiring master) must give a casting vote. This, the chairman said, placed him in an impossible position but as the members insisted he would seize on to Mr. Phillips' offer to withdraw and he announced Mrs. Rogers as the new master.

Mr. Phillips was unanimously elected as deputy master. Others elected were: Senior steward, Mr. Alan Patterson; junior steward, David Woodward; secretary, Robin Collis; assistant secretaries, Mr. John Scott and Mrs. Deborah Bishop; treasurer and librarian, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson; trustees, Miss Veronica Dupre and Mr. Tony Bishop. After announcements, the retiring master invested the new master with her badge of office and Mrs. Rogers briefly addressed the meeting.

Obituary

MR. JOSEPH PIGOTT

Mr. Joseph Pigott, of 10 Londonderry Lane. Smethwick, died on February 15 at the advanced age of 90. "Joe" was in the frontrank of ringers at the turn of the century and a collection of his compositions (Plain and Surprise methods) is in the Worcestershire Association Library. He rang a number of handbell peals with Albert Walker and his band in Birmingham.

During the First World War he suffered severe injuries to one hand, and had a leather glove with tapes attached, and with this was able to have a handbell fastened to his hand and so could ring a pair as good as the others. He did most of his ringing with the Worcestershire Association and had been in the company of such people as Robert Matthews and Bill Short. It was said that with Bob Matthews calling and Bill Short on the treble it was impossible to lose London, Bristol or anything else unless a rope broke or someone fainted. He had two sisters, Sarah and Kate, both good ringers, and for many years they all rang at the Old Church, Smethwick, near which they all lived. D. T. M.

MR. FRANK ATTRILL

A ringer for 67 years, a member of the Winchester Guild for more than 50 and the church clock winder for the same period, Mr Frank Attrill died on February 21 at Caristrooke, Isle of Wight, at the age of 82. He started ringing when 15 years old and only gave up last year through failing health.

Ringers who attended the funeral included Messrs. S. Moody, H. Long, C. Denness. F. Cheverton and Mesdames E. Wyatt and Guy, and in the evening the bells were rung half-

muffled.

THE SENTINEL WITHDRAWN

Much to be deplored is the decision of Mr. Trevor A. Bevis to discontinue the publication of The Sentinel, the colourful news sheet of the Ely Diocesan Association after the March issue. Those who keep ringing papers should not fail to contact Mr. Bevis, 150 Burrowmoor Road, March, Cambs (price 10 new pence!).

The coloured picture on the front page is of St. Peter's Church, Walpole, often referred to as "Queen of the Marshes." Comments the Editor in his article about the church with its easy-handling bells (tenor 12 cwt.): "To ring at this spectacular church in the heart of rural tranquillity does something to an Englishman. Any man who regularly serves God in these surroundings can well be excused for saying with justifiable pride, 'I ring at the Queen of the Marshes.'

"The Sentinel has had a life of four years, and were it not for a generous subsidy would have perished long ago. Enthusiasm, although evident in the early issues, declined when the novelty wore off, and too many towers received a single copy between the ringers. Ironically, The Sentinel has inspired at least three guilds to produce newsletters. Correspondence has been received from complete strangers, praising the newsletter. It has been an interesting, if frustrating experiment, and I, for one, regret its demise. Attention must be turned to more worthwhile matters.

"Apathy is a malignancy most difficult to erase. It is a sour thing and its bitterness invades the palate of many!" Thus concludes

the Editor.

A pat on the back is just as easy to give as a dig in the ribs.

A HISTORY OF SPLICED MINOR

By C. A. WRATTEN

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PART IV: THE RECORD GROWS

THE Norbury record of 35 methods, set up in 1923, survived for another two years, and then, in the August of 1933, another Cheshire band rang 38 T.B. at Knutsford. The eightmethod extent which enabled them to pass the Norbury total was the work of Joseph W. Parker, and the peal was conducted by Ernest Report. The hand was: Bennett. The band was:

1 Sidney Hough 2 James Fernley, jun. 3 James A. Milner 4 Wilfred Stevenson

John Worth

6 Ernest Bennett

A year later, on December 29, 1934, what was substantially the same band, but with C. Kenneth Lewis ringing the treble and Walter W. Wolstencroft in place of Ernest Bennett, added a 39th method at Chapel-en-le-Frith. A 40th was added at Sutton, near Macclesfield, three weeks later, and a further two at Disley on February 2, 1935. The composition had been arranged by A. G. Driver, a virtual non-ringer, who was during the next three years to carry the composition of Spliced Minor to a stage far beyond anything hitherto thought possible.

After this sudden burst of activity, culminating in the 42-method peal that Fidler had forecast nine years previously, there was a momentary pause.

LINCOLNSHIRE AGAIN

But over in East Anglia a young Lincoln-shire band had begun to gird its loins for a series of peals that was before long to recover the record.

That spring Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had rehung an old ring of five at Algarkirk, a village some 20 miles from Horace Day and village some 20 miles from Horace Day and the Deepings, and had added a treble to make it into a six. On May 6, 1935, the day after the dedication of the belts, the local band, assisted by Arthur Young from nearby Frampton, scored a peal of seven Minor in their own tower. Consisting as it did of four Plain and three Treble Bob methods, it was what might be called a "typical" East Anglian peal, just as seven Treble Bob methods constituted a "typical" Cheshire peal.

In August the same band rang 20 methods at Freiston. The ringing was conducted by Vernon Taylor, whose early peals of spliced had been rung under the ægis of Horace Day.

By the end of the year they had reached 27 methods, and 30 methods followed in February, of Spliced Algarkirk Alliance and Bastow Little

ALLIANCE METHODS

The first Alliance method to see the light day had been published as long ago as 1671, in Stedman's Campanalogia, and had riginated at Nottingham. Then, for 250 yers, the idea lay dormant.

In July, 1920, the Rev. E. Bankes James
The Ringing World, pointing out
the possibility of joining certain Little and
Alliance methods by splicing them together
with the aid of singles. The idea, he wrote,
the composition of C. W. Woolley, and
he first brought it to my notice before he
turned 12 years old."

The letter provoked little response at the time, although Armiger Trollope later tooks up the idea when one or two 720s on this plan were as a result rung on handbells at Lammas Road, Ealing, during 1928 The 1931 Collection contained a selection of these method, and one or two extents and peals Contained a selection of these method, and one or two extents and peals including them had been rung by the local band at Lamberhurst, in Kent, during the course of the next two or three years. The Algarkirk company had rung a peal of Spliced Algarkirk and Bastow on their bells in January, 1936, and thereafter such extents appeared regularly in their performances.

In April that year they scored first 38 and then 42 methods, and on May 16 the record once more returned to Lincolnshire with a peal in 48 Plain, Little, Alliance and Treble Bob methods at Algarkirk. Vernon Taylor conducted and, once again, the peal was an arrangement of A. G. Driver's.

ANNUS MIRABILIS

There then ensued a most exciting six months—perhaps one of the most exciting periods in the history of six-bell ringing—as the record went to and fro between the rival bands. One has only to flip through the browning pages of The Ringing World for the latter part of that year to feel the tension and excitement that must have built up.

Although they varied occasionally, the teams were basically as follows:

In Cheshire-

1 James A Milner 2 James Fernley 3 C. Kenneth Kenneth Lewis

C. Kenneth Lewis Wilfred Stevenson Walter W. Wolstencroft (Conductor)

6 John Worth (Conductor).

1 George W. Burrell
2 Arthur Young
3 Vernon Taylor (Conductor)
4 Harvey E. Burrell
5 Harold Barsley 6 Cyril R. Burrell.

While the Lincolnshire men had been building up their repertoire, in Cheshire Kenneth Lewis had been busy rearranging Driver's 42-method peal to include a further ten methods. Only a week after the Algarkirk peal John Worth called this new arrangement at Marple to regain the record.

Undeterred by this prompt reply to their challenge, the Lincolnshire band rang 57 methods at Algarkirk on June 13, following it with a peal in 60 methods at Whaplode on August 3, and, as though to dispel any last lingering doubts about the matter, 61 methods five days later at Freiston. The ball had been well and truly returned to the Cheshire court.

It did not stay there for long. 22 John Worth called 66 Treble Bob at Marple and on September 5 added a further two methods at Disley. This apparently gave the Lincolnshire men something to think about, for a pause ensued.

Or perhaps it was Driver who now had to think. For it was he who was providing the new extents for both series of peals—Treble Bob to Cheshire, Little and Alliance to Lincolnshire. But that he had not yet reached the limit of his genius soon became apparent.

On December 5 the Lincolnshire company once more regained the lead, this time with an arrangement of his in no less than 70 methods.

By now the pace was really beginning to tell. It was another six months before Kenneth Lewis was able to call 73 Treble Bob with the Cheshire band to regain the record. This was at Fairfield, Buxton, on June 12,

On December 4, almost exactly a year after is last great performance, Vernon Taylor his last replied with a peal in 80 methods at Algarkirk. It was a magnificent achievement, and as month followed month it seemed that East Anglia had indeed won the day. January, February, March passed, April came and went. May followed, and still there was no sign of any answering peal from Cheshire.

CHESHIRE REGAINS THE RECORD

Then, on July 16, 1938, the Cheshire band returned to Disley where they had first rung

Middlesex County Association.

RINGING CHAMBER REDEDICATED

A warm welcome awaited the North and East District of the Middlesex Association at their annual meeting at St. John at Hackney on February 21.

Prior to ringing, an interesting ceremony took place when the Rector (Rev. G. H. Mc-Kinley) rededicated the ringing chamber and offered prayers for those who had so willingly given their time to decorate and beautify that part of the church in which ringers worship God in their own particular way. It had received no major attention since a disastrous fire some years ago. The work had been done by Mr. and Mrs. David Smith assisted by the ringing master. They are working hard at St. John's to encourage recruits and maintain a Sunday service band.

After tea the secretary gave a report on a satisfactory year, with four full and five evening meetings and an average attendance of 42 and 31 respectively. Ringing was still maintained for the Thursday mid-week service at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and Mr. T. H. Hawkins would welcome any ringers able to assist at this tower. Thirty-four peals had been rung within the boundaries of the district (31 tower and three in hand), Hendon recording its first for some 20 years. Highlights of ringing included the achievement of Mr. Alick Cutler in being the first to ring 300 different Surprise Major methods to a peal and the accomplishment of John Mayne and his band in ringing the first peal of Kent Treble Bob 14 in hand for the association. Congratulations also to John Mayne on completing 1,000 peals during the year.

The statement of accounts was approved.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Miss G. E Newcombe; master, Mrs. H. G. Hart; deputy master, Mr. T. G. Hawkins; secretary, Mr. E. H. Kilby; assistant secretary, Mr. D. T. C. Smith; auditor, Miss Valerie Ware; committee, Messrs, H. G. Hart, D. E. R. Knights, and B. C. Watson.

Twenty-five new ringing members were elected: Holloway (1), Monken Hadley (3), Harrow Weald (1), Enfield (2), Hendon (4), Finchley (11) and Hackney (3). Miss Ruth Foreman expressed pleasure that the Finchley ringers were to be reconstituted with the association. The captain of this band is Mr. Michael Carter, and the secretary Mrs. Mary Blades.

A very sincere welcome was extended to Mr. Alec Richardson, who, although blind, is very enthusiastic and a regular Sunday service ringer. The chairman proposed thanks to the Rev. G. H. McKinley for taking the service and to Mr. Withers for accompanying at the organ and to Mr. and Mrs. Smith and members of the local band for making the necessary arrangements.

42 methods three years before. With Ernest Bennett taking the place of Wilfred Stevenson, they scored a peal in 84 methods.

Kenneth Lewis again conducted the ringing, as well as being responsible for adding the extra methods. To do this he had managed to insert four new Alliance methods into one of Driver's 720s, and had also put together what is now the "standard" extent in 13 Plain methods. It was the first peal to be rung in Cheshire containing Alliance methods.

In the seven years since the appearance of the Minor Collection the record had thus been the Minor Collection the record had thus been raised from 35 methods to 84, and in so doing had changed hands eight times. But there remained something over a year before the outbreak of another war. And although the Algarkirk band had by now dispersed, Lincolnshire was not yet out of the race.

(To be continued)

Letters

TERRITORIAL?

Dear Sir,-In The Ringing World (page 131) "Exile" states that the London County Association is a non-territorial association. behalf of all members of the association I would point out that Rule 2 of the L.C.A. states: "Territory. That its area of operation and influence shall embrace the whole of the Administrative County of London, or a radius of ten miles from St. Clement Danes' in the Strand.

The L.C.A. also provides ringers for Southwark Cathedral one Sunday a month, and a band organised by Mr. C. Montague Meyer, a stalwart of the association, rings on Sunday evenings at many otherwise silent towers. Yours faithfully,

ROBIN J. COLLIS, Sec., London County Association.

Dear Sir,-In the reply to "Exile" (page 163) we are informed that an association which has the word London in its title cannot be non-territorial. Is this statement from an officer of the Central Council? If so, it would seem that all the University societies have changed their status to territorial. Thus the recent discussion regarding Central Council representation is solved: all the societies at present affiliated are territorial except the five listed as non-territorial in the Diary and also the Universities Association. By keeping the ratio for representation the same as at present everyone will have the same chance of representation. If a smaller Council is required it can merely change these ratios. faithfully,

T. SKILTON.

Canterbury, Kent.

CHURCH CLOCKS

Dear Sir,-In your interesting report of Sheffield Cathedral bells (Ringing World, page 131), you mention that a new chiming clock is to be installed. This is rather misleading, as fortunately the old chiming clock, which has served for 103 years, is at present being overhauled by Messrs. William Potts and Sons of Leeds. Their manager is reported in The Morning Telegraph as saying: "Although it was old, it would have been criminal to scrap the clock, which was marvellously made."

Further to the instances given in previous letters of clock dials having the Roman IV. another is the clock a. Sheffield.—Yours faithfully,
S. L. MARSHALL. another is the clock at Wadsley Parish Church,

Sheffield.

YAXLEY ALLIANCE

Dear Sir,-In reply to Mr. A. Pashley's letter (R.W., page 130), I would recom-mend to him the Central Council Collection of Minor Methods, particularly page 127, which explains how an Alliance method can be spliced with a Little method.

I think Mr. Pashley is treating Yaxley as a Plain method, as he states: "If 480 changes were rung in a 720 the treble would strike in 5ths and 6ths 80 times." This is untrue. In 480 changes of Yaxley the treble would strike 120 times in 5ths and 6ths, as this is an Alliance method; 240 Little Bob is rung in the 720, thereby making the true extent. 720 is given in the aforementioned publication. -Yours faithfully,

KEVIN M. PRICE.

Crosthwaite, Westmorland.

THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL

Dear Sir,-There have been a number of letters recently proposing that peal ringers should pay extra money to The Ringing World. In my view The Ringing World is not an ordinary newspaper but "the official journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers," and therefore has a duty to publish all it can regarding what happens in the Exer-Peal ringing is just part of this.

I should like to see a system whereby every association and guild subsidises The Ringing World according to the number of members they have. This would then mean that all ringers would share in the costs of their paper, not only peal ringers or those who buy it.

This would probably mean that most annual subscriptions would have to go up, probably by as much as 2s. 6d., but would this really hurt anybody? We ringers get away with things very cheaply.

This could even encourage more ringers to subscribe to The Ringing World, since they would all have an indirect financial interest

I should like to think this letter might encourage some "serious" thinking.—Yours faith-

GEOFFREY R. DREW.

Tewkesbury, Glos.

ECCLESTON, St. HELENS

Dear Sir,-I was pleased to read Mr. Marcus C. W. Sherwood's pleasant comments concerning the bells of St. Thomas', Eccleston, St. Helens. (Ringing World, page 158, Manchester University outing.)

The difficulty in finding the church is experienced by many-as I have found in having to wait for parties when I held the post of tower captain before my departure for "foreign The church is not in the rural disparts " trict of Eccleston, but in the electoral ward of Eccleston. In fact it is only 300 yards or so from the town centre.

The bells are a lovely light eight, rehung in 1962, but with no local band as such. They are not available for peal ringing because of complaints, but are well worth a visit. Since 1934, when they were augmented, they have been pealed six or seven times and they have not been pealed to Major!

I urge anyone in the area to keep these bells ringing if possible because in 1962, at the time of the large-scale restoration, the two trebles were nearly scrapped, and the back six hung dead !- Yours faithfully,

JIM HEDGCOCK

Folkestone, Kent.

Crayford, Kent.

ST, JOHN'S, SIDCUP

Dear Sir, - I was very interested in Mr. Lewis' account of the above in your issue of February 27 and wish him every success in his effort to restore and increase the bells to a ring of eight.

It reminded me of the time when they hung in one of the twin towers of the old church and that I must be the only person now living who rang on them when they were there.

It was on Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee day in 1897, when I was 12 years old, that my father had been invited in a band to ring the bells in honour of the occasion. Father, however, decided he would go to London and see the procession and sent me instead.

We rang for most of the afternoon and then adjourned to the Black Horse, where I was given a couple of ginger beers. I found out some time afterwards it had been a paid job and the others had stuck to my share of the money!!-Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

OXFORD AND SHEPPEY SURPRISE

Dear Sir,-On page 69 of your issue of January 30 you published a request and comments from Mr. Bamforth regarding certain Surprise methods. The notation of Oxford Surprise Major will be found on page 32 of Corrigan's Collection and it is:-

-36-16-58-36-14-38-36-7. 4ths place. l.e. 17258463.

Mr. Bamforth's statement regarding Burton Superlative is incorrect. The notation of Sheppey is:-

b-36-14-58-36-14-58.12.36.12.7. while that of Burton version of Superlative

b-78,36,78.14-58-36-14-58.12,36.12.7.

This latter will also be found, among other places, on the same page of Corrigan referred to above.-Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Watford, Herts.

Dear Sir,-I thank the three people who replied to my request. In rereading the article by A. P. Heywood, which contained Superlative Surprise Major, Burton variation, I discovered that, although only the places in 1-2 were given, the places of 7-8 were implied in the text. I thus withdraw my earlier statement on page 69 of The Ringing World. See also page 130.

With regard to Oxford Surprise Major it is interesting to note that all three notations are different. Taking the one given by Tipler, this. although regular, does not fit in with the composition for the peal in which the Middle comes before the Wrong. The two methods given by Corrigan unfortunately do not give the lead-heads, which they are claimed to do. Since the lead-head 17258463 fits in with the peal composition, I have taken the liberty of altering the first notation at the half-lead to give this lead-head. This is what I think it must be:-

-36-16-58-36-14-38-36-58. I.h. 4ths. 17258463. 2nds place bobs.

Yours faithfully.

STUART I. BAMFORTH.

Hyde, Cheshire.

EAST PENNARD BELLS

Dear Sir,-I was most interested in the account of East Pennard bells and would like to congratulate the band who got them going after such a long silence. It seems that in many cases when a band dies out and the bells are not appreciated in the parish an easy solution is to say they are unsafe or, better still, the tower is unsafe.

While I was at Hurley I tried to teach a band in a nearby tower which had no ringers but first-class bells. On returning after Christmas we were told by the lady churchwarden. who was not a lover of bells, that the tower was unsafe and therefore no further ringing was permitted. Since her death the bells have been augmented to six (possibly to her memory?) and are still fully ringable.

It is a pity the 22 cwt, octave in the parish church of the county town of Buckinghamshire has lain silent for over a century. again one hears rumours as to why they cannot be rung. Nothing is ever done, and the late Sir G. G. Scott had the belfry floor removed, making rather a long draught. Pamber Priory has about the same draught, which makes change ringing difficult but not impossible. So how about knocking the cobwebs off Aylesbury?--Yours faithfully,

A. K. FORTIN.

Amersham, Bucks.

TOMORROW'S CLERGY

Mr. Royston Grosvenor, of King's College Hostel, sends us the following report by one of a party of 16 who visited Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The majority are ordinands who knowledge of bellringing was very limited, and as many will one day be the clergy in parishes where bells may be hung, it is important that they have some idea of what bellringing entails.

On January 31 a group of 16 students from King's College, London, and some friends were shown round the Whitechapel Bell Foundry by Mr. John Slater. He was able to show us the various stages in the making of a tower bell and we were also shown examples of other kinds of bell made there, including the handbells, which are gaining so much in popularity, "muffin" bells, and gongs for sanctuary and clock. The first process we were shown was that of building up the double mould with bricks and a strange mixture of elay, dung and hair. It was interesting to hear Mr. Slater describe how this particular mixture, which has been used since mediæval times for this purpose, acted to allow gases to exhaust in a way that no modern substitute would.

We were then shown how the bell was cleaned, mounted on its headstock and tuned. This latter process is now carried out with electronic equipment to a quite incredible degree of fineness and precision.

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At this point we were shown part of the largest order the bellfoundry has ever had. It was a batch of replicas of the American "Liberty Bell," the original of which had come from Whitechapel. We were also shown the steel clapper from the largest bell in Liverpool Cathedral. We were told that because of the difficulty of obtaining such a large cast iron clapper this steel one had to be substituted. It was the replacement for the original clapper which had fatigued and broken in use.

Those of us in the party who are training for the ministry were interested to hear how economically bells could be incorporated into a new church building, compared with the price of some architectural "decorations." In all we spent an enjoyable morning, learning more about the mysteries of how a bellfoundry worts. For instance, we were shown how the wheels (for turning the bells) were constructed in an upper room, with no opening large enough to allow the largest wheels to be taken out in one piece. In the room where handbells are tuned and finished we were shown an antique (literally!) lathe, which the foundry obtained when it acquired its present premises, and which is still in use!

For many of us, to whom the world of

For many of us, to whom the world of bells is new territory, the visit afforded great insights into a whole new area of fascination. To those who had had some experience of these things before, many of the details were truly interesting. To all of us the fact that such craftsmanship is still alive and flourishing is greatly heartening.

ALAN MAYER.

ADDICTION?

"The ringing men must reach stages of exultation which are on a par with that of cannibis, but if this is so there is no outward evidence to prove it.

"Ringing is an addiction from which few small

Ringing is an addiction from which few escape once they have ventured into the small ortress-like room beneath the bells, and the sally (the soft, tufted end grip of the rope) leaps to life in their hands like an animal. Their shirt-sleeved arms fly with the ropes, and because their whole personality bends to the arcering mass of metal above, they often look as if they had lost their will, as if the bells were in charge of them." (From Ronald Blythe's book Akenfield and quoted by the vicar of Hillingdon at the annual supper.)

Ringers of St. Andrew's, Stratton, Cornwall



Details supplied by Stratton ringers.

Visitors are always welcome for ringing on Sundays, 9.30 to 10.30 a.m., 5 to 6 p.m.: practice every Thursday, 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. First Monday in the month, Stratton, 7 p.m.; second Monday in the month, Marham Church. 7 p.m.; third Wednesday in month, Bridgerule, 7 p.m.

Back row (left to right): Harry Stacey. Fred Sangwin, John (Jan) Sangwin, Brian Vince. Second row: Harry Trewin, John Conduct, Paddy Poulton, Bert Bissat, Beatrice Boyle, Jack Hockridge, Colin Mutton, Edgar Nunn. Third row: Diane Worth, Christine Worth, Charles Sangwin, Horace Heard, Jane Pinfold. Front row: Gwen Worth, Ann Worden.

A SECOND EDITION

Mr. Frederick Sharpe announced to a meeting in the Oxford Guild recently that he had been asked to revise and submit the copy to the publishers by the end of April for a reprint of his book Berkshire Bells, which was first produced in 1939. It is anticipated that the second edition will be on sale later this year.

BELLS IN WADDESDON DEANERY

Mr. G. J. Tyler sends us the following useful information:—

The 3-bell towers at Ashendon and Upper Winchendon are unringable and have cracked bells. At Worminghall the frame and floor are very decayed. On a more cheerful note, Ickford bells are rung for services by three young ladies, who also ring at Shabbington (6) with the vicar, Rev. R. H. Collier, R.D., and the Long Crendon Congers. Chearsley, Chilton, Dorton and Oakley bells are rung for special services; these are in quite good condition. A monthly practice for ringers in the Waddesdon Deanery is held in the other towers to encourage and assist ringing in the deanery, which has towers in three branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

SONGS AND DITTIES

It is generally known among ringers that there are certain songs about ringers which are sung on all sorts of occasions, writes Mr. Royston Grosvenor, As far as I know no collection of these exists; this I consider to be a great pity, since it is probable that many of these ancient (and some modern) songs will be lost to posterity. I would like to make a collection, possibly with a view to publication, if this should prove to be feasible, certainly with a view to the preservation of these songs. Obviously, if I am to make such a collection, I need the co-operation of other ringers, as these are the people who know these songs. If my fellow ringers are concerned to preserve their well-loved "chants" for future generations, perhaps they would like to send me the words (and, if possible, the music), and, if it should be known, the composer, of any ringers' song they might know. The address to which this should be sent is: King's College Hostel. 71 Vincent Square, Westminster, S.W.1.

The St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association are running a tower captains' conference on Easter Saturday in St. Albans. The district has decided to open the conference to all tower captains in the Association. Two of the discussion leaders are the Vicar of St. Peter's, St. Albans, and Mr. Dennis Beresford (past master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths).

Quarter Peals

LONG LENGTH

HERSHAM, SURREY,—On Feb. 15, 2100 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Pady 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, Miss D. Colcombe 3, Mrs. G. Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. King 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. Bailey 8. For Evensons: a 21st birthday compliment to Miss D. Colcombe and J. Bailey.

ALTON, HANTS, 1970 FESTIVAL

CHAWTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Eyres 1, Miss C. Law 2, Miss J. Piggott 3, A. Kersey 4, C. Chennell-White (cond.) 5, R. Reed 6

ALTON, HANTS. — On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Eyres (first Triples) 1, E. Hedger 2, Miss A. Biddlecombe 3, R. Reed 4, C. Chennell-White 5, R. Finch 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8, For the combined service for Christian Unity, and to wekome Dr. Rt. Hon, Horace King, Speaker of the House of Commons (who preached), and Mrs. King.

ASH, SURREY. — On Jan. 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Cooper 1, Miss M. Reay 2, G. Cane 3, R. Corke 4, A. Kersey (first as cond.) 5, R. Reed 6,

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 22, 1320 Primrose Surprise Minor: Amanda Powell 1, Penny Cocks 2. Louise Powell 3, A. Hobbs 4, I. Wiltshire 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ALGARKIRK, LINCS.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Johnson 1, D. Fensom 2, M. J. Belcher 3, G. A. Flatters 4, H. Barsley 5, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 6. A 64th birthday compliment to A. E. Flatters.

BILTON, WARKS. — On Feb. 12, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: L. A. Whewall I, W. E. Burnell 2, J. G. Edgson 3, D. Welch 4, M. Fiander 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. O. L. Welch, mother of No. 4

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS. — On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Westwood 1, K. Westwood 2 R. Hayden 3, R. Prime 4, W. Hunt (cond.) 5, A. Richardson 6, L. Luck 7, D. Hutley 8. For Christian Unity united service. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, R. Hayden 2, R. F. Prime 3, A. E. Richardson 4, L. Luck 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6. A farewell to Mr. Bertram Bayford, organist and choirmaster for seven years.

BRASTED, KENT. — On Feb. 8, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. Hucknell 1, Miss J. M. Corby 2, R. P. Sherlock 3, R. J. Everest 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, P. R. Everest 6. Prior to the christening of the son of the Rector of Brasted (Rev. J. H. B. Talbot) by the Bishop of Tonbridge. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Thomas (first quarter) 1, Miss J. M. Corby 2, R. J. Everest 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, P. R. Everest 6.

BRAY, CO, WICKLOW.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. W. Rooke 1, C. A. Lewis 2, C. E. S. Hall 3, R. Corson 4, A. R. MacKenzie (first as cond.) 5, J. Shields 6.

BRENT PELHAM, HERTS.—On Feb. 16, 1440 Minor (Surfleet, Double Court). R. F. Prime 1, G. Goodman 2, P. C. Warboys 3, P. Glazebrook 4, L. Luck 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6.

BROADSTAIRS, KENT.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Stockwell 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Rev. P. L. Baycock 3, Jackie Whorlow 4, I. Whorlow 5, P. Blight 6, A. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. A compliment to Mr. S. Jarret, a regular ringer, on his 86th birthday.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Doubles (eight variants): B. F. Peachey 1, Jean M. Berriman 2, S. Baybut 3, B. J. Fry 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, B. Curlis 6.

BUCKINGHAM. — On Feb. 19, 1260 Stedman Triples: G. Orchard (first on eight) 1, W. A. Yates 2, F. Vickers 3, R. W. Yates 4, R. A. Vickers 5, Maj. D. Satow, M.C. 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, H Jenkins 8. For Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates on their golden wedding anniversary.

BURTON BRADSTOCK, DORSET.—On Feb. 18, 1260 Stedman Doubles: M. J. Hiller (cond.) 1, I. L. Andrews 2, I. Calvert 3, D. B. Ellery 4, R. Haines 5, A. D. Case 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all except 5th.

BUTCOMBE, SOM. — On Feb. 21, 1272 Berwick Surprise Minor: Monica Horseman 1, J. Maggs 2, E. T. Lee 3, P. J. England (cond.) 4, M. J. Horseman 5, 1, Brain 6

CALDICOT, MON.—On Feb. 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. R. Hallett 1, K. Paine (first quarter) 2, Jill Somerby 3, P. Paine (first quarter) 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, C. E. Slade 6, I. F. T. Cooper 7, G. Paine (first quarter) 8.

CHILTON FOLIAT, WILTS. — On Feb. 16, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. H. Jackson 1, P. D. Naylor 2, Ann Toomer 3, Margaret Bowman 4, T. R. Jones (cond.) 5. By pupils of Marlborough Grammar School.

CHINNOR, OXON.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Wilkinson I, G. Judge (first inside in the method) 2, Dawn V. Little 3, E. Harmsworth 4, R G. Hazell (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. For morning service

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Jan. 18, 1280 London Surprise Major: W. Johnson I, Sheila Bruce 2, E. Cooper 3, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 4, E. Padgett 5, P. Bruce 6, R. A. Smith 7, F. J. Jackson 8. First in method by Sunday service band.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS. — On Feb. 7, 1260 Stedman Triples: Janet L. Pearson (first Stedman) 1, G. Penney (cond.) 2, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 3, R. J. Sharp 4, R. E. Hardy 5, K. J. Walpole 6, D. R. Redfearn 7, H. Burrows 8. A welcome home from Australia to Margaret Aslett.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 7, 1320 Doubles (11 meth./var./spliced comp.): R J. Bullock 1, L. J. Walters 2, R. K. Williams (cond.) 3, J. Ward 4, E. C. Biggs 5, W. D. Cook 6, A birthday compliment to 3rd and P. G. Hickey.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Feb. 24, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Ruby Mortimer 1, Anne Barmby 2, Jean Pollard 3, P. Birkett 4, H. Jones 5, F. Linfoot 6, A. Naylor (first as cond. of Major) 7, A. Rodgers 8. A compliment to wife of 4th ringer, Mrs. L. Birkett, on her hirthday.

EWELME, OXON.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Bob Doubles: F. Godden I, Helea Winfield (first inside) 2, Miss K. Tuckwell 3, R. Baker (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5. For Evensons.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Reynolds 1, G. W. Murley (first inside) 2, L. D. Smith 3, Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 4, R. Allinson 5, L. V. Smith 6. For morning service.

FELKIRK, YORKS.—On Feb. 20, 1320 T.B. Minor (720 Spliced Oxford and Kent, 600 Oxford): D. Scargill 1, A. Dunn-Birch 2, D. B. Tidball 3, R. Cater 4, H. Rusby 5, P. Charlesworth (cond.) 6. In memoriam Fred (Freddie) Priestly, by members of the Barnsley and District Society.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 14, 1320 Minor (three methods): W. B. Dawson 1, D. Fewsom 2, A. E. Flatters 3, M. J. Belcher 4, H. Barsley 5, A. G. Payne (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to M. J. Belcher

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Doubles (two methods): E. M. Kemchington 1, S. Baybut 2, M. Lawson (first quarter) 3, A. T. Collins 4, J. B. G. G. Clarke (cond.) 5, R. Sparey 6. For Evensons

GLASTONBURY, SOM.—On Feb. 18, at St. Benedict's Church, 1272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, G. H. Baldam 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, Kingsnorth 4, L. A. England 5, D. G. Mayell (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 4 and 5.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: F. W. Shynn 1, B. Keeble (first quarter) 2, W. Mills 3, A. Dixon 4, D. Knewstub 5, E. J. Shynn (cond.) 6, A birthday compliment to B. Keeble.

HALIFAX, YORKS.— At St. John's Church, on Feb. 15, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss E. Beaumont I, A. Rogers 2, Miss A. C. Turner 3, C. D. Walker 4, J. F. Bryant 5, D. Smith 6, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 7, R. E. Moulds 8. To welcome Richard to the House of Bryant.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 1, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Down 1, L. H. Bywaters 2, P. R. Jewell 3, D. A. Hope 4, R. J. Fuller 5, M. Major (comd.) 6. First Surprise by a local Sunday service band since 1937. Also on Feb. 8, 1260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Single Oxford Bob): M. Major 1, P. R. Jewell 2, D. A. Hope 3, M. J. Down 4, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 5, R. J. Fuller 6, For Evensong.

HEVER, KENT.—On Feb 4, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss A. Everest 1, Miss J. Leppard 2, R. P. Sherlock 3, P. R. Everest 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, P.

Everest 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—On Peb. 20, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: Miss M. L. Croysdill 1. Miss J. P. Carter 2, D. Digby 3, D. S. Harris 4, R. J. Southgate 5, J. A. D. Woolford 6, B. J. W. Foley 7, A. Swatton (first Major as cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Swatton, of Bath, Somerset.

HOLFORD, SOM. — On Feb. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Aldridge 1, Dr. W. Kingsbury 2, L. Lyddon 3, C. Lock 4, R. J. Somerfield (cond.) 5.

For induction of Rev. P. Birket (rector), HONILEY, WARKS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Rev. Canterbury, P. Bob, Grandsire): C. Sweeney (cond.) 1, Penny Coomber 2, Diana Meredith 3, G. S. Hall 4, R. D. Baker 5. For Evensong by Coventry Colleges Guild.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 4, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: S. Penfold 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, J. Fowler 3, F. G. Richardson 4, F. V. Gant 5, P. Sippitts 6, C. E. Brown 7, J. W. Stephenson (cond.) 8. On the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Coventry for the united service (organised by the Men's Society).

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Dec. 14, 1296 Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. combined and Cambridge Surprise: Mrs. M. Saker 1, A. R. Bridges 2, R. J. Munnings 3, J. Girt 4, A. Munings 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For Evensong: a birthday compliment to 3rd.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Feb. 1, 1277 Stedman Caters: Patricia Rogers 1, Kathleen Parr 2, Olive Rogers 3, Diane Pickett 4, D. Pickett 5, P. Felton 6, C. Rogers 7, C. Richards 8, H. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. Felton 10

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.— At St. Margaret's Church, on Feb. 17, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: G. Allum (first quarter) 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Harrop 3, O. A. Needham 4, R. Newson 5, L. W. Houghton 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb 15, 1260 Plain Bob (720 Minor, 540 Doubles): Katharine Salvage 1, C. E. Bulleid 2, Lesley Hawes 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, M. J. Green 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 23, 1264 Plain Bob Major: W. Jarvis 1, E. Cracknell 2, F. Hunt 3, H. Mitson 4, M. T. Symonds 5, R. Chambers 6, C. Poulson 7, A. J. Haynes (cond.) 8, For Evensong: a birthday compliment to M. T. Symonds,

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 14, 126) Grandsire Doubles: Susan M. Tonks (first in method) 1. Madge Christopher 2, Marion L. Lidgey (first in the method as cond.) 3, E. Lesley Evans 4, R. Diane Carter 5

LILLESHALL, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Taylor 1, B. Cotton 2, W. Reynolds (cond.) 3, E. Lane 4, P. Talbott 5, D. Cartwright 6, Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. Dillamore, for many years churchwarden.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX,—On Feb. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Robertson (first quarter) 1, S. Allen 2, A. E. Laker 3, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 4, B. Waple (first inside) 5, R. Brown 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Zoe MacMillan (first quarter) 1, D. Cormell 2, D. Clift 3, F. Corney 4, N. A. James 5, S. Fenwick 6, N. Simon (cond.) 7, J. James 8. For Evengons

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 15, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, F. G. Richardson 3, J. Fowler 4, C. E. Wright (cond.) 5, P. Sippitts 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, F. V. Gant 8. For Matins,

BELL ROPES

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LONGWOOD, YORKS.—()n Feb. 8, 1320 Spliced Delight Minor (four methods): A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Eliis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 22, 1440 Spliced Delight Minor (ten methods), by the same band, Both for Evensons.

LUITON, LINCS. — On Feb. 22, 1320 Doubles (seven meth./var.): P. W. Campling 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling (cond.) 4, P. G. Butler 5, Susan J. Rudd 6. First in seven methods, etc., by all.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 18, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire): G. W. Holland I, R. W. Yates (cond.) 2, G. Orchard 3, R. A. Vickers 4, W. A. Yates 5, W. H. Yates 6, To congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates on their golden wedding anniversary.

MANUDEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Cheeseman 1, H. Watts 2, D. Hutley 3

W. Hunt 4, L. Luck (cond.) 5.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Feb. 19, 1260 Stedman Triples: Christine Purnell 1, D. Orledge 2, N. Knee 3, R. Purnell 4, F. Slatford 5, E. Hitchins 6, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 7, R. Thatcher 8. For the induction of Rev. John Townsend to the living of St. Michael's,

MIDDLETON, LANCS.—On Feb. 16, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. L. K. Miller I, E. Rice (first inside) 2, J. W. Rideout 3, A. J. Smethurst 4, L. Miller 5, M. D. Fishwick (cond.) 6

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 22, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. Wells 1, Christine Eagles (first inside) 2, C. Nunn 3, P. Goodwin 4, A. Ballam (cond.) 5, G. Simpson 6. For Evensong.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: Elizabeth Eady 1, Mollie Care 2, S. Elliot 3, T. Griffiths 4, R. Eady 5, B. Care (cond.) 6. For Evensone

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Feb. 17, 1260 Doubles (five methods): L. Childs 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortwright (cond.) 3, E. Davey 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Kortwright (aged 90), mother of ringer of 3rd.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—Oh Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. H. Sinden 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, W. Booth 4, A. Sinden (first as cond.) 5, P. Bell (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 24, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. Frankland 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, D. Booth (first inside) 3, A. J. Sinden 4, W. B. Booth (first as cond.) 5, C. Nicoll 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Feb. 15 1260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): K. Rigby 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson 3. P. M. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby 6. For special Sportsmen's Evensong.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss A. Thomas 1, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 2, Miss L. Makreth 3, R. Dorling 4, J. P. Richardson 5, F. Heyes 6, K. Edwards 7. Half-muffled in memoriam W. Whitehead, lifelong worker for the Church.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 22, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: M. Calvert 1, N. Mudge 2, M. Town 3, A. Bashforth 4, J. Soar 5, P. Town 6, T. Cox 7, D. Town (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS,—On Feb. 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. K. Jolly (first quarter) 1, G. M. Soul 2, M. R. Hutcheson (first inside) 3, A. R. Bentley 4, P. A. Butler 5, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 18, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Barbara Hollum (first quarter) 1, P. A. Butler 2, A. R. Bentley 3, G. M. Soul 4, J. D. Cheesman 5, Sally Eaves (first quarter) 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. Both for S.U.G.C.R.

OLD CLEEVE, SOM.—On Feb. 14, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Sylvia M. Arscott 1, Mrs. B. Bindon 2, A. F. Arscott 3, J. Medway 4, A. H. Reed 5, R. Shepperd 6, K. E. Beale 7, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 8. First Bob Major 1, 3, 4, 6. For St. Valentine's Day; birthday greetings to Angela Webber: a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Burrows.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.— On Feb. 15, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Janet M. Aston 1 J. F. I. Turney 2, J. G. Perry 3, M. Androlia 4, F. J. Keddie (first as cond.) 5, D. J. Purnell 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, Mrs. A. Hall 2, K. Tipper 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Sanson. 5, A. Reeves 6, D. Hatherly (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Evensong.

POLESWORTH, WARKS.—On Feb. 15, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob. Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire) S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, D. Hiorns (first as cond.) 3, R. Knight 4, M. Allsopp 5, T. Oxford 6.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. James 1, Mrs. A. Jopp 2, P. Jopp 3, A. Jopp 4, D. G. Franklin 5, A. A. Jopp 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. W. Perkins 8. A farewell to the curate, Rev. D. Shaw.

RIPE, SUSSEX. — On Feb. 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Beckenham: (first Ripe ringer to ring a quarter) 1, Mary Thorpe 2, J. E. Baker 3, D. H. Thorpe 4, R. R. Kennard (cond.) 5. A compliment to W. E. Beckenham, 50 years a ringer at Ripe.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Major: "T. Smith 1, Ann Smith 2. Brenda Dixon 3, S. Hodgkins 4, G. Muncey 5, B. Hodgkins (first of Major inside) 6, R. Coley (cond.) 7, B. Whitworth 8. First anniversary compliment to Rev. M. Wilson's induction.

SALFORD, LANCS, — On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Miss M. L. Ellwood 1, Miss E. Tingle 2, R. Barclay 3, Miss L. M. Deebank 4, G. Foat 5, M. C. W. Sherwood 6, W. M. Taylor (cond.) 7, N. O'Body 8. For Evensong.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 22, 1296 Little Bob Major: Mrs. N. Marshall 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Ann Copley (first Major) 3, Mrs. C. Charter 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, D. Marshall (cond.) 7, A. Humphrey

SHRIVENHAM, WILTS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. F. Judge 1, C. P. Turner 2, M. Journeaux 3, P. J. Heritage 4, L. R. Porter 5, R. Abbott 6, M. J. Turner (cond.) 7, J. E. Judge 8, A birthday compliment to the mother of 2 and 7.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.—On Feb. 8, 1296 Minor (720 Double Oxford Bob, 576 Cambridge Surprise): K. Webb 1, R. J. Fuller 2, D. A. Hope 3, C. M. Orme 4, M. Major 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6.

SOUTHSEA, HANTS.—At 77 Gains Road, on Feb. 15, 1296 Minimus (six methods): G. R. Lovelock 1-2. W. Willans (cond.) 3-4

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Davison (first quarter) 1, F. Sangwin 2. E. Nunn 3, H. Heard 4, W. J. Conduct (cond.) 5. H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey 7, C. Sangwin 8. A 70th birthday and 40th wedding anniversary compliment to John Sangwin.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia J. Sikes 1, Elaine Smith 2, Isabel E. Tomlinson 3, J. A. Howard 4, J. Anne Rickaby (first as cond.) 5, H. M. Payne 6.

THORNE, YORKS.—On Feb. 24, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Dennis 1, S. Rudge 2, D. Garnett 3, A. Tattersall 4, T. Leask 5, J. Thorley (cond.) 6, First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4 (boys of Thorne Grammar School).

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Feb. 15, 1440 Oxford T.B. Minor: N. George 1, Mrs. D. Hatfield 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, J. Pullon 4, H. L. Hatfield 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method for 1 and 4.

TODDINGTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Helen Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, B. H. Taylor 3, A. Ewins (first Bob Minor) 4, Hilda Taylor (first as cond.) 5, E. J. Taylor 6,

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples. Denise Lawrence (first quarter) 1, W. H. Dobbie 2, Ann Jenner 3, E. F. P. Bryant 4, D. Featherstone 5, L. T. Pope 6, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 7, V. J. Benning 8, For Evensong.

TWYNING, GLOS,—On Feb. 13, 1296 Wearmouth Surprise Minor: L. Walters I, M. Hawkes 2, B. Spiers 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, R. Sadowski 5, S. B. Bell 6 First in method by all.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18, 1260 Stedman Triples: Sally P. Cobb 1, Miss L. C. Tibbitts (first Stedman) 2, June Whitcher 3, M. C. Austin 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, J. E. Murfitt (first Stedman as cond.) 7, D. A. Tovell 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Linda West 1, Sally P. Cobb 2, June Whitcher 3, G. H. Walker 4, R. L. Horder 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 7, M. C. Austin 8. For Matins. Also on Feb. 1, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Linda West 1, Laura M. Grindrod 2, June Whitcher 3, Miss L. C. Tibbitts 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, R. L. Horder (first of Caters) 6, M. C. Austin 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, J. E. Murfitt (first Caters as cond.) 9, D. A. Tovell 10. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G, D. Peck 1, M. C. Austin 2, Sally P. Cobb 3, June Whitcher (100th quarter peal) 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, D. A. Tovell 6, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 7, B. G. Barton 8. For Evensong.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Feb. 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Royal; Susanne E. Sargeant 1, Susan E. Rance 2, K. R. Davenport (first Royal) as cond.) 3, Joan A. Rance (first Royal) 4, C. W. Bailey 5, G. N. Scott 6, A. H. Long 7, S. G. Scott 8, E. N. Thomas 9, A. J. N. Rance 10. First on ten 2, 5, 6. A birthday compliment to Joan Scott.

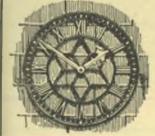
WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Hazel Baddeley (first quarter) 1, Sandra Ettles 2, H. T. Rooke 3, F. Cooke 4, R. Hancock 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6, Also on Feb. 11, 1260 Oxford Bob Minor: W. Craig 1, H. T. Rooke 2, F. Cooke 3, B. Birkett 4, R. Hancock 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6, For evening Eucharist. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Earl 1, Miss H. Baddeley (first inside) 2, Miss S. Ettles 3, R. Hancock 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 5, M, Bennett 6.

WEST HANNEY, BERKS.—On Feb. 21, 1269 Pl Bob Minor: B. Winter (first off tenor) 1, Corinne M. Dickson 2, N. E. Booth (first quarter) 3, G. G. Firman 4, C. J. Peaple 5, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 6. For the engagement of Hilary Dickson to Richard Poole.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 22, 1400 London S. Royal: Jane Fransella 1, Louise Slater 2, Janet House 3, D. Ellistico 4, C. Wright 5, K. Warner 6, D. Cobb 7, J. Slater 8, J. Porter 9, D. House (cond.) 10. For Evensong. First London Royal for 4, 5, 6 and 7.

WIMBLEDON, S.W. — On Feb. 22, 1320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: M. R. Burn 1, Caroline F. Bagworth 2, Deborah Bishop 3, D. Wilkins 4, A. E. M. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

WOOTTON, OXON.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Susan Holden 1, P. Pearce 2, Pamela Powell 3, A. Hicks 4, E. Venn (cond.) 5, E. Patching 6. On "Thinking Day" and as a compliment to the good work of the Guide Movement.



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Wed., Dec. 31, 1969, 2hrs. 37mins (11½ cwt.).

5040 DOUBLES (18 methods/variations: 2 each Grandsire, Newborough, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure and 3 of St. Columb, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford, April Day, Old).

1 Mrs. J. M. Marsh
2 Pamela J. Clifton
3 W. Gordon Marsh (Conductor)
4 Maurice W. Harrison
5 H. Geoffrey Wells
6 Ruth Blackshaw
Farewell to 1969. (We endorse this comment.—Ed.)

-Ed.)

1970

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LONDON, E.C., Hart Street, St. Olave.

Sun., Feb. 1, 1970, 2hrs, 40mins, (11 cwt.).

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 John R. Ketteringham

2 Geoffrey Bridges

3 James E. Andrews

4 Nigel Thomson

5 David E. Rothera

6 Philip Bosworth

7 George E. Thoday

8 David E. House (Conductor)

BARNES, London, S.W., St. Mary.

BARNES, London, S.W., St. Mary.
Sat., Feb. 21, 1970. 2hrs. 40mins (10 cwt.).
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5
methods: 2400 London, 800 Glasgow and
Rutland, 640 Superlative. 480 Cambridge, 129
changes of method).
Composed by Roger Baldwin.
1 John R. Ketteringham
2 David E. Rothera
3 W. Eric Critchley
4 Alan R. Patterson
5 Christopher H. Rogers
6 Jonathan S. N. Porter
7 Michael P. Moreton
8 David E. House (Conductor)

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BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SEAVINGTON, Somerset, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs, 18mins, (6½ cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

640 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
(42 extents, 4 callings.)

1 Mervyn R. Arscott
2 Royston Shepherd
3 Adrian F. Arscott
4 John Medway
5 Mervyn A. Arscott
6 John Cornelius (Conductor)*

*Circled the tower. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all. A 78th birthday compliment to Mr. James Stenner, ringer at Ilminster, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Shepherd.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds. St. James.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 12mins. (18½ cwt.). 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. J. Parker.

Composed by R. J. Parker
1 Philip Mehew
2 David J. Prescott*
3 Christine M. Carter
4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
5 Robert D. Bellamy
6 Anthony R. Carter
7 David R. Saunderson
8 George E. Bonham
*First of Surprise Major.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

SOHAM, Cambridgeshire, St. Andrew.

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Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (21 cwt.).
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.
Composed by R. W. Pipe.
1 G. J. Band (Emmanuel)
2 M. J. Pickup (Churchill)
3 C. M. Tuckett (Queens')
4 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
5 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn, Conductor)
6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
7 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)
8 D. Barton (Selwyn)

8 D. Barton (Selwyn)
9 A. T Winter (Christ's
10 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)

ELY, Cambridgeshire, St. Mary.

ELY, Cambridgeshre, St. Mary.
t., Feb. 14, 1970, 3hrs. 22mins. (17 cwt.).
5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
1 V. Nutton (Selwyn)
2 Jenny Field (Newnham)
3 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
4 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn, Conductor)
5 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
6 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse) *
7 D. Barton (Selwyn)
8 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)
Composed by J. Pigott.
th for the Guild.

*50th for the Guild.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

RUNCORN, Cheshire, All Saints.

Tues., Feb. 24, 1970, 3hrs. (15½ cwt.).

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

1 Oswald Claybrook
2 John E Bith

John E. Bibby
Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe*
John Oultram
John R. Bibby
William E. Allman
Douglas Lowe*

8 Walter Allman (Conductor)
*First in the method, Birthday compliment to John E. Bibby (69) and Walter Allman (60).

HANMER, Flintshire, St. Chad.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 48mins. (17 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (1 each St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Kent T.B. and 3 Plain Bob).

1 John R. Scott
2 David A. Godfrey
3 Edward V. Rodenhurst
4 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)*
5 Harry W. Howard
6 Geoffrey A. Edwards

A birthday compliment to Harry *350th peal. W. Howard.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

CULLOMPTON, Devon, St. Andrew.

CUILOMPTON, Devon, St. Andrew.
Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 15mins. (194 cwt.).
5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.
1 John N. Longridge (Conductor)
2 David J. Atkins
3 John L. Anderson
4 Christopher Ricketts
5 Kevin A. Hughes
6 Peter L. Bill
7 John Pladdys
8 Frank D. Mack
9 D. Roy Bould
10 Brian V. Mountjoy
A compliment to Peter L. Bill and Lesley
Wood for their forthcoming wedding.

PLYMPTON, Devon, St. Mary.

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Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 25mins. (25½ cwt.).

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by George H. Cross.

1 Norman Mallett (Conductor)

2 Joan A. Hayward

3 Alan N. Frost

4 George E. Mudge

5 Peter L. Bill

6 James M. Clarke

7 D. Roy Bould

8 Robert A. Southwood

A compliment to Mr. A. L. Bennett on 50 years' service to the Guild.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Michael.
Tues., Feb. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 34mins. (10½ cwt.).
5152 TRUMPINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by A. Craven.
1 Donald F. Murfet
2 Richard L. Underwood
3 David E. Rothera
4 Allen Twyman
5 John G. Gipson*
6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
7 Kenneth J. Hesketh
8 George E. Thoday
*50th on the bells

STRETHAM, Cambs, St. James the Great

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (9½ cwt.). 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (15 methods: Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning; York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet; London, Wells; Netherseale; Bourne, Caithness; Norwich; Ipswich, Combridge)

seale; Bourne, Caithness; Norwich; Ipswich,
Cambridge).

1 Georgina C. M. Carter
2 Brian B. Hullah
3 Donald F. Murfet
4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
5 Geoffrey A. Lucas
6 George E. Thoday
A compliment to Brian Hullah and Kathleen
Jordan on their engagement.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

MALDON, Essex, All Saints.

Fri., Feb. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (12½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. Reeves.
1 Yvonne A. Towler
2 Patrick J. Cross
3 Ian V. Foster

4 Sandra J. Turner

5 Peter J. Sawyer*
6 John A. Clarke
7 Neil V. Avis
8 James L. Towler (Conductor)
*First of Major and first inside.

DANBURY, Essex, St. John the Baptist. Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 46mins. (10½ cwt.). 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. E. Burton.

1 James L. Towler

2 Christine P. Murray*

3 Edward W. Roast

5 Edward W. Roast
4 Mary Roast
5 Yvonne A. Towler
6 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)
7 Tony Spurgeon
9 Denyis A S. Symonds

8 Dennis A. S. Symonds *First peal.

FYFIELD, Essex, St. Nicholas.

FYFIELD, Essex, St. Nicholas.
Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 33mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B. and Cambridge S. and 3 of Plain Bob).

1 Michael G. Hollis*
2 Jillian Turcan†
3 Mary G. Wilkinson;
4 Susan Turcan†
5 David Gower†
6 Dennis Ellisdon (Conductor)

*First away from cover. †First peal. ‡First in 3 methods. First of Minor by a Barkingside band.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CROMHALL, Gloucestershire, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970. 2hrs. 42mins. (12½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (Cambridge S., 2 Kent T.B.,
Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, 2 Plain Bob).
1 Peter J. Kingscote
2 Alison M. Brown
2 Rosemary Snawdon
4 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)
5 Edward G. Mould
6 Anthony J. Cox

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HAWKLEY, Hampshire, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Feb 21, 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (7½ cwt.). 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (17 methods: 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, methods: 384 Ashiead, Cambridge, Encompositive, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe, Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Donald N. Jennings
2 Beryl R. Simpson*
3 Katharina I. Maundrell*

Katharine J. Maundrell† Bernard F. L. Groves† Richard H. Youdale†

W. John Couperthwaite Michael J. Church

Tom Page

Rung silent and non-conducted.
Umpire: Rowan S. Bradley, who checked every lead-end throughout the peal.
*25th of Spliced Surprise Major. †First of 17-Spliced Surprise Major. First silent peal for all except 4 and 5. First silent peal for

THAMES DITTON, Surrey, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hrs. 29mins, (8 cwt.). 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (42 extents).

10 Avid E. Parsons
2 Jeffery J. Bailey
3 Joyce Parsons
4 John F. M. Maybrey
5 Christopher D. J. Webb (Conductor)
6 Herbert Colcombe

First of Stedman Doubles for all. birthday compliment to Jeffery Bailey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CADDINGTON, Beds, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 28mins. (9 cwt.). 5040 OSWALD DELIGHT MINOR (7 extents).

David Redfearn*
Robert E. Hardy
Anthony R. Carter*
Frederick W. Ellis*
Andrew W. R. Wilby*
Keith J. Walpole (Conductor) *First of Oswald.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PENSHURST, Kent, St. John the Baptist.

., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (17½ cwt.). 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. L. Morris. (59-KR-6940.)

1 Richard Hayes

2 Nicholas J. Chesson*

3 Peter D. J. Beal*

4 Judith M. Corby

5 David Featherstone

6 Trevor A. Cross

Trevor A. Cross Philip A. Corby Andrew J. Corby (Conductor) First in method.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HOGHTON, Lancashire, Holy Trinity.

an. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (1 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Sat., Jan. (14 cwt.).

1 Dennis R. Jones 2 Kenneth Edwards 3 Jeremy P. Richardson 4 Celia F. D'aeth 5 David L. Marsden 6 Martin E. Snape 7 David C. Simpson 8 David J. Bennett (Conductor)

NEWTON-LE WILLOWS, Lancs, St. Peter.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 43mins. (25 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Composed by C. E. J. Wylde.

1 Kenneth Edwards

2 Jacqueline Holmes

*First on 8 bells.

2 Jacqueline Holmes
3 Reginald Dorling
4 Jeremy P. Richardson*
5 Martin E. Snape
6 Dennis R. Jones
7 David J. Bennett (Conductor)
8 John H. Wilton

AUGHTON, Lancashire, Christ Church.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (14 cwt.). 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1 David C. Simpson 2 Martin E. Snape 3 Jeremy P. Richardson

3 Jeremy P. Richardson
4 Ian Smith†
5 John F. Roebuck*
6 Geoffrey C. Sparling
7 David J. Bennett
8 Dennis R. Jones (Conductor)
*First peal, †First of Major.

HALSALL, Lancashire, St. Cuthbert.

Sun., Feb. 22, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (10 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (2 each Cambridge S., Kent T.B., 1 Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and St. Clement's).

1 Leslie Makreth*

1 Leslie Makreth*
2 Jeremy P. Richardson*
3 Martin E. Snape
4 David C H. Simpson
5 Dennis R. Jones
6 David J. Bennett (Conductor)*
*First in 5 methods. A birthday compliment to Dennis R. Jones.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

i., Feb. 20, 1970. 2hrs. 20mins. (6½ cwt.).

5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. Thorp.

1 G. Ronald Edwards
2 Ronald D. Hughes*
3 Arthur E. Rowley
4 Hazel J. Nichols*
5 Bridget Critchlow†
6 E. Guy Slater‡
7 Clive J. Mobbs‡
8 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

8 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)
*First of Kent. †First of Treble Bob. ‡First
of Kent Major. First of Kent Major as con-‡First

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glam, St. John the Baptist.

Mon., Feb 2, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (8½ cwt.). 5088 NEWTON NOTTAGE S. MAJOR Arranged by P. S. Bennett.

Arranged by P. S. Bennett.

1 Michael R. Meadows
2 James Clatworthy
3 Peter S. Bennett
4 Stephen Fenwick
5 J. Michael Lakin
6 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)
7 David J. Llewellyn
8 Tudor P. Edwards
First in the method.
NEWTON NOTTAGE SURPRISE MAJOR
—56—14—56—38—14—58.14—34.58.
8ths place I.h. 8ths place l.h.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, Glam, St. Tydfil.

t., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 55mins. (20 cwt.).

5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. Jenner.

1 Maureen P. Panton
2 Ian R. Panton
3 James Clatworthy
4 Denis A. Chapman
5 Stephen Fenwick
6 Paul A. Williams
7 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)
8 J. Michael Lakin

MACHEN, Monmouthshire, St. Michael.

Mon., Feb. 16, 1970, 2hrs, 50mins, (12 cwt.).
5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
(27-course block reduced.)

Tudor P. Edwards Stephen Fenwick

James Clatworthy
Nicholas W. H. Simon
David J. Llewellyn
Paul A. Williams
J. Michael Lakin

7 J. Michael Lakin
8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)
First in the method in Wales and by all except treble ringer. By resident members of the Association.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex, All Saints.

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Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 5hrs. 36mins. (7½ cwt.).

10080 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (45
methods, comprising 224 changes each of
Aldershot, Ashtead, Barnwood, Belfast, Bisley.
Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Caversham.
Cholsey, Conisbrough, Cray, Double Dublin,
Ealing, Fairford, Fordingbridge, Glasgow,
Goring, Harwell, Hereford, Ickleton, Ipswich,
Jersey, Kenninghall, Lincolnshire, Lindum,
London, Maulden, Portishead, Privett, Pudsey,
Ringwood, Romsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe,
Sonning, Stockport, Tavistock, Wantage, Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Wordsworth, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 314 changes of
method and all the work of each method for
every bell).

1 Timothy G. Pett
2 Roger Baldwin

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2 Roger Baldwin
3 John, H. Fielden
4 James R. Taylor
5 Brian Bladon
6 Anthony R. Peake (Arr. and Conductor)
7 Noel J. Diserens
8 John R. Mayne
Umpires: Christopher W. Woolley and
Anita D. O'Brien.
The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal in which all the bells do all the work of all the methods. all the methods.

-38—14—12—38—14—58—36.14.5. Romsey— 38—38.16—12—36—14—58.34.16—5. Ringwood-38-14-1258-36.14-14.58.36.12.56.1. Fordingbridge— —38—14—58—1238—34—58—14—3 Aldershot--58-16-58-36.14-34.58-14-1. Wantage-56-14-56-38-34-58-34-5. -58-14-56-16-34-58.14.56.14.3. Goring— —34—14—12—36—12—58.12.56.34.1.

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HARLINGTON, Middlesex, SS. Peter & Paul.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 51mins. (7½ cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(A. J. Pitman's 12-part.)

James Monica Blagrove

Ann Horsford W. S. Deason R. K. Russ

W. Coles
F. Blagrove (Conductor)

8 L. Grice A farewell peal to Lionel Grice, for 20 years ringing captain and one-time churchwarden, on his retirement to Co. Durham,

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk, SS. Mary and Margaret.

Sun., Feb. 22, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each Double Court, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, St, Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 James W. Forder
2 J. Parry, Pickers

James W. Forder
2 J. Barry Pickup
3 Norman P. J. Cossey
4 Frederick C. Gunton
5 H. William Barrett

6 Winston S. Girling (Conductor)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

DORCHESTER, Oxon, SS. Peter and Paul.

DORCHESTER, Oxon, SS. Peter and Paul.
Sat., Feb. 21, 1970. 3hrs. 5mins. (16 cwt.).
5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods: 768 London, Rutland, Bristol, 586
Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey Superlative,
Lincolnshire, 144 changes of method).
Composed by N. Smith.
1 Susan M. Heyworth
2 Lawrence J. Haines
3 Richard H. Johnston
4 Roger H. Abbott*
5 Colin J. Wyld
6 Peter H. Mackie
7 Jeremy R. Pratt
8 John E. Camp (Conductor)
*First of spliced.

*First of spliced.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

THORNHAUGH, Northants, St. Andrew.

Mon., Feb. 16. 1970, 2hrs. 24mins, 6c wt.).
5040 DOUBLES (11 methods/variations: 2 of
Reverse St. Bartholomew and 4 each of Grandsire, April Day, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St.
Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Southrepps, Kennington, St. Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob).
1 David J. W. Gadd
2 Roy W. Spencer*
3 J. Malcolm Tyler (Conductor)
4 Frank E. Sismey
5 Alfred Waller
*Most Doubles methods to a peal

*Most Doubles methods to a peal.

COTTESMORE, Rutland, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs, 42mins, (14 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Lionel Atton

2 J. Alan Ellis3 Cynthia E. Barnett4 Richard J. Chantle5 Peter M. Fleckney Chantler

6 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor)

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

ASTON, Warwickshire, SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hrs. 27mins. (25 cwt.).
5042 KIDDERMINSTER S. MAXIMUS
1 Paul W. Webb
2 Beryl E. Cawser
3 W. Eric Critchley*

James Insley

4 James Insley
5 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)†
6 Graham C. Paul
7 Rupert A. Clarke
8 Barrie E. Saunders
9 E. Alan Jacques
10 J. Henry Fielden
11 Alan A. Paul'
12 Richard E. Price
*800th peal, †600th. First in the method.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lines, St. Helen.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 5mins, (23½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 extents).
1 Frederick G. Hooper (Conductor)

2 Harold Denman 3 Haroid Stevenson 4 F. William Midwinter 5 Frederick Derry 6 Harold F. Gibson

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts, St. Edmund.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs 43 mins. (11½ cwt.). 5040 MINOR (4 Oxford Bob, 3 Plain Bob). 1 Philip P. Wild 2 Pamela J. Clifton

Ruth Blackshaw Trevor Kirkham

5 W. Gordon Marsh (Conductor)
6 Maurice W. Harrison
Congratulations from all ringers at Holme
Pierrepont to Robert D. Marsh and Janet Carey on their marriage.

CUCKNEY, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (10 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each Cambridge Surprise,
Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford Bob,
Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob).

1 Bryan Birkett
2 Sandra Ettles
3 Thelms Stanles

Thelma Staples 4 Frank Cooke

Robert Hancock 6 Herbert T. Rooke (Conductor)
For Sandra Ettles' 17th birthday; and a
farewell to Thelma Staples, leaving the district.

WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts, St. Giles.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (91 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (4 Oxford Bob and 3 Plain Bob).

0 MINOR (4 Oxford Bob and 3 Plan 1 Ruth Blackshaw 2 Maurice W. Harrison 3 Pamela J. Clifton 4 Peter Hayward 5 W. Gordon Marsh (Conductor) 6 Richard Anthony

SUFFOLK GUILD

DEBENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. (21\frac{1}{2} cwt.).

5056 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.

1 Walter W. Miller
2 Muriel R. Page
3 Neil V. Avis
4 Leslie G. Brett
5 Ernest G. Pearce
6 Adrian Knights
7 Walter Arnold

Walter Arnold 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor) First in the method by all except the conductor.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk, The Holy Trinity.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (101 cwt.). Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (10½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (1 each Double Court, Double
Oxford, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise. St.
Clement's, Kent T.B., Plain Bob).
1 C. Jack Gibson
2 Katharine M. Thorley
3 J. Martin Thorley
4 Leslie G. Brett
5 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
6 Michael J. Parker

LAKENHEATH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (14 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (5 methods: 1 each Oxford
T.B., Double Oxford, 2 St.
Clement's and Plain Bob).

1 Norman M. Watson*
2 Arthur F. Ballam†
3 Alan G. Feaver
4 Harry B. Fuller
5 Brian E. Whiting
6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)
*First on treble: †Most methods inside.

*First on treble: †Most methods inside.

ROUGHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (15½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (4 methods: 1 Kent T.B.: 2
Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob).
1 Brian E. Whiting
2 Amanda M. Richmond*
3 Sally E. V. Potter*
4 Maurice J. Rose
5 Roy. C. Groom.

*Most methods inside to a peal of Minor.
21st birthday compliment to Roy C. Groand a 15th to Amanda M. Richmond. Groom

SURREY ASSOCIATION

LAMBETH, London, S.E., St. Mary.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 57mins. (17 cwt.).

5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. I. Rowson.

1 Anthony M. Faulkner
2 Christopher I. Rowson
3 Jennifer A. Dunning*
4 Janet House*
5 David A. Town*
6 Robert H. Newton
7 Alan R. Patterson
8 David E. House (Conductor) Jan. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 57mins. (17 cwt

8 David E. House (Conductor)

*First in the method.

LAMBETH, London. S.E., St. Mary.

t., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 8mins. (16½ cwt.).

5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

1 Christopher I. Rowson

2 Jennifer A. Dunning

2 Jennifer A. Dunr 3 Alan D. Flood 4 Keith G. Game* 5 Michael J. Uphill 6 John A. Howard 7 Tony Lewis

John Pladdys (Conductor) *50th peal.

ADDINGTON, Surrey, St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2 hrs. 27mins. (6½ cwt.).
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (1 each Beverley.
Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Norwich, Annable's
London and Cambridge).
1 Eric G. H. Godfrey (Conductor)
2 Louise G. Powell*
3 Carol E. Rodgers
4 Wendy J. Wallace
5 Ian Wiltshire
6 Christopher F. Mew
*First peal.

*First peal.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

BERKELEY, Glos, St. Mary the Virgin.

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Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 3hrs, 7mins. (24 cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(J. J., Parker's 12-part, 7th observation.)
1 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)
2 Anthony J. Cox
3 Heather A. Kippin
4 Hilary Muirhead
5 Michael J. Platt*
6 Stephen F. Royal
7 Patrick J. Bird
8 Edward G. Mould†
*First of Triples. †50th peal.

*First of Triples, †50th peal.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset, St. Michael.

Tues., Feb. 3, 1970, 2hrs, 16mins. (6 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (3 240's and 36 extents (10 carlings)).

(3 240's and 36 extents (10 cadin 1 Peter C. Randall (Conductor) 2 Peter J. Kingscote 3 Richard Gray* 4 Michael J. Platt* 5 Anthony J. Cox *First of Doubles.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham, St. Brandon.

Wed., Feb. 18, 1970, 2hrs. 57mins. (13½ cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1 Gwen Bidgood (St. Mary's)
2 Joanna Mount (St. Aidan's)
3 Gill B. Armstrong (Trevelyan)
4 Peter R. Denton (Grey)*
5 Nicholas J. Webber (St. John's)*
6 Philip Rogers (Van Mildert, Conductor)
*First inside. 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, master of the society).

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

WRAGBY, Yorks, St. Michael & Our Lady. Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 35mins. (11 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 A. Pattie Clapham
2 Alan M. Glover*
3 Nigel P. A. Goulding†
4 J. Crawford Allen†
5 Laurence F. Palmer
6 Robert A. Beresford (Conductor)
*First of Plain Bob. †First for Society. First of Plain Bob as conductor.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

SALFORD, Lancashire, Sacred Trinity.

Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. (13 cwt.). 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
(Heywood's variation.)

1 Margaret L. Ellwood
2 William M. Taylor*
3 Rosemary K. Gates
4 Lynda M. Deebank
5 Christopher L. D. Munday
6 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights
7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
8 Ian Bell†
roled tower. First attention. Circled tower. †First attempt. First in the method by all. For the 181st anniversary of Samuel Thurstans' birth.

WEST DIDSBURY, Manchester, Lancashire. Christ Church.

es., Feb 10, 1970, 3hrs. 3mins. (16½ cwt.). 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. Barton.

1 Patricia James*
2 Lynda M. Deebank*
3 Margaret L. Ellwood
4 Christopher L. D. Munday
5 Hamish M. McNaughton*
6 William M. Taylor*

7 Paul Reading
8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
First in the method. First in method as conductor. For the Manchester and Salford Students' Rag Day.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., Feb. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (16 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

William Willans*

Jennifer L. Quaife

Betty J. Daysh

Roy Le Marechal*

Edward W. Colley

John P. Collis*

R. Brian Walton (Conductor)

Join C. Hallett*

First of Triples, A compliment to Les and Prisca Tremeer on the birth of their second son.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970. 2hrs. 45mins, (10 cwt.).
5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Washbrook.
1 Harold W. Dunsden

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2 Roy Jones
3 Robert B. Blond
4 Peter L. Furness
5 Philip G. Taylor
6 Harry E. Wells
7 Robert J. Crocker
8 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
A wedding compliment to David R. Blond, son of No. 3 ringer, and Audrey Brooks, married at Chieveley, Berkshire, the previous Saturday.

EAST WOODHAY, Hampshire, St. Martin. Tues., Feb. 17, 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (7 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Christopher Kendall

2 David Goss
3 Philip G. Taylor
4 Robert J. Crocker
5 Geoffrey K. Dodd
6 Peter L. Furness (Conductor) First as conductor.

MAPLEDURHAM, Oxon, St. Margaret.

Sat., Feb. 21. 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (8 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (3 methods, 1 of Cambridge Surprise, 2 of Kent T.B., 4 of Plain Bob).

1 Roy Jones
2 Robert J. Crocker
3 Peter L. Furness
4 Philip G. Taylor
5 Albert Green*
6 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

6 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
*First in more than one Minor method.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Wores, St. Mary.

St. Mary.

Fri., Feb. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (10½ cwt.).

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Composed by John Carter. (No. 35.)

1 Peter J. Brown

2 Robert Edwards

3 M. Irene Brown

4 Clifford Skidmore

5 Joseph Warr

6 Geoffrey Westwood*

7 Martin D. Fellows (Conductor)

8 Morley P. Tobin

*First of Stedman Triples. To mark the birthday of Samuel Thurstans—February 19, 1789. day of Samuel Thurstans-February 19, 1789.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

PUDSEY, Yorkshire, St. Laurence.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (17½ cwt.). 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR Arranged by R. W. Parker. William Parton

Adrian Dempster
John W. Gibson
Alexander E. Marsh
James Crowther Colin Bottomley*

7 George S. Deas 8 Michael Maughan (Conductor) *First of Surprise.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire, St. Peter's Cathedral.

at., Feb. 7, 1970, 3hrs. 18mins (25½ cwt.).
5056 BRADFORD DELIGHT MAJOR
1 Colin Bottomley
2 William Barton

Stephen R. Munday

4 Ernest J. Gower

5 W. Eric Critchley (Comp. and Cond.)

6 Barry Sullivan
7 Frederick A. Munday
8 Ronald R. Warford
First peal in the method.

BRADFORD DELIGHT MAJOR -38-14-58-16-12-18-12-38 2nds pl l.e. 3527486. f.c.e.'s: b, d.

(Sheffield and District Society)
BOLSTERSTONE, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Fri. Feb. 20, 1970, 2hrs. 57mins. (12½ cwt.).
5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by G. B. Thompson.
1 Malcolm S. Turner
2 Marianne Baker*

Marie Hatswell* Christopher Newton M. Alec Beaumont Neil Donovan

6

7 David Nichols
8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)
*First of Surprise Major. By members of Rotherham Parish Church Sunday service band

Handbells

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., Feb. 23, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (15 in C.)
5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (12
methods: 864 Newgate, 720 Londinium, 432
Clifton, Ealing, Fulham, Leatherhead, 384
Leicestershire, York, and 240 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Wigston and Yorkshire, with 100
changes of method).

1–2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
3–4 John R. Mayne (Comp. and Cond.)
5–6 Roger Baldwin
7–8 Gerald Penney†
9–10 Julia A. Fellows
11–12 Martyn L. J. Jordan
*200th handbell peal. †First of 12-Spliced
Surprise Maximus.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk, 22 Lyndhurst Road.

Thurs., Feb. 12, 1970, 1hr. 50mins. (19 in F.)
5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
(42 extents, 4 callings.)
1-2 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)*
3-4 Kenneth L. Brown*
5-6 David Ralls†
*First on

*First Bob Doubles on handbells. †First on handbells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHAMPTON, Lindum, 29 Hanley Road.

Sun., Feb. 22, 1970, 2hrs. 10mins, 25056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by E. Bankes James. 1-2 John S. Croft (Conductor)
3-4 Kenneth S. B. Croft
5-6 William S. Croft
7-8 James S. Croft*
*First on 8 bells. First as conductor.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

SWINDON VILLAGE, Gloucestershire, 56 Quat Goose Lane.

on., Feb. 9, 1970. Ihr, 50mins. (11 in G.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
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157 YEARS' SERVICE

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LIDDINGTON?

Mr. Derek J. Carr, who gives an address at 32 Bridge Down, Bridge, Canterbury, writes inquiring what has happened to the five bells at Liddington, near Swindon. This was brought up at the A.G.M. of the Swindon District, when a request to visit the tower as part of a meeting was defeated.

Some time previously a party of ringers from Swindon were enthusiastically received by the incumbent and churchwarden. were found to be in good order and went very well.

At the meeting, writes Mr. Carr, it was pointed out that the following points should be noted:-

(i). The chairman of the Gloucester and Bristol emphatically stated that since the bells were "unringable" it was impossible to hold a meeting there, despite the fact that the chairman had never visited the tower.

(ii). The belfry adviser said that he was not going to visit the tower until he had an official letter from the G. and B. secretary giving him permission to examine the tower. This again despite requests from the churchwarden and officers of the branch.

(iii). The request made was only for an examination of the situation with recommendations required for work (if any) to be done.

EVERY MEMBER TO HAVE A REPORT?

On February 4th the annual meeting of the Reading District of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was preceded by afternoon ringing at St. Mary's and St. Giles' and followed by the service at St. Giles' conducted by the Rev. D. Stoter, assisted by the guild master, Canon C. E. Wigg. Tea was provided in St. Giles' Hall.

Mr. D. Drayton, branch chairman, presiding, warmly welcomed the visitors, with special reference to the master (Canon Wigg), the general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), the general treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the editor of The Ringing World (Mr. C. Denyer) and members of neighbouring branches. Some 50 branch members were present.

The secretary gave his report for 1969, which was adopted, and the balance sheet, which had been circulated to all towers, was presented by the treasurer and also adopted. Officers elected for 1970 were: Chairman,

Officers elected for 1970 were: Chairman, Mr. D. H. A. Drayton (Tilehurst); deputy, Mr. F. W. Lewis (St. Mary's, Reading); joint ringing masters, Mr. Jim Diserens (St. Mary's. Reading) and Mr. W. Irving (Goring); hon. secretary/treasurer, Mr. B. J. Gatward (Theale); hon. auditors, Mr. C. D. Everett (Tilehurst) and Mr. A. D. Smith (Pangbourne); branch representatives, Messrs. Drayton and Everett Everett.

The proposed list of practices and meetings was accepted. Jane Ruel, Harry Ruel and Colin Tombs were elected members of the guild. It was agreed, after discussion, to guild. It was agreed, after discussion, to donate £25 to Padworth bell restoration.

Mr. Everett said Tilehurst ringers had closed their restoration fund, amounting to £515, and they had been promised £85 from the branch and guild.

Mr. Allen reported that Swallowfield had received four estimates for the lowering of the bells and rehanging with a bed for a sixth. He hoped that this would be the successful conclusion of a 40-year fight.

Mr. K. Vernon reported that St. Giles',

Wokingham, had started a fund.

On the question of an annual report, the following resolution to be taken by the branch representatives to the guild meeting—"This branch recommends that an object of the guild is to provide every member with a report, paid for by the subscription," was carried.

A comprehensive vote of thanks closed the business, and evening ringing continued until 9 p.m. at St. Laurence's.

The collection at the beautiful for the restora-

tion fund totalled £2.1958, seent na no Bellig.



Three ringers at Biddulph St. Lawrence, Staffs, with more than 50 years' service. They are (left to right): William Hazeldine (50 years), former miner but mostly sexton. ringer, gravedigger and general pillar of the church, one-time ringing master of the North Staffs Association and conductor of the Biddulph band; James Stanway, sen. (54 years), miner, long service as people's warden, tower captain and mainstay of the church, a born leader of men (was deputy down the pit)-but now no longer able to ring for more than a few minutes due to pneumoconeosis; Leslie Higgs (53 years), an engineer fitter, of quiet disposition and a good and steadfast ringer. All are Surprise Minor ringers.

Biddulph Church ringers were founder members of the North Staffs Association and have maintained a continuous membership all through. These three have known some famous ringers, such as J. W. Washbrook who had a milk round in the next town (Tunstall), the Pye brothers, the Page brothers and C. Severn, of Sheffield, who composed Biddulph (or Double London as it is sometimes called). They are not ardent peal ringers, but have been exceptionally diligent in Sunday service ringing and in maintaining good striking and a repertoire of advanced methods; Bill Hazeldine has only 20 peals in W. S. D. his book, Leslie Higgs eight and Jim Stanway about 11.

The Guild master (Canon C. E. Wigg), general secretary (Miss M. Cross) and the district secretary (Mr. B. Gatward) with others the meeting at at Reading.



RUNG AT HAMBLEDON, HANTS December 22, 1969

(1) Rev. St. Sebastian, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Minster, All Saints, Morning Star, Quirister, Cathedral, Evening Star, Plain Bob; (2) Bedfont, Coxwell, St. Botolph, Boveney, Eton, Stedman Slow Course, Carmarthen, Cardiganshire, Glamorgan, Anglesey, Middlesex, Den-bighshire; (3) Datchet, Ufflington, Stowe, Bristol, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire; (4) Rev. St. Vedast, Rev. New Bob, Rev. Huntspill, Crane, veney, Scarletts, Harmondsworth; (5) St. Julian, Union, St. Faith, Colne, Poyle, Cambridgeshire, Runemede; (6) Helpringham, Ancaster, Newton, Hambledon, Castlewood, Biddesden, Broadhalfpenny; (7) St. Gregory, St. Alphege, St. Andrew, Woughton-on the-Green, Kiln Green, Weston-on-the-Green, Wisborough Green; (8) Rev. St. Remigius, Rev. St. Nicholas, Rev. Winchendon, Bracebridge Heath, Hogworthingham, Yaddlethorpe, Long Clawson; (9) Rev. St. Osmund, Rev. St. Simon, Rev. St. Martin, Claypole, Bag Enderby, Frithville, Great Dalby; (10) Rev. Union. Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, Londonthorpe, Casthorpe, Manthorpe, Nunthorpe; (11) Maltby, Chevasse Place, Callender, Caernarvonshire, Flintshire, Merionethshire, Radnorshire; (12) New Bob, Huntspill, Oakley, Chipstead, Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham, Screveton; (13) Westminster II, Blackburn, Broughton, Ockham, Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, Strelley; (14) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Thornborough, Hascombe, Nicholas, Winchendon, Thornborough, Hascombe, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Ossington; (15) St. Simon, St. Martin, Slapton, Merton, Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Sutton-upon-Trent; (16) Huntspill, Vedast, Blaisdon, Itchingfield; (17) Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon, Chesham; (18) Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley, Longford; (19) St. Martin, St. Osmund. Eynesbury, Rugby; (20-23) Shipwey; (24-31) Rev. Canterbury; (32-39) Plain Bob; (40-42) Grandsire

The following previously unnamed methods have been named as follows:

Four lead plain course methods:

57P Evening Star Place

345, 1, 125, 1, 5, 1, 125, 1, 345, 123.

66P Cathedral Place

345, 145, 125, 1, 5, 1, 125, 145, 345, 123.

One hunt, three lead plain course methods:

64U Castlewood Bob

3, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 3, 123.

67V Hambledon Bob

3, 145, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 145, 3, 123.

69V Biddesden Place

345, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 345, 123.

76U Broadhalfpenny Place

345, 145, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 145, 345, 123.

RUNG AT BROCKENHURST, HANTS January 1, 1970

Variations: Reverse St. Faith with Old Hudibras Single, Nowell; Reverse Union with Old Hudibras Single, Holly; Reverse St. Julian with Old Hudibras Single, Holly; Reverse St. Julian with Old Hudibras Single, Mistletoe; Chevasse Place with Old Hudibras Single, Mistletoe; Chevasse Place with Old Hudibras Single, Bethlehem; Maltby Bob with Old Hudibras Single, Bishop's Waltham; Callender Bob with Old Hudibras Single, Fareham; Montgomeryshire Place with Old Hudibras Single, Shedfield; Chevasse Place with Pink Single, Droxford; Maltby Bob with Pink Single, Wickham; Montgomeryshire Place with Pink Single, Titchfield; Chevasse Place with Wallflower Single, Caspar; Maltby Bob with Wallflower Single, Melchior; Callender Bob with Wallflower Single, Balthazar; Montgomeryshire Place with Wallflower Single, Chamberlain.

SATELLITE

Twinkle, twinkle, little star, I don't wonder what you are; I surmised your spot in space When you left your missile base. Any wondering I do Centres on the price of you, And I shudder when I think What you're costing us per twink.

William Pratt.

Belfry Gossip

Samuel Thurstans' birthday (February 19, 1789) was marked by two peals—both of Stedman Triples—at Salford and Old Swinford.

Personal records for W. E. Critchley (800 peals), J. E. Cawser (600), F. R. Morton (350), and K. G. Game and E. G. Mould (50).

The Girl Guide movement is well known for its good work, and ringers at Wootton (Oxford) showed appreciation by ringing a quarter for their "Thinking Day."

No doubt the tower was locked when a peal at West Didsbury was in progress for the Manchester and Salford Students' Rag Day on February 10.

An "In Memoriam" quarter at Felkirk was rung by members of Barnsley and District Society for one of their colleagues, Mr. Freddie Priestly, who died recently.

The tenor clapper at Battle, Sussex, snapped when a district meeting was nearly finished on February 28, but, undaunted, the ringers continued with Triples.

Devonshire Ringers' Guild complimented Mr. A. L. Bennett on his 50 years' service with a peal of Bob Major at Plympton on February 21.

The conductor, Dennis Ellisdon, did well in conducting a peal of Minor at Fyfield, Essex, for the remainder of the band were all "firsts" in one way or another.

Rung on February 22, the quarter of Doubles at Pattingham is believed to be the first rung by a local band, all Sunday service ringers.

First peal congratulations to Ian Bell, John F. Roebuck, Christine P. Murray, Jillian Turcan, Susan Turcan, David Gower, Louise G. Powell.

The first ringer in his tower to ring a quarter peal, Mr. W. J. Beckenham, of Ripe, Sussex, rang the treble to Doubles, the ringing being arranged as a compliment to Mr. W. E. Beckenham, a local ringer for 50 years.

New methods: Bradford Delight Major—Privett, Romsey, Ringwood, Fordingbridge, Aldershot, Wantage, Cholsey, and Goring Surprise Major and Newton Nottage Surprise Major.

Mr. Alan Buswell, of Portsmouth, who is compiling the 1969 quarter peal analysis, tells us that Somerset rang 259 quarters and Addington is the leading tower in the country with 39.

The 45-Spliced Major — 10080 changes—which was the subject of a report last week is outstanding, and the very thought of the concentration needed makes one's mind boggle. But what a record!

Installation of the fine heavy octave in a new frame with new fittings at Pilton, Barnstaple, Devon, starts in early March. Dedication by the Bishop of Crediton is on March 20.

A-begging.—Regarding that heavy ring of eight for which Mr. D. A. R. May is anxious to find a home, preferably in the Diocese of Guildford and the county of Surrey—one lady thought he was advertising handbells.

"The three Surprise Minor methods rung in the University of London Society's peal at Addington on February 4th (Ringing World, page 155) had indeed not been previously rung," writes Mr. Cyril A. Wratten, of Charlton Kings, Glos. Complete your files for 1969.—Most back copies available (1s.) from R.W. office: a limited quantity of other years available.

Marlborough Grammar School pupils are still ringing quarter peals. One at Chilton Foliat of Grandsire Doubles was rung on February 16, whilst at Thorne four of those ringing in a quarter were from the local Grammar School.

To ensure publication of advertisement notices for Easter, would secretaries please get copy to The Ringing World Office by Wednesday, March 18. The office and works will be closed from Thursday, March 26, until Tuesday, March 31.

Evening practices do not improve attendances the Wisbech District was told at its A,G.M. by Mr. T. A. Bevis, Two important aspects were eliminated—ringers' services and the traditional ringers' tea which gave the necessary social atmosphere.

What (we hope) will be the last of the 1969 peals is reported this week. It makes the work of the Analysis Committee doubly hard when delays are experienced in printing peals, and we ask all correspondents to help them by reporting peals promptly.

According to a report in a national daily a complaint is to be made to the Bishop of Guildford by some of the students at Surrey University because of the excessive noise from the bells, which ring "for hours on end" and prevent the students from working and sleeping.

Another member of the Croft family (John) has succeeded in conducting a handbell peal (Bob Major) on February 22. Brother James rang 7-8 (his first peal on handbells), and father and another brother (William) made up the remainder of the band. No doubt mother will join in next time—for Royal.

The silent, non-conducted 17-Spliced Sur prise Major peal at Hawkley for the Guildford Guild on February 21 is a great achievement. It was the first "silent" for six of the band and the first for the Guild. Team work in peals is always an essential qualification, but in a non-conducted effort it is vital!

Only the front six at St. Albans Abbey have been ringing recently because the water tank which counterbalances the bells sprang a leak The leak was discovered when water was found to be dripping through the painted ceiling on to the floor of the church. The tank has now been filled with sand and all 12 bells can be rung again.

Writing about record numbers of peals together, Mr. John R. Mayne adds: "I am a little disappointed sometimes at the frequency and naiveté of claims for possible records. So many recollections seem to extend no farther back in time than last year and no farther away than their own area. I think that in spite of superficial appearances to the contrary, this era scarcely equals and certainly does not surpass previous times. An example of this is surely the course of Grandsire Sixteen referred to in recent correspondence. I have seen Samuel Lawrence's peal book which, if I recollect correctly, is in a library at Wellington, Shropshire. It is well worth a perusal."

[&]quot;Lukewarmness I account a sin as great in love as in religion."—A, Cowley,

ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE

Readers of this journal will recall the previous articles on the "Do it yourself" restoration and augmentation of our bells, November 11, 1966, which described the rehanging of the existing six bells; December 2, 1966, the rededication; and January 17, 1969, the arrangement of the existing six-bell frame to take all eight bells on one level.

Following the augmentation of the frame at the end of 1968, we were left with just over £200 towards the estimated cost of £730 for our two new bells. Fund raising continued during the year, but luck was on our side. The Barron Bell Trust kindly made us a most welcome donation of £250 and the Southwell Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers promised us £75. Together, this would cover the cost of the treble bell and we had only to find another £215.

By midsummer sufficient money was in hand to place the order for the bells and on September 24, 1969, the casting of the two new bells at Messrs, John Taylor and Co.'s Foundry, Loughborough, was witnessed by a large party of ringers and villagers.

Delivery to Whatton was arranged for 10 a.m. on January 14, 1970, but a phone call the previous Monday amended this time to 8.30 a.m., despite the fact that it would still be dark. (Mr. Walker, who was to deliver the bells, had to be on the other side of Worcester by lunch time.)

ARRIVED LATE

The lorry in fact arrived some 10 minutes late, but the two bell hangers and the local ringers had the bells and fittings inside the church and beneath the central tower in double quick time. A hoist was fixed to a convenient oak beam in the ringing chamber, and by 10 o'clock the bells and the rest of the equipment were resting on the ringing chamber floor. The church had been cleaned and the carpets replaced, the trap doors had been put back in position and Messrs, Taylors' men had departed.

We were now on our own and reduced to three local ringers for the rest of the day. The treble bell was first hoisted through the newlyenlarged hole above the ladder, swung across the belfry and placed above its pit on two timber joists. (The hoisting tackle had been left in position from our previous work.) The headstock was next raised and fitted, the bell was lowered into its pit and the bearings bolted to the side frame. The clapper wheel and stay followed, and by one o'clock we were ready to give it a trial swing. In fact it did not swing entirely freely, and a check on the level of the bearings revealed that packing was required under one bearing, and this was rectified and lunch was taken.

During the afternoon the second bell was similarly placed in position and checked, and by five o'clock we could have rung the bells if only we had had the necessary holes in the floor for the ropes.

It was in the evening, whilst cutting the rope hole for the second bell that our luck ran out. Beneath the belfry floor was yet another solid oak beam.

The following day we returned all the borrowed equipment to Loughborough and borrowed their spare 21in, auger. Practice night consisted of proving that the oak beam was in fact only 17½in. deep. The holes through the floor were completed, using 2½in. Marley rainwater down pipe, and the fitting of wooden bosses to the top and bottom. (Wood ceiling bosses are no longer used by the bell foundry, and ours were made by the local joiner, himself a ringer, on his treadle lathe.)

CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE IN SLUMBERLAND

On January 16 a small band of ringers from the Canterbury area, and notably from Christ Church College, set off on a week-end pirgrimage to Slumberland, the Lincolnshire home of Anne "Sleeper" Dawson, who must be thanked for making the arrangements,

An early start was made on Saturday with vain attempts to milk the bullocks. Attempts vain attempts to milk the bullocks. Attempts to produce good ringing were, however, not so vain, probably due to the excellent belis, and an edifying morning was spent visiting Horbling, Billingborough, Sempringham and Edenham, although Morton provided little more than entertainment, with stiff clappers and a high degree of "odd-struckness."

We were joined for lunch by a reveller from We were joined for lunch by a reveiler from the college ball the previous evening, then pro-ceeded to sample the delights of Spalding, Pinchbeck, Gosberton and Quadring. Suffice to say that Donington bells were difficult to strike and that we did not do full justice to Heckington bells because tiredness was set-ting in Spirits were revived a little for the Spirits were revived a little for the light ten at Ewerby, where we were surprised to bring round a course of Grandsire Caters with a band not used to ten bells, especially when the sound inside the tower could poslikened to bagpipes! The day's ringing finished at Sleaford, where an excellent repast was arranged at the King's Arms Hotel. And so back to the farm for refreshments and handbells and other forms of entertainment.

Sunday morning saw us with the local band for service ringing at Boston, and then an enormous turkey meal à la Dawson. This seemed to induce more than the usual urge for bed upon the assembled company, so that our chances of scoring a quarter for the afternoon service at Heydour seemed remote. arrival, however, these beautiful bells inspired us to great things, and an excellent quarter of 1280 Plain Bob Major was rung by: Jacqueline Cullwick 1, P. S. Philpott 2. Anne Dawson 3. J. Hedgcock 4, M. L. Haigh 5, G. Dawson 6, Keeler (first on eight as conductor) 7. lton 8. The equally pleasant six at Silk T. Skilton 8. The equally pleasant six at Silk Willoughby preceded tea and a small presentation ceremony back at the farm H.Q. before service ringing and farewells at Grantham.

Our grateful thanks must go to all the tower making us so

captains and incumbents for making us so welcome, to British Rail and Rabbi Hedgeock us so for their benevolence in transportation, to all those locals who boosted our numbers, and all to Mr. and Mrs. Dawson for accommodating, feeding and tolerating us on this first sober week-end of the academic year. A DOER.

Work then began in earnest on the complete repainting of the frame, despite the fact that it was only painted some three years ago; it was felt that repainting now would save work in a few years' time. The new wheels and stays were sealed and painted blue to match the rest of our fittings.

In raising the bells we had enlarged the ladder access to the belfry in the corner of the ringing room ceiling rather than move two of the existing bells and part of the frame in order to get them through. The ceiling was now repaired and replastered, and the whole of the ringing chamber redecorated and refurnished.

A considerable amount of the work has been filmed on 8 mm, colour film, and it is hoped to produce a short film that will not only be of interest to our own ringers and villagers but will also be of some use to any other ringers contemplating undertaking a similar project.

It is with eager anticipation that we now look forward to the dedication by the Bishop of Sherwood on Saturday, March 14, 1970, and we hope that as many as possible of our friends and ringers will be with us on that

Note. - The result of the competition to guess the total weight of the two new bells will be made known after the service.

W. L. E.

WAS THE SEED SOWN THEN?

The Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is 90 years old this year and was formerly known as the Sonning Deanery Society of Change Ringers. Its first general meeting was at Wokingham on May 26, 1880, and the affiliated towers were Arborfield, and the affiliated towers were Arborheld, Hurst, Sonning, Wargrave and the two Wokingham towers. The late Canon G. F. Coleridge was convinced that this society was the forerunner of the Oxford Guild and that the seed was thus sown at that meeting, and if this was so, that grain of mustard seed has certainly attained the proportions of a gigantic tree in which ringers of all ages, sizes and ability now reside, and 70 to 80 of these attended the district annual meeting at Wokingham on February 21.

Ringing before and after the tea and melting was at All Saints', and choral evensong was at 4 p.m., which the Rector (the Rev. K. R. Martin) conducted. Canon C. E. Wigg (guild master) led in prayer, and Mr. Fred Sharp (deputy master) read the first lesson, the second being read by the branch chairman (the Rev. F. E. Harcourt-Trevor).

CERTIFICATES PRESENTED

Following tea, Canon Wigg first presented certificates to the branch striking competition winners, who were: 1 Sonning, 2 Hurst, 3 Wargrave. The other business of the branch was dealt with smoothly by the chairman (the Rev. F. E. Harcourt-Trevor) and the balance sheet, ringing master's report (presented by the deputy, Mr. S. Scott) and secretary's (Mr. B. Castle) all being adopted with acclamation.

The officers were re-elected with the ringing master (Mr. H. Smith) and deputy (Mr. Scott) changing offices. The branch striking com-petition was fixed and the contest is to be controlled mainly by the rules laid down by the guild. A lively discussion took place on the monthly branch practices, agreement even-tually being reached that at four of the practices the first period be allocated to advanced (Surprise) methods.

Thirteen new members were elected, Diane Deakin, Judith Burkey, Wynford Clarke, Miss A. J. McWilliam, E. N. Thomas. D. Lane, Miss J. McLean, M. E. Goom, L. Brown, Mrs. J. Ellis, Kevin Dave, Richard West and William Theedon.

Mr. D. C. Willis, of Sonning, following his own suggestion, agreed to organise an inter-branch competition for better striking, and he will be assisted by Mr. W. B. Burkey.

Canon Wigg, Mr. Sharp and Miss Marie Cross (guild secretary) addressed remarks to the meeting one interesting point being the resumption of providing hot meat pies at the branch annual meeting, as was the custom between the two wars. (Perhaps next year?)

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, and the chairman was ap-plauded for his expeditious handling of the

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The ringers of Buckingham and Maids Moreton would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates on their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Yates is a loyal service ringer at both towers, while Mrs. Yates has been a keen supporter of her husband's activities.

To mark this special occasion a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at Maids Moreton, and Mr. Yates took part, and another of Stedman R. W. Y. Triples was rung at Buckingham,

BELLS IN SCRAPYARD

"While walking through a scrapyard in Tunbridge Wells this week I spotted four bells, cast by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in 1890. They were bought for scrap a few years ago, but the firm have no recollection from where they came. I wonder if any readers can help?" writes A. G. Bassett, of Wadhurst, Sussex.

Notices

SCALE OF CHARGES

5/- for 30 words (minimum), each additional word 2d.; Meeting Notices—3 insertions the price of 2.

price or 2. Display Advertisements: 7/6 per inch single column; ½-page £3; ½-page £5/10; Whole page £10. Reduction for block bookings (on application) 65 screen for half-tones.

Bedford.—To Sylvia and Philip, on January 21, 1970, a daughter, Kesta Ann, a sister for Julian.

MARRIAGE

Reeves-Shepherd.-On Feb. 6, in Reading. Colin Reeves to Margaret Anne Shepherd Future address: Leighbridge, 7 Tyle Road Tilehurst, Reading. Berks. Telephone: Reading 24828.

DEATH

Knight. — Herbert Walter passed away on February 27 at 6 Church Road, Redhill, Wrington; many years chairman and ringing master of the Chew Branch of the Bath and Wells Association.

ENGAGEMENT

Armeson—Indge. — The engagement is announced between Jennifer M. Indge, of Brookmans Park, Herts, and Stuart R. Armeson, of Rotherham, Yorks.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Ainsworth. - Marion and Alan now live at Breda, Bois Lane, Chesham Bois, Amersham, Bucks. Tel. 02403-7970.

Staples. — Thelma, formerly of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, now lives at 7a Babington Road, Rothley, Leicestershire. Friends welcome.

PERSONAL

"And this commandment have we from him. That he who loveth God love his brother also."—1 John iv, 21.

WANTED

Ringing Books Wanted.—Shipway's Art of Ringing; Bells Thro' the Ages, by Nichols; Bells of England, by J. J. Raven; also Ernest Morris books, except Tintinnabula.—R. W. Rice. West Street, Banwell, Somerset. 8274

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Bed and breakfast, 22s. 6d. per night. Full board, £9 9s. per week. Personal service, separate tables.—(Mrs.) H. Savage, 15 Connaught Road, Folkestone, Kent.

Dorset, near Milton Abbey.—B. and B. 20s. Evening meal 7s. 6d. Mrs. Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. Indoor sanitation. Full terms on application.

Mid-Devon. Good centre for touring. Bed and breakfast, dinner. Mrs. Jean Fidler, High-croft, Bow. Crediton, EX17 6HN. Bow 379. Also 4-berth caravan at Sandymouth Bay, near Buda.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bath and Wells Association.—Bath Branch.

Practice night, Keynsham, changed from Thursday, March 19, to Saturday, March 21, for one week only. Commence 6 p.m. 8366

Easter Publication. All advertisements for Good Friday issue (March 27) must reach us by first post Wednesday, March 18.

Ely Diocesan Association.—The peal secretary for the Association as from January 1, 1970, is now Mr. G. E. Thoday, 62 Young Street, Cambridge, to whom peal fees (1s. per rope) and compositions should be sent as soon as possible.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec. 8384

Masonic Reunion. - The date has been changed to June 6. Any who wish to attend and have not notified please do so to W. T., c/o R.W. Office, Guildford.

New Style Peal Forms are now available from R.W. office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4 in. x 9 in.).

Ringing World Index for 1969 is now available, price is., plus stamp for postage. Other years from 1958 price 6d. each. Apply Ringing World Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Ltd., Guildford.

Ringing Towers. - Because of devaluation Ringing Towers.—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringing Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57 Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Bedfordshire Association.-Luton District. Evening meeting, Sat., March 21, Eversholt. Bells (6) from 5 p.m. Note date. 8378

Essex Association.—S.W. District.—Evening Woodford, Sat., March 14. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m.-K. W.

Guildford Diocesan Guild. - Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Hawley, Tues., Mar. 17. 7.30-9 p.m. This practice is for anyone wishing to learn Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich or any of the Surprise methods, etc., etc.

Middlesex County Association.—N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, Tues., March 17. Bells available from 7-8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

Suffolk Guild. — S.W. District. — Evening practice, Stoke-by-Nayland, Wed., March 18, 7.30 p.m. 8369

Suffolk Guild. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Buxhall (6), Sat., March 21, 6.30 p.m. 8376

Yorkshire Association.—Southern Branch.-There will be a practice meeting on Fri., Mar. 20, at St. Leonard's, Wortley. The eight bells will be available from 18.30 (6.30 p.m.) until 21.00. Ringing will range from rounds and call-changes to Surprise Major.—A. C. Banton.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Derby Diocesan Association. - Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Barlborough, Sat., March 14. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail. please, to Mr. A. Ashby, 72 Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield.— Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, March 14: Great Wilbraham, 6-7.15 p.m.; Cherry Hinton, 7.30-8.45 p.m.—J. S.

Essex Association.—N.E. District.—Meeting March 14, Great Holland (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Leech, 3 Holland Villas, Gt. Holland, Frinton-

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, March 14. Service at St. Mary's Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Congregational Church Hall, Portsmouth Road. Notifications for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37 Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom (Tel.: 01-393 4986) Bells available: Stoke-next-Guildford, 2.45-4 p.m.; Holy Trinity, 3-4.15; St. Mary's, 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas and Shalford after the meeting. 8252

Hertford County Association.-Western District.—Meeting, Great Gaddesden (6), on Sat., March 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Sheppard, 19 Great Heart. Hemel Hempstead.

Hertford County Association.—Eastern District. — Meeting, Sat., March 14, Hoddesdon (8), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at Broxbourne 5.15, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Broxbourne (8) to 9 p.m. Names for tea to S. E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel.: 5664).—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 8336

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting and striking competition will be held at All Saints, Birchington, on Sat., March 14, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be held at 5 p.m., approx. Names for tea to Mr. H. Luck, Lubin, 57 Kent Gardens, Birchington J. R. K. ington.-J. B. K.

Kent County Association.-Maidstone Disrict.—Quarterly meeting, Harrietsham (8), on Sat., March 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Roebuck. Names to C. A. Tester, 18 Maxwell Drive, Allington Park, Maidstone.

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, on Sat., March 14. Bells (8) available 3-5 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Evening ringing, St. James', West Derby (6), 6.30 p.m. onwards. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8362

Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.— Meeting, St. James (6), Leyland, Sat., March 14. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after service in School Room, followed by business meeting. Names for tea to J. D. Nixon, Esq., 22 Grange Road, Leyland, by Wed., March 11. Special methods: London S. Minor, Hereward Bob Minor.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec.

London County Association. - March Special business meeting to discuss modifica-tions and changes to the entire rules of the Association. Meeting begins at 2.30 p.m., to be held at St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, in the cloisters of the church. Nearest tube: Aldersgate or Farringdon Street.—M. R. W. 8284

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—An extraordinary general meeting and the annual general committee meeting will be held at Radley C.E. Primary School, Abingdon, at 2.30 p.m. on Sat., March 14. Names for tea to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49 Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Kettering Branch.—Practice, Barton Seagrave (6), Sat., March 14. Prayers 3 p.m. Ringing until 5 p.m. Special method: St. Botolph's. All wel-

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Calne Branch.— Meeting. Broad Hinton, Sat., March 14, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Gray, 162 Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts. 8370 Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts.

Sussex County Association. - Western Divi-Sussex County Association.— Western Division.—Practice meeting at Lodsworth (6) and Petworth (8), Sat., March 14. Lodsworth bells 3 p.m. Service at Lodsworth 5. Tea 5.45. Petworth bells until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea P. M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor

Worcestershire and Districts Association.-Southern Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Mar. 14, Bretforton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., then tea and business. Willersey bells available 6.45 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. G. Tomkins, 80 Main Street, Bretforton.

Bath and Wells Association.—Chew Branch. —Quarterly meeting, Wraxall (8), Sat., March 21. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. — D. G. Yeo. Hon. Branch Sec. 8205

Chester Diocesan Guild .-- Northwich Branch. -Meeting, Davenham (6) on Sat., March 21.
Ringing starts 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Howard, Beverley, Lime Avenue, Northwich. Special method:

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Arley (6), Sat., March 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at Astley (5). Names for tea, please, to 636 Allesley Old Road, Coventry, 76413.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Associa-tion.—Southern District.—Meeting, Hurworth, Sat., March 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30

Sat., March 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by the tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. Parker, 4 The Green, Hurworth - on - Tees, Darlington, Co. Durham, by Thurs., March 19. 8372

Essex Association.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Sawbridgeworth (8), Sat., March 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m.—G. Blake. Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8322

Essex Association.—Southern District.—Meeting, Bentley Common, Sat., March 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea with further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49 Hatch Road, Brentwood. All are welcome are welcome All

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Bristol Rural Branch. — Meeting, Coalpit Heath (6), March 21, 3-7.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Frampton Cotterell (6), 7.45-9 p.m. Names for tea to P./Sgt. Scudamore, County Police Station, Coalpit Heath, 12 Wed., March 18.

by Wed., March 18.

Hertford County Association.— Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Standon, on Sat., March 21. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Braughing 5.30. Ringing at Braughing (8) till 8.30 p.m. after tea. Names for tea to P. Glazebrook, 11 Friars Road, Braughing. Tel. Puckeridge 554.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.
—Meeting, New Romney, on Sat., March 21.
Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.
Tea only for those who notify A. S. Phelips,
Romney Hard, Coast Road, Littlestone, New
Romney (Tel.: New Romney 3353), by Thurs.,
March 19.—A. P. S. B.
8368

Ladies' Guild .- Midland District .- Annual general meeting, joint with the Leicester and Market Harborough Districts of the Leicester

Market Harborough Districts of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, at St. Thomas', Sth. Wigston, Sat., March 21. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting at 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. P. Brown, 14 Westmorland Avenue, South Wigston, Leicester, by Wed., 18th.—B. C. Morley, Dis. Sec. 8328

Lancashire Association,—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Smithills, 2.30-5 p.m., and All Souls', Bolton, 6-8, Sat., March 21. Tea at St. Peter's School Room 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. F. Woods, 20 Moorside Avenue, Bolton, BL1 6BE, not later than Wednesday. Special methods: Superlative, Stedman Triples. All welcome.—Pauline Tallis, Branch Sec.

Leicester Diocesan Guild and Ladies' Guild.

Leicester Diocesan Guild and Ladies' Guild. —Leicester, Market Harborough and Midland Districts.—Joint meeting at South Wigston on March 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Further ringing after meeting. Names, please, to Mrs. M. P. Brown, 14 Westmorland Avenue, South Wigston, Leicester, LE8 2YB, by Wed., March 18. Everyone welcome.—B. C. Morley, L. W. Allen, R. D. Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8364

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mansfield District.—Warsop, Sat., March 21. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cuckney bells available afternoon only. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Rooke, 9 York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield, by previous Wednesday. -Leicester, Market Harborough and Midland

by previous Wednesday. 8319

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Full meeting, Seighford, near Stafford, Sat., March 21. Ing, Seigniord, near Stafford, Sat., March 21. Important committee meeting in nave 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for latter, please, to Mr. G. Evans, The Vicarage, Seighford, Stafford, by March 18, latest. Bells (5) available 3-4.25 p.m. and after tea. Also Stafford (10) from 7.15 p.m. onwards.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8152

Sussex County Association. - Eastern Divi-Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Heathfield, March 21.
Bells available 3.30–4.30 p.m. and 6–7 p.m.
Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.
Please note change of date.—C. M. Baldock,

Sussex County Association.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, March 21, Holy Cross (8), Uckfield. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Please send names for tea to Mrs. Q. P. Sandells (the caterer), 8 The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield. Names must be sent in by previous Wednesday, otherwise me. tea. Wednesday, otherwise no tea

Yorkshire Association.-Western District.-Meeting, Denholme, Sat., March 21. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea and biscuits only available.—A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec. 8340

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

South Eastern District. SUPPER AND SOCIAL Saturday, March 21

7.15 p.m. at Little Baddow Memorial Hall Tickets 7s. 6d. (schoolchildren 6s.) from: R. J. Harrison, 32 Gilmore Way, Gt. Baddow 8189

LEICESTER GUILD MELTON DISTRICT

ANNUAL DINNER

Friday, March 20 (7 for 7.30)

The King's Head Hotel, Melton Mowbray. 4-course meal, 21s., plus service charge.

Professional entertainment following the meal. Names, please, to Mrs. S. N. Hall, 2 Ashby Road, Gaddesby, Leics ('phone: Gaddesby 294), by March 15. 8337

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Folkestone, Easter Monday, March 30.

Service at noon. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events 10s. each. Children of resident members and nembers under 14 years 6s. each, obtainable for first 200 applicants with cash and stamped, addressed foolscap envelope, from N. J. Davies, Winser Cottage, Kingsford Street, Mersham, Ashford (Tel.: Ashford 24293). Applications to be received by first post on Mon., March 23. Creche available during meeting; please indicate if required.—Alan P. S. Berry, Hon Gen Sec. Hon. Gen. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Elm, Monday, March 30. Service 4.30 p.m. at Elm Church, followed by tea and the business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4s. 6d. per head, now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped, addressed envelope.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8 Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon.

Ringing arrangements:-

Hilgay (8)	10.30-11.30	March (6)	10.30-11.30
Denver (6)	11,00-12.00	Wisbech St. Mary (6)	11.30-12.30
Crimplesham (5)	11.00-12.00	Tydd St. Giles (6)	12.30- 1.30
Downham Market	(8) 11.30–12.30	Tydd St. Mary (6)	12.30- 1.30
Magdalene (6)	1.00- 2.00	Leverington (6)	1.30- 3.30
Watlington (6)	1.00- 2.00	Tilney All Saints (6)	11.00-12.00
Walsoken (6)	2.00- 3.00	Terrington St. Clement (8)	11.30- 1.00
Elm (6)	3.00 to Service	Walpole St. Peter (6)	12.30- 2.00

Evening ringing: Elm and Wisbech St. Peter (10).

8385

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS Ilkley, May 26th, 1970

Headquarters will be the Craiglands Hotel, Cowpasture Road (Ilkley 2181). Special terms for the Central Council, 65/-(plus 10%) Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, but only for bookings made before March 31st. The proprietor has agreed to reserve a limited number of rooms and Council members are advised to book without delay.

Other accommodation:

HOTELS

Acacia House Hotel, Burley Road, Menston, near likley (Menston 3688) B. & B. 37/6. 5D, 2S.

Craig End Lodge, Cowpasture Road, Ilkley (likley 4876)

(Vegetarian fare only.)

B. & B. 27/6. 4D, 2T, 3S. Cow and Calf Hotel, Hangingstone Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 2292)

(Discotheque, i.e. noise + until 11 p.m.) B. & B. 40/-. 3D, 1S. Crescent House, Wells Road, Ilkley (Ilkley

B. & B. 32/6. 4D, 4T, 1S.

Crescent Hotel, Brook Street, Ilkley (Ilkley 3534)

B. & B. from 52/6, 16 rooms.

Greystones, Private Hotel, Ben Rhydding Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 2250) B. & B. 35/-. 2D, 7T, 3S. Listers Arms Hotel, Skipton Road, Ilkley

(Ilkley 3284)
B. & B. 45/-, 14 rooms.
Star Inn, Leeds Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 3873)
B. & B. 25/- (no evening meal), 5T, 3S. Stoney Lea Hotel, Cowpasture Road, Ilkley (Ilkley 3574)

Discotheque-said to be soundproof

and away from guests)
B. & B. 42/6. 5D, 17T, 7S.

Summerhill Guest House, Crossbeck Road, likley (likley 3067)
B. & B. 20/-. 2D, 2T, 2S.
Troubeck Hoted Crossbeck Road, ilkley

(Ilkley 3041)

B. & B. 45/- (but 35/- if applicant states he is attending C.C. Conference).

3D, 11T, 6S.

Wheatley Hotel, Wheatley Lane, Ben Rhydding, Ilkley (Ilkley 3673)
B. & B. 30/- (no evening meal).
5D, 2T, 1S.

APARTMENTS Mrs. M. Lister, 21, Victory Road, likley (Tel. 2113)

B. & B. 17/6 to 20/-. 1D, 1T, 1S. Mrs. Harrison, Hollygarth, 293, Leeds Road, Ilkley (Tel. 2312) B. & B. 22/6. 2D, 1T. Mrs. A. Hampshire, 1, Tivoli Place, Ilkley

(Tel. 4158) B. & B. 18/6. 1D, 3T

Miss M. Huggan, The Mount, 43, Cow-pasture Road, Ilkley (Tel. 2244) B. & B. 21/- to 22/6. 1D, 2T (D=Double, T=Twin, S=Single)

There is at least one other conference in Ilkley during the week-end and Council members are warned that failure to reserve accommodation at an early date may well cause inconvenience.

Members experiencing difficulty should write to Bluebird Travel, The Grove, Ilkley. This agency, which is retained by likley U.D.C., will also find accommodation further afield for those wishing to take the opportunity of having a holiday in the Dales-

VERNON BOTTOMLEY, Hon. Secretary.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND **YOUTHS**

COUNTRY MEETING Saturday, April 11 **BIRMINGHAM**

Ringing details later.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION RINGING COURSE

Saturday, April 11, 1970
At the King Edward VI Grtmmar School, Chelmsford.

Programme tickets, 5s., from J. E. G. Roast, Kewset, Mill Lane, Danbury, Chelmsford (s.a.e., please), by March 31.

St. Mary the Virgin, Hayes, Middlesex DEDICATION

by the Archdeacon of Middlesex (Ven. J. R. Eastaugh)

of the recast ring of eight, and restoration of the tower

> will take place during Evensong On SUNDAY, MARCH 15.

Ringing after service. All welcome.

St. John of Beverley, Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts.

DEDICATION

of the two new treble bells by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Sherwood.

Saturday, March 14, 1970

Service of Dedication, 3 p.m.

Open Ringing, 4-9 p.m.

Buffet tea, Jubilee Hall, 4.30 onwards.

Numbers for tea, if possible, to

W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, Nottingham.

Croydon Parish Church Centenary Year of the Rebuilding 1870 - 1970

RINGING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Festival Service, 3 p.m.

Preacher: Canon R. O. Bowlby, M.A. Vicar of Croydon

Tickets and details of ringing routes from K. Taber, 17 Birdhurst Rise, South Croydon, CR2 7EG, Surrey.

Luncheon available in Church Halls.

Booking form with tickets.

Evening ringing at Croydon towers and St. Mary's, Beddington.

8310

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon Dis-Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Kimbolton, Sat., March 21.
Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service, tea. Bells of Great
Staughton (6) available in evening.— M. J.
Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8399

POSTPONED

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Calne Branch.—The meeting advertised for Broadhinton has been postponed until March 21. 8405

East Derbys and West Notts Association

Annual General Meeting, North Wingfield (8),

Easter Monday, March 30

Bells available 2-9 p.m.

Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by Business Meeting.

Names for tea to Mr. D. Davis, 48 Cartmel Crescent, Newbold, Chesterfield (Tel. Chesterfield 51175), by Wednesday previous,-L. G. S., Hon. Treasurer.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The second session of the 27th Council (73rd Annual Meeting) will be held on Tue May 26, 1970, at the King's Hall, Ilkley.

Notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be sent to me by April 14. (Rule 14.)

Committee conveners are reminded that written reports must be sent to me by March

VERNON BOTTOMLEY, Hon. Secretary. 45 Westercroft Lane, Northowram,

Halifax, Yorks.

8348

Received too late for Classification

Pipe.—On Mar. 5, to Roderick and Gillian, a daughter, Helen Elizabeth, sister for David

Bath and Wells Association.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Seavington (6) Sat., March 21. Service 5.30 p.m. Business meeting at church 6 p.m. No tea provided! Ringing after.—R. J. D. 8387

Gloucester and Bristo! Association.—Bristo! Branch. — Evening quarterly meeting on Sat., March 21, Stapleton (6). Bells 6.30–7.45 p.m. Meeting to follow in Church Hall. Please note no branch 6- or 10-bell practices on March 23 — M. J. H.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.
—Cheltenham Branch. — Evening meeting on Tues., March 17, 7.30-9 p.m., Prestbury (8).

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Cirencester Branch.—Chedworth (6), Sat., March 21, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Pearse, Cotswold Cottage, Silver Street, South Cerney.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec.

Hertford County Association.—Watford and St. Albans Districts.—Joint meeting, March 21, Radlett, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Evening ringing at Elstree. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Talbot-Ponsonby, 3 Craigweil Tel.: 5754.—A. Mayes, F. 8393 Avenue, Radlett. W. Ellis, Dis. Secs.

W. Ellis, Dis. Secs.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Hinckley District.

Meeting, Burbage, Sat., March 21. Bells (8)
3-5 p.m. No service. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to F. K. Measures, 58 Lychgate Lane, Burbage, near Hinckley (Tel.: Burbage 516), by Wednesday previous. Visitors welcome.—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 8389

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meetings will be held at Hurst on March 21 and Finchampstead on April 18, both from 6 till 9 p.m. Please note that the first hour of all Sonning Deanery monthly practices during 1970 will be devoted to advanced method ringing.

Sussex County Association.—Please note that

Sussex County Association.—Please note that the secretary of the Western Division is now Patrick M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, nor Regis. Tel.: Bognor Regis 24952.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for MARCH 9, 1945

Mr. Bayles' suggestion of holding a summer school for ringing was not practical, said the leader, and B. D. Price, of Cambridge, suggested a correspondence course in place of it.

A suggestion that five-bell ringers were bored was scorned by Nolan Golden, who said that the record of 21 methods rung in 1883 remained unequalled.

At a meeting at Draycott, N. Staffs, Mr. R. S. Anderson was elected chairman in place of Mr. W. A. Lloyd as the latter was leaving for Leeds.

The Editor was taken to task by T. Groombridge jun. for "unburdening himself extensively on the Midland Counties Association proposals."

A quarter at Basford, Notts, was arranged specially for T. Groombridge sen. on becoming a great-grandfather.

The engagement was announced between John Pelloe, of Ely, and Kathleen Jeffrey, of Fordham.

Mrs. B. C. Castle rang her first quarter on tower beils at Hurst, conducted by her husband.

50 YEARS AGO

MARCH 12, 1920

St. Martin's Guild, established 1755, advertised the 32nd Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. Tickets free to fully qualified members, and to others 4s. 6d. each; all full members to be clear on the books,

"Demobilised Artillery officer, five years in France, desires to obtain job of some kind . . ."—Advt.

A peal board was unveiled in the ringing chamber of St. John's, Cardiff, recording Grandsire Caters rung as a compliment to Mr. John Clutterbuck, one of the originators of the Llandaff Diocesan Association.

It was reported that the Loughborough Foundry was supplying a carillon of 56 bells, the heaviest and finest in the world, for the War Memorial at Washington-a great triumph for British bellfounding.

"The day when young men are content to live and die in the village in which they were born is long past."—Letter from A. Allan Bennett, of Gloucester, giving suggestions on recruitment to towers.

At Ranmore Common Church, Surrey, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was conducted by Alfred H. Winch, and two other members of the band were George Marriner and Albert Harman.

The composition of a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle, was rung for the first time and contained the 6th 17 courses wrong and 20 courses right.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Newark District. Bi-monthly meeting to be held at Newark on Sat., March 21. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70 Valley Prospect, Newark.—P. Raithby.

Surrey Association. — Northern District. — Quarterly meeting, Battersea, March 21. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to R. Cooles, 34 Mysore Road, S.W.11, by previous Wednesday.—N. Thomson, Dis. Sec. 8395

COMPOSITIONS

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Rung at Rung at
Clement Danes', Fulham, London,
July 30, 1967.

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	Beginners' Handbook		0			
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St. Mary the Virgin, Hayes

By RONALD K. RUSS & CHRISTOPHER J. VENN

RELATIONSHIPS between ringers and the Church up to the late 19th century were often strained, and the situation at Hayes appears to have been no exception. We learn from church records that some 150 years ago the ringers had a terrible row with the vicar, and when asked to stay to service they used to sit in the back pew shouting and swearing. Ringing was then from a balcony and the ringers used to spit on the congregation entering through the west door under the balcony. It has even been said that the south porch was added solely to allow access to the church to be unhindered by these awful ringers! Misbehaviour was still rife only 90 years ago, when a code of rules was drawn up for the six regular and two extra ringers then appointed. The following fines were enforced:

(1)	For absence at marriages or	
	special occasions	1/
(2)	For absence at fixed occasions	
	and practice	20
(3)	Bringing beer and spirits into	
	the belfry	20
(4)	Swearing or using foul lan-	
	guage	. 20
(5)	Smoking in belfry	. 20

However, the new breed of Hayes ringers have no need of fines for they are endowed with a spirit of enthusiasm and dedication second to none, from the shining example set by Percy Venn in master-minding the restoration of the tower and bells where all was once rot and decay. Percy may not rank among the leading lights of the Exercise—he is essentially a tenor man—yet no parish could wish for a more faithful and devoted ringer. This story is his; one of sweat, toil, grit and determination, a story of endless evenings and weekends spent in the tower over the past 18 months, firstly with his two sons, Christopher and Tony, but later with an ever-increasing army of voluntary helpers who became infected with his enthusiasm. The names of John Rey-nolds, Clive Hammond and Peter Mason may not yet be known to the Exercise, but these three among others have made a valu-able contribution to ringing with their untiring help. Needless to say, all three are now learning to ring. Teaching up to the time of dedication has gone on at Hillingdon under the expert guidance of Fred Goodfellow. It was of great credit to every-one concerned that an all-Hayes band was able to ring the opening rounds at the dedication of the new octave, which took place last Sunday, March 15. This gave great joy to Percy, it being his birthday,

It all began about four years ago when the rector (Preb. A. A. Gorbold) and his churchwardens launched a fund for the complete restoration of the church, including the tower and bells. One of the first tasks undertaken was repointing of the tower exterior. Percy Venn (who although a plastering contractor by trade has some building work experience) was then invited to inspect the inside of the tower. A figure of £2,500 had been quoted as cost of work but this did not include a new roof, a necessity not then foreseen.

VOLUNTARY LABOUR

After inspection Percy agreed to carry out the work using voluntary labour and

paying material costs himself. A job which turns out to be worth more like £10,000 has now been completed at no cost to the church.

While faculties were being obtained louvres were wired up and rubbish cleared out. After what seemed an age, the inside of the tower was at Percy's mercy. He had facing him three rotten floors under a roof that was so bad you could put your fist through the beams at point of bearing.

Firstly, floorboards were ripped up and replaced with scaffold board to reduce risk of anyone falling through the ringing chamber and clock chamber floors. A 21-feetlong mediæval staircase employing split logs as treads (believed to be one of only six left in the country) was also dismantled, though it is now hoped to reinstall this above the new bell frame as a museum piece.

After this the clock chamber floor was removed. The beams are said to have come from a previous wooden church and were thus probably nearly 1,000 years old, the tower itself being 15th century. of these beams could be crumbled in the hand while the centres were still rock hard. A new floor was inserted three feet below the old one, employing six beams of jarrah. West Australian eucalyptus redwood which is rock hard and virtually rotproof. Each beam weighed 3 cwt. and was pulled up by block and tackle to its position 25 feet above the floor. John Reynolds, quite by chance, appeared to see what was going on and was promptly given a pair of over-

By now it was March, 1969, and before the bells were dismantled they were rung for the first time since 1923 (a report appeared in R.W., April 11, 1969). After dismantling, the frame was found to be so good that parts of it were given to the little church at Ickenham for repairs there, and some quite good wheels are still going begging!

The works of the organ were occupying a part of what was to be the new ringing chamber and so it was decided to move the organ further through the arch into the church, supported by three rolled steel joistixed horizontally to the ringing chamber floor. The arch was then bricked up, a small access door being provided for the organ works.

SPIRE IN THIN AIR

Next came the tower roof, which was found to be in far worse condition than when first viewed. It was in such a state that birds had nested in the heart of the main support beam gouged out by centuries of rot and beetle attack; replacement was imperative. It proved the most difficult and dangerous operation of the whole project, since on the roof stood a conical spirelet, 4' 6" wide at the base and 13 feet high, weighing about 25 cwt. The church wished to retain the spirelet (made of tapered oak beams and lead sheet), so dismantling was out of the question. Somehow it had to be supported while a new roof was constructed. To accomplish this the lead was peeled slightly like an orange and two wooden beams passed through. These were nitched and supported by two rolled steel joists at

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right angles, which in turn were supported by H-frame scaffolding erected on the 4ft. wide tower walls. It worked, and the spire stood in thin air! Below it kerbstones were used to strengthen bearing ledges and Bison reinforced concrete beams, each weighing nearly half a ton, were pulled up by block and tackle through the now-hollow tower. The clock chamber floor was specially designed to allow for this, but one slip would have spelt disaster! There followed 1½ tons of concrete and three tons of cement/sand screed (all mixed and pulled up in buckets by hand), topped with asphalt tiles.

When the roof was finished and the spirelet replaced, the Rev. G. Connock, the present rector, performed a "topping-out" ceremony, an old tradition in which he gave his blessing to the work already done.

Meanwhile decisions had been taken about the new ring. The old six, tenor found to be 14-0-7 with an approximate note of F sharp, were first to be replaced by an 8 cwt. bell hung only a few feet below the old ones, but Percy Venn had had second thoughts. As a tenor man he wanted a more meaty ring, and so it was agreed to put the new bells on two tiers and drop them 26 feet down the 61ft. tower, making the new clock chamber floor into the bell chamber floor, with the clock to be installed above the bells. Throughout last summer much money was raised for the new bells, all with great enthusiasm, while Percy stood guarantor for their total cost.

On January 8 he took a party to Whitechapel to see the new bells cast, his own bell (the tenor) being over 3 cwt. heavier than her predecessor and in the key of F. Redundant metal from Sheffield Cathedral was used to make up the weight.

Despite some of the steels for the frame being stolen one night from outside the church, the whole job was completed on time. Trevor Bailey supervised the hanging of 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 in the lower tier with the other three on top, and a well-appointed ringing chamber has been created.

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THE CHURCH AND ITS RINGERS

A MASTERLY SPEECH AT HENRY JOHNSON DINNER

The majority of Associations and Guilds at their dinners give a toast of "The Church" and many and varied are the ways in which it is proposed. At the St. Martin's Guild annual Henry Johnson dinner, held in the Civic Hall, Solihull, on March 7, the master (Miss Muriel Reay) gave an exposition on the subject which held the assembly enthralled throughout, and her pleasant voice and ease of manner helped to emphasise the points which she desired to make. Miss Reay knows her subject and had obviously spent considerable time in research.

Because of the uncertainty of the weather (there was heavy snow a few days before the dinner) the attendance was perhaps smaller than is usually expected for this very popular function, but the 90 who assembled, after ringing at various towers during the day, not only enjoyed a very excellent meal but were regaled with good company and speeches which were both interesting and amusing.

The master was supported at the top table by the Provost of Birmingham (Rt. Rev. George Sinker), chairman of the guild, who was accompanied by Mrs. Sinker, the Lord Bishop of Birmingham (Rt. Rev. L. A. Brown) and Mrs. Brown, the Archdeacon of Birmingham (Ven. V. S. Nicholls) and Mrs. Nicholls, the Rector of Solihull (Canon H. Hartley) and Mrs. Hartley, the president of the Central Council (Mr. John Freeman), the guild secretary (Mr. R. Tibbetts) and Mrs. Tibbetts and the editor of The Ringing World (Mr. C. W. Denyer).

CHURCH HISTORY

The loyal toast was followed by that of "Henry Johnson," proposed by the chairman. Following a short interval the master proposed "The Church." She said: "This once appeared on the menu as 'Church and State." and if we look back into history we see that the Church and State were once very closely linked, and that a churchman was sometimes a chancellor or an adviser to the King. The Church was responsible for education and medicine, both now in the hands of the State. The Church also encouraged drama in those days, when not everyone could read and write, and was a patron of the arts. Beautifully illuminated books were written out by hand in the monasteries and the artist painted altar pieces and frescoes. Craftsmen in gold and silver made their loveliest things for use in the Church. The blacksmith also played his part, and so did the wood carver in adorning the Church, whose influence was strong on the lives of the people. This influence can be seen if we compare some of the buildings. The Norman barons had their castles, cold, cheerless buildings in which to live; they served their function as a fortress in troubled times. When inspired by the Church, the same skills which made the castles raised a really magnificent cathedral on a rock some 40 feet above the River Wear at

Durham, and this cathedral is a part of our national heritage.

INFLUENCE OF THE CHURCH

"The influence of the Church on people was also noteworthy and many of us remember the stories of Canute rebuking the waves and Alfred burning cakes. Apart from these it is chiefly the men of the Church whose names and deeds have come down to us; men such as St. Cuthbert, buried in Durham; St. Chad, who has connections with Lichfield; or St. Alphege, patron saint of Solihull, who is rather an interesting person. He was born in 954, possibly in or near Solihull, and may have been educated by the priest at Ulverley. While still a boy he went to the Saxon monastery at Deerhurst and trained to become a monk, but wishing for a stricter life than the one he had at Deerhurst he went to Bath and lived as an anchorite in a cell. Later he became Abbot of Bath and enlarged the Abbey, and at the age of 30 was consecrated Bishop of Winchester, where he remained for 22 years. He served both Church and State, for he became an adviser to King Ethelred the Unready, and during these years there was trouble with the Danes. The treacherous King tried to buy them off, using danegeld, but broke his promises, and Canterbury was besieged and fell and the people massacred. Alphege offered himself as a hostage and was imprisoned at Greenwich, where he later died as a martyr. Several churches are dedicated to him but not all spelt the same way. Like that of the modern child, the Saxons' spelling was variable.

"Prior to the Reformation there was only one Church in this country, the Roman Catholic Church, but 16th century Rome could not accept the new ideas and learning of the Reformation. For political reasons Henry VIII broke away from the Roman Church and declared himself the head of the Church in England, but there was considerable unrest on the Continent. In the dissolution of the monasteries the Church lost much of her wealth and power but at the same time she was, in another way, stronger than before. A man must be very sure of his faith before he will give his life for what he believes, and there were many martyrs, both Roman Catholic and Anglican. With the growth of the Nonconformist churches there were further divisions in the Church. The 20th century, however, is seeing a change in the position, and discussions have taken place between people of different faiths, which are bringing about a better understanding and a gradual breaking down of barriers. For the first time in history the Churches are drawing together.

BELLRINGERS' PART

"As bellringers, where do we fit into the picture? Our craft is an ancient one and has long been sponsored by the Church. We use one of the more expensive possessions of the Church and have considerable pleasure from our ringing, but are we doing enough? At a dinner I attended recently it was said that ringers get their hobby far too cheaply, that they pay about 2s. 6d. yearly subscription and there would be a great outcry if this was raised to 3s. Just over two years ago we increased our subscription to 10s.; there was a protest but it was a very mild one. At the same time we set money aside to form a bell restoration fund, and add about one-third of our income to it each year. The sum of £100 has been promised to Perry Barr when their bells are recast and rehung, and a similar sum will go to Hampton-in-Arden in a few years' time when they add two trebles to their ring

"A good towerkeeper will see the bells are kept in good order. We have a duty to train new ringers and to see that the bells are rung regularly for services. I believe that the ringers who know the discipline of peal ringing, who can stand for three hours or more concentrating on a method and ring well, will have more to offer on Sunday than the man who only rings for 20 minutes on Sunday morning. I believe the challenge of a peal and the conditions under which it is rung make for better ringing. It gives the individual ringer confidence in himself and in his fellow ringers.

"Of course we could do nothing without the co-operation of the clergy. In Birmingham the relationship between the ringers and clergy is a happy one. The Provost is well known up and down the country as a man who likes to hear bells and one who encourages his ringers and he is one of the leading members of what may be called our 'Supporters' Club.' It is our pleasure each year to welcome at our dinner some of our friends and supporters among the clergy.

"Tonight it is also our pleasure to welcome as our guest the new Bishop of Birmingham," and, turning to the Bishop, Miss Reay said: "We all hope you will have a very happy time here and that your ministry will be very rewarding."

The toast was well received.

Replying to the toast, the Archdeacon thanked the guild for electing him a vice-

(Continued overleaf)

The Lord Bishop of Birmingham (Rt. Rev. L. A. Brown), Mr. Frank Perrens, Mr. John Freeman, Mrs. Sinker, Bishop G. Sinker (provost), Miss Muriel Reay (master) and Mr. George Fearn.

(A composite photo by the



The Church and its Ringers

president, and Miss Reay for her wonderful speech. In it she had looked back over history and reminded them of their own part in this day and generation as Christians and members of that Church. He spoke of his own ringing days as a lad in a delightful tower five miles from Truro, and of the excitement and bewilderment of handling a bell alone and for the first time. The speaker likened the ringers' part within the Christian Church to that which happens to anyone learning to ring, going through the various stages until becoming a full member of the team and encouraging others to learn the art.

750th ANNIVERSARY

"We all rejoice that the parish church at Solihull will be celebrating the 750th anniversary of its consecration this year," continued the Archdeacon. "Let us be proud of our calling and faithful to our Leader; let us go out and call people to worship and remind all that the worship of God goes on," he concluded.

The chairman, in proposing "Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild," spoke of his experiences in the mission field and in jocular manner mentioned the history of the guild. "Your ancestors were a rum lot," said the Provost amidst laughter, "but there is no doubt the present members represent the brightest period of the 200 years' history of the guild."

Mr. Richard Tibbetts (hon. secretary), before replying, gave apologies from several "regulars" who usually attended the dinner, and spoke of the fashions today in various spheres. There was the periodic correspondence which appeared in The Ringing World about peal ringing on one side and Sunday service ringing on the other and which after a while petered out, nothing conclusive being The St. Martin's Guild ringers did not take part in this recurring futility because it was the stated aim of the guild that "the guild shall be here for the practice and encouragement of change ringing and the maintenance of ringing for church services." All members of St Martin's who took part in peals were also Sunday service ringers, went on the speaker.

SURPRISE MAXIMUS

He also suggested that those who complained about bellringing should only do so when they became members of the Church. The fashion of methods had also changed and in place of Stedman Cinques at the Cathedral the emphasis was now on Surprise Maximus, and recently of Bristol-type methods, and he hoped that these would match the calibre to which the guild had been accustomed. A paragraph was then read by the secretary from Mr. Edgar Shepherd's letter in which he apologised for absence. It spoke of the pleasure and privilege of hearing the splendid Stedman Cinques which the guild presented for the Christmas Day broadcast—"as high an example of 12-bell ringing that could be afforded," it stated.

Thanking the Provost for the toast, Mr. Tibbetts pledged the present members to maintain and uphold the fine tradition of their predecessors and they looked forward with great confidence to the future and prosperity of St. Martin's Guild.

The Bishop, on being asked to speak, said if it were a peal it would be "Chairman's Surprise." He thanked the ringers for their fraternity and particularly for the Christmas bells. He and his wife counted themselves fortunate indeed to be in—and increasingly of—their company.

Fatal Car Crash

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS FRANCIS KILLED

Returning to Southampton from London late on Saturday night, March 7, after attending a swimming gala in which their 13-years-old son, David, took part, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Francis were both killed when their Cortina was in collision with an Austin Westminster at Chawton End, Four Marks, Alton, Hants, at 12.45 a.m. on Sunday. Their son was not in the car but was travelling with the swimming club members in a coach.

Born at Paston, Norfolk, 55 years ago, Tom went to the local grammar school and learned to ring in his early 'teens. He came to London in the 1930s and was employed in Covent Garden Fruit Market and in 1939 joined the R.A.S.C., later being commissioned in the Pioneer Corps. Before and after the war he was an active member of the Cumberland Youths, ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He served a term as master of the Society and had represented them on the Central Council for over 20 years.

Both he and his wife, Margaret, who was 47 and a native of Durham, rang a number of peals, Tom being a very capable conductor. He was to have taken part in a multi-method peal of Spliced Surprise two days after the accident, and this was cancelled. Seven years ago the family moved to Southampton and were members of the North Stoneham tower, where the double funeral took place on March 10.

The bells were rung half-muffled before the service, which was conducted by the priest-in-charge (Rev. C. Rudd), and the hymn "Jesus lives" was sung. As the cortege left the church a band of Cumberland Youths rang a course of Stedman Triples on handbells. Cremation was at South Stoneham.

Among the many ringers who attended were Mr. R. Savory (master, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), Mr. D. Sibson (master, S. of R. Cumberland Youths) and Mr. D. G. Forder (hon, secretary, W. and P. D.G., and captain at N. Stoneham). Included in the profusion of floral tributes were those from the Winchester and Portsmouth D. Guild, the Winchester District of the W. and P.D.G., the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the N. Stoneham band and St. Martin-in-the-Fields ringers.

Several memorial peals have been arranged and an appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Francis will appear in our next issue.

Inquests into the deaths were opened by Winchester City Coroner, Mr. B. L. Bremridge, at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital and adjourned until April 7.

Evidence of identification was given by Mr. Grant Carman, of Bassett Green Close. Pathologist Dr. Peter Pullar said Mr. Francis died from laceration of the heart and the death of Mrs. Francis was caused by contusion of the chest and other multiple injuries.

VISITORS WELCOMED

The Rector of Solihull, in proposing the toast to the visitors extended a warm welcome to the Bishop and Mrs. Brown, the Archaecon and Mrs. Nicholls, the president of the Central Council, the editor of The Ringing World, who had succeeded "their old friend Mr. Tom White," and he also gave a list of others who had come that evening for the dinner.

Replying, Mr. John Freeman, in his well-known, capable and humorous manner, had the assembly rocking with laughter as he delivered story after story from his fund of "after dinner specials." He singled out George Fearn for particular reference, mentioning several instances of personal episodes which they had enjoyed together—particularly the visit to America and the Washington peal. The record, said Mr. Freeman, included interviews which each had had, and in which George Fearn spoke of his being in charge of "12 two-bell towers in Birmingham."

Mr. Freeman concluded by saying that the Birmingham Dinner was always well supported, tradition being partly responsible, but character was also important. He mentioned well-known characters of the past—including Albert Walker and Alderman Paddon Smith—and the standards of the past were being maintained today. "Long may the guild flourish and the characters in it flourish, too," said Mr. Freeman.

HANDBELL ENTERTAINMENT,

The final toast "The Chairman" was ably proposed by Mr. Eric Cole, who mentioned the Provost's love of bells and his great interest in the St. Martin's Guild.

Handbell ringing between speeches included three leads of Littleport Little Surprise Maximus, and the King's Norton team, led by Mr. Raymond Aldington, entertained with some excellent tune ringing which received tremendous applause.

The evening continued in a social round of friendly interchange and with continuous handbell ringing. The full programme of tower bell ringing which had been arranged for the day was continued on Sunday at the various churches for services.

"TAKEN TO HEART"

Our recent paragraph entitled "Time, Gentlemen, please," has brought comment from a correspondent that it was discourteous to the Cumberlands, as the writer was their guest and should not criticise his hosts. No discourtesy was intended and it is an editor's prerogativenay, duty-to express what he feels is worthy of comment, be it praise or otherwise. In the case of the Cumberlands' dinner there was (quote) "little to complain of." It was well organised throughout, and although the reason for the late start was, we learn, caused by the unfortunate delay of one of the principal guests, this did not exonerate those who were discourteous to the master and extended his "fifteen minute" interval into 25 minutes. However, at four similar functions since that day, the company assembled on each occasion has been "on time" and at one a speaker said he was "quite disappointed" to find that not only did the meal start on time but that a ten-minute interval was of only ten minutes' duration! So maybe the seed sown has already borne fruit fourfold.

"LOVING CUP" INNOVATION

Informality and a refreshing spirit of friendliness and good humour pervaded the atmosphere at the London County Association Dinner held on February 28 at The George, Strand, W. For a territorial association with a membership of probably between 600 and 700, the gathering of 60 was small, but those who did attend were rewarded with a well-served and plentiful meal, excellent organisation and cheery encouraging speeches delivered with sincerity and spiced with a modicum of fun.

An innovation introduced by the newlyelected master (Mrs. Olive Rogers) was the passing of the "loving cup," whereby each person drank the health of his neighbour, passing the cup from hand to hand. The Francis Dawe handbell trophy was used and handbell ringing was carried out during the ceremony.

BOUQUET PRESENTED

The master took her place amidst the customary applause and was presented with a magnificent bouquet. She briefly addressed the gathering, expressing her thanks, and extending a welcome to all, especially the guests. After the meal, the ceremony of the loving cup and the loyal toast, Mr. Stephen Darvill, with humour and levity, extended a hearty wel-come to the guests which he described as "three-fold." First, Mr. Tom White and Mr. Charles Denyer, past and present editors of The Ringing World, who-were invited and had to take part in the speech-making; the second, the wives, sweethearts and girl friends who, because of their suspicious nature, wanted to find out what really took place at these ringers' gatherings; and third, those who always supported the social functions of the London County Association. Mr. Darvill's references to and asides about university dinners and his various ringing experiences were greeted with much laughter and amusement, but the toast was drunk with great enthusiasm.

Mr. Tom White in a brief but very sincere reply thanked the association on behalf of all the guests for their hospitality and great kindness.

AN UPHILL STRUGGLE

The Editor of The Ringing World (Mr. Charles Denyer), in proposing the toast to the association, congratulated the master on her election and the immediate past master (Mr. Harold Rogers) on his three-year term of office



Mr. Alex Young designed and gave the master's badge for the centenary in 1924. It replaced the original one which was lost.

just completed. Both had served the Exercise as a whole, and the London County Association in particular, for many years. The speaker then briefly outlined the life of the association from its early days up to the present, as he understood it, and said the officers and members of yesteryear had laid the solid foundation which supported the present administration. In spite of many setbacks and the uphill struggle which had to be overcome, the present officers would, with the support of the loyal members, continue to build for the future.

It was very encouraging to learn that a new band at St. James'. Clerkenwell, was progressing so well under Mr. Michael Wycherley, and the gathering applauded when Mr. Denyer congratulated Michael and wished him continued success in his efforts. Finally the speaker spoke appreciatively of the tremendous help given to him by the treasurer of the London County Association, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson. As

Mr, Wilfrid Wilson (treasurer) with Mrs. Olive Rogers (master), Mr. Jack Phillips (deputy master) and Mr. Harold Rogers (I.P.M.).

convener (horrible word)—chairman of The Ringing World Committee Mr. Wilson had advised, consoled, guided and encouraged him, he said, in the task of taking over as Editor, which was not easy when following a man who had a lifetime of experience in journalism. He had received many letters of support and encouragement, but there were also the "arm chair critics," always ready to find fault and to take offence when none was intended. Arm chair critics would find themselves sat uponhard—unless they were prepared to help and not hinder the progress of The Ringing World, he said.

Concluding, Mr. Denyer extended the best wishes of the visitors to the master, the officers and members of the London County Association and the toast was well received.

After a brief expression of thanks, the master gave details of the proposed programme for the year ahead, which is to include an outing in July. The remainder of the evening was given over to individual discussion and social intercourse.

Hertford County Association

AN OUTING—WITH RIVER TRIP?

The St. Albans District held their meeting at SS. Peter and Paul, Kimpton, on Feb. 21, when a large number of beginners were present and a high standard of ringing was maintained. The service, conducted by Rev. R. Meredith, was followed by an excellent tea in the nearby hall, when 32s. 3d. was collected for the voluntary bell fund.

collected for the voluntary bell fund.

The secretary (Mr. F. W. Ellis) read the minutes, after which Miss M. J. Sheppard and Miss F. M. Barker were elected probationers and Mr. J. Andrews a non-resident life member. The tower captains' conference is to be held at the end of March at the Cavalier Hall, St. Albans.

The district outing, proposed for July 4, is to be to London and it is hoped this will include a river trip. The next meeting will be held as a joint meeting with the Watford District at Radlett and Elstree and the April meeting at St. Michael's instead of Harpenden.

Mr. R. E. Hardy thanked the vicar, the local ringers and the ladies for the tea, and he in turn was thanked for playing the organ. Both handbells and tower bells were rung in the evening.

H. D.

DISTRICT RINGING COURSE

A ringing course was held by the St. Albans District on January 24 and was attended by about 20 people, including a number of beginners. Mr. J. D. Painter gave a useful talk on "Learning a Method," Mr. K. J. Walpole spoke about "Conducting" and Mr. C. W. Woolley gave a constructive talk and demonstration of handbells and finally Mr. F. W. Ellis gave a practical lesson on "Bell Control."

Open ringing followed in the evening.
H. D.

OUT OF HOSPITAL

Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., of Crayford, Kent, who broke a hip when he slipped on the ice on January 6, has left hospital and is now in a nursing home at Heathfield, Sussex, for physiotherapic treatment. He has written a letter about the Sidcup bells and related an amusing experience. In addition we learn that he completed 75 years' membership at Crayford Church tower in January, and it would have been celebrated with a quarter but for his accident

with a quarter but for his accident.

We all wish Mr. Barnett a full recovery to as active a life as his age will allow, and certainly a return to his beloved bells.

Letters

COUNCIL MINUTES

Dear Sir,—I regret having upset Mr. Bottomley, but it is with a sense of justice and not "sour grapes," as he infers in his letter, that I have to tread on a few corns. I must insist that the record be put straight on this matter and I therefore wish to elucidate as follows.

The Southwell Guild's motion was submitted in accordance with the Council's regulations some two months before the meeting. The Towers and Belfries Committee subsequently advised that the motion should be withdrawn for reasons which were, in all fairness, explained at the Council's meeting in May. The representatives of the Guild co-operated throughout in meeting members of the Towers and Belfries and, at a later stage, the Standing committees.

Having heard, in advance as it were, the arguments for and against the motion, the Guild decided to affirm their proposal, and this was confirmed at the Guild's A.G.M. on April 12, this date still being before the closing date for motions (This confirmation was reported on page 414 of the R.W., 1969.) The right to proceed should have been recognised!

When the agenda was published without the motion the secretary was asked to rectify the matter but declined, leaving the motion to be raised under the rule which allows the introduction of subjects at the meeting. In the interim period various contacts were made between members of the Council and the Guild representatives.

It is little wonder, therefore, if the Guild's representatives seemed somewhat abrupt at the meeting, and I am sure that many members would have felt more sympathetic if they had realised the "stonewalling" that the Guild had to face; as it was they were treated as naughty boys.

Mr. Bottomley claims that the omission was an error, but to any but the greenest members it must be inconceivable that such a mistake could have taken place on a motion that had already provoked so much prediscussion. I state all the foregoing to stress that the Exercise will not tolerate manipulation by any members of the Council. Let us hope that a fresh wind will blow at the meeting this year.—Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

Putney, S.W.

SCHOOL HANDBELL RINGERS

Dear Sir, — It has been brought to my notice that letters have been published in The Ringing World regarding the Clere School Handbell Ringers.

These letters appear to suggest an uncharitable attitude on the part of the school ringers towards the rector and ringers of Burghclere Parish Church.

May I refute any suggestion of this kind. The school ringers and myself are most grateful to the rector and ringers of Burghclere for the loan of their 37 handbells, a loan which was generously extended several times

These bells have now been returned as they are understandably required by the church ringers.

The Clere ringers are continuing with other borrowed bells until their new set arrives.—Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM PAGE.

FROM ZAMBIA

Writing to Mr. Frank Perrens from P.O. Box 241, Kalulushi, Zambia, Mr. R. W. Booth asks for information about books published, etc., connected with ringing. He writes:—

"I'm sure you'll be interested to learn that about three months ago we started a band of handbell ringers here in Kalulushi. There are eight members of varying proficiency including a Canadian and a Dutchman. The bells (we have two sets, in fact) are privately owned. Only two of us had had any previous experience in changeringing—and that was rather scanty and in the tower as opposed to 'in hand'—but there is certainly no lack of enthusiasm! The nearest tower bells are at Salisbury Cathedral in Rhodesia—a good 550 miles away—so all our ringing will have to be in hand."

"We have concentrated on Plain Bob Minor to date, and our best efforts so far have been touches of 180 (three courses with a bob at the end of each) and a 120 (four bobs).

"We will let you know when we manage our first peal and can call ourselves true members of the Exercise."

INFORMATION WANTED

Mr. Keith J. Walpole, of 13 Tudor Road, Wheathampstead, Herts, would like all the information possible about all the Delight Major methods which have been rung to peals. If anyone has a list and can supply these details please write direct: Mr. K. J. W. would be grateful.

"TWENTY WERE CALLED—TEN CHOSEN"

Outside Guildford Cathedral at 08.45 hours on February 21 were found ten ringers from Essex ready for a peal attempt. But wait, a strange ringer is present! At 08.55 hours there were a further nine, making a band for the Cumberlands' peal attempt! All were in good time for 09.00 hours start! The Essex men held the belfry keys! It appeared that both bands had had the bells booked since May, 1969! The organiser from each band depart together to sort out something; the rest of the ringers talk about many interesting ringers' happenings—the merits between Bristol Royal and Grandsire Caters were not mentioned.

The organisers return—no result! Well, no good looking at each other; let someone get going. Let's toss a coin for it. Don't like gambling, but good idea. But wait, one of the Cumberlands says it is getting late and must leave by a certain time. No need to toss the coin—Cumberlands suggest that the Essex men should peal the bells. They have come the farthest. Good luck!—ring a good peal. Not a cross word or moan heard—all very gentlemanly.

The Essex men enjoyed themselves very much and rang a peal of Grandsire Caters and thank the following for the privilege: the Cathedral authorities, the Surrey Association and the courtesy of the Cumberlands. After the peal an Essex man said he would very much like to ring a peal or so of Bristol Royal but expected he would come back to Grandsire Caters for the best music! Could the Essex men ring the peal for the Cumberlands? No! some belonged elsewhere. F. B. L.

WEDDING

MR. JOHN GIBBONS—MISS SUSAN BATTERSBY

The marriage took place at St. Martin's Church, Ruislip, on February 28, 1970, between Mr. John Gibbons, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibbons, of Goostrey, Cheshire, and Miss Susan Battersby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Battersby, of Ruislip.

The bridegroom's father is tower captain at St. Luke's, Goostrey, and John is a member of the Oxford University Guild. The couple met in Oxford where both obtained their degrees. Since the ringing of tower bells for weddings is not allowed at Ruislip during Lent, the bride was greeted with handbells when she arrived, escorted by her father.

Susan wore a beautiful white velvet dress with a lace-trimmed bodice and a long train and a lace-trimmed velvet hood to match, all of which she had made herself, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations, lilies, freesias and real orange blossom. She was attended by two adult bridesmaids, school and college friends and by two little cousins as flower girls. All wore long velvet dresses of crushed raspberry colour and carried mixed freesias.

The bridegroom's brother, a medical student at Oxford, was the best man and the bride's brother, together with mutual friends from student days, were ushers. During the reception in the New Church Hall, Ruislip. John and his father, with Mr. Hector Bennett, entertained the guests with handbell ringing. After their honeymoon in Portugal Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons will live in Paddock Wood, Kent.

We wish them every happiness. E.S.

200 PEALS AT SOUTHGATE

The first peal at Christ Church, Southgate, N.—Grandsire Triples—was rung on April 21, 1880, and the 200th on January 24. 1970. This was the first of Plain Bob Royal on the bells. So the peals have been spread over almost 90 years.

By 1910 154 peals had been rung, the most prolific period being 1901–1910, when no fewer than 67 peals were scored. This large total was due to the fact that in those days Southgate was largely undeveloped, few houses being in the vicinity of the church. In fact the records of the Christ Church Society state that ringing often took place after Evensong on the first Sunday in the month, sometimes until 10 p.m., ringers from other churches joining the Southgate band in a kind of miniature "Association"

Since 1911 only 46 peals have been rungfor Southgate rapidly became "built up" and because of the gradual disappearance of the accomplished Southgate band. There have been 38 peals of Grandsire Triples, 32 Plain Bob Major, 26 Stedman Triples, 23 Superlative S. Major, 18 Double Norwich C.B.M. and 17 Kent T.B. Major. Other methods include Grandsire Major, Canterbury Major, Cambridge Major and Royal, Bristol Major and London Major and Royal.

Two "firsts in the method" were the Rochester variation of Superlative, now renamed Southgate, and Bedminster S. Royal. The bells were augmented to ten in 1920 and so far 19 peals of Caters and Royal have been rung on them.

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VICAR'S RETIREMENT

A presentation to mark his retirement was made recently to the Rev. G. Moule, Vicar of St. George's, Damerham, by the ringers of Damerham and Martin. A very keen member of the band, he always attended weekly practice, and is proud to be the only vicar to have rung a peal on the bells. The Vicar is seen in the pnotograph holding the inscribed pewter mug with which he was presented, and others

in the picture are (left to right): Ruth Hockey, Denzil Kerley, Reginald Jones, Charles Kimber, Percy Waterman (captain), Margaret Coward, Baverstock, Charles Baverstock and Nelson Bush.

Hertford County Association

INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE

The Eastern District A.G.M. on February 21 was held at All Saints (10), Hertford, and ringing was enjoyed in a variety of methods before the service, which was conducted by Rev. G. Haw. Tea, which had been prepared at short notice by the ringers and their wives, was in the church hall, and at the business which followed the president (Mr. Walter Ayre), general secretary (Mr. Rex Agg) and treasurer (Mr. Howard Collins) were welcomed.

Owing to the absence of the district secretary (Mr. S. James) the minutes and accounts could not be presented. Officers for 1970 are: Mr. D. Harris (ringing master), Mr. E. Newman (deputy), Mr. S. James (hon. secretary) and Mr. B. J. W. Foley (R.W. correspondent). New members elected were: Valerie Hart, Elaine Kimming, Ray Hart (Cheshunt); Peter Walters, Ann Walters, Alan Walters (Tewin); Rodney Harder ters, Alan Walters (Tewin); Rodney Horder (Hoddesdon); Rev. R. F. Law (Bengeo); Margaret Croysdill, Jill Carter, Richard Ellis (Northaw).

The district ringing master stated that interest was being aroused in the possibility of restoration work being done where bells were thought to be unringable. It was intended that investigation should be made into this matter, particularly where only minor repair work was considered necessary. The meeting concurred.

The usual thanks were extended to the organisers and it was announced that the next meeting would be at Amwell, the details to be advertised in due course. B. J. W. F.

Sussex County Association

IMPROVEMENT ALL ROUND

The annual divisional meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Battle on February 28, when ringing in standard methods was enioved.

The Dean of Battle (Very Rev. F. H. Outram) conducted a short service, and after a good tea, prepared by the Mothers' Union, the business meeting was presided over by the master (Mr. R. V. Johnson). There were 44 members present. The secretary reported that Chiddingly bells were out of action due to a structural fault in the tower but Hooe bells were now ringable after a silence of five years. average attendance at meetings had in-creased from 24 to 36 and the number of new members, peals rung by resident bands in the division and quarter peals were also up. The accounts showed an increased balance on the previous year.

Twenty-eight new members were elected at the meeting and the following officers are to serve for the coming year: Mrs. Christine Baldock (Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey), divisional secretary; Mr. Alan Baldock, divisional ringing master; Miss Janet Percy and Mr. Thomas Barlow, committee members; Mr. Charles Bassett, auditor.

Ringing continued in the evening, when a very good course of London S. Major was the highlight. Unfortunately, thirty minutes before "time" the tenor clapper broke, but use was made of the remaining seven bells to rounds and triples.

Yorkshire Association

JOINT MEETING AT PENISTONE

Continuing the trend of the last six months, the Southern Branch of the Yorkshire Association held a successful meeting at Penistone on February 21. The Barnsley and District Society acted as the host society, but Sheffield and District members were well in evidence. Ringing got off to a good start and before the service had included the standard methods up to London Surprise. Particularly worthy of note was a well-struck touch of closed-lead Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in which 90-years-old Mr. John William Moxon took part—much to his and everyone else's satisfaction.

After a short service in the parish church, conducted by the curate, members adjourned to the National School, where the local ladies, under the watchful eye of Jack Whitehead (Penistone tower captain), had prepared a very satisfying tea, which was enjoyed by about 50 members.

A short business meeting was held, at which four new members were elected, including one from Wortley—until recently a "silent" tower. Mr. John Laughton was elected to the branch committee. Mention was made that the committee are seriously considering the question of practice meetings in the area, and the secretary announced that it was hoped to hold the March practice at Wortley, followed by Ranmoor in April. A comprehensive vote of thanks was then proposed by Mr. Harold Chant and endorsed by all present.

After the meeting members adjourned to the tower, where ringing continued until 9

Quarter Peals

ADDINGTON, SURREY. - On March 1, 1260 Single Oxford and P.B. Minor: Sheila Wilthew I. A. Hobbs 2, A. H. Long 3, I. Wiltshire 4, Louise Powell (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

ALBRIGHTON, SALOP.—On Feb. 17, 1260
Doubles: Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 1, Jennifer M.
Beech 2, R. J. Warrilow 3, E. R. Fairprother 4, F. Beech 5, E. Binnersley 6. For Dr. Legg's 89th birth-

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS .- On Jan. 18, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: Rosemary Wilkinson (first Minor) 1, M. Allery 2. Cynthia Humphreys 3. Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, R. Riley (first Minor as cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 1, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor; Daphne Appleby 1, M. Allery 2, R. Riley 3, Cynthia Humphreys 4, N. R. White 5, J. P. Burton (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 8, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. P. Burton 1. C R. Bainham 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, Rosemary White 4. S. G. Pick (cond.) 5, J. Keddie 6.
ASHTEAD, SURREY. — On Feb. 23, 1280 Bristol

Surprise Major: P. J. Munday (cond.) 1, R. M. Heyworth 2, Felicity S. Hamilton (first Bristol) 3, Pauline Smith 4, C. W. Munday 5, D. J. Robinson 6, D. A. R. May 7. A. J. Smith 8. Rung by members of the

Leatherhead District.

AYLESBEARE, DEVON. — On Feb. 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Paver (first quarter) 1, D. Wills 2, J. Carter 3, H. Crisp 4, G. E. Retter (cond.) 5, G West 6

BALDOCK, HERTS.-On March 1, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. Freer 1, B. Dear 2, R. Petit 3, B. Willett 4. J. S. Dear (cond.) 5. A. Kingsley 6. First quarter for 1, 4 and 6. For Evensong,

BARNET, HERTS.—On Feb. 14, 1264 Bob Major: Linda J. West 1, Leslie C. Tibbitts 2, Lesley A. War-wick 3, Marion A. Cass (first Major) 4, J. C. West (first Major) 5, G. H. Walker 6, A. S. Baker 7, J. E. Murfitt (25th as cond.) 8.

BATH, SOM .- At SS. Michael with Paul Church, on March 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. M. Mitchell 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, Miss F. Benford 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, P. J. Devrell 6, P. J. W. Hardwick 7, B. Sarll 8.

BATTERSEA, LONDON .- On Feb. 8, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Robinson 2, Miss M. Sutcliffe 3, M. J. Herbert 4, D. R. Tipler 5, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK,-On Feb. 12, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. C. Peck (first quarter) 1, R. P. Peters (first inside) 2, M. J. Peters (first inside) 3, M. Baldry 4. T. Hughes (first as cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. First quarter for the new local band.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX. - On Feb 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Monika Langer (first quarter) 1, T. D. W. Banner 2, I. Davies 3, H. Wood 4, R. A. Banner 5, W. L. Weller 6, G. C. Rix (cond.) 7, H. Bland (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS. — On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anna Tobias 1, Linda V. Cull 2, T. J. Frodsham 3, G. M. Soul 4, I. M. McCallion 5, D. Le Marechal 6, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 7, J. Howell 8. A birthday compliment to Andrew Thomas.

BRADING, I.O.W .- On March 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): S. Duff 1, Mrs. J. Reed 2, A. Russell 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, L. Jameson (first quarter) 5, Mrs. A. Duff (first quarter) 6, P. Miller 7, E. Duff 8. For Parish Eucharist,

BRIDGERULE, DEVON. - On Feb. 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, R. G. Pearce 2, W. Cholwill 3, W. R. Hill 4, H. Trewyn 5, J. H. Bowden 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, C. Cholwill 8. the 93rd birthday of the grandmother of 6th ringer.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS .- On March 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Doreen Kendrick 1, Rachel Williams (first Grandsire T.) 2, B, R, Millward 3, D, N, Collins 4, G. Morrow 5, G. Parting 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, F. C. Millward 8. For St. David's Day, and 50th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church in Walcs.

BURTON - IN - KENDAL, WESTMORLAND .- On Feb. 28, 1308 Original Minor: Amy M. Warnes 1, H. F. Pettifer 2, K. J. Foster 3, A. Capstick 4, J. Bagnall 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. First of Original for 1, 2 and 5.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.-On Feb. 14, 1260 Bob Minor; Linda J. West (first Minor) 1, Leslie C. Tibbitts 2, Lesley A. Warwick 3, G. H. Walker 4, J. E.

Murfitt 5, A. S. Baker (cond.) 6.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.-On Feb. 20, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. S. Loveday 1, Sue Hopkin 2, R. A. Birch 3, P. D. Hepbura 4, T. G. Williams 5, B. J. Read (first Camb. Major) 6, D. R. Cox 7, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 8. A farewell to Malcolm Loveday.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On March 1, 1296 Cam-

bridge Surprise Minor: Brenda Redfearn 1, Christine M. Webb 2, H. Mary Garrard (first Surprise) 3, Sheila R. Foster 4, M. Foster 5, D. Redfearn (cond.) 6.

For morning service.

CANTERBURY, KENT. - At the Catheoral, on Feb. 22, 1282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: L. Huckstepp 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 3, N. J. Davies 4, R. J. Elliott 5, D. G. Mitchell 6, T. H. Holmes 7, T. Skilton 8, D. J. Carr 9, G. Davies

CHARMINSTER, DORSET .- At 43 North Street, on Feb. 10, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary E. Elmes (first in hand) 1-2, G. W. Elmes (first in hand) 3-4, Collins (first Minor and as cond, in hand) 5-6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX .- On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Cronquist (first quarter) 1, G. H. Walker 2, Elizabeth A. Dunlop (first inside) 3, A. S. Baker (cond.) 4, P. D. Austin 5, Marion A. Cass 6. COMPTON BISHOP, SOM .- On Feb. 18, 1260 Pl. Boo Minor: C. Field I, Brenda Sheppard 2, Susan Stott (tirst Minor inside) 3, J. Trimm (tirst Minor) 4,

A. Perry 5, J. Sheppard (cond.) 6

DUNCASTER, YURKS .- On March 1, 1280 Spliced Plain and Little Major: W. E. Critchley 1, Sheila Bruce 2, A. W. Jackson (first in method) 3, H. Wagstatt 4, P. Bruce 5, J. McCluskey 6, E. J. Padgett 7, F. J. Jackson (cond.) 8.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS. - On Feb. 23, 1272 Norwich Surprise Minor: B. Giddings 1, F. R. Harris 2, T. Jones 3, L. Mainwaring 4, J. W. Hope 5, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 6,

EARLS CROOME, WORCS .- On Feb. 16, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. Lawrence 1, Mrs. A. A. Jopp 2, A. A. Jopp 3, D. Price 4, P. Jopp 5, A. Jopp (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maund,

EAST GRINSIEAD, SUSSEX.-On Feb. 15, 1260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples: J. D. weaver 1, Felicity A. Benford 2, Hilary A. Thick 3, A. Howard 4, M. P. Howard 5, A. J. Hart 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, D. J. Hoad 8. First of Spliced triples by all. A compliment to the vicar, Rev. H. C. F. Copsey, appointed canon of Chichester.

EDITH WESION, RUTLAND .- On March 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Cynthia E. Barnett 1, C. E. Taylor (first inside) 2, C. N. Stephenson 3, L. Atlon 4, 1,

C. Hudson 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.
ELING, HANTS.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Union Bob
Doubles: M. K. Waldron 1, I. M. McCallion 2, J. P. Colliss 3, R. S. Parratt 4, D. R. Faliick (cond.) 5, Linda V. Cull 6. First in method by all. A birthday compliment to Roger S. Parratt.

EPSOM, SURREY .- On Feb. 20, 1280 Plain Bob Major: Ann Williams 1, P. J. Munday (cond.) 2, J. Aronson 3, S. N. Mortimore 4, M. Harbott 5, Jill P. C. Davidge 7, R. M. Heyworth 8.

GEDLING, NOTTS .- On Feb. 22, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Stevenson (first quarter) 1, J. Dawson 2, Susan M. O'Neill (cond.) 3, P. J. Wild 4, J. R.

Rigby 5, J. R. Anthony 6, For Evensong GREAT GIDDING, HUNTS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman): Mrs. G. Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, J. W. Riley 3, R. W. Leomans 4, J. E. David (cond.) 5, For Evensong.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX .- On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. Shynn 1, B. Keeble (first inside) 2, W. Mills 3, A. Dixon 4, D. Knewstub 5, J. Shynn (cond.) For morning service; also in memoriam Harold Keeble, father of 2nd ringer and local church sidesman (aged 60).

HADDENHAM, CAMBS .- On Feb, 22, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Alsop 1, R. Steel 2, R. T. Southgate (cond.) 3, W. Murrells 4, G. Walker 5, L. Lant 6. Rung by the local ringers (except 3) for the christening of Jeremy Mark Seamans.

HARBURY, WARKS,-On March 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. A. Hill (first quarter) 1, Alison M. Hill 2, Carole M. Couchman 3, V. Jane Hill 4, H. M. Windsor 5, R. A. Sheasby (cond.) 6. For the Deanery Confirmation service at the church at which I was confirmed; also a birthday compliment to 4 and 5.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 22, 1344 Grand-sire Triples: K. Hatherly 1, R. Tipper 2, Carol Stacey 3. Sally Stacey 4. D. Hughes 5, D. Hatherly 6, K. Tipper (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Family Commu-

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS .- On Feb. 9, 1279 Doubles (Rev. Cant., Grandsire, Plain): W. Kenyon 1, K. M. Price (cond., 50th quarter) 2, Sheila H. Heaton 3. Mary W. Whalley 4, J. Whalley 5, Rev. R. Lindsay 6, W. R. Johnson (first quarter) 7. First in three methods 3, 6. A retirement compliment to William R. Johnson, of Hawkshead.

HENLOW, BEDS.-On March 1, 1260 Minor (720 Single Court, 540 Single Oxford Bob): D. A. Hope 1. M. J. Down 2, C. R. Hardy 3, H. Bywaters 4, M Major (cond.) 5, P. R. Jewell 6. A 74th birthday compliment to Mr. John Church, of Clifton, Beds, ringer at Henlow for many years.

HEREFORD.-At the Cathedral, on March 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Pannell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Edna Pannell 2, R. G. Powell 3, P. L. Hughes 4, M V. Powell 5, T. E. Wood 6, N. Mattingley (cond.) 7,

A. T. Wingate 8. For Evensong. HILTON, DORSET .- On Feb. 6, 1260 Plain Bob: P. Joyce I, R. H. J. Mears 2, P. Board 3, R. J. Mears 4, C. W. Tidwell (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6. HOPE, FLINTSHIRE .- On Feb. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. V. Woodcock 1, F. R. Evans 2, J. M.

G. H. Randles (cond.) 4. D. H. B. Mill-Capper 3. ward 5, W. Catherall 6. Half-muffled in memoriam A. Price, a local ringer.

HUTION, ESSEX.-On Feb. 8, 1260 Doubles (two methods): Miss A. Brumwell 1, J. J. Wallett (cond.) 2, P. J. Tyler-Maggs 3, W. T. Hill 4, C. E. Hill 5. A wedding compliment to Raymond Jones and Judith Barrett, married the previous day. Also on March 2, 1260 Doubles (two methods): C. E. Hill 1, J. J. Wallett 2, L. H. Turner 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Canon H. G. Tindall (late rector), cremated this day.

HUYTON, LANCS .- On Feb. 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: L. A. Torr (first quarter) 1, A. Walsh 2, R. G. Latham 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. Birchall (cond.) 6. To welcome the new vicar (Rev. G. Bates). Also on Feb. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. D. Hawley (first quarter, aged 12) 1, A. Walsh 2, R. G. Latham 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. A 67th birthday compliment to the conductor.

ILMINSTER, SOM.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Novell 1, Mrs. R. J. Dean 2, Reg Welch 3, Mrs. A. K. Grabham 4, Roy Welch 5, R. Beale 6, R. J. Dean (cond.) 7. T. Hill 8. For Evensong: also a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Stenner (ringer at Ilminster).

INGRAVE, ESSEX .- On Feb, 14, 1260 Pl, Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Christine Davis (first quarter) 1. Sylvia Bedford 2, P. Bedford (cond.) 3, E. Potter 4. D. Bedford 5. To give thanks for the safe arrival of Kesta Ann Bedford,

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.-On March 1, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Dr. Sybil Aldridge (first Major) 1, Olive Rogers Diane Pickett 3, D. Pickett 4, M. Stacey 5, C. Richards 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

KILNDOWN, KENT .- On March 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. J. Harding 1, G. H. Waghorn 2, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 3, A. V. Bromley 4, M. Lambert 5. R. E. Lambert 6. For Evensong.

KINGSTON, DORSET. - On Feb. 22, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Mary E, Elmes 1, Betty A. Christopher 2, Claire E. N. Brown 3, Judith A Robertson 4, M. J. Dew 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, G. W. Elmes 8. First quarter in method 2, 3, 5 and 7. For Matins.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On March 1, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: C. E. Bulleid 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A Hawes 4, I. J. Whitear (first Major) 5, M. Seagrave 6, C. D. Collin (first Major as cond.) 7, B. J. Stone

LEICESTER .- At the Cathedral, on Feb. 16, 1263 Stedman Caters: H. B. Bowley (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. B. Bowley 2, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 3, S. Burton 4, A. Skinner 5, P. J. Staniforth 6, E. W. Rawson 7, A. Jacques 8, W. J. Root 9, E. Whitehead 10. In memoriam for the life and work of the late Rev. H. H. Cufflin, Chaplain of Leicester Cathedral; also Mr. Joseph S. Carter, of Wigston Magna, friend of the Cathedral ringers

LEWISHAM, LONDON.-On Jan. 18, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hollis 1, J. Machell 2, Miss F Cannon 3, D. Gebbett 4, D. Hollis (cond.) 5, R. Boyce 6. Also on Feb. 1, 1280 London Surprise Major: Irene Shanks 1, Mrs. M. Oram 2, Jennie Starbuck 3, R. A. Duke 4, D. Gebbett 5, D. Hollis 6, Starbuck (cond.) 7, I. Oram 8, Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Oliver (first quarter) Machell 2, Miss F. Cannon 3, D. Gebbett 4, D. Hollis (cond.) 5, R. Boyce 6. All for Evensong.

LEYTON, ESSEX. - On Feb. 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. Tovell 1, J. E. Andrews 2, Marion A. Cass 3, M. Waring (first Grandsire Triples) 4, L. J. Fox 5, G. H. Walker (first Triples as cond.) 6, A. S. Baker (first Grandsire Triples) 7, P. D. Austin (first

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry. on Feb. 28, 1276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. M. Wilson 1, D. G. Massey 2, Shelagh Dennis (first in method) 3, Elizabeth M. Barber 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, R. I. Kendrick (first Surprise as cond.) 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS, On Feb. 22, 1440 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): Anthea C. Fairey 1. J. H. Allen 2. P. G. Golder 3, R. G. Paxton 4. J. Paxton 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam John Newbold, aged 90 years, a ringer and chorister at the local church for over 70 years.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 9, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: J. C. Banks (first on eight) 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, Catherine A. Roberts (first inside) 3 G. M. Hartless (first inside) 4. J. Hartless 5. L. D. Smith 6. D. C. Jackson (cond.) 7. B. F. Peachey 8.

LYMPNE, KENT. - On March 1, 1320 Doubles (seven m/v): A. R. Day 1, B. G. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Nellson 5, Judith Brooks 6. For family service. Also 1260 Bob Minor: R. Stainer 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth A. Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Nellson (cond.) 5 G. Butcher 6, For Evensong.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 28, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob. Little Bob); R. East 1, P. Carpenter (first inside) 2, I, Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.-On March 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Smith 1, Mrs. B. M. Paton 2, Susan Paton 3. Ann Brain 4, R. F. Davis 5, A. A. Paton (cond.) 6. First Minor by all except conductor. Evensong, and a compliment to Rev. Nicholas Dixon on his recent induction as rector of Biofield, Norfolk

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, DORSET. - On Jan. 31, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Mears 1. R. H. J. Mears 2, C. W. Tidwell 3, J. Rose 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, P. Joyce 6.

MOORLINCH, SOM.-On March 4, 1260 Doubles (11 methods); Mrs. B. Bindon 1, D. J. Medway 2, R. Shepperd 3, R. Cross 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, A. Cross 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Jean Arscott, the conductor's sister-in-law.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS .- On Feb. Pl. Bob Major: Linda Cull 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, R. Le Marechal 3, Jane Dando 4, T J. Frodsham (first Major) 5, M. Palmer 6, J. P. Collis 7, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 8. To welcome Sefton Leslie Tremeer; also a compliment to the new Winchester District chairman (Mrs. C. H. Kippin) and a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Dando. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Hoskins I, Ann Palmer 2. Dorothy M, Huggins 3, J. Huggins 4, Jane Dando 5, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.-On Feb. 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, V. Clifton 2, N. Leslie (cond.) 3, D. Leslie 4, F. A. White 5, D. Osman 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pimm. OVERBURY, WORCS .- On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Plumb 1, R. Perks 2, R. Hickmott 3, J. Attwood, sen. (cond.) 4, A. C. Berry 5, J. Attwood,

jun, 6. Southern Branch quarter,

OXFORD .- At St. Aldate's Church, on Feb. 28. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Kay (first quarter) 1, G. Gray 2, J. Strange (first Grandsire Doubles) 3, R. Benstead 4, R. H. Allsworth (cond.) 5, A. E. Jvings To celebrate the 65th birthday of the conductor and the birth of a grandson to him; also for the 21st wedding anniversary of R. Benstead. Also on March 1, 1260 Doubles (600 Plain, 660 Grandsire): J. Strange 1. B. Benstead 2, R. Benstead 3, R. H. Allsworth 4, P. Heritage (cond.) 5, A. E. Ivings 6. Rung for Evensong and half-muffled in memoriam Victor Griffin,

PATTINGHAM, STAFFS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian M. Williamson 1, K. A. Russell 2, T. Reynolds 3, N. A. Bramall (first inside) 4. M. G. Williamson (first as cond.) 5, B. Gwilliam (first quarter) 6. For Evensong,

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS .- On Feb. 19, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: G. Stevens 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, E. Malin 3, F. Beech 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, R. J. Warrllow 6, N. R. Holland 7, E. R. Fairbrother (cond.) 8.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.-On Feb. 13, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Marshall 1, R. J. Mears 2, R. H. J. Mears 3, P. Board 4, C. W. Tidwell 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS. - At the Cathedral, on Jan. 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Caters: Jennifer L. Quaife 1, Diane Hatfield 2, L. Duguid 3, Jean M. Berriman 4, B. J. Fry 5, A. A. J. Buswell (cond.) 6, W. F. J. 7. L. Hatfield 8, R. W. Willans 9, A. Hoodless 10. To welcome Thomas Kenneth Wynn Welch. Also on March 1, 1295 Bob Caters: Edna Jones 1, Jennifer L. Qualfe 2, A. A. J. Buswell 3, Jean M. Berriman 4, B. J. Fry 5, W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 6, R. B. Walton 7, C. G. Bryant 8, M. S. Bruce 9, A. E. Hoodless 10.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX, - On March 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: Sonia Hailes (first quarter) 1, R. M. Picton 2, A. V. Corden 3, M. Etheridge (first Sted-man) 4, H. F. Franklin 5, G. C. Rix 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, R. Heasman 8, For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS .- On Feb. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Duff (first on eight) 1, Mrs. O. Collins 2. D. Wilson 3, A. Johnson 4, R. N. Marlow 5, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 6, F. E. Collins 7, C. J. Duff 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd,

ROCHFORD, ESSEX .- On Dec. 20, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Lynn Woodcock 1, Sylvia Bedford 2, P. Sloman 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, J. Tipping 5. Rung half-muffled for Biafra Appeal. on Jan. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Lynn Woodcock (first Triples) 1, P. Sloman 2, S. Halliwell 3, P. Bedford (cond.) 4, Sylvia Bedford 5, H. H. Furminger 6, J. Tipping (first Triples) 7, Nadia Hawryluk (first on eight) 8. For Evensong, First Triples on bells. Also on Feb. 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Tipping 1, P. Bedford (first on two bells) 2 and 3. D. Bedford 4. P. Sloman (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to Philip Bedford, who is moving to the Birmingham area and as a welcome to Peter Sloman, the new master of the

ROTHERHAM, YORKS. — On March 1, 1295 Grandsire Caters: Marianne Baker 1, S. Bradbury 2, Newton 3, Marie Hatswell 4, A. Holroyd 5, N. Donovan 6, M. A. Beaumont 7, D. Nichols 8, S. Armeson (cond.) 9, M. S. Turner 10.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT .- On Feb. 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Kettle 1. A. Beach 2, J. Harden 3, B. Pankhurst (cond.) 4. A. Skinner 5, C. J. Offer 6, A golden wedding tribute to Mr. and Mrs. C. Fairbrass (verger and wife)

SHIRLEY, WARKS .- On Feb. 22, 1260 Plain Bob Minor A. Titchener (first quarter) 1, Suste J. Titchener 2, V. H. Nash 3, R. J. Weekes 4, E. T. Lloyd 5, C. D. Bangh (cond.) 6.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP,-A: St. Chad's Church. on March 1, 1260 P.B. Triples: A. E. G. Owen 1, R. H. Newton 2, Vivienne Bennett (first Triples) 3, M J. A. Orman 4, Patricia C. Stocken 5, E. F. Willcox 6, P. J. Evans (cond.) 7, D. Smith 8, For the christening of Robert David Willcox (youngest son of the tower captain) and Jane Monique Buckley.

SIDBURY, DEVON. - On Feb. 3, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. Woodley 1, Mrs. G. E. Retter 2, J. Clarke 3. Miss J. Hayward 4. C. C. Turner 5. Woodlev 6. G. E. Retter (cond.) 7. A. Clarke 8.

SOUTHAMPTON. HANTS .- At St. Mary's Church, on March 1, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Joy Butler 1, Harrison 2, W. S. Croft 3, J. S. Croft 4, C. Putler 5, A. Jackson 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, P. Faithfull 8. First in method by all.

SUTTON-CUM-I QUND, NOTTS. — On March 1, 1260 Singles: T. Blythe 1 B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Rivthe 3. For Sung Eucharist by the Sunday service

TITCHFIELD. HANTS. - On March 1. Doubles (Plain Bob. Grandsire): J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1. Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, J. Pullon 3, W. F. J. Cope 4. N George 5

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—On March 1, 1260 Pl. Rob Minor: Miss J. Ayres 1. Miss J. Green 2. Miss G. Green 3. D. J. Attley 4. V. Headland 5. F. Coles (cond) 6 For Confirmation. First quarter on new six

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND. - On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandeire Triples: J. Ellis 1. L. Atton 2. C. Hudson 3. Cvnthla Barnett 4, R. Chantler 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. C. J. Groome 7, R. Berridge 8. First on eight 1, 3, 4. To celebrate 60 years' ringing at the local church by R. Berridge.

WARFHAM DORSET.-On Feb. 22, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: T F. Collins 1. Mary E. Elmes 2, Betty A. Christopher 3. G. W. Elmes 4. Dr. C. T. Brown 5. M 1. Dew (first Minor as cond.) 6 For Evensong.

WARNFORD, HANTS .- On Jan 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mary White 1. Janet Yeates (first Minor inside) 2. C E. Bassett 3. R. A. Stone 4. D. Hatherly 5. K. G. Waller (cond.) 6.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.-At 9929 Hillbrook Tane, on Feb. 14, 1260 Pl Bob Minor: Cecily Rock (first quarter) 1-2. Mariorie Batchelor (cond.) 3-4. Kit Marthew 5-6

WATFORD, HERTS.-On Feb. 24, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Ling (first quarter) 1, R. D Bell 2, R. G. Bell 3, R. G. Smith 4, A. R. Ling 5, F. M. Byrne (cond.) 6, A. C. D. Maves cover. Commemorating the consecration in Westminster Abbev of Rev. Canon R. Runcle as Bishon. Also on March 1, 1287 Stedman Caters: S. J. Laud 1. W. J. Arnold 2. W. G. Paul 3. R. G. Smith 4. D. Laud 5. A. R. Ling (cond.) 6. R. D. Bell 7. A. C. D. Mayes 8. R. G. Bell 9. G. W. Seaman 10. First Stedman Caters 1. 8.



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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

LIVERPOOL, Cathedral of Christ. Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 4hrs. 5mins. (82 cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by F. E. Darby.

Susan Rothera

Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)

3 Charles P. Quartley

Keith W. Brown 5 David E. Rothera

6 Peter G. Brown Ian C. Maycock

8 Robert E. J. Dennis 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh 10 Frank D. Mack

11 Peter Border

James L. Towler and Philip J. Rothera

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BLACKBURN, Lancs, St. Mary the Virgin Cathedral Church. Sat., Feb. 28, 1970. 3hrs. 27mins. (25 cwt.). 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Arranged by C. K. Lewis.

1 Graham J. Jones 2 Elizabeth Forster®

3 Joyce M. Clarke*

4 Rosamund M. Brown

5 John J. Durham 6 David C. Brown 7 James E. Andrews 8 George E. Bonham

9 Christopher Forster 10 Andrew W. R. Wilby (Conductor) *First of Royal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

SOUTHPORT. Lancashire, Emmanuel. Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (12 cwt.). 5056 KNOTTY ASH DELIGHT MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 Dennis R. Jones

2 Dianne M. Hatfield 3 Jeremy P. Richardson*

4 Robert Peers

5 Martin E. Snape 6 David J. Bennett*

7 Keith J. Wa'pole (Conductor)

8 H. Lyndon Hatfield

*First of Delight. Believed to be the first in the method.

-38-14-58-36-14-18-56-78. G.P.B. f.c.h. b. d. o.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

RAINFORD, Lancashire, All Saints. Sat., Feb. 28. 1970, 2hrs, 58mins. (13 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

Helen Gilbert*

A. John Macefield*

3 Patricia A. Jenkins* 4 Martin J. Corry* 5 Bruce Wakefield

*First in method.

6 Christopher K. Cooper

7 John K. Foot 8 John H. Fielden (Conductor)

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire, Christ Church, Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs, 43mins, (13 cwt.). 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (methods: 1728 Cambridge and Yorkshire, 1600 Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell).

Arranged by Norman Smith.

Ian Smith

2 Susan Cowan

3 Lyndon Hatfield 4 Hazel Mackenzie

5 Geoffrey Sparling 6 David Wilford Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)

8 Richard S. Starkie

Peals

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BATH, Som., Abbey Church of SS. Peter & Paul, Sat., Feb. 21, 1970. 3hrs. 32mins, (331 cwt.).

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by William Pye.

1 John N. Longridge 2 Mary E. Elmes*

3 Robert E. J. Dennis 4 David Wilson†

5 Edward G. Mould
6 Ross G. W. Robertson*
7 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
8 Graham W. Elmes
9 Frederick E. Collins
10 Ronald N. Marlow

*50th together. †First of Royal in the method.

DITCHEAT, Som., St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 18mins. (24 cwt.). 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven.

1 Adrian P. Beck 2 Judy E. Beck*

3 Gwilym G. Salmon 4 Ronald G. Beck

5 Eric Naylor

6 Philip H. D. Jones 7 Robert E. Beck

8 Edward J. Chivers (Conductor) *First on 8.

ASHWICK, Somerset, St. James.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins (7 cwt.). 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR (25 methods: Morpeth and Canterbury; Chester.
Mundon, Alnwick and Newcastle: Sandiacre.
Northumberland and Carlisle; Hexham and
Berwick: Durham, York, Beverley and Surfleet: London. Wells and Cunecastre: Cambridge, Norfolk, King Edward, Hull, Bourne. Primrose and Ipswich; with 107 changes of method).

1 Judy E. Beck 2 Ronald G. Beck 3 Edward J. Chivers

4 Philip H. D. Jones
5 Adrian P. Beck (Conductor)
6 Robert E. Beck
Most methods of Spliced Surprise Minor by
resident band. Most methods to a peal by all.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, E. Yorks,

All Saints. Sat., Feb. 21. 1970. 2hrs. 41mins. (64 cwt.), 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Norwich. Beverley Surfleet, Cambridge. Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge).

1 John Ridley

2 Ronald Ducker

3 Maris Stephenson

4 David R Garner* 5 Peter J. Church

6 F. Neville Pailing (Conductor) *First peal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WILMSLOW, Cheshire, St. Bartholomew.

Thurs. Jan. 15, 1970, 2hrs. 52mins. (13 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (1 Wilmslow Delight, Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and three Plain

Rent T.B., Oxford I.B. and Bob).

1 Patricia Bates*
2 Linda Merrall*
3 Denis Mottershead
4 Sidney Hough
5 Geoffrey R. Gardner
6 Neil D. Lomas (Conductor)

*First peal.

BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 58mins. (18 cwt.). 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Ivin.

1 Paul J. Atkins

2 Norman Sherratt (Conductor)

3 Mandy McCallion

4 Harold Dowler 5 Roy Worrall

6 Walter Sherratt

7 Raymond Ballard

8 Charles A. S. Webb

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbys, Christ Church

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbys, Christ Church
Sat., Jan 17. 1970. 2hrs, 34mins. (9 cwt.)
5040 SPIICED TREBLE BOB MINOR (7
extents, 35 methods: Dover. Fotherineav,
Chepstow, Balmoral and Skinton Delight: Elv.
Wilmslow, Bogedone Knutsford and Rostherne
Delight: Neasden, St. Alhans, Wraphy Braintree and Charlwood Delight: Abbevville. St
Werburgh. Vale Royal, Combernere and
Crowland Delight: Duke of Norfelk Ockley,
Morning Star, College Exercise and Norbury
Treble Bob: College Bob IV. Old Oxford,
Newdigate, Willesden and Marple Delight:
Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston.
Canel and Sandal T.B.).

1 John Bell*
2 Geoffrey R. Gardner*

Geoffrey R. Gardner*

2 Geoffrey R. Gardner
3 Denis Mottershead
4 Timothy Wyle*
5 F. John Nelsont
6 Neil D. Lomas (Conductor)
*First in 35 methods, †First of Minor in 35
methods. Farewell to Rev. C. J. Rees curate and ringer at this church for the past 8 years.

WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

MISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon. Feb. 23 1970, 2brs. 18mins. (6 cwt).

5040 DOUBLES (360 Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob and 360 of 10 variations).

1 Gordon K. Green
2 A. Doreen Edwards
3 Harry W. Howard
4 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
5 Frederick S. Sutton
6 Michael J. Crawley

CHELFORD, Cheshire, St. John.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins. (84 cwt)
5040 MINOR (1 St. Clement's, 2 Oxford T.B.
Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).
1 Geoffrey A Edwards
2 David A. Godfrev
3 Harry W. Howard
4 Ernest Pimlott
5 John Moore
6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

WOODCHURCH. Cheshire, Holy Cross.

Sun., March 1, 1970, 2hrs, 35mins, (9 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE (7 extents.)

1 John Hyden*
2 David C. Simpson
3 Nigel P. A. Goulding
4 Jeremy P. Richardson
5 Robert Peers
6 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)
*First of treble dodging.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SELBY, Yorkshire, St. German.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3 hrs. 32mins, (26 cwt.).

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

1 Rev. Frederick Ross

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2 Malcolm Phipps
3 Brian A. Tomlinson
4 Timothy Wylie
5 David Parkin
6 Clive A. Thrower
7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
8 Dennis R. Carlisle
9 Michael J. Fellows
10 David W. Friend

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GUILDFORD, Surrey, Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.

the Holy Spirit.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 18mins. (30\frac{1}{2} cwt.).

5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. (No. 3.)

1 Stephen G. Hanniwell

2 Bernard C. Sadler

3 Josephine A. Brown

4 Robert J. Lindsell*

5 David Sloman

6 Adrian G. Semken

7 Frank B. Lufkin

8 Alfred J. House

9 Michael Hallett†

10 Peter G. Brown

*First on 10 bells. †100th peal.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex, St. Marv.

farch 1, 1970, 3hrs 10mins, (18 cwt.). 5040 OXFORD BOB CATERS Composed by F. T. Blagrove.

Composed by F. T. Blagrove.

1 Gerald A. Bacon

2 Rov D. Tomlin

3 Hubert H. Furminger

4 Bernard C. Sadler

5 David E. Belcham

6 David Sloman

7 Stephen G. Halliwell

8 Michael J. Hallett

9 Alfred J. House (Conductor)

10 Gerald D J. Sandwell

First in the method for all and for the association.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL, Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970. 3hrs. 12mins. (21 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe.

1 Jane M. Scudamore*

2 Jennifer E Bell*

3 Keith W. Scudamore

4 Henry Taysom

5 Stanley Poole

6 William F. Scudamore

7 Dennis A. Chanman (Conductor)

8 Edward G. Mould

First on eight bells.

First on eight bells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CHOBHAM, Surrey, St. Lawrence.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970. 2hrs. 42mins. (10½ cwt.).

S040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

1 R. Anne Collins*
2 Peter J. Rowe*
3 John A. Collier*
4 Judith M. Collins*
5 Roy Collins* Roy Collins

6 Edward J. Futcher*
7 Christopher K. Hill*
8 E. John Wells (Conductor)
*First of Little Bob. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Collins of the local tower.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.

., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins, (16 cwt.). 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.
Stanley G. Ponting
Beryl R. Simpson
Jeffrey P. Ladd*
Alan D. Flood*
Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)
Geoffrey K Dodd
Michael J. Church†
Tom Page

Tom Page

First in method. †100th of Surprise.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BREDWARDINE, Herefordshire, St. Andrew. Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 34mins. (7½ cwt.). 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(2 2160s and 1 extent.)
John W. Hope
W. John Clayton*
Frederick R. Harris
Brian Giddings

5 Laurence Mainwaring*
6 Robert A. Hatcher (Conductor)
*First of Surprise. A farewell to Rev. W. Lloyd on retirement.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts, St. Michael.

at., Feb. 21, 1970. 3hrs. 9mins. (18 cwt.). 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL Leonard Luck*

Leonard Luck*
G William Critchley (Conductor)
Claudia A. Critchley
Richard F Prime
Frederick W. Goodfellow†
Walter Hunt†
Dennis Knox
L Bichard Coelleding

J. Richard Castledine 9 Jack S. Dear
10 Thomas J. Lock
*First on 10. †First of Yorkshire Royal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BIRCHINGTON. Kent. All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 38mins. (83 cwt.). 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

(27 course block reduced.)

James Hedgeock
David W. Grimwood*
Derek J. Carr*
David Featherstone

5 Donald H. Niblett
6 Geoffrey Davies
7 John B. Keeler†
8 Tony Skilton (Conductor)*
*First in method, †First of Surprise.

CHILHAM, Kent, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb 28, 1970. 2hrs, 57mins (183 cwt.). 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by Frank Bennett

Composed by Frank Bennett.

1 Geoffrey Davies

2 Peter S. Philpott*

3 Martin L. Haigh

4 Tony Skilton

5 James Hedgecock

6 David W. Grimwood

7 John B. Keeler (Conductor)

8 David Featherstone

*First on 8 inside. First on 8 as conductor.

HOO, Kent, St. Werburgh.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970. 2hrs, 51mins, (18 cwt.).

1040 MINOR (2 each Cambridge Surprise.

Oxford T.B., Plain Bob. 1 Kent T.B.).

1 Nicholas J Chesson

Laurence Mitchell
Peter D. J. Beal
David P. Leworthy
John A. Howard

Trevor A. Cross (Conductor)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

BARBON. Westmorland, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 37mins. (7½ cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Doreen MacLean*

2 Alan Capstick
3 Hilary J. Atkinson*†
4 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)‡
*First in method. †First away from cover.
‡Has circled tower.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs, St. Peter.

Wed., Feb. 4, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (18½ cwt.).
5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. J. Parker.

1 B. Michael Boardman
2 Derek Butterworth
3 Biobard J. Parker.

3 Richard J. Parker
4 Geoffrey Gardner
5 F. John Nelson (Conductor)

6 Alan Scholfield 7 Richard S. Starkie 8 Michael Fishwick

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs, St. Peter.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs, St. Peter.
Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (18\frac{1}{3}\) cwt.).
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods: 1600 Rutland, London, 320 Cambridge, Yorkshire. Superlative. Pudsey, Lincolnshire, 256 Bristol).
Composed by W. E. Critchley.
1 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
2 Christine Andrew
3 Peter Bellamy-Knights
4 David W. Howarth
5 Geoffrey Fothergill
6 Michael Fishwick
7 Richard S. Starkie
8 Derek Butterworth

HEYWOOD, Lancashire, St. Luke.

Sun., Feb. 22, 1970. 2hrs. 53mins, (21½ cwt.).
5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1 Michael H. Tompsett
2 Christine Broadley
3 John P. Partington
4 Geoffrey S. Mills

4 Geoffrey S. Mills
5 Frank Reynolds
6 David W. Howarth
7 D. Paul Smith
8 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor)
A farewell to the Vicar (Rev. A. Roland M. Seaman), leaving to become Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Management

(Preston Branch) HIGHER WALTON, Lancs, All Saints.

Sun. Feb. 22, 3hrs. (164 cwt.). 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by H. H. Wilde.

Walter Mansley John Nelson

2 John Neison
3 Donald G. Lawson (Conductor)
4 Margaret Crossthwaite
5 David L. Marsden
6 John D. Nixon
7 Richard Palmer

8 Cyril Crossthwaite
To mark the wedding of Miss Helen M White
and Sub/Lt. David S. Palmer, R.N., at Sale. Cheshire.

(Bolton Branch) FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs,

St. John the Evangelist.
Wed., Feb. 25. 1970. 2hrs. 52mins. (12½ cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLFS
(Parker's 12-part, 7th obs.)

(Parker's 12-part, 7th obs.)

1 Arnold Critchley
2 James Cunliffe
3 Geoffrey Fothergill
4 Frederick W Brownlow
5 Albert Greenhalgh
6 Joseph Thorn'ey
7 John Ashcroft (Conductor)
8 John F. Wood
In memoriam Everest Ford. of St. George's
Bolton, life member of the association, who
died on February 4th, 1970.

LAZONBY, Cumberland, St. Nicholas,

Sat., Feb. 21. 1970. 2hrs. 39mins. (7) cwt.). 5040 PIAIN BOB MINIMUS

1 Doreen MacLean 2 Alan Capstick 3 Hilary J. Atkinson 4 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

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BARWELL, Leicestershire, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (15 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Morris's variation of Parker's 12-part.)
Michael E. Pickering*

2 Ronald Lord
3 Mrs. A. H. Hough
4 Geoffrey Kelham*
5 Christopher J. Lucas*
6 Albert A. Lucas
7 Alan H. Hough (Conductor)
8 John L. Hough

*First attempt.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leics, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 33mins. (7½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Elizabeth M. Barber

2 David G Massey (Conductor)

3 Clive Mobbs 4 Shelagh Dennis*
5 David C. Hawkins
6 Roger I. Kendrick

*First peal,

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LINCOLN, St. Botolph,

5040 MINOR (4 methods: Oxford T.B., Kent St. Clement's College Bob, Plain Bob).

1 Charles V. Cade
2 Gillian Radley
3 David W. Bee
4 Robert E. Smalley
5 Geoffrey Speaners

5 Geoffrey Spencer
6 Aidan C. A. Hopkins (Conductor)
On the eve of St. David's Day.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry, ues, Feb. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 26mins, (64 cwt.). 5088 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Jenner.
Joseph W. Cotton
Richard J. Clifton
Arthur E. Rowley
B. Stedman Payne
Frank Chambers
Alec R. Jones*
G. Ronald Edwards
Roland Pariston (Conduction)

7 G. Ronald Edwarus 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in method.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SAXLINGHAM-NETHERGATE, Norfolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

urs. Feb. 26, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (84 cwt.). 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

1 Margaret Jenner 2 Gordon K. Terris 3 Carole A H. Patey 4 Richard J. W. Housden 5 David Cubitt

James Morley

7 Andrew Salisbury 8 John Illingworth (Conductor)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

AMBROSDEN, Oxon, St., Mary the Virgin.

t., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 15mins. (20 cwt.).

5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by E. A. Barnett.

Peter J. Heritage Alan R. Pink (Conductor)

2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
3 Eunice A. Lewis*
4 Michael Hatchett
5 Ronald K. Russ
6 Edgar J. Smith†
7 Frank W. Lewis
8 George W. Holland
*First in method, †First in method inside
80th birthday compliment to Leonard Stilwell.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berks, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3hrs, 5mins. (21 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (Annable's 3-part.)

Henry L. Bishop Alfred H. Webb Leonard F. Cox

Mrs. Patricia H. A Clifford J. Garlick George W. Bishop John H. Napper Aplin*

Michael Bishop (Conductor)†

*First of Major. †First of Major as conductor.

CHECKENDON, Oxon, SS. Peter and Paul. Sat.. Feb 28, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (10 cwt.). 5056 CHECKENDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

1 Augustus K. Grav

2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)

3 Leonard Stilwell

4 Alan H. Long

5 Ronald K. Russ

6 Peter J. Heritage

7 Timothy G. Pett

8 Frank Reed

1 peal in the method

First peal in the method.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCFSAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON, St. Edmund K. and M.

Thurs, Feb. 26. 1970, 3hrs 7mins, (18 cwt.)
5152 YOPKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
(Rowson's 23 courses.)
1 Christopher G. Chiplin*
2 Richard J. Cowlev
3 J. Malcolm Tyler
4 Brian R. Danby
5 Stephen B, Bell†
6 Pric Billings

5 Stephen B. Benn 6 Eric Billings 7 Barry R. Care 8 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor) *First of Major. †First in method.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WAREHAM, Dorset, I ady St. Mary.

WAREHAM. Dorset. I ady St. Mary.
Sat. Feb. 14. 1970. 2hrs. 55mins. (154 cwt.).
5056 YORKSHIRF SURPRISE MAJOR
1 Graham W. Elmes*
2 Mary E. Elmes
3 Melvyn J. Hiller
4 Ross G. W. Robertson
5 Philin E. Keough
6 David L. Cull†
7 Richard Green
8 Timothy F. Collins (Comp. and Cond.)
*100th peal of Surprise Major and completes the circle to peals. †First peal in method.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset, St. Mary the Virgin.

St, Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 30mins. (7½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

(7 extents, all singles.)

1 Graham W. Elmes*

2 Mary E. Elmes*

3 David Wilson

4 Michael J. Dew

5 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)†

6 Melvyn J. Hiller

*Completes the circle to peals. †100th peal together. To celebrate St. Valentine's Day by an all-single band. an all-single band.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

STANTON, Salop, St. Andrew.

STANION, Salop, St. Andrew.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970. 2hrs. 39mins. (7 cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Frederick Leech
2 Reginald H. Newton
3 Patricia C. Stocken
4 Michael J. A. Orman
5 Lewis D. K. Roberts*
6 Ernest F. Willcox (Conductor)

*First of Plain Bob Minor, First of Minor as conductor. With best wishes to Wendy and Michael Orman on their move to Somerset. Michael Orman on their move to Somerset.

SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS

ROPLEY, Hampshire, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 28. 1970. 2hrs. 36mins. (15 cwt.).
5040 DOUBLES (6 extents each Dedworth, Kennington, April Day, Wychbold Rev Carterbury, Clifford's Pleasure and Plain Bob).
1 Roy Le Marechal
2 Barry J. Frv
3 Ian McCallion*
4 John P. Colliss
5 William Willans (Conductor)

6 John Hallett

*First peal

ST. MARTIN'S GIHLD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, Warwickshire, St. Philip.

RMINGHAM, Warwicksbire, St. Philip.
t., Feb. 28, 1970 3hrs, 29mins (31 cwt.).
5280 QUEX SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Composed by William Pye.
1 John N. Lindon
2 Bervl E. Cawser
3 Graham C. Paul
4 J Edward Cawser (Conductor)
5 Alan A. Paul
6 Martin Green
7 Rupert A. Clarke
8 Barry E. Saunders
9 Roland H. Cook
10 E. Alan Jaccues

10 E. Alan Jacques
11 Richard E. Price
12 R. Kingslev Mason
First in the method. To mark the completion of 50 years' ringing by the conductor

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

GAMSTON, Notts, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 53mins. (84 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 extents Oxford Bob, 4 Plain Bob).

Bob).

1 Judith Kniehts*

2 Katherine Burchnall

3 Grace Burchnall

4 Sidnev Carnall

5 Harold Denman

6 Ernest Preston (Conductor)

rest in 2 methods

*First in 2 methods

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SUFFOLK GUILD

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Feb. 22, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (16 cwt.). 5056 ULLESIHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

5056 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MACCOMPOSED by Charles J. Seugley.

1 Watter W. Miller

2 Dorothy M. Durrant

3 Muriel R. Page

4 J. Barry Pickup

5 Alan G. Feaver

6 Adrian Knights

7 J. Martin Thorley

8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

First touch by all and for the Guild.

IPSWICH, Suffolk, St. Margaret.

/ed., Feb. 18, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (154 cwt.). 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Johnson 5 variation.)

(Johnson 5 variation.)

1 W. Keith Whittell

2 Muriel R. Page

3 Rev. Brian Redger

4 Alan R. Bridges

5 Leslie G. Brett

6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

7 Walter Arnold

8 J. Martin Thorley
birthday compliment to James Thorley of horn. Thorn.

SCOLE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

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Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs, 19mins. (4½ cwt.).

5040 MINOR (3 Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 H. A Jack Mowle
2 Thomas E. Spight
3 Frank C. J. Arnold
4 Leslie G. Brett
5 J. Martin Thorley
6 Katharine M. Thorley (Conductor)

First as conductor (aged 13).

PAKEFIELD, Suffolk, All Saints and St. Margaret.

at., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs, 53mins. (84 cwt.).

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Arthur Knights.

1 Katharine M. Thorley
2 Leglis G. Paris

2 Leslie G. Brett
3 Muriel R. Page
4 Andrew T. Beckwith
5 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
6 Walter W. Miller
7 Ernest G. Pearce
8 Adrian Knights

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BOSHAM, Sussex, The Holy Trinity,

1. Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs, 41mins, (13 cwt.), 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents), 1 E. Winifred Keys 2 Patrick M. Wills 3 Rev. Norman Smith 4 Christopher Renyard 5 Frank H. Hicks (Conductor) 6 Philip Stevens The induction of the Rev. D. Marsdor, the induction of the Rev. D. Marsdor, 11 the induction of the Rev. D. Marsdor, 12 the induction of the Rev. D. Marsdor, 13 the induction of the Rev. D. Marsdor, 14 the induction of the Rev. D. Marsdor, 15 the Induction of the

For the induction of the Rev D, Marsdon Jones as Vicar.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

SALFORD, Lancashire, Sacred Trinity.

Sun., March 1, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (13 cwt.). 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

1 Lynda M. Deebank
2 Elizabeth M. Tingle*
3 Rosemary K. Gates†
4 Margaret L. Ellwood
5 Ronald S. Barclay*
6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
7 Christopher L. D. Munday
8 William M. Taylor Conductor)
*First of Surprise inside. †First in the method.
Elirst peal. §25th for the Guild. First as conductor. For St. David's Day.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins. (14½ cwt.). 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by T. F. Collins.

Composed by T. F. Cottins.

1 Rhian N. Bagshaw
2 Stephanie E. Boddy
3 Hilary K. Derham*
4 Geoffrey D. Welch
5 J. Martin Rice
6 Roger M. Day
7 Peter N. Mackley
8 Paul J. Bagshaw (Conductor)†
*First of Major. †25th peal. On the occasion of the Society's 10th annual dinner.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

(Society of New Forest Youths)

PORTSEA, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 59mins. (17 cwt.).
5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

1 Jennifer L. Quaife
2 Jean M. Berriman
3 Lynette M. Holbrook
4 Barry J. Fry
5 R. Brian Walton
6 Howard E. J. Smith
7 William Willans (Comp. and Cond.)
8 Martin E. Cass*
*First on 8

*First on 8.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire, St. Nicholas.

Wed., Feb. 25, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (7½ cwt.). 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods: London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge).

and Cambridge).

1 Peter L. Furness
2 David Goss
3 Reginald W. Rex
4 Robert J. Crocker
5 Philip G. Taylor
6 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
In memory of Mr. F. Martin, verger at Longparish for 30 years.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

MALVERN LINK, Worcs, St. Matthias.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins., (16t cwt.).

5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by N. J. Diserens.

1 Thomas W. Lewis
2 Austin T. Wingate
3 Shirley M. Drew
4 Jill Riley*
5 John Clements

5 John Clements

5 Joint Cleinlein 6 Geoffrey C. Bagley* 7 David G. Franklin 8 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor) *First of Surprise Major. For the Feast of St. Matthias Western Branch quarterly peal.

SPETCHLEY, Worcs, All Saints.

Sun., March 1, 1970, 2hrs. 5mins. (64 cwt.). 5040 MINIMUS

10 Double Bob, 200 Plain Bob.)
1 Gordon E. Hunt*
2 Christopher Hims
3 Roger H. Hunt
4 Christopher J. Pickford
First of Minimus. First on the bells. Rung A.M.D.G.

NORTON, Worcs, St. Egwin.

/ed., Feb. 25 1970, 2hrs, 44mins. (14 cwt.). 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Middleton's.) 1 Roger H. Hunt 2 Shirley M. Drew 3 Valerie Willard 4 Roman Sadowski*

John Clements

6 Leonard C. Edwards
7 Hugh N. Evans (Conductor)
8 Geoffrey R. Drew
*First of Surprise inside. First of Surprise as conductor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Sheffield District Society)
HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

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Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 54mins. (12 cwt.).

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. E. Burton.

1 Judith J. Giibert
2 Ian P. Bell*
3 Stephanie Boyles†
4 David J. Kelly
5 Marie Hatswell
6 Neil Donovan
7 John J. L. Gilbert (Conductor)
8 John E. Turley

*First of Major. †First in method inside.
15th birthday compliment to Stephanie Boyles.

NON-ASSOCIATION

OXFORD, Oxon, St. Thomas.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 26mins. (7½ cwt.). 5040 MINOR (1 each of Double Bob, Double Court, Hereward Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob).

Bob).

1 Martin Petchey*

2 Susan M. Heyworth

3 Rodney A. Yeates

4 Richard H. Johnston

5 Lawrence J. Haines

6 Colin J. E. Wyld (Conductor) *First attempt

Handbells

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.

Tues., Feb. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 15mins. (12 in F.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1-2 Martyn Hawkes*
3-4 Valerie Willard
5-6 Hugh N. Evans
7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
*First of Major in hand.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 1hr. 40mins. (15 in C.) 5040 MINOR (2 Cumberland, Double Court, College, 1 Single Oxford). 1–2 Joseph Whalley 3–4 Mary W. Whalley 5–6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Fri., Feb. 27, 1970. Ihr. 38mins. (14 in D.) 5040 MINOR (1 Canterbury Pleasure, Single Oxford, Hereward, Single Court, St. Clement's College, Plain, Original).
1-2 Joseph Whalley*
3-4 Mary W. Whalley
5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)*

*75th together in hand

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs, Glebeland.

Tues., Feb. 24. 1970, 2hrs, 24mins. (17 in A.)
5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by A. Knights.
1-2 John Hall*
3-4 George E. Feirn (Conductor)
5-6 Michael W. Crowder
7-8 Jack Bray
*First of Treble Bob in hand.

OLD PRINTS

Mr. J. Hedgcock, of Folkestone, sends us the following discoveries, which have been collected by Messrs. Cawley, Hancock, Clouston and Skilton, who were interested in "Old Prints" (page 151):—

Rambling Club of Ringers, 1733-35, visiting St. Bene't and St. Peier.

"Then first—stay let me think
Why first of all at Bene't Fink
Seven hundred and twenty of Plain Bob,
Ay, true, my muse, a noble job."

They had difficulty in obtaining access to St. Peter.

By a saucy sexton vexed A nasty fat-arsed bitch, God damn her, With legs as big as a pavior's rammer, But brought her haughty stomach down By getting keys from the warden."

St. James', Garlickhythe.—Three bells all damaged by blast, ready to fall and quite unringable.

St. Mildred, Bread Street. — The bottom three stages of the tower stand complete, with a recently sealed off spiral. The top of the tower removed 1966, spire went with the church (bombed) and the one bell, April 17, 1941.

St. Stephen, Walbrook. — Parts of tower pre-Reformation.

St. Mary, Aldermary.—One bell hung for ringing.

St. Margaret Pattens. — Bells rehung c.1896 and in ringing order.

St. Magnus the Martyr.—One small bed in cupola, clocked, of bad tone. Below is the massive oak frame of the 10 bells removed in 1939, the tenor headstock still swinging on its bearings. The ringing room very filthy and meiancholy, with ropes hanging up, peal boards on walls terribly neglected.

All Hallows, Staining.—No bells now. Five were recast for Homerton in 1870s and the recently welded pre-Reformation Flemish bell is still at Whitechapel awaiting the completion of its home—The Grocers' Hall—after fire of 1966.

Tower of London.—St. Peter ad Vincula—Ring of three bells, tenor 8 cwt.

SILENT TOWERS OF THE CITY

St. Sepulchre.—Tower unsafe. The 10 could probably be rung but the ringing would probably affect the tower. In 1962 old treble rehung to make a sanctus.

St. Andrew, Undershaft.—Bells hang dead in ringing frame. Old fittings remain in a heap. Rung until approx. 1937.

St. Katharine Cree. — All fittings removed except stocks. Even sanctus and clock bell unused.

All Hallows-by-the-Tower. — Eighteen magnificent Taylor (1947) bells; tenor 41 cwt. O.d, unringable, eight totally destroyed, though one peal board rescued and restored.

Lewisham District

STRIKING COMPETITION

On February 14 seven bands, representing many parts of the Lewisham District, gathered at St. Mary's, Bexley, the event being the first striking competition to be held in the district.

After tea, prepared by the local band, the judges, Mr. Walter Dobbie and Mr. Stan Jenner, announced the results and congratulated the competing bands on the high standard of striking. The winners (St. Mary's, Bexley) and the runners-up (West Wickham "A" team) will enter for the Kent County competition which is to be held later in the year.

P. M. F.



At a monthly Girl Guide parade service recently at Aughton St. Michael's, Lancashire, preceded by bellringing, six of the Guide company rang. They are photographed here with the tower captain, Mr. R. Larkey, who tells us they are very promising young ringers. Left to right: Susan Lloyd (12), Angela Parr (15), Susan Howe (12), Linda Rothwell (11), Sarah Pierce (13) and Elizabeth Woodcock (17).

LEARN WITH LEN

Mr. J. Rank, of Machakos, Kenya, supplies the following problem:—

Recently eight enthusiastic ringers organised an outing, and Len Learner was invited to join them. Len's progress in ringing enabled him to cover on the tenor, hunt the treble to any plain method and to ring Plain Bob inside. During the outing two touches were rung at each of the towers visited, and all the ringers rang at least once in every tower.

At Firstchurch a touch of Spliced Beverley and Surfleet was followed by two courses of St. Clement's.

At Bichurch a quarter peal of Duffield was successfully brought round, and the ringing here was concluded with a short touch of Plain Bob Major. Len gathered that this was the shortest touch possible containing both bobs and singles.

The next tower had five bells and all the ringers who rang in the Duffield rang only once here. Len was asked if he would call a touch and he succeeded in calling a touch of Grandsire with only one call. A bob course of St. Simon's was also rung.

On arrival at Fenchurch some of the ringers were studying a method new to most of them. Its place notation is 36.14—14 l.h. 12. After raising the bells a course of this method was rung with Len on the treble. Len stayed on the treble for the next touch, which kept the conductor busy—it contained 15 plain methods. Afterwards Len copied the details from the conductor's notebook and noticed that there was only one lead of most methods, although there were two leads of three of the methods and three leads of Plain Bob. No Little methods were rung.

The ringing at Lastchurch opened with a bob course of Stedman Triples. The ringer who did not take part asked afterwards if someone would stand behind him for a touch of Double Norwich to advise him about his near places with which he always

OLD NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

DISCORDANT BELLS

"Dear Bells! How sweet the sound of village bells when on the undulating air they swim!

"It seems that Hood was hardly accurate in saying this. The lamentable truth appears to be that practically all the bells in the country are out of tune.

"This distressing revelation was made by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston of Messrs, Gillett & Johnston the famous bell founders to a 'Daily News' representative yesterday.

"A practical demonstration of what the public have to suffer in old Cathedral cities was given at the bell foundry yesterday. Old bells from Rochester Cathedral, which the Dean and Chapter have at last consented to have re-cast, were first rung. The result was distressing. Then a peal which has already been re-cast for the Royal Exchange, and tuned on a new system reverberated through the foundry.

"The difference was obvious to the most un-musical. The peal had all the harmony of an organ. Even Mr. Johnston listened without discomfort.

"The result of the new method is that there is practically no discord, as the bell modulates from one key to another in the rendering of tunes."—The Daily News, Dec. 18, 1920; the Daily Sketch, Dec. 18, 1920.

experienced difficulty. In the touch which followed the sixth made all the three bobs and at least one member of the band was relieved that there were no singles.

During the journey home Len calculated, with the help of his Ringers' Diary, the number of changes he had rung during the day (including covering on the tenor).

By the way, exactly how many changes did he ring?

(Solution next week)

Obituary

MR. HENRY A. PRICE

Harry Price, a ringer at Hope Church, Flintshire, for over 25 years, died suddenly on February 23. As local towerkeeper and treasurer for the past ten years, he had been a faithful Sunday service ringer and had also trained many young ringers.

He was auditor of the North Wales Association, members of which rang Hope bells half-muffled for the funeral.

He leaves a wife, son and daughter, to whom we extend our sympathy. E. V. W.

FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL

An appreciation of the life and work of Frederick J. Crapnell, of Grundisburgh, has been received from Mr. J. Bennett. He writes:—

"Fred was admitted to hospital on Feb. 20 and died four days later, just 14 days before his 89th birthday. There was a large congregation at the funeral service in the church he had served so loyally for well over half a century."

MRS. W. TATE

It was with regret that the death of Mrs. W. Tate was announced at the annual general meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Mrs. Tate passed away on February 6. She was a life associate member of the Guild for very many years. To Bill we extend our very deep sympathy. L. D. D.

VICTOR GRIFFIN

We have received the following appreciation from Rev. D. H. Sansum, of Stechford Vicarage, Birmingham:—

In February, 1959, as a diffident new curate reluctantly obeying vicar's orders, I walked into the ringing practice at Stratton St. Margaret and for the first time viewed the puzzling sight of ringers in action. The young man in charge said: "The only way to understand this is to do it. Let me teach you." Little knowing what assent would entail. I blithely agreed. So it was that Victor Griffin took on the tough task of teaching a clumsy cleric to ring a bell. With amazing patience and perseverance he at length managed it. He also managed to communicate his own enthusiasm for this strange pursuit to an astonishing degree.

Our ways soon parted. I left for Bristol and later Birmingham, and he for Oxford. We always kept in touch and met from time to time. He always seemed glad to learn of my continuing interest in ringing and was particularly pleased (if surprised!) to hear that I had taken part in the first clerical peal of Bob Royal at Magdalen College last year. It was then already evident that he was a sick man, and now we have received the sad shock of his untimely death.

The warmest sympathy of all their friends will be with his wife, Barbara, and their children, and I should like to express it on behalf of all his pupils. I shall always remember Victor gratefully as my first teacher in the art in which he excelled and which I have come to love. I shall also remember his devoted churchmanship, happy family life, his success, the reward of energy and ability in his career. The book of Wisdom has something appropriate to say: "A righteous man, though he die

Belfry Gossip

At Benhall in Suffolk there is a new band of Sunday service ringers and in February they rang their first quarter—P.B. Doubles.

New Methods. — Knotty Ash Delight Major (at Southport) and Checkendon Surprise Major (at Checkendon).

Mrs. Jessie Kippin was recently elected chairman of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Thinking Day, 1970.—Six girls from the Bramford area rang Sproughton bells prior to the Bramford and Bosmere District Girl Guides thinking day service on Feb. 22.

His century. — Michael Hallett rang the 9th at Guildford Cathedral to Grandsire Caters and so completed a personal record of 100 peals.

To mark the occasion of his 50 years of ringing Mr. J. E. Cawser conducted a peal of Maximus (Quex Surprise) at St. Philip's, Birmingham.

Seven Surprise Minor methods were rung at Longparish as a token of respect to the late verger of the church, who died after 30 years' service.

A youthful conductor at St. Andrew's, Scole, Norfolk, is Katharine Thorley, for at 13 years of age she has conducted a peal of Minor in three methods.

Sixty years a ringer at Uppingham (Rutland), Mr. R. Berridge rang the tenor for a quarter of Triples on February 22 for this special event.

Bradpole Ringers had a quarter peal tour of Somerset on February 28. Quarters were scored at South Cadbury and Ash-in-Martock but one was lost at Bruton. The party also rang at Castle Cary and Babcary.

before his time, shall be at rest.... Being made perfect in a little while he fulfilled long years, for his soul was pleasing unto the Lord."

And from Alan Ward:--

We in Manchester were grieved to hear the sad news of the death of Victor Griffin. In the mid-50s, as a young aircraftman on National Service, Victor was posted to R.A.F., Kirkham. During his stay he made many visits to Manchester and soon became part of a group of young ringers who went to meetings, on outings and for peal attempts. It was in Manchester where Victor met Barbara, his wife-to-be, and he also joined the band at Christ Church, West Didsbury, where he rang until being posted to R.A.F., Ballykelly.

On demobilisation from the R.A.F. Victor returned to his former job with British Railways at Swindon, where he worked as a draughtsman, but he later left the railways to work in the drawing office of Vickers. The year 1958 proved a memorable one in Manchester, when eight of the group of young ringers were married—Barbara Kay and Victor Griffin, Sybil Higham and John Somers, Joyce Halliday and Derek Ogden, and Joan Cordwell and Alan Ward. After their honeymoon in Ireland, Barbara and Victor went to live at Stratton St. Margaret (Swindon). Some four or five years ago Victor took up an appointment with the Pressed Steel Company and left Stratton for Oxford.

In the columns of the R.W. six years ago was recorded the death of Derek Ogden at the early age of 30. Now at 37 we sorrowfully record the death of another friend and companion. To his wife, Barbara, and three young children we offer our deepest sympathy.

First peal congratulations to David Garner, Patricia Bates, Linda Merrall, Michael E. Pickering, Geoffrey Kelham, Christopher J. Lucas, Shelagh Dennis, Ian McCallion, Ronald S. Barclay, Martin Petchey.

His eightieth.—Leonard Stilwell, that popular ringer who is well known in many areas, reached his 80th birthday in February and a peal of Pudsey S.M. was rung at Ambrosden, Oxford, for the anniversary.

The villagers of Shipbourne, Kent, no doubt all joined in when the verger and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. C. Fairbrass) celebrated their golden wedding last month. The local ringers helped with 1260 of Doubles.

A singular occasion on St. Valentine's Day: Six single ringers rang a single method (P.B. Minor) to a peal which contained all singles, although two members of the band celebrated a double event—100 peals together.

Mr. C. V. Cade, of Scothern, Lincs, did not realise he had scored his 50th peal until Mr. A. C. A. Hopkins checked for him. It was P.B. Minor last August for the Lincoln Guild, and Mr. Walter S. Smith also rang his 50th at the same time.

For 70 years John Newbold sang in the choir and rang the bells at Little Aston, Staffs, and when after this long service he died at the advanced age of 90, 1440 of Surprise Minor, half-muffled, was rung in memoriam.

The Guildford Diocesan Advisory Committee has invited Mr. Douglas A. R. May, master of the Guildford Guild, to be a member of the committee and to attend its monthly meetings. Mr. May's special concern will be to investigate matters concerning bells before they are taken in committee.

Because of the celebrations to be held at Cockermouth (both ringing and otherwise) to mark the centenary of the birth of William Wordsworth, the A.G.M. of the Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association will take place two weeks later (April 18) and not the date shown in the Bellringers Diary.

At Woodborough housewives were given the signal to start mixing the batter by the pancake bell of St. Swithun's Church. The vicar (Rev. Alfred Ross Hayward) performs this yearly task on one of the church's four bells. The custom, explained the vicar, was originally to bring people to church to be "shriven" or forgiven. Shrove Tuesday is a day of prayer in preparation for Lent, but nowadays the 416-years-old bell is used as a "begin baking" signal.

THE SON WHO IS LEFT

The whole Exercise has been shocked by the tragedy which has left David Francis, of Bassett Green Close, Southampton, an orphan at the age of 13, and the sympathy of all has been extended to him and to his relatives.

David is a very enthusiastic and capable swimmer and his parents encouraged him in every way. At the gala in London on Saturday (March 14) before the accident he was Southampton's only winner in the under-14 boys' age group, and in addition to taking the butterfly event he finished third in the backstroke.

Unfortunately he will now have to move away from Southampton and the future of his swimming prowess will depend largely upon the area in which his new home will be. But we all wish him well.

HANDBELL RINGERS OF GREAT BRITAIN

The fifth edition of Reverberations, the magazine of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, reports that on November 1 there were 69 registered teams. These were spread over 27 English counties with 535 individual members, 441 of whom belong to teams. There are 114 life members. This current issue contains a list of registered teams and their secretaries, and copies can be obtained from the hon. secretary and editor, Mr. John P. Partington, I Bankfield Lane. Rochdale, Lancs, price 1s. 6d. post free.

The sub-committee have had a long session making arrangements for the next annual rally to be held at Leicester, which will be in two parts—general ringing in the afternoon and a concert in the evening. That all teams, except those ringing in the concert, should ring in the afternoon, every team is to ring one piece only before any team rings for a second time. Teams are to be invited to play in the concert and to be varied from year to year.

Among the articles, Edward Cribley writes on "Beginning the Archives." He has about 300 pieces played by almost 60 teams, recorded at the national rallies or at Randwick. It is mostly on half-track stereo, occupying about 20,000 feet of tape.

Plans are in hand for producing a "Society tie" to be sold at about £1. A minimum of 100 is necessary for the Society to go ahead and those interested are asked to pay in advance.

Norwich Diocesan Association

VISIT TO FOUNDRY PLANNED

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Carlton Colville on February 21. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., followed by the service, which was taken by Rev. Peter N. Bond, chairman of the branch, the preacher being the rector of Carlton Colville (Rev. D. G. Blyth). Fifty sat down and enjoyed the tea, served in the Village Hall. During the business meeting which followed thanks were extended to the rector, Miss Susan Hubbard who played the organ, and the ladies who had prepared and served the tea. Two new ringing members were elected—Miss Linda Cox and Miss Sally Neale, both of Carlton Colville. It is hoped to hold a branch outing to the bell foundry at Loughborough in July and a branch dinner in October. Members were reminded that the Association annual general meeting would this year be held at Great Yarmouth in May, this being the first time that the meeting has moved from Norwich. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Somerleyton in May, and other meetings arranged are a Surprise practice at Great Yarmouth, a practice meeting at Norton Subcourse in March, and a practice meeting at South Walsham in April. It is also hoped to hold a branch striking competition at Gorleston in June.

After the business Carlton Colville bells were rung until 8 p.m., and then on to Pakefield to ring until 9 p.m. M. K.

Stay! passenger that passeth by
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now so shall ye be;
Prepare for death; then follow me.
Tombstone at St. Michael's, Aldershot.



JOE BURGESS

A pupil of octogenarian Joe Burgess, of Friezland, sends us the following about Joe:

He was born on March 12, 1890, and his father died when Joe was nine, leaving his mother with five sons. Joe became the mainstay of the family, running errands for neighbours. Conditions were so bad that he was admonished for entering Christ Church, Friezland, in ragged clothes, so he entered by the back door with the ringers, and so commenced a lifetime of bellringing.

At Friezland the rules were strict in observing good striking, and instilled in Joe the necessity to become as proficient in the art as they. At contests held in various places in the surrounding counties, the old ringers won many. These contests consisted of test pieces of quarter peal length and usually took all day. 'Travel was by waggonette.

During the 1920's, after Friezland bells had been quarter-turned and rehung, through the generosity of a local cotton manufacturer, the mill owner approached Joe Burgess and said he had been challenged by a Yorkshire landowner to prove Friezland ringers were better than his. At the contest Friezland won!

The first Halifax contest the team won was at Sowerby in 1929. Since then they have won the Halifax cup more times than any other team in the association. The previous best were Liversedge and Earlsheaton.

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When Joe resigned as a ringer at Friezland. because of pressure of work, he was presented with a writing bureau, but he never lost interest in the Friezland team. When, on the day before the Shelley Challenge Cup contest, in 1949, one of the team was taken ill suddenly, Joe rang with the team and they won the cup for the first time.

When a team of ringers was re-formed at St. John's, Roughtown, Mossley, several years ago, he commenced to attend practices and encouraged the ringers to improve their striking, with the result that they have now taken over the role of Friezland and have won, during 1969, the Oswy Street Memorial Cup, the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies Certificate, and the Halifax Cup at Sowerby.

During 1968 the bells of St. John's were quarter-turned and hung on ball bearings, with a generous loan to the P.C.C. by Joe. His comment at the time being "I am only trying

TOWER GRABBERS OF 1969

(Compiled by Penelope J. Thorley, Laxfield)

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		1969
	Name and home tower	total
1.	R. I. Kendrick, Barrow-on-Soar.	382
2.	Hilda M. Massey, Frome.	336
3.	K. G. Price, Swindon.	318
4.	R. L. Winckworth, Old Woking.	301
5.	A. B. Rogerson, Swindon.	264
6.	Lynda M. Deebank, Coleshill.	226
7.	D. E. Belchamp, Rayleigh	222
8.	P. S. Abbot, Ardleigh.	212
9.	Diana B. Belchamp, Rayleigh.	193
10.	Mary Bellamy (13), Milverton	180
11.	Anne E. Deebank, Coleshill.	176
12.		166
	Cecile Forgan, Hitchin.	161
	Jean Sanderson, Meldreth.	158
15.	P. Cranfield, Hitchin.	143
	S. N. Mortimer, Epsom.	143
17.	G. H. Baldam, Lyng.	141
18.		138
19.	Suzanne J. Snack, Chapel Allerton.	137
20.		134
21.	J. Crawford Allen, Birstall.	131
22.		127
	R. J. Snack, Chapel Allerton.	124
	Julie Radley, Dunholme.	123
25.	J. B. Pickup, Lowestoft,	121
26.	R. N. Scholes, Harringworth.	120
	Patricia M. Thorley, Badingham,	120
28.	W. Allen (13), Upton St. Leonards.	119
	Cynthia E. Barnett (14), Uppingham,	119
	A. C. A. Hopkins, Scothern.	119
31.	M. M. C. Melville, Bedford.	117
	S. F. Taylor, West Malling.	117
33.		115
34.	H. J. Radley, Dunholme,	116
	Hilary F. Watson-Walker, Loughborough,	116
36.	R. A. Ward, Houghton Conquest,	114
37.	J. M. Thorley, Badingham,	112
38.	Jane Martin, Stotfold,	108
	P. A. Slight, Grantham.	108
40.		107
41.		105
	S. E. Mitchener, Swindon.	105
	Judy Edwards, Hemel Hempstead.	105
44.		103
77.	S. R. Munday, Bradford.	103
	B. Ward, Sleaford.	103
47	Elizabeth Cranfield, Hitchin,	102
7/-	Penelope J. Thorley (12), Badingham.	102
49.		100
47.	G. Parsons, Hemel Hempstead.	100
	G. Tarsons, Hemel Hempsteau.	Total

STOOLBALL IN JUNE

The meeting on February 14 of the East Grinstead and District Guild was held at Fletching. No service was held and after ringing tea was taken in the Griffin nearby. Two new members were elected and it was announced that the stoolball match against the Northern Division of the Kent County Association would be in June.

The chairman announced that the A.G.M. in March would be at Chiddingstone (see R.W. notices) and it was suggested that for the April meeting approaches should be made to Buckland and Reigate, but there would be no May meeting. The usual votes of thanks were expressed and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. R.J.E.

to give back some of the pleasure I have been given by ringers and ringing."

Until recently he went to Holy Trinity. Stalybridge, on Tuesday nights, Saddleworth on Wednesdays, St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Thursdays, and St. John's on Fridays, to help train learners, and attended as many association meetings on Saturdays as he could.

Joe is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Yorkshire Association, the Lancashire Association, the Couthwell Diocesan Guild, the Halifax Association and the Barnsley and District Society. He is now recovering from a severe attack of anæmia, and has consequently had to curtail his ringing activities

We pray God he may be spared to ring with us all for many more years, in contests and on ringing trips.

A. F.

Notices

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BIRTHS

Davies. — On March 7, 1970, at 12 St. Michael's Place, Canterbury, Kent, to Geoffrey and Elizabeth, a son, Russell Howard, a brother for Warwick.

Friend. — David and Jennifer are pleased to announce the arrival of Kirsty Elizabeth, a sister for Elspeth Jane, on February 27, 1970. 32 Parkside Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 8400

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

Triplow—Winch.—The marriage of Keith and Diana will take place at St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 28, 1970, at 2.30 p.m. Ringing friends welcome at the church.

FOR SALE

Set of 12 old handbells, by R. Wells. Tenor 6½" diameter, new clappers and leather straps needed. Offers to F. Taylor, 11 Gunville Road, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

PERSONAL

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."

—1 Corinthians 1, 27.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Dorset, near Milton Abbey.—B. and B. 20s. Evening meal 7s. 6d. Mrs. Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset, Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. Indoor sanitation. Full terms on application.

Mid-Devon. Good centre for touring. Bed and breakfast, dinner. Mrs. Jean Fidler, High-croft, Bow. Crediton, EX17 6HN. Bow 379. Also 4-berth caravan at Sandymouth Bay, near Bude.

MISCELLANEOUS

New Style Peal Forms are now available from R.W. office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4 in. x 9 in.).

Ringing World Index for 1969 is now available, price 1s., plus stamp for postage. Other years from 1958 price 6d. each. Apply Ringing World Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Ltd., Guildford.

ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

London County Association.—For the coming year the general secretary is Robin J. Collis, 144 Percy Road, Whitton, Twickenham, Middx. (Tel. No.: 01-894 0942), to whom all correspondence should be addressed. 8408

Hythe, Kent, St. Leonard's.—Please note Tuesday evening practice meetings cancelled until further notice.—R. J. B. 8434

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., on March 24 at 8.15 p.m. Practices: March 24, St. Michael's, Cornhill; March 31, St. Mary-le-Bow; April 7, St. Andrew's, Holborn; April 14, Southwark Cathedral—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8417

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Holy Week practice, Manchester Town Hall, Wed., March 25. Bells (12) 6-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. 8419

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—12-bell practice, Manchester Town Hall, on Wed., April 1. Ringing 6-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. 8418

Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District. — Evening practices: Staines (St. Mary), Fri., March 20, 7.30-9 p.m.; Chiswick, Wed., April 8, 7.30-9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Chiltern Branch.— Monthly practice, Weston Turville, March 21, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 8424

Leicester Diocesan Guild. — Loughborough District.—Evening meeting, Sat., March 21, at Wymeswold (6), 5.30–8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Hilary F. Watson-Walker, Dis. Sec.

Suffolk Guild. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Buxhall (6), Sat., March 21, 6.30 p.m. 8376

Yorkshire Association.—Southern Branch.— There will be a practice meeting on Fri., Mar. 20, at St. Leonard's, Wortley. The eight bells will be available from 18,30 (6,30 p.m.) until 21,00. Ringing will range from rounds and call-changes to Surprise Major.—A. C. Banton.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.— March 21: St. Hilary's, Wallasey. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 8406

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Arley (6), Sat., March 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at Astley (5). Names for tea, please, to 636 Allesley Old Road, Coventry, 76413.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Kimbolton, Sat., March 21.
Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service, tea. Bells of Great Staughton (6) available in evening.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8399

Essex Association.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Sawbridgeworth (8), Sat., March 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 p.m.—G. Blake. Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8322

Essex Association.—Southern District.—Meeting, Bentley Common, Sat., March 21. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea with further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Miss B. Fisher, 49 Hatch Road, Brentwood. All are welcome

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Littledean (6), March 21, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. 8428

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Bisley (8), March 21, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Lower 8 p.m. Chalford (6, steel) available after tea. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford, Glos. 8420

Hertford County Association. — Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Standon, on Sat., March 21. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Braughing 5.30. Ringing at Braughing (8) till 8.30 p.m. after tea. Names for tea to P. Glazebrook, 11 Friars Road, Braughing. Tel. Puckeridge 554.—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec.

Hertford County Association.—Watford and St. Albans Districts.—Joint meeting, March 21, Radlett, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Evening ringing at Elstree. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Talbot-Ponsonby, 3 Craigweil Avenue, Radlett. Tel.: 5754.—A. Mayes, F. W. Ellis, Dis. Secs. 8393

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.
—Meeting, New Romney, on Sat., March 21.
Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.
Tea only for those who notify A. S. Phelips,
Romney Hard, Coast Road, Littlestone, New
Romney (Tel.: New Romney 3353).—
A. P. S. B. 8368

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Norton Subcourse, Sat., March 21, 6.30 p.m. (A meeting of the branch committee will also be held.).—N. C.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Newark District.
—Bi-monthly meeting to be held at Newark on Sat., March 21. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70 Valley Prospect, Newark.—P. Raithby.

Surrey Association. — Northern District. — Quarterly meeting, Battersea, March 21. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to R. Cooles, 34 Mysore Road, S.W.11.—N. Thomson, Dis. Sec. 8395

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Annual general meeting in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, Mar. 30, at 12 noon prompt. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. (Bells 10 a.m.) Ringing arrangements Stoulton, St. Edmund's (6), 1.45–3.15; Pershore Abbey (8), 2.30–4; Birlingham (5), 2.30–4; Eckington (8), 3.15–4.45; Bredon's Norton (6), 3.45–5.15; Worcester Cathedral (12), 6–7.30; Worcester, All Saints' (10), 7–8.30.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 8425

Yorkshire Association,—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch.—Meeting, Sharow, Easter Monday. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea at the Parish Room (Vicarage) 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Wath bells (6) after meeting.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon. 8431

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weston, Bath (8), Sat., April 4, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., then tea and business. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Pothecary, 3 Lansdown Terrace, Upper Weston, Bath.

Essex Association. — Northern District. — Meeting, Shalford (5), Sat., April 4. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. (Names for tea to Miss M. Wright, Brick House, Shalford, by April 1.) S.M. Reverse Carter and New Bob Doubles, Also district heats of striking competition, 2.30 p.m., Wethersfield (6).

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Shere, April 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Memorial Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. J. Newman, School Cottage, Shere (Tel Shere 2396), by Tues., March 31. 8413

Halifax and District Association.—A.G.M. and contest will be held at Saddleworth, April 4. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Rigby, 95 Carnhill Road, Mossley, Ashtonunder-Lyne, Lancs, by Wed., April 1. 8422

Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — Elloe Deaneries and Eastern Branch.—Joint quarterly meeting, Bicker, Sat.. April 4. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. B. Dawson, Greenacres, Gauntlet Road, Bicker, near Boston, by Wed., April 1. 8272

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport, on Sat., April 4. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing: St. Woolos (12), 2.30-4 p.m. and after the meeting; All Saints, Newport (8), 1.30-3.30; Bassaleg (6, steel), 2-3.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to M. J. Pryor, Hon. Sec., 43 Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff, by Wed., April 1.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edington (10), Sat., April 4. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Warren, 51 West End, Westbury, Wilts. 8240

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Elm, Monday, March 30. Service 4.30 p.m. at Elm Church, followed by tea and the business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4s. 6d. per head, now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped, addressed envelope.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8 Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon.

Ringing arrangements:-

Hilgay (8)	10.30-11.30	March (6)	10.30-11.30
Denver (6)	11,00-12.00	Wisbech St. Mary (6)	11.30-12.30
Crimplesham (5)	11.00-12.00	Tydd St. Giles (6)	12,30- 1.30
Downham Market	(8) 11.30–12.30	Tydd St. Mary (6)	12.30- 1.30
Magdalene (6)	1.00- 2.00	Leverington (6)	1.30- 3.30
Watlington (6)	1.00- 2.00	Tilney All Saints (6)	11.00-12.00
Walsoken (6)	2.00- 3.00	Terrington St. Clement (8)	11.30- 1.00
Elm (6)	3.00 to Service	Walpole St. Peter (6)	12.30- 2.00

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WHEN ALL THE WORLD . . .

"God willing, I shall attain my 77th birthday on Easter Day this year!", writes Mr. John Holloway, of Crewe. He adds: "On page 179 of the R.W. I noted the verse by Kingsley 'When all the world is young. lad.' Perhaps you might like to print the second verse:-

When all the world is old, lad, And all the trees are brown,

And all the sport is stale, lad, And all the wheels run down;

Creep home and take your place there, The halt and lamed among,

God grant you find one face there. You loved when you were young.

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Booth. — Cottingham, Yorkshire. To Jean and Ian, on March 10, 1970, a daughter (Victoria Rebecca).

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

Hanney-Carruthers.—The marriage of Maureen and Lawrence will take place on April 4 at 1.30 p.m. at All Saints' Church, Chigwell Row. Future address: 20 Hereford Court, Headstone Drive, Harrow.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Buswell. — As from March 23 Alan A. J. Buswell's address will be Gamalpha, 12 Park Road, Denmead, Portsmouth, PO7 6NE. 8447

MISCELLANEOUS

A week's ringing tour of Kent and Sussex. A few vacancies, July 18-25; 45 towers. Further details from Dennis Powney, 15 Woodcroft Road, Bristol, BS4 4QW. 8446

Bath and Wells Association. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice, Brent Knoll (6), March 21, 5 p.m.—M. Legg. 8443

Hertford County Association. — Annual general meeting, Bishop's Stortford, Sat., April 4. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting in Water Lane Institute. Notice of resolutions—decimalisation of subscriptions; adoption of the Kimpton cup competition. Names for tea must be sent to K. Westwood, 85 Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford (Tel. 56043). Ringing programme: Route 1—Hertingfordbury (6), 10.00–11.30; All Saints, Hertford (10), 11.00–12.30; Widford (6), 12.00–1.30; Sawbridgeworth (8), 1.00–2.30; Thorley (6), 2.00–3.00. Route 2—Great Hormead (6), 10.00–11.30; Braughing (8), 11.00–12.30; Standon (6), 12.00–1.30; Lt. Hadham (5), 1.00–2.30; Bishop's Stortford (10), 2.00–3.30. Thorley and Bishop's Stortford after meeting. —A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 8440

Ladies' Guild.—Kent Branch.—The meeting at Sevenoaks on March 7 was cancelled owing to bad weather. Meeting will now be at New Romney on March 21, joint meeting with the Kent County Association (Ashford District.).

—R. Wratten, Dis. Sec. 8448

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting at Circucester Saturday, April 4, 1970

Association business meeting, 2 p.m., at the Grammar School, Victoria Road, followed by tea (4s. 6d per head). Association service at Cirencester Parish Church, 6 p.m., address by the Dean of Gloucester. Names for tea, together with remittance and stamped, addressed envelope for tickets, must be sent to the Cirencester Branch secretary, Mr. J. Pearse, Cotswold Cottage, Silver Street, South Cerney, Cirencester, by March 30.

Ringing programme (morning): Rendcomb (6), 9.30–10.30 a.m.; Chedworth (6), 10–11; North Cerney (6), 10.15–11.15; Watermoor (Cirencester) (8), 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Bibury (6), Fairford (8), 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Hatherop (6), Kemble (6), Preston (5), 11 a.m.-12 noon; Siddington (6), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Ringing programme (evening): Cirencester Parish Church (12), 7-9 p.m.; South Cerney (6), Ampney Crucis (5), 7-8 p.m.; Maiseyhampton (6), 7.30-8.30 p.m.

There will be no towers available during the times of the Association meeting or the Association service.

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The dedication of Hayes tower and bells on Sunday by the Archdeacon of Middlesex was before a crowded church. Warnham (Sussex) handbell ringers gave Bach's chorale "Jesu, joy" during the service.

The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings.

—R. L. STEVENSON

(Continued from page 206)

THE NEW RING

All bells bear the Whitechapel Foundry mark with the years 1570-1970 either side, denoting bells cast in the foundry's fourth centenary year.

Treble. — 4 cwt. 2 qr. L. Walton, restoration organiser. (Mr. Walton is organiser of the whole church restoration. RKR, CV.)

Second.—4 cwt, 3 qr. Churchwardens A. M. Smith and A. Farr 1964-1967.

Third.—5 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. In memoriam Prebendary A. A. Gorbold.

Fourth.—5 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. Rector Rev. G. R. Connock, Churchwardens D. Saunders and A. B. Walton

•Fifth.—6 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. This bell is donated in loving memory of Alfred Venn by his wife Margaret, March 1970. "Unkind thoughts to him were few, his kindnesses were many."

Sixth.—8 cwt, 3 qr, 5 lb. This bell is donated in loving memory of a dear wife and mother Annie Jessie Venn, by her husband Philip, and daughters Sylvia and Valerie. She rests within sound of this bell.

Seventh.—11 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. This bell is donated in loving memory of a dear husband and father Ronald Thomas Venn who died so tragically on September 27th, 1968, by his wife Vera and daughters Monica, Sheila and Joan. "Deep in our Hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day."

Tenor.—17 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. (note F).—Presented by Percival S. Venn, his wife and family to commemorate the dedication of this peal of bells and restoration of this tower, March 1970. Long may they ring for worship, fellowship, peace and posterity.

The bells, then on the church floor, were blessed on February 22, and Hayes heard its lovely new eight for the first time when they were tried out on March 2 prior to the full service of rededication last Sunday. Practice night is Wednesday, everyone welcome. Perhaps some of Percy's enthusiasm will rub off on you. He has shown what can be done if you have what it takes.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS, 1969

Mr. David House has sent us the list of peal ringers for 1969: C. Barrie Dove again leads with 123 and Mary Elmes for the ladies with 86.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for March 16, 1945

Mr. W. L. Duffield presided at the annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch of Norwich Association held at Saxlingham.

There were 65 members at Devizes when the Salisbury Guild held a meeting, over which Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, vice-president, presided.

At Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, a peal of Grandsire Triples was conducted by Arthur V. Davis, and Kathleen Brayshaw (aged 13) rang her first peal, Bruce Rogers his first on tower bells and John V. Davis his first of Triples.

The first peal on the five bells at Shalstone, Bucks (Grandsire Doubles), was conducted by H. H. Alexander, and George Jay rang his first peal.

First peal in hand by Dennis Hall, Alan G. Hall, Alfred Williams and Norman Summerhayes—Grandsire Caters—at Dartford, Kent; Mr. J. E. Bailey conducted.

The proposed new rules were discussed at a meeting of the Southern District of the Sussex County Association at Southover, when Mr. F. I. Hairs presided.

The 57th Henry Johnson celebrations consisted of a luncheon at the Imperial Hotel which lasted until 5 p.m., followed by "other relaxation" at the Tamworth Arms. It was one of the most representative and enjoyable held for many years; 150 attended.

Speaking at the luncheon, Mr. C. H. Kippin advocated again the formation of a national Association, which he had supported strongly some years before.

50 YEARS AGO March 19, 1920

Forty new members were elected at the meeting of the Eastern Branch of Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The father of the College Youths, Ted Horrex, rang the treble to a peal of Treble Twelve on his 82nd birthday.

Rochester District of Kent C. Association unanimously carried "That the decision of the central committee altering the date of the annual meeting from Whitsun to Easter be referred back."

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Hertford County Association advertised their A.G.M. and added the notice of motion by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake: "That this Association is of opinion that the time has come for the Central Council to have powers, other than merely deliberations."

A peal of Norfolk S. Major rung at Lenton, Notts, was composed by Edgar Shepherd and conducted by Albert Coppock.

At Silverdale, Staffs, Miss Alice Wheeldon rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples, she being the first lady to ring an 8-bell peal for the Stoke Archidiaconal Association.

Composed on the Rhine by T. E. Sone whilst with the Army of Occupation, a peal of Bob Major was rung at Staplehurst, and Leonard Mannering rang the 3rd, his first with a bob bell.

A handbell peal at Walthamstow—Stedman Caters—was conducted by William Pye, and Edward P. Duffield rang his first handbell peal on 7-8.

At Guildford, Alfred H. Pulling rang his 500th peal—Grandsire Triples on handbells.

COMPOSITIONS

5136 SPLICED S. MAXIMUS (12 methods)

By JOHN R. MAYNE

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56234		_	3	New. Yorks. New. Ful. Ful.
32465	_	_	3	Lond, Camb. Eal. Clif. Clif.
46325		_	_	Eal. Lines. Lond.
34625			_	Wig. Leath.
63425			_	Leath, Wig.
42635		_	_	Leics, Lond.
64235			_	Yk. New
26435			_	New. Yk.
34562	-	_	3	New. Yorks. New. Ful. Ful.
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5152 SUPERLATIVE

By C. I. ROWSON

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First rung at Lambeth on January 17, 1970. conducted by David House.

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Arranged by FRANK C. PRICE

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First rung on handbells, Crowthorne, Berks, Jan. 23, 1970, conducted by F'. C. Price.

1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

By WILLIAM WILLANS

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S	(-)	34256
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Repeat five times, S for (-) half-way and end.

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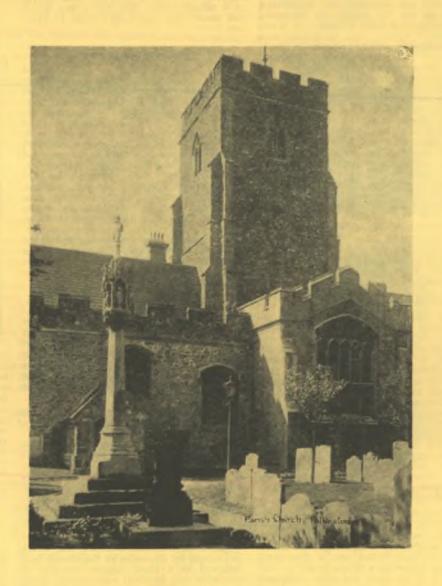
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"Folkestone has long been known to valetudinarians as affording the conveniences of bathing, combined with salubrious air, tranquillity and cheerful scenery in the neighbouring district."—L. Fussell, 1818.

THUS WAS THE DESCRIPTION by an eccentric author of a contemporary topography, throwing a delightful atavism to the days when Folkestone gained the fame of the aristocracy as a spa and seaport. Folkestone today is known better as a large and busy centre, one of the many gateways to the Continent and an ideal spot for holidays, conferences, etc. The careful observer, however, can still trace much of the Regency splendour of the earlier façades which, in their turn, have replaced the remnants of a considerably older town.

A church and settlement was established as early as the 7th century by Eanswith, grand-daughter of King Ethelbert of Kent. This pious woman was esteemed with saintly veneration and her oratory was built on the cliff face above the sea. Contemporary writers have described how the saint, requiring a fresh water supply, located a spring about a mile inland and-'carrying a stick before her, she drew, as it were by the sound of her voice, a stream from the depths to the heights, over cliffs and rocky summits, to her oratory; thus by the prayers of this holy virgin, water ascended contrary to its very nature, and, what is still more wonderful, it passed through another stream of water on its way, and yet it continued its course uncon-taminated and unmingled." All traces of the oratory have, not unnaturally, disappeared, but the spring was rediscovered over ten centuries later, as will be explained. Eanswith's remains are still retained in a leaden casket in the church, having been brought to light in 1885, and survived two translations from previous chapels claimed by the sea.

PILLAGED AND BURNED

In the Middle Ages Folkestone never attained quite the importance of the neighbouring Cinque Ports, although it was chosen to be pillaged and burned by Louis of France in 1216. In 1338 a royal proclamation forbade the ringing of more than one bell in any church within seven leagues of the sea, except to warn of an approaching enemy, an event that would doubtless have been remembered in 1378 when the town was again besieged by the French and Scots. Until the 18th century Folkestone, although a municipal borough, remained a relatively small fishing town and seaport, but the rediscovery of the "Chalybeate spring," alluded to above, established the town's fame as a spa and was the advent of the development of the present centre.

The church, on the edge of the cliffs, is of cruciform design, with a ponderous central tower, being originally founded in 1137. By the turn of the 18th century the fabric appears to have fallen into a dilapidated state, and following a severe storm in 1705 a portion of the nave and aisles collapsed. At this time the tower contained a heavy ring of six bells, the treble and third by Lester and Pack, 1759, second, fourth and fifth by Richard Phelps, 1707 and 1737, and the tenor by John Waylett, an itinerant founder, 1724. These were replaced in 1778

by a new ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.), cast by Pack and Chapman, of White-chapel; these bells bore many of the rhyming couplets associated with these founders. By 1813 the 3rd and 6th required recasting and shortly following this the "maiden peal" of Bob Major was rung on the bells, 5040 changes in 3 hours 5 minutes, conducted by Wm. Greensted, of Canterbury, on December 18, 1815.

In the meantime the west end of the church, which had collapsed in 1705, was partly demolished and replaced by a tawdry structure in the worst possible taste. Antagonism rapidly arose over this new nave, not only because of its unsympathetic style but also over its inadequacy of size, it being actually smaller than the chancel. Accordingly, in 1860, a new nave was built, largely as it remains today, although a new porch and south aisle were added some 12 years later.

RESTORATION

In 1879 it was the turn of the tower and bells to undergo restoration, the latter not having been rung for some years, four of them being cracked. The bells were removed to Loughborough for recasting; the new ring, cast to the specification of Lord Grimthorpe, has a tenor of 25½ cwt. in E and was invoiced at just over £1,000. A peal in 1880 was the third to be rung for the newly-formed Kent County Association. In 1935 the bells were rehung in the 1879 frame in new gudgeons and ball bearings, and more recently the local band have done much work in renovating the ringing chamber. The bells today are regarded as a "beefy" Taylor ring that respond well to careful ringing: many Grimthorpe-designed bells present a strange metamorphosis in tuning between old style and new, but this appears to have succeeded at Folkestone to a greater degree than usual.

On Easter Monday the Kent County Association will again be returning to Folkestone for its A.G.M. Last year the previous general secretary, Philip Corby, bowed out at a meeting at his own tower—Sevenoaks—and it is surely a good omen that our new man, Alan Berry, should have the pleasure of welcoming the Association to his home tower and district for his first A.G.M. as secretary.

Winchester and Portsmouth D.G.

The first quarterly meeting of 1970 of the Christchurch and Southampton District was held at Milford-on-Sea on March 7. The Rev. Ff. Powell, a ringing member of the Milford band, conducted the Guild office, at which Rev. Alan Gordon gave an interesting and thought-provoking address. Mr. Dewhurst, also a member of the Milford band, presided at the organ.

About 50 members attended tea, which was served by the ladies in the church hall, followed by a short business meeting, at which six new members were elected. Ringing masters W. E. Cheater and K. S. B. Croft kept the bells of Milford and Hordle going during the afternoon and evening in methods up to London Surprise, with plenty of rounds and simple methods for the beginners.

G. D.

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AN EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

Leonard Stilwell, now living at Windsor, has had long associations with Pulborough and indeed it was there that he rang his first peal in October, 1904. Over the years a number of celebration peals have been rung at Pulborough, and it was therefore a very great pleasure to arrange yet another one. This took place on his 80th birthday, February 20, and the whole band were very kindly entertained afterwards at Old Place by Joyce and Leslie Weller. We hope that we shall be able to celebrate many more of Len's anniversaries.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY

The Nottingham University Society held its tenth annual dinner in Cavendish Hall on February 28. There were 70 people present, including an encouraging number of past members as well as many friends and local ringers. The meal was concluded with speeches from Mr. John Freeman, the president of the Central Council, Mr. Roger Baldwin, a past master of the Society, and also from the present master, Peter Mackley, and secretary, M. Rice. P. N. M.

EASTER MESSAGE

"AND THE THIRD DAY . . ."

HAVE YOU, after reading a good thriller, been taken completely by surprise by the way it ended? I expect you have. And when you have read it over again you will have discovered how all the way along little clues were given to prepare you for the sudden and dramatic ending, clues which you never noticed at the time.

The Resurrection of Our Lord after His death on Good Friday was like that. It was something His followers were not expecting. They were taken completely by surprise. The women who went to the tomb early on Easter Day were not expecting what they found. St. Peter, after looking at the linen clothes in the tomb, "departed wondering in himself at that which was come to pass" (Luke 24, 12). Thomas doubted and the two disciples on the road to Emmaus were puzzled by the strange things they had heard.

Yet they all came to believe, St. John first ("He saw, and believed"—intuitively without an actual vision of the risen Christ) and then all the others, including doubting Thomas.

Then they realised how blind they had been, how all the time God had been preparing them for this. They ought to have expected something to have happened on the third day. In the Bible things happened on that day. The Ten Commandments were given on the third day. "Be ready against the third day," said the Lord to Moses (Exodus 19, 11). The dreams of Pharaoh's butler and baker were fulfilled as Joseph foretold on "the third day" (Genesis 40, 20). When Our Lord as a boy got left behind in Jerusalem, He was found in the temple "after three days." His first miracle at Cana of Galilee took place on "the third day" (John 2, 1) and when He prepared His disciples for His coming death in fulfilment of what the prophets had written concerning the Son of Man He went on to say: "And the third day He shall rise again" (Luke 18, 33).

Another series of clues leading to the Resurrection is on the theme "Life from the dead." God is the one who steps in and brings life from that which was dead. Abraham and Sarah were past the age for having children, but from her dead womb God brought forth a son, Isaac. Joseph was put into a pit by his brothers but God was with him and raised him up to a new life in Egypt. Moses should have died at birth with other Jewish boys, but God raised him up from the bulrushes to a new life in Pharaoh's house. The Israelites should have died at the Red Sea but God delivered them and led them to a new life in the Promised Land. David should have died many a time but God was with him. He was also with Elijah and Elisha and through them raised the sons of the widows of Zarephath and Shunem to life (1 Kings 17 and 2 Kings 4). The Temple of King Solomon, which was destroyed when Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians, was rebuilt and restored to life when the Jews returned from their captivity in Babylon. It was to this temple, beautified and adorned by King Herod, that Our Lord came. He continued the "Life from the dead" theme, raising children first of all and finally Lazarus. The raising of Lazarus led to His words: "I am the resurrection and the life," and to His own triumph over death. The theme is continued in the lesson for Matins on Easter Day, in which He says: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore" (Revelation 1, 18).

It is because He is alive and able to raise us to new life with Him, to a life which transcends death, that our bells ring out at Easter and on the weekly remembrance of Easter on the first day of the week. This knowledge that He is alive and that we are ringing for Him makes all the difference to our ringing. It transforms it into a joy and a delight. Even rounds and simple call-changes can be transformed in this way when they are rung for Him.

This knowledge that He is alive is something which needs strengthening today. It can be and will be strengthened for us all this Easter, when we meet as He commanded for the Breaking of Bread in remembrance of Him and draw near with faith to receive His life into ours, through the outward signs of Bread and Wine

Then, strengthened by His Body and Blood, we can rise renewed and invigorated for the work to which we have been specially called, namely, the pealing of His praises.

STANLEY EVANS.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS

As briefly announced last week, Mr. Charles Barrie Dove, of Leeds, heads the list of peal ringers for 1969 (with 123) for the second year running. He was taught to ring by his father, Mr. Ronald H. Dove (author of the Bellringers' Guide to the Church Bells of Britain), his first peal being in 1959 and his first as conductor in the following year. He is also the leading conductor for 1969 (with 118).

For the ladies, Miss Mary Elmes, of Wareham, Dorset, with 86 peals to her credit, is closely followed by Christine L. J. Mills, of East Bridgford, Notts, with 78, whilst Katherine Thorley (at 13) rang 35!

A full report and further details will be given next week.



Mr. C. Barrie Dove



Miss M. E. Elmes

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1	C. Barrie Dove		123	118	123	118		_	17	David F. Moore		76	3	64	3	12	
2	R. Kingsley Mason		119	54	119	54			17	G. Ronald Edwards		76	_	76	_	_	_
3	Timothy F. Collins		113	56	113	56		_	19	Robert A. Beresford		75	1	75	1	_	_
4	David Featherstone	-	107	3	107	3			19	John J. Durham		75	_	75	_		_
5	Graham W. Elmes		106	2	106	2	_		21	Michael J. Church		74	46	74	46		
6	R. Brian Mills		92	18	91	17	1	1	21	John Pladdys		74	37	60	27	14	10
7	Geoffrey Bridges		91	24	59	12	32	12	21	William T. Perrins		74	20	71	19	3	1
	Bernard F. L. Groves		90	34	50	18	40	16	24	Martin Green		71	_	71		_	
	Robert B. Smith		88	32	47	9	41	23	25	Katherine J. Maundr	ell	69	1	69	1		
	David G. Massey	11	88	13	88	13			26	Christopher J. Easton		68	1	68	1	_	
	Robert H. Jordan		88		88				27	David E. House		67	31	67	31	_	
	Mary E. Elmes		86		86				27	Roger Baldwin		67	19	35	15	32	4
	John R. Ketteringham		80	3	65	3	15	_	27	Beryl R. Simpson		67	1	67	1		
	Kenneth J. Hesketh		78	15	78	15	_			S. Kathleen M. Baldy	win	67	_	34	-	33	_
14	Christine L. J. Mills		78	-	78	_		_									
16	Richard H. Youdale		77	5	75	5	2	_		[7	To be	contin	ued]				

300 PEALS OF MAXIMUS

On March 5, 1970, at Birmingham Cathedral, a peal of Cambridge Surprise was Mr. George E. Fearn's 300th peal of Maximus. He is, we feel certain, the first ringer to reach this magnificent total. The list is as follows:

Cambridge Surprise	177
Yorkshire Surprise	39
Londinium Surprise	18
Superlative Surprise	14
Pudsey Surprise	8
Lincolnshire Surprise	6
Lindsey Surprise	
Prittlewell Surprise	4
Albanian Surprise	3
Clifton Surprise	3
Newgate Surprise	3
Belgrave Surprise	2
Littleport Surprise	2
Solihull Surprise	4 4 3 3 3 2 2 2 1 1 1
Barford Surprise	1
Birmingham Surprise	1
Eldon Surprise	1
Lambeth Surprise	1
Lyddington Surprise	1
Pontefract Surprise	Ī
Wembley Surprise	1
2 methods Spliced Surprise	í
9 methods Spliced Surprise	i
12 methods Spliced Surprise	1
Kent Treble Bob	
Plain Bob	2
1 14111 200	
	200

50 YEARS' MEMBERSHIP OF LINCOLN GUILD

Mr. George R. G. Butler, of Lutton. Lincolnshire, has completed 50 years as a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. To mark the occasion a peal was rung at Lutton on February 21 by the Sunday service band, all of whom George taught to ring. It was conducted by George Campling, one of his latest pupils. During the first week of March six quarter peals were rung at the local towers with which George has been associated since he started ringing 53 years ago. His wife, Florence, has been ringing for 43 years and their son. Peter, for 20 years.

George did much of his ringing with the late J. B. Halifax, of Fleet, who was a founder member of the Lincoln Guild and died last November, aged 95. He has always preferred teaching learners, but he has rung several peals and quarters and he has

rung in over 400 churches.

QUARTER PEALS, March 1-8

TYDD ST. MARY, LINCS. — On March 1, 1440
Grandsire Doubles: J. Oliver (first quarter) 1, G. R.
G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling (cond.) 3, P. W. Campling 4, P. G. Butler 5, W. L. Ketteringham 6.
LONG SUTTON, LINCS. — On March 1, 1260

LONG SUTTON, LINCS.—On March 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. Townsend 1, P. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 3, P. W. Campling 4, G.

H. Campling 5, S. Harrison 6.

PLEET, LINCS.—On March 2, 1280 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Bennett 1, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, P. G. Butler 4, P. W. Campling 5, T. G. Twell (first quarter) 6. 25th together by G. Campling and P. Butler.

LUTTON, LINCS. — On March 3, 1440 Doubles (three methods): P. W. Campling 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling (cond.) 4, P. G. Butler 5, R. M. Ragsdell 6, 25th together by G. Butler and G. Campling.

GEDNEY, LINCS.—On March 5, 1260 Doubles (five methods): R. M. Ragsdell 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling (cond.) 4,

P. G. Butler 5, C. Shepherd 6.
GEDNEY HILL, LINCS.—On March 8, 1260
Doubles (seven methods): P. W. Campling 1, Mrs. G.
R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, P. G. Butler 4,
G. H. Campling (cond.) 5.

Obituary

VICTOR GRIFFIN

Although his ringing friends realised he was very ill, the passing of Victor Griffin, of Oxford, came as a great shock, and sincere sympathy is felt for his wife, Barbara, and the three small children so tragically bereaved. His ringing career started at Purton, Wiltshire, in 1946, and he was a very keen and apt pupil. He regularly attended the Rodbourne Cheney practices and rang his first peal there in 1947. Other peals soon followed and he called his first peal (Bob Minor) at Lydiard Millicent in 1951. Victor was an excellent ringer and striker and took part in a number of multi-method peals of Surprise Major with Tony Peake's band, culminating in the 165-method peal. He had rung about 220 peals and it is thought that his last peal was at Stratton St. Margaret in December, 1968. Soon afterwards he was taken ill and was unable to do any ringing. On his marriage he went to live at Stratton St. Margaret and both he and Barbara were members of the band there and fully entered into the life of the church. moving to Oxford he became attached to the Cathedral and St. Aldate's Church. The funeral took place at St. Swithun's Church, Kennington, on March 4th and a number of ringers attended to pay their last respects to a fine ringer and good companion. Oxford University Society was represented by R. A. Yeates, J. R. Pratt and Misses J. and S. Unsworth, and the Oxford Guild by C. Coles, L. H. Busby and P. J. Heritage. Ringers from the Swindon area were Miss A. D. O'Brien, B. Mrs. Kynaston. A half-muffled peal was rung in memoriam at Stratford St. Mar-W. B. K.

MR. HERBERT W. KNIGHT

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has lost one of its stalwarts by the passing of Mr. Herbert W. Knight, of Wrington, whose funeral at Redhill Church on March 3 was attended by about 40 ringers among the large congregation.

For 36 years he was captain at Wrington Parish Church and from 1929 to 1968 was ringing master of the Chew Deanery Branch. He was also chairman of the branch until his death. Life membership was conferred upon him by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in 1964 in recognition of his outstanding services.

A memoir by J. B. will appear in our next issue.

MR. LEONARD OFFORD

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Leonard Offord, of Lavenham, Suffolk, who died in the West Suffolk General Hospital on March 5 at the age of 65 years.

Len was taught to ring in 1930 by the late Mr. Arthur Symonds and continued to be a regular member of the local band until 1965, when acute arthritis prevented

him from climbing the tower.

On the evening of the funeral service, which was followed by cremation, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the bells with half-muffled clappers.

M. T. S.

MR. FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL

Fred Crapnell, who died on February 24, 1970, aged 88 years, was laid to rest in the churchyard by the side of his wife, who predeceased him by 34 years. Among the very many beautiful floral tributes was one from the local band and another from the Suffolk Guild of Ringers. The bells were rung by the local band before the service with the clappers half-muffled and again after the committal by others of the Suffolk Guild. The next day a half-muffled quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung for morning service by the local band.

Fred's list of peals is not a long one. He rang 47 for the Suffolk Guild and a few for the Norwich Diocesan Association. Neither did he aspire to advanced methods, being content to ring the standard methods of his time. He was always punctual to ring for Sunday service and practice. His last ringing was a few weeks before Christ-

mas.

To mention Fred's many good deeds one hardly knows where to begin and certainly not where to finish. He was the clockwinder and churchwarden years, and later churchwarden until his death. When he came to Grundisburgh a local wag told him he would not remain six months, but he was here

until his passing, 57 years later.

Among the family mourners were his brother Harry, now over 90, and his sister, who, although elderly, had of late nursed

who, although elderly, had of late nursed him so lovingly. As a blacksmith, he had been a hard-working man and owned and worked the village smithy until two years ago, when his health began to deteriorate. It will never be known how many thousands of horses he had shod before those noble animals were replaced with mechanical contrivances, but it is known that if occasionally one of an unruly nature came along he always got the right side of it with kindness, yes, kindness to all God's creations, human beings and dumb creatures alike. To the writer, kindness seemed to be the keynote of Fred's life.

Included in his many other interests were working his allotment and the garden at his sister's residence and playing bowls for

the local team.

Fred was never seen ruffled but he always had a cheery word for everybody and was part and parcel of the village, a friend of all, enemy of none.

May he rest in eternal peace.

J. B.

MR. JOSEPH PIGOTT

Mr. Joseph Pigott, who was living in Smethwick, died on February 15 in his 90th year. He had been a ringer for about 70 years and rang in the Worcester Diocese. Between 1900 and 1920 seven members of the Pigott family were ringers at Smethwick old church (now without bells), and Joseph conducted many peals, including 5040 "mixed minor" (according to a newspaper cutting). Further details will be published later.

The year's at the spring,
And day's at the morn,
Morning's at seven;
The hillside's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in his heaven—
All's right with the world.

Browning.

A HISTORY OF SPLICED MINOR

By C. A. WRATTEN

(Continued from page 189)

PART V: THE HUNDRED AND BEYOND

IN October, 1937, while Cheshire still held the record with the 73-method peal at Fairfield, a peal had been rung in 21 methods at Dunholme by

1 Harold Marcon 2 Mrs. J. Bray 3 Charles McGuiness

5 Jack Bray 5 Jack L. Millhouse 6 George E. Feirn (Conductor)

Then, while Vernon Taylor's and John Worth's bands were pushing the number of methods ever higher, this third band slowly built up its total. A month after the 84-method peal at Disley they scored 43 methods at Elsham, Frank Lord now ringing the treble in place of Harold Marcon.

One of the extents was a new arrangement by A. G. Driver in 12 plain methods. Further new extents from the same composer were included in peals in 49 methods at Elsham in November, 1938, and in 53 methods at Bassingham in December.

Sixty methods followed in April, 1939, and 70 (with yet another new extent by Driver) a month later. The record was now in sight, and it seemed that it needed only two or three more peals for it to be reached.

100 METHODS

It turned out to need only one. On June 16, 1939, George Feirn called a peal in no fewer than 100 methods at Bassingham: 102 methods followed eight days later, at Leadenham, and on July 17 104 methods were brought round at Bigby.

It was not, however, simply a question of learning two new methods on each occasion for these last two peals. In each case a familiar 720 had to be dropped and a new one substituted; the first "substitute" was in 12 methods, and the second in 13. Four of the extents in the final peal were the work of Driver, while the remaining three had been arranged from Driver's tables by Kenneth Lewis.

But now even Driver and the hardly less resourceful Lewis had reached their limits. Within the arbitrary but universally accepted limitations whereby only "regular" methods were included, it did not seem possible to add even one method to this wonderful performance. Once again the practical ringers had caught up with the composers, on the results of whose labours they must always ultimately depend.

There remained only one thing to be done, and the Lincolnshire company did it. On July 26 they met once again at Bigby and proceeded to repeat the 104-method peal they had rung just over a week earlier. But this time there was a modification, for in the middle they rang the two extents they had earlier been forced to drop. The result was a 6480 in 125 methods, rung in three hours and twenty-six minutes.

Barely a month later German troops marched into Poland. Britain and France mobilised and, on September 3, war was declared. There could scarcely have been a more dramatic curtain.

AFTER THE WAR

When the Second World War finally ended in 1945 peal-ringing was slow in building up to its former level. However, three of the prewar North Lincolnshire band—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and George Feirn—started to meet at Burton-on-Stather and Cleatham to ring handbells. In May, 1938, they had rung the first peal of Spliced Minor in hand, a 5000 in 19 methods conducted by George Feirn, and on this foundation they began to build.

Kenneth Lewis had already produced a new extent in 16 Little and Alliance methods, making it possible to include 105 methods in seven extents. This was one more than had been rung at Bigby in July, 1939, and it naturally became a target.

A tentative peal in 14 plain methods was rung at Cleatham at the end of September. 1946, but the band did not really get down to business until the following year. Once they did start, however, their progress was determined and rapid. Gone were the small steps of the past, when an extra five or ten methods would have been added to each successful peal. Instead it took only three gigantic leaps to achieve the goal.

In January, 1947, George Feirn called 53 methods Four months later a peal was recorded in 91 methods. And finally on June 30th a new record of 105 methods in seven extents was set up by

extents was set up by
1-2 Mrs, J. Bray
3-4 George E. Feirn (Conductor)
5-6 Jack Bray

The concept of the Blitzkrieg seemed to have been adopted in ringing, at least by this band. Eight years later they were to demonstrate it once more.

THE COPT OAK RECORD

But before that occurred the centre of interest was to move, for the first time, away from the traditional rivals of Lincolnshire and Cheshire.

Leicestershire had long had a tradition of peal ringing on the higher numbers, but its six-bell men had never made much of a mark in the Exercise. The first peal of Minor in more than seven methods in the county had not been rung until 1936, and even that had been by the Algarkirk band, conducted on that occasion by Cyril Burrell, During 1938 John Bluff had called pea's in 12 and 14 methods, but there had otherwise been little of note.

However, late in 1949, the local band at Copt Oak, consisting of

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1 Stanley R. Gardner
2 Samuel A. Martin
3 C. William Hall
4 John A. Underwood
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began to practise Spliced Minor. In the course
of seven peals during 1950 they increased
their total from 25 methods to 80. In March,
1951, they rang 94 methods, and on April 26
(at the fourth attempt within a week) they
became the first band to ring 105 methods in
a 5000 on tower bells.

Then, just as the Lincolnshire company had done 12 years earlier at Bigby, they added the two "extra" extents to give a 6480. But on this occasion it was of course in 126 methods. rather than 125, and thus constituted a new record. It was rung at Copt Oak, where all the previous peals by this band had been rung, on June 30. One of the extra extents was actually a new one, composed by George Feirn and consisting of 11 Little and Alliance methods.

(To be continued)

The Society of Rambling Ringers

REUNION AND DINNER

This year's reunion was held in the Burton-on-Trent/Derby area on February 14. Although the weather was extremely cold about 40 members enjoyed ringing at Burton-on-Trent (St. Paul's, St. Modwen's, All Saints') and Winshill, Horninglow, Rolleston, finishing at Repton, and we thank the local incumbents and ringing masters who arranged the towers, and the ringers who were kind enough to meet us.

The dinner was at the Coppice Hotel. Littleover, and a very good meal was enjoyed by 35 members. The annual meeting was presided over by Mr. D. Frith, who welcomed the members. The balance sheet was adopted and in the ringing master's report Mr. R. H. Cook said the 1969 tour had gone quite well, in spite of the large number of ringers present. The method sheets had produced an increase in the variety of methods rung. During the year one peal (of Minor) has been rung for the Society at Branston.

An alteration in the Society's rules was debated and on being put to the vote was passed. The election of officers for 1970 resulted as follows: president, Mr. D. Frith: ringing master, Mr. D. Mottershead; secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. B. Mills; peal secretary, Mr. M. Vernon; committee member, Mr. F. Jackson.

For the 1971 reunion Nottingham was chosen and Mr. Mottershead pointed out that this will occur in the 21st year of the Society's existence. It is hoped that many people will make the effort to attend.

R. B. M.

Salisbury Guild

MEMORIAL MEETING

The West Dorset Branch "Langford-Beams-Cox" memorial meeting was held at Bradpole on February 21, when seven towers were represented and many visitors welcomed. Ringing was supervised by the masters and the choral Guild service was conducted by Mr. T. Andrews, the Rev. J. Barrington-Wood giving the address, in which he paid tribute to the memory of the three ringers who had done so much to lift the standard of change-ringing in the branch.

Following the tea, which had been prepared and served by the local ringers and other lady helpers, the chairman (Mr. C. W. Powell) gave details of future meetings, which included the Guild festival at Bridport in May. Beaminster and Stoke Abbott are to be visited in April.

The branch officers expressed thanks to the Bradpole ringers for arranging this the annual memorial meeting. J. D.



VETERANS OF THE EXERCISE
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker and
Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens have each
completed over 50 years' service as
bellringers. The R.W. photographed
them at the recent Reading Branch
meeting of the Oxford Diocesan
Guild that they have served faithfully
and who are proud to count them
among their senior members.

Letters

REPEATED CHANGES

Dear Sir,-On page 985 of The Ringing World of December 19, 1969, David Parsons went into the question of repeated changes not being allowed in peals. fully expected a flood of correspondence on the subject from some of the more eminent members of the peal ringing fra-ternity, and I was looking forward to some interesting reading. As the point raised by David seems to have gone unnoticed, I take it upon myself to bring it back into circulation.

I would say that composers produce compositions because they feel that they are creating something with a difference (i.e. they consider their newly-produced composition has a point or points which is new or produced in a different way, whether it be musical or calling simplified). One usually sees a smile or two in the belfry when musical changes such as Queens, Whittingtons and Tittums occur. Well, if they are so musical and enjoyable, is there any reason why we should not enjoy a composition whereby the composer can produce them as often as he wishes? This would surely produce peals

the last paragraph of his letter.

He also says, and I quote: "It might present an even harder task than the present one if bells were required to be static whilst watching their cue from other work to resume movement. One could also envisage fast and slow movements, repeated themes and other musical forms.

of artistic merit rather than mathematical

padding to which Mr. Parsons refers in

I have read this paragraph several times but am not quite sure what he had in mind. Perhaps he would like to expand his thoughts and create a clearer picture of his ideas.

I also hope that others will take up the subject, whether they be in favour or against. I am sure this topic will produce some most interesting reading, and in time perhaps we will have much greater scope, with some most pleasing compositions for peal ringers.—Yours faithfully,

R. C. STEVENS

Priorslea, Salop.

A PROUD PLANTAGENET

Dear Sir. - With reference to the interesting article on page 162 of The Ringing World on the tragic life and death of the Countess of Salisbury, I must point out that Richard, Duke of Gloucester, was death of his brother, the Duke of Clarence, whose death was ordered by Edward IV because of Clarence not, in all probability, responsible for the treason. Most authors on the subject, including some who were biased against Richard, admit that he tried to prevent his brother's death. Incidentally, the use of the word 'Crookback" or "Crouchback" is probably incorrect, as there is no contemporary evidence to suggest that Richard III was a hunchback.

The story of the Countess of Salisbury is certainly a tragic one, but this cannot be blamed on Richard III, who treated her generously during his short reign, and even made her brother Edward his heir when his own son died. Her fate was similar to that of the other Yorkist heirs, who were systematically eliminated by Henry VII and Henry VIII.—Yours faithfully,

Leeds, Yorkshire.

M. G. DODSON.

KIDDERMINSTER S. MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,-I was surprised to see a peal of Kidderminster Surprise Maximus in March 13 Ringing World which consisted of only 5042 changes. Surely it is simpler and more musical to ring ten full courses than to fiddle about with courses of unfamiliar length and sound just to ring as little as possible. Furthermore, since to bring this method round at a backstroke snap would mean calling it round after the course-end, I see no obvious way of obtaining this particular length.—Yours faith-

GRAHAM POLLARD.

Croydon, Surrey.

THE PEAL RINGER

Dear Sir,-I am becoming rather tired of the continual stream of letters deni-grating "the peal ringer." I cannot agree that a person must either be a peal ringer or be a Sunday service ringer. Most peal ringers are able to combine the two quite successfully and often the peal ringers will be among the most regular attenders for

Sunday service ringing at their towers. Surely there is nothing wrong in gaining pleasure from a personal achievement, whether or not it is connected with a Church activity. We would be very discontented and dull people if we never allowed ourselves to get any sense of satisfaction from our own achievements in life. It seems quite obvious to me, from his letter, that Mr. Bevis gets a great deal of satisfaction from the fact that he has taught many people to ring over the last 23 years and that the majority of these have shown no interest in either peal ringing or in their local association. This is no less a personal achievement than is the

ringing of a peal.

Personally, I feel it is a great pity that so few ringers from March, over the last 168 years, have taken part in peal ringing. In fact I would be ashamed if so few of the people who learn at our tower progressed to a sufficiently high standard to be able to ring peals. Our own learners must have rung a quarter peal on an inside bell before even being made full members of the band. This is to ensure a good standard of service ringing on Sundays.

I am unable to see the virtue in the fact that so few of the ringers from March have taken an interest in their local association. Surely this is a very inward-looking and "I'm all right, Jack" sort of attitude. Apart from the pleasure to be gained from meeting other ringers in the area and ringing with them, active members of associations do a lot of work to help other towers in their area. Perhaps, Mr. Bevis, your band might just be able to give this help in your area.

May I end by saying that there are hundreds of people up and down the country who regularly give of their time to teach others to ring, to encourage Sunday service ringing and at the same time enjoy peal ringing. Surely it is the duty of every single one of us to put to the best possible use the abilities with which we have been blessed, whether they lie in the field of peal ringing, gardening, stamp collecting or whatever hobby Mr. Bevis enjoys. We would only be less than complete people if we did not.—Yours faithfully,

KATHERINE S. HARDY. St. Albans, Herts.

[This correspondence is now closed.]

SPLICED MINOR

Dear Sir,-Mr. Wratten, in his article on Spliced Minor (Ringing World, page 189), quotes from a letter from the Rev. E. Bankes James to The Ringing World (July, 1920), in which I am given credit for the idea of splicing Alliance and Little methods together to obtain 720s. All I did, in fact, was to write out a lead of a method (subsequently named "Yaxley Alliance" in the C.C. Collection) and show it to him; he explained to me why it would not produce a 720, then promptly had the idea of splicing it with Little Bob. It was very generous of my old schoolmaster and tutor to credit me with the disto him. Perhaps you will find room for my somewhat belated disclaimer!—Yours faithfully, C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushev Heath, Herts.

GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,-All who are fond of ringing Grandsire Caters must be grateful for the publication, in your issue of March 13, of the interesting quarter peals. These com-positions help to remind us, once again, of the great variety of musical possibility provided by this very simple but most rewarding method.

A quick glance at the figures shows two small typographical errors. The opening course of No. 2 should be 1.4.5., while in the 1313 the first course-end comes by

1.5. and not by 1s.

These quarter peals are well worth preserving, and it might add to their interest if we could be told their sources. To me each of them is quite new. -Yours faith-

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD Warminster, Wilts.

PROGRESS AT ROCHFORD

Miss L. P. Woodcock, of Rochford, Essex, writes concerning the article printed in The Ringing World entitled "Rochford's Pro-

gress":—
"I would like to point out that Mr. Philip Bedford first joined Rochford's ringing band during 1969, after we acquired the new ring of eight bells. Mr. Eric Lucas had been the tower captain from 1966 and was responsible for teaching the present band but left the county in September last, and Mr. Bedford was then elected."

Dear Sir, — It was very kind of the author of "Progress at Rochford" (page 168, March 6) to write such a glowing account of my activities at that tower. However, I think it only fair to point out that the real pioneering work was put in by the first captain, Eric Lucas, who broke the back of the job by training a young Sunday service band on the original three bells. I only came into the picture after the light eight were installed in October. 1968, and then only in a method-teaching capacity. I did not become captain unti Eric left the district in September, 1969.— I did not become captain until Yours faithfully,

PHILIP BEDFORD

Nuneaton, Warwicks.

A sadder and a wiser man He rose the morrow morn. -COLERIDGE

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The people we meet . . .

Travelling by Roya! Blue to and from Birmingham (six hours each way) for the Henry Johnson dinner, the editor was well looked after by the drivers of the coaches, and in consequence of a conversation over a sandwich it was evinced that one of the drivers ("30 years with the company, the oldest-but-one of its drivers and a medallion to prove it") had learnt to ring 44 years ago at Collaton St. Mary, Devon. Driver L. P. Parnell rang call-changes and Doubles on the lovely ring of five and did so for four years—till he was 18.

Why did he give it up? Well, shift work prevented regular attendance. "Twopence a week to the fund for outings and meetings—and we did enjoy ourselves!" Why not have another go? "Maybe when retirement comes along, but I always listen whenever I hear bells ringing even now. I know a good bit of striking when I hear it."

Also travelling—a very attractive trainee nurse (Pat Longhurst), age 20 and complete with maxi-coat, en route to Emsworth for Mothers Day and carrying a large box of fudge "which Mother enjoys!" "Bells? Oh no! Well, they're all right at home and outside London, but when I go on duty at Fulham Hospital in the morning and the bells start we all could scream! We don't appreciate them then, but maybe it's after the late night parties."

The second driver: "Mothers Day? That's for my kids to see to. I don't get anything for Fathers Day. Still, I've got a couple of Mars bars

5040 SPLICED DOUBLES (135 methods) Rung at Barrowby, Lincoln, on December 4, 1969 Conducted by P. A. Slight

Being 135 methods in the following 42 extents:-(1) Reverse Bob, Canterbury Bob; (2) Lincolnshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Kent, Rutland, Northamptonshire, Northumberland; (3) Cornwall, Wainfleet, Cheshire; (4) Maltby, Chevasse, Callender, Montgomeryshire; (5) Intwood, Broughton, Ockham, Strelley, Lyng, Chesham, Knapton; (6) Colnbrook, Ship-way's, Tandridge; (7) Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon; (8) Great Dalby, Long Clawson, All Saints; (9) Runemede, All Saints, Berkshire; (10) Claypole, Bracebridge Heath, Reverse St. Sebastian; (11) Colne, Reverse St. Sebastian, Bristol; (12) Frithville Yaddlethorpe, Minster; (13) Cambridgeshire, Minster, Buckinghamshire; (14) Bag Enderby, Hagworthingham, Reverse St. Bartholomew; (15) Poyle, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Bedfordshire; (16) Candlesby, Plain Bob, Boxford; (17) Raveningham, Reverse Canterbury, Dorton; (18) Ellingham, Oakley, Chipstead, Screveton, Bedingham, Itchingfield, Forncett; (19) New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Blaisdon; (20) Haddiscoe, Thornborough, Hascombe, Ossington, Harpley, Longford, Fundenhall; (21) St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley; (22) Casthorpe, Bedfont, Boveney, Londonthorpe, Nunthorpe, Eton, Manthorpe; (23) Reverse Union, Reverse St. Faith, Reverse St. Julian, St. Owen Place; (24) Welford, Slapton, Rugby, Braywood, Longworth, Merton, Sutton-on-Trent; (25) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury; (26) Stedman S.C. St. Botolph, Coxwell Place: (27) Reverse Huntspill Newton, St. Andrew; (28) Reverse St. Vedast, Helpringham, St. Gregory; (29) Thurlby, Braceborough, Honington; (30) Reverse New Bob, Ancaster, St. Alphage; (31) St. Faith, Reverse Winchendon, Stowe Place, Reverse St. Martin; (32) St. Julian, Reverse St. Remigius, Datchet, Reverse St. Osmund; (33) Reverse St. Owen, Sempringham, Tallington, Chapel-en-le-Frith; (34) Union, Reverse St. Nicholas, Uffington, Reverse St. Simon; (35) Stedman; (36) Grandsire; (37-42) Plain Bob.

(New methods, page 13, R.W.)



Photo by Pocklington Times.

CUP WINNERS

On February 14 the Beverley and District Ringing Society held its annual meeting at Beverley and about 90 attended. The vicar (Canon S. Walker) conducted the service, and at the meeting the Society's chaplain, Rev. G. C. Galley, Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels, North Hull, presented the Albert Sellers memorial cup to Mr. Norman Chaddock, captain of the Market Weighton ringers, who won the trophy as the most improved team during the year.

In the picture (left to right): Andrew Kneeshaw, Ian Peacock, Raymond East, Norman Chaddock (receiving the cup), David Smith, Elsie Chaddock, Marjorie Duffil, Rev. G. C. Galley, Charles Frankish and Peter Carpenter.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild

TWO TO ONE

In spite of the snow 17 ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Rutland Branch held at Gretton on March 7.

At the business meeting it was decided to continue the custom of having a branch outing on August Bank Holiday Monday. It was also decided to hold a branch dinner later in the year. A proposal that the Guild dinner should be held every year again after last year's lapse was carried by two votes for to one against, something of a Pyrrhic victory for the Guild dinner!

Looking forward to 1971, it was unanimously agreed to invite the Guild to hold its A.G.M. at Uppingham. Next meeting, Ashwell and Whissendine in May. C.E.B.

NOW NON-ASSOCIATION

We have been informed that as a result of a decision made at a recent committee meeting of the Lancashire Association the peal of 5120 Spliced Surprise Major (four methods) rung at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on March 8, 1969, conducted by C. L. D. Munday and appearing in the R.W. (April 11, 1969), is not accepted as being rung for the Lancashire Association, as no peal booking fee has been received.

BIRMINGHAM DINNER

Those attending the 82nd Henry Johnson commemoration dinner were: Rt. Rev. George Sinker (Provost of Birmingham Cathedral, chairman) and Mrs. Sinker, Rt. Rev. Laurence Brown (Bishop of Birmingham) and Mrs. Brown, Miss Muriel Reay (master of the Guild), Mr. Roderick Pipe (ringing master), Ven. Vernon Nicholls (Archdeacon of Birmingham) and Mrs. Nicholls, Canon Harry Hartley and Mrs. Hartley, Mr. C. W. Denyer, Mr. John Freeman, Mr. Richard J. Tibbetts.

Also: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. P. Border, Mr. and Mrs. A. Crabiree, Mr. and Mrs. P. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. V. Green, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hallifax, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. P. Randall, Air Commodore J. S. Mason and Mrs. P. Randall, Air Commodore J. S. Mason and Mrs. P. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. P. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. P. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. A. Woolley. Mesdames M. Barron, M. Mason, B. Thomas, C. Hewitt: Misses J. Beresford, J. M. Aston, J. Bowskill, J. Coussens, M. Thow, B. Millhouse; Messrs. R. Aldington, D. Beresford, A. Burley, C. Chester, R. J. Goodman, R. K. Mason, W. Leeson, J. Millhouse, J. McDonald, A. V. Pearson, W. B. R. Ellender, J. Perry, M. Preece, D. J. Purnell, F. Perrens, E. Spence, W. Williams, Rev. H. K. Sly, N. Summerhayes.

Quarter Peals

ALLOA, CLACKS. - On Feb. 28, 1260 Doubles (two methods): Miss M. Wilson (first quarter) 1, J. M. Preston 2, Miss J. Cleeve 3, H. Glover 4, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 5, Mrs. D. Preston 6.

AMPORT, HANTS .- On March 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Wiltshire 1, J. Tarrant 2, M. Routh 3, J. Wimlett 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, W. Godden 6. To welcome a son, Charles, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Routh

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.-On March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Sally Staines 1, Betty C. Haselgrove 2, Anne Daughtry 3, Jean Daughtry 4, P. M. Wills 5, P. Stevens (cond.) 6. For Evensong. First in method for 1. 3 and 4.

ASHCOTT, SOM,-On March 10, 1320 St. Bartho-Mrs. L. Parker 6. To welcome Andrew Keith, son of the ringer of the 3rd, and a birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

ASH-IN-MARTOCK, SOM. — On Feb. 28, 1260 Doubles (five methods): I. Calvert 1, Helen Haines 2, B. Ellery 3, R. Haines 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, R Williamson 6

ASTLEY, WARKS. — On March 6, 1260 Doubles (April Day, Plain, Grandsire); G. Edmands 1, J. Draycott 2, Joy Pluckrose 3, G. Pluckrose (cond.) In memoriam Mrs. Gladys Hall, head-J. Evans 5. mistress of village school for 32 years.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET, - On Feb. 25, Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Penman 1, Mrs. Bugler (first quarter) 2, J. T. Barrett 3, Miss J. Atkey 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, I. Calvert 6. To congratulate Rev. V. Galloway on being appointed a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On March 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, K. Westwood 3, R. Prime 4, L. Luck 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. welcome to the new organist and choirmaster, Mr W. Major (formerly of St. Giles, Cripplegate).

RAYNE, ESSEX .- On Feb. 22, 1260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain): Josephine A. Brown 1, A. R. Syder 2, J. Green 3, R. Threadgold 4, C. H. Gilling-P. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On March 11, 1280 Plain Bob Major: A. Simkin I, Jennifer M. Millbank 2, Josephine A. Brown 3, J. Green 4, C. J. Barker 5, Roper 6, M. Downes 7, P. G. Brown (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK .- On Jan. 25, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Leech 1, Mary Christian 2, R. Lockwood 3, Rev. L. Pizzey 4, R. Whittell (cond.) 5, S. Christian 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 8, 1260 College Bob and Plain Bob Minor: B. Crouch 1, K. Dakin 2, R. Lockwood 3, S. Christian 4, R. Southgate 5, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and birthday compliment to M. Whittell. Also on 22, 1260 Ipswich Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: Cheryl Lay 1, J. Hollins 2, S. Christian 3, A. Munnings 4, Rev. L. Pizzey 5, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and birthday compliments to Mrs. M. E. Whittell and N. Whittell.

BRINKLOW, WARKS .- On Feb. 12, 1260 Doubles (first inside) 2, R. Joy Pluckrose 3, G. Pluckrose 4, D. W. Mountford (first as cond.) 5, Olga Howes 6. Most methods for 1, 2 and 5

BURITON, HANTS .- On March 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Roberts 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Mrs H. deCombe (first inside) 3, H. deCombe 4, Rev. P. Gallup (first inside) 5, D. Brown 6.

CAERLEON, MON .- On March 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary E. Owen 1, R. E. G. Wilkinson 2, P. R. Mason 3, M. Esbester 4, D. L. Phillips (cond.) 5, F. Greedy 6. For Evensong on St. David's Day.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY. - On March 1, 1260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Brown 1, Carol Gosling 2, Diane Wickens 3, A. J. Ede 4, E. Brazier 5, G. Wickens 6. In honour of Mr. W. King's 70th birthday (March 1).

CHIGWELL TOUR, February 28, 1970

LONDON, E .- At St. George-in-the-East, 1260 Bob Minor: Linda J. West 1, J. C. West 2, A. S. Baker Lesley A. Warwick 4, G. H. Walker (cond.) 5, Marion A. Cass 6.

CHISWICK, MIDDX.-1260 Bob Minor: Linda West 1, Lesley A. Warwick 2, Marion A. Cass 3, G. H. Walker 4, J. C. West 5, A. S. Baker (cond.) 6.

SHEPPERTON, MIDDX.-1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Bob): Linda J. West (first Doubles and of two methods) 1, G. H. Walker 2, Marion A. Cass (first in two methods as cond.) 3, Lesley A, Warwick 4, A. S. Baker 5.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND,-On Feb. 24. 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Eilbeck 1, Vera Bell 2, J. E. Brown 3, D. Sim 4, Mary Dodd 5, G. Tembey (cond.) 6. J. Robinson 7.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.-On March 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Andrews 1, D. Martin (first Minor) 2, A. Gibbons 3, A. Wright 4, D. Cobb (first Minor as cond.) 5, H. Millatt 6, For St. David's Also on March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Andrews 1, A. Gibbons 2, C. Baker (first Minor inside) 3, A. Wright 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, D. When 6. For Mothering Sunday.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX .-- At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 15, 1280 London Surprise Major, W. Yvonne Towler 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. W. Fairhead 4. B. Vaughan 5, N. Avis 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, J. Towler 8. For Evensong on Quadragesima Sunday,

CRESWELL, DERBYS .- On March 6, 1250 Superlative S. Major: C. Newton 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, M. S. Turner 4, A. Beaumont 5, N. Donovan 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.-On March 8, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: G. C. King 1, J. Armstrong 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, P. A. Church (first quarter) 4, W. Inch (first inside) 5, Janet Pullen 6, R. Copleston 7, P. J. Bloomfield (first as cord.) 8. For Evensong.

DITCHEAT, SOM.—On March 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Lintern 1, W. T. Higgins 2, Miss S. A. Mayell 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, J. Kingsnorth 5, R. S. Tucker 6, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 7, C. P. Wainwright 8 For Mothering Sunday,

DUNKERTON, SOM .- On Feb. 28, 1260 Doubles (five methods): J. Riley 1, Monica Horseman 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, Helen Kirkpatrick 4, Susan Willis 5. B. Goodliffe 6.

FAR HEADINGLEY, YORKS. - At St. Chad's Church, on Feb. 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor (with cover): R. Atkinson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Skelton 2, J. Allen 3, G. Smith 4, R. Roberts 5, E. Johnson E. Johnson (cond.) 6, A. Johnson cover. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Idwal-Jenkins, former curate,

DUNSTER, SOM .-- On March 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: V. Gunter 1, G. Maidment 2, B V. Rogers 3, K. E. Meddick 4, G. Sparkes 5, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 6, H. W. Lloyd (cond.) 7, G. Frost 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Tudball, churchwarden and ringer for over 50 years.

GEDLING, NOTTS .- On March 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dawson 1, S. M. O'Neill 2, P. R. Wild 3, S. Rippon 4, J. R. Anthony (cond.) 5, J. R. Rigby 6.

GOATHURST, SOM .- On March 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Norman 1, C. F. Norman 2, M. J. Fackrell 3, F. C. Fackrell 4, D. K. Lane (cond.) 5, H. C. L. Meade 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6. To welcome the birth of Andrea to Mr. and Mrs. E. J.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHS. - On March 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. Roberts 1, Norah M. Randles 2, E. M. R. Williams 3, H. Cartwright 4, G. H. Randles (cond.) 5, T. S. Randles 6, E. Evans 7, R. Jarvis 8. For the 50th anniversary of Disestablishment of the Church in Wales.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX .- On Feb. 15, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. Windridge 1, Mrs. E. K. Hart 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, Mrs. Joan Hooton 4, H. G. Hart J. Smith 6, F. Smith (cond.) 7, P. Hooton 8. For Sunday service, and a 21st birthday compliment to treble ringer.

HARTING, SUSSEX,-On Feb. 18, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Tipper 1, Jennifer L. Quaife 2, A. Reeves (first Surprise) 3, P. M. Wills 4, P. Stevens 5, R. B. Walton (cond.) 6. Congratulations to Prisca and Les Tremcer on the birth of their second son.

HESSLE, YORKS .- On March 8, 1260 Minor (Plain, Little, St. Clement's): J. C. Hope 1, G. F. Gardiner 2, G. P. Horton 3, K. Gatman 4, A. Hessey 5, R. R. Horton (50th quarter, 25th as cond.) 6. First in three methods 2, 3, 4, 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Jim Stirk, who died the previous Friday,

HUNTINGTON, YORK.—On March 8, 1260 Pl.
Bob Minor: Judith P. McGhie (first Minor) 1, Lyz Ewan 2, D. A. D. Glegg 3, Mrs. Mollie Toy 4, J.

Blacktop 5, D. E. Potter (cond.) 6.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On March 1. Cambridge Surprise Minor: Anne E. Lambert (first T.B.) 1, J. N. Lambert 2, D. Kirkcaldy (first Surprise) 3, J. Kirkcaldy 4, H. W. Brown 5, P. D. Hepburn (cond., first Surprise Minor) 6. To celebrate the 100th birthday (Feb. 14, 1970) of Mrs. A. Poundsbery. HYTHE, KENT. — On Jan. 25, 1260 Grandsire

Triples: J. Hemsley 1, R. A. Birch 2, Mrs. A. Berry 3, Miss P. A. Court 4, H. Deacon 5, P. Staples 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8. A farewell to Miss Court, leaving for West Pakistan.

ILMINSTER, SOM .- On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsite Triples: G. Novell 1, Mrs. R. J. Dean 2, Reg Welch 3, Mrs. A. K. Grabham 4, Roy Welch 5, R. Beale 6, J. Dean (cond.) 7, T. Hill 8. For Evensong; also a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Stenner, ringer

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK .- At St. Margaret's Church, on Feb. 20, 1344 London Surprise Major: L. P. Brain Margaret Egglestone 2, Rev. B. Redgers 3, R. L. Whittell 4, Rev. L. R. Pizzey 5, A. J. Munnings 6, A. T. Beckwith 7, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 8. First of London for 2, 3 and 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.-On March 6, 1260 Stedman Doubles: H. Miles (cond.) 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, W. R. Curtis 3, T. E. Howarth (first of Stedman Doubles) 4, F. M. Bowers 5, J. J. George 6. To mark ten years as Vicar of Lelant by Rev. P. S. Gagg.

LEYTONSTONE, LONDON.-On March 1, Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Brown 1, L. M. Waring 3, W. Theobald (cond.) 4, D. Tovell 5, G. Walker 6, A. Nash 7, C. Willmington 8. First in method 1, 3, 5. For Holy Baptism service.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS .- At the Cathedral, on Feb. 1620 Pl. Bob Royal: P. Sedgwick 1, J. Sanders 2, M. Townsend 3, M. Ellwood 4, L. Smith 5, B. Key (cond.) 6, J. B. Webb 7, M. Sherwood 8, C. T. Collins 9, J. Allen 10, Rung for installation of Rt. Rev. George E. Holderness into the Deanery of the Cathedral Church of SS, Mary and Chad, Lichfield,

LLANDAFF, GLAM .- At the Cathedral, on Feb. 22. 1260 Grandsire Triples: Zoe Macmillan 1, Anne Cooke 2, J. W. Ball 3, F. W. Corney 4, N. A. James 5, S. Fenwick 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, J. James 8. For Evensong.

LONDON, W.C.-At St. Clement Danes', on Mar. 1253 Stedman Caters: P. Norman 1, P. Bosworth 2, G. H. Jones 3, D. A. Town 4, P. G. Holden 5. J. R. Ketteringham 6, N. Thomson 7, J. E. Andrews E. J. Dennis (cond.) 9, Carol Martin 10. By U.L.S.C.R. for Evensong.

LONGDON, WORCS.-On March 4, 1272 Durham Minor: F. Lawrence 1, B. Spiers 2, D. Price 3, H. N. Evans 4, M. S. Hawkes (cond.) 5, J. Clements First in the method by all.

LOXTON, SOM .- On March 4, 1272 St. Clement's Bob Minor: A. Perry I, Susan Stott 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, J. Trimm 4, C. Field 5, J. Sheppard (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3 and 4.

LYMM, CHESHIRE -On Feb. 19, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Nigel J. Moore 1, P. Harris (first quarter) 2, Mrs. K. Mather (first quarter) 3, D. W. Kirkpatrick 4, J. Moore (cond.) 5, R. Harris 6. First on the bells by a local band since the bells were rehung.

LYNDHURST, HANTS .- On Feb. 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. East 1, B. Peachey 2, G. Hartless 3, J. Hartless 4, K. Tatt (first as cond.) 5, D. Bond (first quarter) 6. A farewell to Keith and Frances Tatt prior to sailing for Cape Town, South Africa

BELL ROPES

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MARSTON, OXON.-On March 1, 1260 St. David's Doubles: Maureen A. Long (first quarter, first attempt) 1, L. R. Porter (cond.) 2, I. M. M. O'Reilly 3, M. Bolton 4, R. H. Jones 5. For St. David's Day. MAVESYN, STAFFS.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Stedman Doubles: C. M. Smith (cond.) 1, L. Monk 2, J. Dol-man 3, C. T. Collins 4, J. B. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Bowen 6. Half-muffled in memoriam F. Mottram,

local churchwarden and bellringer.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.-At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Feb. 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stewart 1, M. Lawrence 2, R. Turner 3, Kate Branson 4, M. Scowen 5, J. Roper 6, H. Rossell (cond.) 7, F. English 8. Also on Feb. 25, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: F. English 1. M. Lawrence 2, G. Stewart 3. D. Heyes 4, J. Roper 5, M. Scowen 6, R. Turner (cond.) 7, H.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON. -- At All Saints Church, on March 3, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Jane M. Danson 1, A. V. Mead 2, E. G. Evans 3, R. T. Corker 4, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 5, C. W. J. East 6. A farewell to the treble ringer, leaving the district

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On March 2, 1260 Antelope Doubles: J. G. Edgson 1, W. C. Budd 2, P. M. Edgson 3, C. M. Povey 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, M. D. Fiander 6. First in method for all. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Nellie Edgson (died Feb. 21), mother of third and grandmother of treble Also on March 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Clarke (first quarter) 1, Carol A Eveleigh 2, Anne Rigby (first Grandsire inside) 3, Joan M. Cheney 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, K. Rigby 6. Confirmation

NEWINGTON, KENT. - On Feb. 27, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Helen Rowland (first T.B.) 1, Judy Brooks 2, K. Butler 3, A. C. Eastmead 4, J. Hemsley 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6. First of Kent for 2 and 4.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT.-On March 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles; J. F. Wellard (first on treble) 1, Mrs. A. Berry 2, B. L. Marks 3, L. Mannering 4, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 5, A. C. Eastmead For service

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. R. Bentley 1, P. A. Butler 2, G. M. Soul 3, R. Weeks 4, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) I. F. Galpin 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Tom and Margaret Francis.

ORMESBY, YORKS.-On March 8, 1264 Pl, Bob Major: M. Livesey 1, Marion Stalker 2, Barbara Rand 3, P. Halls 4, P. Sotheran 5, T. Cox 6, P. Wishart 7, Halliwell (cond.) 8. First quarter 3, 4, 5. First Major 1, 2. For Confirmation service

QUARTER PEALS BY O.U.S.C.R.

OXFORD .- At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 25, 1260 Stedman Doubles P. G. McIlhone 1, L. J. Haines 2, C. J. E. Wyld 3, S. Smith 4, D. Cooper 5, Shirley Jones 6, Conducted jointly by 1, 2 and 3. Also on Feb. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Claire Rendall (first quarter) 1, M. Petchey 2, Sue M. Heyworth 3, R. A. Yeates 4, R. H. Abbott (cond.) 5, L. Haines 6. Also on Feb. 8, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: S. Smith (first T.B.) 1, R. H. Abbott (cond.) 2, D. Cooper (first Cambridge) 3, R. A. Yeates 4, L. J. Haines 5, C. J. E. Wyld 6.

O.U.S.C.R. QUARTER PEAL OUTING February 14, 1970

COLN ST. ALDWYN GLOS. - 1280 Kent T.R. Major: C. J. E. Wyld (cond.) 1, L. J. Haines 2, Sue M. Heyworth 3, Frances A. Pegg 4, Shirley E. Jones 5. R. A. Yeates 6. R. H. Johnston 7, J. P. Coad 8,

WATERMOOR, — At Holy Trinity Church, 1280 Cassiobury Surprise Major Sue M. Heyworth 1, Shirley E. Jones 2, L. J. Haines (cond.) 3, R. A. Yeates 4, P. H. Mackie 5, R. H. Abbott 6, J. R. Pratt 7, C. J. E. Wyld 8. First in method for all,

SIDDINGTON, GLOS .- 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. P. Coad 1, Jenny A. Unsworth 2, R. H. Johnston 3, Frances A. Pegg 4, J. Strange 5, P. Heritage (cond.) 6.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS. - 1260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Pratt 1, Jenny A. Unsworth 2, Sue M. Heyworth 3, Shirley E. Jones 4, L. J. Haines 5, P. Heritage 6, P. H. Mackie (cond.) 7, R. H. Johnston 8. First Stedman Triples 2 and 4.

BURFORD, GLOS.-1472 Spliced Surprise Major: Sue M. Heyworth 1, P. Heritage 2, R. H. Johnston 3, R. H. Abbott (first Spliced) 4, L. J. Haires 5, C. J. E. Wyld 6, P. H. Mackie 7, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 8.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFS. - On March 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: N. A. Bramall 1, Janet Bramall (first inside) 2, M. G. Williamson 3, T. Reynolds 4, K. A. Russell (cond.) 5, B. Gwilliam 6, Half-muffled in memoriam Lady Diana Matthews.

PEMBROKE.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: C. Pattison 1, N. C. Rogers 2, P. C. Rogers 3, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 4, A. Lingard 5, I. Russant 6. Evensong. Also on March 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Pattison 1, N. C. Rogers 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, A. Lingard 4, P. C. Rogers 5, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 6, Russant 7. For St. David's Day Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, - At St. Mary's Church, Feb. 1, 1440 Cambridge Minor: G. Davis 1, F. Sismey 2, M. R. Spencer 3, R. W. Smith 4, Mrs. P. A. Smith 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6, For Patronal Festival Evensong, Also on Feb. 3, 1260 Minor (Kent. Plain): M. R. Spencer 1, G. Davis 2, B. Branston 3, F. Sismey 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, M. Parker 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Flossie Towell, buried this day. Also on Feb. 15, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. W. Smith 1, A. J. Spencer (first quarter) 2, M. R. Spencer 3, Mrs. P. A. Smith 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, G. Davis 6.

PIDDINGTON, OXON.—On Feb 24, 1260 Doubles (five methods): E. G. Evans 1, Anna Ingram 2, E. G. Jones (cond.) 3, M. Ingram 4, C. W. J. East 5.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.-On Dec. 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Hallett 1, D. Sloman 2, J. Belcham 3, Janet Gasson 4, S. Halliwell 5, B. Sadler 6, G. Bacon (first Triples as cond.) 7, G Eve 8. For the christening of Matthew James Sloman

ROTHERHAM, YORKS .- On March 8, 1287 Stedman Caters: G. A. Holroyd 1, Marianne Baker 2, C. Newton 3, Marie Hatswell 4, N. Donovan 5, A. Beaumont 6, R. Harper 7, D. Nichols 8, S. Armeson (cond.) 9, M. S. Turner 10. First Stedman Caters 1, 2, 4, 7. Half-muffled in memoriam Dr F. C. Collinson, J.P.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.-On March 8, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Newell 1, P. Selby 2, N. Handley 3, S. Adams 4, R. Stretton 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, K. Walsh (cover). Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Selby 1, A. Fowkes 2, N. Handley 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osborne 5, D. Oliver 6, R. Stretton (cond.) 7, S. Adams 8. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS,-At the Cathedral, on Mar. 1260 Stedman Triples: Janet L. Pearson 1, Mrs. Christine M. Carter 2, G. Dodds 3, A. R. Carter 4, W. Little 5, R. F. Ewer 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, R. E. Hardy 8. To mark the consecration of the Bishop of St. Albans (Rt. Rev. Robert Runcie) at Westminster Abbey on February 24.

ST. CLEMENT, CORNWALL.-On Feb. 22, 1272 Plain Bob Minimus: T. J. Bell (cond.) 1, Janet S. Evans (first Minimus) 2, D. A. Trethewey 3, T Hitchens 4.

STAFFORD.-On Feb. 22, 1280 P.B. Major: C. Evans 1, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 2, F. H. Eley 3, E. R. Fairbrother 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. Wiggin 7, N. R. Holland (cond.) 8. Also on March 1, 1312 Spliced S. Major (four methods): Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Margaret A. Swain 3, Jennifer M. Beech 4, F. Beech 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, N. R. Holland 7, E. R. Fairbrother (cond.) 8.

STEEP, HANTS.-On Feb. 28, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Miss C. Roberts 1. Mrs. A. Hall 2. K. Sansom 3, R. Tipper 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, C. Milward 6, Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. G. M Hunt, a local ringer for 35 years.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Plain B. Doubles: K. Brown 1, Mrs. Audrey Cooper (first inside) 2, M. Hooten 3, A. Haseldine 4, R. Haseldine (first as cond.) 5. Also on March 1, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Audrey Cooper 1, Brown 2, R. Haseldine 3, A. Haseldine 4, M. G Hooton (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS,-At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 18, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. F. L. Smith M. I. Brown 2, C. Monson 3, R. Smith 4. F. V. Nicholls 5, P. J. Brown 6, M. P. Tobin 7, G. Westwood 8, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 9, A. D. Fellows 10. For Evensong. First quarter on the ten since augmentation.

STREATHAM. LONDON. - At St. Leonard's Church, on Feb. 8, 1296 Bob Major: J. A. Humphrey (first Major) 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, E. J. Adams 4, Deborah Bishop 5, R. J. Collis 6, A. S. Bishop 7, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 8, For Evensong.

SYSTON, LEICS. - On Feb. 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia J. Sikes 1, Elaine Smith 2, Isabel E. Tomlinson (first inside) 3, H. M. Payne 4, J. Rickaby 5, C. J. Holland (cond.) 6. Also on March 1, 1260 Bob Minor: N. A. Westman (first quarter) 1, J. A. Howard 2, Isabel E. Tomlinson 3, H. M. Payne Anne Rickaby 5, C. J. Holland (cond.) 6. First Bob Minor inside for 2 and 3.

THATCHAM, BERKS .- On March 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: Valerie Edens 1, R. Rex 2, Jennifer Barker 3, W. Butler 4, D. Muttram 5, A. Edens 6, R. Christopher (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8. First Stedman Triples 1, 3 and 6. By the local band for Evensong.

TOTNES, DEVON .- On Feb. 25, 1260 Plain Bob Triples: Geraldine French (first in method) 1, A. S. Carter 2, R. J. Edden 3, W. S. Wayman 4, G. J. L Read 5, D. P. Angold 6, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 7, S. G. French 8.

WELTON, LINCS. - On Feb. 7, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Elsie Johnson (first quarter) 1, Susan Faull 2, Kathleen Fox 3, D. W. Bee 4, A. C. A. Hopkins (cond.) 5.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOM.—On Feb. 21, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: S. Lewis 1, Susan Stott 2, J. Trimm 3, Brenda Sheppard 4, D. Gay 5, H. Hooper 6, C. Field 7, J. Sheppard (first Major as cond.) 8. First Major for 2, 3 and 7.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Feb. 22, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. J. Whitby 1, R. A. Currell 2, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 3, J. York Moore (first inside) 4, I. G. Hinton 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. For the "Thinking Day" service of the Guide Movement.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS. - On Feb. 26, Doubles (three methods): Rita E. Roome 1, S. J. Griffiths 2, G. F. Roome (cond.) 3, W. R. Hammons 4, J. C. Parker 5. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Basil L. Smart on their golden wedding.

WORLE, SOM.-On Feb. 23, 1260 Mixed Doubles: W. Lovell 1, Miss M. Legg (cond.) 2, J. Lambard 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott 5, W. Kingsbury 6. celebrate the birth of a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. P. B. Curtis.



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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

GAYTON, Northants, St. Mary.

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Wed., Dec. 24, 1969, 2hrs. 56mins (13 cwt.).

5049 SPLICED MINOR (41 methods: Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford, London. Thelwall, Lytham, St. Clement's and College Bob; Barham, Oswald, Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh and Pembroke Delight; Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London and Netherseale Surprise; London, Wells and Cunecastre Surprise; Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Primrose, Berwick and Hexham Surprise; Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob; Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel and Kingston Treble Bob). Kingston Treble Bob).

Kingston Treble Bob).

1 Julian C. Parker

2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden

3 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)

4 Roger W. Smith

5 Barry E. Saunders

6 Alan A. Paul

1970

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

APPLETON, Berkshire, St. Laurence.

Sat. March 7, 1970, 2hrs, 43mins, (14\frac{1}{4} cwt.), 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Composed by A. M. Tyler,

Charles Sangwin

1 Charles Sangwin
2 Norman H. Leslie
3 William Hibbert
4 Andrew N. Stubbs
5 Dennis A. Leslie
6 John E. Camp
7 Roger F. Overington
8 Frederick C. White
9 Michael F. Moreton,
10 Brian R. White (Conductor)
r the 152nd anniversary of the

For the 152nd anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ASHILL, Som., The Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins, (11½ cwt.). 5040 DOUBLES (31 methods/var./spliced compositions: Grandsire (3 120s, 1 240), Stedcompositions: Grandsire (3 120s, 1 240), Stedman 1, Union 1, St. Simon 2, St. Martin 1, Winchendon 1, St. Nicholas 1, Reverse St. bury 2, Eynsham 1, St. Ignatius 2, St. Leonard Bartholomew 2, Plain Bob 2, Reverse Canter-1, Churchill 1, St. John 1. Chilton 2, Lapley 2, Heyford 1, Kennington 2, May Day 3, Southrepps 2, Royston 2, April Day 2, Clifford's Pleasure 2).

1 Raymond F. Arscott (Comp. and Cond.) 2 Adrian F. Arscott
*3 Royston Shepperd
*4 D. John Medway
5 Mervyn A. Arscott

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*Most methods/var./spliced compositions to a peal.

CORFE, near Taunton, Som., St. Nicholas.

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Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs. 34mins. (7 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (7 extents of 720. 1 of Grandsire, 2 of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and 4 of Plain Bob: 7 callings).

1 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)
*2 Sylvia M. Arscott (aged 13)
3 Mrs. Brenda M. Bindon
4 Arthur H. Reed
5 Adrian F. Arscott
6 Leslie H. Arscott
*First inside. Birthday compliment to Mrs. J.
Arscott, wife of the tenor ringer.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs. 29mins, (6 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, 5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob).

*1 Gordon K. Green
†2 Geoffrey A. Edwards
†3 Frederick S Sutton
4 David A. Gregory
5 Harry W. Howard
6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

*50th peal (all with the conductor). †First of

12 Minor methods.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ALTON, Staffordshire, St. Peter.

ALTON, Staffordshire, St. Peter.
Thurs., Feb. 26, 1970, 3hrs, 5mins. (22 cwt.).
5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods: 736 Superlative, 704 Rutland and
London, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 Bristol and 544 Yorkshire, with 120
changes of method and all the work of each
method for every bell).
Composed by Noel J. Diserens.
1 Arthur F. Hall
2 Brian A. Tomlinson
3 Geoffrey Bridges
4 Timothy Wylie
5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
6 Robert Chambers
7 Gordon A. Halls

Gordon A. Halls Geoffrey Paul

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire, St. Wilfrid.

Thurs., March 5, 1970, 2hrs. 32mins (9½ cwt.). 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

1 Timothy Wylie 2 Arthur F. Hall 3 Rev. Fred Ross 4 Robert Tanner

Jack Chadwick

6 Denis R. Carlisle 7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor) 8 Geoffrey Paul

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

WERRINGTON, Cornwall, St. Martin of Tours.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins (14 cwt.). 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Composed by J. J. Parker.

Composed by J. J. Park
1 Alan N. Frost
2 Kevin A. Hughes
3 Colin L. Barr
4 John F. Steere
5 Stephen G. Peirce
*6 D. Roy Bould (Conductor)
7 John N. Longridge
8 John L. Anderson
*150th for the guild

LEWTRENTCHARD, Devon, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 21mins. (8 cwt.). 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

13 John A. Foster
2 John N. Longridge (Conductor)
3 John F. Steere
4 Kevin A. Hughes
5 John L. Anderson
6 D. Roy Bould

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RAYNE, Essex. All Saints.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs. 45mins. (6½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Stephen P. Sudbury
2 Peter Brown
*3 Ian Messinger
4 James Grant

4 James Green 5 Colin Gillingham 6 Roy Threadgold (Conductor) *First peal.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex, St. Mary.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 3hrs. 37mins. (24 cwt.).
5115 STEDMAN CINQUES
Composed by J. Chilcott.

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1 Geoffrey Pearson

2 Christopher M. P. Johnson

3 Richard L. Underwood

4 Anthony H. Smith

5 Frank E. Haynes

6 Richard A. G. Inglis (Conductor)

*7 Barry J. Couzens

8 William T. Cook

9 John G. Gipson

10 Robert E. J. Dennis

11 Philip Mehew

*12 Jean Sanderson

*First on 12 bells.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs, 24mins. (10 cwt.).

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
(Carter's "Odd-Bob").

1 Frank E. Haynes
2 Katharine J. Maundrell
3 Judith M. Corby
4 Richard Haynes

4 Richard Hayes *5 Philip Bosworth

6 Richard A. G. Inglis
7 Clifford A. Barron (Conductor)
8 William T. Cook
*First in the method. A compliment to 3 and 4 on their engagement.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire, St. Margaret of Antioch.

St. Margaret of Antioch.

Fri., March 6, 1970, 2hrs. 47mins. (8½ cwt.).

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5
methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056
Lincolnshire and 864 each of Superlative and
Yorkshire, with 87 changes of method and
all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Anthony R. Peake

*2 Anita D. O'Brien

*3 W. Bertram Kynaston
4 Lewis F. Cohb

*3 W. Bertram Kynaston
4 Lewis F. Cobb
*5 Peter J. Heritage
6 Brian Bladon
7 Maurice A. New
8 Timothy G. Pett (Conductor)
*First of 5-spliced. First of Spliced Surprise
as conductor. Half-muffled in memoriam
Victor Griffin, former tower captain at this
church and member of the P.C.C., died February 27, 1970.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset, St. Michael.

Tues.. March 3, 1970, 2hrs, 18mins, (6 cwt.).

5040 MINOR (Oxford T.B., Double Oxford.
St. Clement's. Kent T.B.. Cambridge S., Plain
Bob, Cambridge S., Plain Bob).

1 Bruce Martin
2 Peter J. Kingscote
3 Peter C. Randall
4 Michael J. Platt
*5 John W. Collard
6 Anthony J. Cox (Conductor)

*Most Minor methods

*Most Minor methods,

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WELLINGTON, Herefordshire, St. Margaret. Mon., Feb. 16, 1970. 3hrs. 2mins. (17 cwt.). 5040 MINOR (7 methods: Oxford Bob. Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Plain).

*1 Leslie Evans
†2 Valerie M. Edge
‡3 George T. Cousins
4 John F. I. Turney
5 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)
6 Michael P. Moreton
*Completes circle. †First in 7 methods. ‡200th

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex, St. Anne, Stamford Hill.

t., March 7, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins, (7 cwt.). 5120 CHEDDAR SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Elizabeth Forster

*2 Helen Dodds
3 Christine M. Carter
4 Ronald K. Russ
5 Eric Edmondson

6 Anthony R, Carter
7 John R, Ketteringham
8 Keith J, Walpole (Conductor)
*First of Surprise. First in method. Comp.
see R.W. Page 596, 1969.

CHEDDAR SURPRISE MAJOR
-38-14-12-38-12-58-16.34.78. Gp. B.
f.c.h. b. d. g.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SITTINGBOURNE, Kent, St. Michael.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 3hrs. 2mins, (20 cwt.). Composed by N. Smith,

1 George Kenward 2 Trevor A. Cross

2 Trevor A, Cross

*3 Laurence Mitchell

4 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)

5 Nicholas J. Chesson

6 Peter S, Muchlinski

7 Simon A, B, Wigg

8 Martin L. Howe

*First in the method.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

HORBLING, Lincolnshire, St. Andrew.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs. 39mins. (9 cwt.). 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR (2160 each Kent and Oxford and 720 Kent).

*1 Vivenne West

*2 Susan A. Faull
*3 Robert E. Smalley
4 David W. Bee
*5 Geoffrey Spencer
6 Aidan C. A. Hopkins (Conductor)
*First Treble Bob. Average age of band 17 vears.

LUTTON, Lincolnshire, St. Nicholas.

LUTTON, Lincolnshire, St. Nicholas.

Sat.. Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs, 34mins, (4\frac{1}{2} cwt.).

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(42 six-scores, 10 callings.)

*1 Richard M. Ragsdell

2 Mrs. G. R. G. Butler

3 George H. Campling (Conductor)

†4 Peter W. Campling

5 George R. G. Butler

6 Peter G. Butler

*First peal, † First inside, By the Sunday service band (all pupils of G. R. G. Butler) to mark G. R. G. Butler's 50 years' membership of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

BLANKNEY, Lincolnshire, St. Oswald.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 36mins. (8½ cwt.). 5040 MINOR (2 St. Clement's, 3 Kent T.B., 2 Plain Bob).

1 David Fensom

1 David Perison
2 F. Joan Muxlow
3 Harold Barsley
4 Rev. Arthur Muxlow
5 Alan G. Payne (Conductor)
*6 Peter W. A. Muxlow

*First in 3 methods,

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam, St. Bridget.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs, 43mins, (11 cwt.).
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
(4 240s and 34 extents.)

*1 William Petty
2 Thomas T. Yeomans
3 Paul W. Thomas (Conductor)
4 William H. Harford

†5 Derek Cormell

*6 Raymond J. Mayle

*Circled tower. †First of Grandsire. First as conductor.

LLANDAFF, Glam, SS. Peter and Paul's Cathedral.

cathedral,
at., March 7, 1970, 3hrs, 9mins, (20½ cwt.).
5040 LLANDAFF SURPRISE ROYAL
*1 Donald G, Clift
2 James Clatworthy
3 J, Michael Lakin
4 Paul A, Williams
5 Nicholas W, H. Simon (Conductor)
6 David J, Llewellyn
7 Michael R. Meadows
8 Stephen Fenwick

7 Michael R. Meadows
8 Stephen Fenwick
9 Tudor P. Edwards
10 Peter S. Bennett
*100th peal on 10 bells. First peal in method.
To congratulate Rev. Richard D. Fenwick and
Miss Shelagh P. Plumb on their engagement,
also for 50th anniversary of dedication of two trebles.

LLANDAFF SURPRISE ROYAL 56—56.14—50—36—1470—38—16—50—18—70. 2nds place l.e. 1573920486.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints.

Mon., March 2. 1970, 2hrs 57mins (16 cwt.). 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Arranged by S. Humphrey.

Arranged by S. Hui John R. Ketteringham 2 Olive L. Rogers 3 Graham A. Duke 4 Alan Flood

Anthony R. Carter

6 Eric Edmondson
7 Harold W. Rogers
8 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
After meeting short for Royal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HILLINGDON, Mddx, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Feb. 28. 1970, 3hrs. 10mins, (21½ cwt.).
5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
(No 3 version.)
Composed by Peter Border.

Composed by Peter Border
1 John Hill
2 Joan Beresford
3 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
4 Claudia A. Critchley
5 William S. Deason
6 G. William Critchley
7 Jonathan S. N. Porter
8 Thomas J. Lock
9 Frank T. Blagrove
10 Frank C. Price

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex, All Saints.

Thurs.. March 5, 1970, 2hrs. 48mins. (71 cwt.).
5056 BOTTESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
2 Ruth M. Foreman
3 Elsie K. Hart
4 Alick Cutler
5 H. George Hart

5 H. George Hart
6 John Smith
7 Frank Reed
8 John Hill
First in the method by all.

OXFORD SOCIETY

OXFORD, Oxon, St. Ebbe.

Thurs., March 5, 1970, 2hrs. 26mins. (4½ cwt.).

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by C. Charge.

*1 Jennifer A. Unsworth
2 Shirley E. Jones
3 Charles Coles
4 Edward Martin
5 Richard H. Labaston

5 Richard H. Johnston
6 Rodney A. Yeates
7 Lawrence J. Haines
8 Jeremy R. Pratt (Conductor)
*First peal. In memoriam Victor Griffin.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

n., March 8, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (19 cwt.).

5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by J. M. Jelley.

1 Vernon B. Bedford
2 Geoffrey J. Hemming
3 Barry E. Saunders
4 Patrick L. Chapman
5 Malcolm J. V. Chown
6 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
7 Arthur C. Berry
8 Gerald C. Hemming
9 Alan A. Paul
10 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)

10 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hrs. 6mins. (19 cwt.).

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. Humphrey.

1 Julian C. Parker
2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
3 Raymond A. Vickers
4 Vernon B. Bedford
5 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
6 Patrick I. Chapman
*7 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
*8 Alan A. Paul
300th together.

*300th together.

MOULTON, Northants, SS. Peter and Paul. Tues., March 10, 1970, 2hrs, 56mins, (16 cwt.), 5088 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven.

1 Raymond Henman
2 Richard J. Cowley
*3 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)
4 J. Malcolm Tyler
5 Brian R. Danby
6 Alan J. Marks
7 Stephen B. Bell

8 Barry R. Care
*Has circled the tower. First in the method by all and for the guild.

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THRAPSTON, Northants, St. James.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs, 55mins. (14 cwt.). 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR AMBRIDGE SURPRISE
(Heywood's variation.)

1 Alan J. Marks

2 Sally K. Diamond

3 J. Malcolm Tyler

4 Richard J. Cowley

5 Edward C. Buckby

6 Stephen B. Bell

7 Barry R. Care

7 Barry R. Care
†8 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)
*First of Surprise, †200th peal. Bin
compliment to ringer of 2. Birthday

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.
Thurs., Feb. 19, 1970, 3hrs. 27mins. (31 cwt.).
5120 LITTLEPORT LITTLE S. MAXIMUS
1 Roderick W. Pipe
*2 Richard J. Tibbetts
3 Norman J. Goodman
4 J. Edward Cawser
*5 Stephen W. Barton
6 Vernon Green
*7 David J. Purnell
8 Terry R. Hampton
9 James Insley
10 George E. Fearn
11 Kenneth J. Hesketh
12 Peter Border (Arr. and Conductor)

12 Peter Border (Arr. and Conductor) *First in the method.

HANDSWORTH, Birmingham, St. Mary.
Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (15 cwt.).
5024 PERRY BARR SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley. (No. 9.)
1 Paul L. D. McEvilly
2 Maurice F. Edwards
3 Paul W. Webb
4 Roderick W. Pipe
5 Norman J. Goodman
6 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)
7 James Insley

7 James Insley 8 David J. Purnell First peal in the method.

PERRY BARR SURPRISE MAJOR -58-16-1258-36.14-14.38-14-78. 1.e. 12. 1573.

SHIRLEY, Warwicks, St. James the Great.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs. 24mins. (6 cwt.).

5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. I. Rowson.

1 Margaret A. Thow
2 Derek H. Walters
3 Paul W. Webb
4 Vernon Green
5 Reginald H. Newton
6 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
7 Brian D. A. Woolley
*8 Ernest F. Willcox
*First in method. For the Henry Johnson

*First in method. For the Henry Johnson Dinner.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

WARSOP, Notts, SS. Peter and Paul,

Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins (14½ cwt.). 5040 MINOR (4 Single Oxford Bob, 3 Plain Bob).

Ian Earl Sandra Ettles Bryan Birkett

3 4 Robert Hancock 5 Frank Cooke

6 Herbert Rooke (Conductor)
*First attempt (aged 13 years).

BALDERTON, Notts, St. Giles.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (8 cwt.). 5008 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Composed by R. D. Bailey.

*1 Percy Holmes
*2 Beryl N. Reed
*3 Philip C. Pitchford
*4 Paul Raithby

5 Derek J. Tysoe
6 Harold F. Gibson
7 Cyril H. Pritchett
8 Colin W. Reed (Conductor)
First in the method. A compliment to Mr.
Edmund G. Staunton, of Staunton, Notts, and
Miss Elizabeth Foster on their marriage at Hemingford Abbots, Hunts, this day.

EDWINSTOWE, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hrs. 28mins (6 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (12 methods: Kent, Oxford T.B.; College; Rodbourne, Wavertree College; St. Clement's, Buxton, Childwall College Bob; Plain, Rotherslade, Nicholaston and Oxford Bob).

1 George A. Dawson

2 John R. Rigby

3 Roger M. Day

4 J. Richard Anthony

5 J. Martin Rice

6 Simon Humphrey (Conductor) *Most Minor methods.

BUNNEY, Notts, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs, 47mins, (144 cwt.). 5040 MINOR: (3 methods: 1 Cambridge Surprise, 2 St. Clement's, 4 Plain Bob).

1 Albert Simpson Arthur Newell Neil Handley 4 Trevor Kirkman 5 Reginald Stretton

6 David Oliver (Conductor)

CHELLASTON, Derbyshire, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hrs, 12mins, 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (10 extents, 16 240s.)

1 Edward Willows

2 Trevor Kirkman

Neil Handley Reginald Stretton (Conductor) 5 David Oliver.

First on the bells. To Vidal-Hall to the parish. To welcome Rev. M.

SUFFOLK GUILD

BURES, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 3hrs, 6mins, (21 cwt.).

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by M. S. Bruce.

1 Alan R. Andrews
2 Cecil W. Pipe
3 Leslie G. Brett
4 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
5 Donald L. Mills
6 Bernard W. Fairhead
*7 John P. Loveless
8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)
*First in the method.

*First in the method.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

PUTNEY, London, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs, 59mins. (15 cwt.).

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. Humphrey.

1 Christopher R. Harris

*2 Josephine Patterson

*3 Ruby M. Myllys

†4 Christopher F. Mew (Conductor)

5 Michael J. Uphill

6 Robin J. Collis

7 David S. Bishop

*8 Keith G. Game

*First in method. †50th on the bells,

*First in method, †50th on the bells,

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LODSWORTH, Sussex, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 32mins. (6½ cwt.).
5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B., 1 Single Oxford,
4 Plain Bob).
1 Christopher Renyard

1 Christopher Renyard
2 Ruth E. Halford
3 Anne M. Stevens
4 E. Winifred Keys
5 Patrick M. Wills
6 Philip Stevens (Conductor)
A compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Dinnis on their wedding anniversary.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

RINGWOOD, Hampshire, SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 3hrs. 12mins. (18½ cwt.). 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. J. Parker.

Composed by R. J. Parker.

1 Jack Mussell

2 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay

3 I. Ann Abrahams

*4 Neil O. Skelton

5 William E. Cheater

6 A. Terence Collins

7 Ronald N. Marlow

8 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)

*First of Surprise

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 3hrs. 1min. (11 cwt.).
5056 BURGHCLERE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by E. W. Tipler. (B. 11.)
*1 Peter L. Furniss
2 Reginald W. Rex
3 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
4 Michael Hatchett
5 Geoffen W. Dodd

5 Geoffrey K. Dodd 6 D. Kay Adkins 7 Philip H. Tocock 8 Eric Sutton

First in the method. (H. & M. *50th peal. Collection 4409). B. -36-1456-58-38-14-38-12-78.

b. e. falseness.

(The Society of New Forest Youths) LYNDHURST, Hants, St. Michael and All Angels.

Angels.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs, 44mins. (11 cwt.).

5152 BOB MAJOR

*1 Ross G. W. Robertson

2 R. Brian Walton

3 Jennifer L. Quaife

†4 Steven Baybut

5 Barry J. Fry

6 William Willans

7 Graham W. Elmes

*8 Timothy F. Collins (Arr. and Cond.)

*50th together. †First on 8. A farewell to Keith Tatt (vice-captain), wishing him and his family every happiness in South Africa.

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TITCHFIELD, Hampshire, St. Peter.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs 42mins. (12½ cwt.). 5040 OXFORD MINOR (2 Single Oxford, Double Oxford Bob, 3 Oxford Treble Bob).

1 Christopher Renyard
2 William F. J. Cope
3 Ruth E. Halford
4 E. Winifred Keys
5 H. Lyndon Hatfield

6 John H. Hunt (Conductor)

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

HANBURY, Worcs, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs, 51mins, (12 cwt.), 5152 ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Christopher Hims 2 Laurence E. Hitchins
3 David J. King
4 Peter Wycherley
5 Arthur C. Berry
6 Cyril A. Wratten
7 Anthony R. Peake
8 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

NETHERTON, Worcs, St. Andrew.

Sat. March 7, 1970, 2hrs, 49mins, (13 cwt.).

5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each Pudsey, Superlative, 416 Lincoln, 117 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 Roger Hunt

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1 Roger Hunt

2 M. Irene Brown

3 Morley P. Tobin,

4 J. Clifford Skidmore

5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

6 Michael Elson

7 Robert Edwards
8 Gerald C. Hemming
First of 8-spliced on this plan by all except

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Mon., Feb. 16, 1970, 2hrs. 32mins. (17 cwt.), 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (3 methods: 1760 Yorkshire, Cambridge; 1600 Lincolnshire; 84 changes of method and all composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Alan M. Glover

*2 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

*3 Peter H. Gardner

*4 Graham J. Jones

†5 Ronald Crabtree

†6 E. C. Gareth Higgs
*7 John J. Durham
*8 Ronald R. Warford
*First of 3-spliced. †First of spliced.

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle.

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Mon., March 9, 1970, 2hrs, 47mins, (11 cwt.).

5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 methods: 192 Ashtead, Bilsborrow, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, with 161 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith,

1 Peter H. Gardner
2 John J. Durham
3 Christopher Forster

2 John J. Durham
3 Christopher Forster
4 Robert A. Beresford
5 Gerald Parsons
6 John Robinson
7 Ronald R. Warford
8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
First of 27 methods by all.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Mon., Feb. 23, 1970, 2hrs, 56mins, (17 cwt.).

5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by &R. J. Parker,
1 Alan M. Glover
*E. C. Gareth Higgs
*3 Ronald Crabtree

*4 Graham J. Jones
5 Christopher J. Easton

6 Peter H. Gardner

7 Ronald R. Warford

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

*First of Superlative Surprise Major.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Mon., March 2, 1970, 3hrs. 4mins. (17 cwt.). 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. A. B. Wigg.

1 David Kealey
*2 Alan M. Glover
*3 E. C. Gareth Higgs
*4 Ronald Crabtree

5 Graham J. Jones 6 Robert H. Jordan 7 C. Barris D. 7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) 8 Peter H. Gardner

*First of Pudsey Surprise Major.

DARRINGTON, Yorks, St. Luke & All Saints.

Sun., Feb. 22, 1970, 2hrs. 43mins. (12 cwt.).
5040 MINOR (20 methods: Walsingham, Lammas, Fulmer, Olney Alliance, Little Bob; Court, Double Court; Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Thelwall; Oxford Bob, Plain; Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Kingston, Capel T.B.; Kent; Cambridge).

1 J. Philip Charlesworth
2 Robert Cater

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2 Robert Cater
3 Peter Carbutt
4 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)
5 Ronald R. Warford
6 Trevor Tarbatt

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire, 52 Wellington Rd. Tues., March 3, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins, (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by E. Francis.

-2 John Gander 1-2 John Gander
3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
5-6 Gerald Moorhouse
*7-8 John R. Scott
*9-10 Frank R. Morton
*First on 10 handbells.

ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire, 52 Wellington Rd.

Thurs., Feb. 19, 1970, 2hrs. 40mins. (14 in D.)

5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*1-2 Mrs. C. K. Lewis
3-4 John Gander

5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis (Comp. & Cond.)
*7-8 Mrs. J. Gander
*First of Major on handbells.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.

Tues., Feb. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 27mins. (5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (15 in C.)

1-2 Gerald Moorhouse *3-4 Neil D. Lomas

5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis (Comp. & Cond.) 7-8 Peter Broadbent

*First on an inside pair.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, The Students' Union, The University.

Sat., March 7, 1970, 2hrs, 2mins. (16 in B.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1-2 Steven J. Coleman

†3-4 Richard Weeks

5-6 Jeremy D. Cheesman (Conductor)

*First attempt. †First of Plain Bob. First as conductor. First on handbells by all and for the Guild. Rung in public on Open Day.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SWINDON VILLAGE, Gloucestershire, 56 Quatt Goose Lane.

Tues., March 3, 1970, 2hrs. 17 mins. (14 in D.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Subsection of the Association. In memoriam Victor Griffin (formerly of Swindon, Wilts), who did not be a subsection of the Association. In memoriam victor Griffin (formerly of Swindon, Wilts), who did no Earthurw 26th who died on February 26th.

CHARLTON KINGS, Gloucestershire, 19 Ravensgate Road.

Tues. March 10, 1970, 2hrs. 16mins. (12 in F.)
5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (2 methods:
4224 Plain Bob, 792 Gainsborough Little Bob,
with 132 changes of method).
Composed by N. J. Pitstow.
*1-2 Martyn Hawkes
3-4 Valerie Willard
5-6 Hugh N. Evans
7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
*First of Spliced Plain Major

*First of Spliced Plain Major.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.

Sun., March 1, 1970, 2hrs. 28mins. (16 in B.) 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL Composed by G. W. Debenham.

2-Gerald Penney
3-4 Katherine S. Hardy
5-6 Robert E. Hardy
7-8 Julia A. Fellows
9-10 Kenneth J. Darvill (Conductor)

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.

Wed., March 4, 1970, 2hrs. 33mins, (17 in A.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

*1-2 Joyce M. Clarke

3-4 Kenneth J. Darvill

5-6 Robert E Hardy (Conductor)

7-8 Katherine S. Hardy

7-8 Katherine S. Hardy *9-10 Elizabeth Forster *First on 10 handbells,

(St. Peter's Society, St. Albans) ST. ALBANS, Herts, 18 Sandfield Road.

Tues., Feb. 24, 1970, 2hrs. 11mins. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by B. J. Woodruffe.

1-2 Joyce M. Clarke

3-4 Kenneth J. Darvill (Conductor)

5-6 Elizabeth Forster

7-8 Frances Dodds

For the consecration of the new Bishop of St. Albans, Right Rev. Robert Runcie, in Westminster Abbey earlier in the day.

(St. Albans Cathedral Society) ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, thr. 45mins. (11 in G.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
*1-2 Katherine S. Hardy
†3-4 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
*†\$5-6 Robert E. Hardy
*First of Minor on handbells. †50th peal together. ‡Completes Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus on handbells and tower bells.

METHODS RUNG AT LONG COMPTON January 1, 1970

(1) Luton, Shilton, Arley, Westminster, Ripley, Harbury, Broomfield, Church Lawford, Bilton, Allendale, Rhyl, Whichford, Fyfield, Wolford, Claverdon, Fryerning, Thorne and Napton-on-the-Hill; (2) Rossen-Fryerning, Thorne and Napton-on-the-Hill; (2) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale: (3) Dronfield, Lincoln, Retford, Purleigh, Coldstream, Minehead, Quendon, Redbourn and Spalding; (4) Wandsworth, Beighton, Pentonville, Redear, Soho, Pattiswick, Brixton, Appleby, Waterloo, Terling, Holloway and Hatfield; (5) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich; (7) London and Wells.

Ringing and Conducting Standard Methods

By ROBERT B. SMITH PART III: CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE Continued.

(c) The Method on Handbells.

ONE OF THE most pleasing features of ring-ONE OF THE most pleasing features of ringing trends in the past four or five years has been the revival of change ringing on handbells. I was reading a letter in a Ringing World of not many years ago which forecast that handbell ringing would be extinct by now. At this point in time there are probably more ringers taking part in handbell peals than at any other time in history, and for this reason I do not feel that dealing with Surprise methods on handbells is inappropriate. It should be understood, however, that there is no "magic" formula for ringing Surprise methods on handbells. Each member of the band must do his or her homework on the method(s) in question and regular practice as method(s) in question and regular practice as a band becomes necessary; hesitancy leads to mistakes being made by other members of the

Basically there are two methods employed for ringing Surprise methods on handbells.

1. By "two blue lines."

2. By "place notation." Which method one decides to use will prob-

which method one decides to use will probably depend on those who are giving instruction to the band (if anybody) or perhaps the method employed by the individual when ringing tower bells. It is difficult to say which method is the better as some of the finest handbell ringers in the country ring by opposite methods. It is helpful to have a knowledge of both customs and as in instance.

ledge of both systems and so ring from what I would call the "construction" or "pattern" of the method. One point I would make at this stage is that if a ringer is ringing entirely by place notation there is little point in giving an instruction such as "dodge 3-4" should he (or she) make a mistage, the general instruction (or she) make a mistake; the correct instruc-tion should be, for example, 5ths.

Cambridge Surprise can be rung by the "construction" of the method more easily than most other methods, so that in effect there are three ways of ringing it. It would be superfluous to deal with each method on all numbers of bells, but I will deal with each method on a number of bells where it would appear to be most appropriate to be used. to be most appropriate to be used.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

-36-14-12-36-14-. h.l. 56. l.e. 12.

Place Notation Method:

When learning the place notation of a method it is customary to remember the internal places only, because they automatically internal places only, because they automatically determine whether a place is going to be made by the bells at the front and the back. For example, if 3rds is the only internal place to be made, the bells in 1–2 must cross, the bells in 4–5 must also cross, which means that 6ths must be made. In addition, because all the places are right (i.e. made at handstroke then backstroke), it is really unnecessary to remember that every alternate row is X. Further, it is only necessary to learn the place notation up to the half-lead and then reverse it for the second half of the lead, which means that for multi-method ringing, place notation learning is an extremely economical way of remembering a method. (Theoretically it does not matter which pair of bells one is ringing, either.) The place notation for Cambridge Surprise Minor now becomes 3rds, 4ths, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths, 5ths, at half-lead, 2nds at lead-end.

Note.—By altering the half-lead and lead-

3rds, 4ths, 5ths, at half-lead, 2nds at lead-end.

Note.—By altering the half-lead and lead-end places, Surprise methods with completely different "b'ue lines" and names are produced. Using the place notation method no further learning is necessary.

It is useful for "blue line" ringers to know the half-lead and lead-end places in any method they ring on handbells as an additional guide. For Surprise Minor and Maior ringing one tends to ring the method in half-leads.

The basic idea of ringing by place notation

The basic idea of ringing by place notation is that one dodges below an odd place and plain hunts above it. Conversely, one plain hunts below an even place and dodges above it. Evidence that this is true can be obtained

by superimposing the blue lines for a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor into one lead on a piece of graph paper, so revealing the "pattern" of the method to which I referred earlier.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

"Blue Line" Method:

When learning the "blue line" for handbell ringing it is customary to draw the lines of two bells on one diagram, so that the relationship between the two bells concerned lationship between the two bells concerned can be observed. Apart from ringing the trebles, which tend to be a "specialist" pair. there are only three positions possible when ringing Major. These are 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8, i.e., by writing out the work of these three pairs of bells all the possible combinations of positions are obtained. Without wishing to become "bogged down" with details, the kind of things that one observes from these diagrams are as follows: grams are as follows:-

- Coursing bells dodge together in 3-4 and 5-6 below the treble, but never in 1-2
- 2. In certain leads the bells in the 3-4 position make places in adjacent positions, i.e. 3-4 and 5-6 down or 5-6 and 3-4 places up.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL AND MAXIMUS

I mentioned earlier that Cambridge Surprise could be rung by the "construction" of the method. This becomes more obvious on the higher numbers, although the "ropesight," if we may call it that, becomes more difficult.

In the first part of this article on Cambridge Surprise I mentioned that the construction of the method was based on the principle that when the treble is plain hunting the other bells are dodging, and when the treble is dodging the semicing bells are plain hunting. The are dodging, and when the treble is dodging the remaining bells are plain hunting. The method can be rung almost exclusively by this rule on handbells, provided that a bell making a place is counted as plain hunting or dodging, as will be explained below. One important observation one can make from this rule is that if one bell is dodging, then the other bell you have must also be dodging somewhere, deciding just where may present the difficulty. the difficulty.

Consider the start of a lead of Cambridge Surprise Royal as shown below.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

MIDITIDOL	DOILL TANDE
1234567890	
2143658709	
1246385079	Plain hunt
2164830597	
2614385079	Dodge
6241830597	
6214803957	Plain hunt
2641089375	
6240183957	Dodge
2604819375	
2064189735	Plain hunt
0246817953	
2064871935	Dodge
	etc.

(To be continued.)

DYLAN THOMAS

"Snow grew overnight on the roofs of the houses, its white-ivied walls and settled on the postman. Were there postmen then, too? With sprinkling eyes and wind-cherried noses -on frozen feet they crunched up to the doors and mittened manfully on them. But all that the children could hear was a ringing of bells in the bat-black, snow-white belfries tugged by bishops and storks. They rang their tidings over the bandaged town, over the frozen foam of the powder and ice-cream hills, over the crackling sea.

Get back to the postmen "

Here lie I, at the chancel door; Here lie I, because I'm poor; The farther in, the more you'll pay; Here be I as warm as they.

On a tombstone at Kingsbridge, Devon,

Norwich Association

WINTRY CONDITIONS

Despite wintry conditions, over 45 members attended the Northern Branch meeting at Marsham on March 7. Due to a prior engagement of the rector, the Rev. C. B. Morgan (rector of Hevingham) conducted the service and gave an interesting address, Mr. J. H. Tinsey read the lesson and Mr. D. Bird kindly played the organ.

Mr. F. N. Golden congratulated Steven Smith (Aylsham) on a peal of Minor in seven methods, and also congratulated Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Duffield (Lammas) on their golden wedding.

Mary Purvis (Wroxham), Maxine Bulli-more and John Purslow (Cromer), Mr. C. P. Coe (Holt), Mr. Andrew and Ruth Kett (St. George, Colegate) were elected members. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wiveton in May and it was hoped to hold the branch striking competition at Garveston in July.

Members were pleased that Mrs. A. G. Bason was making progress after being in hospital and to see Mrs. J. Steadman, who also had a spell in hospital. The chairman (Mr. G. Sayer) proposed a vote of thanks to Rev. M. McLean for allowing the meet-ing, to Rev. C. B. Morgan, to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Carter and members of the Mothers' Union for preparing and serving tea.

The Belfry Repair Fund collection was £2 13s. 6d. Ringing before and after the service in various methods was under the ringing master, Mr. T. E. Spight.

SPETCHLEY BELLS

The bells are all mediæval and were the subject of an R.W. article about two years ago. They were rehung by Barwell, of Birmingham, in 1904 and restored in 1967. The tower was fitted with sound control before the peal, which was achieved only with difficulty. All the bells tend to drop, the tenor being very odd-struck. The peal (recorded) was to have been in four methods, but ten extents of Double Bob dissuaded us.

LEARN WITH LEN-SOLUTION

Len rang in the following touches:—				
C	hanges			
Firstchurch. — Two courses St. Clement's Minor (on treble) Bichurch. — Five leads Plain Bob	120			
Major (any bell) (touch called BBSSB) 5-bell tower.—Grandsire, called one	80			
bob at 2nd lead (treble)	39			
Four leads St. Simon's (treble)	40			
Fenchurch. — Plain course St. Law- rence Little Bob Minor Twenty leads Spliced Plain Minor	40			
(e.g., part of C. K. Lewis' 720 in 19 methods) Lastchurch. — Bob course Stedman	240			
Triples (tenor)	84			
D.N.C.B. Major (bobs at leads No 4, 8, 12) (treble)	192			
TOTAL	835			

[Mr. J. Rank, of Machakos, Kenya, supplied this problem.—Ed.]

All ambitions are lawful, except those which climb upwards on the miseries or credulities of mankind.—CONRAD.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When the bells of Medbourne Parish Church, Leicestershire, were rededicated after restoration the vicar decided that the music should be led by an orchestra made up of musical friends and as Mr. Paul Taylor was a violinist he was persuaded to take part. However, on the day prior to the service, Mr. Taylor had to go to London and asked me to represent him at Medbourne. He telephoned the vicar, apologising for his inability to be present at the service, and said that I would deputise for him. Apparently the reverend gentlemen did not get the message clear, for when I arrived at the church he wanted to know where my violin was, as Mr. Taylor said he was sending another "fiddler" to take his place. I had to explain that I was "Fidler" by name and not by nature. Poor vicar, he was quite upset, and I do believe he thought we had played a joke on him.

J.P.F.

Belfry Gossip

First Peal congratulations to Ian Messinger, Jennifer A. Unsworth, Richard M. Ragsdell, Ian Earl (13), Steven J. Coleman (handbells).

Sapcote, Leics, on March 8 put two different bands in for quarter peals of Cambridge Minor before morning and afternoon services.

Alan Coombs rang his 25th quarter at Marksbury on March 3, and so did his friend, Robert Perry.

The theory that the mini-skirt was designed by a male and the maxi by a female as a countermeasure was put forward at the recent M.U.G. dinner.

The remarkable capacity during the past year for producing marriages—and babies—was an observation made by the master of the Manchester University Guild at a social function.

Personal Records.—Murray A. Coleman (200 peals), Peter L. Furniss (50), Gordon K. Green (50), George T. Cousins (200).

His 18th peal on his 18th birthday. Chris Hims had this distinction at Hanbury, and the method was Erdington Surprise Major.

Senior members of the Chertsey District who find difficulty in attending meetings for any reason should contact the district secretary, who will arrange transport.



WALTER JUDGE - 60 YEARS' MEMBERSHIP O.D.G.

The band who rang a peal of Stedman Caters at Magdalen College, Oxford, to welcome the new president (in 1968), Dr. H. F. Griffiths. On the left is Walter Judge, who has completed 60 years' membership of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, having joined in 1910.

Walter was born at Kidlington in November, 1895, and was taught to ring by his father (who was tower captain) in 1908. Mr. Judge, senior, died three years later and did not see the results of his tuition, but Walter scored his first peal in 1912 at Kidlington and has since rung 61 more at this tower. His peals total is 661, but he is now more interested in quarters, he tells us.

The ringers in the photo are (left to right), standing: John Hibbert, Fred Wilkins, Eddie Smith, Ted Moore, Phil Tocock; seated: Walter Judge, Brian White, Martin Turner, Phil Walker. Stephen Royal.

Are the doors of belfries locked when peal attempts are made? One correspondent suggests it is advisable—because of the "standard of some of the ringing."

After 13 years as tower captain at Brayon-Thames, Mr. John Norsworthy has resigned and his place has been taken by Mr. Derek Fowles, 10 Lynden Close, Holyport, Maidenhead, Berks, to whom correspondence should be addressed.

Front Page Covers.—The Ringing World Committee has sanctioned tinted covers for August. We have vacancies for the following dates: July 31, August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. All other weeks before these dates are booked.

New methods this week include Llandaff Surprise Royal (at Llandaff), Cheddar Surprise Major (at Tottenham), Burghclere Surprise Major (at Highclere), and Perry Barr Surprise Major (at Handsworth).

Lanchester, Durham (6), has been included in two broadcasts recently. B.B.C. Radio Durham broadcast various bells on Christmas Day and the I.T.A. network broadcast a Holy Communion service live on the first Sunday in Lent.

The tower captain at Thrapston, Northants, Sally Diamond, recently invited a band to ring a peal on her birthday. It was the first for many years as the bells are not easily available for peal attempts.

Samuel Lawrence's peal book: Referring to John Mayne's comment, I worked in Shrewsbury for a few years in the 1920s and at that time Lawrence's peal book was in the public library there, writes W. B. Kynaston.

The Bathing of St. Christopher at Crucis Portae probably means little to the average ringer—and perhaps some above average, but a peal of Spliced Surprise Major commemorating the event was rung at Birstwith, Yorks, on March 9.

The former Northern District of the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association are now amalgamated and Mr. Edward Hudson is writing an account of the latter, which we hope to publish in due course.

The Leicester Guild A.G.M. at Leicester advertised for April 4 has many towers open at varying times during the day. It is important that names for tea be sent to Mrs. Staniforth by April 2nd as this is a very important and popular meeting.

The dedication of Hayes tower and bells on March 15 coincided with Mr. Percy Venn's birthday. Percy was the mainspring behind the whole venture, and a birthday luncheon was held the same day attended by 40 relatives, friends and helpers. Returning to his car in the evening it was found that his birthday presents had been stolen from his car—but the greetings cards were left!

The "Magpie" television programme gave another period to bellringing on March 12. It showed the preparation, casting and tuning of a bell (the 5th at Hayes) at the Whitechapel Foundry, and a repeat of the Expo tower with the bells being rung to changes—which was previously screened on December 31 last (Ringing World, page 47, 1970).

The first edition of a local newspaper (Honiton and Ottery News) is a real event these days. We wish it every success. In its columns is a paragraph referring to "Pixie Revels" and the annual attempt on Midsummer Day to silence the bells of St. Mary's Church. We shall, no doubt, learn more about this at a later date.

"... Assisting the Police in their enquiries"

A derelict church is always a sad sight, but St. Edmund's looked the more forlorn for being surrounded by a derelict town-scape, for this part of Exeter—first riverside meadow, then slummy housing, then industrial bleakness is now all being re modelled as part of the new Exe Bridge scheme. Across the road the site of the Tannery is a waste of rubble; behind the church the City Brewery is partly demolished, partly standing but derelict, beer labels swirling in wind eddies like the fallen leaves of some insane 20th century tree. In between, the church, its red sandstone walls pierced by sightless windows shuttered with rough deal boards.

Down on the wasteland a detective-constable is waiting for us, the church keys in his hand, and in we go. St. Edmund's had a gallery at the west end and below it a vestibule and what was once a handsome flight of stairs, but in the floor a large square hole shows where the trap-hatch to the crypt has been roughly enlarged, and scarred plaster and shattered treads on the stairs show that at least one bell has taken charge on its way down, while on the landing above several banister rails are broken out. Says Jack: "If somebody didn't get hurt on this job I'll eat my hat."

The ringing room, its doorway stripped of its jambs, is a rubbish heap of wormy chairs and disembowelled hassocks, music books and filth, the old peal boards on the walls illegible under their dust. Above, the 18th century clock has been robbed of its brass wheels and the clock room littered with splintered wood from the belfry floor: a clapper lies behind the clock-perhaps used to smash it.

Enough of the belfry floor has been broken up to allow some of the bells to be lowered-and to make it awkward to get on to the frame from the top of the ladder. The frame had the 2nd, 3rd and 4th hung in a top tier, but of these only the 3rd remains, protected by a difficult access to her pit. The 2nd headstock hangs empty, upside-down; the 5th also empty, one gudgeon out of its bearing; the 2nd and 4th thrown into the 6th pit, their wheels shattered. A deep scar on a roof joist shows that a rope was used to lower the treble, 2nd, 4th and 5th of the eight: a risky, foolhardy job, but the bells are gone. The wind whistles cold through the louvres and through the open trap in the roof-yes, they took some of the flashings as well.

Although there seems to be no sign of the bells in the crypt at first sight, the enlarged trap shows that the bells must have gone down that way. It's a strange place: in the middle some mediæval pillars support the massive floor beams of the church; on the north side a narrow doorway and passage lead to the brewery site-too narrow to get a bell through; and on the south we are looking at the north side of the 15th century Exe Bridge, one of the oldest stone bridges in England. The part which spanned the river itself is long since demolished, but here unseen more than half of the bridge still stands, the cutwater of one of its piers projecting into St. Edmund's crypt. arches are partly bricked up, but one can see through holes in the brickwork to where the ancient ribbed arches still carry the road above. Some excavation was done down here a few years back and trenches and heaps of earth make it difficult to search the earthen floor.

How did the bells get out? Not through the doorway, for there isn't room. Were

they broken up down here, then? Not a sign of a chip of bell metal anywhere. A broken crowbar, its face unrusted, a splintered wooden top from a T-headed clapper here in this pit, a heap of old mats and carpets, and . . . ves, here right in the corner an iron crown staple, a 19th century one. It must have come from the Mears 1833 treble: pretty conclusive proof that the bells were broken up down here. We show it to the detective-constable and say what it means: "They must have been pretty tidy about it, then," he says doubtfully, but finally agrees that it makes sense.

We take a last sad look round the desolation of the church—it has been used by "dossers" for some years, and last year much of the woodwork was damaged by a fire - and head for home. The bells are gone, and nobody knows just when; church is visited only rarely by any officer of the parish, and it may have been robbed of its bells any time since December. But on Saturday evening the detective-constable is on the phone: they've charged three men with the theft of the bells: 9 cwt. of metal has been found in a scrap dealer's yard and the dealer has been charged with receiving. Yes, he says, the bells were broken up in the crypt; the men have made statements admitting it. Could I come in some time and see if I can identify the bits?

It's Monday morning when I call at the station and the detective takes me to a locked store in the yard. Nine small sacks are dragged out, astonishingly heavy, still tied up and labelled: we open the first and start to sort out the pieces of metal.

Pieces of soundbow come first, their music broken for ever; then a large lump of head with its canons still intact. Then a piece of inscription band with a couple of letters and a scrap of ornament which we put on the top before turning to the next. By the time we've sorted through five of the sacks we have a dozen or so pieces of inscription to fit together: in the fourth was a chunk with "W.E." flanking Evans' bell foundry mark, and in the fifth the date 1731; the other pieces can now be fitted together roughly to make a consecutive line of inscription-that of St. Edmund's fourth bell. An inspector and the superintendent come in to ask some questions, looking over my shoulder at the broken words on the concrete floor, and William Evans seems to look sadly, too, at a generation that robs churches and smashes his work for the sake of scrap metal—GOODWILL TOWARDS MEN W.E. 1731. J. G. M. S. MEN W.E. 1731.

SAVING FOR TWO MORE BELLS

Writing from Waltham, near Grimsby, Christine Molendo sends a photograph of Waltham ringers and choir dinner, and informs us: "We pay for it with our funds and by selling raffle tickets. We are saving for two more bells to add to our six, but have a long way to go yet. Apart from the money from the raffles, last year we held a sponsored walk, organised by two ringers (Ronald Carrotte and Steve Haines), and raised about £120, the ringers and a few others walking 20 miles! Some of the money went to Shelter, some to the church and the rest to the bell funds.

"Other outings are an afternoon at Harmston, to ring on their 'seldom-rung' bells, and a day at Whitby. We are all young people who ring at Waltham, and are a sort of 'exclusive youth club' as there is none in the village."

THE GENTLE GIANT

On March 12 Peter Border recorded his 200th peal on the tenor of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham. It is interesting to speculate how many ergs of energy have been expended in the process and, in the way of physicists, to calculate how many pints of water (or beer) could have been raised from room temperature to boiling point by this energy!

[We recently met Peter and admired his quiet strength (and genial personality) and saw the huge hands with which he con-trols the ropes appended to the heavy tenors he rings to peals.—Ed.]

"TO HUNT OR NOT TO HUNT"

"As a family of apprentice ringers, we constantly talk about the origins of ringing," writes Mr. Botting, of Holmer Green, Bucks. "One of our children suggested that Esau and Jacob were both ringers. Esau being a Surprise ringer, while Jacob was a rounds and call changes man.

"When asked to explain this he produced his copy of A Child's Bible and quoted 'Esau had thick red hair and loved to hunt, while Jacob was a plain man who did not like to hunt." "(!)

BELFRY IN THE GROUNDS

Hampshire, the county features in its March issue the little village of Quartley, on the Hampshire border with Wiltshire, which consists of a few houses, one or two farms and the Parish Church of St. Michael the Archangel.

The church has no bell tower; the tower and belfry were removed in 1882, when a porch and vestry were added. Since then its three ancient bells have been hung in a little frame standing on the ground to the north of the church. The ropes lead through the wall to the vestry, from where they are rung as occasion demands.

Two of the bells are pre-Reformation and bear the inscriptions: "Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis" and "God is Love." The third is dated 1636. "It is said," writes Michael Kennett, "that this bell was cracked during a wedding service in those distant days; it was recast in 1905 at the expense of Henry Paulet, the 16th Marquess of Winchester."

ACTIVITIES OF A COUNTRY TOWER

Porthkerry Tower (Glamorgan) has something to look forward to—wedding ringing and a preliminary checkover of the bells by a representative of the Whitechapel Foundry in March, ringers' dinner in April, ringing for Cathedral evensong at Llandaff on May 2, ringers' service on May 10 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the augmentation and restoration, and farther ahead a quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Branch in September.

Several youngsters have recently been recruited and are making good progress; there are often 12 or 14 at practices, while on Sundays the ringers often comprise one-third of the congregation at this small country church

A new hazard is the arrival of jet planes on the recently extended runway at Glamorgan (Rhoose) Airport in a direct line with the church. The planes pass low over the church and the noise is deafening.

L. J. M.

Grow up as soon as you can, the only time you really live fully is from thirty to sixty.—Hervey Allen.

Notices |

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ENGAGEMENT

WHITTELL—CHRISTIAN.—The engagement is announced between Mary Christian and Roger Whittell. both of Bramford, Suffolk.

PERSONAL

"Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God and your God."—St. John xx. 17.

ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bath and Wells Association. — Ilchester Branch.—Practices, 7-9 p.m.: April 4, Somerton: May 2, Ash-in-Martock. May 16, Striking competition, Long Sutton.—M. M. Legget (West Coker 208).

London County Association.—For the coming year the general secretary is Robin J. Collis, 144 Percy Road, Whitton, Twickenham, Middx. (Tel. No.: 01-894 0942), to whom all correspondence should be addressed.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

RANDALL. — Geoff and Sue can now be contacted by telephone—Coventry 302967.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Buswell. — As from March 23 Alan A. J. Buswell's address will be Gamalpha, 12 Park Road, Denmead, Portsmouth, PO7 6NE. 8447

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Dorset, near Milton Abbey.—B. and B. 20s. Evening meal 7s. 6d. Mrs. Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. Indoor sanitation. Full terms on application.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ex-Halton R.A.F. Apprentices are invited to contact M. E. Stracey, of 51 Cranwell Close, Chippenham, Wilts, with a view to arranging some ringing for the 50th anniversary in August.

New Style Peal Forms are now available from R.W. office and will be sent on receipt of stamped addressed envelope (4 in. x 9 in.).

Ringing World Index for 1969 is now available, price 1s., plus stamp for postage. Other years from 1958 price 6d. each. Apply Ringing World Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Ltd., Guildford.

St. James', Bushey. — Following restoration, ringing will be resumed on Easter Sunday, 5 to 6,30 p.m. All welcome. Practice, Thursdays (except first in each month).—C. W. Woolley.

St. Thomas's Church, Stourbridge, Worcs.—All applications regarding the bells to be sent to M. D. Fellows (tower secretary), 14 Western Road. Stourbridge, Worcs, and not to the vicar, please.

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Ely Diocesan Association.—Ely District.— Evening meeting, Sat., April 4, Fordham. Bells (6) from 6 to 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Bob and Alnwick Surprise. 8423 Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild,
—Portsmouth District.—District practice at St.
Barnabas', Swanmore, Fri., April 3, 7.30 till
9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Stedman
Doubles. Plain Bob Minor. 8402

AFTERNOON MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

Worcestershire and Districts Association.— Annual general meeting in the Chapter House, Worcester Cathedral, on Easter Monday, Mar. 30, at 12 noon prompt. Service, All Saints', 11 a.m. (Bells 10 a.m.) Ringing arrangements: Stoulton, St. Edmund's (6), 1.45-3.15; Pershore Abbey (8), 2.30-4; Birlingham (5), 2.30-4; Eckington (8), 3.15-4.45; Bredon's Norton (6), 3.45-5.15; Worcester Cathedral (12), 6-7.30; Worcester, All Saints' (10), 7-8.30.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Weston, Bath (8), Sat., April 4, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., then tea and business. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Pothecary, 3 Lansdown Terrace, Upper Weston, Bath.

Bath and Wells Association.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting incorporating Corporate Communion, Middlezoy (6), Sat., April 4. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to M. J. Stone, 25 Lyndale Avenue, Bridgwater.

Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., April 4, Carlton (4), Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. A. J. Collings, 19 Meadway, Harrold (Tel. Harrold 522). Sausage sizzle on Green at 8 p.m. 8462

Chester Diocesan Guild. — Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Daresbury (8), Sat., April 4 Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ryder, Windygate, Moss Lane, Moore, Warrington, by Wed. April 1.—J. Moore, Hon. Sec. 8412

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, Aspatria (8), Sat., April 4. Bells available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Everyone welcome.—D. Sim, Sec. 8467

Derby Diocesan Association. — Annual general meeting, Derby, April 4 (and not as published in the Diary) Choral service with ringers' choir in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Chapter House. Names for tea to Mr. G. A. Halls. 54 Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby, DE3 7DA. Bells available: St. Peter, 2.15-3.30 p.m.; Cathedral, 3.30-4.25 p.m.; St. Luke after meeting (to be confirmed).

Doncaster and District Society and Selby and District Society.—Joint meeting, Thorne (8), Sat., April 4. Business meetings 3.30 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Leask, 26 Gainford Road, Moorends, Doncaster. Ringing after tea until 9 p.m.—J. Laughton and L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 8475

Dudley and District Guild.—Meeting, Halesowen (8), Sat., April 4. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to P. J. Brown, 31 Renfrew Close, Wordsley, Stourbridge. Worcs, by Tues., March 31, 8468

Essex Association. — Northern District. — Meeting, Shalford (5), Sat., April 4. Bells 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. (Names for tea to Miss M. Wright, Brick House, Shalford, by April 1.) S.M. Reverse Carter and New Bob Doubles. Also district heats of striking competition, 2.30 p.m., Wethersfield (6).

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, Shere, April 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Memorial Hall. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. J. Newman, School Cottage, Shere (Tel Shere 2396), by Tues., March 31.

Halifax and District Association.—A.G.M. and contest will be held at Saddleworth, April 4. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Rigby, 95 Carnhill Road, Mossley, Ashtonunder-Lyne, Lancs, by Wed., April 1. 8422

Hertford County Association, — Annual general meeting, Bishop's Stortford, Sat., April 4. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting in Water Lane Institute. Notice of resolutions—decimalisation of subscriptions; adoption of the Kimpton cup competition. Names for tea must be sent to K. Westwood, 85 Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford (Tel. 56043). Ringing programme: Route 1—Hertingfordbury (6), 10.00–11.30; All Saints, Hertford (10), 11.00–12.30; Widford (6), 12.00–1.30; Sawbridgeworth (8), 1.00–2.30; Thorley (6), 2.00–3.00. Route 2—Great Hormead (6), 10.00–11.30; Braughing (8), 11.00-12.30; Standon (6), 12.00–1.30; Lt. Hadham (5), 1.00–2.30; Bishop's Stortford (10), 2.00–3.30. Thorley and Bishop's Stortford after meeting.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Cranbrook, on April 4. Afternoon ringing (primarily learners) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. J. Leeves, Hazelwood, Angley Road, Cranbrook, by April 1. 8470

Lancashire Association. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting. St. Chad's Parish Church, Poulton-le-Fylde. Sat., April 4. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 8476

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, April 4. Bells: Rothley, 9.30–10.30; Birstall, 10–11; Cossington, 10.30–11.30; Queniborough, 11–12; Barkby, 11.30–12.30; Thurmaston, 12 noon – 1 p.m.; Markfield, 9.30–10.15; Ratby, 10–10.45; Groby, 10.30–11.15; Newtown Linford, 11–11.45; Anstey, 12–12.45; Hinckley, 9–10; Burbage, 9.30–10.30; Sharnford, 10–11; Sapcote, 10.30; Stoney Stanton, 11–12; Croft, 11.30–12.30; Enderby, 12 noon – 1 p.m.; Leicester: St. John, 1.30–2.30; All Saints, 2–3; St. Margaret, 2.30–3.30; Cathedral, 3 to service at 4.15 p.m. Tea in Alderman Newton's Boys School dining annexe 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150 Narborough Road South, Leicester (823140), not later than April 2.—A. J. Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8442

Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — Elloe Deaneries and Eastern Branch.—Joint quarterly meeting, Bicker, Sat., April 4. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. B. Dawson, Greenacres, Gauntlet Road, Bicker, near Boston, by Wed., April 1. 8272

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport, on Sat., April 4. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing: St. Woolos (12), 2.30-4 p.m., and after the meeting; All Saints, Newport (8), 1.30-3.30; Bassaleg (6, steel), 2-3.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to M. J. Pryor, Hon. Sec., 43 Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff, by Wed., April 1.

North Staffs Association.—Meeting at Draycott, Sat., April 4. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Perkins, Little Grange, Cheadle Road, Draycott, Stokeon-Trent, ST11 9RQ, by previous Wednesday. Good attendance, please. 8445

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Fordington St. George, on April 4. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. House, 1 Egdon Road, Manor Park, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Salisbury Branch.
—Quarterly meeting, Amesbury, Sat., April 4.
Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Please make own
arrangements for tea. Durrington bells 6-8.30
p.m. 8463

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Annual general meeting. Southwell, Sat., April 4. Ringing: Farnsfield. 2.30-4 p.m.; Lowdham, 2.30-4; Southwell, 3-4.30 and 7-9. Service, Southwell, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows tea in Trebeck Hall. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70 Valley Prospect, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton. Hon. Gen. Sec. 8458

Sussex County Association.—Northern Division.—Striking competition, Bolney, April 4, 3 p.m. start, Please bring own sandwichescups of tea provided. General ringing if time permits.—Jean Osbon. Div. Sec. 8469

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting, Elm, Monday, March 30. Service 4.30 p.m. at Elm Church, followed by tea and the business meeting. Tickets for tea, 4s. 6d. per head, now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped, addressed envelope.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8 Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon.

Ringing arrangements:-

Hilgay (8)	10.30-11.30	March (6)	10.30-11.30
Denver (6)	11,00-12.00	Wisbech St. Mary (6)	11.30-12.30
Crimplesham (5)	11.00-12.00	Tydd St. Giles (6)	12.30- 1.30
Downham Market (8)	11.30-12.30	Tydd St. Mary (6)	12.30- 1.30
Magdalene (6)	1.00- 2.00	Leverington (6)	1.30- 3.30
Watlington (6)	1.00- 2.00	Tilney All Saints (6)	11.00-12.00
Walsoken (6)	2.00- 3.00	Terrington St. Clement (8)	11.30- 1.00
Elm (6)	3.00 to Service	Walpole St. Peter (6)	12.30- 2.00
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Evening ringing: Elm and Wisbech St. Peter (10).

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Yorkshire Association. - Leeds and District Yorkshire Association. — Leeds and District Branch. — Bi-monthly meeting, Pontefract, on Sat., April 4. Bells available: Darrington (6), 3-4 p.m.; Pontefract (All Saints'), 3-9 p.m. Tea 4s. 6d. each) at 5 p.m. in Wordsworth's Cafe, Pontefract. Business meeting in All Saints' tower at 6 p.m. Names for tea to Dr. D. Atkins, The White House, Carleton Road, Pontefract, by previous Wednesday, please. Special methods: Plain Bob and Double Norwich—R. Cater. Branch Sec. 48457 wich.-R. Cater, Branch Sec.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Ospringe on Sat., April 11. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names for tea to reach Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 14 Kings Road, Faversham, not later April 8 — J. B. K. than

Norwich Association.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Sat., April 11, Lammas, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Ringing, Buxton, 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. A. Williamson, The Hall, Lammas, Norwich, NOR 59Y, by Wed., April 8. 8456.

Suffolk Guild.—N.W. District.—Ringing meeting, Lakenheath (6), Sat., April 11 Bells from 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. M. Peachey, 150 High Street, Lakenheath, Suffolk, by Wed., April 8. 8454. Norwich Association.-Northern Branch.-

heath, Suffolk, by Wed., April 8.

Surrey Association (Southern District) and East Grinstead Guild.—Joint meeting on Sat., April 11. Godstone. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. K. Wood, 45 Warren Lane, Oxted, by previous Wednesday. Lingfield bells (8) available for evening ringing, 7-9 p.m.—K. G. Game, M. A. Large, Secs.

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—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat.,
April 11, Nether and Over Wallop (fives).
Bells 2.30–4.30 p.m. Broughton (6) from 6.
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Annual General Meeting at Cirencester Saturday, April 4, 1970

Association business meeting, 2 p.m., at the Grammar School, Victoria Road, followed by tea (4s. 6d per head). Association service at Cirencester Parish Church, 6 p.m., address by the Dean of Gloucester. Names for tea, to-gether with remittance and stamped, addressed envelope for tickets, must be sent to the Cirencester Branch secretary, Mr. J. Pearse, Cotswold Cottage, Silver Street, South Cerney, Cirencester, by March 30.

Ringing programme (morning): Rendcomb (6), 9.30-10.30 a.m.; Chedworth (6), 10-11; North Cerney (6), 10.15-11.15; Watermoor (Cirencester) (8), 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Bibury (6), Fairford (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Hatherop (6), Kemble (6), Preston (5), 11 a.m.-12 noon; Siddington (6), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Ringing programme (evening): Cirencester Parish Church (12), 7-9 p.m.; South Cerney (6), Ampney Crucis (5), 7-8 p.m.; Maisey-hampton (6), 7.30-8.30 p.m.

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Ringing arrangements:

10.30-11.30 Copdock (6) 12.00-1.00 12.30-1.30 1.00-2.00 Henley (8) 11.00-12.00 Sproughton (6) Ashbocking (6) Tuddenham (6) 11.30-12.30 Bramford (6)

IPSWICH: 2.30-4, St. Clement (6), St. Lawrence (5), St. Mary at Quay (6).

3-4 St. Matthew. 3-4.15 St. Margaret (8).

Evening ringing: St. Matthew, St. Margaret and St. Mary-le-Tower (12). Names for tea to Mrs. L. Munnings, 42 Beechcroft Road, Ipswich.

A warm welcome is extended to all members and visitors.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS Ilkley, May 26th, 1970

Headquarters will be the Craiglands Hotel, Cowpasture Road (likley 2181). Special terms for the Central Council, 65/-(plus 10%) Dinner, Bed and Breakfast, but only for bookings made before March 31st. The proprietor has agreed to reserve a limited number of rooms and Council members are advised to book without delay.

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Hereford Diocesan Guild. - Bridgnorth Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at The Horseshoes. Essential names for tea to Joan Bennett. 7 Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, by April 2.

London County Association.-Meeting. Sat., April 11. Ringing at St. Mary's, Woolwich, 3–4,30 p.m., and St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 7–8.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Woolwich. Names for tea essential to J. H. Lott (01-736 4423).—R. J. C. 8482

London County Association.—Surprise Major practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, Mon., April 13, 6-8 p.m. All welcome. Future Surprise Major practices will be held at St. Olave's on the Monday preceding the third Thursday of each month.—R. J. C. 8483

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., April 4, at Wellesbourne. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. More ringing after tea. Also Sherborne bells (6) 2.30–3.30 p.m. This is an important meeting at which election for committee representatives and district secretary will take place. so full attendance, please.— H. A. M.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for March 23, 1945

At a Salisbury Guild meeting at Bridport a unanimous vote against holding a competition was recorded on the grounds that it would not engender good fellowship or serve to advance the art of ringing or the objects of the Guild.

The leading article was devoted to footnotes to peals and the general layout of the R.W. to suit all ringers. [It is proposed to reprint part of this article in the near future.—Ed.]

Anthony Humphrey (aged 13) rang his first peal (Bob Major) at Brighton and William Coppard his first of Major.

The National Police Guild rang Stedman Triples to a peal on the front eight at Manchester Town Hall and P.-Sgt. T. R. Butler was the conductor.

At Chedzoy, Som., three first pealers—Ronald Short, Mervyn Farthing and George Burge. John T. Locke conducted.

A local band, the first ever, rang a peal

of Grandsire Doubles at Abbotsbury, John Pitman and Rev. W. G. Squires ringing their first.

Sgt. Sydney Holloway sent details of bells in Calcutta Cathedral and mentioned a clock made by Valliamy, of London, in 1844.

50 YEARS AGO

March 26, 1920

From the Oxford Guild meeting:

The publication of the annual report of the Oxford Guild would cost 9d. per copy but would be sold at 6d. to permit every-one to have a copy. A course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was brought to a lead end by Messrs. Mayne, Barker, Williamson, Martin and Welling.

'The Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild (S. and W.) view with regret the absence of quarter peals, elemen-tary touches and other matter beneficial to young ringers in the Ringing World." From a report.

A well-known resident of N. Mymms, Herts, had promised to present two more bells to the Church of St. Mary.

H. Law James wrote asking for support to raise money to add four more bells to the eight in Lincoln Cathedral as a memorial to the fallen.

A 720 of No. 20 of the Thirds Place Delight methods, C.C. Collection, was rung at Denton and named "Pevril Castle."

The heavy-going bells (Rudhall, 1726), the long draught of rope which slips wheel and no sally guides made the ringing difficult when Salop Guild met at Cound.

A peal of Erin Cinques on handbells was

rung at the residence of Mr. A. Walker in Sparkhill, Birmingham, it being only the

second peal of Erin Cinques ever rung.
Arthur T. Morris tapped Holt's Ten Part
of Grandsire Triples on handbells in 2 hours 33 minutes.

Four of the Allred family—Herbert, Harry, Benjamin and Robert, sen.—took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples in memory of James Allred, a ringer for 45 vears.

AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

Page 56.-Piddlehinton: 5th, read David L. Cull Page 113.-Lowestoft quarter: transpose ringers of 4 and 5

Page 115. — Mathon peal (Hereford Guild): 2nd Leonard J. Walters.

Page 196.-Spliced Surprise Major, Dorchester, Feb. 21: Oxford Society not Guild,

Page 163.—Warsop Surprise notations:
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First rung at Portsmouth Cathedral on St. David's Day, conducted by the composer.

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42635		2		S
26345			2	S
52643		2		S
26453			2	S
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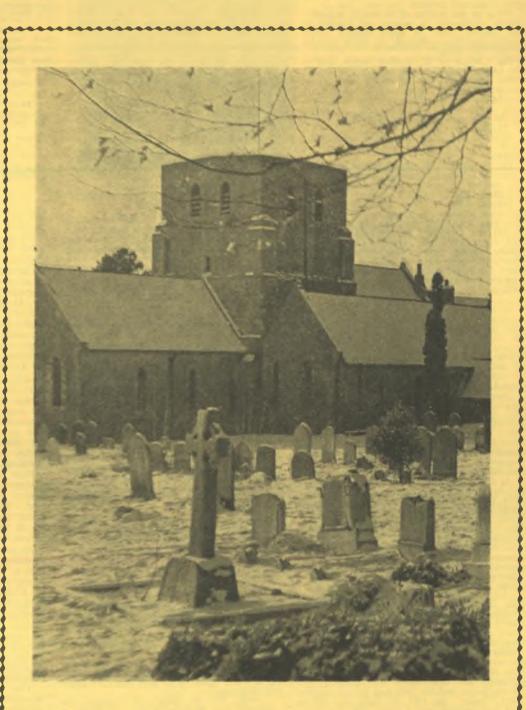
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This is the story of Lympne, a Kentish village which helped itself and proudly saved something of its past for future generations. Lympne is a mile away from the busy A20 trunk road, midway between Ashford and Folkestone. Its "main street" is the Romans' ancient Stone Street. To walk beyond the new houses and bungalows at the end of Stone Street is to step back into the past of centuries. centuries.

Church, castle, inn, manor house, school. farm and cottages stand, mellow in their years.

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Not even the activity of the nearby airport-

Not even the activity of the nearby airport—known world-wide to pioneers of aviation as the starting point of many historic route-blazing expeditions—reduces the air of serenity of the "old village."

The Church of St. Stephen stands next to the castle, on the banks of a grassy "cliff" which commands one of the finest views in southern England—the great expanse of Romney Marsh, the shoreline sweening from Fairney Marsh, the shoreline sweeping from Fair-light in the west to the white cliffs of Dover the east, and a vast seascape to the coast

Down the ages, the steep escarpment of the "cliff" has been one of the defence lines of has been one of the defence lines of

England.

The Romans built their harbour of Portus Lemanus at the foot of it, long before the sea receded by many miles to the present

Saxons, Jutes, Normans, Danes, Frenchmen, Saxons, Jules, Normans, Danes, Frenchmen, Spaniards, Dutchmen, Germans—invaders and would-be invaders—knew this land. So did pirates and smugglers. Kings held court here and for more recent royalty Lympne was a leisure retreat. For statesmen, after World War I, it was a venue to deliberate the peace. Here the Fair Maid of Kent saw her visions and (so the story goes) it was down Lympne Hill that Jack and Jill came to grief.

PLACE IN HISTORY

So Lympne has its place in part of the story of England. And for 900 years its church has seen the comings and goings of Kentish history. St. Stephen's was built by Lanfranc, from stones from the Roman remains of Stutfall stones from the Roman remains of Stutfall Castle, below the cliff. The earliest record of its bells is in an "inventory of church goods" of 1552 and refers to the "first iiij bells in the stepell." In 1580 the churchwardens of Lympne made application in the court of the Archdeacon of Canterbury "... to take from the Parish Church of Westhythe ... now desolate and decayed ... two little bells." They promised that the same weight of metal would be cast again "in like bells ... and redelivered ... when they shall be lawfully required." It is probable that some. if not all, of the bells were recast in the same year. all, of the bells were recast in the same year.

In 1742-43 the bells were recast into a ring

In 1742-43 the bells were recast into a ring of five by Robert Catlin at a cost of £50. The frame was also partly rebuilt. Regular ringing continued at Lympne until at least 1808. From this date onwards there are a few mentions of bell ropes or ringers in churchwardens' accounts. In the middle of the last century the church fell into a "very damp and bad condition," in which it appeared to remain for some years. Not until December. 1879 is it recorded that "the 5 December, 1879, is it recorded that "the bells rang out" for the reopening services.

bells rang out" for the reopening services. Again, in the early years of this century, the church became in need of considerable restoration. In 1921 the Archdeacon of Maidstone reported that "the belfry's condition does not allow of the bells being pealed, and the birds have been allowed to get into the belfry." In 1928 under the direction of Mr. Rowland Harman, who has done much in the last 40 years to restore and maintain the church, the bell frame was lowered and strengthened and the bells and fittings renaired strengthened and the bells and fittings repaired and rehung In 1951 the bells were rehung on ball bearings and a treble bell was added by Mears and Stainbank.

The inscriptions on the six bells read:—
Treble: 1959 M & S. 2: Tho 1 am but small I will be heard amongst you all, R. Catlin, Fecit, 1742, 3: Robert Catlin cast us all, 1742. 4: John Bridger — John Firminger — Robert Catlin, Fecit, 1742, 5: R.C. Fecit, 1744, Tenor: Henry Bagnal Vicar — Thomas Greenland — Richard Howard Churchwardens, R.C. Fecit, 1742.

Howard Churchwardens, R.C. Fecit. 1742.
The weight of the tenor bell is 111 cwt.
In recent years considerable work has been done to the exterior and interior fabric of St. Stephen's and today it is one of the best pre-served churches of its period in South-East England. Despite dedicated maintenance by the bellringing team however it became clear in 1968 that the bells and frame were in need of major and urgent repair. The cost was estimated at £1,800, the sum reducible by several hundred pounds by the undertaking of the ringers to carry out some of the work themselves. The Parochial Church Council set themselves. The Parochial Church Council set up a small committee to raise money. From many meetings during the latter half of the year emerged a master plan of fund-raising ventures—ranging from an appeal letter delivered to every household in the village on New Year's Day, 1969, to coffee mornings and jumble sales to the most ambitious single event ever staged in Lympne—a three-day Festival of Flowers, Music and Bells in April. In this almost the entire village community was involved. St. Stephen's, Lympne Castle and the whole area of the "old village" became the venue of events, which included floral art displays, a procession of children carrying garlands, displays of mediæval dancing, exhibitions and demonstrations, handbell ringing, organ and other music. ringing, organ and other music.

PROCEEDS EXCEED TARGET

Thousands of people from all over England attended the festival. For visiting ringers the centre of interest was the Whitechapel Expo Belfry, making its first appearance and erected on a prepared site in a farmyard opposite the church. Proceeds from the festival and other events, together with donations resulting from the general appeal, exceeded the target. And so, in early summer, work began on a carefully prepared schedule which aimed at the completion of the project before the end of the year. The bellringing team undertook a programme considerably bigger than their original one, some members giving up their holidays and mortgaging future ones so that progress could be maintained to

The bells were removed in September and returned from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in December, the ringers carrying out the manual work of removal and rehanging under the guidance of Mr. Harry Parkes. Flooring was constructed under the bells to enable ringing to be carried out from a belfry instead of from the floor of the church. The bells of from the floor of the church. The bells were rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Dover (Rt. Rev. Antony Tremlett) at a special service on Sunday, January 4, one year to the day after a service to mark the launching of the appeal.

"The bells of St. Stephen's are part of our village life and heritage; surely it is our wish that they may be part of the inheritance we pass on to future generations.

Thus, on January 1, 1969, the Rev. J. W. Neilson, Vicar of Lympne, appealed to his parishioners to be generous in answering his appeal for funds.

They answered not only by donating money and gifts and by organising events to raise revenue, giving pleasure to visitors to their village, but also by back-breaking work in

This is the story of a village which helped itself.

Perhaps somewhere in the belfry of St. Stephen's and in the documents which record the life and times of its bells might be added this dedication:-

1969: To the people of Lympne who showed that they cared for the future as well as the past . . .

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Guildford Guild.

A BELFRY REPAIR FUND

A well represented gathering of members attended the A.G.M. of the Guildford Guild on March 14 at the new Congregational Hall, when all the officers were reelected.

The most notable feature of the annual report was the large increase in the number peals rung during 1969. The master, Mr. D. A. R. May, in his comments said that the Guild had been productive both in the field of peal and quarter peal ringing and he expressed the hope that this trend would continue, since he believed that to some extent it represented the health of the Guild.

In presenting the accounts the treasurer (Mr. G. K. Williamson) explained the reason for increasing the subscription and the way in which more money was to be channelled into the Guild General Fund. The master had previously explained that the Executive Committee had set up a Belfry Repair Fund into which the tower affiliation fees were to be paid.

Four new members were elected: Christopher Caryer, Nicholas Mudge and Grant Pyner, of Ewell, and Alan Ure, of Dunsfold. The master welcomed them to the guild and expressed the hope that they would have a long and enjoyable ringing

career.

Answering an enquiry about the bells at Ranmore Common, the master explained that a home had not yet been found for them, mainly because they had to be kept as a ring of eight, but he had hopes of successful redeployment of the ring. garding the recent Press reports of com-plaints from the University about ringing at Guildford Cathedral, Mrs. C. Tubbs informed the meeting that no official complaint had been made to the Dean and Chapter and that only one person had complained to the University authorities.

The meeting concluded when Mr. E. Warner thanked the ladies for the tea, the organist, and the Rev. W. Sellars for taking A.E. the service.

About the Central Council

4.—LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

By E. C. SHEPHERD (convener)

AT THE MEETING of the Central Council at Westminster in 1903 the Rev. (later Canon) Papillon raised the question of the possibility of doing more to educate the public in the matter of change-ringing. Everyone agreed that this ought to be done, although no one had any clear idea of how it might be done. Nevertheless, after much discussion a committee was appointed to look into the question, and Mr. Papillon, Mr. R. A. Daniell and Mr. Maitland Kelly constituted what was called the Press Committee. A number of useful articles were written by Mr. Papillon and others, but the difficulties of educating the public soon be-came apparent, and the main job of the committee resolved itself into the preparation of a catalogue of all the known works on ringing, a task undertaken by Mr. Daniell. Seven years later Mr. Daniell re-ported that the work was in hand; in 1913 it was stated that the catalogue was still unfinished. Meanwhile the name of the committee had been changed to Church Press Committee and then to Literature Committee, and it was doing useful work in encouraging the writing of articles for the Press, in watching what was written and in keeping the ringing Exercise in touch with what was done. The present title of the committee came in 1919, but with the development of radio the word "Broadcastwas added.

FIRST TO BROADCAST

The committee thus dealt with ringing literature and with what bell and bellringing matter was put out on the air. Among the first to broadcast was the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, of Kington Magna, Dorset. This remarkable man was convener of the committee for more than 30 years and his reports were masterpieces of construction. He was a man solid, quiet and convincing, and he commanded great respect. His energy and determination were astonishing, when he was over 80 he travelled 300 miles from Dorset to Newcastle-on-Tyne, where we saw him, after his long day,'s journey, sitting in the smoke room at the Turk's Head calmly sipping his ale.

The difficulties that faced the committee of 1903 have not disappeared with the passing of 67 years. There is no way of educating the public to a correct appreciation of change-ringing except by persuading it to study text books; and this is hardly likely to be done. As was pointed out in 1903, editors have the job of making their papers pay and are not willing to print technical expositions. On the other hand, they are not at all unwilling to publish readable matter concerning bells, their history and legends, and even some comprehensible references to how changes are rung; for there can be little doubt that, apart from a small minority, English people have a love of bells and a desire to hear them.

The present Literature and Press Committee was elected in 1954, and it is a committee of two—myself and Mr. F. E. Dukes. It may at sight appear a small body to be called a committee, but actually it is quite large enough. Throughout the year news cuttings of many kinds are sent in to us from near and far, and it is convenient to have the "gathering points" for all this



Edgar C. Shepherd.

material limited to two spots. In practice it emerges that Mr. Dukes collects matter from outside England while I assemble most of the remainder.

All references to ringing are read, annotated and then filed under headings-news items, feature articles, technical articles, and so on. At the end of the year these are reviewed and some attempt is made to indicate any special feature of the year's publicity. It is not possible, of course, to mention in our report every item we have received, but each piece, great or small, helps to build up the picture of the ringing literature of the 12 months. Notice is always taken of new publications of works by ringers themselves, and of the very interesting and useful local journals and news sheets produced by enterprising and hardworking enthusiasts.

TIME LAG

In theory the committee stands ready to refute any false, absurd or unfairly derogatory statements on bells and bellringers that may appear in the Press. In practice it is not always easy to be of use in this capacity. This is due partly to the time lag between the appearance of the objectionable article or letter and our awareness of its publication and partly to the actions of editors who ignore our protests or distort them by incomplete presentation. The less reputable journals often resort to the latter device; the better class papers will either ignore us or print us in full; and this, if not satisfactory, is at least honourable.

The report that Mr. Dukes and I present to the Central Council may be said to have three main aims. First, it tries to provide the Exercise with a review of what has been written and said about us during the year; in other words, to help us "to see ourselves as others see us." There can be no question of the value of this to those of us who think at all deeply about our St. David's Guild

A COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET

A quarterly meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at Llanelli on March 14th, with members present from Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Llanelli, Pembroke and Tenby. The service was conducted by Canon Howard Williams, the organist was Mr. Alan Morris and the lesson was read by Rev. R. W. Thomas.

Mr. Percy Griffiths expressed thanks for the excellent tea, prepared and served by the ladies of the parish, and at the meeting it was decided to nominate the secretary as C.C. representative, the present representa-

tive being unable to attend.

It was proposed that a booklet to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Guild be compiled and that a dinner be held in Carmarthen in October. It was agreed that a peal be attempted in the Cathedral to

a peal be attempted in the Cathedral to mark the golden jubilee of the Province.
The Rev. R. W. Thomas (master), who had left the diocese to be Vicar of St. Julian's, Newport, was welcomed.
The meeting was held jointly with the Swansea and Brecon Guild, both joining

for some good ringing and for tea, but the business meetings being held separately.

Nottingham University Society

VISITED TWELVE TOWERS

The Nottingham University Society spent a weekend based in Worcester as last term's outing. Travelling by minibus, 12 towers were visited, including Pershore Abbey (quite an experience!) and Worcester Cathedral. Other churches included Elmley Castle, where some of the local inhabitants remarked how pleasant it was to hear the bells rung! On Sunday morning three members rang in a quarter at Stoulton.

Thanks to Paul Cattermole for making the arrangements and to Chris for his

navigation.

On March 4 the Society held its A.G.M., when the following officers were elected. chairman and ringing master, Hilary K. Derham (13 Orchard Road, Backwell, Bristol, BS19 3HP); secretary, Margaret H. Mees (Willoughby Hall, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2QR). and treasurer, John Wright.

art and the work to which it is dedicated. Secondly, we should wish this report to act as an incentive to ringers to write and speak boldly about bellringing, and to educate the public in what we do and, most important of all, why we do it. Thirdly, we all need constant reminders of the tremendous amount that is written for us by our fellow ringers—the articles technical and historical, pamphlets, books, periodicals, all of them for our instruction and entertainment. by year we have evidence of deeply devoted work, and the report tries in some small way to express the gratitude of us all for this constant enlargement of our ringing literature.

Sometimes, on gazing at the report and on the pile of material from which it emerged, one is tempted to think that the mountain (like that of Horace) has with great labour brought forth a mouse. then one is comforted by the thought that even the mouse has its uses, as the lion in the fable of Aesop found to his great

benefit.

COMPETITION PLANS

The Devon Association of Ringers has now published its 1970 programme, with details of the six-bell and eight-bell comnetitions.

People who like to combine a visit to a competition with a day in picturesque countryside can make a note of the eight-bell and the final of the six-bell; the former is on April 18th at Revelstoke, overlooking the lovely Yealm estuary near Plymouth, with the South Devon coastline just the other side of the hill; the latter is one of Devon's most dramatically-placed towers, St. Petrox, Dartmouth, the church in the castle at the mouth of the Dart, perched above the rocks at the entrance of one of Britain's loveliest harbours. Both rings are mainly 19th century, but across the water they should sound delightful. The Dart-mouth competition is on June 13.

The two towers selected for the area sixbell competitions are Ide for the South and Black Torrington for the North. Ide (pronounced "Eed") is only a mile or two outside the edge of Exeter (turn left at the top of the first hill out of Exeter on the Okehampton road) and has a Warner six with an 8½ cwt. tenor in a delightful village. The Ide competition is on May 9, and a fortnight later, on the 23rd, comes Black Torrington. Don't be misled by the name; this is quite a long way from Great Torrington and in a rather unexpected direction, because the Torridge makes three-quarters of a circle. Black Torrington is a little way north of the Exeter-Bude road, in a little-known part of the county which is well worth a visit; the bells are a Pennington ring with an 82 cwt. tenor in F sharp; they sound much heavier than their true weight, and very much better inside the church than out, but they are a nice six to ring and there should be some excellent ringing on them with West Down, Down St. Mary and Swymbridge among the entries.

In all these competitions, the service starts events at 2 p.m. and tea is served at 4. Having the service at the beginning is an attempt to get teams to be there on time; one hopes it will be successful, for it can be very frustrating for the organisers, judges and punctual teams if people have to wait about for a long time before the draw can be made and ringing can begin.

J. G. M. S.

COINCIDENCE

Roy Threadgold writes:—
"When sending the quarter in which
Rosalind Campbell rang her "first" I came across some interesting coincidences. I discovered that I had rung no quarter of Bob Doubles since her sister, Elizabeth, rang her first in 1966; that was on St. George's Day. Rosalind's was on St. David's Day. With a name like Campbell, we will have to see if their brother, Richard, can ring his on St. Andrew's Day!

"This trio spread their ringing over Yorkshire and Suffolk, but our home tower is Wethersfield, Essex.

"Wethersfield Anglican and Congrega-tional churches have had close ties for many years. We have built up a tradition of ringing for the Congregational Harvest Festival, and the Campbells certainly help this—their father is Congregational organist and their grandfather used to be Congregational minister at Braintree."

MEN WHO STOLE CHURCH BELLS

Three Exeter men who removed bells from the disused St. Edmund's Church and sold them for scrap were given fines totalling £320 and suspended prison sentences.
The men, Colin Michael Bond (30), lorry

driver, Ronald William Hannaford (25), unemployed, and his father, William Charles Hannaford (48), lorry driver, pleaded guilty to jointly entering the church as trespassers between January 1 and February 21 and stealing four of the church's eight bells, the property of Rev. Michael J. Morton.

Insp. D. Fowkes said that since the

brewery next door became empty the now disused church had virtually no security.

Property still in the building included a ring of eight bells, all irreplaceable and of great historic value.

In February four of the bells were found to be missing, and it was discovered that they must have been dragged into the crypt and broken into pieces before being taken away.

Press publicity resulted in information leading to the recovery, in pieces, of two of the bells from a local scrap metal merchant. But pieces from the other two bells had already gone for smelting. Ronald Hannaford admitted the theft, and after his remand on bail the other two men went to the police and admitted their part.

Statements made by the men revealed that Ronald Hannaford had first noticed the bells in the church and brought the others in to help him steal them. Tackle taken from a building site was used to lower one of the bells into the crypt where it was broken up and sold to a scrap metal merchant. At the beginning of February they stole the second bell in the same manner and on February 21 took the other two.

Visits to the scrap metal merchants were always made at night, and the men profited by £180 from the sale of the metal.

Ronald Hannaford said in his statement that the scrap metal merchant knew the metal was stolen. All three men apologised from the dock.

The chairman of the inagistrates told them: "Not only were these bells of great historic value and of value to the church. but you stole them for your own greed and sold them for an enormous amount of

Ronald Hannaford was fined £120 and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years; William Hannaford and Colin Bond were each fined £100 and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years. Each of the men was ordered to pay the fine at £2 a week.

INTER-SCHOOL SOCIETY

Writing from King's School, Worcester, Christopher J. Pickford tells us:-

'The Worcester Schools Change-ringing Society has only been in existence since September, and weekly term-time practices are held on the ten at All Saints' Church on Thursday afternoons. As far as I know this is the only inter-school Society in exist-

"The people who attend our practices form the main part of the Sunday service band at St. John's, Worcester, though others hail from Stoulton and Whitbourne and Pershore. We also teach anyone who is interested to handle a bell, and the attendance at these practices has grown considerably since last September.

Appleton Week-End

"THE CUP OF JOY" "When Friendship, Love and Truth abound

Among a band of brothers, The cup of joy goes gaily round, Each shares the bliss of others."

So runs a verse on an old loving cup made in 1820 A.D., about the time that the foundations of the Appleton Society of Ringers were being laid. Without much doubt "the cup of joy" still goes gaily round on the nearest Saturday to March 4 of every year at Appleton, Berkshire. This year's gathering saw about 130 ringers and friends sit down to dinner, and was the absolute limit of the village hall.

The function was supported by a large majority of the younger generation, who seemed to join most enthusiastically in this traditional entertainment. Fred Sharpe proposed "The Appleton Society" and ably gave the history and some details of the worthies of the past. Frank White, who was given an ovation as he rose to reply, spoke of his pleasure at the continued support of ringers from so many societies, and properly added a sad touch in mentioning the loss sustained by the passing of Fred Messinger and Cyril Hibbert.
"The Church" was toasted at the call of
Frank White's co-churchwarden and replied to in happy vein by the rector, who said he wished all sections of church workers like ringers could find the same pleasure and enthusiasm in their work.

"Young Brian," as he is affectionately known, welcomed the visitors, and this was acknowledged by Rodney Yates (master, Oxford University Society), and Bill Hibbert was well received as he voiced the

thanks of all for the party.

Earlier in the day the usual peal at-tempt got under way at 10.15 a.m. Tony Kench, master of the College Youths, was delayed so Charlie Sangwyn, from Stratton, joined the band and the peal was duly rung. For Bill Hibbert it was a special occasion, for on March 4, 50 years ago, he rang his first peal on the Appleton bells.

The whole week-end was, as usual, made doubly pleasant by the wonderful service and attention to everyone's comfort and refreshment by Mr. and Mrs. Fowler, hosts at the Plough. Mention must be made of the hospitality of Frank's sister, Phyllis, and Fred (her husband) year by year to the delight of the peal band and their friends; also the cosy reception afforded to all who found their way to the Thatched Tavern, where many years ago the dinner was held.

Despite the severe weather on Sunday there were many who were up and ready to ring at Christ Church, Oxford, at 9 a.m. and at All Saints' later on.

And so it seems, to use a verse from Troyte's Change Ringing, March 4 at Appleton is "Ever the same yet ever new." May it long continue to be one of the highlights of our ringing calendar. W. H. C.

INJURED BY FALL

The sexton and verger at Pilton Parish Church, Barnstaple, Mr. A. Griffiths, of Church Cottage, was taken to hospital recently with a broken leg and back injuries after falling down the bell tower of the church.

Mr. Griffiths, himself a former ringer, was in the tower where the ring of eight was rehung early in March.

WHAT A (LEGAL) NUISANCE!

By ALAN PATTERSON

WHEN Fabian Stedman was introducing the concept of change ringing to English bell-ringers there was probably at least one person living within earshot of the tower who found frequent cause to curse the day that either he or Stedman was born. Times have changed immeasurably since those early days but the problem of the conflicting interests of ringers and those who neither love nor understand the cacophony which issues from the tower is still with us.

It seems that whilst both the Exercise and the Church have gone through a considerable change of attitude in many respects, both have been either wilfully blind or asleep when the problem of nuisance to the inhabitants of a parish caused by bells has presented itself. We, as ringers, have no divine right to persecute our neighbours with the clamour of our chosen instruments. Nor do we have any such right at law. Many ringers are any such right at law. Many ringers are unsure about their legal standing in this matter and it is hoped that this article might provoke some thought upon the subject. It must be stressed that the propositions of law in this article are my own interpretation of the cases and should the reader require legal advice he should consult a solicitor.

Let us assume that a Mr. Grouch has recently moved into a house near the church at Anyparish and has instituted proceedings against the Vicar, Rev. Dogood, and the ringers, headed by their tower captain, Mr. Clanger, alleging that the ringing of the bells of the church is a nuisance and claiming an injunction and damages.

TWO KINDS OF NUISANCE

First, it must be established what the nature of a nuisance is at law in this context. There are two kinds of nuisance—public nuisance and private nuisance. Paradoxical though it may seem. the likelihood of proceedings being taken against Dogood and Clanger in public nuisance is a good deal less likely than proceedings in private nuisance. A public nuisance would be perpetrated by Clanger and his band if it could be established that the ringing endangered (amongst other things) the comfort of the public or prejudiced the members of the public in the exercise of a common right (e.g. the quiet enjoyment of their property). At least a section of the public must be prejudiced by the act complained of and whilst there is no hard and fast rule as to how many people must be affected, it was held to be sufficient that the inhabitants of quite a small locality would be enough in Att.-Gen. v. P.Y.A. Quarries Ltd. [1957] 2 Q.B. 169. However, the prospect of an action being brought in public nuisance is, as I have said, a little remote. This is mainly because Grouch would have to show that he had suffered damage different in kind from that suffered by the public at large.

As to private nuisance, the prospect of some Grouch taking proceedings against some Dogood and Clanger is almost so likely as to be probable. Here, Grouch is much more likely to make out a case than he is even under the Noise Abatement Act, 1960, which (for reasons I shall not go into here) is quite likely to be a red herring in many cases. No, Grouch would do well to stick to the old common law of private nuisance.

At common law private nuisance can comprise either injury to property or interference with comfort. Grouch will be complaining of interference with comfort. The question before the court will be whether it was reasonable in such a place as Anyparish for Grouch to have to endure the noise made by Clanger and his band. The standards of the plain man living in such a locality will be taken as the acid test. Who can deny that in most parishes Grouch would have an easy case? Our bells are often hung so that the mouths of the bells swing right up into the louvres and this, together with the total lack of sound-control. has the obvious result that the din of reverberating metal beats down unmercifully on the neighbouring houses.

What could Clanger and his band say in their defence? Could they say that it was not their fault that Grouch recently moved into the house and that, anyway, he should have expected to hear bells if he moved so close to a tower? It is well-settled law that this is no defence at all. Even if Grouch had built the house near the church on a previously vacant plot, no defence of this sort would be available to Clanger. No one but a churl would deliberately take proceedings because of some petty annoyance (and such a churl would lose, at least as to costs). But often the annoyance is more than petty. Not only this, most ringers are aware that the bells are in most cases far too loud to allow the nearneighbours of the church anything remotely resembling peace and quiet whilst ringing is in progress. Is it not then pertinent to ask who but a churl would deliberately persecute his neighbours with a noise which he well knows they cannot abide?

Just in case those self-righteous beings who never ring any peals and take an inordinate pride in ringing their limited repertoire badly on Sundays feel that I am only inviting peal ringers to think long and hard about their position, it must be stated that the case most directly in point concerned service ringing. This is the case of Soltau v. De Held (1851) 2 Sim (N.S.) 133. The church in question was the Roman Catholic church on Clapham Common, which at that time had a 9 cwt, ring of six. Much to the plaintiff's annoyance these bells were rung frequently either by chiming one or more of the bells or by the ring being rung for various services and festivals. An injunction was granted restraining the ringing of the bells, which was considered to be unreasonable in the circumstances.

EXTREME NUISANCE

Whilst I do not maintain that the decision in Soltau v. De Held is entirely satisfactory in every respect (for example Kindersley, V.C. regarded a 9 cwt, six as an exceptionally heavy ring) the whole tenor of the judgment is expressed in this passage: "A peal of bells may be, and no doubt is, an extreme nuisance and, perhaps, an intolerable nuisance to a person who lives within a very few feet or yards of them; but to a person who lives at a distance from them, although he is within distance of their sound, so far from its being a nuisance or an inconvenience, it may be a positive pleasure; for I cannot assent to the proposition of the plaintiff's counsel that in all circumstances and under all conditions the sound of bells must be a nuisance."

The position, then, seems to be that whilst the sound of bells is not of itself necessarily a nuisance, more often than not it is a nuisance because the bells are being used in an unreasonable manner. What are we, as ringersto do? There are three courses of action open to us. First, we can carry on as before in the fond hope that no one will take any action beyond telephoning the incumbent (if the telephone is not "off the hook"). If this course is adopted, a rude and amply justified shock must surely await us before the earthly seat of judgment in court.

Secondly, we can stop ringing altogether for fear that someone who knows a little too much of his rights might decide to act accordingly. This seems to be the course most readily adopted by too many incumbents once they find trouble (or the possibility of trouble) on their hands. This, too, must surely be wrong, for change ringing is a valuable subculture of Christianity and well worthy of preservation.

Thirdly, we can do our best to see that our bells are not capable of constituting a nuisance by means of installing effective (and, it need be, adjustable) sound-control. This method of solving the problem is to be preferred because it keeps both ringers and inhabitants happy. I would only add one word of warning-it is no use embarking upon a sound-control plan if it is not to be fully effective. Suppose in my example that Dogood and Clanger have made some half-hearted attempt at controlling the sound (perhaps through lack of funds) and Grouch sues. If it is established that the bells in fact constitute a nuisance, it will be no defence to say that everything possible has been done to avoid the nuisance. If there is a nuisance, Grouch will have his remedy no matter how good the intentions of Dogood and

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Soltau v. De Held was decided in the 19th century. Times have changed since then and the implied deference to the Church of England in Kindersley V.C.'s judgment would perhaps not be shown so generously today. Quite apart from this, people are more than ever aware of their rights. The benevolent attitude of the general public towards the Church is in decline and it must only be a matter of time before some real Mr. Grouch decides that enough is enough. The problem may not have been urgent in 1851, but it is urgent now and to ignore it would be to court disaster. If enough publicity were given to a successful plaintiff, a flood of actions might well follow and ringers would be put into a position from which it would be difficult to recover.

If sound-control is to be provided, how is this to be done? The Church is poor and in decline while the expense of work carried out on its buildings rises remorselessly up the spiral of inflation. Surely it is fair that the Exercise should take this burden upon itself at least until the Church is in a better position to afford the cost. The Exercise has benefited for centuries from the presence of the Church and it would be appropriate if the Church could lean a little on the Exercise in this respect.

Is it not ludicrous that the annual subscription of guilds and associations is computed in shillings? There is not one association, guild or society that even asks for one (old) penny a day from its members as an annual subscription. Many associations have bell repair funds and this is indeed commendable. But look at the miserable amounts in them and compare this with the gargantuan task of providing the necessary sound-proofing. Are we to remain in slumber (or wilful blindness) or are we to wake up before it is too late? The Church cannot take the additional burden and unless this is done by the Exercise through the local associations, ringing and therefore we ourselves will be the sufferers.

(Continued overleaf)

Letters

PEAL UMPIRE

Dear Sir,-I confirm that on September 13 I checked all the calls and the coursing orders throughout the peal of 16,128 Superlative at the Bell Foundry.

It was rung in accordance with the Central Council regulations and was up to the standard required for record peals.—Yours

BERNARD GROVES (umpire). Reading, Berks.

TRAINING NEW BANDS

Dear Sir,-I wonder if I may comment on the keenness of those who are struggling to form and train new bands of ringers at churches where the bells have been silent for some years (or, at best, have only been chimed by perhaps one or two faithful members).

There are several churches within the Coventry and Leicester Dioceses where this is the case, but one in particular I would like to mention, namely Croft, near Leicester. Mr. Fred Watson, a devoted ringer of many years' standing, has an infectious enthusiasm which deserves the highest praise. He has gathered together six or seven youngsters (average age about 11 years old) and they are progressing very well indeed.

How grand it would be if more ringers of experience would give these struggling bands a helping hand—even once a month. The resultant gratitude would, I am certain, more than compensate for giving up an evening in this way.—Yours faithfully G. EDMANDS.

Chilvers Coton, Warwicks.

COUNCIL MATTERS

Dear Sir, — The Exercise will no doubt take heart from the knowledge that Mr. Mew has assumed the mantle of Ombuds-

The minority of malcontents should appreciate, however, that there is a limit to the amount of this brand of humbug which will be taken by voluntary officers.—Yours faithfully,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY, Hon. Secretary.

Northowram, Halifax.

LEGAL NUISANCE (continued)

As to the future, sound-control should be regarded as a necessary part of the fittings of a ring of bells. Who amongst us would expect to find a silencer quoted as an optional extra on a motor-car? If both of the foundries would include effective sound-control in their estimates, I feel that a great step would be taken towards a more tolerant attitude to bells by the general public. Inevitably, this would add to the cost, but what is the sense of paying £10,000 for a ring of bells when they cannot be used for the want of a further £200? (These figures are just "plucked out of the air" but I am sure that the point will be taken.)

I urge every ringer who cares for the future of the Exercise to lobby his association officers so that an effective programme can be worked out now (not at the next A.G.M.). names may not be Dogood, or Clanger, or Soltau or De Held, but the principle and precedent established in 1851 is ever more likely to be applied, if not expounded. To continue to ignore the problem even for one week longer is to connive at a great abuse of privilege.

If it is felt to be impossible to set up a scheme on the above lines, perhaps it would be possible to set up a legal defence fund.]

SCRAPYARD BELLS

Dear Sir,—Further to your correspondent Mr. Bassett's news of the bells in a Tunbridge Wells scrapyard, I cannot offer any conclusive evidence of their origin, but think they may be four out of the five chiming bells from the Roman Catholic church there. I read that this was to be demolished some short while ago, and assume that this has now happened. If it is so, the bells would be four out of a fixed chime of five (tenor 6 cwt. 24lb. in B), the others forming the Cambridge Quarters, notes A sharp, G sharp, F sharp and C sharp, which I know were cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Anyone would sympathise with Mr. Fortin's wish that the ring of eight bells (quite incorrectly given by Dove as a chime, as they retain their ringing fittings) at Aylesbury, Bucks, should ring again. The late Sir G. Scott, who removed the ringing room floor, did say that he considered the floor unsafe (perhaps this was in order to get his way and to have the glorious Norman lantern stage exposed). Surely welldesigned rope guides would be part of the answer there, or even a Merton College type gallery. But before this is done, presumably the question of tower safety would have to be carefully looked at; and, at the same time, it must be accepted that the bells would probably have to have at least new fittings and possibly framework as well. They sound fine chimed; what a grand sound they must have made when swung!

—Yours faithfully,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

Canterbury, Kent.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL

Dear Sir,-The suggestion of your correspondent, Mr. Drew, page 190, on "The Official Journal," of asking associations and guilds to support The Ringing World by financial contribution is in my opinion a sound one. Indeed, I had the intention of suggesting this.

However. I would not grade this contribution according to number of membership as this would be tantamount to penalising the more enthusiastically supported guilds and associations.

I feel that we, as ringers, enjoying the pleasure and fellowship of ringing, ought to try all feasible measures to improve the circulation of our paper and thus make it a more lucrative commercial undertaking. It is a good bob's worth. It keeps us abreast of events, helps to further the fellowship of ringers and engenders interest in the Exercise among young and old.

This provides me with the opportunity of suggesting that we might find a page or two devoted to junior ringers to be a means of bringing in new readers. This junior section could be in the middle of The Ringing World and could deal with the achievements of young ringers, their opinions of ringing, and their towers, hobbies, outings and other items of interest. By putting it into the middle pages the rest of the paper, or at least certain pages, might also be read where they are not at present.

It would seem that our numbers are made up of something like a third of young ringers whose enthusiasm for ringing could spread among their school-fellows; potential replacements to the ringing Exercise which in many areas is in need of new recruits.-Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY H. ISGAR.

Holland-on-Sea, Essex.

LONG PEAL

Dear Sir. - I would like to thank Mr. Sibson for clarifying the situation with regard to the long peal of Superlative. I note that he has the common sense to appreciate that it is a peal, even though the rule passed at the last Central Council meeting says "Any such performance not rung in full compliance with these conditions shall not be recognised as a peal and shall not be published in the Ringing World." Mr. Sibson states that Mr. Edwards did not reply to his letter enquiring about the peal. I am not saving that I agree with Mr. Edwards on this point, but on a previous occasion he gave evidence that a long peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major had been well rung, by Stephen Ivin's band, only to have the Records Committee turn down the request that it be accepted as a record peal, so why bother now?

The intentions of the band who rang the recent peal of Superlative were obviously good and it was not their fault that the umpire did not turn up. Do the Records Committee expect that having travelled hundreds of miles the band should not attempt to ring the peal because the umpire does not appear? The notice to the Exercise at large in the columns of the Ringing World is there as a precaution for this rea-The conductor of the peal had previously called round an attempt for this peal earlier in the year, even though the umpire had not at that point complained about the standard of striking. Are we to expect that he then lets the peal run its full length with poorer ringing? Who is to decide whether an umpire is competent to check the ringing in a record peal anyway? If the band appoint an umpire he may be just as biased as if he were a member of the band, and they wished to be fraudulent! The rules do not state that the umpire cannot be a member of the band! Had the band wished to pull the wool over the eyes of the Exercise at large they could have sent in the peal with Ronald Edwards as umpire and no more would have been said about it!

I believe that the peal should be published in the Ringing World so that the next generation of ringers will know that that length of peal of Superlative had been rung. The strict letter of the law says that it should not be, but then "the law is an ass."—Yours faithfully,
ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

KIDDERMINSTER S. MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,-Your issue of March 13 (page 196) contains the report of a peal of Kidderminster Surprise Maximus rung at Aston. The length is 5042, and in view of the places occurring in the first section of this method, such a peal must be quite in-dividual. On behalf of those who keep records, could I ask for the figures, please? -Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

St. Albans, Herts.

SPRING?

Dear Sir,- Was there something in the Sussex air the other week, as we read in The Ringing World that the tenor clapper broke at Battle?

The following day the 7th clapper at Wadhurst broke and on the following Wednesday the 7th clapper at East Grinstead also.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst, Sussex.

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LEADING PEAL RINGERS, 1969

By JANET AND DAVID HOUSE

A total of 297 people rang 25 peals or more last year, leaving out of consideration any peals not published by March 6. This is 60 more than the average number over the last five years (252, 232, 252, 205 and 250), so 1969 must be reckoned a year of progress in that respect. Clearly a simple numerical list does not make any assessment of quality in peal ringing, but most would agree that 1969 has had its highlights Spliced Surprise Royal and Maximus from Cheshire and Hertfordshire have aroused more interest in handbell ringing on the part of the average ringer than has been felt for a good many years, not to mention fourteen and sixteen-in. Fine achievements in the field of Spliced Surprise Maximus have come from the Lancashire/ Cheshire band, where they even manage to find people to stand in peals of 60-Spliced at 48 hours' notice! The Treble Bob Minor record was broken several times over by the Nottinghamshire band, who finally managed to squeeze 210 methods into a

Leading the list for the second year running is C. Barrie Dove, of Leeds Parish Church, who received a great deal of support from other members of the band at Leeds. Besides Barrie, with his 123 peals, six of the Leeds ringers appear in the list with totals ranging from 35 to 88. There was strong competition throughout the year between Barrie Dove and R. Kingsley Mason, of Leicester; so strong, in fact, that on Boxing Day Kingsley was still ahead. Having been fed false information by Yorkshire "friends," however, he believed himself to be behind and cancelled a number of attempts in the last few days of the year, finishing with 119.

Thirty-one ladies rang more than 25 peals, led by Mary Elmes, of Wareham, with 86 and Christine L. J. Mills, of East Bridgford, with 78. Of particular note, we feel, is the achievement of Katherine M. Thorley, who took part in 35 peals whilst still only 13 years old. Leading conductor was C. Barrie Dove, who called 118 of his 123 peals, including 12 in a peal week which he arranged and on which he called every peal. Kingsley Mason and Tim Collins, who are second and third in the list, were equally happy to ring with others call-

ing, and were both fortunate enough to have other good conductors around them; nevertheless they called 54 and 56 respectively. Michael J. Church, who conducted 46 peals last year, had only called one peal of Major previously (and that on December 30, 1968!); included in his 46 were 17 peals of Spliced Surprise Major.

The handbell scene was dominated, in number as well as quality, by two bands. Bob Smith and Bernard Groves lead the field, with both of them ringing over 40 each on both tower- and handbells, a balance which was also achieved by Roger and Kath Baldwin and John Mayne.

We have received a large number of interesting letters over the past few weeks in connection with the records. Pat Cannon once again managed to ring all his peals in different towers and has now rung peals in over 920 towers. Over the border in Cornwall things are stirring; last year Tony Davidson was thought to be the first Cornishman to ring 25 peals in a year, while this year four of the resident members are to be found in the list.

Finally, our apologies to any whose names appear against their will—we know of two—and to those whose totals appear incorrectly. Judging from the large number of totals sent in for checking, for which we are most grateful, there will be a considerable number of minor inaccuracies.

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C. BARRIE DOVE

Details of Barrie Dove's ringing career appeared in this position last year. In 1969 he added 123 peals to his total, bringing him close to his 500th peal, almost half of which have been rung in the last two years. Most of his peals (101) were of Surprise Major, including 34 single methods. Nineteen of these peals were of Spliced, from four to 24 methods, all of which he conducted. Eight peals of Royal, two of Cambridge Maximus and 12 6-bell peals were also amongst the 123.

Peals which gave him particular pleasure in 1969 included one at Sherborne, in which he turned in the 46 cwt. tenor to Bristol Surprise Major, one of Cambridge Maximus at Leeds, which included ten members of the local band, and that of 24-Spliced Surprise Major, which was rung at the first attempt. Disappointments there were, too; two peals were lost which had passed the 5,000 change mark—one with a broken clapper and the other with a broken rope.

Only two of his peals were not rung for his local Association, the Yorkshire, these being one each for the Salisbury Guild and the Lancashire Association.

MARY E. ELMES

Mary Elmes, this year's leading lady, learnt to ring at the Parish Church of Lady St. Mary, Wareham, Dorset, in 1963, A three-year stay at Exmouth, whilst training as a teacher, enabled her to continue her ringing at Withycombe Raleigh during term time, with the help of Frank Mack. After two years' teaching in Southampton she returned to Dorset to teach at Dorchester County Primary School.

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Mary rang her first peal in 1965 and her interest grew rapidly that same year when she and her brother, Graham, joined a peal tour arranged by George E. Bonham through an advert in the R.W. At that time peal ringing was the only way to progress as opportunities for ringing advanced methods were otherwise limited. By the end of 1969 her peal total was 153, and included in this number are four peals with an entirely local hand.

with an entirely local band.

Mary's peals in 1969 ranged from
Doubles to Maximus, 41 of them being of
Surprise Major. Many of them were rung
with two other members of the Wareham
band—her brother, Graham, and Timothy
F. Collins—who both rang over a hundred
peals last year. She has recently become
interested in handbell ringing and hopes to
ring a peal in hand before too long.

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Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On March 15, 2520 Pl. Bob Minor: 1-2 P. A. Slight, 3-4 D. A. Frith (cond.). 5-6 B. Buttery.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES, ABERYSTWYTH

LLANDYSSUL, CARDS.—On March 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Glazebrook 1, Elizabeth I. Salem 2, Susan E. Davis (cond.) 3, D. E. P. Warkins 4, R. T. Falder 5. Also 1260 Pl Bob Doubles: D. 1. Morgan 1, A. Biggs 2, Rosalie Warkins 3, Margaret Twigg 4, K. Morgan (cond.) 5. Birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTS. — On March 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Watson (first on a working bell) 1, Elizabeth I. Salem 2, Susan E. Davis 3, Margaret Twigg (cond.) 4, K. Morgan 5, R. T. Falder 6. For Confirmation service.

BADGEWORTH, GLOS, — On March 14, 1260 Doubles (five methods): W. Oakey 1, Clare Taylor 2. Helen Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. J. Newman 6. For the consecration of the new organ.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. J. Osborne 1, Rosemary Lelliotz 2, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 3, E. M. Laming Macadam 4, R. Towler (first as cond.) 5, W. G. Merritt 6. First Minor 1, 2, 4, 5. A wedding compliment to Christine B. Pike and Jonathan W. Wells, married this day at West Clandon, Surrey. Also on March 6, 1260 Doubles (ten meth./var.): Hilary J. Osborne 1, R. R. Kennard 2, E. M. Laming Macadam 3, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6.

BARTON STACEY, HANTS.—On March 7, 1260 Doubles (six methods): N. J. W. Parsons (first quarter) 1, R. R. Crook (most methods to a quarter) 2, R. J. Latham 3, A. McDonaldson 4, R. J. M. Bavin (first as cond.) 5, P. L. Bunn (first quarter) 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On March 7, 1260 Doubles (P.B., Grandsire): Susan D. A. Trousdale 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, D. R. Tipler 4, R. J. Cooles 5, P. Whalley 6. Conducted by 4 and 5. For Evensong.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On March 13, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Peck 1, R. Peters 2, M. Peters 3, M. Baldry 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. A silver wedding compliment to Chloe and Peter Bedford.

REVERLEY, E. YORKS.—On March 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Atkinson 1, A. Trebble 2, P. Church 3, J. Atkinson 4, L. Daggit (cond.) 5, A. Taylor 6, J. Chaddock 7, J. Brook 8. Firs: by the present band

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On March 15, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Hooper 1, Doreen Williamson 2, Julia Collinge 3, D. J. Stocker 4, P. R. Butler (cond.) 5, A. H. Long 6. For Evensong.

BILTON, WARKS.—On March 11, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: W. J. Vann 1, W. E. Burnell 2, L. A. Whewall 3, D. G. Welch 4, V. B. Bedford 5, M. Fiander (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.— On March 10, 1260 Doubles (four methods): P. W. Rooke 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, C. E. S. Hall 3, J. Shields 4, A. R. Mac-Kenzie 5, D. F. Lane 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT. — On March 8, at St. Alphege's Church, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, P.B.): L. Hewson (first quarter) 1, M. L. Haigh 2, P. S. Philipott 3, T. Skilton 4, J. B. Keeler (cond., 50th quarter) 5. For Evensong.

CHILHAM, KENT.—On March 15, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: P. S. Philpott I, J. Hedgecek 2, T. Skilton (cond.) 3, C. M. Godfrey 4, P. M. Hills 5, M. L. Haigh 6, J. B. Keeler 7, D. J. Carr 8, For Evensong. CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On March 6, 1260 Doubles (six meth./var.): L. Haywood 1, J. W. Cotton 2, K. Minham (first inside) 3, N. W. Cotton 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. For 11th anniversary of dedication of bells.

COLLATON ST. MARY, DEVON.—On March 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tucket: (first Doubles) 1, A. S. Carte: 2, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 3, R. E. Rell 4, R. I. Edden 5

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On March 9, 1380 Doubles (three methods): G. Mackman (first quarter) 1, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 2, E. T. Collins 3, J. Mussel! 4, R. N. Marlow 5, C. Churchill 6.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKS,—On March 6, 1344 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Scourfield 1, A. Dunn-Birch 2, Frances Garfield 3, R. Cater 4, P. Carbutt (first Triples as cond.) 5, G. Scourfield 6, P. Charlesworth 7, H. Mann 8. First Triples 1, 3 and 7.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: D. Rankin 1, P. W. Dickinson 2, T. H. O. Lewis 3, M. Ann Castle (first quarter) 4, R. A. Bradley 5, B. Dye 6, J. S. Hopwood (first as cond.) 7, Gwinneth M. James 8, By B.U.S.C.R. for festival.

GRANTHAM, LINCS,—On March 1, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: 1-2 P. A. Slight, 3-4 D. A. Frith (cond.), 5-6 B. Buttery. First quarter for 1-2, 5-6.

GREAT GIDDING, HUNTS.—On March 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. David 1, R. J. Yeomans 2, D. P. Murduck (cond.) 3, J. Riley 4, T. Austin 5. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 20, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, Janice Flight 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Hayden 4, L. Whitby 5, J. Aley 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8, Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. John Oliver White, Vicar of Harlow Common 1936–1956, late Rector of Gidleigh, Devon, buried here this day.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOM.—On March 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Norton 1, E. Baker 2, J. Pople 3, R. Luxton 4, W. Neath (cond.) 5, T. Baker 6, Half-muffled for the funeral of Mr. H. Knight, past ringing master, Chew Deanery.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On March 7, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline F. Collins (first quarter) 1, R. P. Sherlock 2, S. P. Piper 3, S. G. Waters 4, L. T. Pope (cond.) 5, W. H. Dobbie 6.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS. — On March 9, 1344 Grandsire Triples: Helen Taylor 1, Hilda Taylor 2, A Ewins 3, Clare Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, H. Read (cond.) 6, E. J. Taylor 7, R. Webb 8, For the first March 18, Christopher Hewetson, ordained in this church on March 8.

LINCOLN. — At St. Giles' Church, on March 15 1280 Kent T.B. Major: J. L. Millhouse 1, Vivienne West 2, Susan A. Faull 3, W. Booth 4, A. Sinden 5, M. I. Minns 6, J. Parkin 7, D. Phillipson (cond.) 8. First in metho. 2, 3, 4 and 5.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Doubles (three methods): T. Brightwell (first quarter) 1, E. Hastings 2, C E. Stanton 3, R. Henman (cond.) 4, D, J. Morgan 5. For morning service; also a birthday compliment to D, J. Morgan.

THREE QUARTER PEALS

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Feb. 1, 1280 Bristol Surprise Major: Anne Cooke 1, J. Clatworthy 2, J. W. Bull 3, J. M. Lakin 4, P. A. Williams 5, D. Llewellyn 6, N. Simon (cond.) 7, S. Fenwick 8. Also on March 1, 1260 Stedman Triples. N. Simon (cond.) 1, Anne Cooke 2, N. A. James 3, S. Fenwick 4, W. H. Harford 5, J. W. Bull 6, P. A. Williams 7, F. W. Corney 8. Also on March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor covering): Zoe MacMillan 1, Shelagh Plumb (first inside) 2, Anne Cooke 3, N. A. James 4, N. Simon (cond.) 5, S. Fenwick 6, J. W. Bull 7. For Evensong.

MARKSBURY, SOM.—On March 3, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Susan Coombs 1, P. Blacker 2, A. Coombs (cond.) 3, Susan Willis 4, R. Perry 5, H. Coombs 6. A birthday compliment to Susan and Alan Coombs.

MILBORNE PORT, DORSET.—On Feb. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Harvey 1, Jill Lock 2, R. Field (cond.) 3, R. Lock 4, M. Lamb 5, N. Wood Lock 6,

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Sinden 1, A. Sinden 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, C. Nicoll (first inside) 4, W. Booth 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On March 14, 1344 Pl. Bob Major: B. S. Schofield 1, M. Foulds 2, Elizabeth Hibbert (first quarter) 3, B. S. B Kcar 4, W. Birmingham, iun. 5, S. I. Bantforth 6, P. Broadbent 7, R. F. Andrew (first as cond.) 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 8, 1263 Stedman Caters: Rosamund M. Rawlings 1, P. N Mackley 2, R. M. Day 3, Sheila Anthony 4, J. M. Rice 5, S. Humphrey (first Stedman as cond.) 6, P. E. Jones 7, D. Stainsby 8, D. Marshall 9, W. Nichols 10, For Evensong.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob: J. Attwood (cond.) 1, R. Perks 2, A. Berry 3 R. Hickmott 4, H. Plumb 5, J. Attwood, jun. 6. For the Southern Branch.

OVERSEALE, DERBYS,—On Feb. 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K. Minham (first on eight) 1, D. P. Jones 2, A. E. Rowley 3, G. W. Hair 4, P. Bailey 5, A. R. Jones 6, P. W. Grice (cond.) 7, H. Shaw 8. Half-muffled at the funeral of Leslie Freeman, a former ringer.

POLESWORTH, WARKS.—On March 15, 1260 Doubles (six methods): Jane Myatt (first quarter) 1, R. Knight 2, M. Quimby (first as cond.) 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Evensong.

QUEEN CHARLTON, SOM.—On March 2, Grandsire and Plain Bob: H. Coombs 1, B. Sarll 2, R. Perry (cond.) 3, H. A. Coombs 4, P. Devrell 5.

RATTERY, DEVON.—On March 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. French (first Doubles): 1. Rev. P. Dowling 2, W. Wayman 3, Rev. P. Angold 4, J. L. Read (cond.) 5. Believed first quarter on the bells.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): Mrs. J. Brown 1, A. R. Syder 2, J. Green 3, R. Threadgold 4, C. H. Gillingham 5, P. G. Brown (cond.) 6. Also on March 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss R. Campbell (first quarter) 1, J. Connell 2, J. Green 3, C. H. Gillingham 4, S. Sudbury 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6. Both for Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On March 4, 1269 Grandsire Doubles: A. L. Truscott (first quarter) 1, Mrs. O. Collins 2, J. O. Coleman 3, F. E. Collins 4, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 5, L. T. Perrins 6.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On March 1, 1260 Plain Bob Major: S. Brooks 1, K. Westwood 2, C. Moore 3, L. Luck 4, T. Willett 5, R. Walker 6, E. Rochester 7, W. Hunt (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Hertford.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At Holy Trinity Church, Meole Brace, on Feb. 21, 1260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Pl. Bob): F. H. Bennett (cond.) 1, Elizabeth Stevens 2, R. C. Stevens 3, R. H. Newton 4, M. J. A. Orman 5, E. F. Willcox 6.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on Feb. 22, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: A. E. G. Owen 1, Elizabeth Stevens 2, Patricia Stocken 3, R. H. Newton 4, L. D. K. Roberts 5, M. J. A. Orman 6, F. H. Bennett 7, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 8. For Girl Guides service. Also on Feb. 22, 1344 Grandsire Triples: F. Leach 1, Patricia Stocken 2, Jennifer Beech 3, R. H. Newton 4, M. J. A. Orman 5, F. Beech 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, E. F. Willoox 8. For Evensong.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOM. — On Feb. 28, 1296 Cambridge Minor: Helen Haines 1, Angela Quick 2, I. Calvert (first Surprise) 3, D. B Ellery 4, M. J. Hiller 5, R. Haines (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Preb. O. H. Skipworth.

SYSTON, LEICS. — On Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia J. Sikes 1, Elaine Smith 2, Isabal E. Tomlinson 3, J. A. Howard 4, J. Anne Rickaby Girst as cond.) 5, H. M. Payne 6. Also on March 1, 1260 Bob Minor: N. A. Westman (first quarter) 1, J. A. Howard (first inside) 2, Isabal E. Tomlinson (first inside) 3, H. M. Payne 4, J. Anne Rickaby 5, C. J. Holland (cond.) 6.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL
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SAPCOTE, LEICS .- On March 8, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss L. Sherwood (first T.B.) 1, Miss A. Butterfield 2, R. W. Smith 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, D. M. Brown 2, Miss R. M. Stratford 3, N. W. Harvey 4, B. P. Morris 5, B. L. Burrows (cond.) 6. For All are Sunday service ringers. afternoon service. Also on Ash Wednesday, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss: L. Starkey (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Butterfield 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, B. P. Morris 4, R. W. Smith 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS,-On Feb. 25, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: P. Christenson (first quarter) 1, Lin Cooper 2, Sheila Parsons 3, D. A. Hiorns 4, Margaret Boam 5, R. J. Knight 6, F. D. A. Boam 7, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 8. First Major for 2, 4 and 6.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS .- On Jan. 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. C. Berry 1, Elizabeth Pouncey 2, Iris Milton 3, J. Attwood, jun. 4, R. Hunt 5, J. Attwood, sen. (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Rev. and Mrs. C. G. R. Pouncey, of Tewkesbury Abbey.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On March 1, 1260 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: C. Dingle 1, Ann Donaldson 2, D. Wilkins 3, Anne Anthony 4, J. J. Bailey (cond.) 5, J. Riley 6.

TIMSBURY, SOM. — On Feb. 28, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Janet Parker 1, Susan Willis 2, M. Horseman 3, Helen Kirkpatrick 4, B. Goodliffe (cond.) 5 1 Riley 6

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—At 9929 Hillbrook Lane. 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Cecily Rock (first quarter) 1-2, Marjorie Batchelor (cond.) 3-4, Kate Matthew 5-6.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On March 1, i260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. Judith Davies 1, D. Price (first quarter) 2, Janet Price 3, Susan Price 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, A. F. Davies 6. For Family Service, and a compliment to Susan on her engagement.

WELLOW, SOM. - On Feb. 28, 1152 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Riley 1, Helen Kirkpatrick 2, M. Horseman 3, B, Goodliffe 4, R. Smith 5, J. Riley (cond.) 6.

WOODSTON, HUNTS .- On March 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mary Brighton 1, R. Brighton 2, T. Lickerish (first quarter) 3, L. Brighton 4, J. Roffe 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6

WRAXALL, SOM. - On March 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Gardner 1, Mrs. Bishop 2, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 3, I. Newell 4, M. Clark 5, T. Dando 6. C. Bishop (cond.) 7, J. Evered 8. Half-nuffied in memoriam Herbert W. Knight, chairman and ringing master of Chew Deanery for many years.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.-On March 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Carole McKee (first Triples) 1, D. Main 2, Beryl Park 3, Ann Bailey (first quarter) 4, Ken Park (first inside) 5, Kevin Park 6, H. Fitter (cond.) 7, R. Hawkes (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

YEOVIL, SOM. - On March 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Worth 1, P. A. Reeves 2, H. C. Sangwin 3, F. J. Reeves 4, T. E. Marks 5, F. G. Sandy 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, R. J. Fox 8, For Evensong.

STAMFORD, LINCS.-At St. Martin's Church, on March 8 1260 Minor (three methods): E. Cox 1. G Davis 2, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 3, F. Mitchell 4, A. Waller 5, F. Sismey 6. For morning service.

STANTON LACY, SALOP .- On Feb. 15, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Thompson 1, Miss D. Jaine 2, G. Fletcher 3, N. Cullum 4, P. Keene 5, D. Ferguson (cond.) 6.

STOULTON, WORCS .- On March 15, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. K. Derham (first T.B.) 1, P. J. Bagshaw 2, A. Jopp 3, P. Jopp (cond.) 4, P. Cattermole 5, B. L. Burrows 6. For morning service. STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on March 15, 1259 Grandsire Caters: C. W. Cooper 1. M. D. Fellows (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. L. Smith 3, Mrs. M. 1. Brown 4, R. Smith 5, J. Warr 6, M. P. Tobin 7. P. J. Brown 8, G. Westwood 9, A. D. Fellows 10. By the local band for Evensong on Passion Sunday.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS.—On March 15. 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Linda Sherwood I. Laura Higginson (first quarter) 2, Maris C. Stephenson 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.-On March 15, 1440 York Surprise Minor: Mrs. D. Hatfield 1, H. L. Hatfield 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 5, G. Dickins 6. First in method by all.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.-On March 7, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: S. Jenner 1, R. Myhill (first Major) 2, P. Townsend (first Major) 3, R. L. Lee 4, D. C. Brookes 5, D. Featherstone 6, H. W. Evans 7, W. H. Dobbie (cond) 8

WELCOMBE, DEVON .- On March 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Sangwin I, H. Stacey 2, W. H. Trewin 3, R. Collins (cond.) 4, B G. D. Vince 5. R. G. Collins 6. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Plymouth

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM. - On March 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. C. Arnold 1, Dr. Winifred N. Kingsbury 2, B. Dennett 3, L. Lyddon 4, B. Somerfield (cond.) 5. To celebrate the birth of a son to Margaret and Desmond House.

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBS,-On March 13, 1260 Bob Minor: J. H. Negus 1, Mrs. S. Hinton (first Minor inside) 2, P. Hurworth 3, J. Sanderson 4, B. J. Couzens 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6.

WOODBURY, DEVON .- On Jan. 25, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire; 4, 6, 8 covering): A. Gooding 1, F. W. Williams 2, D. A. Wills (cond.) 3, A. E. Knight 4, H. L. Crisp 5, J. Gooding 6, G. West 7, L. E. Foster 8 For Evensong.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Mary I. Mack 1, C. L. Barr 2, F. W. Williams 3, H. L. Crisp 4, D. A. Wills 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. Knight 8. First in method 2, 3, 6. Also on March 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: L. E. Foster (first on working bell) 1, Mrs. Mary I Mack 2, F. W. Williams 3, D. A. Wills 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, P. D. Mack (cond.) 7. A. E. Knight 8. Also on March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Williams 1, Mrs. Mary I. Mack 2, C. L. Barr 3, F. D. Mack 4, G. T. West 5, W. J. Harvey 6 D. A. Wills (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. All for Evensong.

OLD TOM

The Guardian Country Diary gave the following, by W. D. Campbell, and sent to us by a correspondent in Copmanthorpe,

"Berkshire.—The measured tolling of the death-knell or passing-bell is a custom long fallen into disuse in this parish; but, moved by some sense of occasion which seems to be quite arbitrary, from time to time the bell-ringers decide that the tribute of a muffled peal is called for. A few nights ago this poignant but soothing requiem was rung for my neighbour and friend for the last 21 years, Old Tom. The grounds for the honour this time were pretty clear-cut -for Tom was not only the oldest inhabitant, but, more to the point, he was a former bell-ringer. The loud clear peal through the darkness, followed at the appropriate interval by what seemed to be a muted echo from the Downs, I heard from the brook-bridge which used to be our half-way rendezvous. Tom was over 70 when we first met, and then, and for the next 14 vears, was gardener, keeper, and general handyman around the farmhouse, sometimes, on social evening gatherings, reappearing transformed into an efficient butler. My happiest recollections, apart from the almost daily gossips, are of the hard winter of 1962-3, when for many weeks, morning and night, I carried a ration of five gallons of water to the cottages. What began as an altruistic neighbourly duty soon became an enjoyable form of barter-water swapped for a wealth of rural reminiscence, to say nothing of the hot elderberry wine which enlivened some evening sessions. I picture him, on one such occasion, decorating one of 'the Missus's' old hats, and declaiming the lines of King George, The Doctor, Beelzebub, and other worthies in preparation for a revival of The Mummers, which alas, came to naught."

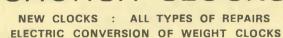
Lancashire Association

SOCIAL EVENING

The venue for this year's Preston Branch social "get together" was the magnificently-appointed St. Mary's Parish Hall, Penwor-tham. About 70 branch members and their friends assembled on February 27, looking forward to a full evening's entertainment. We were pleased to welcome the Lancashire Association general secretary (Frank Reynolds) and Mrs. Reynolds. John Nixon did a first-class job as M.C. and by popular demand we commenced with a short whist drive, under the aegis of Frank Stead (win-Cyril Crossthwaite and Elizabeth Gardner, of Preston). There was dancing to suit all tastes, to the accompaniment of Rev. "disc jockey" Kingsley Jones, team games and a very interesting picture quiz using Ringing World covers.

The inner needs of those present were amply satisfied by a really tasty hot-pot and apple pie supper, after which we were entertained to a number of folk songs by our resident group. Roger and Dennis. The resident group, Roger and Dennis. other member of this trio has reluctantly decided that perhaps it is better for him to ring badly than to sing badly! We are indeed indebted to the hard-working committee and to everyone present for helping to ensure such a successful evening. Here's to J.D. the next time!

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1969

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire, The Bell Foundry.

Sat., Sept. 13, 1969, 7hrs. 10mins. (6½ cwt.)
16128 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR
Composed by M. J. Platt.
1 David F. Moore
2 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)

3 Bernard F. L. Groves 4 Michael J. Platt

5 Timothy G. Pett 6 Andrew W. R. Wilby 7 Alan F. Scholfield

8 Brian Harris

Umpire: Bernard F. L. Groves.
The greatest number of changes of Superlative yet rung. The umpire checked every call and the coursing order throughout.

From Brian J. Woodruffe, Whiteparish, Salisbury:

"The above length conforms to the C.C. rules' and therefore will be published. Section D part D (b) is complied with."

1970

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE **YOUTHS**

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex, The Holy Cross and St. Laurence.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3 hrs. 53mins. (39 cwt.) 5280 NEWGATE S. MAXIMUS
1 Donald E. Cobb

2 Brian Bladon
3 David P. Hilling (Conductor)
4 Andrew N. Stubbs

5 John Armstrong 5 John Armstrong
6 John N. Diserens
7 D. John Hunt
8 James R. Taylor
9 Robert C. Kippin
10 David E. House
11 Noel J. Diserens
12 Michael P. Moreton

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Mon., Mar. 9, 1970, 3hrs. 8mins. (29 cwt.) 1. Mar. 9, 1970, 3nrs. 8mins. (29 cwt.)
5076 ERIN CATERS
Composed by D. Barton.
1 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn, Conductor)
2 Jenny Field (Newnham)
3 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
4 J. L. Humphreys (Jesus)

5 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)
6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
7 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)

8 D. Barton (Selwyn)
9 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)
10 M. J. Pickup (Churchill)

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10½ cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR
Composed by T. Worsley.

1 A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn)

2 B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)

3 C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)

4 D. Barton (Selwyn, Conductor)

5 A. F. Scholfield (Clare)

6 J. B. Cooke (Queens')

7 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)

8 P. A. F. Chalk (Selwyn)

First as conductor.

First as conductor.

EATON SOCON, Hunts, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hrs. 49mins. (13 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Holt's 10-part.)
*1 Janice Faithfull (Newnham)

2 Jenny Field (Newnham) 3 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)

4 D. S. Bishop (Caius) 5 M. J. Pickup (Churchill)

7 R. L. Underwood (P'house, Cond.) V. Nutton (Selwyn)

*First on 8 bells.

BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, St. George.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3hr. 53min. (39 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Forster.

1 Heather A. Kippin
2 Gillian M. Hunt
3 Bruce Martin
4 John W. Collard
5 Gordon W. Iand
6 Paul A. Williams
7 D. John Hunt (Conductor)
8 Robert C. Kippin
memoriam Victor Griffin, of Oxford,
close friend of the band. a close friend of the band.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.

Wed., Feb 18, 1970, 2hrs. 50mins. (13½ cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

1 Ronald F. Andrew 2 Brian S. B. Kear

3 Lynda M. Deebank

5 Lynda M. Decoald
4 Paul Reading
5 Hamish M. McNaughton
6 William M. Taylor
7 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
8 Richard S. Starkie

MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.

Wed., Mar. 11, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (13½ c.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

William H. Dowse

2 Paul Reading 3 Peter Broadbent

4 Michael Foulds
5 Brian S. B. Kear *6 S. Nicholas Harrop

7 Ronald F. Andrew 8 Alan F. Scholfield (Arr. & Cond.) *First peal.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

BREWOOD, Staffs, St. Mary the Virgin and St. Chad.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hrs. 25mins. (214 cwt.) 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Clare F. Dolphin

2 Hazel A. Mackenzie 3 Charles P. Quartley *4 Ian D. Thompson 5 Ernest J. Gower

6 L. Michael Callow

7 Ian C. Maycock (Conductor) 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

*50th peal.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PINXTON, Derbyshire, St. Helen.

Thur., Mar.12, 1970, 2hr .34min. (5½ c.) 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (6 methods: 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 832 Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative, with 127 changes of method and

all the work).
Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 David Parkin

2 Gordon A. Halls
3 Brian A. Tomlinson
4 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
5 Timothy Wylie

6 Geoffrey Bridges

7 Rev. Frederick Ross

8 Dennis R. Carlisle

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE, St. Andrew the Great.

Thurs., Mar. 12, 2hrs. 50mins. (11 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lews.

Andrew S. Marland

2 Allen Twyman
3 Chris H. Northeast
4 Alan T. Winter (Conductor)
*5 Michael R. Ling
*6 Michael W. Carter
7 Barry J. Couzens
8 Michael J. Pickup *First of Major.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., Mar. 10, 2hrs. 47mins. (10½ cwt.) 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (6 methods: 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 832 Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, 127 changes of method and all the work).

Work).
Composed by A. J. Pitman.
Kitty Willers
Donald F. Murfet
Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
Hilary Murhead
Alan M. Bocket 5 Alan M. Barber

6 John G. Gipson 7 Frank E. Haynes 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

TOLLESBURY, Essex, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 42mins. (7 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (14 methods: 448 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, 192 Cray and Cornwall, 130 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Richard J. Harrison

2 Josephine A. Brown
3 Yvonne A. Towler
4 Peter G. Brown
5 Keith W. Brown
6 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)
7 Philip J. Rothera
8 Jones J. Towler

James L. Towler Most Major methods to a peal by all and for the Association.

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (21) cwt.)

*1 Joe E. G. Roast

2 Josephine A. Brown 3 Yvonne A. Towler 4 Richard J. Harrison 5 Keith W. Brown 6 Peter S. Bennett 7 James L. Towler

8 Peter G. Brown (Conductor)
*500th peal. First in the method by all and for the Association.

WORMINGFORD, Essex, St. Andrew.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., St, Clements' Bob, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 Richard A. Knight 2 Stephen D. Pettman

3 Neil V. Avis 4 Peter S. Abbott

5 Michael J. Howes

6 John P. Loveless (Conductor)
First as conductor (aged 14). Wedding compliment to Adrian G. Semken and Heather M. McArthur, married this day at Kirby-le-Soken.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL, Christ Church with St. Ewen

t., March 7, 1970, 3hrs. (23 cwt.) 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by A. M. Tyler. Hilary Muirhead (Conductor)

J. Jane Murrell

3 Anthony J. Cox 4 Bruce Martin 5 John W. Collard 6 Philip M. J. Gray

Edward G. Mould

8 Bernard G. North 9 Peter J. England

10 D. John Hunt

*First of Grandsire and of Caters.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

READING, Berkshire, St. Laurence.

Sun., Mar. 15, 1970, 3hrs 23mins. (231 cwt.) 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Roger M. Heyworth *2 Joyce A. Parsons

*3 Beryl R. Simpson *4 W. John Couperthwaite

*5 Alan D. Flood *6 Alan D. Elsmore 7 Norman Summerhayes

*8 Rowan S. Bradley *9 Peter J. Munday

†10 Tom Page *11 Michael J. Church (Conductor) 12 David E. Parsons

*First of Yorkshire S. Maximus. †First of Surprise Maximus. First of Yorkshire S. Surprise Maximus. Maximus for the Guild. Rung by a resident band in memory of Tom and Margaret Francis. Also in memoriam Mrs. D. Catherall, for many years tower secretary.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NORTON, Herts, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hrs. 57mins. (9 cwt.) 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by H. Davis.

Keith Webb

2 Jack S. Dear

*3 Elizabeth J. Cranfield 4 Geoffrey Horritt

*5 Cecile Forgan

6 David L. Gullick
*7 Peter J. Cranfield (Conductor)

†8 Alan J. Boyd *First peal. †First in method.

A wedding compliment to W. F. Todd.

ARDELEY, Herts, St. Laurence

Fri., Mar. 13, 1970, 2hrs. 34mins. (9½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (2 2160s and 1 720.)

Keith R. Webb

*2 Christine M. Carter *3 Geoffrey T. Horritt †4 Joyce M. Clarke

5 Anthony R. Carter (Conductor) 6 David R. Saunderson

*First of Cambridge S. Minor. †First of Cambridge S. Minor inside. First of Surprise as conductor. To mark the enthrone-ment of Robert Runcie as Lord Bishop of St. Albans (March 14, 1970).

GRAVESEND, Kent, St. George. Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. (18 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part.)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

*1 Jennifer E. Jarvis

Christopher T. Osenton

*3 Glenda Crane

*4 Edward C. Stuart *5 Richard M. Thompson

6 Frank J. Matthews (Conductor)
*7 Terence V. Barnard

8 Stuart Sandford

*First peal. First as conductor. Half-muf-fled in memoriam Margaret and Tom

MINSTER-IN-THANET, Kent, St. Mary. Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (17 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES

(1 Plain, 41 Grandsire, 5 callings.)
*1 Tony Skilton (Conductor)

†2 Peter S. Philpott

3 James Hedgcock 4 Brian G. Butcher 5 John B. Keeler

First of Doubles. †First in 2 methods. For the birth of a son, Russell, to Geoff and Elizabeth Davies.

Ever the same, yet ever new, Changed and yet true, Which varies on from hour to hour, Yet of the same high love and power, The echoing bells. Clough: "Ambarvalia." LADIES' GUILD

POLSTEAD, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (9 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Muriel R. Page

Katherine M. Thorley

3 Emily I. Mills 4 F. Joan Muxlow

5 Evelyn R. M. Reeve 6 Winifred Lockwood (Conductor) For Mothering Sunday, also a wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WHITWICK, Leics, St. John the Baptist. Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (11 cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. Ivin.

1 Hazel J. Nichols 2 Joseph W. Cotton

*3 Mary Barrass

*4 E. Guy Slater
5 John W. Rawson
6 Arthur E. Rowley

7 Frank Chambers

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)
*First in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire, The Bell Foundry.

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (6½ cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

1 H. George Hart

2 Elsie K. Hart
3 Dorothea M. Robotham
4 Joseph W. Cotton
5 Arthur E. Rowley
6 John W. H. Smith

7 G. Ronald Edwards 8 Frank Reed (Conductor)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

PORTSMOUTH, Hants, St. Thomas of Canterbury Cathedral Church.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (28½ cwt.)
5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by C. K. Lewis.
1 Rodney A. Yeates
2 Roger M. Heyworth
3 Anthony P. Foster

4 G. Robert Mordaunt

5 Laurence J. Haines 6 Peter H. Mackie 7 Colin J. E. Wyld 8 John E. Camp 9 Jeremy R. Pratt

10 Peter Border (Conductor)

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MARSTON, Oxford, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Feb. 14, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (5 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (3 methods, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, and 16 var.).

1 Howard Page

2 Richard D. Bing 3 Roy H. Jones (Conductor) 4 Leonard R. Porter

5 Alec Gammon

In memoriam Miss P. Warburton and Mrs. E. H. Bolton.

SWANBOURNE, Bucks, St. Swithin.

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (14 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents, 14 methods: Carlisle and Chester; Rossendale and Camford; London and Wells; York and Durham; Beverley and Surfleet; Westminster and Allendale; Cambridge and Ipswich).

1 John R. Southey

2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

*3 David Redfearn 4 Robert E. Hardy 5 Roger Baldwin

6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
*Most methods to a peal.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

LONG CRENDON, Bucks, St. Mary.

at., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (19 cwt.) 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

Graham C. Paul (Conductor)

Shirley E. Ruddlesden

Patrick I. Chapman

Raymond A. Vickers

stanley M. Ruddlesden

6 Barry E. Saunders 7 George W. Holland 8 Alan A. Paul

The conductor's 400th peal.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WEM, Salop, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (12½ cwt.) **5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** (Parker's 12-part, 7th obs.)

Frederick Leech

2 Keith Daniels

3 Elizabeth Stevens

4 Reginald H. Newton
5 Edward V. Rodenhurst
6 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)
7 Ernest F. Willcox
*8 Alec R. Turner
irst peal. First on the bells since re-*First peal. hanging in 1967.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

SHOREDITCH, London E., St. Leonard.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 37min. (281 cwt.) 5009 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by John Carter.

1 M. Louise Slater 2 Sheila M. Dobbie

3 Joan Beresford

4 Stanley Jenner
5 Michael H. D. O'Callaghan
6 Walter H. Dobbie
7 Christopher P. Starbuck
8 David J. Forder
9 Frank J. Matthews
10 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
11 Dennis Reresford

11 Dennis Beresford

12 Peter Beresford

Half-muffled in memoriam Tom and Margaret Francis.

LOWER BEEDING, Sussex, Holy Trinity.

Tues., Feb. 17, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (10‡ cwt.) 5120 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

James M. Hills 2 M. Louise Slater 3 R. Jean Henderson

4 Janet House 5 Graham A. Duke 6 Stanley G. Ponting 7 David D. Smith

8 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor) First in the method by all except the conductor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thurs., Mar. 5, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (31 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

1 Maurice F. Edwards

2 Muriel Reay 3 Richard J. Tibbetts

4 J. Edward Cawser 5 Stephen W. Barton 6 Vernon Green

7 James Insley
8 Terry R. Hampton
9 Norman J. Goodman
10 George E. Fearn
11 Kenneth J. Hesketh

12 Peter Border (Comp. and Conductor)

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thur., Mar. 12, 1970, 3hr. 38min. (31 cwt.) 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS (10ths place bobs.)

(Traditional)

Muriel Reay

2 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)

3 Norman J. Goodman

4 J. Edward Cawser 5 Richard J. Tibbetts

Vernon Green David J. Purnell

8 Terry R. Hampton 9 James Insley

10 George E. Fearn 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh

12 Peter Border

First in the method by the band and for the Guild.

LEICESTER, St. Margaret.

Sat., March 14, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (33 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Roderick W. Pipe (Arr. and Cond.)

2 Muriel Reay

3 Norman J. Goodman *4 Robert E. J. Dennis 5 Kenneth J. Hesketh

6 James Insley

7 John G. Gipson 8 Terry R. Hampton

9 Roland H. Cook 10 David J. Purnell 11 R. Kingsley Mason

12 John A. Anderson

*250th peal.

LEICESTER, St. John the Divine.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (21 cwt.) **5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR** Composed by S. Ivin.

1 Muriel Reay 2 Robert Edwards

3 Stephen W. Barton 4 Norman J. Goodman

6 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
7 Brian D. A. Woolley
8 Kenneth J. Hesketh

After meeting short for Royal.

SOLIHULL, Warwickshire, St. Alphege.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 34min. (21 cwt.) 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Composed by M. J. Morris.

1 Pamela M. Turner
2 George E. Fearn

3 J. Edward Cawser
4 Richard C. Ingram
5 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
*6 Vernon Green
*7 Derek H. Walters

*8 Eric J. Cole *9 Thomas J. Warner *10 Geoffrey R. Parker *11 Richard J. Cann

†12 Alan Crabtree

*First of Grandsire Cinques †First peal. First on the augmented 12.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

EDWINSTOWE, Notts, St. Mary.

Wed., Mar. 11, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (6 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 each St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., 2 Plain Bob and 2

Single Oxford Bob).

1 Herbert T. Rooke

*2 Sandra Ettles

3 Frank Cooke *4 Bryan Birkett

5 David Chambers

6 Brynley A. Richards (Conductor) *First in 5 methods. A compliment to Herbert T. Rooke on the birth of a granddaughter.

SUFFOLK GUILD

EYE, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Paul.
Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (19‡ cwt.)

5024 GAINSBOROUGH S. MAJOR Composed by P. G. K. Davies. 1 Georgina C. M. Carter 2 Jennifer M. Whittell

2 Jennier M. Winten 3 Brian B. Hullah 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor) 5 Neville F. Whittell 6 Donald F. Murfet

7 Geoffrey A. Lucas 8 George E. Thoday

ELVEDEN, Suffolk, Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (17½ cwt.) 5024 XERXES SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox.

*2 Georgina C. M. Carter
3 Jennifer M. Whittell
4 Neville F. Whittell
5 Donald F. Murfet
6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

7 Geoffrey A. Lucas
8 George E. Thoday
*First of Surprise Major inside, First in the method by all and for the Guild. An engagement compliment to Roger Whittell and Mary Christian.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PULBOROUGH, Sussex, St. Mary.

Fri., Feb. 20, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (13½ cwt.) 5024 PULBOROUGH S. MAJOR

Composed by A. M. Barber. Leonard Stilwell

2 Edgar R. Rapley 3 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)

4 Tom Page 5 Stanley G. Ponting 6 George Francis 7 W. Leslie Weller

8 David E. House

Arranged and rung on the 80th birthday of the treble ringer.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CHURCHILL, Oxon, All Saints.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2 hr. 39mins. (103 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1344 Rutland; 1248 Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, with 90 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Graham C Firman

2 Jennifer A. Dunning

3 Philip Bosworth 4 Peter G. Holden 5 Roger D. Bailey

7 D. Kay Adkins (Conductor)
8 James E. Andrews

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (31 cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by S. Armeson. Christopher F. Easton

2 Peter H. Gardner 3 Laura M. Grindrod 4 Paul A. Williams 5 Robert A. Beresford 6 John J. Durham

James Clatworthy 8 Stephen Fenwick

9 Ronald R. Warford

10 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Mon., Mar. 16, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (7 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. Smith.

1 Alan M. Glover *2 Christopher F. Easton

3 Peter H. Gardner

4 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

†5 Ronald Crabtree 6 Graham J. Jones 7 Gerald Parsons 8 Ronald R. Warford

*100th peal. †First in method inside.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6 Ashwood Crescent. Thur., Mar. 12, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (15 in C.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

1-2 J. David Atkinson 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis

*5-6 Robert B. Smith (Comp. & Cond.)

7-8 Alan F. Scholfield 9-10 Gerald Moorhouse 11-12 John W. Gander *50th peal on 12 handbells.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, 10 Eden Dr. GRAVESEND, Kent, 13 Meadow Road.

Thur., Feb. 26, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (15\in C.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL (2 methods: 3360 Rutland and 1680 Cambridge, with 84 changes of method).

1-2 J. David Atkinson *3-4 Robert B. Smith (Comp. & Cond.)

†5-6 Alan F. Scholfield 7-8 C. Kenneth Lewis

9-10 Gerald Moorhouse *200th of Royal. †First of Surprise on a working pair. In memory of John Worth (February 25, 1967).

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6 Ashwood Crescent.

Thur., Mar. 5, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (15 in C.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by W. E. Critchley. *1-2 Alan F. Scholfield

3-4 New Bennett 5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

7-8 J. David Atkinson

9-10 Gerald Moorhouse *First of Cambridge Royal on handbells.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (15 in C.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by E. Timbrell.

1-2 Gerald Moorhouse 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis

5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

7-8 Giles B. Thompson

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6 Ashwood Crescent. Sun., Mar. 15, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lewis. 1-2 Alan F. Scholfield (Conductor) 3-4 Gerald Moorhouse *5-6 Robert B. Smith

7-8 Peter Broadbent

*300th handbell peal.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 114 Park St. Lane. Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 2min. (13 in E.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents.)

*1-2 Katherine S. Hardy 3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor) *5-6 Robert E. Hardy

*First of Surprise on handbells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FRINDSBURY, Kent, 12 Hever House, Cypress Court.

Wed., Mar. 11, 1970, 1hr. 56min. (10 in A.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
1-2 Trevor A. Cross (Conductor)
3-4 Frank J. Matthews

5-6 Christopher T. Osenton 7-8 Stuart Sandford Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

In memoriam Margaret and Tom Francis.

Mon., Mar. 16, 1970, 1hr. 31min. (10 in A)
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
1-2 Christopher T. Osenton (Cond.)
3-4 Trevor A. Cross
*5-6 Stuart Sandford

*First of Doubles. Ringers of 3-4 and 5-6 have now completed the Grandsire family from Doubles to Cinques in hand.

GILLINGHAM, Kent, 31 South Avenue.

Wed., Feb. 25, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (10 in A.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1-2 Frank J. Matthews 3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski

5-6 Trevor A. Cross

7-8 Chris. T. Osenton (Arr. & Cond.)

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LONDON, W.2. 16B Sutherland Place.

Sun., Mar. 15, 1970, 1hr. 34min. (32 in G.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents, 5 callings.)

1-2 John R. Ketteringham3-4 Geoffrey Bridges (Conductor)

5-6 David A. Town

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

MANCHESTER, Room 87, Hartley Victoria College, Alexandra Road South.

Sun., Mar. 8, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (18 in G.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1-2 Margaret L. Ellwood
3-4 William M. Taylor
*5-6 Christopher L. D. Munday
†7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
*First on handbells. †25th for the Guild. Rung for Manchester University Guild's Dinner.

CHORLTON, Manchester, 170 Oswald Rd.

Mon., Mar. 16, 1970, 1hr. 49min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 identical extents.)

1-2 Hamish McNaughton

*3-4 William M. Taylor
5-6 Christopher L. D. Mulday (Cond.) *25th peal. An engagement compliment to Margaret Ellwood and Marcus Sherwood.

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

TORONTO, Ontario, 50 Ravensbourne Crescent.

Thur., Mar. 5, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (12 in F.) 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by C. H. Hattersley. 1-2 William H. Jackson (Conductor)

3-4 David R. Ingram 5-6 Derek M. Sawyer

7-8 John Owen

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THE REPAIR WELDING OF CRACKED BELLS

It was at the invitation of the East Midlands Branch of The Welding Institute that the ringers were invited to a lecture on the Repair Welding of Cracked Bells, which was given at Loughborough University on Wednesday, November 19, 1969, by Mr. K. J. Clews, F.Weld.I., the senior training officer from the Welding Institute, Abington Hall, Abington. Cambridgeshire.

Mr. Clews began by describing for the benefit of the members of the Welding Institute the history of bells and bellfounding. He described in some detail, making frequent use of the blackboard, the process of casting bells from mediæval times to the present day. He then described the various ways in which bells can be cracked, from cast-in staples to clocking; these he illustrated with coloured slides.

With regard to cracks in the crown, he said a number of cases had been found where the crack followed a severe frost; such cracks in old bells were usually associated with the presence of cast-in wrought iron staples. The contraction ratio of bell metal to iron is in the order of 3 to 2, and it is easy to see how these stresses are set up. A slide showing a section through the crown of a bell illustrated only too well the cracks radiating from the corners of the cast-in staple.

A further cause of cracking in the crown is caused by corrosion at the interface between the cast-in iron and the surrounding bell metal in the reaction layer which was produced when the bell was originally cast.

Crown cracks are not always obvious, especially in dark towers, and many such cracks may go undiscovered for many years, whereas cracks in the soundbow usually caused by clocking are immediately obvious as they affect the tone of the bell.

Investigation into the possibility of repairing bells by welding was undertaken by the British Welding Research Association, thanks to a grant from the Worshipful Company of Founders, as up to a few years ago all such repairs were sent to the Continent for welding. Research into the possibility of welding cracked bells had been undertaken in Denmark following the return from Germany of many of their bells in a cracked condition after the last war.

The main factors involved in repairing a cracked bell are:—

- (a) To determine the exact extent of the crack or cracks.
- (b) To match the weld metal as far as possible to the composition of the original bell.
- (c) To preheat the bell before welding and slowly to cool it down again, after welding.

The extent of the crack is determined by the use of dye-penetration inspection, which makes use of the fact that if a dye is forced into a crack it will ooze out and stain a coating of chalk which is subsequently applied.

The composition of the bell is then determined by conventional chemical analysis, or if very little material is available, and a very full analysis is required, by electron probe micro-analysis. With the latter technique it has been possible to demonstrate the presence of nickel in a bell metal from Somerset of a date before the identification of nickel as an element. There are good reasons to suppose therefore, that the copper in this bell came from Germany.

A study of the copper-tin equilibrium diagram indicates that at a temperature above 586°C, the brittle "delta" phase which is present at room temperature is replaced by a softer and more plastic phase, "beta," thus

making the alloy amenable to welding. This temperature is about 200°C, below the melting point of the alloy

For their initial research the British Welding Research Association were supplied through the courtesy of Whitechapel Foundry Ltd. with a 3½ cwt. bell cast by Warners in 1892. The notes of the bell were carefully determined and the bell was deliberately cracked.

The extent of the crack was revealed by a dye-penetrant inspection, and the crack was ground out to a deep "V" shape, using a grinding wheel

Support at the back of the crack was provided by a steel plate faced with an alumina blanket, and a complete jig was built round the bell, the whole of the bell being enclosed in a slagwool material to preserve the heat Thermocouples were attached to the bell to record and control the temperature both during the heating and cooling phases, since too fast a heating or cooling rate can promote cracking.

The bell complete in its jig and slagwool blanket was then preheated to the required temperature, and the crack was then welded by the oxy-acetylene process using a matching filler.

The use of the jig enabled the very hot bell to be moved into suitable positions for welding, whilst at the same time holding the bell firmly, thus preventing the crack from opening or closing during the temperature changing process.

The bell was allowed to cool slowly, and after cooling the excess weld metal was ground away, even to the extent of leaving the moulding wires apparently intact.

It was then tested and the result was that the bell's original tone had been successfully restored.

Various slides were shown which adequately illustrated the whole process.

Following this experiment work was undertaken on the treble bell from Groton in Suffolk. This bell was cast by John Darbie in 1676 and was cracked from the lip to the waist. A similar process was undertaken to that described above and the bell has now been restored to its original condition.

The oxy-acetylene welds contain pores of rounded form and are therefore less harmful than the angular shrinkage porosity in the bell itself. It was decided to change from the oxy-acetylene process to the tungsten inert-gas welding process and this resulted in the production of porosity-free weld metal.

Following this, Mr. Clews gave a list of bells which have been welded to date, namely:

A bell cast by Warner 1892, now the sanctus bell at Isleham, near Ely.

The 2nd from Isleham, 1516.

The 3rd from Isleham, c.1486.

- A bell from Pott Shringley, near Macclesfield. Robert Crouch, 1420-1450.
- A bell from Little Hallingbury. William Wodeward, c.1420.
- A bell belonging to the Grocers' Livery Company, c.1400.
- A bell from Little Saxham, near Bury St. Edmunds.

Crown cracks are much more difficult to deal with and in certain cases the whole of the crown has been removed and a new flat crown welded in. This of course enables the antique canons to be preserved.

As far as can be ascertained no bells which have been repaired by the new technique have shown any sign of further cracking.

A general discussion followed on the technique of welding and the thanks of the meeting

were proposed by the hon, secretary of the East Midlands Welding Institute, Mr. E. A. Garside, and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS FROM A RINGER'S POINT OF VIEW

It would appear that cracked bells can now be repaired by welding and restored to their original condition, but certain points must be borne in mind.

So far only small bells up to 12 cwt. have been repaired in this way, but there is no reason to suppose that larger bells could not be subjected to the same process.

The work is not simple and cannot be performed without a large amount of specialised equipment. It is no use expecting the local blacksmith turned agricultural equipment repair engineer to undertake such work, he has neither the equipment nor the "know-how."

The work is costly, taking into account the building of a special jig to the exact size of the bell, the amount of fuel used to preheath the bell to around 600°C., the fuel used in maintaining this temperature during the welding process, and finally the fuel used in maintaining a steady cooling temperature back down to room temperature, the whole operation taking several days, the cost is necessarily high, although not as high as the cost of recasting.

The restored bell will be no better tonally than was the original bell, and if the original bell was poor the cost may not justify the end product. Whether the repaired bell could be tuned after welding was not discussed at the lecture.

An agreement has been reached between the Council for the Care of Churches, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and the leading bellfounders that pre-Reformation, historic or unique bells should not be recast. Any tower with such a bell in a cracked condition has in theory two options:—

- (a) Replace the cracked bell with a new bell and put the cracked one back in the tower as a priest's bell, or place it in the church or local museum, or
 - (b) Have the cracked bell weld repaired.

In many cases option (b) would be the first consideration but it must be borne in mind that after repair the bell will be no better tonally than was the original bell, and if that bell had been cracked for some years who can tell what the finished product will be? If it is a single bell it might not matter so much, but if it is one of a ring of bells then difficulties can occur. Considerable thought must be given to each individual case.

The recommendation to repair weld a bell which was later found to be unsuitable to blend with the remainder of the ring and its eventual replacement by a new bell would not be viewed very favourably by the recipient parish.

Perhaps further investigation into the predetermination of the anticipated tonal qualities of a cracked bell under consideration for repair welding is called for, and possibly a discussion between the Welding Institute and the Towers and Belfries Committee would prove fruitful.

It is of course a technical point as to where the line is drawn between the heating of a bell to 600°C, to repair weld it, and to heat it another 200-300°C, to recast it.

In conclusion, the writer would like to acknowledge the help and assistance he has received from Mr. K. J. Clews in compiling the notes on his lectures.

W. L. EXTON.

Letter

UNIVERSAL COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—While experimenting recently with composition 1 produced the following which, after consultation with Roger Baldwin, I believe to be original. Each composition is based on the 24 available courses with the 2nd at home and contains 12 combination courses. The FCH to which each is true include a number of the less commonly encountered groups. Every call is a single made in 5-6 at the lead end, the calls being when the tenor is at Home (H), making 2nd's (II) or in 3-4 up (III).

Repeat 5x, omitting
(—) in 3rd and 6th
parts and omitting
2* in the 1st OR
4th part

4th part.

True to all: g h i k n o p r s u C D E F

Another composition which may be of
interest, although not original, is based on
the 24 available courses with the 6th at
home. This also contains 12 combination
courses and is true to the following FCH
groups: c e g h i l m n o r s B E F.
As a point of interest the 24 courses with
the 5th at home are also true to the same
groups, but with detriment to the music
compared with the 6th at home. Conventional bobs and singles are used.

W	515 H	23456
*2S S	*2 *_ S	24536 52436 34256
S	3 S	53246 42356
S	3	54326 32456

Repeat once, omitting the courses marked *.
Yours faithfully,
ROBERT E HARDY

St. Albans, Herts.

HOME AGAIN!

We have received the following letter from Mr. Charles Rouse, of Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Bristol, who is now home, following his accident some weeks

"Thank you and the staff of the Ringing World and all those who found time to write to me while I was in hospital, also

those who came to see me.

"I was brought home on March 9 after six weeks and two days. It will still be a long time before I shall be able to resume work, but I am now able to do the secretary's job for the G. and B. once again.
"My first outside job was to attend a

my hrst outside job was to attend a branch officers' get-together at Dursley on March 14—a very successful meeting—when there was a free interchange of views between those present, and the sort of meeting which other kindred bodies might well copy, if they do not already have such meetings.

"My thanks include the other officers of the G. and B., who met several times at my bedside to make sure that they did my job as I would have done it had it been

possible."

Belfry Gossip

Ian Earl rang his first peal at 13—and has only been ringing for one year.

The popular ring at Kibworth, Leics, is being rehung—in time for Easter!!

New conductors for peals: D. Barton (Cambridge S. Major), John P. Loveless, aged 14 (7 Minor methods), Frank J. Matthews (Grandsire Triples), Peter J. Cranfield (Kent T.B. Major).

There were three first-pealers in the Kent T.B. Major at Norton, Herts, and one was the conductor!

The Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Guild have had to change the date of their meeting at Daresbury to April 11. (See advertisement.)

Next year's peals analysis is to be compiled by Messrs. A. Keith Poole and James E. Andrews. Mr. and Mrs. David House have done this service for some time and we are grateful for their work.

The local band at St. Margaret's Church, Drayton, Norfolk, scored their first quarter recently. Prior to 1967, when the new Whitechapel six were dedicated, Drayton had three bells and no ringers.

The Easter Message last week was written by the Rev. S. M. Evans, of Bredgar, Sittingbourne, Kent, and the article on Folkestone Parish Church by Nicholas J. Davies.

Mr. Alfred H. Winch, of Leatherhead, Surrey, attained his 90th birthday last Saturday and received the congratulations of many ringing friends.

Andover District band are progressing with their peal ringing and have, at their third attempt, rung London S. Minor at Burghclere, Hants. For four of the band it was their first in the method.

Because of pressure of space, a number of items have had to be held over this week; also, a number of meeting advertisements arrived too late for inclusion, as we had to go to press early because of the short working week.

The three bells of All Saints' Church, Graveney, Kent, are now being regularly rung. Recast by Mears in 1925, they hang on a six-bell frame foundation and are to be overhauled by the Whitechapel Foundry.

Personal achievements for Ian Thompson (50 peals), Joe E. G. Roast (500), Robert E. J. Dennis (250), Graham C. Paul (400), Christopher F. Easton (100), Robert B. Smith (300 on handbells and 200th of Royal)

First peal congratulations to Elizabeth J. Cranfield, Peter J. Cranfield (who also conducted), Cecile Forgan, Terence V. Barnard, Jennifer E. Jarvis, Glenda Crane, Edward C. Esuart, Richard M. Thompson, S. Nicholas Harrop, Alec R. Turner, Alan Crabtree.

Mr. J. H. Bluff, master of the Peterborough Guild, has informed his guild committee that he will not be seeking reelection at the guild's forthcoming annual meeting. Mr. Bluff retires after serving five years in office.

At Frampton, Dorset, the first peal on the bells was rung on March 21. The long draught of rope, no guides, and the ringing chamber on the ground floor all make the bells difficult to handle and may have deterred other bands in the past.

Peals have now been rung on all the ringable rings of four in Worcestershire, but the team are still looking for a bell (about 20 inches in diameter and strike note F natural) to make a ring of five at Spetchley.

The Gravesend peal of Grandsire Triples on March 14 is noteworthy as there were five first-pealers, whilst it was also the first as conductor. Well done!

When the tenor of the pre-Reformation ring of three at St. Mary-in-the-Marsh in Kent was recast in 1956, its crown, inscription and canons were preserved in the church. An attempt to steal this late in February was fortunately foiled and the police have had some men "helping them

in their enquiries."

Our attention has been drawn to the new laws regarding transport and the difficulties which are likely to be encountered by organisers of ringing outings and tours. We have endeavoured to get a ruling on the situation but even the bus companies do not yet understand the position. We recommend our readers to make the fullest enquiries well in advance, as their trip may have to be curtailed because of the restricted hours a coach driver may work.

Our subscription manager (Mr. Lucas) wears, at times, a very harassed expression, particularly when subscriptions do not arrive after a couple of reminders. Generally it is because the matter has been overlooked, and we ask all who come under this category please to help him by sending promptly the amount required. On two occasions last week we had additional amounts added to the subscription—as a "penance" or "fine" for having forgotten to pay!

The senior steward of a well-known ancient society is now able to recommend a popular brand of adhesive, otherwise used for affixing soles to shoes, to those who feel in danger of letting their rope slip from their hands at backstroke. Having managed this in the eighth course of a peal attempt for London Royal recently, and delighted the band with his antics in chasing the tail-end all round the belfry, he now claims to speak with authority on the subject. "Whatever you do," he says, "do not grasp the sally, as this will result in the lowering of your bell and the abandonment of the ringing." Let us hope that one learns by experience!

TRIUMPH IN DUPLICATE

On Sunday, March 22, at Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church, a peal of Plain Bob Maximus was conducted by M. Jack Pryor, and two of his former pupils each rang their 1,000th peal! Robert B. Smith and Bernard L. Groves are to be heartily congratulated on their fine achievement and in joining the few who have gained the summit of the "thousand."

EDWARD FRED GOBEY

It was with great sorrow that we heard of the sudden death of Fred Gobey (of Ilkeston) on March 9. Although his health had not been good for several months it was thought that he was on the way to recovery.

Fred was taught to ring at an early age by his father, the late Edward C. Gobey, and had taken part in many peals until early 1969 when, owing to ill-health, he had to take a rest, on the advice of his doctor.

He will be sadly missed from the belfry and bell chamber of St. Mary's, Ilkeston, where he and his father before him had maintained the "go" of the bells for 60 years

The funeral was at St. Mary's on March 13 and the bells, half-muffled, were rung to Stedman Triples as the cortège left the church for cremation at Wilford. About 20 ringers were present from Nottingham and Derby Districts.

TOM AND MARGARET FRANCIS An Appreciation

Words cannot convey adequately the deep sense of shock which the news of the tragic deaths of Tom and Margaret Francis brought to their very many friends, and the loss will be deeply felt throughout the country, but particularly among the members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. They were both extremely popular and very highly regarded in their efforts for the wellbeing of the Society.

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Tom Francis came to London from his native Cromer in 1938, joining the band at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, and ringing also with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, which he joined in October the same year. His first peal for the Society in April, 1939, was in the method he was to come to love above all others—Stedman Cinques—at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Before he was called up for war service at the end of 1939 he had rung six peals for the Society, four of which were Stedman Cinques.

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In all, Tom rang 83 peals for the Cumberlands, of which he called 31. Included in this total were 26 peals of Stedman Cinques, of which he conducted 15. He called the first peals for the Society of Erin Triples, Caters and Cinques, and of Yorkshire Royal, and took part in the first of Yorkshire and Londinium Surprise Maximus, 4-Spliced and Pudsey Surprise Royal, and Glasgow, Ealing and 6-Spliced Surprise Major. He also rang in peals for the Society of Bristol Surprise Royal and Maximus.

His versatility was displayed in the variety of the peals in which he took part. In the early '50s he was a regular member of the peal band at Willesden and in the 70 or so peals he rang for the Middlesex Association there are included no fewer than 40 different Surprise methods. It is hoped subsequently to obtain his peal records and to publish a more detailed list of his achievements.

In this appreciation one would like to recognise a little of the enormous debt which the Society owes to both Tom and Margaret. Tom held in turn all the senior offices of the Society save that of secretary: senior steward in '54, master '55, auditor '50-54, Central Council representative '48-56 and finally, from 1957 until his death, the position of trustee, which the Society reserves for its highly-regarded senior members. At St. Martin-in-the-Fields Tom was a member from shortly after his arrival in London and became leader in 1955

—a position which he retained until he left for Southampton in 1963.

Tom was very reserved unless he felt the occasion demanded forceful expression, but when once established he was a very staunch friend and showed obvious enjoyment of the company of those friends. We shall greatly miss the warm greeting, the firm handshake, the sense of humour, the laugh, the twinkling eyes and his delightful Norfolk accent. Those who had the good fortune to participate will remember, too, the enjoyable weekends he arranged for the St. Martin's ringers and their friends, and the happy, social atmosphere which he and Margaret so actively engendered.

He had a passionate regard for the traditions and wellbeing of the Society and it is to be hoped that when its history is written his services will be recognised. He helped to hold the Society together in its lean years and was undoubtedly one of the architects of its present success. During his period as master he tried to give it the type of leadership he knew was required, and many are sorry indeed that his efforts were not better rewarded. It was he who "sounded out" the one who was to be master during the 1960s, and he gave every encouragement to put into effect the changes which were necessary. He delighted in the new-found strength of the Society and attended every possible function he could. After he had moved to Southampton he travelled the 70 miles to practise with the Society in London on weekdays.

It was a great loss to St. Martin's band when Tom and Margaret left, but London's loss was Southampton's gain. More will certainly be written of the seven years spent there, and the large attendance at the funeral reflected the many friends they had made during this time. Tom's interest in the Society never waned. He introduced new members from Southampton area and invited bands from London for peals. And what hospitality he and Margaret provided at their lovely home! It is in thinking of their happy home life that one's thoughts turn to Margaret—a splen-

It is in thinking of their happy home life that one's thoughts turn to Margaret—a splendid partner for one whom many had come to think of as a confirmed bachelor. Margaret came to London in 1949 from her home in Thornaby-on-Tees, where she had learned to ring, where her father was also a ringer and where she and Tom were married in 1950. It was not long before she became a full member of the St. Martin's band, although quite a lot of her early ringing in London was at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Margaret was not a

prolific peal ringer. She rang 20 for the Cumberlands, which she joined in 1950, and in all but one of these Tom also participated. She shared his love for Stedman Cinques (almost half her peals for the Society were in this method) and she took part in the peals of Erin Triples, Caters and Cinques already mentioned.

How will one remember Margaret? Firstly as a warm-hearted person who did much to make visitors feel welcome and at home. Secondly to recall her untiring efforts to maintain ringing at Shoreditch by arranging quarter peals on Sunday evenings. Then one will recall how high were her own personal ringing standards and how hard she would strive to keep those standards. Although she had not the wide experience which Tom had, her ringing capabilities in the wide range which she accomplished were of a very high order. One will recall her unselfishness in giving her rope to others and the fact, too, that after a touch arranged for her benefit she invariably expressed her appreciation. Finally one will remember her good humour and good-natured outspokenness.

At the funeral the Society was represented by its master, senior and junior stewards, treasurer, the immediate past master and two former secretaries, by Mrs. A. R. Ling (formerly of the St. Martin's band) and by a large number of members from the Southampton area. At the conclusion of the service a course of Stedman Triples was rung on the St. Martin's handbells by members of the Society. We all met in very great sorrow to thank God for the lives of Tom and Margaret Francis.

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On March 9 the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields were rung half-muffled to Stedman Cinques, and prior to the ringing the senior curate (Rev. Hugh Maddox) led the ringers in prayer. A peal attempt at St. Martin's the following Saturday by past and present members of the St. Martin's band was most regrettably not successful, but later a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch.

It is hard to realise that Tom and Margaret are no longer with us, but we are grateful for the privilege of having known them and of being friends. We thank God for the example they set in their devotion to ringing, particularly in the maintaining of service ringing at St. Martin's and Shoreditch and in sharing their enthusiasm and friendship as members of this Society. We extend our sincere sympathy to all their relatives and especially to their son, David.

D.B. and D. S.

LE	ADING	PEAL	RINGERS	OF	1969	(continued)

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64	Barry E. Saunders		51	1	51	1	-	-
64	Stanley G. Ponting		51		51	_	-	-
69	Murray A. Coleman		50	30	50	30	_	-
69	J. Martin Thorley		50	30	50	30	-	-
69	Melvyn J. Hiller		50	1	50	1	_	
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69	Donald F. Murfet		50		50		-	-
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73	Julia A. Fellows		49	-	11	-	38	_
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86	J. Malcolm Tyler		46	8	46		- marine	-
86	Philip J. Rothera		46	3	46	3	-	-
86	Geoffrey A. Edwards		46		37	_	9	_
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	Peter S. Bennett							
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96	Peter G. Holden		44	3	33	2	- 11	1
96	Rupert A. Clarke		44	2	35		9	î
96	Stephen W. Barton		44	_	44			
96	Frank Reed		44	-	44			
104	Timothy G. Pett		43	27	39	23	4	4
104	Roderick W. Pipe		43	25	43	25	`	
104	Michael D. Fishwick		43	4	42	4	1	_
104	Joan Beresford		43	1	43	1	_	
104	Iris Lemare		43		43		_	_
104	John N. Lindon		43	_	43	_	_	_
110	Richard W. Hayes		42	14	42	14		=
110	Philip Mehew		42	13	42	13	_	
110	Keith J. Walpole		42	12	19	6	23	6
110	J. Barry Pickup		42	11	42	11	_	-
110	Peter G. Brown		42	6	42	6	_	_
110	Christopher W. Woolle	У	42	6	19	4	23	2
110	John A. Howard		42	- 3	42	3	_	_
110	Brian Bladon		42	1	42	1	_	-
110	Katherine S. Hardy		42	1	32	1	10	
119	Frank C. Price		41	19	15	7	26	12
119	Kenneth J. Darvill		41	18	18	7	23	11
119	Leslie G. Brett		41	14	41	14	-	_
119	Timothy G. Bell		41	12	41	12	_	_
119	John N. D. Chaddock		41	9	41	9		_
119	Geoffrey Randall		41	4	41	4	_	-
119	Neil Donovan		41	-	41			_
119	Norman J. Goodman		41	-	41	_	_	_
119	W. Ernest Rawson		41	-	41	_	_	_

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-To Jane (nee Tuffin) and Royston, on March 17, 1970, a daughter (Frances Jane)

Jack.—At East Drayton, on Monday, March 16, to Hilary Ross, wife of David William Jack, a daughter, Isabel Jane, a sister for James William.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE
Ivey—Beeney.—On April 4, in Applecross,
West Australia, Rev. Ted Ivey to Laura Mary
Beeney, both of Applecross. Laura is a ringer
at St. George's Cathedral, Perth, and formerly of Hailsham, Sussex; address c/o P.O. Box 54 Applecross 6153, West Australia. 8492

IN MEMORIAM

Myers.—In ever-loving memory of our dear brother, Thomas George, who passed away on March 27, 1967. Treasured memories, too, of our beloved parents, George Harry, who passed away on March 14, 1960, and Blanche, who passed away on July 24, 1961. Loved and remembered every day

PERSONAL

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who re-deemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies."—Psalm ciii, 2-5.

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

Bredbury, Cheshire.—As from April 1, ringing practices at St. Mark's will be on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m., instead of Fridays. All visitors are most welcome.—Michael Foulds, ringing master.

MISCELLANEOUS

Society of Sherwood Youths.—Outing to Birmingham (via Tamworth), Sat., May 30, Leave Nottingham 8 a.m. Details later. Those interested please contact Mr. D. Stainsby, 376 Loughborough Road, West Bridgford. Tel.: Nottingham 233506.

Doncaster, St. George's. — Weekly practices to be held on Thursday evenings from 7.30 until 9 p.m., commencing April 2, until further notice. Everybody welcome. — Sheila Bruce,

Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, April 11: Linton, 6-7.15 p.m.; West Wratting, 7.30-8.45. Short business meeting 8 p.m.—J. S. 8474

Ely Diocesan Association.—Ely District.— Evening meeting, Sat., April 4, Fordham. Bells (6) from 6 to 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Bob and Alnwick Surprise.

Essex Association.—S.W. District —Evening meeting, Sat., April 11, Barking. Ringing 6.30 8.30 p.m.

Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—District practice, All Saints', Maldon, Mon., April 13, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.-R. J. H

Gloucester and Bristol Association.-Wottonunder-Edge Branch. — Evening 8-bell practice meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8), Tues., April 7. Bells available 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, All visitors welcome.

Hertford County Association, - Northern District.—Surprise practice, Benington, Tues., April 7, from 7.30-9 p.m.—G. T. Horritt, Dis.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Leicester District.
—Evening meeting, Belgrave, April 11. Ringing 6-8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Ron

Middlesex County Association. — S. and W. District.—Evening practices: Chiswick, Wed., April 8, 7.30–9 p.m.; Staines, St. Mary, Fri., April 24, 7.30–9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers. 8430

Middlesex County Association. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Mon., April 6, 7 p.m. 8519

Southwell Diocesan Guild.-Nottingham District.—A business meeting will be held on Fri., April 3, at 20.00 hours in The Hermitage, Ruddington, to discuss the formation of a South Notts District.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Bedfordshire Association.—Bedford District. —Quarterly meeting, Sat., April 4. Carlton (4), 3-4 p.m. Harrold from 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. A. J. Collings, 19 Meadway, Harrold (Tel. Harrold 522). Sausage sizzle on Green at 8 p.m. 8462

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., April 4, at Wellesbourne. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. More ringing after tea. Also Sherborne bells (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m. This is an important meeting at which elections for committee representatives and district secretary take place, so full attendance, please.-H.A.M

Derby Diocesan Association. -Derby Diocesan Association. — Annual general meeting, Derby, April 4 (and not as published in the Diary) Choral service with ringers' choir in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Chapter House. Names for tea to Mr. G. A. Halls, 54 Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby, DE3 7DA. Bells available: St. Peter, 2.15-3.30 p.m.; Cathedral, 3.30-4.25 p.m.; St. Luke 7-8.30 p.m. 7-8.30 p.m.

Dudley and District Guild.-Meeting, Halesowen (8), Sat., April 4. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Names for tea to P. J. Brown, 31 Renfrew Close, Wordsley, Stourbridge, Worcs.

Durham and Newcastle Association.-Nor-Durham and Newcastle Association.—Not-thern District.—Ringing meeting, Newburn (6), Sat., April 4. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Taylor, 9 Beverley Terrace, Wal-bottle, Newcastle, 5.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—N.E. Branch.
—Quarterly meeting, Bradninch, Sat., April 4.
Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with
tea and business after. Names for tea to G.
Hollis, 26 The Avenue, Tiverton. 8496

Halifax and District Association.-A.G.M. and contest will be held at Saddleworth, April 4. Draw 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. 95 Carnhill Road, Mossley, Ashtonunder-Lyne, Lancs.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Bellringers' quarterly meeting, Tenbury Wells, Sat., April 4. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting after.—J. F. Fox. 8503

Hertford County Association. — Annual general meeting, Bishop's Stortford, Sat., April 4. Service 3.30, followed by tea and meeting in Water Lane Institute. Notice of resolutions —decimalisation of subscriptions; adoption of the Kimpton cup competition. Names for tea must be sent to K. Westwood, 85 Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford (Tel. 56043). Ringing programme: Route 1—Hertingfordbury (6), 10.00–11.30; All Saints, Hertford (10), 11.00–12.30; Widford (6), 12.00–1.30; Sawbridgeworth (8), 1.00–2.30; Thorley (6), 2.00–3.00. Route 2—Great Hormead (6), 10.00–11.30; Braughing (8), 11.00–12.30; Standon (6), 12.00–1.30; Lt. Hadham (5), 1.00–2.30; Bishop's Stortford (10), 2.00–3.30. Thorley and Bishop's Stortford after meeting.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. -decimalisation of subscriptions; adoption of

Kent County Association.—Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Cranbrook, on Sat., April 4. Afternoon ringing (primarily for learners) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. J. Leeves, Hazelwood, Angley Road, Cranbrook.

Road, Cranbrook.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, April 4. Bells: Rothley, 9.30–10.30; Birstall, 10–11; Cossington, 10.30–11.30; Queniborough, 11–12; Barkby, 11.30–12.30; Thurmaston, 12 noon – 1 p.m.; Markfield, 9.30–10.15; Ratby, 10–10.45; Groby, 10.30–11.15; Newtown Linford, 11–11.45; Anstey, 12–12.45; Hinckley, 9–10; Burbage, 9.30–10.30; Sharnford, 10–11; Sapcote, 10.30–13.30; Stoney Stanton, 11–12; Croft, 11.30–12.30; Enderby, 12 noon – 1 p.m.; Leicester: St. John, 1.30–2.30; All Saints, 2–3; St. Margaret, 2.30–3.30; Cathedral, 3 to service at 4.15 p.m. Tea in Alderman Newton's Boys' School dining annexe 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150 Narborough Road South, Leicester (823140).—A. J. Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec. Gen. Sec.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—The annual general meeting will be held tion.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport, on Sat., April 4. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing: St. Woolos (12), 2.30-4 p.m. and after the meeting; All Saints, Newport (8), 1.30-3.30; Bassaleg (6, steel), 2-3.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to M. J. Pryor, Hon. Sec.. 43 Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff.

Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch Annual striking competition, Sat., April 4, at Burnley St. Peter's. Tower open 2.30 p.m Cups of tea 5. Results and meeting follow. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome for the evening ringing.—Maurice Hill, Branch

Peterborough Diocesan Guild .- Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Guilsborough, Sat., April 4. Names for tea to Mr. P. A. Turner, 26 Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby, by Tuesday previous.

Sheffield and District Society.—The A.G.M. will be held on Sat., April 4, at Thrybergh (6), 2-3 p.m. Whiston (8), 3-4; Rotherham (10), 4-5 and after tea till 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Donovan, 4 Holmesfield, Roseberry Street, Rotherham. All welcome.—R. Fletcher, 1400 Hon. Sec.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Annual general meeting, Southwell, Sat., April 4. Ringing: Farnsfield, 2.30-4 p.m.; Lowdham, 2.30-4; Southwell, 3-4.30 and 7-9. Service, Southwell, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows tea in Trebeck Hall. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70 Valley Prospect, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8458

Barnsley and District Society.-Meeting at Shelley, Sat., April 11, 3 p.m. Tea, Skelmon-thorpe Café (5s.), followed by meeting. Num-bers for tea to Philip Charlesworth, Bank House Farm, Silkstone, Barnsley (Tel.: Silk-stone 439), by previous Wednesday. 8411

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.— Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at High Littleton (6). Sat., April 11, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Good attendance, please.

Chester Diocesan Guild. — Grappennan Branch.—Meeting, Daresbury (8), Sat., April 11. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ryder, Windygate, Moss Lane, Moore, Warrington, by Wed., 8412 Moss Lane, Moore, Warring April 8.—J. Moore, Hon. Sec.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.-South West Branch. — Spring meeting, Lifton, Sat., April 11. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by April 6, please. — R. Southwood, 11 Sydney Close, Plympton, Plymouth. Phone: 36891.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—North Nibley (6), Sat., April 11. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—G. Minors, 1 Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos.

Kent County Association.—Canterbury Disrict.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Ospringe on Sat., April 11. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall.
Names for tea to reach Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 14 Kings Road, Faversham, not later than April 8.—J. B. K. 8453

Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Sat., April 11, at Millom. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ullock, 135 Albert Street, Millom.—T. F. Metcalfe. 8512

Lincoln Diocesan Guild .-- Southern Branch Meeting, Billingborough, Sat., April 11. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. P. B. Hearn, The Vicarage, Billingborough, near Sleaford, Lincs, by Mon., April 6.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8481

London County Association.—Meeting, Sat., April 11. Ringing at St. Mary's, Woolwich, 3-4.30 p.m., and St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 7-8.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Woolwich, Names for tea essential to J. H. Lott (01-736 4423).—R. J. C. 8482

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild,—Annual meeting will be held at All Hallows', Twickenham, on Sat., April 11, for election of officers, etc. Title of Association and membership badges will be discovered. cussed. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea to follow. Ringing arrangements: All Hallows', Twickenham. 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (The Mall), Chiswick, 2.30-4; All Saints', Isleworth, 7.30-9.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Gen. Sec. 8520

Shropshire Association.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Wem (8), Sat., April 11. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Docksey, 69 New Street, Wem, by the Wednesday before.

Suffolk Guild.— N.W. District.— Ringing meeting, Lakenheath (6), Sat., April 11 Bells from 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. M. Peachey, 150 High Street, Lakenheath, Suffolk, by Wed., April 8. 8454

Surrey Association (Southern District) and East Grinstead Guild.—Joint meeting on Sat., April 11. Godstone. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. K. Wood, 45 Warren Lane, Oxted, by previous Wednesday. Lingfield bells (8) available for evening ringing, 7-9 p.m.—K. G. Game, M. Large Secs.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., April 11, Nether and Over Wallop (fives) Bells 2.30–4.30 p.m. Broughton (6) from 6. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Mouland, The Delph, Heathman Street, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge, Hants.

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London County Association.—Surprise Major practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, Mon., April 13, 6-8 p.m. Al! welcome. Future Surprise Major practices will be held at St. Olave's on the Monday preceding the third Thursday of each month.—R. J. C. 8483

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—The annual general meeting will be held in Warwick on Sat., April 18. St. Nicholas' bells available 2.30—4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3-4.45. Tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Hall, 4.45. Service in St. Mary's Church 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 16, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa. Tel.: Harbury 504. 8495

Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association.—Annual general meeting. April 18, at St. John's, Cleator Moor. Bells available 1.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. It is imperative that those requiring tea must inform Mr. G. Tembey. Holmlea. Woodend, Egremont, on or before April 15 as there may be no other means of April 15, as there may be no other means of obtaining refreshment.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Gen. Sec.

National Guild of Pouce Rugers, Sat., Eastern District.—Annual district meeting, Sat., Church of St. Mary, April 18. Meet at the Church of St. Mary, Hendon, N.W., at 11.30 a.m. Names for lunch to me, please, before April 13.—P. Shonk, Dis. Sec., 58 Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent. Tel.: 01-850 1014 8451

Sussex County Association.—Southern Divisolution Scientification.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, April 18, St. Margaret's (8), Ditchling. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea. Please send names for tea to Mrs. Kirkcaldy, 29 Manor Gardens, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, Sussex, by Wed., April 15.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. —Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting on April 18. Ringing at All Saints', Upham, 2,30 till 4.30 p.m. Service at Upham 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall, Bishop's Waltham, 5.30, followed by the business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, until 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. N. Colley. Lindum, Free Street, Bishop's Waltham (phone B.W. 2821), by Wed., April 15.

Oxford Diocesan Guild. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Drayton, April 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Notification for tea to Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by April 25.00

University of Wales Society.—Annual general meeting and tour will now be held on Sat.. April 25. Details from D. J. Morgan, Burgess Hall, Lampeter, Cards. S.a.e., please. 8517

Yorkshire Association. — Annual general meeting, Ormesby, Sat., May 2. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 47 Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Teesside, by Tues., April 28. Tea tickets will be sent to those who enclose a s.a.e. and given (at Ormesby Church between 3.45 and 4 p.m.) to others who book. Subscriptions are due and reports will be available. Towers: Kirby Wiske (6), 10.30–11.30; Northallerton (8), 11-12; Carlton-in-Cleveland (8), 11.45–12.45; Guisborough (6) and Skelton (8), 1-3; Thornaby (8) and Stockton (10), 2-4; Ormesby (8), 2-4.20. Ormesby after the meeting and the other towers if necessary.—W. F. Moreton. Yorkshire Association. - Annual general Moreton. 8510

DERRY ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHELLASTON DEDICATION

of the two treble bells on Sunday, April 5, at 2.45 p.m.

Ringing after the service. All welcome

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C. W. LUCAS, Subscription Manager.

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Saturday, April 4, at Boldmere (8)

Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available afterwards.-R. J. T., Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD A.G.M., 1970—IPSWICH Saturday, April 4

Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. A.G.M. 6.15. For details see R.W. for last week. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Munnings, 42 Beechcroft Road, Ipswich.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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Saturday, April 11
Ringing. St. Mary's, Woolwich, 3-4.30 p.m.
Tea and meeting, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 7-8.30 p.m.
Monday, April 13
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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at NEWHEY

on SATURDAY, APRIL 25th, 1970.

ROUTE 1 Glodwick, St. Mark (Oldham) (8) Oldham, St. Mary (12) Moorside, St. Thomas (Oldham) (8) 11.30- 1.00 1.00- 2.30 East Crompton, St. James (8)
ROUTE 2
Shore, St. Barnabas (Littleborough) (8) 2.00 - 3.30

10.30-11.30 11.00-12.00 11.30-12.30 1.00- 2.30 Healey, Christ Church (Rochdale) (6)
Hamer, All Saints (Rochdale) (6)
Rochdale, St. Chad (8)
Milnrow, St. James (8) 2.00- 3.30

Newhey, St. Thomas (8)

Newhey, St. Thomas (8)
Service, Newhey Church, at 3.45.
Tea at 4.30 in Newhey Church School, 5s. each.

Names for tea (with money and s.a.e) to R. Lawson, 24 Bentgate Street, Newhey, Rochdale, by Wednesday, April 22.
A.G.M. in Newhey School at 5.30 p.m.

Evening ringing:
Newhey, St. Thomas (8), after meeting to 8.00.
Middleton. St. Leonard (8), after meeting to 8.45.
Heywood, St. Luke (8), after meeting to 8.45.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

COUNTRY MEETING

BIRMINGHAM, Saturday, April 11

St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, 11 a.m.-12 noon. Lunch: Vittoria Restaurant, Frederick Street, 12.30 p.m.

Edgbaston, 2-3 p.m.

St. Philip's Cathedral, 3-4 p.m.

Tea in St. Chad's Cathedral Hall, 4.30 p.m. followed by meeting.

> St. Martin's, 6.30-7.30 p.m. Yardley, 7.45-9 p.m.

Names for lunch and tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB (Tel.: Farnborough, Kent 53666).

WANTED

Set handbells, complete with F sharp and C sharp if possible. Will consider any set, condition reasonable, whatever available. — J. L. Moore, 3 Fore Street, Totnes 2675, Devon

Received too late for Classification

Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Northill, April 11. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—A.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., April 4, at Wellesbourne. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. More ringing after tea. Also Sherborne bells (6) 2.30-3.30 p.m. This is an important meeting at which election for committee representatives and district secretary will take place, so full attendance, please.—
H. A. M. 8528 H. A. M.

Gloucester and Bristol Association. - Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Grittleton (6), on April 11, 4 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6. Yatton Keynell bells (4) available 3-4 p.m. Names for tea to M. Stracey, 51 Cranwell Close, Chippenham, Wilts, by April 8.

Kent County Association. - Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition, Cuxton, Sat., April 18. Competition 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and general ringing. Names for tea to Mr. A. R. Smith, Clovelly, 8 Station Road, Cuxton, Medical Cuxton, Station Road, Cuxton, Smith, Clovelly, 8 Station Road, Cuxton, Smith, Clovelly, Smith, Clovelly, Smith, Clovelly, Smith, Clovell Rochester, by previous Wednesday, please.

Ladies' Guild.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Burgess Hill (8), Sat., April 11. Ringing 3-6 p.m. Evensong 6. Meeting 6.30 p.m. No evening ringing.—R. Farley, Hon. Dis. Sec. Ringing 3-6

Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Oldham Parish Church, Sat., April 11. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—G. Cheetham. 8531

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Peterborough Branch. — Spring meeting. Castor, April 17.
Bells (just rehung) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15
p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97 Fanz Road,
Peterborough, by previous Wednesday. 8527

Southwell Diocesan Guild. — Bingham District. — Meeting, April 11, Granby. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. Blackshaw, 36 Stratford Road, West Bridgford, by Wednesday previous. 8526 Southwell Diocesan Guild. — N. Notts District.—Meeting, Rampton, April 11. Numbers for tea to H. Poyner (address in Diary), Laneham also available; bring headgear. 8523

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly general meeting, Bramley, Sat., April 18. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Bramley School, 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tues., April 14, 8524 please.

DENIAL

The footnote to the handbell peal of Bob Minor rung on March 16 at Chorlton, Manchester, conducted by C. L. D. Mun-day, has no foundation in fact. No engagement has been announced. (See page 257, this issue.)

Truro Guild

CONDUCTOR CONGRATULATED

The 1970 A.G.M. of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Linkinhorne on March 7 and was attended by over 80 ringers. The president (Mr. Alan Carveth) opened the meeting by ringing the Guild bell and prayers were led by the Vicar of Linkin-horne (Rev. M. B. Geach), who welcomed the ringers to Linkinhorne. Silent tribute was paid to the members who had died since the last meeting—Canon W. H. Prior, J. Chapman, A. J. Chubb, J. Roberts, D. M. Stephens and Miss H. M. Wintle.

The treasurer presented the accounts, balances of £111 in the general fund and £72 in the badge account being recorded.

The ringing master (Mr. W. C. Boucher)

and his assistant (Mr. A. Locke) reported on the festivals during the year, and congratulations were extended to Miss M. L. Lidgey on conducting a peal of Stedman Triples -- her first as conductor. It was a fine achievement, showing faith and determination. Miss Lidgey, the peal secretary, reported a record number of peals for the Guild (51), almost double the previous year's total. Outstanding were six peals: at Stratton the local band rang Grandsire Triples, at Carbis Bay two of Stedman Triples were rung by residents alone (16 years since the last peal so rung), at Phil-lack, Kent and Oxford Major was scored, at Sennen, Doubles were rung by a band (average age 16¹) and at Lelant the multi-Doubles band scored 120 m/v in 6240 changes—the longest peal for the Guild. The quarters were slightly down but still included 56 "firsts."

The librarian (Mr. R. P. Pearce) thanked those who had given books and those who had contributed to the R.W. binder fund; Mr. F. M. Bowers gave an account of the St. Albans C.C. meeting. This was followed by the confirmation of non-resident life members elected during 1969: J. A. Ainsworth, G. H. Baldam, M. I. Brown, P. J. Brown, N. J. Davies, A. C. Fairey, M. W. Fairey, S. W. Fossey, M. H. O'Callaghan, M. Powell, J. C. Skidmore, N. Summerhayes and P. Williams.

All the Guild officers were re-elected.

Mr. H. Lander, a vice-president, proposed that membership of the Guild should no longer be by tower affiliation but by individual subscription. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the idea be adopted for an experimental period.

It was decided that the Guild summer festival be held in July (details in the R.W. later, but Bodmin hoped for the venue) and the invitation to hold the 1971 A.G.M. at Constantine on March 6 be accepted. Further items were speedily dealt with under any other business, and the meeting was closed and followed by tea. The bells in the neighbourhood were soon in use.

A. J. D.

Sussex County Association.-Western Division.—Quarterly meeting. Pulborough (8), Sat., April 11. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea P. M. Wills. 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis (Tel.: Bognor 24952) 8532

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for March 30, 1945.

"Synthetic Bells" was the subject for the leading article and the pros and cons given in concise terms.

Mrs. F. E. Collins rang her first peal of Caters inside at Beddington, Surrey. Her husband rang the 7th and Charles Kippin

conducted.

At Reading a 720 of Bob Minor on handbells was the first for Audrey B.

1.2 and Noel Diserens 3-4. The

conductor was A. Diserens 5-6.
At the annual meeting of the Southern
District of the Surrey Association Mr. W. Claydon (Reigate) was elected master, and Mr. A. Gear hon. secretary.

The largest attendance for many years

was recorded at Shaftesbury when the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards conducted a service and took the chair for the business meeting in the Masonic Hall

The Lord Bishop of Liverpool will be present and wishes to meet as many Lancashire ringers as possible. — Advt. for Wigan and Liverpool branch meeting.

Only six tower bell and four handbell peals were recorded in this issue.

Charles Wenban and Patricia Holmes rang their first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Stanmore, Middlesex, which was conducted by William Wenban.

At Manchester Cathedral Mr. Charles At Manchester Cameural Mr. Charles Fairlie completed 63 years as a Cathedral ringer, and a quarter of Grandsire Caters was rung to honour the occasion, for which Mr. Fairlie rang the second.

50 YEARS AGO

April 2, 1920

Herbert Audsley rang his first peal of Double Norwich at Erith, Kent, composed and conducted by Edwin Barnett sen., Edwin Barnett jun. also taking part.

A seven-method peal by a local band at Sharnbrook, Beds, was rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. William Long Fitz-patrick (churchwarden), conducted by E. P. Duffield.

Arranged for Walter Ayre, of St. Mark's College, Chelsea, a handbell peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Royal Grammar

School, Guildford.

The bells of Kirkburton, Yorkshire, recast and rehung by Taylors, were rung to a peal of Kent T.B. Major.

"I have been for many years a member of the Literature Committee (of the C.C.), which has of late become a byword for dilatoriness and inefficiency." — T. L. Papillon in a letter about the C.C. and its

A meeting to revive the Northern Divi-sion of the Yorkshire Association was held at Pickering and attended by 30 members with the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president) in the chair.

The Rev. H. Drake contributed an article which suggested that ringers should be credited only with peals scored for the unit within whose borders they are rung.

Canon Gorse Hodge, the new Rector of Birmingham, presided at the 32nd Anniversary Dinner commemorating Henry Johnson, and Mr. W. H. Godden, one of the few surviving friends of the old Birmingham worthy, proposing the toast to the memory of Henry Johnson, said that although a scientific man in change ringing, Henry was also a very sociable man.

COMPOSITIONS

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23456		х			- 1
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32465		X			1
32654		X			1
23456		X		1	2

5076 ERIN CATERS By DALE BARTON 132547698 5 -1 4 123549876 123546798 S 542316978 S 31425 25143 43512 15234 12354 2A 152346798 135246879 243517968 51432 32145 45213 12354 123547698 S 3A

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5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR By D. G. LAWSON

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42365	_				5
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62354	_				5
34625	_			_	5
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1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES By WILLIAM WILLANS

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St. Mark's, Bilton, Warwickshire

THE PRESENT CHURCH stands on the site of a Norman church and was built about 1350, very probably by Sir Nicholas de Charnels, Knight, owner of the manor and patron of the advowson.

In 1872 the north aisle was added and the tracery of the east window renewed, and in 1962 the south aisle was added. In each case the original stonework was used and the historical features of the church were preserved.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Exterior: The tower, originally, had four

pinnacles round the spire.

The five windows on the south side are exceedingly good specimens of the two most common types of flowing tracery, commonly called the fish-bladder and network tracery.

In the south wall, under the third window from the east, we find a little square-

headed low-side window.

Similar windows are to be found in structures of the 13th and 14th centuries, but rarely later. They are sometimes called leper windows, but it is more likely they were used for the rite of "utter confession." That is to say that from time to time wandering Franciscan monks, and others perhaps who had nothing to do with the place, would through this opening (which could be closed with a wooden shutter) hear the confessions of penitents inside the church.

WINDOW REMOVED

The original east window is reported to have been very beautiful, but was removed about 1609, when a plain, square-headed In 1871 window took its place. Decorated window was put up, and this was moved to the west end of the north aisle in 1872. The present window put up at that date was made with tracery characteristic of the transition from Decorated

to Perpendicular.

The organ case is of old carved oak; it originally formed part of the organ in the Chapel of St. John's, Cambridge. St. John's College was founded by the Lady Margaret, daughter of Henry VII, and the carved ornaments show that the instrument was placed in the chapel about the time of was placed in the chaper about the time of the foundation of the College, A.D. 1522. It is ornamented with the royal badges, the portcullis and double rose. The words on and over the organ board were composed by the Rev. R. D. Assheton.

EASTER SEPULCHRE

Just within the altar rails is the recess for the Eastern Sepulchre, a fine ogee-shaped arch, richly crocketed.

In times before the Reformation it was the custom to place the crucifix and Host in a chest, in this and similar recesses on Good Friday; they were then watched con-tinually till Easter Day and then replaced on the atar with high ceremony.

In the east wall is a little aumbry or cup-

board for keeping the holy vessels.

Next to this on the south side is another niche with a carved canopy called a piscina, where the Communion vessels were washed.

Then we come to the sedilia, or seats, for the priest, deacon and sub-deacon (restored

The two brass candelabra in the nave came from an old church at Bois le Duc, in Holland.

The font. Its history is uncertain. In design it is of the same period as the

church, about A.D. 1350 but the carving is rough, shallow and unfinished. Some think that it is an incomplete work of the 14th century (compare the uncarved blocks in which some of the dripstones of the windows end), some think it belongs to a later century.

Three of the bells in the tower are pre-Reformation. In 1948, when the shingled spire surmounting the sturdy tower was made safe, the five bells were rehung in an iron frame, and a sixth bell added as a memorial to the men of the village who gave their lives on service during the 1939-The work was carried out by War. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough.

The old five bells still have their canons and have never been recast, only quarterturned, and are fitted with wooden head-The new treble has an iron one. This bell does not harmonise with the original five and tends to "shout" out among the others, and is most noticeable in Minor methods.

FIRST PEAL ON THE BELLS

The first peal on the bells was rung on Coronation Day, June 3, 1953, by the local

Details of the bells are as follows:

No. 1.—Memorial bell. Inscribed with
names of Fallen. Made by John Taylor

and Co., Loughborough, 1948.
No. 2.—The gift of the Honourable Countess of Warwick. Made by Richard Sanders of Bromsgrove, 1722.

No. 3,—Sancta Katerina Ora Pro Nobis. (St. Katherine, pray for us.) Made by John

Sturdy or John Kebyll, of London, c. 1450.

No. 4.—Vox Agustini Sonet in Aure

Dei. (May the voice of Augustine sound in the ear of God.) Made by John Danyell, of London, c. 1460. No. 5.—Beata Katerina Ora Pro Nobis.

Ihu Merci Ladi Helpe. (Blessed Katherine, pray for us.) Made by John Danyell, of London, c. 1460.

No. 6.-Henry Bagley Made Mee. (The first Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, near Ban-

No. 2, 4-1-6, E flat. No. 3, 4-1-7, D flat. No. 4, 5-0-13, C. No. 5, 7-0-14, B flat. No. 6, 7-0-12, A flat. Note that the fifth is heavier than the tenor. W. E. B.

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'Twill ring the bells of heaven. The wildest peal for years, If Parson lost his senses And people came to theirs. And he and they together Knelt down with angry prayers For wretched blind pit ponies
And little hunted hares. — Ralph
Hodgson ("The Bells of Heaven").

The bells they sound on Bredon, And still the steeples hum: "Come all to church, good people." Oh, noisy bells, be dumb, I hear you, I will come.—

Housman ("A Shropshire Lad").

Kent County Association

FOLKESTONE'S WELCOME

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WELL SUPPORTED

"The establishment, maintenance and encouragement of Service Ringing in all the Churches in the County, the cultivation of the art of Change-ringing and Belfry Reform."

This is one of the two objects of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers printed in the annual report, and the officers of the Association are justified if they feel proud of their efforts to bring this about, for at the annual general meeting at Folkestone on Easter Monday the excellent arrangements (made by the Ashford District), the leadership and the ability displayed were backed up by the members with a large attendance (about 300) and this in spite of heavy showers and blustery winds.

In the church the visitors were able to admire the beautiful decorations, the Easter garden being particularly attractive. Following the well-struck service touch, the congregation stood whilst the churchwardens, followed by the town sergeant (Mr. W. G Jenkins) led the Mayor and Mayoress of Folkestone (Cclr. and Mrs. Ellender) to their places. Canon N. M. G. Sharp, Vicar of Ashford, conducted the service and Rev. A. V. Kingston, O.B.E., Vicar of Folke-A. V. Kingston, O.B.E., Vicar of Folke-stone, gave the address. He briefly referred to the history of the church and to his own life abroad as a chaplain to the Forces, when he carried recordings of Westminster Abbey bells around and played them before services in various stations, including the

The vicar spoke of the tragedy of the bombing of St. Clement Danes', London, during the last war-a church with which he was especially concerned as his father had preached there for 25 years. He also stressed the importance of the work of bellringers in proclaiming the message of the Resurrection and of the tremendous responsibility each had to fulfill that task Sunday by Sunday.

The congregational singing was led by Mrs. Anne Berry at the organ, who played Toccata (Symphony No. 5), by Widor, as a recessional, and a retiring collection amounted to £15 12s. 6d., of which £14 was given to the Belfry Repair Fund and the remainder to church expenses.

LUNCH AND MEETING

The customary luncheon was served in the Church Hall nearby, about 200 sitting down, whilst an overflow of members was sustained with sandwiches and soft drinks in another room, informality and high spirits being much in evidence.

Accompanying the chairman (Mr. E. A. Barnett) and his wife at the top table were the Mayor and Mayoress, the vicar and Mrs. Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mr. S. Phelips, Rev. D. J. New, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. May, the town sergeant, Mr. B. J. Luck, Mr. and Mrs. F. Whittaker, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. S. Berry and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Editor, R.W.).

After the loyal toast had been honoured the chairman expressed the pleasure of all present at the attendance at lunch of the Mayor and Mayoress and also the vicar and Mrs. Kingston, and thanked them for attending. He also welcomed visitors from afar, including Mr. Frank Reynolds (Lancashire) and the Editor of the R.W., who was attending in that capacity for the first time. The Mayor and the vicar both replied and then retired to other duties.

The business meeting then proceeded and very full agenda was dealt with in 1 hour 20 minutes, the chairman dealing expeditiously with each item. Mr. P. A. Corby proposed that the minutes be taken as read, and this was agreed, as also was the secretary's report, both printed and circulated before the meeting.

Mr. B. W. May, the retiring hon, treasurer, gave a very clear account of the financial statement and answered several questions raised by one or two members. This was the 14th time Mr. May has prepared and submitted the accounts and he was heartily thanked for his services, as also was the auditor, Mr. M. H. D. O'Callaghan.

Mr. I. Oram next presented the peals report (also printed) and this was accepted, following which Mr. Barnett relinquished temporarily the chair to Mr. Phelips for the election of vice-presidents. This resulted in the re-election of the four retiring members: the Vicar of Ashford and Messrs, E. A. Barnett, B. J. Luck and P. A. Corby.

SECRETARY COMPLIMENTED

On the proposition of Mr. Corby, seconded by Mr. D. Cawley, the hon. secretary (Mr. A. P. S. Berry) was re-elected and offered congratulations and good wishes for his second year in office. Mr. Oram is to continue as peals secretary, but for the position of hon, treasurer there is a new official. Mr. May retired at his own request and Mr. O'Callaghan was appointed on the proposition of Mr. May, seconded by Mr. Corby, who spoke of the excellent work done by Mr. May. Mr. S. Jenner replaces Mr. O'Callaghan as hon. auditor. Although proposed as a vice-president in honour of his services to the Association, Mr. May politely but firmly declined.



Mr. B. W. May (retiring hon. treasurer), Mr. E. A. Barnett (chairman), Mrs. Barnett, Mr. A. P. S. Berry (hon. secretary) and Mr. M. H. D. O'Callaghan (elected treasurer), photographed by the R.W. at the meeting.

A ballot for the election of six committee members resulted in the retiring officers being re-elected. They are Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. O. D. Tester, Dr. D. H. Niblett and Messrs. T. Cullingworth, N. J. Davies and W. H. Dobbie.

Two important items followed, namely the Benevolent Fund and Belfry Repair Fund, Considerable thought had been given beforehand to both these matters, the object being to regularise and simplify the rules, which in one case had been laid down in 1912. The committee had fully discussed the matter at its meeting during the morning, and following a concise explanation by the chairman and the newly-elected treasurer the meeting accepted both proposals, as amended on the duplicated sheets and circulated to all present.

INCREASED CIRCULATION NEEDED

The secretary announced several forth-coming events, including the Association striking competition to be held in the Rochester district and the annual dinner at Maidstone, following which the chairman permitted the Editor of the R.W. to address the gathering. Mr. Denyer expressed pleasure at being present and gave greetings to all from his predecessor (Mr. Tom White). He also congratulated the officers and members of the Association on the organisation and the healthy state of its affairs, and thanked all present for the friendly welcome he had received and for the many encouraging letters sent to the office. The R.W would endeavour to please all sections of the Exercise in one way or another, he added, and appealed to every ringer and associate member to help increase the circulation and so build up a bigger and better paper whilst keeping the price down.

Votes of thanks were expressed by the chairman to all who had contributed to the organisation and comfort of those attending that day, and Mr. Barnett was in turn thanked and complimented on his capable handling of the meeting as its chairman.

THEY ALSO SERVE . . .

There can be no doubt whatever that hard work brings its own reward. Kent C.A. is a thriving body, but this has only been attained by the efforts of its officers, at all levels, both past and in the present day. The example and leadership of Mr. E. A. Barnett, its chairman, Mr. P. A. Corby, past secretary, and Mr. Alan Berry, the present holder of that office, engenders enthusiasm amongst all the members.

The wives of these gentlemen must not be forgotten! The success of many an official is often attained by the encouragement and "behind-the-scenes" activities of the "better half," and Mr. Berry has particular reason to be grateful to his bride of last August. Mrs. Anne Berry has nursed her husband through many months of illness, has done a great deal of the preparatory work for the meeting, and on the "big day" she not only played the organ (she is an L.R.A.M. (perf.), L.R.A.M. and A.R.C.M.) but looked after the welfare of the late arrivals at the luncheon, and at the close of the meeting wielded a large broom and swept the hall floor.

The many other ladies who cheerfully served the meal, cleared the tables, made tea and washed up each assisted in the smooth running of the meeting and the enthe case. To them all we say sincerely "Thank you!". joyment of those attending, as is so often

ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY, WHATTON

Two New Bells Dedicated

A red letter day in the history of Whatton (March 14) dawned bright and clear and with over 250 names received for tea a very busy day was in store for the Whatton ringers. The morning was spent preparing the teas, bringing extra chairs into the church, fixing a microphone in the ringing chamber and loud speakers in the church and generally putting the final touches to the preparations for the afternoon dedication service. The old six bells were rung for the service and by 3 o'clock it was becoming increasingly difficult to find a seat, despite the extra chairs. In fact, by the close of the service there was a considerable number of people standing at the rear of the church, and the attendance probably was well in excess of 300.

The service began with the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God," and following the introductory prayers the 150th Psalm was chanted. During the singing of the third hymn the Bishop of Sherwood, led by clergy, ringers, Mr. A. Clayton (deputising for Mr. Paul Taylor, who had been taken ill) and the wardens, proceeded to the ringing chamber. At the request of the vicar's warden, Mr. Tom Greasley, the Bishop blessed, sanctified and hallowed the new bells. He received the ropes from Mr. Clayton and handed them to the vicar, the Rev. Geoffrey Blackmore, with these words: "Receive these bells that have been hallowed and solemnly set apart from all pofane and unhallowed uses, as a sacred trust committed to thee, as the approved minister of Christ in this church, and take care that they be used for God's service and for His glory." The vicar then handed the ropes to Mr. Tom Goodwin (president of the Whatton ringers) and rounds were rung on the eight whilst the Bishop and the clergy returned to their places.

For his text the Bishop quoted the last two verses of Psalm 150. Recalling the early history of bells, he said that whilst the church had been slow to accept bells they had in recent times been catching up very rapidly indeed. He congratulated the village on its latest addition to God's glory in the already beautiful church at Whatton.

The service ended, ringing was started with a course of Bob Major by the local band and tea was served. The tower was declared open until 9 p.m. Some 200 ringers took the opportunity of trying the bells, and congratulations for the success of the evening must go to the three Bingham District ringing masters, Brian Bull, Geoff Wells and Susan O'Neill, who not only saw that everyone had a ring but also regulated the flow of traffic up and down the staircase. W. L. E.

SOLACE FOR LEARNERS

A well-known cricketer once said that the cricketer who never scored a duck never scored a century. The same applied to ringers who never missed their sally or got "wrong end." Guildford Diocesan Guild.

SENIOR MEMBER ATTENDED

At the district meeting which took place at Walton-on-Thames on February 28 it is estimated that 100 ringers must have passed through the belfry doors during the afternoon and evening ringing times.

Thirty-seven members actually sat down to tea and we welcomed Canon McKitterick from Oatlands Park, who had officiated at the service, and also Mr. Dixon (organist). We were also pleased to see Mrs. Lathbury, of Walton, one of our senior members.

Apologies for absence included those of the guild master, Mr. D. A. R. May, and guild secretary, Mr. C. W. Munday. The following new members were elected: Mrs. S. Holmes, Mr. A. Tanner, Mr. R. Damerell, Mr. N. Piper, Miss A. Dixon (ringing members), Miss P. Heyhoe, D. Bonner, N. Pearman and Miss S. Pearman (junior members). It was decided to change the nomination date from November 7 to November 14, and the district practice at Oatlands Park on March 23 was cancelled. The striking competition is to be held at Thames Ditton, and the ringing master urged all towers to enter a team.

The usual votes of thanks were then given and we retired to the belfry, and when tower ringing stopped at 8.30 p.m. handbells were rung.

P. A. B.

Roving Ringers.

ANNUAL REUNION

The weather was bitterly cold on February 28 when members of the Society of Roving Ringers gathered at Headington, Oxford, for the 23rd annual reunion. Following a snack lunch at a local hostelry ringing took place at St. Ebbe's, St. Giles' and Carfax.

Forty-two members enjoyed the dinner at the Elms Hotel, followed by the annual meeting. John Brain, of Bristol, having completed his three-year term of office as president of the Society, retired, and Don Cobb, of Waltham Abbey, was elected to fill the vacancy. Other officers elected were: Ringing master for 1970/71, Andrew Slade; joint secretaries, John and Louise Slater; recorder, John Slater. The 1970 tour will be in the South Wales area during the last week of August, finishing at Gloucester or Painswick for the Bank Holiday week-end.

Holiday week-end.

On Sunday the "early risers" joined with the local band at Christ Church Cathedral for 9 o'clock service ringing and by 10 o'clock the "staggerers" had arrived and there was a full complement for service ringing at All Saints'. During the afternoon those members living at a distance said their "goodbyes" whilst the remainder enjoyed visiting Kidlington and Kirtlington. The last tower of the week-end was New College, where, to round off a most enjoyable reunion, a course of London Royal was successful.

Thank you, Oxford ringers, for giving us such a warm welcome, especially Philip Walker for helping with arrangements.

Rhodesian Guild (see page 270)

THE MASTER'S REPORT

The year 1969–1970 has been one of consolidation for the guild, especially at the Salisbury tower. I am pleased to report that there were only two Sundays when the bells were not rung for Evensong, there simply not being four ringers available. Progress at the Salisbury tower has been steady, with plain courses of Bob Doubles being rung by everyone. Touches have been rung by the more experienced ringers, and Bob Minor and Bob Triples should be achieved fairly soon.

I am glad to report that all ten bells of the Cathedral have been up a number of times during the year. Coming to mind was in April, when they were rung for the wedding of your newly-elected guild master. In November Joe Chamberlain and Kay Moore visited us from Malawi, and on this occasion Stedman was also rung, for the first time in Rhodesia, we think. On one or two other Sundays, finding that there were enough ringers, we took up and enjoyed ringing the ten bells as well. Other visitors to the tower were Mr. and Mrs. Purchase from Bulawayo, Mr. and Mrs. Hodson from Zambia, and on a number of occasions Mr. Edward Langley, who is at present on holiday in Gatooma, from England.

The Umvukwes handbell ringers have continued under the able guidance of Val Grossmith. The handbell ringing at Mabelreign Girls' High School does not seem to be lasting and I regret that it is no longer being done at Peterhouse School, either. Miss Frances Pellatt was (fortunate to spend some time in England last year (on holiday) and rang at 19 towers while there. She met Frank and Monica Blagrove, James Milford and Colin Stevenson, with whom she rang one of her two English quarter peals. We are benefiting from the knowledge she gained over there.

In December Christmas carols were played on the Cathedral bells for some ten minutes each lunch time, and these were also played on Christmas morning after services. My thanks to Roger Thomson for helping me to do this.

Ringing in Que Que has, I regret, been rather restricted to the school holidays, and at such times when there have been visiting ringers. However, a very enjoyable week-end was spent there by the guild early in December for the guild's half-yearly meeting. The bells rang out to Bob Minimus and Single Court and the handbells were also put to good use for tune and change ringing. Our thanks once again to all the organisers.

In closing, my thanks to Roger Thomson for his able handling of the guild secretary and treasurer duties.

> KENNETH S. CROSS, Guild Master.

I shall pass through this world but once. If there is any service I can do, or any kindness I can show, let me do it, for I shall not pass this way again.—

Stephen Grellett.

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A HISTORY OF SPLICED MINOR

By C. A. WRATTEN

(Continued from page 229)

PART VI: INTO NEW FIELDS

WITH the Copt Oak peals in 106 and 126 methods the theoretical limit had again been reached, just as it had in 1939, and a pause ensued. It lasted for something over three

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1-2 Howard Scott

3-4 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

5-6 W. Eric Critchley began to ring a few peals at Doncaster. By October, 42 methods had been rung. Fifty-seven methods followed the next February, and when on May 26 they scored 73 methods it definitely seemed that something was afoot. Had a new extent been produced which would enable the seemingly unbreakable "105 barrier" to be surmounted? It certainly seemed so, for one would not normally expect a band to ring peals of this type without some sort of record in view. And since the some sort of record in view. And since the 105-method peal had already been rung on handbells, the only record possible was a peal in a greater number of methods.

A SURPRISE

Then, while the readers of The Ringing World made their surmises and drew their conclusions, there suddenly appeared the report of a peal rung by the Lincolnshire band at Cleatham on August 8. There had been no warning, no hint from "working-up" pea's of what was coming. But the peal contained 106 methods, and was therefore a new record.

The essential new extent that had made it possible was once again the work of Kenneth Lewis, who had clearly inherited the mantle of the late A. G. Driver. Consisting as it did of 18 Plain and four Treble Bob methods, it marked an intriguing development in spliced composition.

It later transpired that the band had met for practice no less than 33 times that year, before finally scoring the peal. But at the time its impact was all the greater for its not

having been expected.

. . . AND ANOTHER

Kenneth Lewis was evidently not content to let the matter rest there. If 105 methods were not the maximum possible in seven extents, as had at one time seemed likely, then why should 106 be?

In November it became patently clear that it indeed was not. On the 3rd of that month the Doncaster band, of whom nothing had been heard for six months, rang no less than methods in seven extents. One extent was (one is tempted to say naturally) a new arrangement by C. K. Lewis, this time in 16 Alliance and three Little methods.

It is of some interest to note that, in a congratulatory letter which appeared in The Ringing World the week after the report of the Doncaster peal, George Feirn remarked that it was now possible to include 112 methods that it was now possible to include 112 methods in a 5040. (This could be achieved by substituting Lewis's Plain and Treble Bob extent for one of the others that had been rung.) He understood that the Yorkshire band was to attempt this "in the near future." They must have been unsuccessful in this attempt, for no such peal was ever reported.

NEW COMPOSITIONS

Although practical record-breaking had thus apparently ceased, leaving the record firmly in composition hands,

During the course of 1957 several new extents appeared in print, some of them developments of earlier arrangements, others on quite new lines, C. K. Lewis succeeded in adding three, and later four, further methods to his 22-method extent, while a relative newcomer to Spliced Minor composition, Harold Chant.

produced several new arrangements, including one in 18 methods, which would allow the record to be increased by five.

Finally, early in 1960, after an interval of nearly five years, the Yorkshire trio once again picked up their handbells. On February 22 they rang two peals, one in 77 methods, the other in 87. Both contained yet another new extent by Harold Chapt, this time in 17 Treble extent by Harold Chant, this time in 17 Treble Bob. Little and Alliance methods.

... AND A NEW RECORD

Rather strangely, no more handbell peals followed this sudden burst of activity. Instead three more ringers were enlisted, a line apparently taken on the use of Thrybergh belts for peal attempts, and multi-Minor began to be practised on tower bells.

On June 17, 1960, 47 methods were rung by 1 Jo Moreton

1 Jo Moreton
2 Howard Scott
3 Harold Chant
4 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)
5 W. Eric Critchley
6 Ian M, Holland.
The first extent, Harold Chant's 18-method composition of 1957, by now rearranged to contain 20 methods, was a sign of things to come. In September C. K. Lewis's 25-method 220 was first rung, in a peal in 74 methods, and this was followed two months later by a and this was followed two months later by a peal in 98 methods. When it was seen that between them the final two extents of the latter peal contained only four methods, it was clear that the band had a good reserve in hand.

By this time Geoffrey Townend had re-placed Jo Moreton on the treble. And it was rang 125 methods in a 5040—for once not at Thrybergh, but at Felkirk. Two of the extents were the work of A. G. Driver, two were by C. K. Lewis, two by Harold Chant. and the seventh was the Lewis/Chant "25."

THE PRESENT

The story of how the record was subsequently The story of how the record was subsequently raised—first to 143 methods in December, 1963, by a Gloucestershire band under Anthony R. Peake, then in March, 1966, to 145 methods by Joe E. G. Roast's Essex band, only to be beaten by the Suffolk Guild four months later with a peal in 148 methods conducted by Howard Egglestone—is too fresh to merit recounting in detail yet again. It is, however, of some interest to see what made these peals, and the latest triumphs in 210 methods by the Southwell Guild, possible

and the latest triumphs in 210 methods by the Southwell Guild, possible.

The 125-method peal at Felkirk in 1961 marked the end of an era, an era that had started at Surfleet just over 50 years earlier. During this period all the record peals had been composed within quite rigid limitations. The acceptance of "single-change" methods after the peal of Caithness Minor at Brentford after the peal of Caithness Minor at Brentford in 1959, the renewed acceptance and wider practice of methods not having Plain Bob leads, and, most recently, the reappearance of methods with internal 5-6 places, have all combined to make a much greater choice of methods available to the composer.

The supermarket has as it were replaced

The supermarket has, as it were, replaced the little corner shop as a source of material. the little corner shop as a source of material. When William Snowdon wrote in 1894 that methods obtained in this way, specifically for inclusion in spliced 720s, would never be rung "except as a fancy performance" he could not have envisaged the "fancy performances" of recent years. It is true that they are not, and probably never will be, generally rung, but they have nevertheless made possible such extents as those composed by Simon Humphrey over the past two years, containing 30 different over the past two years, containing 30 different T.B. methods in the 30 available leads.

THE FUTURE

Nor has the end yet been reached, for there remain such possibilities as "irregular" Alliance and Little methods to be explored. And just as the use of the whole range of available

Kent County Association CANTERBURY WIN

For the annual striking competition held on March 14th in the Church of All Saints, Birchington, with its lovely 8½ cwt. 1955 Whitechapel eight, six teams competed, the contest being judged by the general secretary, Mr. Alan P. S. Berry. At the meeting which followed, Mr. Berry gave a very well balanced judgement on the various teams competing.

All Saints, Whitstable, suffered from a poor rhythm, but the leads in particular improved towards the end of the Grandsire Doubles. St. Alphege, Seasalter, Whitstable, a young new band, ringing call-changes, had two bad patches, and also lacked rhythm in a fair effort. St. Dunstan, Canterbury set a brisk pace, though the back-stroke leads were slow, but it was a good rhythm and a well-rung piece of Stedman Doubles. The Cathedral, ringing Cambridge Minor, again set a brisk pace, and a high standard, though the little bells were often heard too much on top of the big ones. Boughton-under-Blean, another young and enthusiastic band, started badly and then improved until unfortunately run out. St. Stephen, Canterbury, with Bob Doubles, were concentrating too hard on ringing the method and, consequently, the ringing lacked unity.

The competition secretary (Mr. D. L. Cawley) announced the results: 1st, Canterbury Cathedral (23 faults); 2nd, Canterbury St. Dunstan (27½); 3rd, Whitstable All Saints (37½); 4th. Seasalter St. Alphege (73½); 5th. Canterbury St. Stephen (104½); 6th. Boughton, run out. Mr. Berry commented that generally there was, in the ringing, room for further improvement, but he congratulated all who took part for having done so.

The certificate and also the Frank Knight cup were awarded to Canterbury Cathedral, represented by Mr. D. J. Carr and, following this, All Saints, Whitstable, were awarded the certificate for the 1965 contest (the first held), which they had never received.

One new member from Boughton and eight from Chilham were then elected, and Mr. Berry urged support for the Kent County A.G.M. at Folkestone on Easter Monday. Mr. G. Grey (of Dover) thanked the local organisers, Mr. H. Luck (of Birchington All Saints). Mrs. J. A. Russell who headed the tea arrangements and the incumbent for the use of the bells.

Further ringing took place and later members took advantage of the availability of the twelve bells of the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, where better striking than is usual on these fine but tricky bells was experienced. D. L. C.

methods has enabled the Treb'e Bob record to be increased from 73 methods to 210, so can the mixed-methods record of 148 methods be raised to an even higher figure.

be raised to an even higher figure.

With each new step forward by the composer someone has always asked "Has a peal now been produced that is too difficult for the team in the belfry to ring?" It was said for many years of John Carter's Scientific Triples; it was said of Pitman's "all the work" peals of Surprise Major. It will probably be said of any fufure arrangement which enables the Southwell Guild's wonderful achievements to be surpassed to be surpassed.

And the answer will then, just as it has in the past, ultimately appear in the peal columns of The Ringing World. Like Sherlock Holmes in The Sign of Four, the composer and arranger will always be able to say "You know my methods. Apply them!"

(Concluded.)

Letters

"ACTION-NOT WORDS"

Dear Sir, On behalf of the company of ringers who broke the silence at East Pennard, I would like to thank Mr. Fortin for his kind words (Ringing World, page 190). I am tempted, however, to answer his last paragraph by expressing the hope that he will shortly be (if he has not already been) in touch with the incumbent at Aylesbury and, if there is any hope at all of reviving the bells, that he will do the necessary work. "Action—not words" is a maxim too often ignored, as many association minute books and silent towers testify.

Readers may be interested to know that the same company arranged for a try-out of the ring of eight at St. Mary's, Islington, N.1, where there had been no ringing since the last war because of fears for the safety of the tower. This took place on March 10 in the presence of the church architect and under the supervision of Mr. A. J. Frost (of the C.C. Towers and Belfries Committee), who kindly arranged to make a report. After a close inspection of the tower and various tests with the bells, the conclusion was that it was quite safe to allow occasional ringing.

Details of the bells are: The original octave, of which the front six remain, by Pack and Chapman 1744, the seventh being recast in 1799 and the tenor in 1808, both at Whitechapel; the frame, diagonally set in the tower, is original, and the fittings are by Warner about 1900. They are a pleasant eight and go quite well. It should be added that, due to difficulties with such things as chiming hammers, the tower cannot be regarded at present as open for general ringing, but a visit on a Sunday

evening is planned for the near future. -Yours faithfully,

RICHARD JONES.

London, S.W.6.

RHODESIAN GUILD

Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of the master's report presented at the guild's annual general meeting held on

March 8, 1970. [See page 268.]
There were 16 present at the meeting including Mr. Edward Langley, from Cornwall, England, who is on holiday in Rhodesia at present, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Lawrence from Lusaka, Zambia, Mr. Harry Earle from Que Que (140 miles from Salis-bury) and Mrs. Val Grossmith from Um-vukwes (60 miles away).

The meeting was preceded by a luncheon a local hotel which was visited by the Bishop of Mashonaland, one of the presidents of the guild (the Bishop of Matabeleland being the other).

The ringing over the week-end was some of the best heard in Salis-The following methods were rung: Plain hunting on four, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten; Plain Bob Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major; Grandsire Doubles and Stedman Doubles. Touches were rung of Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles. In all, a very fine week-end's ringing greatly enjoyed by all those present. Unfortunately Jon Chamberlain and Kay Moore from Malawi were not able to attend the meeting, otherwise a quarter peal would have been attempted.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER THOMSON, Hon. Secretary. **MUSICAL PEALS**

Dear Sir,-Mr. Stevens is obviously right to call for more time per peal for musical rows, but there is a danger in this line of thought.

The emotional pleasure of the sound "on-the-surface" can sometimes be short-With most music. lived and pall quickly. a study of the underlying structure helps the listener at subsequent hearings to be more conscious of the elements involved, and so be more satisfied. This synthesis of heart and brain is successful finally in that it recognises the same process involved in creation. The artist has to reconcile intellect and emotion when he fits his free imaginations into hard traditional forms of expression in the medium.

With ringing, the listener who can hear the state of affairs, or the structional situation which underlies any extent of the changes, and which is responsible for the notable musical rows, is getting a deeper satisfaction than the listener who is merely pleasantly surprised by Queens or Whit-

tingtons.

It would seem very important that new peals of "artistic merit" should have as their base new structural devices capable and worthy of intellectual investigation and analysis. I believe that these structural devices can be discovered and, by their appearance later, will affect the evolution of bells and bellhanging so that the instrument may be modified as new musical demands are put upon it.

As yet we may only guess at what the new music will be. One thing is sureringers must broaden their definitions of music in order that new ideas may come into the scope of being "musical." The present music of the ringing world is of antique interest only to the musical world, while the potential music of ringing is not only exciting but may well be influential in musical culture at a later date. — Yours faithfully,

JOHN COCKIN.

Peterborough.

THE VISIT TO ILKLEY

Preparing for the Central Council's visit to Ilkley in May, Mr. R. Crabtree sends

the following information:—
"The first stage has been completed: This was soundproofing the bells, which are to be rung every evening. The work took three weeks; three Saturdays' hard work by most of the ringers, including much valuable assistance from Mark Wilkinson (aged 11), our youngest ringer, who worked all the time. The local newsagent, when told of our work, commented: 'The soundproofing is really good; I could not hear the bells on practice night.' The point is that we did not ring last practice night!

"The verger, however, stated that the bells sounded to be almost muffled but he thought we had made a good job and would stop any complaints. The soundproofing can, however, be removed for

services and special occasions.

"Recently a visit was made by The Daily Telegraph in preparation for an article to be published at the time of the meeting. All the local band are looking forward to entertaining the Central Council."

Mr. P. L. R. Hayward writes:—
"In the Belfry Gossip column of the R.W., March 13, page 199, there was an incorrect statement relating to the quarter peal analysis. Addington, having rung 39 quarter peals during 1969, come equal first with Woodborough, who also rang 39 during last year."

COUNCIL MATTERS

Dear Sir,-I am very much in sympathy with the views expressed by Mr. Mew in his letter (Ringing World, March 20, 1970, page 210). Both he and I were presented as new members of the Central Council last year and I am sure he will agree that neither of us was there with the intention of having our intelligence insulted or "the wool pulled over our eyes" by those "set in authority over us." The task of secin authority over us." The task of sec-retary to the Central Council is surely onerous enough without the suspicion and even open hostility of a section of the Exercise being invoked. Be magnanimous, Mr. Bottomley, offer an apology and let us all return to matters of the present and future and allow the errors of the past to be forgotten if not forgiven.

To my mind the most important motion passed at last year's meeting of the Central Council was that instructing the Standing Committee to "examine the constitution of the Council and to make recommendations with a view to ensuring that the business of the Council is completed in a satisfactory manner." I am at least one member of the Council who earnestly hopes that compromise and reactionary traditionalism have not been the watchwords of the

Standing Committee's deliberations.

Mr. Mew hopes that a fresh wind will blow at this year's meeting. I do hope that the odour of musk and moth balls will not too obviously pervade this fresh wind and that it is not only the weak that will go to the wall but many if not all of the entrenched rules and customs of the Council which have become sacrosanct by the

passage of time.

This is an age in which respect for authority in any form has taken hard knocks and the Central Council has had its share. An opportunity is being afforded for the Council to restore to itself the confidence and respect of the Exercise as a whole. A streamlined, efficient Council could be a "power in the land" in ringing, and I appeal to fellow members, old and new, to make this possible. I am sure we shall all regret it if this opportunity is allowed to pass and the unsatisfactory status quo is allowed to continue indefinitely. — Yours faithfully,

KEITH G. GAME. Redhill, Surrey.

PEAL BY YOUNG LADIES

Forwarding a report of a peal by young ladies, Mr. W. F. Scudamore writes:—
"The peal [of Grandsire Doubles] rung

at Mitcheldean was by a group of young ladies from this county (Gloucestershire), the average age being 15 years. The youngest is 12 years and the eldest 17, and it contained nearly all firsts. The peal was rung both for the Gloucester and Bristol and also the Ladies' Guild and this is the first peal by a band of ladies all resident within the county and the youngest band to ring such a peal for the Association.

The Rector of Mitcheldean (Rev. E. W P. Ainsworth), himself a ringer, acted as umpire for the peal and was the first to congratulate them after the event. Those who heard it have remarked on the good standard of the ringing, in spite of the fact that they were extremely tired after their venture. It is certain that this is not the last we shall hear of the group, as most of them are capable of ringing Triples and Caters. All are active members of the Forest of Dean and Bristol Rural Branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and follow the meetings of the South Wales and Western Area Branches of the Ladies' Guild."

Salisbury, C.5.

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Quarter Peals

HALF PEALS

BROMYARD, HEREFORDS. — On Feb. 28, 2520 Oxford Bob Triples: G. Bowen 1, E. Marion Key 2, Paniela E. Key 3, H. Howell 4, L. Smith 5, B. G. Key 6, A. W. Glazzard 7, P. J. Key 8. A compliment to Pamela Key and Donald Craven on their engagement.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—On March 14, 2520 Doubles (26 methods): B. F. Peachey 1, Faith Riley 2, Flora M. Stocker 3, B. J. Fry 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. W. Cox (first long length) 6.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Match 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Wilkinson 1, Sharon McGonigle (first Grandsire) 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, J. P. Burton 4, R. Riley (cond.) 5, M. J. Tyas 6. For Matins. Also on March 15, 1260 Spliced Minor (four methods): Cynthia Humphreys 1, R. Riley 2, N. R. White 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. First 4-Spliced by local band. For Matins.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On March 16, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: T. F. Carford 1, D. Fensom 2, L. P. Wilson 3, B. H. Dalton 4, H. Barsley 5. M. J. Belcher (first as cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to 2.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Judy Phillips (first quarter) 1, R. A. Banner 2, Ruth Watts (first inside) 3, H. F. Wood 4, H. F. Franklin 5, T. D. W. Banner 6, G. C. Rix (cond.) 7, H. Bland 8. Birthday compliment to treble.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On March 15, 1250 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Walton (first T.B.) 1, D. Bates 2, I. A. Sheffield (first Camb. Major) 3, S. Yates 4, A. J. Fletcher 5, C. J. Bennett 6, P. Davies (cond.) 7, R. M. Hodister 8. By Sunday service band for Evensons.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On March 15, 1259
Doubles (11 m/v): Anna Tobias 1, R. Le Marchal
(cond.) 2, I. M. McCallion 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, J.
P. Colliss 5, J. Howell 6. Most m/vs for all. A
farewell to Lt.-Cdr. G. Wardle, chairman of the
district.

BRADING, I.O.W.—On March 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): S. Duff 1, L. Jameson 2, A. Russell 3, T. F. East 4, Jill Reed 5, Anne Duff 6, E. Duff 8. Conducting shared by 1, 3, 4 and 5. A wedding anniversary compliment to Anne and Edwin Duff, ringers of 6 and 8.

BRASTED, KENT.—On March 8, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Child (first quarter) 1, Miss J. M. Corby 2, R. P. Sherlock 3, R. J. Everest 4 R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, P. R. Everest 6,

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on March 15, 1299 Stedman Caters; M. S. Loveday 1, B. R. Read 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, Marion Kemp 4, R. I. Vaughan 5, R. J. Talbot' (cond.) 6, T. G. Williams 7, J. P. O. Barry 8, A. W. Bond 9, J. M. Hills 10. For Evensong

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On March 16, 1264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. Reeve 1, Mrs. L. Milla 2, J. P. Loveless 3, Miss J. M. Spurgin 4, D. J. Reeve 5, M. J. Warren 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

BUTCOMBE, SOM.—On March 11, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Brenda Sheppard 1, J. Trimm 2, Susan Stott 3, C. Field 4, A. Perry 5, J. Sheppard (cond.) 6. First of Surprise 2, 3 and 4.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On March 8, 1260 Doubles: Miss J. Marshall (first quarter) 1, T. J. Wellen (first as cond.) 2, P. Fayne 3, M. D. Fuller 4, J. P. Payne 5, J. E. Marshall (first quarter) 6, A birthday compliment to the treble, and for the engagement of the treble and 5 ringers.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On March 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Walker 1, Elizabeth A. Dunlop 2, Marion A. Cass 3, P. D. Austin 4, D. A. Tovell (first as cond.) 5, D. G. Harman 6. For Evensong.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.—On Feb. 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Cox 1, Miss S. Gifford 2, Miss J. M. Scudamore 3, K. W. Scudamore 4, R. Newman (cond.) 5, Miss H. Barton 6, For evening service; also 21st birthday compliment to conductor.

CODDINGTON, NOTTS.—On March 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Burgess (first quarter) 1, D. J. Tysoe (cond.) 2, Jennifer A. Curtis 3, P. F. Curtis 4, J. Draycott (first inside) 5, D. W. L. Tomlinson (first in method) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On March 7, 1440 Minor (P.B., Oxford T.B.): R. Backhurs; 1, Marilyn Reay 2, Susan M. O'Neill 3, P. J. Rowe 4 E. Futcher 5, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 6. Peal attempt called round.

CUDHAM, KENT.—On March 21, 1272 Plain Bob Minimus; H. S. Rogers 1, S. Gay (cond.) 2, C. Mundy 3, M. A. Gay 4. First in method for all.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On March 16, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: M. Stimpson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Wiggins 2, C. Peoples 3, C. Clark 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, A. Glastonbury 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

DRAYTON, NORFOLK.—On March 15, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. A. Frost 1, Mrs. Marion Gilbert 2, Jane Neal 3, Margaret Bunting 4, R. G. Walker (first as cond.) 5, T. B. Meyer (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation, First on the bells by Sunday service band.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCS.—On March 9, 1320 Bob Minor: J. G. Sanderson 1, H. Armstead 2, R. G. A. Rowe 3, G. Mitchell 4, G. Abbott 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6. To celebrate the bitth of Simon John, grandson to ringer of 5.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On March 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: Susan E. Rance (first in method) 1, K. R. Davenport 2, G. N. Scott (first in method) 3, S. G. Scott 4, Joan A. Rance 5, E. N. Thomas 6, A. J. N. Rance (first in method as cond.) 7, W. R. Churchill 8, For Palm Sunday Evensong.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On March 18, 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. J. Munton 1, Gillian Laver (first Yorkshire) 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, Jill P. Oakshott 4, J. C. Davidge 5, J. A. Laver 6, P. J. Munday (cond.) 7, R. M. Heyworth 8. By members of the Leatherhead District.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—On March 13, 1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Mrs. M. Mayell 1, Glenda Beckett 2, D. Orledge 3, P. Jones 4, D. Mayell (first Surprise) 5, D. Mackay 6, R. G. Beck 7, R. E. Beck 8, A. P. Beck 9, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 10. In memoriam Herbert Knight.

EXHALL, WARKS.—On March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. Ashby 1, G. S. Hall 2, T. C. Bonam 3, J. Taylor 4, H. Curtis (cond.) 5, D. Norman 6. For

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—On March 7, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Lucas 1, S. Gay 2, Julia Collinge 3, C. Mundy 4, M. Gay 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Foot 1, J. Baverstock 2, J. O. Coleman 3, A. T. Collins 4, R. N. Marlow 5, R. Sparcy 6. For Evensong,

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On March 12, 1890 Minor: A. Wheeler 1, H. Nield 2, B. Hok 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. By the Roughtown bellringers as an 80th birthday compliment to "Joe" Burgess, of Friezland (March 12, 1890).

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss S. J. Jarvis (first quarter) 1, R. M. Thompson 2, Miss J. J. Jarvis 3, T. V. Barnard 4, F. Matthews 5, E. C. Stuart (cond.) 6.

HAYES, MIDDX.—On March 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Venn 1, Diane M. Pickett 2, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 3, W. H. Coles 4, D. G. Pickett 5, R. K. Russ 6, R. G. Chappele 7, P. S. Venn 8. For Confirmation. First quarter on the new octave.

HAYNES, BEDS.—On March 7, 1260 Grandstre and Pl. Bob Doubles: D. A. Eddy 1, M. F. Mitchell 2, C. Catlin 3, R. A. Ward 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5. For Confirmation by the Rt. Rev. John Hare, Bishop of Bedford.

HENSINGHAM, CUMB.—On March 22, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: J. Brown 1, Mrs. M. Street 2, D. T. Sim (first Major inside) 3, Miss V. Bell 4, R. Wetenhall 5, G. Tembey 6, H. Byrom (cond.) 7, S. Richardson 8. For Evensons.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On March 22, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. K. Dodd 1, M. Goss 2, R. Crocker 3, D. Goss 4, P. Taylor 5, P. L. Furniss (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to James Furniss (conductor's brother) and Jane Hall, who are to Jive in Cambridge.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.—On March 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Newth 1, E. Wigg 2, Joyce Tildesley 3, I. Harris (cond.) 4, C. Sole 5, Patricia Stratford 6, O. Hemmings 7, D. Clarke 8. For Confirmation.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Sampson (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Tilling 2, Jane Osment 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, E. R. Rapley 5, S. Pocock 6, J. Smith 7, R. Tickner 8. For Evensong; also to mark the birth (in Canada) of Caroline, grand-daughter of E. Sampson.

KEYNSHAM, SOM.—On March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Lesley White 1, D. J. Buckland 2, R. M. Virgin 3, R. E. Taylor 4, M. J. A. Orman (cond.) 5, D. B. Harrex 6, W. G. Cocks 7, G. J. Harrex 8. For Evensong.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on March 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Gagen 1, R. Newson 2, W. Curston (first Grandsire 3, O. A. Needham 4, R. Harrop 5, D. Gagen 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, D. Lines (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY. — On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Katharine Salvage 1, C. E. Bulleid (first G.D. inside) 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, I. J. Whitear (first G.D. inside) 4, B. J. Stone (cond.) 5, Lesley A. Hawes 6. For Passion Sunday Evensong.

LIMERICK.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on St. Patrick's Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. F. T. Dagg (first quarter) 1, D. W. Galbraith 2, V. R. McCormack 3, G. H. Ellis 4, P. M. Talbot (cond.) 5, B. A. Brislane 6. To mark the centenary of the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland.

LINCOLN.— At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on March 17, 1272 Minimus (three methods): D. Booth 1, A. Sinden 2, W. Booth 3, D. W. Bee (cond.) 4. First of Minimus by all- For St. Patrick's Day. All members of the De Aston School Society.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on March 15, 1296 Little Bob Royal: E. J. Ladd (cond.) 1, P. J. Spice 2, M. H. O'Callaghan 3, Mrs. D. Bishop 4, C. J. Bassett 5, A. S. Bishop 6, D. H. Kingston 7, K. J. Rider 8, J. E. Cannell 9, J. W. Smith 10. First in method 2, 5 and 7. For Evensong.

LONG SUTTON, LINCS.—On March 17, 1260 Spliced Minor (three methods): A. W. Townsend 1, Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 2, G. H. Campling 3, M. J. Belcher 4, H. Barsley 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6. R. Stephenson cover. To celebrate 25 years in the ministry by Rev. F. Massey (vicar).

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Parish Church, on March 8, 1260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Martin 1, Shelagh Dennis 2, D. Smith 3, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 4, H. Marcon 5, Elizabeth M. Barber 6, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 7, C. J. Mobbs 8, D. G. Massey 9, R. I. Kendrick 10, First on ten 2, 3 and 8. For choral Evensong.

LYDD, KENT. — On March 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 cover): Maisie Vantom 1, Margaret Jones 2, Lydia Terry 3, R. Daniels 4, R. Swift (cond.) 5, A. L. Terry 6, B. Price 7.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on March 22, 1296 Little Bob Major: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, D. G. Manby 4, P. Boucher 5, W. Birmingham 6, R. F. Eccles 7, A. Ward (cond.) 8. For Palm Sunday Confirmation.

MERRIOTT, SOM.—On March 6, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Rendall 1, H. Turner 2, A. Best 3, V. J. Farthing 4, A. W. D. Robinson 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam S. J. Wills, a local ringer, interred the previous day.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL
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NAILSEA, SOM. — On March 3, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, L. Detrick 2, C. Kortright 3, E. Davey 4, J. Lott 5, J. Brair. (cond.) 6, Also 1260 Doubles (three methods): L. Childs 1, L. Detrick (cond.) 2, E. Davey 3, R. Boultbee 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6, Half-muffled in memoriam Herbert W. Knight. Also on March 17, 1260 Bob Minor: L. Childs 1, L. Derrick 2, E. Davey 3, R. Boultbee 4, J. Lott 5, C. Kortright (cond.) 6.

NEWLAND, GLOS.—On March 14, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Pl. Bob, Grandsire): D. Price (cond.) 1, Mrs. Wendy Meadows 2, L. Meadows 3, J. Long 4, C. Biggs 5, R. Brewer 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On March 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Harriv 1, Margaret M. Roden 2, Maxine Lush 3, G. T. Horritt (cond.) 4, Maureen P. Panton 5, S. J. Bedford 6, E. R. Fairbrother 7, T. R. Hatchett 8

OXFORD. — At St. Martin and All Saints' Church, on March 18, 1312 Spliced Surprise Major (nine methods): Sue Heyworth 1, A. N. Stubbs 2, L. J. Haines 3, R. A. Yeates 4, R. H. Abbott 5, P. H. Mackie 6, J. R. Pratt 7, J. E. Camp (cond.) 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS, — At the Cathedral on March 15, 1260 Spliced Triples (Southrepps, Pl. Bob): Penny J. Jackson I, B. J. Fry 2, Edna Jones 3, Jean M. Berriman 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5, M. S. Bruce 6, W. Willans (cond.) 7, F. G. Edwards 8. In memoriam Florence Tate.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. J. Cull (aged 12, first quarter) 1, A. J. Slade 2, P. D. Cull 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, J. Culley 5, D. L. Cull (cond.) 6,

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On March 17, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Burling (first quarter) 1, F. Pickering 2, P. Hobson (first quarter) 3, D. Burling 4, A. Bower 5, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 6, G. Hiner (cover) 7. By the Sunday service band as a farewell to G. W. Pilkington; for the Feast of St. Patrick.

ROTHERFIELD, KENT.—On March 21, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. Osenton 1, J. E. Cannell 2, M. F. Oakshett 3, E. J. Ladd 4, M. H. O'Callaghan 5, C. T. Osenton 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, H. E. Audsley 8. A farewell to Rev. P. H. D. Gooderbam.

SHIRLEY, WARKS.—On March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: T. Glew (first quarter) 1, Susie J. Titchener 2, V. H. Nash 3, N. E. Smith 4, E. T. Lloyd 5, C. D. Baugh (cond.) 6.

SIDCUP, KENT.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): D. Ketley 1, C. Mindy 2. Jane Reynolds 3, M. Gay 4, S. Gay 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Canon and Mrs. Dennis Oldaker.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 24, 1260 Doubles (nine m/v): Susan Catlin 1, T. R. Harris 2, C. Catlin 3, P. A. Keene 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, J. M. Randal (first quarter) 6. In honour of the consecration of Rt. Rev. R. A. K. Runcie as Bishop of St. Albans in Westminster Abbey. Also on March 17, 1260 Doubles (seven m/v): J. M. Randall (first away from tenor) 1, T. R. Harris 2, C. Catlin 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, P. A. Keene 5, Susan Catlin 6. For St. Patrick's Day.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDX.—On March 22, 1380 Bob Doubles: Diana Whillock (first quarter) 1, C. Martin 2, Stephanie Green 3, W. Wainwright 4, D. Willcocks (cond.) 5, Deborah Whillock (first quarter) 6. For Palm Sunday Family Service; a farewell to Roger Amos

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's, on March 15, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Diane Butler 1, Joy Butler 2, Madelaine Croft 3, B. Brophy 4, P. Harrison 5, L. Butler 6, K. Croft 7, J. Croft 8, M. Butler (cond.) 9, P. Faithfull 10, Half-muffled in memoriam Tom and Margaret Francis, past members of the band.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD AT SOUTHAMPTON

On March 13, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: S. J. Coleman 1-2, P. A. Butler 3-4, J. D. Cheesman 5-6, R. Weeks (cond.) 7-8. First of Major in hand by all, Also on March 15, 1260 Single Oxford Minor: S. J. Coleman 1-2, R. Weeks 3-4, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 5-6. First in the method in hand by all, and for the Guild, Also on March 16, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Weeks 1-2, S. J. Coleman 3-4, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 5-6.

STAPLEGROVE, SOM.—On March 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shepherd (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. M. Shepherd 2, Mrs. P. A. Medway (first inside) 3, R. J. Medway 4, R. Shepherd (cond.) 5, B. Hooper 6. For Mothering Sunday.

STEPNEY, E.—On March 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Royal: A. Cuthbert 1, M. Louise Slater 2, W. A. Hughes 3, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 4, H. G. Weedon 5, A. F. Lewry 6, R. G. Brown 7, J. Phillips 8, J. C. Slater 9, R. A. Hunt 10. Wedding anniversary compliment to the treble ringer.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On March 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. Brian Redger 1, F. Joan Muxlow 2, R. Rose 3, P. W. A. Muxlow 4, S. J. Twitchett 5, E. Cracknell 6, E. F. Gilbert (cond.) 7, Rev. A. A. Muxlow 8. First in method for 2 and 4.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On March 22: H. Falkner 1, Mrs. M. Howitt 2, Mrs. B. Christopher 3, D. R. Fuller 4, F. Haysom 5, W. Damer (cond.) 6, H. Pitman 7, P. Lawrence 8, Fo: Evensong; a farewell to D. Roy Fuller (vice-captain), leaving to live in the Marlow area.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Feakes (first quarter) 1, Sheila M Dobbie 2, W. Rogers 3, Ann Jenner 4, D. Featherstone 5, V. J. Benning 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, E. F. P. Bryant 8. For Evensong.

TYDD ST. GILES, CAMBS,—On March 23, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Fensom 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, H. Barsley 3, P. G. Butler 4, M. J. Belcher 5, G. H. Campling (first Minor as cond.) 6.

TYDD ST. MARY, LINCS.—On March 14, 1260

TYDD ST. MARY, LINCS.—On March 14, 1260 Doubles (nine m/v): D. Fensom 1, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, M. J. Belcher 3, H. Barsley 4, P. H. Reynolds 5, W. B. Dawson 6. First in nine m/v by all. A birthday compliment to D. Fensom.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. A. Taylor 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Peggy E. Jennings 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On March 8, 1360 Kent T.B. Royal: S. G. Pick 1, Rosemary White 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, Anthea Fairey 4, J. Keddie 5, N. R. White 6, M. Fairey 7, J. P. Burton 8, P. R. Johnson 9, C. R. Bainham (cond.) 10, 50th quarter together 1 and 9, A compliment to the conductor, shortly to leave Staffordshire.

WELLESBOURNE, WARKS.—On March 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. Willcox 1, Elizabeth Mackie 2, Clare Dolphin 3, E. J. Gower (cond.) 4, L. P. Mackie 5, J. Ariss 6, To mark the 100th birthday of Mrs. Amy Taylor, parishioner.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—On Jan. 18, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 1, Mrs. C. Harbott 2, N. S. Bagworth 3, Miss A. Smith 4, G. Parsons 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, G. G. G. Jones 7, J. W. Euston (cond.) 8. For Epiphany carol service.

WHAPLODE, LINCS.—On March 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. R. G. Butler 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling 3, P. G. Butler 4, J. A. Graham 5, D. R. Woods (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to G. R. G. Butler.

WHEATLEY, OXON,—On March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Maureen A. Long 1, K. J. Harris (first inside) 2, C. Smith 3, H. J. Baker 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5, I. M. M. O'Reilly 6. For Mothering Sunday service. First by a service band.

WRINGTON, SOM.—On March 3, 1295 Grandsire Caters: Doreen Board 1, H. Yeates 2, Anne Kingcott 3, D. G. Yeo 4, P. J. England 5, Ruth Ball 6, S. G. Smith 7, M. Collins 8, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 9, M. Board 10. Half-muffled in memoriam Herbert W. Knight.

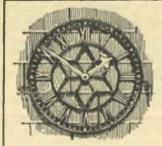


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Mr. John Gibbons and Miss Susan Battersby, who were married recently at Ruislip (R.W., page 210).

INTERESTING FACTS

The peal of Xenia Surprise Major at Loughborough was the first peal in the method for the Midland Counties Guild, and was rung in memory of E. Frederick Gover, who rang with the Tuesday band at the Foundry on many occasions. It was also the first in the method for all (except Richard Clifton and Joseph Cotton) and the 50th together for Ronald Edwards, Richard Clifton, Joseph Cotton and Malcolm Neville. It is Malcolm's 36th peal at the Foundry since October, 1967, and altogether he has rung 83 peals there, 50 of them on the fifth bell.



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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE **YOUTHS**

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, All Saints.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (30 cwt.). 5081 STEDMAN CATERS

William Hibbert James Phillips

3 Roger F. Overington
4 Andrew N. Stubbs
5 Andrew W. R. Wilby
6 Michael V. Chilcott (Comp. & Cond.)

Dennis Randall Brian R. White John Chilcott 10 Francis A. White

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, Bitterne Park, The Ascension.

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (81 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 142 changes of method). Composed by N. Smith.

1 Alan R. Patterson 2 James E. Andrews 3 Andrew W. R. Wilby 4 David E. Rothera

5 Christopher H. Rogers
6 Kenneth J. Hesketh
7 Martin L. Howe
8 David E. House (Conductor) First of Spliced Surprise in the tower.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH **DIOCESAN GUILD**

FROME, Som., St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (31 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Lynette M. Holbrook Phillip Murduck

3 Peter L. Furness 5 Robert J. Crocker
6 Philip G. Taylor
7 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
8 Howard E. J. Smith

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

BRUSHFORD, near Dulverton, Somerset, St. Nicholas.

Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (6 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (38 methods/var./spliced compositions: Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, All Saints, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Rev. Uniort, Rev. St. Faith, St. Ignatius, Eynsham, Cossington, St. Jude, Chilton, St. Leonard, St. Peter, St. Laurence, Heyford, Lapley, St. Thomas, St. Mary, Chilton, St. John, St. Crispin, St. Luke, Southrepps, April Day, May Day, St. David, Old, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Royston, Dedworth, Fortune).

1 Frederick C. Arscott
2 Adrian F. Arscott
3 Leslie H. Arscott
4 Mervyn A. Arscott compositions: Stedman, St. Simon, St. Mar-

4 Mervyn A. Arscott 5 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)

6 R. George Fisher 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Troake, service ringer at this tower.

STAPLE FITZPAINE, Som., St. Peter.

Sat., March 14, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (16 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (22 methods/var./spliced compositions: St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Sebastian, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Minster, Grandsire, Sted-man, Old, St. Columb, Southrepps, Ken-nington, April Day, May Day, Litchurch, Clifford's Pleasure, St. David, Royston, Dedworthy).

1 Mrs. B. M. Bindon

2 Arthur H. Reed 3 Adrian F. Arscott 4 Keith E. Beale

5 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor) Wedding compliment to Christopher Arscott and his bride, married in London this day.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

OLD WARDEN, Beds, St. Leonard.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (9 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, Wells. Durham, York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge).

1 Keith H. Fleming 2 Linda Fleming

3 Kathleen A. Marriott 4 Robert L. Piron

C. Michael Orme

6 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

BEDFORD, Beds, St. Paul.

Sun., Feb. 1, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (29 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 960 Wembley, 640 London, Bristol, Rutland, Watford, 320 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 140 changes of method).

1 Jill K. Orme

2 Kathleen A. Marriott 3 Ronald J. Sharp

Stephen Ivin (Comp. and Conductor)

5 Robert L. Piron 6 Martyn J. Marriott 7 Keith H. Fleming 8 C. Michael Orme

First peal of Spliced Surprise in 10 methods by the Association, with a resident band.

MAULDEN, Beds, St. Mary.

Mon., Feb. 9, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (10 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 960 Wembley, 640 London, Bristol, Rutland and Watford, 320 Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, with 140 changes of method).

Martin Major Linda Fleming

3 Ronald J. Sharp 4 Keith H. Fleming

Anthony H. Smith 6 Robert L. Piron 7 C. Michael Orme

8 Stephen Ivin (Comp. and Conductor)

BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL.—Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
March 21, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (21 cwt.)

5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. Baldwin.

1 Emlyn F. Hancock

2 Gillian M. Hunt
3 Paul A. Williams
*4 James R. Taylor
†5 Stephen W. Fenwick
†6 James A. Clatworthy

7 D. John Hunt (Conductor) 8 Peter S. Bennett

*Has circled the tower. †First of London Major.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CREWE, Cheshire, Christ Church.

Sat., March 21, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (20 cwt.) 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by E. C. Shepherd.

Roy Worrall

1 Roy Worrall

*2 William F. Gibbons
3 A. Doreen Edwards
4 Derek F. Yates
5 Frank R. Morton
6 Frederick S. Sutton
7 Ivor R. Nichols (Conductor)

*8 Geoffrey A. Edwards

*9 John R. Scott
10 Roland Morant
irst of Grandsire Caters. First of

*First of Grandsire Caters. First of Grandsire as conductor. A wedding compliment to John Gibbons and Susan Battersby.

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (121 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., 2 of Kent T.B., 3 of Plain Bob).

1 David A. Godfrey

2 Valerie Jamson John Moore

Christopher J. Jones

5 Geoffrey Green 6 Harry W. Howard (Conductor) To celebrate the birth of a grandson, Paul Howard Griffiths, to the conductor. (Born during the peal.)

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Bolsover, Derbys, SS. Mary & Lawrence. Thur., Mar. 19, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (141 cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Arthur F. Hall Brian A. Tomlinson Robert M. Chambers

Geoffrey Bridges
Timothy Wylie
Harold Wagstaff
David W. Parkin
A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

In memoriam Edward Frederick Gobey, of Ilkeston, founder member of the association, died March 9th, 1970.

CLAY CROSS, Derbys, St. Bartholomew.

Fri., Mar. 13, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.)

1 Herbert E. Taylor

2 Peter D. Taylor

3 Susan E. Banton

4 Timothy Wylie

5 Andrew R. Queen

6 A. Colin Banton (Conductor) First blows in the method for all.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Mon., Feb. 2, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (23 methods: SO40 SURPRISE MINOR (23 methods: Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne; Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth; Carlisle, Chester, Munden; Alnwick, Newcastle; Berwick, Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, York, Durham; London and Wells).

Colin M. Shaw

2 Nora Carlisle 3 Joyce Chadwick

4 John Moore
5 John V. Chadwick
6 Denis R. Carlisle
Extents 1, 3 and 4 conducted by D. Carlisle; 2, 5, 6 and 7 by J. Chadwick.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GUILDFORD, Surrey, Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (301 cwt.) 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

1 Stephen G. Hanniwell 2 Bernard C. Sadler 3 Josephine A. Brown *4 Robert J. Lindsell 5 David Sloman

6 Adrian G. Semken
7 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
8 Alfred J. House
†9 Michael Hallett 10 Peter G. Brown

*First on 10 bells †100th peal.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

and

LADIES' GUILD

MITCHELDEAN, Glos, St. Michael and All Angels.

Mon., Feb. 16, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (12 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

*1 Nicola M. Paton (12), Mitcheldean *2 Susan M. Paton (14), Mitcheldean *3 Ann L. Brain (15), Mitcheldean *4 Jennifer E. Bell (17), Thornbury *5 Jane M. Scudamore (16), Coalpit Heath (Conductor)

*6 Hazel A. Barton (17), Coalpit Heath Umpire: Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth. *First peal. †First inside. First as con-First in Gloucestershire by a band of ladies all resident within the county. Youngest band of ladies to ring a peal both for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the Ladies' Guild.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BLOXHAM, Oxon, Our Lady of Bloxham. Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (27 cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by W. John Couperthwaite.

1 W. John Couperthwaite

2 Beryl R. Simpson

3 Felicity S. Hamilton

4 Rowan S. Bradley

5 Frank W. Lewis

6 Richard H. Youdale

7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)

8 Peter J. Munday

100th together. 50th as conductor for the

*100th together. 50th as conductor for the Guild and 50th of Surprise as conductor.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

EARDISLAND, Herefordshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Thur., Mar. 12, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

1 Graham G. Fletcher

2 Denise Jaine *3 Brian D. Giddings

4 Robert A. Hatcher
5 Laurence T. Mainwaring

6 Leslie Evans
7 Frederick R. Harris (Conductor)
8 Sidney J. Daniels

First on 8 bells. First on 8 as conductor. Birthday compliments to Trevor Jones and Denise Jaine.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ST. ALBANS, Herts, Cathedral and Abbey Church.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (23½ cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by F. E. Darby.

Geoffrey Dodds

*2 Helen Dodds

*3 Christine M. Carter 4 Kenneth J. Darvill 5 Harold V. Frost 6 Eric Edmondson

7 Anthony R. Carter

8 Thomas J. Lock
9 Michael D. Frost
10 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
*First on 10 bells. To mark the enthronement of the Lord Bishop of St. Albans in the Cathedral earlier this day.

WATFORD, Herts, St. Mary.

Tues., Mar. 17, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (24½ cwt.)
5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
1 William J Agold (Conductor)

2 A. Ronald Ling
3 Barry R. M. Johnson
4 Raymond G. Smith
5 Walter G. Paul
*6 Andrew C. D. Mayes

†7 Steven J. Laud 8 Kenneth Dunston 9 Geoffrey W. Seaman *10 Frank M. Byrne

*First on 10. †First in method. To welcome the new Lord Bishop of St. Albans, the Rt. Rev. Robert Runcie.

NORTH MYMMS, Herts, St. Mary. Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (13 cwt.) 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. J. Parker.

Keith J. Walpole (Conductor) 2 Helen Dodds

Elizabeth Forster Christine M. Carter 5 Joyce M. Clarke

6 Michael D. Frost

7 Anthony R. Carter
8 Robert E. Hardy
First in the method by all except tenor. An engagement compliment to Jennifer Indge and Stuart Armeson.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FRINDSBURY, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15½ cwt.) 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 576 Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and York-shire; 384 London, Rutland and Uxbridge,

with 132 changes of method). Composed by N. Smith.

Valerie J. Howard Judith M. Corby

3 John A. Howard 4 Andrew J. Corby 5 John Pladdys

Trevor A. Cross

David Featherstone 8 Richard Hayes (Conductor)

HEVER, Kent, St. Peter.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 extents Cambridge, 2 Kent and 3 Plain Bob).

Judith M. Corby

Nicholas J. Chesson 3 Rod Lebon

5 Peter R. Butler 6 Richard Hayes (Conductor)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

WALKDEN, Lancashire, St. Paul. Sun., Mar. 15, 1970, 3hr. (18 cwt.) 5056 VANCOUVER S. MAJOR

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.
1 Joseph Thornley
2 David W. Howarth
3 Dennis H. McCormick
4 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
5 Pater Pallery Visited

5 Peter Bellamy-Knights

6 John Ashcroft

7 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)
8 D. Paul Smith
First in the method for all and for the Association. For Passion Sunday.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire, The Bell Foundry.

Thur., Mar. 12, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (6 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (720 York, Wells, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, London and Cambridge).

1 G. Ronald Edwards

2 Christine L. J. Mills

3 Martin Green

4 R. Brian Mills
5 R. Kingsley Mason
*6 Roland H. Cook (Conductor) *350th peal.

LEICESTER, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (8½ cwt.) 5376 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Monica M. Jelley
2 Martin Green
3 John M. Jelley (Conductor)

4 A. Maxwell Lindsey

5 Rupert A. Clarke 6 David F. Moore 7 Roland H. Cook 8 R. Kingsley Mason

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan, St. Illtyd.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. (16 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. E. Burton.

1 William T. Petty
2 Paul W. Thomas
3 Thomas T. Yeomans
4 Trevor M. Roderick

5 William J. Thomas 6 William H. Harford

7 Gwyn I. Lewis

8 Alwyn R. Lewis (Conductor)
*First of Major. †200th peal. To mark
the 50th anniversary of the Disestablishment

of the Church in Wales.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD LINCOLN, Cathedral Church of Blessed

Virgin Mary.
Sat., Feb. 28, 1970. 3hr. 28min. (23ł cwt.)
5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
(E. C. Shepherd's 12-part.)

*1 Owen Homewood

*2 Frederick W. Pinchbeck *3 Aden C. A. Hopkins *4 David R. Baxter

*5 Peter A. Slight 6 Peter A. Sharp

*7 Melvyn A. Rose †8 Denis A. Frith (Conductor) *9 John H. Parker

*10 Brian Buttery

11 Michael W. Crowther

*12 James R. Holmes
*First on 12. †First of Cinques as conductor.

EATON, Leicestershire, St. Denys.

Fri., Mar. 13, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (19 cwt.)

5040 SPLICED DOUBLES (Extents by Denis A. Frith.)

Comprising 42 extents in the following 142 methods: Comprising 42 extents in the following 142 methods:

(1) St. Bartholomew, Rev. All Saints, St. Sebastian, Rev. Minster, Wellington; (2) Rev. Shipwars; (3) Rev. Bob, Canterbury; (4) Casthorpe, Bedfont, Boveney, Londonthorpe, Nunthorpe, Eton, Manthorpe; (5) Pensthorpe, Freethorpe, Kelleythorpe; (6) Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, St. Owen Place; (7) Lincolnshire, Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire, Kent, Rutland, Northamptonshire, Northumberland; (8) Wainfleet, Chebies, Compassit. (9) Matthy Chevasse Wainfleet, Cheshire, Cornwall; (9) Maltby, Chevasse, Callender, Montgomeryshire; (10) Intwood, Broughton Ockham, Strelley, Lyng, Chesham, Knapton; (11) Colnbrook, Shipways, Tandridge, (12) Westminster II, Colabrook, Shipways, Tandridge, (12) Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon; (13) Cambridgeshire, Minster, Buckinghamshire; (14) Frithville, Yaddlethorpe, Minster; (15) Poyle, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Bedfordshire; (16) Bag Enderby, Hagworthingham, Rev. St. Bartholomew; (17) Runemede, All Saints, Berkshire; (18-19) Great Dalby, Long Clawson, All Saints; (20) Colne, Rev. St. Sebastian, Bristol; (21) Claypole, Bracebridge Heath, Rev. St. Sebastian; (22)
Candlesby, Plain Bob Boxford; (23) Raveningham,
Rev. Canterbury, Dorton; (24) Ellingham, Oakley,
Chipstead, Screveton, Bedingham, Itchingfield, Forncett; (25) New, Huntspill, St. Vcdast, Blaisdon; (26) Haddiscoe, Thornborough, Hascombe, Ossington, Haddiscoe, Thornborough, Hascombe, Ossington, Harpley, Longford, Fundenhall; (27) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley; (28) Welford, Slapton, Rugby, Braywood, Longworth, Merton, Sutton-on-Trent; (29) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury; (30) Stedman S.C., Coxwell, St. Osmund, Eynesoury; (30) Stedman S.C., Coxwell, St. Botolph; (31) Rev. Huntspill, Newton, St. Andrew; (32) St. Faith, Rev. Winchendon, Stowe Place, Rev. St. Martin; (33) Rev. St. Vedast, Helpringham, St. Gregory; (34) St. Julian, Rev. St. Remigius, Datchet, Rev. St. Osmund; (35) Thurlby, Braceborough, Hanington; (36) Rev. St. Owen, Sempringham, Tallington, Chapel-en-le-Frith; (37) Rev. New Bob, Ancaster, St. Alphege; (38) Union, Rev. St. Nicholas, Uffington, Rev. St. Simon; (39) Stedman; (40) Grandsire; (41-42) Plain Bob.

70 c. Wellington, 5, 1, 125, 1, 345, 1, 125, 1, 5, 1.

1 P. Mary Cheesewright 2 Brian Buttery

3 Owen Homewood

4 Peter A. Slight (Conductor)

5 Denis A. Frith

6 Vaughan P. Evans Greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire, All Saints. Fri., Feb. 27, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (104 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1 Thomas A. Relf *2 Peter A. Slight †3 Owen Homewood

4 Denis A. Frith 5 Brian Buttery

6 Douglas H. Rooke (Conductor) *100th peal. †First of Surprise inside.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire, The Bell Foundry

Tues., Mar. 17, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.) 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.
*†1 G. Ronald Edwards

†2 Richard J. Clifton *†3 Rev. M. C. C. Melville †4 Joseph W. Cotton *5 Frank Chambers *6 Arthur E. Rowley

*7 B. Stedman Payne

*8 Roland Beniston (Conductor) *First in method. †50th together. First in method for the Guild. In memoriam E. Frederick Gobey.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

d., Mar. 11, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (8 cwt.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by N. Golden. David Heighton (Conductor)

2 Martin Cubitt 3 C. Frank W. Phillippo 4 Albert E. Pegg

5 Frank Sutton

6 Frank C. J. Arnold 7 Herbert Howlett

8 H. William Barrett 80th birthday compliment to George Poyntz, of Saxlingham (March 11, 1890).

SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk, St. Andrew. Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (20 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.)

1 Harry D. Fuller
2 Brian E. Whiting
3 Albert G. Harrison
*4 Cyril C. Pease
5 Owen P. Claxton

6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor) *Completes the Cambridge family. First of Cambridge Surprise Minor for all.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

FRAMPTON, Dorset, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Cambridge Surprise, 2 Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

Philip Murduck

*2 Ross G. W. Robertson 3 Melvyn J. Hiller

*4 Graham W. Elmes
5 Timothy F. Collins
6 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

*50th together. First on the bells.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

WALSALL, Staffordshire, St. Matthew. Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (26 cwt.)

5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by C. W. Roberts.
*1 Diana M. White

†2 Rosemary E. White E. Marion Key

4 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)

5 David Wilkes 6 James S. Eastwood 7 F. John Keddie

8 Keith S. Williams 9 Howard Howell

10 Roy Colman *First peal. †First of Caters. Birthday compliment to Roy Colman.

PENN, Staffordshire, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part (7th obs.)) Gordon F. Griffiths

Martin Gaskell

3 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
4 Michael G. Williamson
*5 Kenmure A. Russell

6 Leslie Smith 7 Cyril Griffiths

8 Charles F. W. Eyre
*First inside. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs.
V. J. Crane on leaving Penn to take up residence at Swindon. Also a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHWELL, Notts, Cathedral Church of St. Mary. Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 35mins. (25 cwt.) 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES

Susan M. O'Neill

Richard A. G. Inglis (Comp. & Cond.) Sheila M. Anthony

4 William L. Exton

5 David Phillipson

6 George A. Dawson 7 Jack L. Millhouse 8 Harold F. Gibson 9 Denis A. Frith 10 James W. Raithby

11 Simon Humphrey
12 Peter L. R. Hayward
A farewell to the Rt. Rev. G. D. Savage, Lord Bishop of Southwell, 1964-70.

SUFFOLK GUILD

WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Mar. 15, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (15 cwt.) 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.

1 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

*2 Dorothy M. Durrant

3 Muriel R. Page

4 J. Martin Thorley

5 J. Barry Pickup 6 Adrian Knights

Alan G. Feaver 8 Stephan J. Bedford

*First of Superlative. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bedford, of Aldeburgh.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Mar. 8, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (16 cwt.) 5056 TURRAMURRA S. MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Walter W. Miller

Dorothy M. Durrant

Muriel R. Page 4 J. Martin Thorley

5 Alan G. Feaver 6 Cecil W. Pipe Adrian Knights

8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor) First in the method by all and for the Guild.

GORLESTON, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (10 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.
J. Barry Pickup

2 Muriel R. Page 3 Katharine M. Thorley

4 Adrian Knights 5 Ernest G. Pearce

6 Leslie G. Brett 7 Frank C. J. Arnold

8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

14th birthday compliment to 3rd.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION (University of Sussex Guild)
BRIGHTON, Sussex, St. Nicolas of Myra.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (18 cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

1 Caroline Mackie
*2 Malcolm S Loveday
*3 Raymond J. Talbot (Conductor)
4 Catherine M. Bew

5 Susan E. M. Davis *6 Brian R. Read *7 Terry G. Williams

*8 David L. Nibbs 9 Michael J. Bew

*10 Robert H. Newton *First of Yorkshire Royal. First on 10 for the Guild. In memoriam Harry Stalham.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

LADOCK, Cornwall, St. Ladoca.

Sat. Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (111 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part.)

Timothy J. Bell Robert Peel Pearce

*3 Thomas E. Howarth

4 Anthony Locke

5 Canon A. S. Roberts
6 W. Reginald Curtis
7 F. Malcolm Bowers (Conductor)

8 Anthony J. Davidson

*First of Triples. A welcome to the Rector, Canon A. T. Martin.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

MALMESBURY, Wiltshire, St. Paul.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (11 cwt.) 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES Composed by J. J. Parker.

E. Mary Bliss

2 Heather A. Kippin 3 Edward G. Mould

Ivor Newell

5 Patrick J. Bird (Conductor)
6 Michael J. Platt
7 Brian J. Wylde

8 J. Anthony Bennett First in the method by all and for the Society.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BISHOPSTOKE, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (10 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

1 John C. Hallett 2 Betty J. Daysh *3 Ian M. McCallion †4 William Willans

5 Patrick Page
6 Edward W. Colley
‡John P. Colliss (Conductor)
8 Roy Le Marechal
*First of Triples. †25th peal. ‡First of Triples as conductor.

BURGHCLERE, Hants, The Ascension.

Thur., Mar. 19, 1970, 3 hr. (7 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR *1 Peter Watts

*2 David Goss

*3 Michael J. Goss 4 Reginald W. Rex *5 Robert J. Crocker

6 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor) *First of London Surprise Minor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Sheffield and District Society)

RAWMARSH, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. (121 cwt.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven. John J. L. Gilbert (Conductor)

*2 Mary Hatswell 3 Stuart Armeson 4 David Nichols

*5 Geoffrey W. Pilkington *6 Malcolm S. Turner

7 John S. Seager 8 Neil Donovan

*First in the method. Farewell peal to G. W. Pilkington, ringing master at this

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire, St. Matthew.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (71 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2160 and 2 extents Kent T.B. and 2 Plain Bob).

*1 Patricia North

Valerie M. Gill 3 Ian North

†4 David Hudson 15 Graham Hudson

6 Robin Brown (Conductor)
*Has circled tower. †First of Minor. ‡First peal.

PENISTONE, Yorkshire, St. John. (Sheffield and District Society)

Fri., Mar. 13, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (14 cwt.) 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. J. Cox.

*1 Christopher Newton Marianne Baker

*3 Marie Hatswell 4 David Nichols

*5 Malcolm S Turner 6 M. Alec Beaumont

7 Neil Donovan

8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor) *First in method. Rung by members of All Saints', Rotherham, Sunday service band.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

GUISELEY, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Sat., Mar. 14. 1970, 3hr. 3min. (16² cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR (27-course block reduced.)

1 Laurence F. Palmer

*2 Alison Child

†3 Elizabeth J. Campbell

14 Alan M. Glover 15 Nigel P. A. Goulding 6 Michael G. Dodson

7 Graham J. Jones

8 Christopher Forster (Conductor)
*First of Surprise. †First of Surprise Major. First of Yorkshire Major.

Handbells

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ASPLEY GUISE, Beds, 3a Weathercock La.

Thur., Feb. 5, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR *1-2 Anthony H. Smith
*3-4 Julia A. Fellows (Conductor)
5-6 Stephen Ivin

*7-8 Martin Major

*First of Major on handbells. †100th on handbells.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire, 35 Croft Avenue.

Wed., Mar. 18, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (17 in A.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Composed by R. Peers.
1-2 Susan D. Cowan

3-4 Eric J. Gilbert 5-6 F. Leslie Coventry

7-8 Robert Peers 9-10 Geoffrey C. Sparling (Conductor) First as conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., Mar. 16, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (15 in C.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (14 methods: 480 Clifton, Ealing, Leatherhead, Londinium, Newgate, Wembley, head, Londinium, Newgate, Wembley, York; 240 Cambridge, Fulham, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Wigston, Worcester and Yorkshire, with 104 changes of method).

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 John M. Mayne (Comp. & Cond.)

5-6 Roger Baldwin

7-8 Gerald Penney 9-10 Julia A. Fellows 11-12 Frank C. Price.

This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal of Maximus on handbells.

WORCESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS -5t-14.5t-5t.36.14-14.5t-14-7t-78 -7t-78-1. 12ths place l.e. 142638507t9e 4ths place bob.

(St. Albans Cathedral Society)

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.

Mon., Mar. 9, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (15 in C.) 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS *1-2 Katherine S. Hardy

3-4 Gerald, Penney (Arr. and Cond.)
5-6 Robert E. Hardy
7-8 Geoffrey Dodds
9-10 Michael D. Frost
†11-12 Anthony R. Carter
*First of Plain Bob Maximus on handbells. †First on 12 handbells.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

NORTH LEIGH, Oxon, St. Mary.

Sun., Mar. 15, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

*1 Peter G. Holden 2 Graham G. Firman 3 Jennifer A. Dunning

4 James E. Andrews 5 Philip Bosworth

6 A. Keith P. Poole (Conductor)
*Completes second circle. A compliment to
Irene Shanks and Graham Duke, married the previous day.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

MANCHESTER, Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (1: 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (15 in C.)

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood. *1-2 William M. Taylor

3-4 Margaret L. Ellwood
5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
7-8 Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.) *Completes circle. First in hand as conductor.

MANCHESTER, Room 87, Hartley Victoria Methodist College.

Wed., Mar. 18, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (18 in G.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

1-2 Margaret L. Ellwood

*3-4 Hamish M. McNaughton

*5-6 William M. Taylor

7-8 Christopher L. D. Munday.

9-10 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (C. & C.)

*First of Royal. First of Royal in hand by all.

Dinners

Liverpool University Society

ANNUAL DINNER WEEKEND

On February 28 the Liverpool University Society celebrated at Bedford House its 10th birthday with the annual dinner, described as the biggest and most successful in the Society's history, according to the master (Mr. A. J. Macefield).

The weekend began on Friday with practice at St. Francis Xavier, the University tower, and later at Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Pier Head. A number of ringers fitted into the very small upstairs room of the Pig and Whistle, the Society's tradi-tional pub, and nothing could dampen their

spirits.

Many slept "rough" on Friday but turned out for peals on Saturday. For the Society peals of 3-Spliced (a Society first of Spliced) and Yorkshire were completed. The visitors rang Stedman Cinques at Liverpool Cathe-Yorkshire Royal at Blackburn Cathedral and Knotty Ash Delight at Emmanuel, Southport. General ringing was at Oxton (8) on the Wirral peninsula, and after lunch at Bebington (8) and Port Sunlight (8). Then over (or under) the Mersey to Our Lady and St. Nicholas (12), where some had their first ring on 12.

In the evening 148 assembled at Bedford House and visitors were welcomed from the Universities of Aberystwyth, Leeds, Manchester, Sheffield and Wales, and others from all parts of England and Wales.

The master proposed the loyal toast and introduced Mr. Alec Martin (Oxton), master of the Chester Guild, who proposed the toast of "The Church." He warned the young people present to be willing to preserve their bells by giving generously of their time and money. As students, benefiting from the best education system in the world, and the affluent people of the future, so they should foot the bill and inspire enthusiasm.

Responding, the Rev. J. St. Hilary-Mullet said he had met the perfect symbol in John Moss, who was a ringer at Bollington, near Macclesfield (his previous parish). He had rung during the reigns of six sovereigns, stopped at the age of 94 and died shortly after. In Africa the traditional way of calling people to service was by hammering a piece of railway line. It was called the "zindi."

"The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. Peter Bennett, a founder member and first master. He said the Rev Mullet had been instrumental in the installation of the six Que Que in Rhodesia and had also worked in Gibraltar. Mr. Bennett welcomed Peter Border, well known for his ringing on Barford's ring of three and at St. Philip's, Birmingham, and also welcomed guests from all parts of the country.

Replying, and proposing the toast of "The Society," Mr. Peter Border expressed his pleasure at finding himself in Liverpool, a city of many associations. He complimented the Society on its successful ten years and hoped it would continue to

flourish.

The master, replying, congratulated the Society on its many activities and said it versatile Society indeed. Later Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite demonstrated the Woodhouse ringing machine to an interested

Service ringing at Our Lady and St. Nicholas took place next day, the highlight being the ringing at the Anglican Cathedral (12, 82 cwt.).

72 YEARS' SERVICE



Mr. William H. Leeson, at 84, is the oldest ringer in the Solihull (Birmingham) tower-the tower in which he has rung for 72 years. He professes to be self-taught and although he has only rung a dozen or so peals he has rung innumerable quarters. A gardener all his working life, Bill is very fit and enjoys outdoor recreation as well as his bellringing. He has a fund of stories of happenings in the tower and recalls the time the ringers had to protect the church On another ocagainst the suffragettes. casion, on Queen Victoria's funeral day, during the service there was a heavy bump, and later the steeplekeeper, named "Bronco" Fairfield, was found unconscious at the foot of a ladder, where he had fallen when muffling the bells. May Bill Leeson enjoy many more years among his bells.

"THE MOTHER OF INVENTION"

The captain of St. Alphege's, Seasalter, was recently told by his vicar: "When I was curate of a church in Croydon the bell would not 'work to order' at the death of a prominent member. A visit to the belfry by the sexton apparently put things right. Shortly afterwards the church toilet was found to be without its chain and ballcock; the missing articles were found doing duty in the belfry as a novel chiming apparatus. 'The whole thing was in consecrated ground,' explained the sexton!"

Those present included the master (Mr. Maccfield). Miss P. Jenkina, Rev. and Mrs. St. Hilary-Mullet, Mr. and Mrs. P. Border, Mr. P. Bennett, Mr. A. Martin, Miss A. Waldron, Mr. G. Sparling, Miss S. Cowan, Messrs. F. Anderton, M. Corry, K. Labbett, Mrs. C. D'Aeth and Mrs. H. Mackenzie, Dr. and Mrs. J. Fox.

Messrs, and Mesdames P. Brown, C. Cooper, C. Crossthwaite, C. Eden, J. Elliot, J. Fielden, J. Foot, H. Hatfield, V. Jenner, R. Peers, M. Pilgrim, J. Prytherch, C. Quatley, D. Rothera, P. Rothera, P. Sawyer, J. Towler, B. Veitch.

The Misses S. Butler, M. Barry, G. Bidgood, R. Brown, S. Brown, E. Campbell, F. Carpenter, A. Child, A. Clapham, J. Clark, E. Cranfield, S. Davis, L. Deebank, M. Ellwood, E. Forster, L. Hopkin, M. Macefield, E. Miller, C. Patey, B. Payne, S. Savage, G. Sims, S. Titchener, C. J. Towler, P. Turner, M. Twigg, P. Wheldon, M. Whitehurst, D. Wood. Drs. J. Bennett, T. Edwards, B. Wakefield.

Messrs, J. Andrews, G. Austin, D. Bennett, R. Bennett, R. Beresford, J. L. Birdsall, G. Bonham, D. Brown, K. Brown, J. Cooper, J. Crocker, A. Dobbin, Dobbin, H. Dobbin, J. Durham, R. Falder, R. Fletcher, G. Foat, C. Forster, R. Fry, N. Goulding, L. Gray, R. Harrison, D. Haynes, K. Hesketh, T. Hesketh, J. Howarth, M. Hughes, J. Hyden, D. Jones, G. Jones, F. Keast, F. D. Mack, F. Mack, H. Mc-Naughton, D. Moore, D. Morgan, K. Morgan, R. Padbury, J. Parry, J. Parsons, D. Peers, C. Pocock, G Pullin, J. Richards, J. Ridyard, J. Scholey, R. Shea, M. Sherwood, P. Simmonds, D. Simpson, I. Smith, M. Snape, R. Starkie, H. Thomas, K. Walpole, R. Walker, D. Walters, A. Wilby, D. Wilford, J. Wilson, J. Wilton.

East Grinstead Guild

JOINT MEETING ARRANGED

Over 60 attended the 43rd A.G.M. which was held at Chiddingstone on March 14. when the bells at Hever, Leigh and Penshurst were also available. The Guild service was conducted by Rev. J. R. Elkington (rector), followed by tea served in the village hall.

At the meeting eight new members were elected and the reports by the chairman and treasurer were adopted. All the officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. R. D. Divall (vice-president) and C. Bassett, of Tunbridge Wells (committee mem-

It was announced that the meeting in April would be a joint one with the Southern District of the Surrey Association at Godstone and Lingfield, and there will be no meeting in May. A stoolball match against the Northern District of the Sussex County Association is to be held in June at West Grinstead.

It was agreed to donate an amount towards the restoration of Cudham bells and to have a retiring collection for the same cause. It was decided to accept an invitation to attend the Croydon centenary celebrations in September and to arrange a meeting at East Grinstead in the autumn.

Thanks were expressed to the incumbents where ringing had taken place, to the ladies who prepared tea and to Mr. P. R. Everest for the local arrangements.

Herts County Association. **OUTING PLANNED**

The Eastern District February meeting was held at Amwell, near Ware, ringing being under the guidance of the new ringing master, Mr. David Harris. The service was conducted by the Rev. Edmund The service Walker, and later the congregation moved to the church hall for tea served by the ringers' wives.

Mr. S. James, the district secretary, welcomed Mr. Walter Ayre, the county president, and announced the ringing programme for the year ahead. An outing is to be held in the Grantham area. cussions included Surprise practices which are being introduced and the belfry maintenance team, who will, with permission, be visiting certain unringable towers to investigate the possibility of carrying out minor repairs to restore them into ringable condition.

Concluding the meeting Mr. Newnham (deputy ringing master) proposed thanks to the vicar, organist and the tea ladies for their co-operation, and further ringing continued at Amwell, when Spliced Sur-B. J. W. F. prise was successful.

The Northern District held a six-bell meeting on March 7, when several memat Codicote. Notices "Beware of holes in the floor" were carefully heeded before ascending the tower, and here the local captain and the incumbent welcomed the visitors.

The gathering proceeded to St. Ippolyts for further ringing under the direction of Ian Panton and Rex Agg and the evening closed in the usual manner. M. M. R.

OUR FRIENDS THE CLERGY

It appears to be the object of the Church of England to plant at least one English gentleman in every parish in the land. In this they have admirably succeeded. I can think of many less worthy objects.—

Sir Shane Leslie, Historian.

OUR PAPER

The Ringing World Committee met at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry on March 14, primarily to consider the accounts for 1969 and the annual report to be made to the Central Council at Ilkley. But a large amount of other business was also dealt with and, in accordance with our recent policy, we outline here some of the results of our deliberations. We are glad to report that again we had a full attendance from the committee members, the Editor and his predecessor and Mr. D. Hughes, our treasurer. We also welcomed the president and vice-president of the Central

The committee received details of the W. White testimonial and decided to keep the fund open until May 1, so that all possible contributions could be included in the presentation to be made at the Council meeting. The accounts for 1969 and the auditor's report thereon were considered at length and will be before the Council in May. Suffice it therefore to say here that last year's debit balance has been turned into a small surplus, that the system of accounting at Guildford has been simplified and that we are now largely self-contained there. The committee's thanks were accorded to Mr. C. W. Lucas and to Mr. David Tate, the auditor, for their work.

The Editor produced a sample of the proposed Ringing World calendar for 1971. which will be available in the autumn and it is hoped that all our readers will support this new venture. The Christmas gift token scheme will be tried again and application forms will be printed in October.

Encouraged by the preponderance of favourable comment, the committee have decided that the coloured pictorial covers shall be used in August this year. On the other hand we have also decided that, because of our concern over the delay of certain contributors in submitting peals for publication, peals sent in which are three months old or over will be printed in abbreviated form as used for quarter peals. We trust, however, that the necessity for this will not arise.

Preliminary ideas were discussed and certain decisions taken as to the method of celebrating our Diamond Jubilee in 1971. Further announcement will be made when arrangements are finalised, but in the meantime we welcome any suggestions from readers and we suggest that Saturday, March 27, 1971, be provisionally booked for a very special occasion.

As an experiment we have asked the Editor to print all the details of multi-method peals in future, but we ask our correspondents to abbreviate their peal reports as much as possible, by reference to published lists, etc. The matter will be reviewed as necessary.

The convener submitted to the committee certain letters which the Editor had decided for various reasons not to print. Each letter was read and in certain cases the subsequent correspondence between the writer and the convener. The action, or

Belfry Gossip

A practice night each Saturday evening has been arranged by the Peterborough Branch. Visitors are most welcome.

Cambridge Minor was chosen for a quarter at Highclere, Hants, when the conductor's brother was married, as the newlyweds are to live in Cambridge.

First peal congratulations to Nicola M. Paton (12), Jane M. Scudamore (16), Ann L. Brain (14), Hazel' A. Barton (12), Diane M. White, Graham Hudson.

Birthday complimentary peals: At Brushford, Som, for Mr. W. J. Troake aged 80; S. Lopham, Norfolk, for Mr. George

A creche was supplied for ringers with young children at the meeting at Folke-stone recently and proved so successful it is expected to become a regular feature.

The peal rung by the Exeter Colleges Guild at Exminster on February 14 was rung for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. All their quarters and peals are rung for the county guild.

Personal records: Michael Hallett (100 peals), Roland H. Cook (350), Trevor M. Roderick (200), Peter A. Slight (100), William Willans (25), Julia A. Fellows (100 on handbells).

Paulerspury belfry, states the Peter-borough Diocesan Guild's newsletter, has had a face-lift. The walls have been painted by Mr. Jim Booth, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Foster have added a very attractive oak table.

New records reported: March 13 at Eaton, Leics, Spliced Doubles in 142 methods; March 16 at Watford, 14 Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells.

[Congratulations to both teams.—Ed.]

The Reading University Society held its A.G.M. on March 5th, and the new officers for 1970-71 are: president, Rev. J. Graham; master, John R. Leary; secretary, Susan K. Taylor; treasurer, Richard J. Woodward; steeplekeeper and archivist, John H. Sunderland

inaction, of the Editor or convener was supported by the committee, who were pleased to note that in some instances the original request for publication had been withdrawn.

The form of the annual report to the Central Council was decided and this will appear in full in The Ringing World in due course. The committee hope to meet again before the summer holidays and expressed their thanks to Mr. Hughes for his hospitality.

A very long meeting was concluded in time for those present (except for Mr. Freeman, who had to catch his train) to attend a farewell dinner given to Mr. White as a token of their affection and appreciation. Mr. J. F. Smallwood was also a welcome guest of the committee.

WILFRID G. WILSON,

Convener.

Well-known Somerset ringer, Mr. J. Cornelius, rang his 150th quarter of Doubles on March 21 at North Perrott.

The Peterborough Guild's general committee has decided not to hold a dinner this Branches are to be asked to forgo their individual dinners in 1971 in favour of a guild dinner, and again in 1974 for the guild's golden jubilee.

Certificates of membership of a guild were a prized possession to many ringers at one time, but several associations have lapsed in the issue of them. Stocks of these expensively-printed cards often are to be found in the secretaries' box files and we suggest they be taken out, dusted and issued to new members.

A welcome back to Mr. Robert G. Chappele to the quarter peal columns after an absence of 36 years (a quarter peal at Hayes!) Bob has been out of ringing for many years, his last of any length being a peal of Grandsire Cinques at High Wycombe in 1934. He has returned to join the new band at Hayes, and rang the seventh to Grandsire Triples, which was the first quarter on the new eight.

We conclude in this issue Mr. C. A. Wratten's series on "A History of Spliced Minor," which we feel certain has been read with considerable interest and pleasure. We express our thanks to Mr. Wratten for giving us the opportunity of

publishing the story.

The effort of the younger generation at Lincoln and Nettleham in arranging and scoring their first quarter of Bob Doubles on March 21 must have brought pleasure to those who have spent hours teaching them over the past three years. We are informed that the striking was a credit to

It is nearly 60 years since the Kent County Association held its A.G.M. at Folkestone, and Mr. E. Barnett sen., in sending an apology for absence, said that after the meeting in 1911 the bells were not rung down. Unfortunately a non-ringing curate attempted to toll for a service and was thrown across the belfry and sustained a broken arm. The K.C.A. have taken a long time to live down that occurrence.

MILTON (GRAVESEND) BAND

"I feel I must pay tribute to the band of teenagers, some of whom are still at school," writes E. M. M., of Southwick, Sussex. "I left Milton (Gravesend) nearly three years ago, but they have kept together and the progress they have made is excellent. They give me a right royal welcome whenever I visit them. They all regularly attend church; some are in the choir and one is the cross-bearer.

"I had the pleasure of listening to a little of the ringing in which they took part when a half-muffled peal was rung as a tribute to Mr. and Mrs. T. Francis, and this would

be their first peal!
"More than £300 is needed to put the bells in order, and all have worked very hard in one way and another and so far collected £200.

"God bless them and may they keep Milton bells going for a very long time."

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Obituary

HERBERT W. KNIGHT

The death at the age of 81 of Herbert W. Knight, of Wrington, Somerset, as briefly recorded recently, has removed from the ringing scene one of the best known and best loved ringers in the Bath and Wells Association.

Herbert was the most gentle of men, always courteous, tolerant and helpful, and in all he did for the association he carried with him the respect and affection of all those of us who were privileged to meet and work with him. He was the second longest serving member of the association, his election dating from 1904, at Claptonin-Gordano, where he was born and lived for a number of years. He rang his first peal there in 1905, and as a member of a very active band took part in a number of peals in the area, including the first peals on the bells at Abbots Leigh and Westonin-Gordano.

Herbert worked all his life as a forester, and when he moved to Cleeve, where his employer had extensive plantations, he started his long association with the church and the bells at Wrington Parish Church, where he was captain for 36 years until ill-health overtook him.

He was first elected ringing master of the Chew Branch in 1929, a post which he held until 1968, and was chairman of the branch from 1931 until his death. In 1964 he was made an honorary life member for services rendered to the association. gifts were many, both as ringer and conductor, and in earlier days he was very active in the handbell field, especially during the last war, when tower bells were silent. He was outstanding at rising and lowering in peal, and one of his achie ements to be remembered was his trebling up on the 12 at Exeter a few years ago, which he did with professional skill with a band from the branch.

Herbert's peals amounted to 152, most of which were rung for the Bath and Wells, the remainder in Bristol and Worcestershire. He had a strong link with St. Stephen's, Bristol, during the late 1920s and 1930s, and rang a number of peals there with Jack Burford, Alf Reeves and other well-known Bristol ringers of the time, and at one time was chairman of the old Bristol United Ringing Guild. In Somerset he rang peals mostly in the north of the county, including, of course, a number at his own tower at Wrington. After a lapse of six years he rang and called his last peal of St. Clement's Triples in 1967, at the age of 78, a wonderful achievement, which gave him and the band immense pleasure. Soon after this ill-health forced him to give up active ringing, but he continued to attend meetings, and, happily for us, and I am sure for him, we spent an enjoyable evening with him after our monthly meeting only a week before his death.

A large congregation, including the general secretary, Mr. J. H. Gilbert, and about 40 ringers from the Chew, Frome and Axbridge Branches attended the funeral service at Redhill Church on March 3 in support of members of his family. The Rector of Redhill, the Rev. F. H. Hurford, The spoke of Mr. Knight's Christian qualities, and after a fully choral service the coffin, carried by four branch members, was laid to rest with his late wife, herself a much-loved ringer, who died in 1964. At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by D. G. Yeo 1-2, Margaret Chapman

OVER 50 YEARS' RINGING

Mr. Sidney H. Jones, of 15 Monsom Lane, Repton, Derbyshire, completed 52 years of bellringing on February 1 of this year—which was also his birthday! He learned to ring at Newhall, Derbyshire, at the age of nine and a year later rang at a church in Blackpool.

For about four years he was ringing master of the Midland Counties Guild of Bellringers and he is also a member of the Derby Diocesan Guild of Bellringers.
During his 52 years of bellringing Mr. Jones has rung in 289 different towers He has taken part in 197 peals, the longest of which, 10,368 changes of London Surprise at Loughborough Bell Foundry in 1951, was rung in 5 hours and 26 minutes. Again in 1951, he took part in three peals of London Surprise in three counties in one day-in Derbyshire, Staffordshire Leicestershire.

Mr. Jones has been captain of the Repton band of ringers for many years. When celebrated his 50th anniversary as a bellringer the vicar invited the ringers to a celebration party at the vicarage, during which they presented Mr. Jones with a suitably inscribed chiming clock.

WHATTON'S EIGHT BELLS

(See also page 268) Comments on the Whatton bells expressed since the opening are that Taylors have made a very good splice, and that the six are now converted into a good or even a very good eight. Our own thoughts, perhaps, are mixed, but we are satisfied with the sound outside the tower. In fact it is doubtful if it could be improved, but we are not completely satisfied with the sound inside. There is some loss of sound at backstroke when all the sallies are in the shutes, but we shall continue to experiment until we are satisfied. The general com-ment in the village is that they are a vast improvement, and even those who con-demned Gillett and Johnston for spoiling the old five by, adding a treble in 1913 are now favourably inclined.

The competition to guess the total weight of the two new bells was won by Mr. Colin Reed, of Balderton, who gave the correct figure of 8 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. W. L. E.

3-4, W. H. Kingcott 5-6, M. Collins 7-8. Muffled ringing took place at a number of towers during the week, details of which are given elsewhere in this journal.

Our sympathy is extended to the family in their sad loss. His presence will be sadly missed both in the Chew Branch and in the county generally. In thanking God for his life and service we can but point to his example and do our best to try to follow it to the best of our ability.

H. W. KNIGHT'S PEALS

Grandsire: Doubles, tower bells 5, hand-bells 0 (conducted 1), Triples 39, 5 (8), Caters 11, 2.

Stedman: Doubles 5, Triples 17, Caters

20, Cinques 2.

Plain Bob: Minor 13, 2 (5), Major 2,

Cambridge Minor 2, Major 12, Royal 2. Yorkshire: Major 2. Double Norwich Court Bob Major 8.

Two Doubles 3 (1).

One each of Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major, Kent T.B. Maximus, St. Clement's College Triples (conductor), 2-Minor, 3-Minor, 4-Minor, 7-Minor (total 7).

Total peals: 152, of which 9 were in hand,

conducted 15.

40th ANNIVERSARY

From Mr. Phil Avery, D.C.M. (aged 82 and 70 years a ringer), of Clacton, Essex: "The achievement of the Leytonstone band in Spliced Surprise ringing was a great event of the 1930s, when 23 methods were rung to a peal.

"I am the only surviving member of that band. The difficulty was that five of our band were railwaymen and on shift work. The peal was rung on March 24, 1930, and so that date is the 40th anniversary. Though I didn't ring in the actual peal I rang all the methods at practice under J. L. Joyce.
"I had the privilege of ringing in the first

770 of Spliced ever rung: Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and
Netherseale: Carlisle and Cunecastre:
Bourne and Netherseale; Northumberland.
Carlisle and Cunecastre. Of course today
this has been surpassed—but good luck to
all and to the R.W."

A JOHN DARBIE BELL

Mr. Claude Rush, of Felixstowe, sends a newspaper cutting showing a bell being hauled by block and tackle at Bury St. Edmunds on March 16.

It is a 290-years-old bell made by the Ipswich firm of John Darbie and was hoisted 70 feet into the new bell turret of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral.

The 9 cwt. bell comes from the disused St. John's Church at Stanton, near Bury. and is being provided as a memorial to the late Archdeacon Hugh Norton, who was Archdeacon of Sudbury.

Unused for years, the bell—which is inscribed "John Darbie made me 1680"—has been overhauled at Whitechapel Foundry.

It is being installed so that it can be chimed for daily services either electrically or by hand. The bell will be dedicated in a few weeks' time.

Mr. Rush adds: Raven, 1890, shows St. John Baptist, Stanton, Suffolk, as having four bells, Nos. 1, 2 and 4 all inscribed "John Darbie made me 1680," the tenor having the addition of "IW SB Cws." upon it. The 3rd bore no inscription. The tenor is shown as of note G, diameter 37 inches.

Dunster Deanery (B. and W.).

CARHAMPTON BELLS ENJOYED

The spring quarterly meeting of the Dunster Deanery was held on March 14 at Car-hampton. The grand ring of six bells (tenor 14 cwt.) sounded beautiful ringing out over the village to speed the latecomers.

The vicar made all very welcome and conducted the service, and Prebendary Taylor came from Hindhead to give the address. Mr. Jack Tudball, of Dunster, and Mr. W. Capp, ringers of long standing who had passed away recently, were remembered.

Tea was served in the village hall, and at a short business meeting the chairman gave a report on the new rules, and these were discussed. The secretary spoke on the learners' practices and future branch practices were arranged. A return was then made to the tower. It was most encouraging to see the younger members both ringing and calling touches. Methods up to Cambridge Minor were rung until 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered, con-cluding a happy day.

P. J. T. cluding a happy day.

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BIRTHS

Lucas.—On March 18, at Cardiff Maternity Hospital, to Christine (nee Glastonbury) and the Rev. Ronald C. Lucas, a daughter, Ruth Margaret, a sister for Jonathan. 8547

Mould.—Christine and Edward are pleased to announce the arrival, on March 26, 1970, of Ruth Catherine, a sister for Roy.

Gillam—Hall. both ringers, were married on March 21 at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Butler's Marston: Caroline, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hall, Butler's Marston, to Maurice. fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Gillam, Kineton, Warks.

DEATH

Eastwood.—On March 16, 1970, (suddenly) at 80 Pelsall Lane, Rushall, Walsall, James Smarfit, aged 76; secretary of St. Matthew's bellringers, one-time ringing master for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—A memorial service to the late Rev. C. H. Barker will be held at Himley Parish Church (no ringing), near Wolverhampton, on Sat., April 18 next, at 3 p.m. (The striking competition post-poned; evening practice meeting at Penn, 6.30 p.m.)—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8572

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee."—Isaiah xxvi, 3.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Trebilcock.—Pam and Robin are now living at 15 Dane Close, Stotfold, Hitchin, Herts (Stotfold 510). All ringing friends welcome.

CARILLON RECITAL

Saltley, Birmingham.—R.C. Church, Parkfield Road (opposite Country Girl), carillon recital, Sun.. April 12, 6.40–7.30 p.m., by Clive M. Smith. Also on 2nd and 4th Sundays until September.

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

Bredbury, Cheshire.—As from April 1, ing practices at St. Mark's will be on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m., instead of Fridays. All visitors are most welcome. — Michael Foulds, ringing master.

MISCELLANEOUS

University of Sheffield Guild of Change Ringers.-Next practice, St. Marie's. Fri., May

1. All correspondence now to Mr. R. Padbury.
45 Broad Elms Lane, Sheffield, S11 9RQ. 8536
Cambridge U.G.—The annual general meeting of the Cambridge University Guild will be held in Prof. Moule's rooms in Clare College on Wed., April 29, commencing 9 p.m. 8472

PUBLICATION

Ringing Towers. - Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringing Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock. 57 Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

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Meetings

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association,— Dunster Branch,—Practices on April 11 at Minehead (10) at 7 p.m. and on April 25 at Crowcombe (6) at 6.30 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 8564

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Evening meeting, April 11: Linton, 6-7.15 p.m.; West Wratting, 7.30-8.45. Short business meeting 8 p.m.—J. S. 8474

Essex Association.—S.W. District —Evening meeting. Sat., April 11, Barking. Ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.-Cirencester Branch.—North Cerney (6), Sat., April 18. 5.30–8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec.

London County Association. -- Surprise Major practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, Mon., April 13, 6-8 p.m. All welcome. Future Surprise Major practices will be held at St. Olave's on the Monday preceding the third Thursday of each month.—R. J. C. 8483

Stafford Archdeaconry Society. - Evening practice meeting, Penn, near Wolverhampton, Sat., April 18. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8573

Sussex County Association.—Southern Division. — Surprise practice meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, Bolney (8), Mon., April 20, 7.30 p.m. sharp to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Alton and Petersfield District.
 Practice meeting instead of quarterly at East Meon on April 11. Bells available 6-8.30 p.m.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Winchester District. - Practice meeting Hursley (8), Sat., April 18, 6-8.30 p.m.

Yorkshire Association.—Southern Branch.— The monthly practice meeting will be held on Tues., April 21, at St. John's, Ranmoor (Sheffield). The ten bells will be available from 19.00 (7 p.m.) to 21.00. Ringing will include rounds on ten and basic 10-bell methods. All are welcome to attend.—A. C. Banton. 8511

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Bath and Wells Association. — Glaston Branch.—Quarterly, Baltonsborough (6), April 11. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting.—

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Beverley and District Society. — Meeting at Cottingham (8), Sat.. April 11. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. N. Pailing, 55 Priory Road, Cottingham, E. Yorks.

Bedfordshire Association.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Northill, April 11. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—A. H. Smith.

Chester Diocesan Guild. - Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Daresbury (8), Sat., April 11. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ryder, Windygate, Moss Lane, Moore, Warrington, by Wed., Moss Lane, Moore, Warring April 8.—J. Moore, Hon. Sec.

Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Northaw (6), Sat., April 11, 3-4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Evening ringing, Cheshunt (8), to 9 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob Minor and Cambridge Major. Names for tea to S. E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel. 5664), by Wed., April 8.—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 8548

Ladies' Guild.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Burgess Hill (8), Sat., April 11. Ringing 3-6 p.m. Evensong 6. Meeting 6.30 p.m. No evening ringing.—R. Farley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

Lancashire Association.-Liverpool Branch. —Meeting, St. Peter's, Woolton (8), April 11.
Tower open for ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 5.
Tea 5.30 p.m. in the school. Names for tea to
Mr. J. H. Wilton, 30 North Linkside Road,
Liverpool. 25. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A.

London County Association.—Meeting, Sat., April 11. Ringing at St. Mary's, Woolwich, 3-4.30 p.m., and St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 7-8.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Wool-Names for tea essential to J. H. Lott (01-736 4423).-R. J. C.

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—Annual meeting will be held at All Hallows', Twickenham, on Sat., April 11. for election of officers, etc. Title of Association and membership badges will be discussed. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea to follow. Ringing arrangements: All Hallows', Twickenham, 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (The Mall), Chiswick, 2.30-4; All Saints', Isleworth, 7.30-9.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Gen. Sec. 8520

Peterborough Guild. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Whilton (6), 3 p.m., Sat., April 11, and Norton (5), from 7.30 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Main Street, Whilton, by Wednesday previous.-I. Webb.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. - Kettering Branch.—Meeting, East Carlton (6), Sat., April 11. Prayers 3 p.m. Ringing to 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting. All welcome.

Southwell Diocesan Guild. - Bingham District. — Meeting, April 11, Granby. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss R. Blackshaw, 36 Stratford Road, West Bridgford.

Southwell Diocesan Guild. - N. Notts District.—Meeting, Rampton, April 11. Numbers for tea to H. Poyner (address in Diary). Laneham also available; bring headgear. 8523

Sussex County Association.-Western Divi-Sion.—Quarterly meeting, Pulborough (8), Sat., April 11. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Evening ringing until 8.30 p.m. Please notify for tea P. M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue. Bognor Regis (Tel.: Bognor 24952)

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Tarvin (6), Sat., April 18, from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to A. Faulkner, Thorncombe, 9 Hockenhull Lane, Tarvin. Chester, by Wed nesday previous.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.— The annual general meeting will be held in Warwick on Sat., April 18. St. Nicholas' bells available 2.30—4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3—4.45. Tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Hall, 4.45. Service in St. Mary's Church 6.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 16, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa. Tel.: Harbury 504. Harbury 504.

Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association.—Annual general meeting, April 18, at St. John's, Cleator Moor. Bells available 1.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. It is imperative that those requiring tea must inform Mr. G. Tembey. Holmlea, Woodend, Egremont, on or before April 15, as there may be no other means of obtaining refreshment.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Gen. Sec.

Derby Diocesan Association.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington, Sat., April 18. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. G. J. Newman, 54 Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield (Tel.: Chest. 5416).—Malcolm Phins Sec. 9570 Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

Elv Diocesan Association.—Wisbech Branch. Meeting at March, April 18. Bells 3 p.m.
Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.
D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8580 Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Sandhurst (8), April 18, 3 p.m. Service, Norton, 4.30 p.m., followed by business and ringing (8 bells). Names for tea to P. Gould, 139 Deans Way, Gloucester, GL1 2QB, by April 16.

Guildford Diocesan Guild. - Farnham Disrict.—District meeting, Farnborough, on Sat., April 18. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. J. Dodds, 91 Canterbury Road, Farnborough, by previous Wednesday, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell (Miss), 8578 Dis. Sec.

Kent County Association. — Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition, Cuxton, Sat., April 18. Competition 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and general ringing. Names for tea to Mr. A. R. Smith, Clovelly, 8 Station Road, Cuxton, Rochester, by previous Wednesday, please.—

P. P. P. Station Road, Station Road, Station Road, Cuxton, Rochester, by previous Wednesday, please.—

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Ladies' Guild. — Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting, April 18, Lowestoft. Ringing: Pakefield, 2.45–3.30; St. Margaret's, 3.45–4.30; Kessingland, 7.30–8.30. Service, St. Margaret's, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Coach from Stowmarket 11.30, via Needham Market and Ipswich. Names for same and tea to me, please, by April 14. Gentlemen very welcome.—J. Lester, 40 Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich, IP6 8DS. Ladies' Guild. - Eastern Branch. - Annual

Guild. — Lincolnshire District. -Ladies' North Muskham, Sat., April 18. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Copp, Marsh Lane, North Muskham, Newark-on-Trent, Notts, by Wednesday, April 15.

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.
—Quarterly meeting and striking competition,
St. Wilfred's, Northenden (6), Sat., April 18.
Competition to commence at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. followed by business meeting and results of the competition. Christ Church, West Didsbury, bells (8) available in the evening, 6-9. Names for tea to Miss Betty Ormrod, 46 Normal Christ Church, West Didsbury, bells (8) available in the evening, 6-9. ton Street, Old Trafford, Manchester, M16 79C (Tel.: 061-226 1932), by Wed., April 15. No names no tea.

Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch. Ancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, Sat., April 18. Everyone welcome for ringing from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. will be followed by a business meeting and evening ringing.—P. Dyson, Branch Sec. 8537

National Guild of Police Ringers. - South April 18. Meet at the Church of St. Mary, Hendon, N.W., at 11.30 a.m. Names for lunch to me, please, before April 13.—P. Shonk, Dis. Sec., 58 Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent. Tel.: 01-850 1014.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Peterborough Branch. — Spring meeting, Castor, April 18. Bells (just rehung) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough, by previous Wednesday.

Peterborough Guild.-Culworth Branch.-Meeting, Marston St. Lawrence (5), Sat., April 18. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to S. Ruddlesden, Culworth (Sulgrave 492).

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. - Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Brigstock (5), on April 18. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names to Mr. J. Clipsom, Sandlahds Avenue, Brigstock, by April 14. No names no tea.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Calne Branch.— Joint meeting with Marlborough Branch at Chilton Foliat, April 18. Names for tea to Mrs. H. L. Rouse, 11 Bassett Down, near Wroughton, Swindon, Wilts. 8571

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Canford (6), April 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Corfe Mullen (6), 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Hiscock, 148 Magna Road, Bearwood, Bournemouth, by Wed., April 15.

Truro Diocesan Guild. — Truro Branch. — Meeting, Crantock (6), Sat., April 18, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Test of proficiency Towers open: St. Columb Major and St. Mawgan-in-Pydar. Names for tea and further details: Miss B. J. Duck, 1 Benson Road, Hendra, Truro.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

— Basingstoke District. — Quarterly general meeting, Bramley, Sat., April 18. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Bramley School, 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tues., April 14.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting on April 18. Ringing at All Saints', Upham, 2,30 till 4.30 p.m. Service at Upham 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall, Bishop's Waltham, 5.30, followed by the business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, until 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. N. Colley, Lindum, Free Street, Bishop's Waltham (phone B.W. 2821), by Wed., April 15.

Guildford Guild.—Chertsey District.—Striking competition will be held at Thames Ditton on April 25, 10.30 a.m.—12 noon and 2–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing after the meeting. Names for tea to Miss A. Anthony, 12 Woodside Avenue, Esher.

Kent County Association. — Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., April 25, at Downe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Cudham. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43 Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wed., April 22. Wed., April 22.

Oxford Diocesan Guild. - North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Drayton, April 25.
Bells 3, p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Notification for tea to Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by April 8508

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At Guildford on Saturday, April 25. PROGRAMME as per leaflet.

J. A. Hoare, Hon. Secretary.

NEW M.U.G. SECRETARY

is Mr. William M. Taylor, 125 Church Street, Wolverton, Bucks. The Secretary, The Guild of Change Ringers. The University Union, Oxford Road, Manchester, 13.

OAKS IN CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE

FLOWER AND ART FESTIVAL April 10, 11 and 12

Bells available to all ringers on Saturday. April 11, from 10.30 a.m.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY, EDINBURGH.

At the A.G.M. on March 12 the office bearers were re-elected: Conductor, Miss K. M. H. Branson, 18 Glencairn Crescent, Edinburgh. 12; Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. P. Ferro, c/o Mrs. Cameron, 9 Abercorn Drive, Edinburgh, EH8 7JR.

The rebushing of the clappers and repair of the rope pulleys has been completed. Service ringing on Sundays is now from 10-10.30 a.m. Service and 6.15-7 p.m

PEAL TOUR

Anyone interested in joining a peal ringing tour of North Norfolk during the spring holiday, May 23 to 26, 1970, inclusive, seven towers booked (three eights and four sixes), please contact: Mr. E. G. Slater, 60 High Street, Kibworth Beauchamp, Leicestershire, LE8 0HQ.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS ILKLEY, 1970

There will be a coach tour including four dales with ringing at five churches on Spring dales with ringing at five churches on Spring Bank Holiday Monday. Applications, together with remittances (32s. 6d. each), for the limited number of places should be made as soon as possible to Mr. F. A. Munday, 6 Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey, Yorkshire. Please enclose s.a.e, with application. The fare includes lunch at an attractive country inn. Peal arrangements are in the hands of Mr. W. E. Critchley, 28 Brompton Road, Sprotborough Park, Doncaster, Yorkshire.

Full particulars of accommodation appeared in The Ringing World of March 13. VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at NEWHEY on SATURDAY, APRIL 25th, 1970.

> ROUTE 1 Glodwick, St. Mark (Oldham) (8)
> Oldham, St. Mary (12)
> Moorside, St. Thomas (Oldham) (8)
> East Crompton, St. James (8)
> ROUTE 2 11.30-12.30 11.30- 1.00 1.00- 2.30 2.00- 3.30

Shore, St. Barnabas (Littleborough) (8) 10.30-11.30 Healey, Christ Church (Rochdale) (6) Hamer, All Saints (Rochdale) (6) 11.00-12.00 11.30-12.30 Rochdale, St. Chad (8) Milnrow, St. James (8) 1.00- 2.30 2.00 - 3.30

Newhey, St. Thomas (8)
Service, Newhey Church, at 3.45.
Tea at 4.30 in Newhey Church School, 5s. each.

Names for tea (with money and s.a.e) to R. Lawson, 24 Bentgate Street, Newhey, Rochdale, by Wednesday, April 22,
A.G.M. in Newhey School at 5.30 p.m.
Evening ringing:

Newhey, St. Thomas (8), after meeting to 8.00.
Middleton, St. Leonard (8), after meeting to 8.45.
Heywood, St. Luke (8), after meeting to 8.45.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD A.G.M., 1970 — LINCOLN

Saturday, April 25

Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel,

Cathedral, 8 a.m.

Ringing times: Blankney (6), 10.30-11.15 a.m.

Metheringham (8), 11 a.m.-12 noon. Dunston (5), 11.45 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Nocton (6), 12.15-1 p.m.

Branston (6), 1-2 p.m. Cathedral (12), St. Botolph's (6), St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), 2-4 and 6.30-9 p.m.

St. Giles' (8), 6.30-9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. at Cathedral, followed by tea and A.G.M. in Tithe Barn.

Names for tea to J. L. Millhouse, 8 Marne Gardens, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND **YOUTHS**

COUNTRY MEETING

BIRMINGHAM, Saturday, April 11

St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, 11 a.m.-12 noon. Lunch: Vittoria Restaurant, Frederick Street, 12.30 p.m.

Edgbaston, 2-3 p.m.

St. Philip's Cathedral, 3-4 p.m.

Tea in St. Chad's Cathedral Hall, 4.30 p.m. followed by meeting.

> St. Martin's, 6.30-7.30 p.m. Yardley, 7.45-9 p.m.

Names for lunch and tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB (Tel.: Farnborough, Kent 53666).

SURREY ASSOCIATION

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Guests include Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman, Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, Bishop of Croydon.

Menu: Prawn Cocktail, Coq au Vin, Pineapple

Names with cheque or P.O. to: Colin H. Cook, 63 Chaldon Road, Caterham, Surrey; Chris Mew, 32 Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15; or Bernard Hawkins, Valhalla, 16 Copley Way, 2501 Tadworth, Surrey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Saturday, April 11

Ringing, St. Mary's, Woolwich, 3-4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 7-8.30 p.m.

Monday, April 13

Surprise practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

Summer outing (details later) Bookings early, please, to assist with coach hire. - Mrs. O. L. Rogers (Master), 53 The Grove, Isleworth.



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Chester Guild.-Stockport Branch -- Meeting at Poynton, April 11. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome. — C. K. 8587 Lewis.

4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Brampton, Sat., April 18. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Beverley, Surfleet and Single Court Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec

Guildford Guild.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Cobham, April 18. Ringing for the 4.30 service. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. Hayward, 43 Leigh Road, Cobham (3540). The striking competition will then follow. Entries to A. J. Smith by Wed., April 15.

Bisset Guild.—Meeting. St. Michael's, St. Albans, April 18. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.

Names, please, to F. Kirk, 7 Westwick Close, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec.

Hertford County Association.—Watford District.—District practice, Bushey Heath, Wed., April 15, 7.30 until 9.15 p.m.—A. C. D. Mayes, Dis. Sec.

Equil Child —Western District.—Practice

Dis. Sec.

Ladies' Guild.—Western District.—Practice,
St. Andrew's, Chippenham (8), Wed., April 15,
7.30 p.m., by kind invitation of the local
ringers. Members and friends welcome.—B. J. 8601

Lancashire Association.—Joint Preston and Lancaster Branch meeting, St. Hilda's, Bilsborrow, Sat., April 11. Please bring own food, cups of tea provided.—R. Barnes, Asst. Branch 8588

St. George's Church, Beckenham, Kent .-All future correspondence, please, to S. A. Nicholls, 1 The Knoll, Beckenham, BR3 2JH; Tel.: 01-650 1626 (previous tower captain, Mr. P. W. Cave). 8584

Leicester Diocesan Guild. - Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, on Sat., April 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen.

Leicester Guild. — Melton and Syston Districts.—Joint meeting at Gaddesby, Sat., April 18. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, etc., in the Village Hall. Queniborough bells in the evening. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Hall, 2 Ashby Road, Gaddesby (Tel.: G. 294), by April 16, please.—S. N. Hall, Melton Dis. Sec. 8592

National Guild of Police Ringers. — South Western District.—Annual general meeting at Taunton, Sat., April 18. Ringing: St. James', 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 4.15-5.15; Trull, 6.45-7.45; St. George's, Wilton, 7.45-9. Own arrangements for tea, please. Meeting 6.15 p.m., Police Training School, Cannonsgrove. 8585

Norwich Diocesan Association. — Eastern Branch.—Surprise/general 8- and 10-bell practice, Beccles, Wed., April 15, at 7.15 p.m.—N.C. 8598
Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M., April 18. Ringing, Deddington (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea.—J. Pratley, 5 New Street, Deddington, 8602

Oxford Diocesan Guild .- Chiltern Branch .-

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Chiltern Branch.—Annual general meeting, April 18. Little Missenden bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to A. J. White, 98 London Road, Aston Clinton, Aylesbury, Bucks (Tel.: A.C. 8109), by Mon., April 13, please. 8581 Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual general meeting at Wootton, Sat., April 18. Bells (6) available 2.30-4 p.m. Service 4. After meeting, ringing to take place at Tackley (6), 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. R. Venn, Kimberley, Wootton, Woodstock, Oxford, by April 15.—E. R. V. 8583 E. R. V

Suffolk Guild. — S.W. District. — Surprise Minor practice, Preston St. Mary, Wed., April 15, 7.30 p.m. Methods: London, Cambridge. Norwich.

AN APOLOGY

I have been informed that Marcus Sherwood and Margaret Ellwood are not engaged. I regret that I was mis-informed and desire to apologise to informed and desire to applogise to them for any embarrassment that might have arisen from this much-regretted footnote to a peal rung at Chorlton, Manchester, and published in The Ringing World of April 3, 1970, on page 257.—C. L. D. Munday. 8586

SPALDING PARISH CHURCH
TULIP TIME FESTIVAL
Saturday, May 9:
FLOWER PARADE DAY
Tower open; bells available from midday.
Sunday, May 10, at 3 p.m.:
HANDBELL CONCERT
given by the Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers.
Flower bells available midday to 3 p.m. and

Tower bells available, midday to 3 p.m. and after concert till 6.30 p.m. Evensong. Refreshments served all day in Church Hall.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ilchester Branch)

(coinciding with the FLORAL AND MUSIC WEEKEND at ST. CATHERINE'S, MONTACUTE, SOM.)

On April 17, 18 and 19, 1970

(with special features in The Ringing World of April 17)

The following towers will be available for ringing as under:

Friday, April 17.—6.30-7.30 p.m.: Stoke-sub-Hamdon (6), Odcombe (6), Montacute (6).
7.30-9 p.m.: Haselbury Plucknett (6), East Chinnock (A/C 5), East Coker (8), Hardington Mandeville (6).

Saturday, April 18.—12 noon-2 p.m.: High Ham (5), Pitney (5), Langport (6). Kingsbury Episcopi (6), Drayton (8). 2-4 p.m.: Huish Episcopi (8), Long Sutton (6), Kingsdon (6), Ilchester (5), Chilton Cantelo (5). 4-6 p.m.: Yeovil (10). 4-7 p.m.: Mudford (5), Trent (6), Preston Plucknett (6), Montacute (6), Tintinhull (5). 7-9 p.m.: Ash (6), Martock (8). South Petherton (8), Norton-sub-Hamdon (6), Chiselborough (5), West Coker (8).

For further details apply branch ringing master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, 4 South Street,

For further details apply branch ringing master, Mr. Gordon Rendell, 4 South Street, Montacute (Martock 2329), or hon. secretary, Mrs. M. M. Legget, Coker Hill, West Coker (West Coker 208).

[Notices continued overleaf

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AND ARTS

May 2 and 3
Bells available 4-5 and 6-7 p.m.

Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall.

(Names to N. Chaddock, 11 Springdale Road,
Market Weighton, by Friday, April 24.)

Handbell ringing (changes and tunes).

Entertainment. Open gardens.

Eucharist 9.30 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m., Sunday.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Church Stretton District.—Practice meeting, Pulverbatch, Sat., April 18. Bells (6) 5.30 p.m.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for
April 9, 1920

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise
Royal in Surrey was rung at Croydon,
and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston entertained the ringers before and after the peal.

There were seven first peals of Treble Bob Royal at Bromsgrove conducted by

George Pigott.

Miss V. Shorter rang the treble for a peal of Plain Bob Major at Epsom, conducted by R. Lathbury.

ducted by R. Lathbury.

Three new bells to make a ring of six were dedicated at Breaston, Notts, by Canon Field, of St. Mary's, Nottingham.

An ornamental oak casement with glass panel door was unveiled in the belfry of St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, to be used for peal cards recording local efforts achieved.

A record number (180) attended the Henry Johnson Dinner at Birmingham, when Canon Gorse Hodge was in the chair.

A quarter of Grandsire Double on hand-

A quarter of Grandsire Double on handbells was rung by Edward Webb (11) 1-2, C. H. Webb 3-4, H. Webb (14) 5-6.
Date touches (1920 changes) were rung at Perry Barr (Grandsire Triples), Cuck-

field (Bob Major) and Penwortham (Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob Minor).

25 YEARS AGO April 6, 1945

The leading article suggested that ringers should approach the question of competitive ringing with open minds and as free from prejudice as possible.

At Leeds, Kent, four members of the Dobbie family took part in a peal of Stedman Caters conducted by J. E. Spice.

William A. Theobald and Stanley E. Cook rang their first peal of Grandsire Triples at Soberton.

A peal of Stedman Cinques in hand at the Tamworth Arms, Birmingham, was umpired by Albert Walker. Ringing was resumed at Leytonstone following repairs necessary from damage

during the war.
At the Irish Association A.G.M. Mr.

Fred E. Dukes was elected hon. secretary and was also presented with a brief case from the St. George's Society in appreciation of his work.

A letter from A. Ballard gave details of some continental bells he had explored during his service with P.L.A. in Holland and Germany.

At St. James' Church, Southbroom, Devizes, five of the six ringers rang their first of Minor, conducted by J. S. Weeks.

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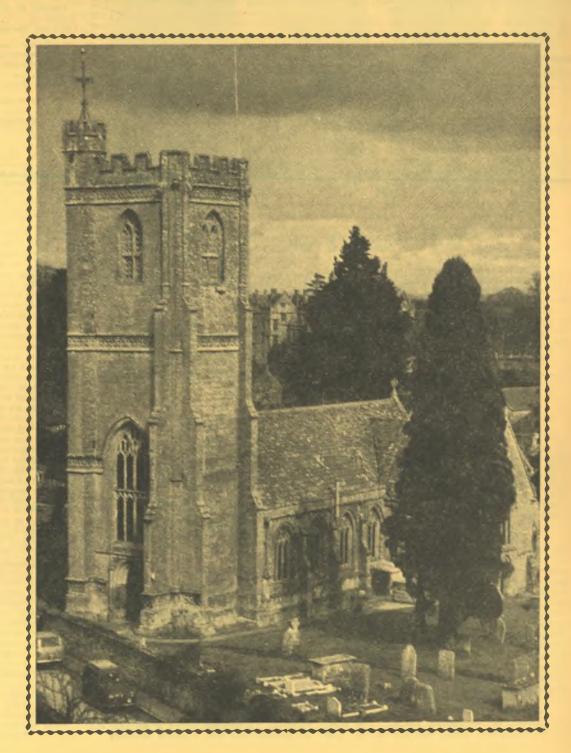
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St. Catherine, Montacute, Somerset

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St. Catherine. Montacute

THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE. built entirely of local Ham stone, probably stands on the site of an earlier one, but the pre-Norman church has entirely disappeared. We are told it became a place of pilgrimage which necessitated a larger church in Norman times. This church no doubt consisted of a nave, separated from a chancel by the present Norman arch. The Norman arch, now built into the north wall, may have been an order of one of the doors of this church, and carved stones of the same period may be seen built into the structure of the present church.

Late in the 13th century the chancel of this church was lengthened and transepts added north and south, and a little later the north porch with its parvis was built, the latter now being the organ loft. The chancel is about 3 degrees out of alignment with the nave, and although a relatively small amount it is distinctly noticeable from the west end. We are given to understand that the sun rises through the east window on St. Catherine's Day. November 25, but the number of times St. Catherine's Day dawns clear and bright are so few it is difficult to be certain.

In the 15th century the nave may have been lengthened and perhaps rebuilt. Windows of the period were inserted, a tower was added at the west end and the porch connected with the north transept by a small vaulted inner porch. In recent times a vestry has been added to the south side of the chancel and a door made in the south transept.

The tower is not as ornamental as some Somerset towers, its pinnacles having apparently been removed at some time before 1700 and its height is now only 85 feet.

The lower bands of quatrefoils on the south side of the tower were chiselled off about 1790 by the sons of the Rev. William Langdon so that they could play fives between the buttresses.

BELL DETAILS

The details of the bells are as follows:— Treble.—Mears and Stainbank founders London. To the glory of God. 1837 Victoria 1901. 7-3-7. 2' 11".

2nd.—First I call to wake you all. domini 1619 TE GC. 9 cwt. 3' 3rd. — Geeve thankes to God. Anno domini 1610. 11 cwt. 3' 3".

4th.—Hee that heareth mee to sound let him alwais praies the Lord. 1614. 13 cwt. 3' 6".

5th.—Thomas Mears and Son of London. Fecit recast 1810. Mr. John Wilton Churchwarden. 16 cwt. 3' 10". Tenor.—Anno domini 1733. William Knight Bellfounder. 23 cwt. 4' 3".

C sharp.

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th were cast by Robert Wiseman, of Montacute, and probably the original 5th and tenor as well. The Wiseman family were casting bells in Montacute from 1589 until at least 1681, and before them there was the much earlier foundry of Thomas Hey, on two of whose bells at West Chinnock and Pitney we find the in-scription in old English: "Sancta Katerina de Monte Acuto." The tenor was cast by William Knight, of Closworth, and is decorated with Perdue's frieze ornaments and bears the initials of Edward and Elizabeth Phelips, of Montacute House. The cost, including new wheel, was £23 4s. 6d. The

fact that there was already a fifth bell is borne out by details in the churchwardens' borne out by details in the churchwardens' accounts of that year stating: "Expenses for taking down the great bell and weighing same 3/3" and "Paid Bilbie for coming here about takeing the bell 5/-" It cost them 1s. to fetch it from Closworth and another 1s. to hang it. The new frame made at South Petherton cost £14 4s. 5d., including fitting and night new horses including fitting and eight new brasses (bearings) £3 12s.

There is no mention in the accounts of the recasting of the present 5th in 1810, probably the whole cost being paid by John Wilton, churchwarden, living at the Abbey at Montacute, and no record of the original date of the bell.

The treble was added in 1901 to the memory of Queen Victoria, Mr. William Robert Phelips, of Montacute House, being mainly responsible for raising the £240 4s 8d. needed, and the oak frame still in use and in excellent condition was made by Harry Stokes, of Woodbury, Devon, out of timber cut from the Phelips estate.

In 1948 Jack Farthing introduced changeringing, and with Hugh Cannon and "Nor-rie" Jones raised the necessary £272 17s. 6d. (!) to have the bells rehung on roller bearings by Mears and Stainbank in the same year. The current aim is to have the bells rehung again, at a lower level, to reduce the movement of the tower (which is quite considerable and makes good striking difficult) and to add two trebles.

Not surprisingly there have been only four peals recorded — one of Cambridge, one of Plain Bob Minor, one of Grandsire Doubles and one of Mixed Doubles.

GORDON W. RENDELL.

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Many ringing friends who attended the annual meeting at Folkestone on Easter Monday will be very sorry to hear that Mr. George Kenward, of Sittingbourne, who was present with the Rochester District at this meeting, is now very ill in the Medway Hospital, Gillingham, from a stroke. All his friends wish him a speedy recovery.

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Bicester, Oxon.

(Dedicated to the tower master, St. Catherine's, Montacute, Somerset, by M. M. L.)

I know of a curious fellow Who works with old pieces of wood All ancient and broken and precious, And he lives in a house that is good

And when he's not thinking of timber He thinks of six bell ropes instead: All verdant and silver and golden As many good bell ropes are made,

He rings great bells in churches and chapels For service, for living and dead, And the sun through the windows makes dapples All verdant and golden and red.

Now the bells in his tower were precious. As dear to the man as his wood, All ancient, majestic and gracious In calling to church—as they should

The man he took ale in the village, And jingled his money and keys, And he said. "You can have all the glory But give me my timber-and these.

So he dreamed up a beautiful method To all the old craftsmen of yore Who had given their earthly donation And entered the heavenly door.

It told of such ordinary ringers, All eager and hopeful and proud, Of their service in God's holy calling For Worship, the Bride, and the Shroud.

The people all smiled when they heard it And the man he was grinning like fun. While the great bronze bell mouths on their bell [wheels Were settling to rest, with a hum,

So the man he stood still in the belfry, With the silly old world rushing by, As he gazed at the ropes' ends and tuftings-Sweet music came down from the sky.

Where the angels from all the church windows Looked down through the heavenly floor, With the spirits of all the old ringers Who had entered their spiritual door;

And they taught him new secrets of ringing With sallies, green, silver and gold, And the methods will live on for ever In towers so ancient and old.

To all you who sit by the fireside When you ought to be "there" on your knees, Just heed to the great bronze bells calling And be grateful for ringers like these.

ALTERNATIVE ENDING for more realistic people! Just heed to the great bronze bells calling And come-though it's going to freeze,

(With humble apologies to Sir Alfred Munnings. K.C.V.O., P.P.R.A.)

Leeds Society's Final Dinner

The Society had its final fling on March 7, when an excellent dinner was enjoyed by over 70 members and friends at St. Chad's new Parish Centre, Far Headingley, Prior to the dinner a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the bells at St. Chad's by a band which included seven past and present officers and which was conducted by Mr. William Barton, a veteran of the Society.

After the meal the Society's president, Mr. Robin Brown, welcomed the guests, including the president, secretary and treasurer of the Yorkshire Association and their wives. He read out a list of seven peals and 19 quarters which had been rung at towers in the area as a final tribute to the Society, and especially mentioned the peal of Plain Bob Major at Guiseley, in which Mr. Dyson Scargill rang his first peal at the age of 67.

CLAPPERS TURNED

Mr. Barton, who joined the Society around 1914, was the chief speaker, and from his wealth of experience he reminisced about the Society and its personalities in the years between the wars. One incident which caused much mirth was on the occasion of a meeting at Pudsey, when on raising the bells in peal the tenor went up the wrong way, as was its wont when raised by strangers. One of the young Pudsey ringers was sent up to turn the tenor clapper, but instead of doing so he left it alone and quietly turned the clappers of all the other bells. The resultant striking had to be heard to be believed and it was not until the youth collapsed laughing that it was realised what he had done.

Mr. Barton paid special tribute to Harry Lofthouse and Tom Strangeway, who both played an invaluable part in the life of the Society. Finally he wished Mr. Brown and the new branch of the Yorkshire Association every success, and said the dinner marked the end of one era and the start

of another.



A photograph taken at Leeds and District Society dinner at St. Chad's Parish Centre, Headingley, on March 7, 1970. Left to right: Ronald R. Warford (ringing master), William Barton, Robin Brown (president), Robert Cater (secretary), Mrs. Stella M. Brown, Mrs. Margaret Warford, Mrs. Gail Cater.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley, president of the Yorkshire Association, reiterated what Mr. Barton had said, and proposed the toast of "The Leeds and District Branch of the Yorkshire Association."

The dinner was brought to a close by the presentation of an engraved tankard, which had been donated to the Society/Branch as

a prize for the annual striking competition. The president presented the tankard to Mr. W. F. Moreton, captain of the Wakefield Cathedral band, who first won the competition in 1968. It is to be later presented to 1969's winners. Chapel Allerton, for their retention until the next competition in the autumn.

RECTOR LEAVES SEVENOAKS

Canon E. M. T. McLellan has left Sevenoaks Parish Church to take up the chaplaincy of the British Embassy church in Paris

His outstanding ministry in Sevenoaks began in December, 1954, and ended on Easter Sunday, 1970. A peal was rung on Easter Day by six of the local band assisted by the brothers Phillip and Peter Butler, who were previously attached to the church.

During Canon McLellan's time the church was greatly restored from a fire which had destroyed the roof. The last part of the restoration comprised the recasting and rehanging in a new metal frame of the eight bells, resulting in a fine

new ring.

The rector welcomed the Kent County
Association to its annual general meetings
in 1957 and 1969 and there have been many
meetings of the East Grinstead Guild and
Tonbridge District meetings as well as
the Ladies' Guild, at all of which visiting
ringers have been assured of a warm
welcome. One particularly pleasant occasion was a meeting by special invitation
to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths
in honour of 60 years' membership by
Percy Turley, the oldest member of the
Sevenoaks band.

PILTON BELLS REDEDICATED

On Friday, March 20, the bells of Pilton, near Barnstaple, were rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton. The church was well filled with a large congregation, among whom were many ringers. During the service the captain of the tower requested the Bishop to rededicate the bells anew to the service of God, and the Bishop then handed the bells into the vicar's safe keeping.

At the reception in the church hall afterwards the members of the bell restoration committee were congratulated in raising the necessary funds in just over a year.

The bells have been partially restored on two or three occasions during this century but at last a full scale restoration has taken place. An entirely new frame with new ringing fittings has been provided and the work carried out in first-class fashion by John Taylor and Co. In a letter read at the reception after the service the Rev. J. G. M. Scott congratulated the people of Pilton on restoring this magnificent ring of bells in such a thorough manner.

At the ringing after the service the bellfounders were complimented on the greatly improved "go" and tone of the bells and their excellent clappering.

BELL DETAILS

1: 2ft. 7½in., Taylor, 1853, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb., D. 2: 2ft. 8½in., Taylor, 1853, 6-1-12, C sharp. 3: 2ft. 10½in., Taylor, 1853, 6-3-13, B. 4: 3ft. ½in., Taylor, 1853, 7-2-21, A. 5: 3ft. 4in., Rudhall, 1712, 11-3-15, G. 6: 3ft. 6½in., Taylor, 1853, 11-3-15, F sharp. 7: 3ft. 10½in., Rudhall, 1712, 17-0-1, E. 8: 4ft. 4½ins., Rudhall, 1712, 23-2-25, D.

The inscriptions on the Taylor bells are interesting, as they were cast soon after the arrival of John Taylor at Loughborough. One bell proclaims that the founders had just won the best prize at the 1851 Great Exhibition, another that the founders were "late of Buckland Brewer, near Bideford, Devon," and yet another that the bell was the gift of Robert Chichester, of Hall, Pilton. It was Robert Chichester who persuaded John Taylor to leave Oxford and set up his foundry at Buckland Brewer for a short while before moving to Loughborough. Now the bells have been put back into first-class order by their original founders.

Sussex County Association.

SOCIAL EVENING Members of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association recently converged on St. Mary's, Eastbourne, for an evening of merrymaking. Nearly 60 ringers enjoyed the games and dances, and admired the lucky number prize—a cake with a large county badge atop in blue and white icing, complete with "yer ackand white icing, complete with "yer ack-shul Sussex Martlets." The cake was won by Miss Joan Hebden, of the local band.

Although the small number of over 30's were conspicuously absent from the Virginia Reel, several were to be seen shuffling across to the refreshment table, or trying to avoid paying their forfeits in "Penny in the Bucket." The story fictitious outing read by the M.C. The story of a H. Reynolds) raised guffaws, and the answer to the musical game turned out to be the traditional lemon.

The evening finished with "Auld Lang Syne" in time for those from outlying districts to reach their homes at a respectable hour

DEVON RINGERS' TOUR

A number of members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, under the leadership of Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, held the first tour of the year on March 21, when East Devon and Dorset were visited. Among those present were Mrs. V. Stephens, Mr. D. J. Roberts and daughters. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Myers and family, Messrs. G. J. Roberts, G. E. Mudge, A. Pullen, J. N. Steere, A. N. Frost and S. C. Pierce. Two visitors who joined after tea were Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lee, of Bradford-on-Tone, Somerset.
Ringing was enjoyed at Shute, Bridport,

Bradpole, Netherbury, Beaminster, Broadwindsor, Yarcombe and Offwell. Lunch was at Netherbury and tea at Chard.

Thanks were expressed to the organiser for the arrangements made. A. L. B.

West Notts Association

A BORDER ASSOCIATION

Visitor were present from Bredbury (Cheshire), Stockport, Wakefield, Barrowon-Soar and Chapel-en-le-Frith when the East Derby and West Notts Association held its A.G.M. at North Wingfield on Easter Monday. In pre-service ringing the range of methods was from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. A short service was conducted by the Rev. N. Joyce and this was followed by tea and the business meeting.

Many matters were discussed at the somewhat lengthy meeting, during which the following officials were elected: President, Mr. A. Smithson; hon, secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. J. Sollis; ringing master, Mr. W. Riley.

The Guild of Clerical Ringers had their week earlier this month. Those attending were: The Revs. N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), K. C. Davis (Tadley), S. M. Evans (Bredgar), J. B. T. Homfray (Staverton), R. Keeley (Whiteparish), R. N. Longridge (Spetisbury), R. C. Lucas (Rumney), C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton), M. C. C. Melville (Bedford), P. Newing (Tibberton), I. J. Richards (Llanarth), P. T. Robbins (Charing), D. Sansum (Stetchford), J. Shepheard-Walwyn (Westleigh), R. D. St. J. Smith (Darley Dale), R. W. Thomas (Newport, Mon.), J. Tomsett (Wells), H. F. Warren (Exford), E. W. Wood (Drayton).

Durham and Newcastle Association REVIVAL AT HURWORTH

After being silent for several years the six bells of Hurworth Parish Church, Co. Durham, are ringing again, for a strong local band has been formed, starting from scratch. The bells are rung for Sunday services and most of the ringers are making good progress with Plain Bob.

The Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association met there on March 21 and spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening in spite of rain. Between 30 and 40 were present. Local ringers had provided a splendid tea, for which they were thanked in characteristic fashion by Mr. William Tyson, who managed to include in his remarks an ingenious theory about the origin of the clerical collar!

Thanking the rector and wardens for the use of the bel's, Mr. R. Park recalled the days before the war when Hurworth had a band proficient in Surprise Minor, and

expressed hopes for the future.

At the service the rector (Rev. Leonard Piper) gave the visitors a warm welcome. and quoted from a parish magazine of the 1880s in which the then rector wrote of the reed for rehanging the bells—at a cost of £56. Organist for the service was one of the Hurworth band, Mr. Emlyn Warder. who is the church organist.

OLD MEMBERS' TOUR

Former members of St. John's College. York, and friends spent a pleasant halfday's reunion ringing tour in Leicestershire on April 2. Towers visited were Copt Oak (a light, easy-going ring of six), Newtown Linford (a recently augmented fivenow six-rung from the ground floor). and Anstey (where a quarter peal in 39 minutes was rung on the easy-going groundfloor eight), with, after tea and the rushhour traffic of Leicester, a ring on the eight at Enderby. Ringing ranged from call changes to Cambridge Surprise Major. Next year it is hoped to reinstate the idea of an Easter Week tour, possibly based in the Yorkshire dales. M. K.

PEAL AT KIRKBY STEPHEN

The recent peal at Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland, was the first on the bells since 1933. There have only been three peals—Grandsire Triples (1930), Superlative S.M. (1933), and now Bob Major (1970). Peals are not normally allowed due to the tower being situated in the town centre, but an exception was made on Easter Monday, and the tower captain (Mr. A. G. Morland) and the vicar (the Rev. N. B. Scott) had warned the parishioners and shopkeepers before the peal began. The bells form a pleasant ground-floor ring but they have an extremely long draught. K. M.

JOSEPH PIGOTT

As briefly recorded recently, Mr. Joseph Pigott died in February in his 90th year. The Pigotts and the Holbrooks were the mainstay of ringing at Smethwick and the families became entwined by marriage, but the ringing tradition did not continue, although one member of this generation belongs to the St. Mary's, Bletchley, band.

Mr. Pigott is survived by his widow but leaves no children. Of the original team there remains Walter Pigott, now 83, and Mrs. Kate Holbrook (nee Pigott). Sarah Pigott, also an original member, died last year. There must be few who reach their 90th year and can remember the time when a whole team comprised virtually one

Bath and Wells D.A.

THREE TOWERS

The llchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held their quarterly business and practice meeting at the parish churches of East, West and Middle Chinnock on March 7. The ringers were welcomed by the rector, the Rev. A. P. Nicholls, who conducted the guild service at St. Mary's, East Chinnock, with Mr. A. Harris as organist and Mr. George Guppy tower master.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. J. Burt, T. Male, H. Drayton and Major Cely-Trevilian (Drayton), Messrs. R. W. Merritt, M. Turner, W. Bazley and W. Merritt (Ilchester), Mr. Roger W. Sharland (Hardington Mandeville), the Rev. M. Balchin (Chiselborough), David C. J. Marshall (Long Sutton). Certificates were presented to Misses Marion Martin and Rachel Chant (Preston Plucknett) and Misses Fiona Cumming and Elizabeth Dean (Odcombe).

Ringing on the 15 cwt. anti-clockwise minor five was under the supervision of the ringing master and assistant ringing master (Messrs. Gordon Rendell and Jim Taylor) and included Spliced Doubles. The bells of West Chinnock (4) and Middle Chinnock (3) were also available; at the former Oxford Minimus was rung.

The branch is grateful to the tower masters concerned and especially to the Rev. and Mrs. Nicholls, who provided welcome refreshments at the Rectory, Middle Chinnock, during ringing.

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES MEETING

After nearly 18 months during which it was feared that the Northern Universities grouping had died, a revival meeting was held around Manchester on March 7. The event, organised by the Manchester U.G., was arranged to coincide with their dinner to ensure adequate support. The attempt was successful, for seven other University societies were represented. Good wishes were sent from Keele (unable to attend).
Ringing started at Marple with Man-

chester in command, then Leeds took control for Hazel Grove and St. George's, Stockport. Numbers swelled after lunch and Sheffield had to do some skilful manoeuvring to ensure everyone had a ring in the small ringing chamber(s) of Hyde. Even St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, was packed to capacity, and provided ham. At St. Peter's, Ashton, where Dur-ham took command, there was a sizable queue on the stairs, but the peak was reached at Manchester Cathedral, where the ropes were lost in a welter of student ringers "standing in" rather than "sitting The crush was augmented by a disappointed peal band from the Town Hall; however, with Lancaster in charge everyone had at least one ring.

An informal discussion between the masters followed concerning the reorganisation of the Northern Universities, which is really an informal society. It was agreed that an attempt be made to arrange two meetings in advance on regular dates. each occasion the host society should be responsible for the organisation during the day and for a social evening. It was arranged for Liverpool to be host in October, and for Durham in March, 1971. Durham offered to provide a trophy for a striking competition, details of which will be discussed at the next meeting. Thanks to everyone for travelling their various distances to support the event. M. C. W. S.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

PRESENTATION MADE

The March meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held on March 21 at the Collingbournes, when there was not a very high attendance, due partly to sickness. Only two towers in the branch were represented (besides the home towers)—those of Aldbourne and Chisledon.

Ringing commenced at Collingbourne Ducis at 3 p.m. under the direction of Mr. A. Keen (ringing master) until the guild service, conducted by the rector (Rev. C. F. Kidd), with Mr. A. Keen as organist.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, the company being the guests of the Collingbourne ringers and was prepared and served

by Mrs. R. Ward and helpers.
Mr. C. Wilkins presided over the business meeting, supported by Mr. H. Rouse (hon. secretary.) The chairman gave a comprehensive report on the guild committee meeting held in February. Alterations to the published list of meetings had become necessary, and these were approved. The chairman welcomed Mr. F. Cook after his recent illness and expressed the meeting's regret at the absence, due to ill-health, of Mr. R. Ward and Mr. W. A. Edwards. Mr. G. Newman called for more action to be taken to preserve neglected belfries, and this was followed by a lively discussion.

The chairman, on behalf of the branch, presented Mr. Newman with a gift to mark his retirement from chairmanship after 15 years of faithful and valuable service, and Mr. Newman suitably replied. The meeting closed with thanks to the rector for the use of the bells, to the organist, and to the ladies' tea committee. In appreciation of the hospitality shown a collection was taken and given to the church repair fund. Ringing was then resumed on the heavier but lovely six at Collingbourne Kingston until 8 p.m. W. A. E.

Manchester University Guild. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 23rd annual general meeting of the Manchester University Guild was held on May 3. The ringing master in his report stated that there had been four outings during the year and he thanked Mr. David Baker for organising one in the Rochdale area. He also thanked Mr. John Baldwin for organising the week-end entertainment for the life members, and also included a list of 23 peals rung in 1969 for the guild and the analysis of the 103 firsts scored in these peals.

Mr. E. A. Harrison was re-elected president, Mr. N. Bennett hon. auditor, and Mr. M. C. W. Sherwood ringing master. Mr. W. M. Taylor is now secretary and Miss E. M. Tingle treasurer, with Mr. R. Taylor steeplekeeper. Mr. G. Foat was elected to the committee. Prior to the meeting Mrs. Mary Loren suggested that a meeting Mrs. Mary Jones suggested that a new post of peal secretary be created, and she kindly offered to fill such a post, and the A.G.M. concurred. H. M. McN.

Sheffield University Guild.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual general meeting of the University of Sheffield Guild was held on March 13, when the officers elected were: Chairman, Richard Fry; master/secretary, Phil Simmonds; assistant secretary, Margaret Whitehurst; assistant treasurer, Robin Padbury. It was agreed that the annual week-end outing should be to the Cotswolds and the week's tour to Cornwall.

ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH

This year, on St. Peter's Day, June 29, the 125th anniversary of the founding of St. Peter's, the mother church of Bournemouth, will be celebrated. To mark the occasion extensive work is being commenced to transform the large churchyard into a place of peace and beauty in the centre of the town. Other events include the production of "Murder in the Cathedral" on June 25, 26 and 27 and weekly concerts on Thursday evenings during July and August given by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and an open day for the tower is being planned. During July and August practice nights will be on Wed-

Hertford County Association.

COINT MEETING

A joint meeting was held at Radlett and Elstree on March 21 between the St. Albans District and the Watford District, and in addition to members a number of toddlers were present at Radlett in the afternoon. The Rev. A. Talbot-Ponsonby took the service and chaired the meeting which followed the tea in Radlett church hall.

A large gathering (minus the young contingent) assembled in the evening at Elstree, where mixed ringing continued until 8 p.m., and many enjoyed handbell ringing in the church. H.D.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild NORTHAMPTON BRANCH OFFICERS

At the annual general meeting held at Kingsthorpe the following members were elected to offices in the branch: president, Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner; vice-president, D. Isaacs; secretary/treasurer, R. Henman; auditor, R. A. Eldridge; Guild liaison officers, J. G. Chapman, B. R. Care; branch ringing master, D. J. Morgan; branch instructors, D. Robinson, J. C. Parker, C. G. Chiplin; public relations officer, Mrs. A. Henman.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL BELLS

The Dean of Peterborough (Very Rev. Dick Wingfield Digby) replies to Mr. Patrick Chapman's comments on the refusal of the Dean and Chapter of Peterborough Cathedral to discuss the ringing of the Cathedral bells in a letter to Guild News, the newsletter of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild

The Dean states: "Mr. Chapman made no mention of the fact that the great west front of the Cathedral, which is its chief glory, stands two feet out of the vertical, leaning out towards the Norman gateway. It has already been tied in with wooden beams by our forbears.

"In the present century a skilled engineering feat has been achieved by tying it into the north-west tower with metal ties. In these circumstances the Cathedral architect would not countenance ringing the bells, which are housed in this tower, as vibration could cause inevitable disaster. The risk is far too serious to be contemplated.

"It is only fair that bellringers should be informed of this cogent reason for our refusal to discuss the matter further with the Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.'

The Dean concludes his letter by reminding readers of the fine ring of bells in Peterborough Parish Church, which is situated a stone's-throw away from the entrance to the precincts.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild

HANDBELLS AT SERVICE

Twelve towers of the North Dorset Branch were represented at the quarterly meeting held at Okeford Fitzpaine on Mar. 14, when a hearty welcome was extended by the priest-in-charge (Rev. W. Eddleston), who spoke very kindly of his high opinion of ringers.

The branch chairman and vice-chairman (Revs. R. G. Chaffey Moore and R. A Wells) shared in conducting the service, the lesson was read by Mr. H. A. Stapleton (Shillingstone) and Mr. D. Greenway (Iwerne Minster) was at the organ. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Miss S. Corry, Messrs. T. Bleathman and C. Longridge and Rev. R. N. Longridge. The 41 members and friends present were then provided with a generous tea, for which the ladies of the parish were sincerely thanked.

Proficiency certificates were presented to Anita Trowbridge, Jill Ratcliffe and Nicola Meaden, all of Okeford Fitzpaine. junior members were elected — Gerald Puckett (Sturminster Newton), Geraldine Jackson (Shillingstone) and William Meaden (Okeford Fitzpaine)—and welcomed to the Guild by the chairman. Excellent progress in teaching new ringers at Sturminster Newton, Marnhull and Shillingstone was reported. Ringing before and after the meeting was at Okeford Fitzpaine and at Shillingstone. M. M. G. Shillingstone.

ST. LAWRENCE'S, BIDDULPH

Mr. W. S. Davenport sends us the fol-

"In the belfry ringing chamber of St. Lawrence Church, Biddulph, Staffs, there is an old notice in beautiful handwriting, pasted to a piece of cardboard Although it is dated August, 1904, and is somewhat faded, one can still read the message, which indicates the enthusiasm there was in this 6-bell tower with only eight ringers, that two had to be ordered off the bells each Sunday. Is this the outcome of an iron discipline or is it typical of the times?

"The Vicar was not responsible. His signature is in a very shaky scrawl, as of an old man.

Bell Ringers' Roster-Turns Off

1st Sunday in the month 1004 J. R. Burgess and Jonathan Cheetham October 1905 2nd Sunday in the month H. Whitehurst and John Worth January 3rd Sunday in the month W. Carter and S. Brindley April

4th Sunday in the month J. Cottrell and H. Lightfoot

When five Sundays in the month which occurs four times in the year then each of the above pairs takes their turn off in the order

 Marks always to be given when present, whether on duty or not.
 In case of absence, notice always to be given in good time to the Sexton, by those on duty.

Any one on duty coming late loses his bell, if another is product.

Biddulph. August 1904.

D. Brodie. Vicar. if another is present in time to take it.

St. Lawrence Church.

"There is a peal board dated December 15, 1903, showing that this band, minus Brindley and Lightfoot, rang 5040 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor in 2 hours 52 minutes, and College Single."

A SUGGESTION

Dear Sir, -- When shall we see an end to acrimony which taints the letters column of The Ringing World? In the whole, letters of bitterness and reproach should be addressed to the persons concerned and these columns reserved for letters of general interest to the Exercise.

Perhaps, in the interest of economy, once a month you would leave a quarter page blank; then would-be irate scribes can vent their epistolic emotions at home without wasting The Ringing V precious finances. Yours faithfully, World's

AN APOLOGY

Dear Sir,—The dedication of a handbell peal of Plain Bob Minor rung for the Manchester University Guild, which was published in a recent edition of Ringing World, must appear to be an ex tremely spiteful trick. Needless to say, there was no such intention but it is not now the intention that matters. I, as a member of the band, would like to offer my sincere apologies, to all those who have been embarrassed, inconvenienced or even confused by this thoughtless action.—Yours faithfully,

HAMISH M. McNAUGHTON. Manchester.

MEMORIES

Dear Sir,-On page 243, "50 Years Ago March 26, 1920," you mention a meeting at Cound. Salop. I remember going over there on my motor-cycle and in the evening calling on my uncle, a farmer, living in the village. One of his men had a rather quaint saying, "There's a bit of a blur," regarding something which he happened to think was not quite perfect. "Well, your ringing was like that," remarked my uncle, "it had a bit of a blur!"

The bells were rehung about five years later: previously they had the long-flighted clappers, big wheels and old flat rope rollers, fitted by Rudhall a couple of hundred years before.—Yours faithfully,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Prees Green, Salop.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TOM AND MARGARET FRANCIS

Dear Sir,-There must have been many friends of Tom and Margaret Francis who were unable to attend the funeral service which was held at North Stoneham. A memorial service has, therefore, been arranged at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, May 16, at 3.30 p.m., when the address will be given by Rev. Canon K. W. H. Felstead. It is hoped that as many of their friends as possible, not only members of this Society, will be able to attend on this occasion

It is hoped to provide tea afterwards, and it would be appreciated if numbers of people intending to be present could be sent to me to enable the necessary catering arrangements to be made. - Yours faithfully,

DEREK E. SIBSON, Master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. 15 Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Sir,-In recent issues there have been a number of letters published making various proposals for increasing the income of The Ringing World. Since the beginning of this year I have produced a schedule of peals and quarter peals published, together with dona-tions appearing in your Gratefully Acknow-

ledged column.

I hope the following facts and figures may be of interest to your readers. It is not my intention to enter into lengthy correspondence either for or against donations from peal ringers or quarter peal ringers but merely to report the facts as I see them. My figures have been based on 12 issues, commencing with 9.1.70 and ending with 27.3.70, i.e., the first quarter of 1970.

Totals published Donations acknowledged

934 149 (£37 4s. 3d.) Peals H B neals 1,069 620 (£131 0s. 3d.)

Quarter peals Quarter peals 1.069 620 (£131 0s. 3d.)
Thus it will be seen that approximately
15-952% of published peals and approximately
57-998% of published quarter peals have sent
donations towards the cost of producing The
Ringing World. The total subscribed over this
period amounts to £226 10s.,

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Out of this total approximately 16.432% can be credited to peals, approximately 57.854% to quarter peals and 25.531% to personal donors.

Peals have been counted individually, whereas for quarter peals only the name in heavy type has been counted, although I realise that very often there are several quarters published under the one place name. For the amounts donated I have counted the amount

amounts donated I have counted the amount as one only per place name, although once again this may cover several quarters.

It is really amazing how small amounts mount up, and I am a firm believer in the saying "Look after the pence and the pounds will look after themselves." Being optimistic, and assuming the level of donations is maintained at the present rate, The Ringing World could expect to achieve in the region of £900-£1.000 during 1970. However, this could be £1,000 during 1970. However, this could be increased even more if more participating ringers sent a small donation when submitting

peal and quarter peal reports.

If we took an average of all peals (tower and handbell) and quarter peals based on six, alternatively eight, bells being rung with each ringer contributing 6d., the figures stated above would give the following results:

38. £ s. d. 140 2 0 160 7 0 s. d. 934 peals 186 16 0 1.069 quarter peals 160 7 0 121 H.B. peals . 18 3 0 213 16 24 4 0

£318 12 0

£424 16 0

When compared with the £226 10s. would mean an additional £92 2s. or £198 6s. per quarter, giving additional financial support to the paper to the tune of approximately £400-£800 over and above the estimated total

Some ringers will immediately say that I have overlooked their other financial commitments, but I am fully aware of peal booking fees, etc., and I know that each Association. Guild, ringing Society has its own rules and regulations to adhere to as well as its own funds to which ringers are expected to contri-bute from time to time. Having said this and without levelling any

criticism at any one particular section of the ringing fraternity, might I end by saying that I shall be continuing this exercise until the end of the year, by which time it will be interesting to see if any additional financial support has been given to The Ringing World Committee towards producing our excellent weekly paper.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD J. CANN. Solihull, Warks.

KIDDERMINSTER S. MAXIMUS

Dear Sir, The peal of Kidderminster Surprise Maximus was brought round by calling a single at Wrong in the 10th course and then ringing two changes of Yorkshire. The difference in the two methods in those two changes was in the work of the back five bells at the backstroke change.

Before the peal was sent to The Ringing World the details were sent to Mr. F. T. Blagrove, who is a member of both the Methods and Records Committees of the Central Council.

With regard to the last sentence in Mr. Pollard's letter, peals of 5042 changes appear to be possible in this type of method. Mr. Blagrove in his reply pointed out that if additional bobs had been called at 9 in the 8th course and at 8 in the 9th course with a single at 6 in the 10th the bells would have come round two changes later to give 5042. The whole of the peal would have had to be proved, of course.-Yours faithfully.

J. E. CAWSER.

Lichfield, Staffs.

HON. AUDITORS

Dear Sir,-I am surprised to find that a number of guilds include the hon, auditor on their committee

Since the function of the auditor is to examine, on behalf of the members, the accounts submitted by the committee he should not be on that committee. Even the Central Council manages to swell its numbers by including the auditors on its already top-heavy committee.

already top-heavy committee.

Now that the season of A.G.M.'s is upon us it should be possible to correct these little anomalies.—Yours faithfully,

J. K. FOOT.

Staverton, Northants.

GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from Edgar C. Shepherd (Ringing World, March 27, 1970), the quarter peal compositions of Grandsire Caters published recently are mine. They were composed for use by the band which rings monthly at St. Clement Danes' under the leadership of Mr. John W. Smith, of Hayes, Kent. The typographical errors mentioned are in fact the only ones.

May I be permitted to echo the remarks of Mr. Shepherd concerning the musical qualities of Grandsire Caters? I was "brought up" on it and it remains my preferred staple diet!—Yours faithfully,

KENNETH J. RIDER.

London, S.E.

UNKNOWN VISITOR

From the tower captain of Keynsham:-"The Keynsham ringers would like to apologise to the lady who visited them on Sunday morning, March 22. Because of a misunderstanding each assumed she was a non-ringing friend of one of the band who had come to watch; hence she was not offered a ring. Later it was discovered that our visitor was unknown to any present, and if she is a ringer we are sorry for our apparent rudeness. If the lady is in the vicinity again we shall be very pleased to welcome her and rectify our error."

Smile-nothing matters half as much as we think it does.-Anon.

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"WINCHIE"-90 UP!

Born on Palm Sunday, 1880, Mr. Alfred H. Winch, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and affectionately known as "Winchie," chalked up his 90th birthday on Palm Sunday, 1970, which he tells us is the first time the anniversary has fallen on Palm Sunday in those 90 years. He is, we are delighted to know, in pretty good health and his ever-cheerful personality and rubicund complexion still

His peals total 351 (conducted 44), the first being in 1902 and his last in 1960. He has taken the R.W. since the first issue on March 24, 1911, is a member of many Societies and Associations, including the Cumberlands and the Guildford Guild. being a vice-president of the latter.

Although he gave up active ringing in 1963 he has attended many meetings and outings since then.

A birthday complimentary peal of Cambridge S. Royal on March 21 came to grief. which was a great disappointment to all. particularly as many old friends comprised the team. They were Arthur Smith (Guildford Guild vice-president and Leatherhead ringer since 1929), Alan and Pauline Smith (Leatherhead), Joan Beresford (Cumberlands), Gillian Parsons, Roy Davies, Frank Darby (Surrey Association), Jack Euston, Douglas May (Guildford Guild master) and Leonard Stilwell, who has just celebrated his 80th birthday and whose first peal on ten "Winchie" conducted in 1909 and who conducted Winchie's last peal in 1960.

However, a quarter peal was rung next day by the local ringers.

After the peal attempt the band were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Winch and were joined by Mr. George Marriner, another veteran of Leatherhead and lifelong friend.

St. Mary's, Haves.

DEDICATION OF TOWER AND BELLS

A crowded church, among the congregation being many ringers from a wide area, witnessed the dedication of the restored church tower and the new eight bells which, as reported a few weeks ago, have been recast, the majority of the work by voluntary effort led by Mr. Percy Venn.

The Archdeacon of Middlesex (the Ven. J. R. G. Easthaugh) performed the ceremony, having been accompanied by the rector, other clergy, servers and choir, from the chancel to the tower. Following the dedication the bells were rung by the newly-formed local band and after the service everyone who wished had a pull. Both inside and outside, the bells sound very well and the fittings and appointments are beautifully executed and a credit to all concerned.

NOT ORDAINED

Mr. Philip Corby, of Sevenoaks, Kent, has fired many a broadside during his ringing career, but at the recent Kent County Association meeting the chairman, pro tem, referred to him as "Canon Corby"—not qualifying the title. The assembled company knew that Mr. Corby had not been ordained and assumed, amid laughter, that he was not only a vice-president but a big gun as well.

SMILE OF THE WEEK

My two sons were playing football and the elder of the two, Lance, tossed a coin for first "Kick-off" and asked Lynden (aged four years) to call "heads or tails." "Neitner," said Lynden, "I'll have rounds, queens and call changes!" M. B.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Will you observe the day?

If she is far away will you write to her? If she is beyond the veil will you remember her?

So wrote Miss Constance Penswick Smith, daughter of the late Rev. Charles Penswick Smith, of Coddington.

It was in 1913 that Miss Smith sought to revive the observance of Mothering Sunday. Not just as an occasion when one gave due honour and respect to human motherhood but to revive the pre-Reformation custom of giving honour at the same time to "Mother Church." From a book which she published en-

titled simply "Mothering Sunday" (1920) it is clear that her prime object was to promote the observance of this day as a religious festival.

Constance Penswick Smith is buried in Coddington Churchyard, and in the church an altar is dedicated to her memory. This close relationship with Mothering Sunday made the local ringers feel that a quarter

peal should be attempted, and 1260 Grandsire Doubles were duly rung for Evensong.

D. J. T.

VANDALS AT WORK
The secretary of St. Mary-at-Finchley, London, tells of incidents which occur during weekly practices: On practice night (March 12) jelly paint stripper was generously daubed all over the cars of three of the practising ringers, and sugar put in the petrol tank of one of them. This is not the first incident of this nature. Last year black paint was applied to the ringers' cars. No complaints have been made to any of the ringers about the bells, but at least one of the ringers has a great desire to ring a muffled peal for the person responsible!



The ringers and choir of Waltham, Grimsby, photographed at the dinner, which they pay for themselves by fund-raising efforts (R.W., page 240).

Quarter Peals

ALTON, HANTS, 1970 FESTIVAL

ALTON, HANTS, — On Feb. 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. Reed (first in method) 1, Miss A. Biddlecombe 2, Catherine Law 3, G. Noakes 4, A. Kersey 5, C. Chennell-White 6, R. Finch (cond.) 7, R. Corke 8 To welcome the Bishop of Southampton. Also on March 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline Read (first quarter) 1, Gillian Read (first inside) 2, T. S. Bowles 3, C. Chennell-White 4, D. Fox 5, B. Gambrill 6, D. Hughes (cond.) 7, D. Cross 8, 25th together 5 and 7. By an augmented band from Liss, Hants.

LISS, HANTS.—On March 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Eyre 1, Catherine Law (cond.) 2, Miss A. Biddleombe 3, G. Noakes 4, R. Finch 5, R. Corke 6, A. Kersey 7, A. Bone 8, By St. Lawrence, Alton, ringers.

HALF PEAL

ALTON, HANTS. — On March 1, 2560 Plain Bob Major: K. Sansom 1, Catherine Law (first half peal) 2, R. Reed (longest length) 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper (first in method) 5, B. Gambrill (first in method) 6. C. Chennell-White 7, R. Finch (cond.) 8.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On March 9, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 1, Linda V. Cull (first Surprise) 2, R J. Wilsher 3, G. P. Smerdon 4, C. Ricketts 5, K. A. Hugbes 6, D. A. R. May 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8,

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Mark's Church, on Feb. 22, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. R. Barker (first quarter) 1, Maureen P. Gardner (first inside) 2, D. J. Atkins 3, J. A. Foster 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, L. E. Foster 6. For Evensong. Also on March 8. 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. D. Barker 1, K. A. Hughes 2, Joan M. Kingdom 3, E. Morris 4, D. J. Atkins 5, F. Wreford 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, Linda V. Cull 8. Also on March 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: Linda V. Cull 1, C. Ricketts 2, Angela C. Hughes 3, K. A. Hughes 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, F. Wreford 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, M. R. Barker 8. To congratulate Frances and Martin Lock on the birth of a son: a birthday compliment to John N. Longridge.

EXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Feb. 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen Gardner (first quarter) 1, J. L. Anderson 2, D J. Atkins 3, Linda V Cull 4, R. J. Wilsher 5, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 6, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 7, J. N. Longridge 8.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On March 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. N. Longridge 1, C. P. Yates 2, Joan M. Kingdom (first in method) 3, Linda V. Cull 4, F. Wills 5, K. A. Hughes 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, M. R. Barker 8.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 25, 1280 Ken: T.B. Major: M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 1, Linda V. Cull 2, C. L. Barr 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, D. J. Atkins 5, K. A. Hughes 6, J. L. Anderson 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Angela M. Prideaux and James Haden.

PINHOE, DEVON.—On March 2, 1260 Doubles (seven m/v): Joan M. Kingdom 1, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 2, K. A. Hughes 3, Linda V. Cull 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, M. J. Barker 6.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On March 15, 1260 Stedman Triples: Irene Mayfield 1, A. R. Mann 2, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 3, E. Ashby 4, A. Wootton 5, R. Baldwin 6, J. R. Southey (cond.) 7, R. J. Moore 8. For morning service; also to commemorate the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Robert Runcie as Bishop of St. Albans.

ALDWICK, SUSSEX.—On March 15, 1272 Minimus (eight methods): M. Leclere 1, Ruth E. Halford 2, C. Renyard 3, P. Stevens 4. For Evensong.

ALLOA, CLACKS.—On March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Betty Wilson 1, Kathleen Aitchison (first inside) 2, Linda Robson 3, R. Aitchison 4, H. Glover (first as cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6. For morning service. First quarter by a local band.

ASH, SURREY. — On March 21, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Denyer (first quarter) (12.7) 1, Sheila Cragg (first inside) 2, E. Futcher (cond.) 3, Susan Levers (first quarter) 4, Marilyn Reay 5, Jennifer Sharpe 6. Average age 15 years 9 months. For the first day of spring.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On March 22, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Lynne Brookes 1, Andrea North 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, M. D. Barsby 4, R. I Kendrick 5, A. North (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also on March 29, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Cherrill L. Everard 1, M. D. Barsby 2, J. R. Perkins 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. Wilmore 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BASILDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 12, 1260 Doubles (five methods): G. Mason (cond.) 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, P. A. Cammiade 5-6. All aged 14 years. Most methods by all. Also on Jan. 19, 1269 Plain Bob Doubles: P. A. Cammiade 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (first agend.) 3-4, G. Mason 5-6. Also on March 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: G. Mason 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (cond.) 3-4, K. T. Bradley (first quarter) 5-6. Also on March 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. A. Cammiade 1-2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, S. Clarke (first quarter) 5-6. Also on March 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. A. Cammiade 1-2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Miss J. Manterfield (first quarter) 5-6. All by the Barstable School Society.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 10, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, Pl. Bob): Miss P. Andrews (first quarter) 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown 3, R. Coughlan (first as cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, Mrs. D. Coughlan (first quarter) 6.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On March 29, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Catherine Spicer (first quarter) 1, Julia Collinge 2, D. J. Stocker 3, P. R. Butler (cond.) 4, P. A. Butler 5, L. Hooper 6.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Feb. 24, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Christine A. Branch 1, Susan L. King 2, J. G. Flint 3, B. F. R. Mullins 4, A. H. Smith 5, D. G. Carr 6, Sheila I. Smith cover. To mark the consecration of the Bishop of St. Albans (Rt. Rev. Robert Runcie).

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On March 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. Prime 1, R. Hayden 2, P. Hunt (first in method) 3, K. Westwood 4, P. Glazebrook 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCS.—On March 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. L. W. Thomlinson 1, Susan M. Heath 2, Elaine M. Rolfe 3, F. Derry (cond.) 4, J. Draycott 5, D. E. Kirton 6. A birthday compliment to Susan M. Heath

BRAUGHING, HERTS.—On March 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M, Tott (first quarter) 1, K, Westwood 2, P. Glazebrook 3, R. Prime 4, W. Hunt 5, A. Richardson 6, L, Luck 7, G, Sole (first quarter) 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 7, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: R. Percy 1, Janet Percy 2, T. Barlow 3, R. Johnson 4, T. Williams 5, P. Wills (first S. Major) 6, P. Stevens 7, A. Baldock (first Cambridge Major as cond.) 8,

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At 24 Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, on March 19, 1260 PL Bob Minor: Rosemary Shearing 1-2, W. Perrins (cond.) 3-4, I. Saunders 5-6

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Stephen's Church, on March 28, 1264 Plain Bob Major: Gillian Cheshire 1, P. S. Philpott 2, M. Ostler 3, L. Huckstepp 4, D. G. Mitchell 5, J. Drage 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, D. L. Cawley 8. Rung prior to the wedding of Keith Triplow and Diana Winch, ringers at this church.

CHELSFIELD, KENT. — On March 29, 1440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: D. A. Bourner (first Minor) 1, Jane C. Seaman (first St. Clement's) 2, Felicity M. R. Mussell 3, Ann Blatcher 4, A. C. Chandler 5, R. W. Hinde (cond.) 6. For Easter.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On March 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Elaine McFadyen (first quarter) 1, Susan M. Wills 2, C. Renyard 3, P. M. Wills 4, P. Stevens (cond.) 5, M. Leclere 6. For Evensong. COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—On March 29, 1260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: C. Baker 1, A. Gibbons 2, C. Andrews 3, H. Millatt 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6, First in method 3 and 4. For Easter Evensong.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.—On March 24, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Glyn Maddock (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Richardson (first quarter) 2, S. Bracegirdle 3, A. C. P. Pugh 4, A. G. Lawrence 5, H. W. Howard (cond.) 6.

FROME, SOM.—On Jan. 31, 1504 Frome Surprise Major: D. C. Hawkins 1, P. H. D. Jones 2, R. E. J. Baker 3, W. S. Rice 4, P. J. W. Hardwick 5, R. W. Rice 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, D. G. Massey 8. First in the method by all except the conductor.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On Palm Sunday, 1260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain): R. Harrop (cond.) 1, O. Needham 2, V. Bowen 3, M. Paul 4, C. Tovell 5, E. A. Shipp 6. For Matins.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth M. Foreman 1, D. J. Gazeley 2, Sue Taylor 3, Dorothea M. Robotham 4, J. H. W. Smith 5, E. Edmundson 6, B. C. Watson (cond.) 7, P. Clarke 8, For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Turner, of Holloway.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Hazel Pady (first T.B.) 1, Dawn Colcombe 2, Pam Bird 3, Genebeth Webb 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. Webb 6, P. Henry 7, J. King (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, YORKS. — 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Elaine M. Sherwood (first quarter) I. Joan Gray 2, Carole Kean (first inside) 3, P. J. Carey (first as cond.) 4, R. Carey 5, N. W. Castle 6.

ILKLEY, YORKS.—On March 29, 1344 Plain Bob Major: V. M. Bean 1, I. Cox 2, G. Featherstone 3. R. Crabtree 4, P. Norman 5, R. M. Harker 6, D. Featherstone (cond.) 7, M. Hillary 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON,—On March 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. F. Judge (cond.) 1, C. P. Turner 2, C. Bennett 3, J. E. Judge 4, M. J. Turner 5, P. Franklin 6, T. P. Franklin 7, P. Sampson 8. Halfmuffled as a tribute to Edgar Bennett, a local ringer for many years, interred this day.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Easter Sunday. 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Dorothy Tate (first quarter) 1. Ann H. Whaley 2, D. E. B. Reed (first inside) 3, R. Whaley (first inside) 4, A. C. Walker (cond.) 5, Isabel Appleton 6, For Evensong.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Feb. 14. 1272 Oxford T.B. Minor: L. Walmsley 1, D. G. Lawson 2, Betty Palmer 3, R. Palmer 4, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 5, C. Crossthwaite 6. Also by the Sunday service band, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. Walmsley 1, J. Nelson 2, R. Crowe 3, J. D. Nixon 4, G. J. Mee 5, D. L. Marsden (first as cond.) 6. Prior to and following the induction of Rev. Ronald Hollinghurst to this parish.

LITTLE HORSTED, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21, 1260 Rev. Canterbury P.B. Doubles: J. M. Swift 1, Jacqueline Neal 2, D. Ramsay (first in method) 3, H. Reynolds 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', on March 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. S. Aldridge 1, A. Fulwell 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, A. M. Stacey 4, W. Oatway 5, M. Sprackling 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8, For service,

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On March 6, 1260 Minor (Cambridge, Pl. Bob): P. Carpenter 1, D. Smith 2, R. East (first Cambridge) 3, I. Peacock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

MARSTON, OXON.—On March 22, 1260 Shipways Place Doubles: Maureen A, Long 1, C, Smith 2, R, H, Jones 3, I, M, M, O'Reilly 4, L, R, Porter (cond., 100th quarrer) 5. First in method 2 and 4. For Palm Sunday

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On March 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Hall 1, Diane Osborne 2, Mrs. W. G. Callis 3, Diane Vickers 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, C. W. Partridge 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. J. Smith, over 50 years a local ringer.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.-On April 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Susan Rex (first on eight) 1, W Clamp 2, Mrs. Dorothy Day 3, J. Ward (first inside on eight) 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6, R. Manton (cond.) 7, W. Holmes 8. For Evensong on Easter Day; also a wedding compliment to Stuart Day (son of 3rd and 6th ringers) and Marjorie Locke, of Hambleton, Rutland

NETTLEHAM, LINCS. — On March 21, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss R. Wilson I, Miss S. Faull 2, Miss V. West 3, W. B. Booth 4, A. J. Sinden (cond.) 5, Miss R. Redden 6. Average age 14 years 10 months. Also on March 22, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. Sinden 1, A. J. Sinden (first Surprise inside) 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, M. H. Sinden 4, J. Millhouse 5, G. R. Parker (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS,-On March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Jennifer Smith 1, Ann Palmer (first Minor) 2, Dorothy M. Huggins 3, Jane Dando 4, J. Huggins 5, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 6, A. Hoskins (covering) 7. For Evensong, Also on March 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Palmer (first Triples) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, J. Huggins 3, R. Bavin (first Triples) 4, Jane Dando 5, A. Mason 6, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 7, A. Hoskins 8. For Evensong.

NORTH PERROTT, SOM. — On March 21, 1260

Doubles (12 methods): M. R. Arscott 1, A. F. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, J. Medway 4, M. A. Arscott 5, R. Shepherd 6. Also same day, 1320 Doubles (38 m/v): J. Medway 1, A. F. Arscott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. Shepherd 4, M. A. Arscott 5, M. R. Arscott 6

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On March 22 1264 Pl. Bob Major. Mrs. J. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Miss D. Burbidge 3, Mrs. C. Rolph 4, L. D. Duguid 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6, A. F. W. Burbidge 7, J Rolph 8. For Palm Sunday Evensong, and as birthday compliments to 3 and 5.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On March 21, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Cull (first quarter) 1, A. J. Slade 2, P. Cull 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, J. Culley 5, D. L. Cull

PUTNEY, S.W. - On March 22, 1280 Plain Bob Major: Zoe R. McMillan (first Major) 1, Ruby M. Myllys 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, Mary C. Knight 4. R. Harris 5, R. C. Jones 6, M. J. Bangham 7, C.

RAYNE, ESSEX.-On March 22, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): C. Gillingham 1, J. Green 2, F. Roper 3, R. Lindsell 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5. For Evensons

REDDISH, LANCS .- On March 17, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: Susan Brocklehurst (first T.B.) 1, M. Rigby 2, B. S. B. Kear 3, R. F. Andrew 4, M. Foulds 5, S. 1.

RINGWOOD, HANTS .- On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Duff 1, F. E. Collins 2, W. E. Cheater 3, E. Cork 4, W. T. Perrins 5, D. G. Andrews 6, A. Johnson (cond.) 7, G. E. Turner 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS .- At St. Peter's Church, on Easter Day, 1282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Dawn Owen 1, Elizabeth Forster 2, Frances Dodds (first of Yorkshire S. Royal) 3, Joyce M. Clarke 4, J. E. Ewer 5, T. C. Holland (first Surprise) 6, C. Forster (cond.) F. W. Ellis 8, T. J. Southam 9, H. V. Frost 10.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDDX.-On March 15, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Brock I. M. Bangham 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, C. H. Rogers 4, M. B. Tyers 5, J. F. Maybrey 6, A. G. Tyers 7, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 8. To congratulate the curate (Rev. R. V. L. Skrine) on his engagement to Miss J. M. Fletcher

SHABBINGTON, BUCKS.—On March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: E. F. Putt 1, Julie Tyler (first inside) 2, Christine Baker (cond.) 3. Hazel Baker (first inside) 4. A. D. Tyler 5. R. T. Corker 6.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX. - On March 13, 1440 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford T.B.): Ruth E. Halford 1, Anne M. Stevens 2, E. Winifred Keys 3, C. Renyard 4, P. M. Wills 5, P. Stevens (cond.) 6.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDX. - At Christ Church, on Palm Sunday, 1380 Pl. Bob Doubles: Diana, Whillock 1, C. Martin 2, Stephanie Green 3, W. C. G. Wainwright 4, D. Willcocks (cond.) 5, Deborah Whillock First quarter 1 and 6.

STAFFORD. - On March 22, 1280 Oxford T.B. Major: K. Daniels 1, F. Eley 2, Ruth Fairbrother 3, F. R. Wiggin 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6. E. R. Fairbrother 7, N. R. Holland (cond.) 8.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—On Feb. 7, at All Saints' Church, 1260 Doubles (ten m/v): G. Davis 1, J. M. Tyler 2, J. H. Bluff 3, F. E. Sismey 4, R. H. Daw 5. Conducting shared between 2, 3, 4 and 5,

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, H. Watts 3, P. Glazebrook 4, K. Westwood 5, T. Camp 6, W. Hunt, 7, D. Cheeseman 8. For Passion Sunday, and to mark the passing of Stansted centenarian Mrs. Elizabeth Goodey.

STEPNEY, E .- On March 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss L. Weedon I, H. G. Weedon 2, Miss J. Cain (first Minor inside) 3, R. Brown 4, A. Cuthbert 5, L, J. Fox (cond.) 6.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOM .- On March 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, J. Taylor 2, D. Beaufroy 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev C. J. B. Marshall 5, R. J. Hunt 6, A compliment to John Martin and Angela Berryman (step-daughter of the conductor), married in Stoke Church earlier in the

STOTFOLD, BEDS .- On March 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: D. W. Stirrup (first quarter) 1, Jane Martin 2. T. W. Groom 3, R. V. Webb 4, K. R. Webb 5, P Mehew (cond.) 6. For Evensong on St. David's Day. SWINDON, WILTS. - At Christ Church, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. New I, Mrs. J. Minchin 2, S. E. Mitchener (first Grandsire Caters) 3, Miss V. L Ballard 4, M. J. Stanley 5, E. Sutton (cond.) 6, P. Minchin 7, M. A. Sutton 8, M. New 9, A. B. Rogerson (first on ten) 10. On Easter Day, for public

TAUNTON, SOM .- At St. James' Church, on Mar. 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Rice (first in eight) 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, H. W. Pearce 3, R. C. Beale 4, F. Welch 5, R. Welch 6, J. Cornelius 7, D. J. Beale For Mothering Sunday Evensong.
TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1440

Oswald Delight Minor: N. George 1, Mrs. D. Hatfield Hatfield 3, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 4, W. F. Cope 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method by all

THORNBURY, GLOS .- On March 17, 1288 Plain Bob Triples: G. Jackson 1, Miss J. E. Bell 2, S. Poole 3, G. T. Collins 4, S. K. Williamson 5, E. G. Mould 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. For Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Tewkesbury; to welcome Andrew Keith Williamson,

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS .- On March 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. Maunders 1, Anne Stephenson 2, Sheila Smith 3, P. Aslett 4, W. Sear 5, A. Smith 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, C. Younger (first on eight) 8. A wedding compliment to Anthony Morton Browne and Christine Smith, married this day.

UPCHURCH, KENT,-On March 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Hawkes 1, Mrs. E. Cheal 2, N. W. Jackson 3, K. B. Williamson 4, N. A. Crane (cond.) 5, G. D. Forster 6. First quarter 1, 6. For treble ringer's birthday.

WELLESBOURNE, WARKS .- On March 26, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: J. L. Garner-Hayward 1, Elizabeth Mackie 2, Caroline Mackie 3, A. P. Foster 4. Mackie 5. P. H. Mackie (cond.) 6. Half-muffled for Maundy Thursday.

WENTWORTH, YORKS. -- On March 27, 1260 Doubles (seven methods): L. Hallows 1, R. R. Nalliah D. Hunton 3, D. Lyon 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. Half-muffled prior to Good Friday united service. Also on March 29, 1260 Doubles (six methods): T. Cairns 1. D. Hunton (cond.) 2, A. King 3, L. Hallows 4, M. King 5, R. Grundy 6. Prior to choral celebration on Easter Sunday.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS .- On March 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Judith L. Wall 1, D. Gyles (first quarter) 2, Joan Carter 3, Rosemary J. Willey 4, P. C. Selby 5, A. L. B. King (cond.) 6. By members of the Rushcliffe School Society, to congratulate Marie E. Pollard (a member of staff) and Ryan Slater on their engagement.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS .- On March 22, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): M. Crossland (first quarter) 1, Janet Thornton 2, Janet Crossland 3, Ratcliffe 4. P. Else (cond.) 5, D. Cranmer (first quarter) 6. For evening service.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOM. — On March 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shepherd 1, Mrs. J. M. Shepherd 2, Mrs. P. A. Medway 3, R. Shepherd (cond.) 4. J. Medway 5, C. E. Baker 6. For Evensong.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOM. - On March 19. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Arnold 1, Dr. W. N. Kingsbury 2, B. Dennett 3, L. Lyddon 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. G. Norton (churchwarden) and Mr. Balmforth (organist), of West Quantoxhead.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.-On March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. Marshall 1, R. Threadgold 2, J. Green 3, P. Perkins 4, F. Roper 5, P. Wood (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Bert Redgewell, former tower captain, interred the previous day.

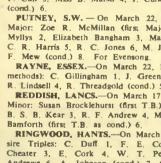
WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS. - On March 21, 1260 Minor (six methods): Janet Lord 1, Frances A. Pegg 2, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 3, D. L. Alderton B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, C. J. Mobbs 6. First in six Minor methods by all.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.-On March 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Lesley Eggleston 1, P. Grover 2, R Pike 3, Brenda Hewitt 4, R. Coxhead (first as cond.) 5. G. Green 6.

WRAXALL, SOM.—On March 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Weeks 1, P. J. Gardner 2, R. Boultbee 3, Miss M. Legg 4, J. Evered 5, S. Smith 6, G. Prestcott (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8.

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Miss Nellie Arnold, who died in Westminster Memorial Hospital, Shaftesbury, Dorset, at the advanced age of 86, learned to handle a bell rope when she was well over 60. As a child she used to watch the bellringers in the village church where she worshipped and always had a desire to be able to take part-although women in the tower were unheard of. For many years she looked after her parents, and when the opportunity eventually arrived she did her best to take up ringing, and did manage to hunt the treble to Doubles. When she visited her brother at Knaphill, near Woking, she rang at Worplesdon, Pirbright and Aldershot, but at her home in Swanage she gave up and only listened. But she did ring when the opportunity occurred.



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CALVERLEY,—On March 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Penelope M. Glover 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, Margaret Reddish 3, Dorothy C. Garnett 4, S. P. Farrar 5, W. Lee 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, S. Roberts 8. For Confirmation service.

CHAPEL ALLERTON.—On Feb. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. N. Grandidge (cond.) 1, A. J. Long (first quarter) 2, Margaret Warford 3, Suzanne J. Snack 4, G. S. Miller 5, R. R. Warford 6. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor; R. R. Warford 1, L. E. T. Clark 2, Ruth D. Phillips (first quarter) 3, Margaret Warford 4, G. S. Miller 5, C. N. Grandidge (cond.) Also on March 6, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. S. Miller 1, C. N. Grandidge 2, Margaret Warford R. R. Warford 4, D. J. Baker 5, R. J. Snack (cond.) 6.

CLECKHEATON. - On March 1, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Angela Fairbotham 1, Mrs. Janet Walker 2, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 3, G. Johnson 4, Cater 5. R. Brown 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

DEWSBURY.—On March 8, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Avis M. Thompson 1, V. Bottom-ley 2, Ruth Richardson 3, J. M. Ineson 4, E. Betts 5, K. Ineson 6, G. Richardson (cond.) 7, J. Wightman

EARLSHEATON, — On Jan. 30, 1320 Earlsheaton T.B. Minor: D. Scargill 1, Patricia North 2, R. Cater 3, P. Charlesworth 4, P. Carbutt 5, I. North (cond.)

EAST ARDSLEY. — On Feb. 27, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Clifton 1. G. Johnson 2, Ruth Richardson R. Cater 4. P. Charlesworth 5, G. E. Hancock (cond.) 6.

FAR HEADINGLEY .- On Feb. 19, 1269 Pl. Bob Minor (tenor covering): R. Atkinson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. Skelton 2, J. Allen 3, G. Smith 4, R. H. Roberts 5, E. Johnson (cond.) 6, A. Johnson 7, Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Idwal Jenkins, a former curate of the local church.

HORBURY .- On Jan. 31, 1260 Plain Bob Triples: Mavis Shires 1, Pamela Lockwood 2, D. Scargill 3, D. Shires 4, J. Dews 5, D. S. Lockwood (cond.) 6, D. B. Tidball 7, W. Bell 8. Prior to the wedding of Father Kevin Eastell (curate) and Miss Ann Parkin.

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OSSETT. — On Jan. 18, 1264 Double Little Bob
Major: F. Bennett 1, Pantela Lockwood 2, Margaret
White 3, D. B. Tidball 4, R. Cater 5, Patricia North
6, I. North (cond.) 7, D. S. Lockwood 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Feb. 18, at 33 Kingsway
Close, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: Margaret White 1-2,
Patricia North 3-4, I. North (cond.) 5-6. Also on
March 5, 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Patricia
North (cond.) 1, Pamela Lockwood 2, D. Scargill 3,
Margaret White 4, I. North 5, D. S. Lockwood 6.

ROBIN HOOD. — On Feb. 1. at 5 Copley Lane, 1344 Little Bob Major: Stella M. Brown 1-2, Patricia North 3-4, R. Brown 5-6, I. North (cond.) 7-8. Also on Feb. 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Gall Cater (first in hand) 1-2, R. Brown (cond.) 3-4, Stella M. Brown (first inside) 5-6. Also on Feb. 18, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Stella M. Brown 1-2, R. Brown (cond.) 3-4, M. C. Perrins 5-6.

ROTHWELL.—On March 3, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: P. Massam (cond.) 1, Valerie M, Gill 2, R. Brown 3, E. G. Cox 4, Patricia North 5, G. Hudson 6, H. L. Jones 7, I. North 8.

THORNHILL.—On Jan. 28, 1440 T.B. Minor (720 each Oxford and Kent): D. Scargill 1, D. S. Lockwood (cond.) 2, F. Shaw 3, R. Pygott 4, E. Arnott 5, H. Wood 6. To welcome Rev. N. Webb to Thornhill.

WAKEFIELD.—On Feb. 22, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Janet Hunt 1, Anne E. C. Whittaker 2, W. F, More-ton (cond.) 3, R. Cater 4, G. D. Johnson 5, R. Anne Johnson 6, G. E. Hancock 7, G. Townend 8. T. Tarbatt 9, J. Wackett 10

Handbell Peals

OSSETT, Yorks. 33 Kingsway Close.

Wed., Jan. 21, 1970, 1hr. 48min. (13 in E.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1-2 Margaret White 3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Ian North (Conductor) *First in hand.

OSSETT, Yorks, 33 Kingsway Close. Wed., Mar. 4, 1970, 1hr. 38min. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B., 5 Plain Bob).

1-2 Margaret White 3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

GUISELEY, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Sat., Jan 24, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (16 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by T. B. Worsley.

William Dixon

*2 Dyson Scargill

3 Margaret White 4 Patricia North 5 Robert Cater

Allan Wear

David S. Lockwood

8 Ian North (Conductor) *First peal (aged 67).

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire, St. Matthew.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 ANNABLE'S LONDON S. MINOR 1 Anne E. C. Whittaker 2 David J. Baker

3 Christopher N. Grandidge

4 Robert Cater
5 Ronald J. Snack
6 Ronald R. Warford (Conductor)
First in method by all.

ROTHWELL, Yorks, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970 2hr. 58min. (15 cwt.) 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by G. Lindoff.

Ruth Richardson

*2 Christopher N. Grandidge 3 Christopher M. Movley

*4 Suzanne J. Snack

5 Robert Cater

*6 David J. Baker *7 Renald R. Warford †8 Ronald J. Snack (Conductor) *First in method. ** †First in method as conductor.

PONTEFRACT, Yorks, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (13 cwt.) 5000 DOUBLE LITTLE BOB MAJOR

*1 Patricia North

2 Margaret White 3 David S. Lockwood 4 Delwyn B. Tidball

5 Michael Johnson

6 Robin Brown

†7 David Atkins

8 Ian North (Arr. and Conductor) *150th peal. †Has circled tower. First in method by all.

FAR HEADINGLEY, Yorks, St. Chad.

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (18 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Suzanne J. Snack

William Barton (p/sec., C. & Cond.)
Patricia North (p/ringing master)

4 Robert Cater (secretary)

5 Robin Brown (president)
6 Ian North (p/secretary)

7 John W. Gibson (p/vice-president)
8 Ronald R. Warford (ringing master)

Prior to the society's final dinner, seven being past or present officers.

Peals

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

EAST HARPTREE, Som, St. Lawrence.

Sat., Jan. 31, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (15 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents)

*1 Keith Brookes

2 George W. Massey
3 Walter S. Rice
4 Roy W. Rice
5 Peter J. W. Hardwick
6 David G. Massey (Conductor)

*First peal.

TRULL, Taunton, Som, All Saints.

Sat., Feb. 7, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods: York, Durham, Cambridge, London, Wells, Beverley and Surfleet, 7 different callings).

1 Adrian F. Arscott
2 David C. Hawkins
3 Peter J. W. Hardwick
4 George W. Massey
5 David G. Massey (Conductor)

6 Raymond E. J. Baker

HINTON ST. GEORGE, Som, St. George.

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (14 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (11 methods, 5 var., 9 spliced: St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon, St., Nicholas, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. . Sebastian, Minster, Plain Bob, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire).
*1 Eric Rice

2 Royston Shepherd

3 John Cornelius (Conductor) 4 John Medway

5 Mervyn A. Arscott 6 Mervyn R. Arscott

*First attempt.

CHURCH STANTON, Somerset, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (11 methods (not supplied), 29 var. and 9 spliced compositions). 1 Rodney A. C. Cross

2 Royston Shepherd

3 John Cornelius (Conductor) 4 John Medway

5 Mervyn A. Arscott

6 Mervyn R. Arscott

COMPTON DANDO, Somerset,

St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods: York, Durham, Cambridge, London, Wells, Beverley and Surfleet, each called

differently).

1 David C. Hawkins

2 Walter S. Rice

3 George W. Massey

4 Roy W. Rice

5 Peter J. W. Hardwick

6 David G. Massey (Con

6 David G. Massey (Conductor)

DOULTING, Somerset, St. Aldhelm.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (24 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 methods: 3 London Surprise, 4 Plain Bob rung alternately, each called differently).

2 George W. Massey
3 David C. Hawkins
4 Walter S. Rice
5 Roy W. Rice

6 David G. Massey (Conductor)

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WALLINGTON, Herts, St. Mary.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (8 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.)

1 Raymond J. Fuller

2 Michael J. Down

Anthony H. Smith (Conductor)

4 David A. Hope 5 Keith H. Fleming 6 Martin Major

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire,

Christ Church.

Sat.. at., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (23 cwt.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

1 Ronald F. Andrew 2 Brian S. B. Kear

3 Basil Jones

4 Trevor A. Cross
5 William H. Dowse
6 Gerald Moorhouse
7 Richard S. Starkie
8 M. Jack Pryor
9 Alan F. Scholfield

10 Robert B. Smith (Comp. and Cond.)

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ILKESTON, Derbyshire, St. Mary.

Thur., Mar. 19, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (17 cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by D. R. Carlisle.

1 David W. Friend 2 Nora Carlisle 3 Joyce Chadwick

5 Joyce Chauwick
6 Gordon A. Halls
5 Harold Taylor
6 John V. Chadwick
7 Rev. Frederick Ross
8 Cooking R. Cooking Ross

8 Denis R. Carlisle (Conductor) Half-muffled in memoriam E. Frederick Gobey, bellringer of long standing at this

DRONFIELD, Derbys, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 3hr. (14 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (4 methods: Kent, Oxford,
Plain Bob and St. Clement).
1 Malcoller. Phipps (Conductor)

2 Peter Rose 3 John D. Arkwell

4 Andrew Else 5 Derek N. Peers 6 David Hird

First in four methods by all. For Festival of Easter and a wedding anniversary compliment to D. N. Peers.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, Devon, St. Peter.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (9 cwt.) **5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Composed by J. N. Longridge.

Frank D. Mack Colin L. Barr Alan N. Frost

4 D. Roy Bould
5 John F. Steere
6 John A. Foster
7 Kevin A. Hughes (Conductor)
8 John N. Longridge

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex, All Saints. Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (15½ cwt.) 5040 SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND CAM-BRIDGE SURPRISE (3600 Plain Bob and 1440 Cambridge Surprise, 90 changes of method).

1 Urban W. Wildney

2 Peter G. Pitt 3 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor) 4 Bernard W. Fairhead

Neil V. Avis 6 Peter Abbott

7 Brian J. Vaughan 8 Walter Arnold

CRANFORD, Middlesex, St. Dunstan.

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (7 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR *1 Linda J. West

2 Lesley A. Warwick

*3 Marion A. Cass
4 Julian C. West
5 Geoffrey H. Walker
6 Antony S. Baker (Conductor)
*First peal. A farewell to the Rev. M. C. Prentice (vicar).

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (6 methods: Double Bob; Cambridge S.; Kent T.B.; Plain Bob and St. Clement; Oxford T.B.; Plain Bob, Double Bob and St. Clements).

1 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)
*2 Margaret Bowman

†3 Ann Toomer

*4 Timothy R. Jones
15 Anita D. O'Brien

†6 Allan G. Keen *First peal. †First in six methods. ‡50th

peal and first of Minor in six methods.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

OVERTON, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10½ cwt.) 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1120 London, 1088 Superlative, 1024 Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work).
Composed by A. J. Pitman.
1 Michael S. Holbrook
2 Beryl R. Simpson

Christopher I. Rowson

Alan D. Flood Peter J. Munday

Geoffrey K. Dodd Michael J. Church (Conductor)

8 Tom Page

YORKTOWN, Surrey, St. Michael.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (14 cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 William J. H. Parker

2 Beryl R. Simpson

3 Felicity S. Hamilton

4 Jeffrey P. Ladd

Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor) 5

Alan D. Flood Peter J. Munday 8 Michael J. Church *150th peal.

BANSTEAD, Surrey, All Saints.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (211 cwt.) 5058 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by J. H Fielden.

Alan D. Flood

*2 Jill P. Oakshott

*First in the method. †50th for the Guild.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HITCHIN, Hertfordshire, St. Mary. Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3 hr. (25½ cwt.) **5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by N. Smith.

*1 Trevor W. Groom

†2 Christine M. Carter 3 Ian R. Panton

4 Geoffrey Pearson 5 Anthony R. Carter 6 John G. Gipson

†7 David R. Saunderson

8 Philip Mehew (Conductor)

*First of Treble Bob Major. †First of Rutland Surprise Major. To commemorate the consecration of Robert Runcie as Bishop of St. Albans, February 24th, 1970, in Westminster Abbey.

KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire, SS. Mary and Thomas a Becket.

, Mar. 6, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12½ cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

1 Martin Major

*2 Christine M. Carter
*3 Margaret M. Roden
*4 Frederick W. Ellis
*5 David R. Saunderson
*6 Geoffrey T. Horritt
7 Anthony R. Carter

8 Philip Mehew (Conductor)
*First of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

CHRISHALL, Essex, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (81 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (4 methods, 1 Oxford T.B., 2 each St. Clements, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

Walter Hunt

2 Richard Prime
3 Peter Warboys (Conductor)
*4 Peter Glazebrook

5 Leonard Luck

†6 Albert Richardson

*First of Minor. †First in four methods.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PRESTON-NEXT-WINGHAM, Kent, St. Mildred.

Wed., Mar. 18, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (10 methods: 2 extents St. Remigius, St. Osmund, Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire).

1 James Hedgcock *2 Peter S. Philnott 3 John B. Keeler

*4 Martin L. Haigh *5 Tony Skilton (Conductor)

*Most methods to a peal.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WIGSTON MAGNA, Leics, All Saints.

Mon., Mar. 2, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (16 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Dexter's No. 2; Thurstans' var.)
1 Herrick B. Bowley
2 John L. Hough

Richard J. Carter 4 R. Joy Pluckrose

5 William J. Root 6 Thomas Edward Harrold (Cond.)

7 John E. Harrold 8 Colin P. Walker Half-muffled in memoriam Joseph Carter, over 50 years a ringer at All Saints.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD HARROW WEALD, Middlesex, All Saints.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (8 cwt.) 5088 ALLOA SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by E. W. Tipler. (B.34.)

1 H. George Hart
2 Elsie K. Hart
3 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
4 Christopher W. Woolley

5 Michael Hatchett

6 Ronald K. Russ 7 Peter J. Heritage 8 Frank Reed

First in the method by all and for the Association. Ninetieth birthday compliment to Alfred W. Winch (Leatherhead).

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION BARNHAM BROOM, Norfolk, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Jan. 17, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (9 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (6 Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Rev. Canterbury Pleasure).

1 Henry Tooke 2 Adrial Walton

Thomas E Spight Frank C. J. Arnold

5 H. William Barrett (Conductor)

INTWOOD, Norfolk, All Saints.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (6 St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob).

1 Henry Tooke 2 Adrial Walton

Thomas E. Spight Frank C. J. Arnold

5 H. William Barrett (Conductor)

HADDISCOE, Norfolk, St. Mary.

Wed., Mar. 4, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (7 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (6 Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Rev. Canterbury Pleasure).

1 Christine M. Clarke

2 James M. Forder

3 Frederick C. Gunton 4 Norman P. J. Cossey

5 H. William Barrett (Conductor) A wedding compliment to David, son of Rev. Alan Glendining, and Lasairfhiona Mangan, married at St. Mary's Church, Dublin, on February 28, 1970.

NECTON, Norfolk, All Saints.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, St. Clements, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Double Oxford Bob).

1 Ian B. Lowther 2 Adrial Walton 3 Henry Tooke

4 Thomas E. Spight 5 Frank C. J. Arnold

6 H. William Barrett (Conductor) Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Duffield, of Buxton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD WARFIELD, Berkshire, St. Michael.

Sat., March 21, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (13½ cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL (5 methods: 1,800 London, 1320 Rutland, 800 Cambridge, 760 Yorkshire, 360 Clifton, 104 changes of method).

Composed by A. R. Peake.

Albert Diserens

2 Noel J. Diserens
*3 David C. Brown
4 David P. Hilling (Conductor)

5 David E. House

6 Timothy G. Pett 7 Kenneth R. Davenport

8 Frank W. Lewis 9 Frank T. Blagrove 10 John N. Diserens

*First of spliced. First of 5-Spliced Surprise Royal by the Guild and by all.

MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thur., Mar. 19, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (31 cwt.) BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS 5086

Muriel Reay

Richard J. Tibbetts Norman J. Goodman

Vernon Green Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)

6 James Insley 7 David J. Purnell 8 Terry R. Hampton

*9 Maurice F. Edwards

10 George E. Fearn 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh 12 Peter Border

*First of Bristol Maximus. A farewell to David Purnell.

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (31 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Arranged by R. W. Pipe. Richard J. Tibbetts Beryl E. Cawser

3 Elizabeth Stevens

4 J. Edward Cawser 5 George E. Fearn 6 David E. Rothera

7 Bryan D. A. Woolley 8 Richard C. Stevens

9 James Insley 10 Roderick W. Pipe 11 Ralph G. Edwards

12 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

EAST MARKHAM, Notts, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10 cwt.) 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

1 Harry Poyner (Comp. & Conductor)
*2 Philip Rogers

3 John A. Coates 4 David W. Jack

†5 Paul N. Mounsey 6 R. Brian Mills

7 William L. Exton 8 George A. Dawson *First in the method. †First of Surprise.

RUDDINGTON, Notts, St. Peter.

Sat., March 21, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (9 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. David Stainsby

2 Sydney Adams 3 Neil Handley

Arthur Newell 5 John Eborall

7 David H. Oliver
R. Brian Mills (Conductor)

First on the recast bells.

SUFFOLK GUILD TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Fri., Mar 20, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (10 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (9 methods: Surfleet and
Beverley S., St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Double Court, Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Plain Bob).
1 Walter W. Miller
2 Katharine M. Thorley

3 J. Martin Thorley

4 Leslie G. Brett 5 Ernest G. Pearce

6 J. Barry Pickup (Comp. & Conductor)

WORLINGWORTH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Mar. 22, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12 cwt.)
5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1 Michael J. Howes

2 Dorothy Durrant

3 Leslie G. Brett 4 Alan G. Feaver 5 Walter W. Miller

6 Adrian Knights
7 Ernest G. Pearce

8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor) Conductor's 800th peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues., Mar. 24, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (8 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (6 methods: 1600 Rutland, London; 640 Cambridge, Superlative; 320 Yorkshire, Bristol).
Composed by W. E. Critchley.
1 Ernest E. G. Pearce

*2 Muriel R. Page 3 Leslie G. Brett 4 Dennis Knox

5 J. Martin Thorley
6 J. Barry Pickup
†7 Alan J. Munnings
8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor) *Most Major methods to a peal. †First of spliced.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION NEW ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 each Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, 3 Plain Bob).

- 1 Susan M. Wills
- 2 Anne M. Stevens 3 Ruth E. Halford
- 74 Christopher Renyard 5 Patrick M. Wills 6 Philip Stevens (Conductor)
- *25th peal. †First in five methods.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

STRATTON, Cornwall, St. Andrew.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (21) cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Dexter's No. 2.)

- Charles Sangwin
 John W. J. V. Conduct
- Edgar Nunp *4 Horace Heard
- 5 Harry Stacey
- 6 W. Henry Trewin
 7 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)
 8 Brian D. G. Vince

*First in the method. A welcome to the new vicar (Rev. F. M. Smith), inducted on March 9; also a birthday compliment to Penny Vince.

LELANT, Cornwall, St. Uny.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (9 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire).

- 1 Valerie C. Pengelly *2 Richard S. K. Salisbury
- *3 C. Baillie Allen
- 4 Alan Carveth (Conductor)
- 5 Derek A. Trethewey *6 Roger Pengelly

*First peal.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire, St. James.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (111 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (17 methods: 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge; 256 Bristol; 192 each Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe, Yorkshire; with 139 changes of method). Composed by N. Smith.

- Gillian R. Cleaver
- 2 Christopher Forster (Conductor)
- Philip J. Crossthwaite Michael G. Dodson
- 5 John J. Durham
- 6 Jonathan G. Rose
- *7 John P. Ottaway 8 Robert A. Beresford

First of 17-spliced. By a resident University band.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

SALFORD, Lancs, Sacred Trinity.

Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (114 cwt.) 5152 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

- Composed by S. Humphrey
 1 Elizabeth M. Tingle
 2 Rosemary K. Gates
 3 Hamish M. McNaughton

- 4 Patricia James
- 5 Lvnda M. Deebank

- 6 Christopher L. D. Munday 7 William M. Tavlor 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor) First in the method by all except 6th. The completion of a happy term.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

SHEDFIELD, Hants, St. John the Baptist. Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12½ cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
*1 Barry J. Fry
2 Edward W. Colley

- †3 Roy Le Marechal ‡4 Betty J. Daysh †5 John P. Colliss 6 Patrick Page

- Richard Green (Conductor)

8 Robert E. J. Dennis
*First of Treble Bob. †First of Surprise.
‡50th peal. A welcome to the vicar (Rev. Lawrence Marsh) and his family.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

NETHERTON, Worcs, St. Andrew.

Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (13 cwt.) 5024 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. R. Mayne.

- Roger Hunt
- 2 M. Irene Brown 3 Morley P. Tobin 4 J. Clifford Skidmore
- 5 Peter Robertson
- 6 Michael J Fellows (Conductor)
- 7 Robert Edwards
- Gerald C. Hemming

First in the method by all and for the Association.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs, St. Paul. Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (28½ cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 version.)

- 1 Rev. Frederick Ross

- *2 Morley P. Tobin
 *3 Clive A. Thrower
 4 Michael J. Fellows (Arr. and Cond.)
- Robert Edwards
- 6 Dennis R. Carlisle
- Geoffrey Paul
- 8 Martin D. Fellows

 *9 Gerald C. Hemming
 10 David W. Friend

*First of London Royal. To mark the occasion of the forthcoming official visit to the county borough of Burton-upon-Trent of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy, G.C.V.O.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6, Ashwood Crescent. Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (15 in C.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

- 1-2 David Atkinson
- 3-4 Neil Bennett (Conductor)
- 5-6 Robert B. Smith
- 7-8 Gerald Moorhouse

First of Surprise on handbells as conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.

Fri., Mar. 27, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (14 in D.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL 1-2 Katherine S. Hardy 3-4 Robert E. Hardy

- 5-6 Geoffrey Dodds (Arr. and Cond.)
- 7-8 Joyce Dodds *9-10 Frances Dodds
- *First on ten handbells.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN

ASSOCIATION CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.

Tues., Mar. 24, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (12 in F.) 5032 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (3 methods: 4160 Plain Bob, 504 Gainsborough Little Bob and 368 Little Bob, 176 changes of method).

- Composed by N. J. Pitstow.
 *1-2 Martyn S. Hawkes
 3-4 Valerie Willard

- 5-6 Hugh N. Evans 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor) *First in three methods in hand.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows. Sun., Feb. 15, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (24 in D.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

- 1-2 Julia A. Fellows
 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
 5-6 Frank C. Price (Comp. and Cond.)
 7-8 N. David Lane
- 9-10 Susanne Sargeant

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt.

Fri., Feb. 20, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (24 in D.) 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL Composed by J. Carter.

- 1-2 Frank C. Price *3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
- 5-6 Julia A. Fellows 7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor) *9-10 Jeffrey L. Claughton

*First in the method in hand. WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.

Sun., Feb. 22, 1970, 1hr. 47min. (27 in A.) 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

- (7 extents.)
- *1-2 Susanne Sargeant 3-4 Frank C. Price (Conductor) 5-6 Kenneth R. Davenport

*First in the method. CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt.

Fri., Mar. 6, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (24 in D.)
5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Composed by D. Prentice.
1-2 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves

- 7-8 N. David Lane
- *†9-10 Noel J. Diserens
- *11-12 Jeffrey L. Claughton *First of Treble Bob Maximus in hand.

†350th peal WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.

Sun., Mar. 8, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (27 in A.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (Pritchard's).

- 1-2 Susanne Sargeant
- 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport 5-6 Frank C. Price (Conductor) 7-8 Stanley G. Scott

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt.

Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (24 in D.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL (Traditional).

- 1-2 Frank C. Price 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport 5-6 Noel J. Diserens (Conductor) 7-8 N. David Lane
- *9-10 William H. Coles
 *First handbell peal on more than six bells. First handbell peal as conductor.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt.

Tues., Mar. 24, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (24 in D.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

- Composed by J. Reeves.
 1-2 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)
- 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport 5-6 Frank C. Price 7-8 Julia A. Fellows 9-10 Noel J. Diserens

- 11-12 N. David Lane

FOURTEEN YEARS AGO

By N. Chaddock

WHERE ARE THE INSTRUCTORS?

When browsing through reports of functions in The Ringing World, one occasion-ally drops across words of wisdom or outspoken comments by speakers proposing or replying to toasts. At the Universities Association Reunion recently, Mr. E. A. Barnett focused attention on Sunday Service ringing and urged the Association to do its best for Sunday Service bands.

There is no doubt that his remarks fell upon fertile ground for many young people from the University Association and various University Guilds have become stalwarts in the Exercise, and the process is likely to continue. Ringing activities of the University Guilds are of great value and

are extending.

The yardstick of a good ringer is his (or her) effectiveness in Sunday Service ringing. Peal ringing is an essential part of ringing activities but its importance should not be exaggerated. Mr. Barnett, who as Secretary of the Central Council is well qualified to speak, said that peal ringing bears no relation to the state of ringing in the country and that Sunday Service ringing does not receive the support it should.

There is no doubt that many keen peal ringers are also most active workers for their own tower and guild, and the best of them will always put the latter before their peal ringing. But the state of Sunday Service ringing leaves no room for complacency; far too many bells are silent or undermanned on Sundays. In many cases recruits are available, the greatest need is suitable tutors to see through the task of training bands where needed.

An improvement might be stimulated if somehow more interest and attention could be focused amongst ringers and in The Ringing World on this branch of ringing activity. In Central Council reports, Asso-ciation Reports and The Ringing World, Bedfordshire Association.

A COMFORTABLE BELFRY

Members of the Biggleswade District of the Bedfordshire Association of Church Bellringers attending the March monthly meeting at St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, must have been very impressed by the decor and comforts in the belfry-a credit to the Biggleswade ringers.

Mr. C. D. Mann was ringing master for the afternoon, and as the vicar, the Rev. J. H. Dominey, was attending the enthronement of the new Bishop of St. Albans in St. Albans Abbey no service was held.

Tea had been prepared by Mrs. S. Smith and helpers' in the church hall, after which Mr. S. H. Ashton was chairman for the business. Mr. P. Rogers presented details of the district outing to Central Suffolk, and Mr. A. S. Smith gave details of the ringing lectures to be held during Holy Week in place of the district practice.

In the evening the ringing master (Mr. V. Webb) welcomed visitors from various parts of the country, and the ability, of all ringers was catered for. A very successful meeting was brought to a close with the lowering of the bells at 9 p.m.

M. L. M.

Rung Conducted

peal ringing activities are analysed to the last detail—rightly so, but in most association reports the whole year's activities in other ringing spheres are dealt with in a few paragraphs. The Central Council reports and association reports do not disclose the true position regarding Sunday Service ringing. If they did it might be easier to find means of bringing about an improvement.

The important thing is to stir a terrific enthusiasm for local band progress—in recruitment, methods rung for service, ringing standards, and occasionally, local band peals. Perhaps most important of all is the need to produce more leaders and tutors from within our ranks and somehow create enthusiasm for this most important and really worth while task,

Conducted

LEADING QUARTER PEAL RINGERS FOR 1969 **GRAND TOTAL**

Turnit m. m.		Kung	Collauctea	Kung	Collancied
John Cornelius	Ilminster	63	36	208	95
Rodney A. C. Cross	Ash Priors	52	6	80	7
Peter L. R. Hayward	Woodborough	51	16	53	_
William Willans	Hampshire	48	32	104	_
David W. Flaver (12)	Woodborough	45	1	45	1
F. M. Bowers	Truro	44	18		
A. W. Knight	Taunton	41	2	_	_
T. J. Bell	Truro	39	10		_
Anthony J. Davidson	Truro	39	13	_	_
Philip R. Johnson	Codsall	39	181	129	37
Melvyn J. Hillier	Bridport	35	10	130	
R. P. Pearce	Truro	35	1		_
Geoffrey Pick	Wolverhampton	35	8	79	_
John P. Burton	Aldridge	34	10 = 8	83	_
John L. Humphreys	Aldridge	34	19	57	_
Brian Walton	Liss	34	24	187	_
Peter C. Warboys	Bishop's Stortford	32	22	153	118
Barry J. Fry	Brockenhurst	31	5 1/2	33	
T. Skilton	Canterbury	31	17	101	48
Linda V. Cull	Bishopstoke	30	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	30	
Jennifer L. Quaife	Bromley	30	_	46	_
D. R. Huntley	Bishop's Stortford	29		79	
Roger Riley	Aldridge	29	0.00	36	-
Mary Sutcliffe	Blackmore	29	8	37	_
H. Geoffrey Wells	Blackmore	27	7	32	1 -11
Martin Cass	Bishopstoke	27	15‡	38	17-
John Colliss	Thetford	27	20	170	
Harry B. Fuller	Winchester	27	13	69	32
Anthony J. Mason	Woodborough	26	7	27	
Patricia M. Howard	Woodborough	25	19	31	=
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POPULAR PEAL TOWERS OF 1969 by C. H. Rogers

I have been keeping, as a matter of personal interest, a note of the towers where peals were rung during 1969, and some of the following statistics which are not usually apparent from the reports of the Peals Analysis Committee of the Central Council or from Canon Felstead's occasional articles may be of general interest. Peals published in issues of the "Ringing World" up to March 13 are included, and I apologise in advance for any errors in the figures.

During the year 3,450 tower bell peals were rung in 1,581 towers. Towers with

twelve or more peals were:

Loughborough Bell Foundry	95
Birmingham Cathedral	31
Leeds, St. Peter	25
North Stoneham	19
Shoreditch	19
Holme Pierrepont	18
Daventry	17
Grundisbrugh	15
Bushey	14
Cambridge, St. Andrew	14
Edgbaston	14
Birstwith	13
Wistaston	13
erton, Meldreth, Newhey, Trun	pin

and with 12 each: Aldermaston, Ashtonunder-Lyne (St. Peter), Babworth, Chapel and Willesden.

Although there are usually many more peals on eight bells than on other numbers and indeed the great majority of the staggering total at the Bell Foundry were of Major—it is rather surprising that 3 twelvebell towers, 4 tens and one six had more peals than the leading eight-bell towers

Defining counties as in the fourth edition

of Dove,	the lead	ming (counti	es v	vere	
Yorkshire		248.	peals	in	98	towers
Leicestersh	іге	202	peals	in	43	towers
Greater Lo	ndon	191.	peals	in	60	towers
Somerset		190	peals	in	114	towers
Lancashire		155	peals	in	66	towers
Nottinghan	nshire	152	peals	in	51	towers
Hampshire		133	peals	in	52	towers
Warwicksh	ire	128	peals	in	44	towers
Suffolk		122	peals	in	54	towers

It will be interesting to compare this list with that of the leading Associations when the report of the Peals Analysis Committee

appears.

At the other end of the scale of English counties, there were no peals in the Isle of Wight, six in Cumberland, nine in Rutland. 14 in Northumberland and 15 in Westmorland. Rather surprisingly there were no peals in Ireland—perhaps it was thought that peals would not help the troubles there!

—and all of Scotland's three were at Inverarav. There were three peals abroad—two at Melbourne and one at Washington.

My records also show that there were peals in all except eight of the twelve-bell towers. The eight are: Cirencester, Dublin. Ipswich, Liverpool St. Nicholas, Sheffield. Solihull, Southwark and Taunton. It is rather surprising to find Solihull in this list. particularly in view of its proximity to Birmingham but perhaps the local band are anxious to ring the first peal on the twelve. It is also rather sad to find here Southwark. for long the most popular of the London twelves.

There was an old man who said "Well! Will nobody answer this bell? I have pulled day and night, Till my hair has turned white, But nobody answers this bell!"-In a

church at Old Clee, Lincs.

CRACKED HANDBELLS

Mr. D. R. Bould, proprietor of The Jewel Box, Tavistock, Devon, sends this information of how he dealt with cracked

handbells:-

"Reference R.W., page 171, regarding repairs to handbells by Mr. Michael King, of Rotherham, Yorks. Some years ago I obtained a set of ten handbells for a nominal figure, because seven of these bells were cracked! However, being a practical jeweller and not considering them worth sending to the foundry for recasting, I resolved to have a go':
"(1) I cleaned the bells with a not-too-

abrasive metal cleaner after stripping off

clappers and leathers.
"(2) Well fluxed the cracks with borax. which not only allows the solder to 'run' but also cleanses the cracks during the

heating operation.
"(3) Heat the bell completely, particularly along the crack—the complete heating I found most important. I used a low carat gold solder, not more than 9 ct. gold (silver. I feel, being a somewhat dead metal).

"(4) Allow bells to cool naturally.
"(5) Clean off excess solder with a fine cutting file and finish with emery paper.

'Finally, polish on a polishing machine, when only a hair-line could be seen on the bell because the gold varied slightly in colour. The tonal quality of these bells was praised by many well-known handbell ringers, who were amazed at the transfor-mation because they were 'as new'."

Close on the heels of Alan Ainsworth's departure, Birmingham is soon to suffer the loss of another of its ringers. David Purnell is moving to Bradford this month to take up the position of sub-manager in the National Westminster computer centre. David will be much missed, and particularly at Perry Barr, where he has put in many hours training a band and organising the bell restoration fund. His ringing friends in Birmingham wish him good luck in his new venture.

Belfry Gossip

The Easter Day quarter peal at South Cadbury, Somerset, was the first by a complete band from the village.

The bells of St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, London, have been removed for the time being to Messrs. Taylor's Bell Foundry for storage as the church is shortly to be demolished.

Making his first attempt for a peal at Benhall, Suffolk, on March 30, Dana Josephson, a U.S.A. citizen, is tempor-arily residing in Aldeburgh, where he learned to ring.

Stephen Benson (11) rang the fifth to rounds on 12 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, for service recently. His home tower is St. Patrick's, Coleraine, where his father is rector.

Central Council instruction books are on their way to Papanui, New Zealand, where a keen band have several new members who have joined St. Paul's Society.
We wish them every success.
"I like the small quotations that appear

at the bottom of some pages. I now go on a search for them when I start reading

my R.W."-A correspondent.

First peal congratulations to Richard S. K. Salisbury, C. Baillie Allen, Roger Pengelly, Dyson Scargill (aged 67), Keith Brookes, Eric Rice, Linda J. West, Marion A. Cass, Margaret Bowman, Timothy R.

Golden wedding bells were rung for Mr. and Mrs. Alick Cutler on April 2 in distant Cornwall with a peal of Spliced Minor in seven methods.

peals), Anne M. Stevens (25), Betty J. Daysh (50), Patricia North (150), Anita D. O'Brien 50, Beryl R. Simpson (150), Noel J. Diserens (350). Personal records: J. Martin Thorley (800



Mr. H. Rex Agg, of Hitchin, Herts, succeeds Mr. Walter Ayre, of Harpenden, as president of the Herts County Association. Mr. Agg has been general secretary since 1960.

Work on the augmentation of Thatcham, Berks, bells to ten has been started by John Taylor and Co.

Printer's error spotted in a Midlands parish magazine: "... and in his address, the Bishop spoke of God's massage for the Church today."

Thanks to an anonymous donor, the bells of St. Martin, Alfreton, Derbys (13) cwt.), are to be rehung. These bells have been silent for 11 years. According to The Church Times a contributory cause was damage done by a band of visiting ringers.

To maintain Easter Day message, Mar-ket Weighton ringers rang not only twice at their own church but at three otherwise silent towers—Cranswick (6), Howden (8) and Nunburnholme (6). "A satisfactory and enjoyable day," writes Norman Chaddock.

"Kings of the Ring" is the caption The Norwich Churchman gives to the picture of Mr. Leonard King, tower captain and churchwarden at Harling, Norfolk. Also portrayed are son Jim, daughter-in-law Daphne and daughters Pamela, Valerie and Dorothy. The Kings are half of the Harling band.

Marston St. Lawrence, Northants, bells were silent for 30 years until last autumn, when Mr. Alan Frost pronounced them them occurs on April 18, when the Culworth band hold a meeting there. Visitors are also welcome at the weekly practices on

Married at Buckley, Flintshire, on Easter Monday, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Collins were in the belfry again on the following Saturday ringing a peal in honour of the occasion. The band were afterwards entertained by them, and their colleagues from the belfry extended to them best wishes for their future happiness.

The peal at Blofield, Norfolk, was rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. S. Dixon, who was recently inducted as rector. He came to the tower before the peal to wish the band success and afterwards he and Mrs. Dixon entertained the ringers to an excellent tea at the Rectory, where they were joined by members of the local band.

Progressive year.—The quarter peal of Cambridge rung on Good Friday at Aldridge, Staffs, marks the end of a year of considerable progress by the local band.
The progress has been through quarter peals of Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clements, 4-Spliced Plain Minor to Cambridge Surprise. It is hoped to add further Surprise methods in the future. The average age of the band

Keep the sunshine in your heart; Wear a smile. Live a happy, hopeful life-All the while.—Anon.



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THE EFFORT BEHIND THE 210 MINOR METHODS

Probably the first serious attempt at Spliced Minor ringing by Southwell Guild was during the 1964/5 years, when peals of 27 and 35 methods were rung. Attempts to increase this to 40 methods were not successful. No more attempts were made until the 1967 Rambling Ringers' tour. Denis Frith mentioned one evening that he wouldn't mind trying some Spliced Minor ringing, and following this it was decided to make an attempt later in the year.

The aim was to try to ring the 73 regular T.B. methods, and the first attempt was arranged for Whatton on October 13, 1967. The band comprised three members from the 64/65 peals, viz., Christine Mills, Brian Buswell and the writer. To these were added William Exton, Denis Frith and (for this attempt) Thomas Greasley. We decided to go for 29 methods, but we didn't manage to ring the first extent! This taught us that the methods would have to be learned thoroughly if any progress was to be made at all.

This was proved in the second attempt two weeks later when a good peal was rung in the 29 methods. Peter Slight joined us for this peal and remained except for one peal. Our next step was to increase the number to 40, and after unsuccessful attempts at North Muskham and Holme Pierrepont the peal was rung at Cotgrave on December 18. This was surpassed the following week at Orston (46 methods), a good omen to end the year—or so we thought.

TWO ATTEMPTS LOST

The first two attempts in 1968 were for 55 methods at Holme Pierrepont and Winthorpe. They were lost—the second one in the 4th extent! Our next try got off to a bad start as one of the band was delayed by a puncture, but an excellent peal in the 55 was achieved. This was the only peal in which Peter did not take part, and William Midwinter, from Newark, rang the treble.

Our next attempt (for 62) at North Muskham was lost in the third extent, so it was decided to go for the 73 regular methods, which was arranged for Cotgrave on March 8. This entails ringing the Mendip group of 13 methods (by A. G. Driver) and we decided to practise this on two Thursdays preceding the attempt. Our fears were well founded as we only managed to ring the extent in two separate parts. However, on March 8 we rang this extent first and carried on to ring the complete peal, and this proved the first and last time that we managed to ring this extent.

HOTTEST DAY OF THE YEAR

This completed what we had set out to do, and the question now was: Was this to be the end of the series or were we to go on to other things? Eventually it was decided to go for the greatest number of Treble Bob methods that had been obtained in seven extents, and contact was made with Tony Peake, who kindly supplied us with extents comprising 111 methods. The first effort was for 82, followed by 85 (three times) and 101 once. Success came at the sixth attempt when, at Holme Pierrepont, we rang the 101 methods. This also proved to be one of the hottest days of the year, and anyone knowing Holme Pierrepont will realise what this means.

After this success attempts were made for 105 and 111 methods twice, before the

summer holiday period caused a temporary lay-off. When the summer had passed a shock awaited the band. Brian told us that he would no longer be available for the peals as he had difficulty in getting away from work in time for the early start. It should be pointed out that we had decided at the beginning to make attempts on Friday nights fortnightly; Saturdays were ruled out as impossible due to meetings, etc.'

A STROKE OF LUCK

It was at this stage that we had a stroke of luck for at the Orston meeting in September, for the final of the Crawford cup, we were fortunate to meet Simon Humphrey, who agreed to take Brian's place in the band. This, of course, meant stepping back a bit, and our first attempt was for 41, which was lost in the third extent, followed by the 57, 98 and 106, all lost at various points. By this time Simon was probably wondering if he was ever destined to ring a peal with us at all. However, in the second attempt for the 106 we were successful (at Holme Pierrepont) on November 8, 1968. This meant that the series had now been in progress for over a year.

The next item of interest was that Simon had now extended the number of methods to 127, and to finish the year we tried 115 and 117, both of which were lost.

And so to 1969:-

We had an excellent start to the year, achieving success in the first two attempts: 117 and 127. After the first of these Simon casually mentioned that he had produced two extents containing 30 methods and thought he would be able to compose another five extents, making a total of 210 methods. The ringers at Holme Pierrepont hearing us talk of many more attempts kindly allowed us the use of their bells fortnightly.

Our next try was for 140, which was duly lost, after which we thought we would try 155, which would be a new Minor record. This one was lost in the third extent; the second attempt was stopped in the fourth as the ringing was not up to standard, but finally we rang the 155 on March 7, 1969. After losing 164 methods twice, we went for 179 and lost that also. After two attempts, we succeeded at the third try at Elston. This was the greatest number of methods rung to a peal at that time.

HOLIDAY FEELING

The next was 188, which was stopped at the end of the fourth extent, so we increased this to 198 and this we rang at H.P. on July 4. Only one more attempt was possible before holidays caused the usual break: this was for the 210. Holiday feeling was blamed for the pile-up in the second extent.

On returning the same applied, as four more unsuccessful attempts were made, two of which were bad ringing, a fire-up and a broken rope. Success came on October 24, 1969, when a very good peal was rung in the 210 methods. A month later at Orston 210 methods was repeated with a slight variation of methods.

So ended a series of peals, and one wonders on looking back if we would have attempted it at the start had we known the length of time and effort involved. The series had lasted for two years, in which time we had made 47 peal attempts, and of these only 14 ended as peals. We used 41 different extents at various times and the band had to learn a total of 329 methods.

A BOURNEMOUTH DIARY

An interesting item relating to the predecessors of the long service ringers of Ringwood (see page 151) is recounted in the St. Peter's ringers diary of 1886. A letter was received in January by the captain (Mr. A. Grist) from Rev. H. A. Spyers, of Ringwood, "asking us to undertake a visit to Ringwood to ascertain if the Ringwood men were qualified to join the Winchester Guild as they had been proposed."

It was decided by the band to visit Ringwood on Monday evening, February 1, meeting at the East Station at 5.15 p.m.

The diary continues: "Feb. 1st. Visit to Ringwood. Left Bournemouth East per 5.40 train arrived Ringwood 6.10 and went direct to the belfry but found Evensong about to commence and could not ring 'till 7 o'clock. Adjourned to the White Hart where we were met by several of the Ringwood men. At 7 p.m. ascended the belfry stairs and having raised the bells rang a plain course of G.T. Then a 336: G.T. in 15 minutes. A. Grist 1, H. Vivash 2, C. Sladen 3, J. G. Bennett 4, T. Green 5, S. Merritt 6, H. A. Garrett 7, T. Belbin Tenor.

WHITE HART VISITED

"The handbells were brought into use to test the capabilities of the Ringwood men as requested by Rev. H. A. Spyers. The Ringwood men taking turns in six-scores G.D. with tenor behind, which was one of the qualifications. Most of them were able to do it, Mr. Dawkins being first to succeed and first time.

"Several six-scores of G.D. were then rung on the tower bells, then another 336 by our own band in 14½ minutes. This brought a pleasant evening's ringing to a close. An adjournment being made to the White Hart for refreshments. The return was made by the last train, having had a pleasant evening."

The additional practice at Ringwood was soon to show good results for, in spite of a failure on the following Thursday evening, on Sunday evening, February 7, 1886, a 504 Grandsire Triples was rung in 24 minutes, being the longest touch on the bells of St. Peter's and by all the band.

Later in August of that year the first quarter peal was accomplished, but that is another story.—From A. C. Conway. of Bournemouth.

THANKS

The band thank the incumbents and ringers at the churches for allowing the use of the bells, especially at Holme Pierrepont, where 28 attempts were made. Our thanks also to Tony Peake who supplied the multimethod extents in the earlier days, to Cyril Wratten who checked all new methods to ensure they had not already been rung and named, and to Derek Sibson who checked to ensure they had not been used on higher numbers. Finally, I would like to thank the band for their perseverance and efforts especially in the darker days when four or five attempts had been lost and morale was low. R. B. M.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—A memorial service to the late Rev. C. H. Barker will be held at Himley Parish Church (no ringing). near Wolverhampton, on Sat., April 18 next, at 3 p.m. (The striking competition post-poned: evening practice meeting at Penn, 6.30 p.m.)—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8572

RETURN THANKS

Mrs. F. M. Gobey and family would like to thank ringers in all Associations for the kind messages of sympathy, and for the heautiful

messages of sympathy, and for the beautiful flowers, sent on the death of a dear husband and father, especially Mr. Paul Taylor, of the Bell Foundry at Loughborough. Mrs. Gobey hopes she may be able to join in the meetings and to meet ringers everywhere in the future as she and her husband enjoyed them so much. She wishes continued success to meetings and peal ringing in the future. PERSONAL

"And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again."

—St. Luke vi. 34.

To all my ringing friends.—Sincere "Thank you" for all your kind letters, acts of kindness. messages and offers of help to me during my recent trouble. Sincerely, John Norsworthy, The Terrace, Old Mill Lane. Bray.

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Aldridge (St. Mary), Staffs. — During the summer months the practice night will be Thursday, 7.30–9.30.
Ancient Society of College Youths.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., April 21, 8.15 p.m. Practices: April 21, St. Paul's Cathedral; April 28, St. Michael's. Cornhill; May 5, St. Lawrence Jewry; May 12, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m. Meeting in Bristol on May 30.—
J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.

Bedford Association.—The members of the three districts of the Bedfordshire Association who attended the ringing lectures at Turnpike Farm, Biggleswade, on Wednesday of Holy Week extend their thanks to their hosts, Sheila and Alan Smith, and the lecturers, Keith Fleming, Philip Mehew and Anthony Smith, Keith for a most rewarding evening.

Cambridge U.G.—The annual general meeting of the Cambridge University Guild will be held in Prof. Moule's rooms in Clare College on Wed., April 29, commencing 9 p.m. 8472

Fyfield, Essex. — Ringing practices at St. Nicholas' will be on Mondays at 7.30 p.m. instead of Thursdays.—S. Clark. 8638

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—All peal ringers please make a note in your Diary: Hon. Peal Secretary is now R. T. Ashby. Hill House, Crawley Hill, Uley, near Dursley, Glos, GL11 5BH, to whom details of and fees for peals rung for the G. and B. should be sent as soon as possible.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec.

Hillingdon joint meeting. — Altered date to November 14. Please amend Diaries and meet-ing notices.—F. W. G. 8636

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Annual report, 1969, containing 57 new compositions, now available, 5s. 6d. each (incl. postage), from new Hon. Gen. Secretary, Mr. R. D. Hughes, 294 Leicester Road, Markfield, Leics. Annual dinner, 1970, on Sept. 26 at Stanford Hail, Leicester University.—A. J. P. 8617

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EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

East Derbys and West Notts Association. Evening meeting. April 25, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), Said Evensong 5.30 p.m. Bells 6-9 p.m. Beginners especially welcome.—E. J. S., Hon.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.-Guildford District.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, April 23. London, Bristol, Pudsey and Rutland.—

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.-Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk. April 24 (Friday), 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire, etc. 8607

Stafford Archdeaconry Society. - Evening practice meeting, Penn, near Wolverhampton, Sat., April 18. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8573

Yorkshire Association.—Southern Branch.— The monthly practice meeting will be held on Tues., April 21, at St. John's, Ranmoor (Sheffield). The ten bells will be available from 19.00 (7 p.m.) to 21.00. Ringing will include rounds on ten and basic 10-bell methods. All are welcome to attend.—A. C. Banton. 8511

Yorkshire Association.—Leeds and District Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Hunslet (8), Sat., April 25, 6-8.30 p.m. Methods: Rounds, call-changes, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise. Please revise the methods before entering the tower.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — The annual general meeting will be held in Warwick on Sat., April 18. St. Nicholas' bells available 2.30-4 p.m.; St. Mary's, 3-4.45. Tea and business meeting in St. Mary's Hall, 4.45. Service in St. Mary's Church 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa. Tel.: Harbury 504.

Derby Diocesan Association.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Whittington, Sat., April 18. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. G. J. Newman, 54 Brearley Avenue, New White the Chest of the Chest (5416). tington, Chesterfield (Tel.: Chest. 5416) .-Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Brampton, Sat., April 18. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Beverley, Surfleet and Single Court Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec 8595

Elv Diocesan Association.—Wisbech Branch. -Meeting at March, April 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.
-D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8580

Gloucester and Bristol Association.-Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Randwick (6), on April 18, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford. Glos, by Tues., April 14.

Guildford Guild.— Leatherhead District.— Meeting, Cobham, Sat., April 18. Ringing for the 4.30 service, Names for tea to Mr. W. R. Hayward (Tel.: Cobham 3540). The district striking competition will then follow. 8590

Guildford Diocesan Guild. - Farnham District.-District meeting, Farnborough, on Sat., April 18. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. J. Dodds, 91 Canterbury Road, Farnborough, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell (Miss), Dis. Sec. 8578

Hertford County Association.—St. Albans District.—Meeting. St. Michael's, St. Albans, April 18. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to F. Kirk, 7 Westwick Close, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 8593

Kent County Association. - Rochester Disrrict.—Quarterly meeting and striking competition, Cuxton, Sat., April 18. Competition 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and general ringing. Names for tea to Mr. A R. Smith, Clovelly, 8 Station Road, Cuxton, Rochester, please.—D. P. L. 8522

Ladies' Guild. — Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting, April 18, Lowestoft. Ringing: Pakefield, 2.45-3.30; St. Margaret's, 3.45-4.30; Kessingland, 7.30-8.30. Service, St. Margaret's, Ressingtand, 7.30-8.30. Service, St. Margaret's, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Coach from Stowmarket 11.30, via Needham Market and Ipswich. Names for same and tea to me. please. Gentlemen very welcome.—J. Lester, 40 Stowmarket Road. Needham Market, Ipswich, IP6 8DS. 8538

Guild. - Lincolnshire District. Meeting, North Muskham, Sat., April 18. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Copp, Marsh Lane, North Muskham, Newark-on-Trent, Notts.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M., April 18. Ringing, Deddington (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea.—J. Pratley, 5 New Street, Deddington,

Oxford Diocesan Guild.-Witney and Wood-Wootton, Sat., April 18. Bells (6) available 2.30-4 p.m. Service 4. After meeting, ringing to take place at Tackley (6), 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. R. Venn, Kimberley. Wootton, Woodstock, Oxford.—E. R. V. 8583

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Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly general meeting, Bramley, Sat., April 18. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Bramley School, 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, please.

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—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting on April 18. Ringing at All Saints', Upham, 2,30–4,30 p.m. Service at Upham 4,30. Tea in the Church Hall, Bishop's Waltham, 5.30, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, until 9 p.m.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Lydford, on April 25, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8610

Bedfordshire Association.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Barton-le-Cley, Sat., April 25. Special business: B.R.F. investment. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4,30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Ashby, 4 Bedford Road, Barton-le-Cley, Beds (phone: Hexton 363), not later than April 23. 8618

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Crewe Branch.—
Goostrey, April 25. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service
4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 22.—W.
Kerr, 107 Moreton Road, Crewe 8612

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.—Southern District.—Meeting, Sat., April 25, St. Cuthbert's, Darlington. Ringing 2.30 p.m., Service 4.45. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. T. Cooke, 116 Eastbourne Road, Darlington, Co. Durham, by Thurs., April 23. 8637

Guildford Guild.—Chertsey District.—Striking competition will be held at Thames Ditton on April 25, 10.30 a.m.—12 noon and 2-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing after the meeting. Names for tea to Miss A. Anthony, 12 Woodside Avenue, Esher.

Kent County Association.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., April 25, at Downe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Cudham. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43 Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wed., April 22.

Norwich Diocesan Association. — Southern Branch.—Meeting, Sat., April 25, Attleborough. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to F. C. Arnold, 6 The Turnpike, Bunwell, Norwich, by Wed., April 22.—F. C. A. 8611 Oxford Diocesan Guild. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Old Windsor, April 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5

p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Numbers for tea to C. Gilson, 28 Cell Farm Avenue, Old Windsor, by April 22.—J. Muller

Oxford Diocesan Guild, -- North Branch.—Annual meeting, Drayton, April 25.
Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Notification for tea to Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by April

Salisbury Guild. — West Dorset Branch. — Meeting, Beaminster, Sat., April 25. Bells 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Stoke Abbott tower open after meeting. Names for tea.—J. Davis, The Mount, Melplash, Bridport.

Scottish Association.—Annual meeting, April 25. Ringing: Dunblane, 2-3 p.m.; Alloa from 3.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Harry Glover, 40 East Stirling Street, Alva, Clackmannanshire, by April 22.

Sussex County Association.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Dallington, April 25.
Bells available 3-4.30 and 6-8 p.m. Service
4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to me for tea by
previous Wednesday, please.—Christine Baldock, Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey. 8614

Truro Guild.—Penzance Branch.—Spring festival at Lelant, April 25. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Numbers for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Higher Boskinning, 8629 Heamoor, Penzance.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, Sat., April 25. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea and business meeting to follow.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8639

Essex Association (N.W. District) and Ely Essex Association (N.W. District) and Ely Diocesan Association (Cambridge District.—A joint meeting will be held at Ashdon (8) on Sat., May 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by further ringing. All welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.—Miss J. Sanderson, Hon. Sec. 8600

Halifax Archdeaconry Guild. — Annual general meeting, May 2, All Souls', Halifax, 2.30–4.30 p.m. Tea and Washington Cathedral film. Business meeting, followed by ringing at Halifax Parish Church. Names for tea to David Smith, 97 Haley Hill, Halifax, before April 29. Look up London Major and Double Norwich.

Yorkshire Association. — Annual general meeting, Ormesby, Sat., May 2. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 47 Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Teesside, by Tues., April 28. Tea tickets will be sent to those who between 3.45 and 4 p.m.) to others who book. between 3.45 and 4 p.m.) to others who book. Subscriptions are due and reports will be available. Towers: Kirby Wiske (6), 10.30–11.30; Northallerton (8), 11–12; Carlton-in-Cleveland (8), 11.45–12.45; Guisborough (6) and Skelton (8), 1-3; Thornaby (8) and Stockton (10), 2–4; Ormesby (8), 2–4.20. Ormesby after the meeting and the other towers: if presents. ing and the other towers if necessary.-W. Moreton.

Devon Guild. — Annual meeting, Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth, Sat., May 16. Service 4.15 p.m. Towers open: Aylesbeare, 11 a.m.—1 p.m.; Broadclyst, 11 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; Clyst Honiton, 2.15–3.15 p.m.; Colaton Raleigh, 11 a.m.—12 noon; East Budleigh, 1—3.30 p.m.; Littleham, 2—4 (prov.); Lympstone. 2—3.45; Otterton, 11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; Pinhoe, 1—2 p.m.; Poltimore, 12 noon—1 p.m.; Topsham, 2.30—3.30 p.m.; Whimple, 1.30—2.30; Woodbury, 1.30—3.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Mack, 7 Bapton Lane, Exmouth, by May 13.—R. T. Perry, Branch Sec. 8615

SURREY ASSOCIATION
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Hamer, All Saints (Rochdale) (6)
Rochdale, St. Chad (8)
Milnrow, St. James (8) 10.30-11.30 11.00-12.00 11.30-12.30 1.00- 2.30 2.00- 3.30

Newhey, St. Thomas (8) Newhey, St. Thomas (8)

Service, Newhey Church, at 3.45.

Tea at 4.30 in Newhey Church School, 5s. each.

Names for tea (with money and s.a.e) to R. Lawson, 24 Bentgate Street, Newhey, Rochdale, by Wednesday, April 22.

A.G.M. in Newhey School at 5.30 p.m.

Evening ringing:

Newhey, St. Thomas (8), after meeting to 8.00.

Middleton, St. Leonard (8), after meeting to 8.45.

Heywood, St. Luke (8), after meeting to 8.45.

SUFFOLK GUILD

St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, 12-bell practices. Mondays in 1970, at 7.15 p.m.

April 27. June 1 June 22. July 27. August 24. September 28 October 26. November 23.

Please note the dates,-A. R. B.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday, May 2

At St. Andrew's, Kingswood (6).
Service 4.30 p.m.
Ringing: St. Martin's, Epsom (10), 2.30-3.30;
All Saints', Banstead (8), 3-4; St. Andrew's,
Kingswood (6), 3-4.30.
Tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting (6 p.m.)
will be held in the Church Hall in Lower
Kingswood Village (A271), about one mile
distant. Names for tea should be sent to Miss
B. Minnion, 38 Josephine Avenue, Lower
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A.G.M., 1970 — ETICOLA Saturday, April 25 Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel, Cathedral, 8 a.m. Ringing times: Blankney (6), 10.30-11.15 a.m.

Metheringham (8), 11 a.m.-12 noon. Dunston (5), 11.45 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Nocton (6), 12.15-1 p.m.

Branston (6), 1-2 p.m.
Cathedral (12), St. Botolph's (6),
St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), 2-4 and 6.30-9 p.m.
St. Giles' (8), 6.30-9 p.m.
Service 4.15 p.m. at Cathedral, followed by

tea and A.G.M. in Tithe Barn.

Names for tea to J. L. Millhouse, 8 Marne Gardens, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous. 8558

Received too late for Classification BIRTHS

On March 17, 1970, at the City Lock. -Hospital, Exeter, to Frances (née Rowe) and Martin, a son (Jonathan Paul). 8653

Palmer.—To Roger and Rosemary, on Mar. 23, 1970, a son Michael James, a brother for Gillian, Josephine and Janet. 8648

ENGAGEMENT

Powell - Evans. - The engagement is anmounced between Roger, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Powell, of Oswestry, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Evans, of Swansea.

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Bath and Wells Association.—Crewkerne
Branch.—Practice meeting, Crewkerne, on Sat.,
April 18, at 7.30 p.m.—R. J. D. 8651
Chester Diocesan Guild.—Wirral Branch.—
St. Mary's, Upton, Birkenhead, April 18. Bells
3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Telephone 652 5192
for free tea.—A. J. Martin. 8656
Hertford County Association.—The general
secretary is now R. E. Hardy, 23 Culver Road,
St. Albans (Office Tel.: 01-248 5070, Ext. 311).
Details of peals should be forwarded to the
peal secretary, G. Penney, 5 Mentmore Road
St. Albans. St. Albans.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Hinckley District.
—Annual striking contest, Stoke Golding, Sat.,
April 25. Beils (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea
5 p.m. in the School Room. Contest after
short business meeting. Names for tea, please,
to Mr. H. Hill, Gables, 31 Wykin Lane, Stoke
Golding, Nuneaton, by Wed. previous. Contest entries by Sat. previous at latest. Visitors
welcome.—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 8655
Norwich Diocesan Association.—Eastern
Branch.—Practice meeting, South Walsham, on
Sat., April 18. Bells (5) from 6.30 p.m.—N.C. Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Hinckley District.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Sat., April 25. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Striking competition to be held in the evening. Names for tea and entries, please, to Mr. R. Henman, 1 Church Lane, Brafield. Northampton (Cogenhoe 748). 8650 Suffolk Guild.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting, Stradbroke (10), Sat., April 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. Page, Campanella, Pettaugh, Stowmarket, by Wed., April 22. 8654 (Continued on back page) Peterborough Diocesan Guild.-Northamp-

LATE NEWS

We regret to learn that Mr. Charles Norris, of Chatham, is seriously ill, and all who know him are asked to remember him in their prayers for a speedy restoration to full health and vigour.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for April 16, 1920

"It has been and still is difficult to arouse interest, outside the Council Chamber, in the doings of the Central Council . . . at last the R.W.' has had some little effect in bringing home to a supine Exercise the fact

that the C.C. is a body which might be made useful. . . "—Leading article.

Three peals of Stedman Cinques were recorded: at Birmingham Frank W. Perrens rang the 5th, at Chelmsford Wm. Shepherd the treble and at Southwark Arthur Barker

the tenor.

Herbert Audsley rang the 4th for Grandsire Triples at Erith and Edwin Barnett, sen., conducted.

The Bailey brothers, of Leiston, Suffolk, rang three peals on handbells: Bob Royal, Kent T.B. Maximus and Bob Maximus, Charles Bailey conducting all three. In each peal there were two or three winesses.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association meeting was attended by about 40 persons. some of whom travelled 30 or 40 miles in

At the Midland Counties A.G.M. the entrance fee was raised to 3s, and the annual subscription to 1s. 6d.

A new ring of six was dedicated at Duddington (as a memorial to an officer in the Northamptonshire Regiment)-but only for

The birth of a daughter was announced to Major and Mrs. C. F. Jerram, of Pen-

werris. Falmouth.

Oxford D. Guild.—St. George's Day: all invited to Beaconsfield. The Bishop of Buckingham will preach and an invitation for all to tea, the Lord Burnham presiding. A band of "Georges" will ring a touch.— Advt.

25 YEARS AGO April 13, 1945

Synthetic bells are a mockery. Nothing but the genuine thing is good enough to be used for the glory of God.—From a correspondent,

For his 1,250th peal Alf Pulling conducted D. Norwich at Farnham, and at Portsmouth there were three firsts in the same method-Harold A. Nobes, John H. Hunt and Stanley F. Cook.

Albert Diserens rang his first peal of D Norwich on handbells, conducted by J. E.

Spice.

A preliminary notice announced that the C. Council would meet on Whit Tuesday, and the leader expressed optimism in that the war was nearly over.

The deaths were announced of Mr. Robert W. T. Maynard, of Walthamstow, and Mr. Wm. A. Woodrow, of Hersham. A letter from Rev. C. C. Cox, of Lyme Regis, on competitive ringing drew attention

tion to the difference between the competitive spirit for its own sake and competitive spirit for "pot hunting."

A long obituary, the funeral and the list of his peals was given for Mr. G. R. Pye. The ringers' last tribute was a course of Grandsire Triples over the open grave by E. A. Barnett, A. W. Coles, J. F. Smallwood and W. J. Nudds.

The Jubilee Shield for the most progressive tower in the East Derby and Notts Association was presented to Clay Cross.

At Sherfield English, Hants, a peal of Grandsire Triples was conducted by E. F. Salmons. Mrs. Salmons rang her first peal of Triples and Ronald F. Burford (No. 3) and Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (4) their first

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(LATE NOTICES—continued) ENGAGEMENT

Jones—Campbell. — The engagement is announced between Graham, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Jones, of Banwell, Somerset, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell, of Wethersfield, Essex. 8664

Croydon Parish Church.—Practices, April 28 and June 2, 7-8 p.m. only. Additional service ringing April 30, 7-7.30 p.m. 8665

Bath and Wells Association. - Axbridge

Bath and Wells Association. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Burnham-on-Sea, April 25. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg. 8658 Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Glaston Branch.—Correction: Quarterly at Baltonsborough (6), April 18. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting.—C. R. J. 8540 Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting at Lugwardine, Sat., April 25. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas 5. Evening ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Southall, Crown and Anchor Inn, Lugwardine, please, by April 22. 8666 Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Ross District.—Meeting, Bridstow, Sat., April 25. Bells (8) 3

Meeting, Bridstow, Sat., April 25. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Webb, 23 Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye, by April 8661

Norwich Diocesan Association.—A.G.M. at Great Yarmouth, Sat., May 2. Service at St. Nicholas' Church, 4 p.m. Tea in St. James' Parish Hall (names to Mrs. G. Harvey, 15 Clarence Road), followed by business meeting. Ringing arrangements next week. 8659

THREE-DAYS HEREFORD COURSE

The Lord Bishop of Hereford (Rt. Rev. M. A. Hodson) took coffee with those attending the three-days course at the College of Education in the city last weekend. About 100 attended and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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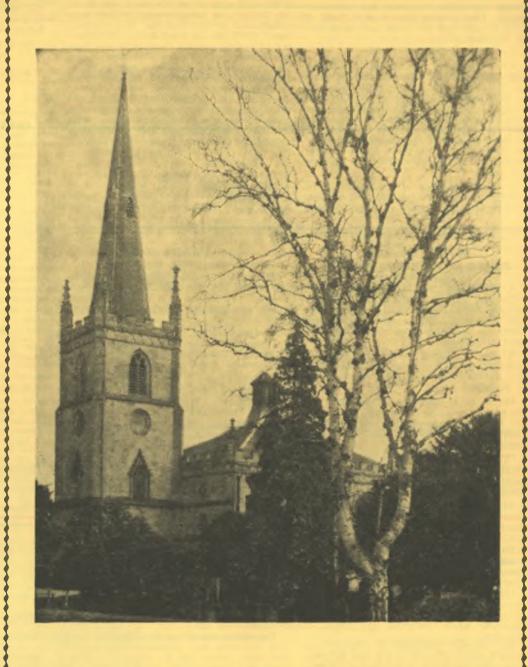
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St. Nicholas, Warwick

THE ANCIENT PARISH of St. Nicholas, Warwick, comprised the south-eastern portion beyond the walls of the town. The site on which the church is built has been hallowed for nearly a thousand years of Christian activity, and possibly a religious house existed here prior to the Norman Conquest

Little is known of the old church. It is thought to have been smaller than the present building and in a 1654 review of Warwick the church is shown with a tower and spire, as an entry in the accounts of 1570 confirms. Amongst the church plate are two Commonwealth chalices, each bearing the inscription "This belongs to the Parish of Nicholas in Warwick, 1657."

In the latter half of the 18th century the church had fallen into decay and was taken The present church was built in 1779/80, although the tower and spire may be 30 years older.

MISSING METAL

Records of 1552 indicate that the church had five bells; the church accounts mention five bells with a tenor of 18 cwt. 1 gr. In 1695 reference is made of six bells with a tenor of 15 cwt. 21 lb. When these new bells were delivered it was discovered that they fell short by 3 cwt. 10 lb. in weight of the old five bells, so that this weight of metal remained to the parish at the foundry of Keen's. What happened to this metal is

In a memorandum of a meeting of the parish council on January 7, 1694, in connection with the hanging of these six bells

and the paying for same, the name of Mr. William Tarver is mentioned, who was a prominent townsman of Warwick and was Mayor of the town in 1684, 1689 and 1704. At the present moment a Mr. William Tarver is a member of St. Nicholas' Parochial Council and has also served as Mayor of Warwick 1964/65, and is at the present time a serving alderman of the town.

SEVEN RANDALLS

In 1887 two trebles were added by Mears and Stainbank to complete the octave. Only two peals are known to have been rung on these bells, one each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. It would appear that these bells were most difficult to ring and were silent for over 30 years before they were broken up and recast into a new octave in 1957, with a tenor of 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. by Taylor's, of Loughborough. They were rededicated on St. Nicholas' Day, December 5, 1957, by the Lord Bishop of Coventry. The first peal on these bells was rung on December 7. This was of Bob Major and conducted by the tower captain, J. L. Garner-Hayward. Over 30 peals have already been rung.

The present band can boast a family of seven Randalls, with ages ranging from Jane, 10 years, to father, 51 years. With the aid of a tenor man this family rings touches of Grandsire Triples, with Jane on the treble. The remainder of the family are all capable of the four standard methods, with Geoffrey and Peter both very capable conductors. With the exception of the father, all have been taught to handle a bell at St. Nicholas' Church.

J. L. G. H.

50 YEARS AGO April 23, 1920

"This musical composition contains the 6th behind the 8th and 9th in alternate courses." — Footnote to a peal of Stedman Caters at Croydon. George Marriner rang the 2nd.

At Linton, Kent, a peal of Bob Major was rung after the two trebles had been dedicated. Thomas and Leonard Mannering and Thomas and Charles Sone took part.

At Witley, Surrey, Mrs. Hazelden rang in her husband's 100th peal—the first time this had been done. William Moorey rang the second. The method: Grandsire Triples.

The Worcestershire Association at its A.G.M. decided that it was not in favour of giving the C.C. more powers. 128 members sat down to tea.

Ex-Cpl. Churchill rang a peal at Belton with one arm, he having lost the other on the Somme in 1916. The peal was by all ex-Servicemen.

St. Peter Mancroft had its 14th bell-a sanctus bell-given as a war memorial.

At the Norwich and Ipswich Association Mr. George E. Symonds was appointed hon, secretary to convene a general meeting of the Ipswich Branch.

Mr. Henry Lewis, who died aged 74, was one of the pioneers of St. Albans. His father was Mayor in 1856 and raised money to add the two trebles to St. Peter's. making a ring of 12.

The centenary of the first peal of Kent T.B. Maximus was commemorated at Birmingham, where the St. Martin's Youths rang the peal — 7,200, called New T.B. Maximus—in 5 hours 8 minutes.

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AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED .

Page 210.—"Twenty were Called": last paragraph, for Surrey Association read Guildford Gulld.

Page 215. — Grandsire Caters (Essex Association), Guildford Cathedral, Feb. 21, duplicated, p. 275 Page 236. - Spliced Minor, Edwinstone (Southwell Guild): conductor, George A. Dawson.

Page 254. — Bristol Society. 5024 Rutland, Saturday, February 28: 2 hours 48 minutes, (13 cwt.). Page 256. — Doubles at Marston (Oxford Guild): transpose names of 4th and 5th ringers.

Whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together.

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25 YEARS AGO Taken from The Ringing World for April 20, 1945

A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters at Solihull was conducted by D. T. Matkin and was rung in memory of the late President Roosevelt. Others taking part were Edgar C. Shepherd, Frank E. Haynes and George E. Fearn.

At the Cathedral. Leicester, Peter J. Staniforth and Charles Marshall rang their first handbell peal and Jill Poole her first of Plain Bob Major.

Mr. J. A. Trollope was in the chair for the business meeting of the S.W. District of the Middlesex Association, held at Christ Church, Ealing. Mr. W. G. Wilson was appointed assistant hon, secretary,

"The covering tenor forces itself so much on the ear that it tends to obscure the finer points of striking."—From the leading article on "covering bells."

At Overton, Hants, a peal of Bob Minor was conducted by C. H. Kippin and was the first peal for Andrew Taylor and the first of Bob Minor for Ernest R. Warner.

The total funds of the Kent County Association had increased to £1,137 5s. 8d. it was announced at the A.G.M. at Maid-

Mr. C. W. Pipe was elected hon, secretary of the Suffolk Guild in succession to Mr. H. G. Herbert and the Bishop of Dunwich wrote resigning the office of

Mr. Norman Chaddock, in a letter from India Command, gave details and information about the bells of St. George's Cathe-

dral. Madras.

INCREASING IN POPULARITY

THE 3-DAY EASTER COURSE AT HEREFORD

Through rain, sleet and snow showers, but with occasional periods of brilliant sunshine, 80 students of church bell ringing, together with tutors and assistants (numbering another 20), assembled at the College of Education, Hereford, during the afternoon and evening of April 9 for a three-days intensive course in all sections of the Exercise. Arranged by Mr. W. F. Moreton (of Wakefield, Yorks), a member of the Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee of the Central Council, he was assisted principally by Mr. G. T. Cousins, of Hereford, and a number of other competent ringers and lecturers.

The students, of both sexes, whose ages ranged from 11 years and upwards, assembled after supper on the first evening and were welcomed by Mr. Moreton, who also introduced the lecturers and helpers and briefly explained the domestic and other arrangements.

This was followed by an illustrated lecture on bellringing, bellhanging and bells and carillons of other countries given by Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who is well known for his concise and thorough explanation of this subject, which he has studied for so many years. His collection of books, photographs, handbells and models were well displayed and used to emphasise certain parts of the lecture. Mr. Austin Wingate operated the projector.

On each of the following days a wellplanned programme was adhered to, the five or six groups being given every opportunity for advancement in knowledge of what all consider to be the most fascinating of all hobbies-campanology-the art and science of bellringing. In various rooms in the college, groups with pencils and paper, with blackboard and chalk and with handbells and bellropes, were to be seen enthusiastically and with avid concentration studying the particular section each student had chosen. During intervals for coffee and meals the topic discussed was always the same, and it is probable that considerable knowledge was also gained during these breaks and which helped in future studies.

The practical side was thoroughly explored, and loaded cars were seen at intervals careering through country lanes en route for some village church where the lessons learned in the classrooms were put into practice, and many miles were

traversed to accomplish a couple of courses of Bob Minor or one of Oxford Treble Bob. Everyone entered into the spirit of the course: the instructors were forthright and insistent on discipline, whilst the pupils—young and not so young—persevered and at times sweated to attain something not before accomplished. And then, back to college for more lessons, more handbells and further lectures and discussions. A late drink with biscuits about 9.30 to 10, and so to bed, although several small groups are known to have been struggling with handbells until the early hours, but all were

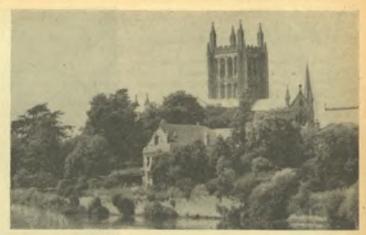
PRACTICAL SESSIONS

Among the subjects studied and practised were single and double-handed changeringing on handbells, tune ringing, basic method structure, basic conducting and conducting Grandsire, composition, working out easy touches and conducting Plain Bob, whilst there was also a session on instruction on rope splicing. The practical method ringing ranged from Doubles and Minor to Cambridge Royal, and in the former the progress made in 24 hours was remarkable.

Mr. Sharpe spent considerable time with a handbell group, some of whom had never before handled a bell, ringing tunes, and on Saturday evening he wrote the score harmonising the hymn tunes for his handbell team to lead the singing at the short service he conducted the next morning. He also gave a further illustrated talk on the care and maintenance of bells, bell fittings, frames and towers, which was well received.

A period towards the end of the course was set aside for discussion connected with the general syllabus and considerable con-

at breakfast at 8 a.m. next morning.



structive information was obtained. "break-up" started soon after lunch on Sunday and everyone, without exception, felt satisfied that it had all been well worth while and tremendously successful. Plans are already in hand for the next course in

Responsible for the organisation and instruction

Tutors: Messrs. George T. Cousins, Philip C. K. Davies, John C. Eisel, Wilfrid F. Moreton, Frederick Sharpe, Wilfrid G. Wilson and Peter Wycherley, with the Editor of The Ringing World as guest/observer,

Assistants: Messrs. F. Harris, I. Campbell, Cater, L. Evans, R. Hatcher, N. Mattingley, M. Powell, M. C.

Evans, R. Hatcher, N. Mattingley, M. Powell, M. C. W. Sherwood, I. R. Panton, J. F. Turney and A. Wingate, and Miss V. M. Edge.
Those attending the course were:
The Misses M. A. Butcher, F. Brown, C. Brown, F. M. Pollock, M. J. Wiltshire, G. M. White, C. J. Dearden, C. Carče, P. Freeland, M. Keen, N. Jordan, M. Somme, N. M. Paton, A. Brain, S. M. Paton, C. Slater, J. Downes, L. Hogarth, C. Edwards, M. L. Ellwood, G. Simms, P. Hughes.

The Rev. E. W. P. Ainsworth and Messra. P. E. Hines, J. L. Findon, S. C. Walters, P. Randall, E. J. Cole, R. Poole, W. Chalklin, A. Roberts, D. Peers, M. J. Whiteley, J. Wheeler, I. M. Bellamy, N. Bellamy, C. L. Barr, J. Ranford, N. E. Cronin, C. Mountjoy, C. G. Jones, G. Davies, N. Brain, R. K. Smith, R. Davies, W. D. Walters, A. A. Paton, J. Smith, R. Davies, W. D. Walters, A. A. Paton, J. Hyden, R. Cooper, G. S. Butler, R. C. Sayers, J. A. Foster, A. Moreton, G. Lloyd, C. A. Davis, A. Osbaldiston, P. Hughes, C. L. Hawkins, M. Jackson, F. B. Comer, M. I. Davey, T. Harrison.

Mesdames P. M. Hine, S. Aldridge, D. J. Cleaver, J. Kelly, E. Cole, R. M. Carden, M. R. Paton, A. Turney, R. Cooper, T. Maybury, M. Elsel, N. Marshall, E. Wycherley, L. Lloyd, P. Price, S. E. Parry,

E. Gusterton S. Randall.



Considerable discussion took place at the final meeting of the course about the amounts paid by ringers for annual subscriptions, which in most cases were not realistic in these days, and also the necessity for starting and supporting, in various ways, a Restoration Fund for towers and bells. This, it was suggested, could be done by legacies, by a set amount from each tower (2s. per bell per tower?) and a'so by a percentage of the members' annual subscription being transferred (25%?) to supplement it. Other ideas were: rope tax for visiting teams, i.e., outings, meetings and peals, etc., and jumble sales, sales of work and sponsored walks.

Although no decisions could be made, all present agreed that such restoration funds were essential at Guild or diocesan level.



A happy photo, taken by the R.W. during the first morning coffee break at the bellringing course at Hereford, when the Lord Bishop of Hereford (Rt. Rev. M. A. Hodson) visited ringers. L. to r.: Mr. John Eisel, Mr. Marcus C. W. Sherwood, the Lord Bishop, Miss Margaret Ellwood, Mr. Peter Wycherley and Mr. George Cousins.

Overheard at Hereford.

"We could do with a few more Wilf Moretons in the bellringing world."

"I'm finished with you! You gave your sausage roll to a perfect stranger!

"Oh no I didn't; he swopped his hard-boiled egg for it."

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"Gosh! She's changed her outfit again! Wonder how many more clothes she's brought with her."

"Oh, I don't mind being shouted at by him 'cause he's quite dishy really.'

"I got up at 7 o'clock to learn Oxford Treble Bob-so was determined to have a go at it during the day."

"My wife's from Scotland and we always have salt on our porridge, but when I'm away I have sugar."

"I've rung Bob Major before, but I didn't tell the tutor. It will make him feel he's accomplished something if I get through without a mistake. * .

"Oh, I'm more experienced than she is, but then I'm older."

'How old are you?" "Nearly 13."

And happenings.

One couple's Vauxhall "blew up" at a church miles from anywhere and had to be towed in for repair.

A handbell peal attempt for Bob Major came to grief after an hour. Maybe the room number was responsible-No. 13!

A well-known Jaguar and a yellow Morgan semi-sports battled it out on several stretches of the open road—the latter always managing to arrive ahead of the Jag.

The saloon bar at a village pub was crowded when two groups met for picnic lunch and a drink but the landlady was all smiles as she had not had so many customers for a long time.

A blue Austin was standing in the car park at 10 a.m. with headlights full on. Following an announcement, a very attractive young lady arrived to correct her omission with the explanation: "I dashed in five minutes late and didn't want to miss anything—it's all so interesting.'

A visit to Hereford Cathedral on Friday morning by one observer found the usual peace and tranquillity shattered by a host of young people dashing from place to place—whistling, shouting, and one even smoking—whilst they erected scaffolding for lighting, scenery, curtains and furniture for an evening production of "Give me your hand." Comment by one elderly lady as she retreated: "Oh dear! I suppose God does approve all this, but I'm afraid I



Mr. Frederick Sharpe with students, working out the harmonies for the hymns which the handbell team accompanied at the Sunday service, which Mr. Sharpe conducted.

POINTS FOR OUTING ORGANISERS

With the introduction of the 1970 Transport Act on March 15th, coach operators are faced with regulations regarding the length of the coach driver's working day. hours of rest both during the day and between each day's work and also the number of hours he might spend at the wheel. Generally these new conditions need not have a very great effect on the normal ringers' day tour, with the exception that the overall mileage might need to be a little less than in the past.

The main condition is that a coach driver is now restricted to an overall day of 14 hours, that being the total length of his day from the time that he leaves his garage until he gets back there at the end of his day's work. During this day he must not spend more than a total of 10 hours actual driving and the remaining four hours must be taken as rest periods, away from the coach, so that he is free to obtain refreshment and at the same time not be responsible for his coach or his passengers. The driver must have a rest period of at least 30 minutes within 5½ hours of the commencement of his duty—this break can be part of the 4-hour period—and further he must during the day have one rest period of at least two hours in duration. This last condition can be met by arranging the lunch stop at the same place as one of the towers being visited; this period will usually total two hours, remembering, of course. that the coach will not be available to transfer the party from the tower to a restaurant or vice versa. The other two hours of the day's rest period can be made up by the times that the ringers are at other towers on the tour, providing that no stop is of less than 30 minutes' duration.

It is possible for a driver to work an overall day of 15 or 16 hours, once a week only, but with days of this duration the rest period of five or six hours respectively must be taken as consecutive hours. Generally this exemption would not be suitable for a ringers' tour unless they were prepared to spend up to five hours in a coach getting to a point, then spending the next five or six hours visiting towers on foot, or

even hiring a coach based in that locality, then another up to five hours run getting back to their home base. Of course, if a coach was hired to tour the local towers this would add considerably to the cost of the day's outing. It is possible to "doubleman" a coach, i.e., use two drivers, but in this instance both drivers have to take their rest period for that day as a continuous rest, and if the coach is moving there must be a seat for them to rest in. This again will naturally mean a large increase in the cost of the hire.

This new Transport Act will obviously have an effect on the cost of hiring coaches. In the future more labour will be required to get the maximum revenue from coaches in the normal coach season. Any driver on duty after 10 p.m. will not be available until after 9 a.m. the following day, and so additional labour will have to be employed to take the coach out if required before that time. Nevertheless, if tour organisers bear these new restrictions in mind when planning tours there is no reason why ringers should not be able to enjoy their day's outings as well as in the past. Remember that if a coach driver is prosecuted for breaking these new regulations he is liable to be fined up to £200 and also lose his driving licence. If in doubt about any tour do not hesitate to contact your coach operator before finalising the tour arrangements

F. W. S.

SURREY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Arrangements for the 90th anniversary dinner of the Surrey Association on May 16 were discussed by the general committee meeting at Beddington Church vestry on April 9. The dinner committee reported that 90 tickets had been sold and an early appli-cation for the 60 still available was re-quested. Grants of Croydon had placed their car park in Park Street at the disposal of ringers attending the dinner.

Ringing on the occasion of the A.G.M. at Kingswood on May 2 will be at St. Martin's, Epsom, Banstead and Kingswood be-fore the service. Grants of £30 to Horley and £72 to Benhilton from the Belfry Re-

pair Fund were approved.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

After ringing during the day at 22 towers in the city and county the annual service was held in Leicester Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. and 25 members formed a choir to lead the singing. The Precentor conducted the service, the lessons were read by the general secretary and president of the Guild and the Lord Bishop preached. Tea followed in the Alderman Newton's Boys' School next to the Cathedral and about 125 members were present

Mrs. Jill Staniforth (president) opened the meeting by expressing thanks to the Lord Bishop, the Precentor, the Provost, churchwardens and vergers for their assistance at the service, and to Dr. Gray, former master of music at the Cathedral. The choir had worked very hard before the service and all appreciated their efforts. The incumbents of the towers open during the day were thanked, as were those clergy who had accepted invitations to join the ringers for the service. The members who had made the arrangements for ringing and the ladies who had prepared tea were also thanked by the president.

Certificates of membership were then presented to new members. The reports of the general secretary, treasurer, peal secretary and auditors, as printed in the annual report, with some minor adjustments, were adopted. Mr. P. J. Staniforth thanked the officers who had worked so hard during the year. Confirmation of the election of seven ringing, five non-resident life members and three honorary members was followed by the election of officers for the year ahead.

Mrs. Staniforth, president for the past three years, did not seek re-election, and hoped that the new president would be supported as she had been, adding that next year the Guild would be celebrating its 25th year. Mrs. Staniforth expressed thanks to the retiring general secretary (Mr. A. J. Poynor) and then vacated the chair for the new president, Mr. John Bramley.

Mr. Bramley said it was a great honour for him to be following Mrs. Staniforth, and expressed his gratitude for her hard work during her years in office. The vice-presidents (Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. J. H. Cook) were re-elected and Mr. R. D.

WHY RING?

A controversial editorial on "Why Ring?" appears in the Irish Bell News. It is based on a question by a well-known and popular lady ringer in England, that runs: "We are frequently told that we ring to bring people to church. Do we? If the aim is to bring people to church, is the ringing of bells the best way to do it?

"Would any good publicity or marketing agent use bells to achieve the object in an age of advertising, television and free samples? If for no other reason, he would reject the idea for having lost its impact due to familiarity. When done badly, with striking which leaves much to be desired, it is more likely to antagonise the public than attract.

"Would it not be more sincere to admit that ringers ring because they enjoy it and perhaps because they believe they are perpetuating a tradition worth maintaining? From this it follows that, in an age of noise, ringers are imposing yet one more on the population with their pleasure. Thus it behoves them all the more to have regard to what they ring and how they ring." Hughes was elected general secretary. The treasurer (Mr. J. M. Jelley), peal secretary (Mr. R. H. Cook), trustees (Mr. B. G. Warwick and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth) and librarian (Mr. J. Bramley) were all re-elected. Mr. Bramley reported that the Ringing Worlds were being bound and that when completed he would not seek re-election as librarian. Mr. W. J. Root and Mrs. S. E. Poynor were re-elected auditors.

Mr. Poynor spoke on the motion to increase the annual subscription and the proposed alterations to rules—all regarding price increases. Mr. Bramley suggested that the annual subscription ought to be nearer 10s. not 6s. After a lengthy discussion a motion increasing the subscription to 10s. for members of 18 and over was passed and the alterations to rules then carried were (1) to increase entrance fee to 6s., (2) to increase life ringing membership to £6, (3) to increase the non-resident life members' fee to 10s., (5) to increase the peal booking fee from 6d. to one shilling per rope. These alterations included the decimal currency equivalents so that rules would not need altering next year.

A proposal to give life ringing members the right to a postal vote for items on the A.G.M. agenda was discussed and carried by 30 votes to 27, the majority of members abstaining.

Grants from the bell repair fund had been made to Sapcote (£50), Kibworth (£20) and St. Margaret's, Leicester (£10). It was announced that the next quarterly general meeting would be in June at Bottesford, the northernmost tower in the diocese, and Mr. Bramley asked for good support at this meeting.

Some discussion followed regarding the possibility of holding a special festival to mark the 25th anniversary of the formation from the Midland Counties Association of the Leicester, Derby and Southwell Guilds.

A collection for binding Ringing Worlds in memory of Mr. Joe Carter, of Wigston Magna, was taken, and after Mr. Bramley had thanked everyone for their attendance the meeting closed. Further ringing took place at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

A. J. P.

A MUSICAL ART

Writing on the "Treble Clef" page of the RSCM News, David Harding, of Addington Palace, asks for a short article on bell-ringing. He says:—

"Reading RSCM News I am struck by the fact that bell-ringing is so seldom mentioned. I am firmly of the opinion that campanology should feature as one of the interests of the RSCM—it is a musical art only to be found in churches, and is not only highly specialised but also exclusively English. You don't find any continental church ringing Cambridge Surprise or Bob Major—and yet many of our choristers will be found pulling the ropes before Mattins or after a wedding. I would very much like to introduce bell-ringing to readers of TC, and would be very glad if any reader would care to write us a short article explaining it. Any offers?"

Tis not the man who has the most That gives the most away, Nor yet the man who knows the most That has the most to say.—Anon.

CANON R. O. STEPHENSON LEAVING

The peal rung at the Church of the Ascension. Bitterne Park, Southampton, by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on March 7, was arranged as a farewell tribute to the Vicar, Canon R. O. Stephenson, who is shortly to leave the parish after 23 years. It was the personal enthusiasm of Canon Stephenson that was largely responsible for the installation of the ring of eight in this fine, modern church in 1957. This achievement involved building a considerable extension to the tower before work could begin, the purchase of the redundant six bells from St. Maurice's Church, Winchester, the recasting of the cracked tenor and the casting of two new



trebles, none of which was cheap. Funds, however, followed from enthusiasm; the writer well remembers, as a child at Sunday School, contributing to the fund for the Children's Bell and receiving a bell certificate for each five shillings saved!

Canon Stephenson has always taken a keen interest in his ringers and is proud of the fact that the ringers have always been a valuable part of the church family.

Amongst his other services to the parish have been the building of a splendid new daughter church (with a ring of one, hung expertly by a well-known rotund London bellhanger), the provision of a series of stained glass windows on themes from the hymns of Isaac Watts, the only permanent memorial to the hymn writer in his native town, and a fitting addition to a church which already has the finest modern stained glass in the South of England, and the creation of a fine tradition of churchmanship which has made these improvements worth while.

His friends in the parish are glad that he is remaining in the county and that he will still have 12 bells (in two towers, unfortunately) in his care. They wish him well.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild LINCOLN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of Elloe Deaneries Branch was held jointly with the Eastern Branch at Bicker. Ringing on the pleasant light eight (tenor 8 cwt.) ranged from rounds to a variety of Surprise methods. Over 60 members from the two branches, and visitors, sat down to tea in the village hall. Ringing continued until 9 p.m. The next meeting will be at Lutton (6) in July.

Letters

CENTRAL COUNCIL MATTERS

Dear Sir,-I have read the correspondence on last year's Council meeting, and on its minutes, with increasing impatience. Mr. Game's letter is the last straw. What on earth are Mr. Mew and Mr. Game trying to do? And for what has Mr. Bottomley to apologise?

Is it supposed to be for the fact that Mr. Exton's motion was not printed on the agenda? That this was a misunderstanding and no more is clear, since Mr. Bottomley suggested three ways by which the motion could be debated, and Mr. Exton, obviously, accepted one of these suggestions. In view of these two facts, it is those who try to imply that there was some sinister motive who owe an apology to Mr. Bottomley. This was asked for but has not been given, as far as I can see.

Is it supposed to be for the word "vary" in the minutes? Your readers may not realise that no mention of Mr. Exton's motion need have been included in the minutes since there was no vote taken on it. The secretary chose to include a brief report, however, but it was obviously a precis, and rightly so.

There is one point to do with Mr. Exton's motion that has not, I think, appeared in The Ringing World. Council members in general, and its officers in particular, were concerned to give Mr. Exton a fair hearing, and they listened with interest, at first, to the case he put. After ten minutes or a quarter of an hour one member got up to suggest that Mr. Exton should conclude his speech, but the president emphasised that Mr. Exton be allowed to continue, which he did. I felt that Mr. Exton lost the sympathy of members by going on for so long, and the motion for "next business" might have been moved from any corner of the hall. The overwhelming vote in favour of the latter motion had little to do with Mr. Exton's arguments.

The statements in the last three paragraphs of Mr. Game's letter make curious reading. The Council's instruction to the Standing Committee was a fresh wind, if anything was. And does Mr. Game really want all the rules and customs of the Council to go? And I fancy that the Council has the confidence and respect of the Exercise now. Some will always be dis-

Is there a more traditional art than bell-ringing? What is this "reactionary tradi-tionalism" that Mr. Game objects to? — Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Wakefield.

TOO LATE

Dear Sir,-While it is interesting to read in The Ringing World of television programmes in which bellringing featured (e.g. pages 47 and 239, 1970), how much more interesting it would be if such information could be given in the pages of The Ringing World two weeks before instead of two weeks after the event. Perhaps the appropriate C.C. committee would consider providing us with this service.—Yours faith-

MICHAEL BISHOP.

Didcot, Berks. [We agree. It was pure luck that we heard of the programmes, and too late for early publication.—Ed.]

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

Dear Sir,—In my younger days, when I thought I knew something of the French language, I would occasionally buy a copy of France Soir, and have never completely forgotten a sentence from a leading article of one issue. It read: "The Anglo-Saxons are past-masters in the art of masking the emptiness of their diplomatic expressions behind beautiful, moral and virtuous phrases."

That sentence came to mind again as I read Mr. K. G. Game's letter (page 270) on "Council Matters." That some reorganisation of the Council is desirable 1 would not question-indeed, in my last report as secretary I made this very point, whilst pleading guilty to being by nature a traditionalist. But what on earth is the value of writing, as Mr. Game does, of his hope that "the odour of musk and mothballs will not too obviously pervade this fresh wind and that it is not only the weak that will go to the wall but many if not all of the entrenched rules and customs of the Council which have become sacrosanct by the passage of time," and more in the same strain? What, if anything, did Mr. Game contribute in response to the secretary's invitation last year for ringers to send in their ideas for reform?

Has "the wind of change" blown through the Southern District of the Surrey Association since he became its secretary, or does it still work to entrenched rules, smelling of musk and mothballs, that have become sacrosanct by the passage of time?

latter, I expect.

How right France Soir was about people like Mr. Game! However, he will have another opportunity, when the account of the last Standing Committee is published, not only to mix his metaphors a little further but, more important, to make some constructive contribution to the discussion. I hope he will take it.—Yours faithfully, E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

SPLICED MINOR

Dear Sir,-May I congratulate Mr. C. A. Wratten on his excellent "History of Spliced Minor," which must have involved a tremendous amount of research.

He speaks of the peal at Felkirk on January 29, 1961, in 125 methods in a 5040 as marking "the end of an era" in so far as the peals up to that point had been composed "within quite rigid limitations." His subsequent remarks imply that this is because peals which followed exceeding 125 spliced made use either of "single-change" or "irregular" methods.

May I point out that on May 26, 1961, a peal on handbells in 130 methods was a pear on nandeers in 130 methods was rung by Howard Scott 1–2, Wilfrid F. Moreton (cond.) 3–4 and W. Eric Critchley 5–6. All the methods were "regular" and there were no "single-change" methods.

Mr. Moreton pointed out at the time that under these conditions it was not possible to exceed 130. This, so far as I am aware, is still true.

Two of the 720s were by A. G. Driver, one by C. K. Lewis, another was the Lewis/Chant mentioned by Cyril A. Wratten and I was responsible for the other

Although the number of methods since that time has increased I do not think there have been any new developments in the technique of Spliced Minor composithe technique of tion.—Yours faithfully, HAROLD CHANT.

Wakefield.

RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Your readers may be able to help. The booklet Ringing in Hertford-shire is being brought up to date. Most ringing towers have returned my questionnaire with a fund of information, but I need more.

Where are the up-and-coming lively youngsters and middle-aged youngsters smitten with the bug to ring, who are fighting to get their first quarter peals or peals? And where are the present-day handbell ringers who strive in their lunch hours to master a plain course or who sit silently thumbing it on trains and buses?

You must be somewhere. It will give heart to others to hear about you. Write and tell me who you are, which is your tower, how many other towers you visit for practices, what handbell group you belong to and, altogether, how you con-

ribute to ringing in Hertfordshire.

Postal expenses are high, so please accept thanks now for any effort you may make. It will be carefully sifted and used in the book.—Yours faithfully,

L. G. GOODMAN (Mrs.).
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Buntingford, Herts.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Sir,-On behalf of the band in Cheshire who until recently held the record for the number of methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells, I would like to offer congratulations to the Hertfordshire band on achieving a new record of 14 methods.—Yours faithfully. ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST

From Mr. A. Colin Banton:-

The peal of Bob Minor rung on Easter morning by members of the Huntington Guild in York is of particular interest. It was rung at the Arts Centre, which was, until recently, the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies and before that the Church of St. John, Ousebridge. Only two previous peals on the bells are recorded, the last in 1959, and both of these being Bob Minor. The tower became unsafe about five years ago when, as a result of redevelopment, property surrounding the tower was removed. Now that redevelopment has taken place the tower has been shored-up with concrete buttresses and ringing can again take place. In the meantime. however, the former church has ceased to be used for the architectural studies and has been taken over by a city trust for use as an arts centre. The part of the building which comprises the tower is normally used as part of a bar, and it is thought that this peal must surely be the first tower bell peal ever to be rung in licensed premises. bells are very noisy inside and date from the 14th century but nevertheless go quite well, though several of them are particularly odd-struck. A good peal was, however, rung on these bells on Easter Monday. Also noteworthy was the quarter of Minor

in hand. It has been customary to attempt a handbell peal on Holy Saturday, and a number of Doubles peals have been rung in the past. This year it was decided to ring Minor, but after a late start and everyone not being in practice it was agreed to be satisfied with a quarter. The Good Friday peal is an "institution" at Huntington and is always rung muffled after the three-hour service. A good peal was again

scored.

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The Story of the Thousand Pealers

On Sunday, March 22, 1970, at Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs, Bernard F. L. Groves and Robert B. Smith rang their 1,000th peal and thus became the two youngest ringers ever to achieve this total. Bernard is 26 years and 11 months and Bob is 32 years and 2 months old. It is also the shortest time in which any ringer has scored his first thousand peals, but George Fearn rang his second thousand in less time.

They are both natives of the village of Marple in Cheshire, where they were taught to ring by the writer on the old, not-too-easygoing six bells. Bernard came along in the late summer of 1954 whilst Bob started in January, 1955. A group of very enthusiastic youngsters, all members of other Church organisations, started at the same time and rapid progress was made to establish change-ringing in the tower. Their first peal was arranged Brian Woodruffe on October 6, 1956, at Burbage, Buxton. The methods were Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor, conducted by William A. Smith, the other members of the band being Alan McFall, from Marple, and Mrs. Gladys Richardson, from Buxton. Following this a whole series of peals in Minor methods was arranged by B. Woodruffe with most of the arranged by B. Woodruffe with most of the ringers from the new Marple band, the highlights of this series being a peal in 73 methods in July, 1958, and the first of what was to be many long lengths, 10,000 Double Norwich C.B. Major at Fairfield in December, 1957. The average age of that band was exactly 17 years. Bob scored his first peal as a conductor—Plain Bob Major—in May, 1957, and Bernard followed with a peal in nine Minor methods in October. methods in October.

During 1957 they took part in Brian Harris's peal weeks, the aim of which was to encourage ringers on to Surprise Major ringing, and both pay tribute to him for advancing them into pay tribute to him for advancing them into this field. Later they attended practices regu-larly at Norbury, where "The Cheshire Band," under the late John Worth, expected a very high standard from all newcomers. They were high standard from all newcomers. They were quickly accepted into the band and accompanied it on peal ringing tours in many parts of the British Isles. They took part in four peals of Surprise in one day—London Royal at Wells, the first peal ever of Londinium Maximus, the first peal of Cambridge S. Maximus at Buckfast and the first peal of London Royal in Scotland, at Glasgow, with this hand

PARTED COMPANY

In September, 1959, they parted company for the first time when Bob went to Loughborough University of Technology, where he studied mechanical and production engineering. He quickly found a place in Brian Warwick's quickly found a place in Brian Warwick's band, who were then ringing peals of Surprise Royal regularly at the Bell Foundry and elsewhere, but he still managed to maintain close contact with the Cheshire band. Just before Christmas of that year Bernard was involved in a road accident with his rather famous bindle and were baddidden for many weaks. cycle and was bedridden for many weeks—however, he was not to give up ringing that easily and rang a peal of Minor on handbells whilst laying flat on a board! In 1960 Bernard and his family moved to Maidstone, Kent, where his talents and infectious enthusiasm were quickly recognised, and he began to conduct several peals and built up a good band on tower bells and later with handbells.

The year 1961 ended with Bob as the leading peal ringer with 137 peals, and Bernard took over the title with 108 peals in 1962.

Although now separated geographically, they kept in close touch and rang in many peals together, including the exciting build-up towards achieving the extent on eight bells. Alas, after 32,704 was reached in July, 1961, Bob had to make a very hard decision to ask Bernard to drop out of the final and successful peal of 40,320 Bob Major at the Bell Foundry in July, 1963. Following his accident Bernard suffered from stomach pains for some while, and credit must be given to Bob for making the decision and to Bernard for accepting it. Bob conducted this extent, the first ever rung by one set of ringers, and thus has his name in the Guinness Book of Records.

During his last three years at Loughborough Bob enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs P. J. Staniforth at Leicester, and it was not before some exceptional handbell peals were being rung there, including the first peals on handbells of York, Yorkshire, New Cambridge and New Durham Maximus. Whilst these peals were in progress a "baby sitter" was often in attendance and her charms were not unnoticed by Bob, and many ringers were present to see Bob and May married at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, on August 24, 1963. Rumours as to the end of his peal ringing career proved quite false and May, no doubt well trained by the Staniforths, quickly became accustomed to having a house full of ringers. They are now the parents of two charming children.

RELIABLE CONDUCTOR

During his stay in Maidstone Bernard established himself as a very reliable conductor and his list of special performances is quite long, including Carter's Odd Bob peal of Stedman, Holt's Original Grandsire, Pitman's all the work peals from four to nine methods, Richard Crosland's 6- and 8-Spliced peals with all the work, a peal of 4-Spliced with all the work with an all-Kent band with an average age of $17^{5}/_{12}$ years in 1965. He followed these with Crosland's 10-Spliced and the first peal to be rung with half lead Spliced Major, at Frindsin 1967, and a further one in the same bury in 1967, and a further one in the same tower with no bobs or singles. He then built up a good handbell band and scored peals of Plain Bob Fourteen and Stedman Cinques. On July 23, 1966, a further gathering of the clans witnessed his marriage to Valerie, and again many of us wondered if his peal ringing would drop. Like May Smith, Valerie seemed to get quickly into the idea of entertaining ringers and to handbell peals taking precedence over and to handbell peals taking precedence over and to handbell peals taking precedence over TV programmes. Other interesting peals he took part in include the peal of Churchill S. Major at Westerham for the late Sir Winston's 90th birthday, a peal of Yorkshire at Selling in which all of the band had rung peals in 100 different towers in Kent, and he conducted the first peal of Surprise Maximus by a resident Kent Association band at Quex Park.

On completion of his university course Bob returned to Marple where he worked in industry for a few years and then took up teaching at technical colleges in Manchester and Stockport. He continued ringing with the Cheshire band and rang in very many long lengths which are listed at the end of this article. In addition he rang the tenor at York Minster to the first peal of S. Maximus on the bells and the 11th at Liverpool Cathedral to the first peal of Yorkshire S. Maximus on the bells on February 18, 1967. This was the last peal John Worth rang in, and there is little doubt that he played a very large part in developing both Bob and Bernard to their present high standard. After John's death Bob took over the task of arranging peals, etc., for the band and it continued to flourish, particularly in the and it continued to flourish, particularly in the field of Spliced Surprise Maximus. They both took part in the peal of 40-Spliced Surprise Maximus at Liverpool Cathedral, which must surely rate as a major performance, and in ringing peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus in one day on handbells at Leicester. Both have rung two peals of Surprise "non-stop" and also seven peals of Surprise in one day. Bob has also perfected the art of being able to ring two tower bells and has rung two bells to peals of Bob Major, Bob Royal and Cambridge S. Major. I am informed, and am sure that Bernard has checked, that he has only counted these efforts as one in his peal total.

In early 1968 Bernard moved back to Marple on obtaining a post with an insurance company in Manchester. The handbell band at Marple was now firmly established and practising regularly; their efforts in the field of Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells and Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells and the friendly rivalry between them and the Bushy band are of such recent history that it would be pointless to repeat them. Sufficient to say that they rang in peals of 12 S. Maximus on handbells and 75-Spliced Surprise Maximus on the bells of Manchester Town Hall in November lost Hall in November last.

When all looked well for further records by

the pair of them Bernard was promoted in his the pair of them Bernard was promoted in his work and posted to Reading in November last. Since that time he has continued handbell ringing in Frank Price's band and took part in a peal of 17-Spliced S. Major at Hawkley, Hants, rung silent and non-conducted.

Bob is also to leave Marple. He has been appointed head of the Mechanical and Productive Engineering Department at the Lough

tion Engineering Department at the Lough-borough Technical College and will be joining

borough Technical College and will be joining the Leicester Cathedral band. Whilst the majority of this article has been concerned with peal ringing, it would be right and proper to give them full credit for always being most regular Sunday service ringers and having taken an active part in the life and services of their churches. They have always been keen and willing to encourage those not so skilled in the art and take an equal interest in Doubles with a band of learners as they do with an expert Surprise band. Many ringers have been helped through their first peals by them; whilst I have not got Bernard's exact figure. Bob has rung peals with 57 first pealers. Bob is also very well known to readers of The Ringing World for his series on "The Mastery of Plain Bob" and the current series "Conducting Standard Methods." He was appointed a member of the Central Council last year. Both have been very active in support of their Association. so skilled in the art and take an equal interest Association.

When it became reasonably certain that they would reach their 1,000 at the same time, aron March 22, and they decided to ask representatives from the various bands that had helped them on their way to be included. The writer was extremely honoured, and definitely overawed, to be asked to conduct this peal and the method was chosen to be within his capabilities. It is to be sincerely hoped that no one will be offended by not being in the band on the 22nd as it was a most difficult task to pick 12 out of so many. Both Bob and Bernard would like to express their thanks to all who have assisted them in reaching this total

—after all, ringing is team work. Particular —after all, ringing is team work. Particular thanks to the Marple ringers, Brian Woodruffe, Brian Harris, the Cheshire band and the late John Worth. Bernard would also like to thank Martin Howe and his friends in Kent, and Bob the Staniforths and other Leicester ringers. Knowing both as I do I am sure they appreciate too the help received from their mothers

and wives.

B. F. L. Groves and R. B. Smith rang in the

following long lengths:—
6,048 Plain Bob Major (handbells). 6,720 Double Norwich Major. 8,064 Superlative S. Major. 9,568 10-Spliced S. Major. 10,000 Double Norwich Major, 11,552 Superlative S. Major. 13.140 Kent T.B. Maximus. 13,440 6-Spliced S. Major. 15,160 Oxford T.B. Royal (handbells). 16,920 Yorkshire S. Royal. 18,928 Plain Bob Major. 21,600 60-Spliced T.B. Minor. 32,704 Plain Bob Major. (Continued on page 318)

Quarter Peals

ADDINGTON, SURREY. - On March 21, 1296 Cambridge S, Minor: Wendy Wallace 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3. Penny Cocks 4, P. Butler 5, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 6. Also on March 29, 1320 Ipswich and Cambridge Spliced S. Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, A. Hobbs 2, I. Wiltshire 3, Louise Powell 4, Wendy Wallace 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For child-Also 1320 London S- Minor: E. G. H. ren's service. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Louise Powell (50th quarter) 2, Powell 3, Carol Rodgers 4, I. Wiltshire 5, A. M. Macve 6, For Evensong.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS .- On March 10, Bob Minor: D. Livingston 1, M. Till 2, J. Hill 3, Corderoy 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, M. Holbrook 6. ALDRIDGE, STAFFS. — On Good Friday, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Daphne Appleby 1, N. R. White J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. First Surprise inside 3, First Surprise by Sunday service band.

ANSTEY, LEICS. - On April 2, 1264 Plain Bob Major: R. Smith 1, Mrs. Molly Barron 2, Mrs. Joy Pluckrose 3, J. Evans 4, R. Aldington 5, C. A. Barron 6. M. King (150th quarter) 7, G. Pluckrose (sond.) 8. By former members of St. John's College, York (1, 3. 5. 7. 8), for Easter reunion,

ASH PRIORS, SOM .- On Jan. 23, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: F, Pike (first Minor) 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, L. T. Hancock 4, A. W. Knight A. C. Cross 6. First Minor inside 3, 4. Also on Feb. 22, 1260 Doubles (six m/v spliced): F. Pike K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, L. T. Hancock 4, A. W. Knight 5, W. Tucker 6. For Evensong. Also on March 6, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: F. Pike 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, W. First in method 1, 3, 4, 5, 6. Also on Berry 6. March 8, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: F. Pike 1, M. Gadd 2, L. T. Hancock (first in method) 3. A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, W. Tucker 6. For Mothering Sunday. Also on Easter Day, 1260 Doubles (nine m/v spliced): R. C. Hancock 1, R. A. C. C. Cross 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, A. W. Knight 4, K.

E. Beale (cond.) 5, F. Pike 6. For Evensong. BECKENHAM, KENT,-At St. George's Church, on Easter Day, 1263 Stedn:an Caters: W. F. Oakshett P. W. Cave 2, Jennifer Quaife 3, Emma Deal 4, Reynolds 5, P. J. Spice 6, R. B. Walton 7, S. A. Nicholls 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, D. Hollis 10. For Evensong.

BELTON, LINCS.-On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Elaine Pearson 1, Judith Arrand 2, J. H. Selby 3, D. Arrand 4, M. A. Rose (cond.) 5, S. A. Selby 6. For Evensong.

BENSON, OXON.-On March 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Woodwards 1, V. Fox 2, F. Absolam 3, F. Godden 4, J. Godman 5, A. Howes 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, J. Cherrill 8. For Confirmation.

BILTON, WARKS.—On Good Friday, 1260 Bob Doubles: D. Bulteel (first quarter) 1. W. E. Burnell 2. L. A. Whewall 3. M. D. Fiander (cond.) 4, D. G. Welch 5, A. M. Bulteel 6. Half-muffled for service before Stainer's "Crucifixion." BRADPOLE, DORSET. — On Easter Day, 1260

Grandsire: I, Andrews 1, J. R. Hartung 2, D. B. Ellery 3, I. Calvert 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, A. D. For Evensone

BRAINTREE, ESSEX .- On Easter Day 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 1, Anne Simkins 2, Jennifer Syder 3, Kathleen Downs 4, Josephine Quilter 5, C. J. Barker 6, M. Downs 7, G. Brown 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM -- On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, H. Preece 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, G Evans 4, D. Bryant 5, S. Coleman 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, B. Thur-

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX .- On Easter Day, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Everett 1, B. Reeves (first inside) 2, Miss H. Gilbert 3, R. Groves 4, B. G. Brinkley 5, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 6.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb 25, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. H. M. Collins 1, J. K. Rogers 2, E. C. Garrett 3, K. E. Ramsbotham 4, K Rogers (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to J.

BURITON, HANTS .- On March 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Maureen Tipper (first Minor) 1, Ann Roberts (first Minor) 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Sansom 4, D. Hatherly 5, K. Tipper (first Minor as cond.) 6.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARKS .- On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Edmands 1, G. rison (first quarter) 2, W. Noon 3, G. S. Hall 4, J. Evans (cond.) 5.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.-On March 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Davidson 1, R. P. Pearce 2, F. M. Bowers 3, W. R. Curtis 4, J. Copping (cond.)

CHARMINSTER, DORSET .- At 43 North Street. on March 10, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mary E. Elmes 1-2, G. W. Elmes 3-4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5-6.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.-At St. Mary's Church on March 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Benson 1, Lesley Watkins 2, P. Smith 3, A. Cairns (cond.) 4, J. Backer 5, E. Roughley 6, C. Bell 7, W. Cook 8. A wedding compliment for Dorothy Johnstone and Clive Foden, ringers at St. Mary's, Cheadle.

CHEDDON FITZPAINE, SOM. - On March 1260 Doubles (four methods): F. Pike 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, L. T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5.

CHENIES, BUCKS. - On Easter Day, 1260 Bob Doubles: Gillian Stapleton (first quarter) 1, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 2, P. Knight 3, P. J. Davy 4, F. H. Walters 5, W. J. Atkins 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY. - On Easter Day, 1260 Mixed Doubles (15 methods): Miss M. L. Cooper 1, T. J. Welland (cond.) 2, P. Payne 3, M. D. Fuller 4, J. F. Payne 5, J. Marshall 6.

CHINNOR, OXON.—On Easter Day, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Dawn V. Little 1, P. Wilkinson (first inside) E. Harmsworth 3, R. G. Hazell 4, Mrs R. Hazell (cond.) 5, F, Keen 6,

CHIPSTABLE, SOM .- On Feb. 27, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. Pike 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, F. Casley 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, H. V. Young

CLAVERLEY, SALOP .- On March 31, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Francis 1, E. Drew 2, G. Goodson 3. C. Jones 4, H. Thomas 5, F. Hinton 6, V. Pardon (cond.) 7, F. Bennett 8. Farewell to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Rollason, who are leaving Claverley to live in the Cotswolds.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND. - On March 12, 1296 Pl. Bob Minimus: H. J. Atkinson 1, R. S. Bridge (first inside) 2, K. M. Price (cond.) 3, R. A. Gillies 4

DESFORD, LEICS.-On March 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Edmands 1, L. Halling 2, G. R. Harrison 3, G. L. Pickering 4, J. Evans (cond.) 5, F. Watson Wedding anniversary compliments to Mr. and Mrs A, Roach (27th) and Mr. and Mrs. E. Roach (2nd).

DONCASTER, YORKS .- On March 15, 1280 Pudsey S. Major: A. Jackson 1, Sheila Bruce 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. J. Padgett 5, P. Bruce 6, R. A. Smith 7, F. J. Jackson 8. Also on Easter Day, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Amette E. Also Bradbury 1, Sheila Bruce 2, A. W. Jackson 3, H. Wagstaff 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, J. R. Whitham 6, E. J. Padgett 7, F. J. Jackson 8.

DUBLIN .- At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Feb. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Potter (first Triples) 1. Helen Hubert 2, P. W. Brown 3, D. A. McEndoo (first Triples cond.) 4, J. P. O. Barry 5, C. J. Reede 6, M. R. Owen (first Triples inside) 7, W. D. Saarsteiner 8. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Saarsteiner, St. Patrick's Society.

FAWLEY, HANTS.-On March 8, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. P. Smedley (aged 12, first attempt) 1, L. D. Smith (cond.) 2, Catherine A. Roberts 3, M. G. Wills 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, L. V. Smith 6.

FITZHEAD, SOM. - On Jan. 30, 1260 Doubles (three meth., two spliced): R. A. C. Cross 1, Miss F M. Gadd 2, A. W. Knight 3, L. T. Hancock 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, W. J. Berry 6.

HALE, LANCS. - On March 30, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: J. S. Hitchmough (aged 11) 1, J. C. English 2, J. Dunbavin 3, J. Hedgcock 4, D. G. V. Ellison 5, G. K. Austin (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 5.

HANNINGTON, WILTS,-On April 2, 1320 Plain Bob Minor: T. Collins 1, D. Vowles 2, A, B Rogerson 3, M. Sutton 4, S. E. Mitchener 5, B. Bladon (cond.) 6

HARPENDEN. HERTS .- On Feb. 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Lunn (first Triples) 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Catherine M. Bew 3, A. Day 4, E. Broom 5, F. Jacklin 6, M. J. Bew (cond.) 7, L. G. Coburn Also on Feb. 15, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: D. Painter Mary Lambert 2, Diana Parrot (first Major) 3, A. Day 4, J. R. Norris 5, F. Jacklin 6, A. W. R. Wilby 7. M. J. Bew (cond.) 8

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS .- On Feb. 5, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Barnard 1, W. J. Ridgman 2, Rev. J. B. Rowsell 3, A. E. Ling 4, B. Horrell Threlfall (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Tom Barnard, tower captain. Also on March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. Whitfield (first quarter) 1, Rev. J. B. Rowsell 2, W. J. Ridgman 3, G. Barnard 4, B. Hor-rell 5, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 6. To welcome Michael, a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Whitfield.

HAWKLEY, HANTS .- On March 21, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: K. Sansom 1, Sally Stacey 2, Carol Stacey 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hatherly 5, D. Fox 6, K. Tipper (first Major as cond.) 8. A farewell to Fox, leaving the Alton and Petersfield District.

HAYES, KENT.-On Easter Day, 1320 Plain Bob Minor: R. Frankland 1, Jane Reynolds 2, M. H. D. O'Callaghan 3, D. R. Fuller 4, D. P. Smith 5, C. J. Mundy (cond.) 6

HESSLE, YORKS .- On Easter Day, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Hope 1, Gail P. Horton 2, A. Hessey 3, K. Gatman (cond.) 4, R. R. Horton 5, R. H. Sharp For Evensong.

HODDESDON, HERTS. - On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Upton (first quarter) 1, R. Upton 2, J. King 3, D. Clarke 4, R. L. Horder (cond.) 5, E. Monk 6.

HURSLEY, HANTS .- On March 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. A. Tremee; 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, J. Huggins 3, I. H. Trueman 4, C. J. Butler 5, Parratt 6, D. R. Fallick (cond.) Waldron 8. A farewell to Commander Wardle, retiring chairman of Winchester District, leaving the area.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.-On March 22, 1272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Anne Lambert 1, J. N Lambert 2, D. Kircaldy 3, J. Kircaldy 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Palm Sunday,

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1259 Grand-sire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, R. P. Pearce 2, G. F. Dunstan 3, A. Locke 4, Claudia A. Critchley 5, J. Bell 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, C. J. Dun-

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY .- On Mar 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Katharine Salvage 1, C. Bulleid 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, B. J. Stone (cond.) 5, M. J. Seagrave 6. For Even-song. Also on Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann V. Salvage 1, C. E. Bulleid (first G. Triples inside) 2, Katharine Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C D. Collin 5, M. J. Green 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, N. M. Gower 8.

LANE END, BUCKS .- On April 2, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: T. E. Wright 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, T. N. Wright 4, C. Hagger 5, C. Meakes (cond.) 6.

LEIRE, LEICS. - 1260 Doubles (11 m/v); C. M. Povey 1, N. Orchard 2, J. Edgson 3, M. Fiander 4, G. Eveleigh 5, K. Rigby 6.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS. - On March 21, 1440 Pl. Bob Doubles: C. M. S. Botting 1, D. K. Whitlock (cond.) 2, B. O. Spragg 3, A. K. Fortin 4, Louise A. M. Evans 5, G. M. Botting 6. First quarter 1, 6. Also on March 30, 1272 Pl. Bob Minimus: N. Whitlock 1, B. Edwards 2, B. O. Spragg 3, D. K. Whitlock (cond.) 4 Wedding compliment to Diana Presdee, local ringer, married here this day,

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LELANT, CORNWALL.—On April 2, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Marion L. Lidgey (cond.) 1, Susan M. Tonks 2, H. Miles 3, F. M. Bowers 4, R. W. Curtis 5, J. J. George 6.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHS. — On April 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mark Rees 1, A. Bailey (cond.) 2, Ceris Williams 3, Merion Rees 4, J. Blaze 5, J. Maxwell 6. First quarter for all except conductor; average age 14 years. A compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Rees, parents of Mark and Merion.

LONDON, W.C. — At St. Clement Danes', on Easter Day, 1263 Stedman Caters: Elsie K. Hart 1. Dianne Gazeley (first Stedman Caters) 2, Dorothea M. Robotham 3, Joan Hooton 4, H. G. Hart 5, Ruth M. Foreman 6, W. G. Knight (first Stedman Caters) 7, B. C. Watson 8, T. J. Lock (cond.) 9, B. Livings (first on ten bells) 10. For Evensong.

LONG ASHTON, SOM.—On March 22, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Heather Kippin 1, Hilary N. Kippin 2, R. G. Edwards 3, Diana Bridle 4, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 5, D. G. Yeo 6, P. Bridle 7, R. C. Kippin 8. For Evensong

LYNG, SOM.—On Feb. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, R. C. Hancock 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, G. H. Baldam 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, A. W. Knight 6.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Easter Sunday, 1260 Doubles (two methods): A. Buck 1, H. Page 2, R. Jones (cond., 250th quarter on bells) 3, A. Gammon 4, L. Porter 5.

MERROW, SURREY.— On Easte: Day, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Virginia Ede (first quarter) 1, Yvonne B. Lewin 2, Hazel J. Glue 3, Pamela A. Warren (cond.) 4, R. A. K. Glue 5, F. Lewin 6. For Evensong.

MILNTHORPE, WESTMORLAND,—On March 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. H. Bruerton 1, Patricia James 2, W. S. Walker 3, W. Bolton 4, A. Capstick 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. M. Silverwood, 66 years a ringer at Gigelewick-in-Crayen.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT. — On Mar. 1, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Sandford 1, Glenda Crane 2, E. C. Stuart 3, R. J. Thompson (first in method) 4, R. M. Thompson 5, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On Easter Day, 1260 New Grandsire Doubles: K. Rigby 1, Carol A. Eveleigh 2, P. M. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby. For Family Communion. First in the method for all.

NORTH FERRIBY, E. YORKS.— On March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Hope 1, Gail P. Horton 2, A. Hessey 3, R. H. Sharp 4, R. R. Horton 5, K. Gatman (cond.) 6.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.—On March 1, 1440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain B.): S. Sandford 1, Glenda Crane 2. T. V. Barnard 3, R. M. Thompson 4, E. C. Stuart 5, P. J. Matthews (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 5.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On March 12, 1260 Doubles (P. Bob, Grandsire): P. L. Bunn I, R. R. Crook 2, R. J. Latham 3, A. M. Donaldson 4, R. J. M. Bavin (cond.) 5.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.— On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K. Sansom 1, Carol Stacey 2, M. Harbord 3, Sally Stacey 4, D. Hatherly 5, D. Fox 6, E. Salmons (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On March 31, at the Cathedral, 1296 Erin Caters: A. A. J. Buswell 1. Mrs. D. Hatfield 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, L. D. Duguid 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6, W. F. J. Gope 7, H. L. Hatfield 8, C. G. Bryant 9, A. Hoodless 10, First Erin Caters by all except 8 and 9.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1260
Grandsire Triples: Jane Barton 1, E. Fosberry 2, D.
Barton (cond.) 3, A. V. Corden 4, H. W. Franklin
5, M. R. Etherington 6, W. L. Weller 7, R. Heasman 8. For Parish Communion.

OUEENBOROUGH, KENT.—On March 21, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Rayfield 1, Mrs. R. Bushell 2, W. Wood 3, R. Bushell 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, B. Jemmett 6. First K.T.B. Minor for 2 and 4.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. T. Perrins 1, Mrs. O. Collins 2, W. E. Cheater 3, D. Wilson 4, D. G. Andrews 5, A. Johnson 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8. ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Easter Day, 1263

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ST, CLEMENT, CORNWALL.—On March 29, 1272 Minimus (three methods): Anne Pearce 1, R. P. Pearce 2, T. J. Bell 3, A. J. Davidson 4.

ST. MINVER, CORNWALL.—Or. March 31, 1440 Doubles (12 variations): T. R. Hart 1, R. P. Pearce 2. A. J. Davidson 3, A. P. Smith 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, J. Copping 6.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—At St. Chad's Church, on March 22, 1439 Grandsire Cinques: Mrs. E. Stevens 1, Miss G. B. Smith 2, Mrs. J. Becch 3, Miss P. Stocken 4, C. Collins 5, G. Bacon 6, P. J. Evans 7, F. Leech 8, I. Friend 9, F. Beech 10, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 11, R. H. Newton 12. First on 12 for 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10. For Evensong.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOM.—On Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Mead 1, F. L. Andrews 2, R. Raymond (first inside) 3, W. J. Tiley 4, K. L. Laver (cond.) 5, F. Snook 6.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on March 15, 1440 Cambridge S. Royal: M. T. Sprackling 1, Deborah Bishop 2, K. J. Rider 3, P. N. Felton 4, M. Hatchett 5, W. G. Wilson 6, C. M. Meyer 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. T. Richards 9, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 10. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark," and as a tribute to Tom and Margaret Francis.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS. — On Easter Day, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. L. Webb (first T.B.) 1, Miss P. J. Webb (first T.B.) 2, Mrs. L. M. Foot 3, Mrs. I. R. D. Webb 4, S. F. Webb 5, J. K. Foot (cond.)

STOGUMBER, SOM.—On Feb. 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. T. Hancock 1, Miss F. M. Gadd 2, K. E. Beale (cond.) 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. J. Somerfield 5, R. A. C. Cross 6, STRENSHAM. WORCS.—On Maundy Thursday.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On Maundy Thursday, 1320 York Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, M. Hawkes 2, B. Sojers 3, P. Robertson 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. Rung half-muffled.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's Church, on March 8, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: Jean F. West 1, Deborah Bishop 2, J. A. Humphrey (first in method) 3, S. Hopkins 4, E. J. Adams 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Jan. 25, 1260 Doubles: Sharon Titcombe 1, K. G. Price 2, A. B. Rogerson 3, T. Collins (cond.) 4, S. E. Mitchener 5. A farewell to Fr. Knights. Also on Feb. 1, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Collins 1, Sharon Titcombe 2, K. Price (cond.) 3, S. E. Mitchener 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, A. Hooper 6. Also on Feb. 15, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Hooper 1, Miss V. Ballard 2, T. Collins 3, S. E. Mitchener 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, M. J. Stanley (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 4, 5. Also on March 16, 1260 Doubles (two methods): S. E. Mitchener 1, Sharon Titcombe 2, T. Collins (cond.) 3, ——4, A. B. Rogerson 5, M. Greenfield 6.

TADCASTER, YORKS:—On Easter Day, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: J. M. Thorley 1-2, A. C. Banton (cond.) 3-4, C. J. Groome (firs: Minor in hand) 5-6.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On March 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Butler I, H. Lawrenson 2, R. Christopher 3, G. Bollands (first inside) 4, R. Rex (cond.) 5, C. Tilling 6, W. Butler 7, A. Christopher 8.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On March 20, 1264 Bob Major: O. Claxton 1, J. Moule 2, A. Cook 3, N. Watson 4, F. Sutton 5, C. Pease 6, J. Paul 7, H. Fuller (cond.) 8, Half-muffled in memoriam Ernie Watson, father of 4th, of the old St. Peter's ringers.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On April 1, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: G. Jackson 1, Miss J. E. Bell 2, Mrs. E. Chapman 3, C. J. Bell 4, S. Poole 5, D. A. Chapman 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. In thanksgiving for the birth of Ruth Catherine, daughter of the conductor and Christine Mould.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Armeson 1, Marie Hatswell 2, Jennifer M. Indge 3, N. Donovan 4, F. Brunt 5, D. Nichold (cond.) 6. Half - muffled in memoriam Mr. Banister Sleight, many years local organist and choirmaster.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain): H. L. Wykes I, C. D. Glenton 2, P. F. Pawley 3, I. Glenton 4, L. Greenhow 5, I. J. Pawley (cond.) 6.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On April 1, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Williams 1, Ann Hill 2, Iris Milton 3, F. Lawrence 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. First Minor 1, 2, In memoriam Charles Haylings, of Ripple.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Palm Sunday, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane H. Palmer 1, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 2, Sybil Aldridge 3, A. M. Stacey 4, P. W. Bevington 5, J. M. Lovell 6, E. A. Morris 7, D. G. Lovell 8.

ULCEBY, LINCS.—1364 Minimus (5 and 6 cover; Pl., Rev. and Double Bob): G. Houson 1, W. M. Walker 2, S. C. Hopkins 3, R. A. Gillies (first as cond.) 4, B. Ailsby 5, M. Harvey 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6. First quarter by a local band.

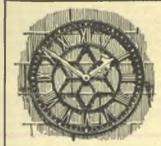
WAREHAM, DORSET.—On March 15, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary E. Filmes 1-2, G. W. Elmes 3-4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5-6, Also by same band, on March 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor,

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 2, 1320 Pl. Bob Minor: Jenny Pearce (first quarter) 1, C. Northeast 2, Julia Collinge 3, M. A. Gay 4, C. Mundy 5, S. Gay (cond.) 6.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF.—On March 15, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Susan Redman 1, F. Bailey 2, R. Harpole 3, A. Gilbert 4, W. H. Harford (cond.) 5, W. H. Darc 6.

WINTERTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 18, 1260 Minor (Plain, Single Oxford): Hilary Hall 1, Mrs. S. Chafer 2, J. G. Hall (cond.) 3, R. Chafer 4, H. Hall 5, R. Hippisley 6. For united service for unity. Also on March 22, 1280 Minor (four methods): Hilary Hall 1, Mrs. S. Chafer 2, R. Chafer 3, P. Saunders 4, R. Hippisley 5, J. G. Hall (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also at Wicken on April 1, 1272 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Saunders 1-2, J. G. Hall (cond.) 3-4, R. Hall 5-6. First in hand by all

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—On Feb. 7, 1272 Pl. Bob Minimus: Sarah E. Boden 1, A. A. Boden 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond., 50th of Minimus) 4. Rung for the Accession of Elizabeth II. Also on Feb. 8, 1368 Minimus (60 m/v): Lynne Horskins 1, H. G. Wells (cond.) 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. 50th quarter on the bells. Also on Feb. 22, 1344 Minimus (57 m/v): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Rung in thanks for the life of Amanda Bray (aged 12), ringer at St. Mary-le-Wigford, Lincoln. Also on March 8, 1344 Minimus (57 m/v): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (50th on the bells) 4.



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WESTMINSTER, London, St. Clement Danes.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (221 cwt.) **5079 STEDMAN CATERS**

Arranged by R. A. G. Inglis.

1 J. Alan Ainsworth (Conductor)

2 Robert E. Hardy

Christopher Forster

4 John R. Ketteringham 5 David C. Brown 6 David E. Rothera

7 Geoffrey Bridges 8 Roy D. Mills 9 Alan R. Patterson 10 Andrew W. R. Wilby

HEREFORD, Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ethelbert.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (34 cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by John Carter.

Composed by John Carter.

1 Leslie Evans
2 David P. Hilling
3 Austin T. Wingate
4 Frederick R. Harris
5 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)
6 Richard J. Bowden
7 John C. Fised

7 John C. Eisel

8 James R. Taylor *9 Michael P. Moreton 10 D. John Hunt

*500th peal.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

CAMBRIDGE, St. Mary the Great.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (27 cwt.) Composed by J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity).

*1 C. M. P Johnson (Selwyn)

2 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)

R S. Bradley (Clare)
J. R. Hough (Jesus)

6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn, Conductor)
7 W. T. Cook (Jesus)
8 M. J. Pickup (Churchill)

9 A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn)
10 B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)
11 A. T. Winter (Christ's)
12 D. Barton (Selwyn)
*100th tower bell peal with the guild.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire,

St. Michael and All Angels.

Sun., Mar. 22, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (25 cwt.) 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS Composed by J. Reeves.

1 Basil Jones 2 Neil Bennett

*3 Bernard F. L. Groves 4 Edward Jenkins

5 C. Kenneth Lewis 6 Peter J. Staniforth

7 Gerald Moorhouse

8 Trevor A. Cross 19 M. Jack Pryor (Conductor)

*10 Robert B. Smith 11 Martin L. Howe

12 Brian Harris

1,000th peal. †First on 12 bells. Ringers of 3 and 10 also rang their first peal together on October 6, 1956.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire, St. Chad.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 42mins. (11½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

1 Gordon K. Green

2 Valerie Jamson 3 Edward V. Rodenhurst *4 Frank R. Morton

5 Geoffrey A. Edwards 6 Harry W. Howard (Conductor) *Has circled tower three times.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMOR-LAND ASSOCIATION

CLEATOR MOOR, Cumberland, St. John the Evangelist.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 3hr. (21½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by B. Annable.

1 Vera C. Bell
2 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
3 Nicholas M. Newby
4 Stanley Walmsley

†5 Geoffrey Tembey
6 Stanley Richardson
7 Alan Capstick
*8 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*First in method. †First in method inside.

KIRKBY STEPHEN, Westmorland, St. Stephen.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (15\(\) cwt.)
5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by G. Lindoff.

1 Stanley Richardson *2 Roger W. D. Wetenhall

*2 Roger W. D. W †3 Douglas Şim 4 Joseph Whalley ‡5 David G. Kealey 6 Geoffrey Tembey 7 Alan Capstick 8 Kevin M. Price

8 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
*100th peal. †First inside. ‡First of Major inside. First on the bells since 1933.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire, St. Wilfrid of York.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (91 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. E. Freebrey.

1 John V. Chadwick 2 Nora Carlisle

3 Joyce Chadwick Alec Humphrey 4

5 George Futers

6 Edmund Shuttleworth
7 Denis R. Carlisle

8 Peter Bellamy-Knights (Conductor)

GREAT LONGSTONE, Derbys, St. Giles.

Sun., April 5, 1970, 2hr. 25mins. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 methods: Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, St. Clements College Bob, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surrice Kent T.R. Phin Both.

prise, Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

Susan E. Davis
Timothy Wylie
John R. Ketteringham

*4 Andrew R. Queen

†5 Arthur F. Hall 6 Geoffrey Bridges (Conductor)

*Most methods to a peal. †Most Minor methods to a peal. A compliment to Maureen Carruthers and Laurence Hanney on their marriage.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

WORMINGFORD, Essex, St. Andrew.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (6 methods: Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B.).

1 John C. Walters

2 Walter Arnold

3 Walter A. Perry
4 John P. Loveless
5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

6 Adrian G. Semken

To celebrate the wedding of Paul Thompson to Lesley Ward.

ASHDON, Essex, All Saints.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15\rightarrow cwt.)
5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by T. Lockwood.

Frank Harper Jean Sanderson

3 Marion Kemp 4 Barry J. Couzens

5 Christopher W. Ottaway

6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
7 D. William Newman

8 John G. Gipson

First peal on the bells.

GREAT WALTHAM, Essex, SS. Mary and Lawrence.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (22½ cwt.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
1 Robert J. Lindsell (Conductor)

Anne Simkins *3 Susan Burdon

4 Josephine A. Brown †5 Colin H. Gillingham

6 Maurice E. Downs
7 Roy Threadgold Roy Threadgold

8 Peter G. Brown *First of Major. †First of Major inside.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LECKHAMPTON, Glos, SS. Peter & Paul.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (83 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Composed by J. J. Parker.

*1 Bernard Taylor (14)

*2 Helen Taylor †3 Alan Ewins

*4 Clare Taylor (15) *5 Hilda Taylor (18)

6 Hugh Read

7 Eric Taylor (Conductor)
8 Albert Newman
rst peal. †First inside. First as con-*First peal. A thanksgiving for the Resurrecductor. tion of Our Lord, and to mark the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Christopher Hewetson in this church on March 8, 1970.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts, St. Margaret of Antioch.

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8½ cwt.)
5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods: 640 Bristol, Cambridge. Pudsey,
Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire; 608
London; 576 Lincolnshire; with 119 changes
of method and all the work).
Composed by N. J. Diserens.

Anita D. O'Brien Maurice A. New

3 Brian Bladon *4 W. Bertram Kynaston *5 Peter J. Heritage

6 Lewis F. Cobb
7 Timothy G. Pett (Conductor)
8 Anthony R. Peake
First of 8-spliced. A compliment to Mr.

W. B. Kynaston on completing 50 years as a ringer.

LONGNEY, Glos, St. Lawrence.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (11 cwt.)
5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by C. W. Woolley.
1 Philip M. J. Gray (Conductor)
*2 Rosemary C. Myers
*3 Alison M. Brown

*4 Rosemary M. Snawdon

5 Bruce Martin
6 John W. Collard
7 Anthony J. Cox
8 Peter C. Randall

*First of Major.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HAWKLEY, Hampshire, SS. Peter & Paul. .. April 4, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (7½ cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Donald N. Jennings 2 Alan D. Elsmore
3 Beryl R. Simpson,
4 Stanley G. Ponting
5 Rowan S. Bradley

W. John Couperthwaite Michael J. Church (Conductor)

8 Tom Page

*First in the method. For the wedding of Kenneth Cooper and Vera Clarke.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BROMYARD, Herefordshire, St. Peter.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (14½ cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Traditional variation of Craven's.)

1 Michael V. Hatcher

2 Frederick R. Harris

**3 Robert A. Hatcher

4 Austin T. Wingate

5 Marcus C. W. Sherwood

6 Norman Mattingley

7 Lebe C. Fieel (Conductor

7 John C. Eisel (Conductor)
8 David Beacham
*First of Surprise Major. 21st birthday compliment to M. C. W. Sherwood,

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION BALDOCK, Herts, St. Mary.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (261 cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1 Georgina C. M. Carter
2 Elizabeth Forster

3 Joyce M. Clarke 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

5 Christopher Forster

6 Frederick W. Ellis 7 George E. Bonham 8 Andrew W. R. Wilby

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas.
Sun., Mar. 29, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (16½ cwt.)
5056 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by C. W. Roberts.
1 Isabel M. Pearce

2 Lucile M. Corby

*3 Richard V. Fuller

*4 Peter R. Butler

*5 Phillip A. Butler

6 Doris E. Colgate

7 Andrew J. Corby

8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

*First in the method. A farewell to Canon E. M. T. McLellan, rector from December 1, 1954, to March 31, 1970.

LEEDS, Kent, St. Nicholas.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (17½ cwt.)
5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Composed by J. Carter.

1 Simon A. B. Wigg
2 Judith M. Corby
*3 Rhian N. Bagshaw
†4 John L. Anderson
5 Rev. Peter T. Robbins
6 George F. Cantrill
7 Richard Hayes
8 Thomas Cullingworth

Thomas Cullingworth

9 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)
10 Peter M. J. Bradford
*First ten-bell peal. †First Stedman Caters.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent, St. Luke. Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (15 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Groves' variation.)

1 Charlotte M. Harris

2 Jane Reynolds 3 Keith G. Game 4 Percy J. Spice

5 Richard Hayes 6 D. Paul Smith

7 John Pladdys (Conductor) 8 Geoffrey D. Armitage

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex,

Holy Trinity.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (11½ cwt.)

5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (12 methods: 576 Ashtead, Lincolnshire; 448 Bristol; 384 Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, with 128 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Valerie J. Howard

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*2 Judith M. Corby

*3 John A. Howard

4 Philip A. Corby

*5 John Pladdys

*6 Trevor A. Cross 7 David Featherstone

*8 Richard Hayes (Conductor) *First 12-spliced.

SIDCUP, Kent, St. John the Evangelist. Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (9 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). *1 David J. Ketley

†2 Christopher S. Sims 3 Margaret E. Oram 4 Richard Hayes 5 D. Paul Smith

6 Tony Lewis (Conductor)
*First peal. †First inside. With the best wishes of the band to Canon and Mrs.

Dennis Oldaker, leaving Sidcup for the living of Seale, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION SILVERDALE, Lancashire, St. John.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2 hr. 44min. (12½ cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1 Robin S. Bridge
2 Amy M. Warnes
3 Alan Capstick

4 Kenneth J. Foster
5 Robert A. Gillies
6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (10½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (1 Oxford T.B., 1 Kent
T.B., 5 Plain Bob).
*1 Douglas Sim
2 W. Stephen Walker
3 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

4 A. William Pallister

†5 David G. Kealey ‡6 Colin F. Gates

*First of Minor. †First inside. ‡First in three methods.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire, St. Peter.

Mon., Mar. 9, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (18½ cwt.) 5152 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR (27-course block reduced.)

1 David W. Howarth
*2 Margaret L. Ellwood
*3 Linda M. Deebank
*4 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
5 Derek A. Ashton

6 Basil Jones

7 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor) 8 Paul D. Smith

*First in the method.

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland, St. Mary the Virgin.

Fri., Mar. 13, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (101 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (12 extents Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 8 Plain Bob, 10 Grandsire and 6 240s of Grandsire).

*1 Robin S. Bridge
2 Mary W. Whalley
3 Joseph Whalley

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Alan Capstick 5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) 6 Robert A. Gillies

*First in three methods.

BIRCH IN-RUSHOLME, Lancashire, St. James.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (13 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1 William H. Riddle

2 Paul Boucher

3 Peter Dyson 4 I. E. Margaret Manby *5 Alan Ward (Conductor)

6 Malcolm Murphy
7 Roland F. Eccles
8 Peter Watson
*Has circled tower. 21st birthday compliment to Paul Boucher and Margaret Manby. A sponsored peal to raise funds towards repair of church roof.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.

St. Michael and All Angels.
Wed., April 1, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (25 cwt.)
5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1 Christine Andrew
2 James E. Andrews
3 J. Barry Pickup
4 Michael J. Platt
5 Pagil Jones (Cond

5 Basil Jones (Conductor) 6 Ian M. Holland

7 Jeffrey Brannan 8 David Howarth 9 Alan F. Scholfield 10 Richard S. Starkie

11 Cyril Crossthwaite 12 Neil Bennett

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER, St. Mary de Castro.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 3 hr. (15‡ cwt.)
5023 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Composed by J. Wilde.
1 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)
††2 Peter D. Bailey
3 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
†4 William A. Thow
5 Ronald D. Hughes
6 P. Stadmen Boynes

6 B. Stedman Payne

7 Alec R. Jones 8 Clive J. Mobbs *First of Major. †First in method. First of Grandsire Major by all and for the

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

WINTERTON, Lines, All Saints.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (9 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 each of Single Court, St. Clements, Reverse Bob, Double B Single Oxford, College, Plain Bob).

*1 Hilary Hall
2 Ronald Chafer
3 John G. Hall (Conductor)
†4 Peter Saunders

5 Roger Hippisley

6 Richard Hall
*First peal. †First in seven methods.
A compliment to Marilyn and Richard
Hall on the birth of their first child, Catherine.

BARDNEY, Lincs, St. Lawrence.

Wed., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (13 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and four Plain Bob).

1 Vivienne West (14)

2 Kathleen Fox (17)

A Aidan C. A. Hopkins (Cond., 17)
5 David W. Bee (17)
6 Christopher J. Sharp (18)

17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

BUCKLEY, Flintshire, St. Matthew.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 1min. $(14\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. P. Heywood.

David N. Collins 2 Norah M., Randles

3 Rachel Collins

5 George E. Morrall
5 George H. Randles
6 Frederick Kelly
7 Dennis H. B. Millward
8 John W. Griffiths (Conductor)

Wedding compliment to the ringers of the treble and third, married at this church on Easter Monday.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BLOFIELD, Norfolk, SS Andrew & Peter. Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr 54min. (17 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Court, Norwich Surprise, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B.).

1 Richard J. W. Housden 2 Norman P. J. Cossey 3 Rev. Peter N. Bond 4 Frederick C. Gunton

5 Robin H. Rogers

6 H. William Barrett (Conductor)
To welcome the Rev. N. S. Dixon and his family to Blofield.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ABINGDON, Berkshire, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (8 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1 A. Keith P. Poole (Conductor)
*2 Corinne M. Dickson

3 Douglas C. Henderson

4 Paul J. Dye
5 Michael C. E. Hodge
6 David R. Baxter
First peal. A wedding compliment to Hilary Dickson and Richard Poole.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

HASELBECH, Northants, St. Michael. Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 54 min. (15 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by B. Annable. *1 J. Alan Ellis

2 Christopher N. Stephenson 3 Belinda M. Gilbert 4 Cynthia E. Barnett

5 Lionel Atton 6 Roger N. Scholes
7 Richard J. Chantler

8 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor) *First on eight.

GREETHAM, Rutland, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sun., April 5, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10¹/₄ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 William A. Taylor *2 Charles E. Taylor 3 Hilary F. Watson-Walker 4 Cynthia E. Barnett 5 Roger N. Scholes

6 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor)
*First peal. A 15th birthday compliment to Cynthia Barnett.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire, St. James.

Mon., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (243 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Arranged by R. W. Pipe. Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)

*2 Mary E. Elmes
3 Katharine J. Maundrell

3 Katharine J. Maund
4 Rev. Roger Keeley
5 Bernard G. North
†6 David J. Orledge
*7 Graham W. Elmes
*8 Timothy F. Collins
9 Brian J. Woodruffe
10 R. Roger Savory
11 Ronald N. Marlow
*12 Frederick E. Collins
First of Surprise Maxin

*First of Surprise Maximus. †First of Maximus.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

BLANDFORD FORUM, Dorset, SS. Peter and Paul.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (20 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Susan M. Corry

D. Roy Bould Stephen G. Peirce

Timothy G. Bleathman Neil O. Skelton

Martin J. Corry Alan N. Frost

8 John N. Longridge (C. and Cond.)

DURWESTON, Dorset, St. Nicholas.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.) **5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

(14 methods: Carlisle and Northumberland, Alnwick and Newcastle, Munden and Chester, Cambridge and Ipswich, London and Wells, York and Durham, Surfleet and Beverley).

*1 Ruth A. Blackwood *2 Mary E. Elmes *3 John W. Blackwood *4 Graham W. Elmes

†5 Melvyn J. Hiller *6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) *Most methods to a peal. †Most Surprise methods to a peal.

MANSTON, Dorset, St. Nicholas.

Wed., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (6½ cwt.) **5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

(42 extents, 15 callings.)

1 Melvyn J. Hiller
2 Mary E. Elmes
3 Ross G. W. Robertson
4 Graham W. Elmes
†5 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
200th peal. †Has now completed the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques. First of Stedman Doubles by all. First of Stedman as conductor.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs, Collegiate

Church of St. Peter.

fon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (33 cwt.)

5042 PRITTLEWELL S. MAXIMUS

Composed by P. Border.

1 Heather A. Kippin

2 David P. Hilling (Conductor)

3 Janet House

4 Flizabeth Stevens

4 Elizabeth Stevens

Brian Bladon

7 Richard C. Stevens
S. Clarke Walters
Michael P. Moreton

10 D. John Hunt

11 David E. House 12 Robert C. Kippin

Rung on the day prior to the departure of the vicar, Canon Cocks, on appointment as Bishop of Shrewsbury.

SUFFOLK GUILD

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk, SS. Peter & Paul. Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11½ cwt.) 5184 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by H. Poyner.

*1 Ruth K. Woodman 2 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

3 Muriel R. Page

*4 Peter S. Bedford 5 Ernest G. Pearce 6 Adrian Knights Vernon B. Bedford

8 Stephen J. Bedford *First in method. A birthday compliment to Miss Imogen Holst, hon. member of the Suffolk Guild.

BENHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*1 Michael Peters Trevor Hughes

†3 Dana Josephson (U.S.A.)

4 Michael Baldry
5 Peter S. Bedford (Conductor)

6 Harry Archer *First peal. †First attempt.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BATTLE, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin. Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (214 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (6 extents April Day, 16 Plain Bob, 20 Grandsire).

Ann Smith

2 Frederick J. Lambert

*3 David J. Winchester

4 David R. Reed

5 Ian V. J. Smith (Conductor) 6 Ivor S. Holland

*First in three methods. A farewell to the Dean, Very Rev. F. H. Outram, leaving the parish after ten years.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

PUTNEY, London, S.W., St. Mary the Virgin.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (15 cwt.) 5152 ACCRINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR (27-course block reduced.)

1 Christopher R. Harris 2 Josephine Patterson 3 Rev. Michael Hart 4 Julie S. Armstrong

6 Andrew D. Grant
7 Michael J. Bangham
8 Michael J. Uphill First in the method.

A compliment to Rev. Michael Hart on his appointment as vicar of St. Mary Mag-dalen, Accrington, and as a farewell to Julie Armstrong, leaving for Sydney

ACCRINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR -38-14-1256-38-14-58-36-78 A.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. TEATH, Cornwall, St. Tetha.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (6 methods: Cambridge, Plain Bob, St. Clements, Childwall, Bux-

ton and Kent).

1 Alan Carveth (Conductor)

*2 Robert Peel Pearce 3 Cyril A. Wratten *4 F. Malcolm Bowers *5 Anthony Locke *6 Anthony J. Davidson *Most Minor methods.

PROBUS, Cornwall, SS. Probus and Grace. Wed., April 1, 1970, 3 hr. 6min. (20 cwt.) 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by R. G. Green.

1 Claudia A. Critchley

2 Robert Peel Pearce

3 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)

4 F. Malcolm Bowers 5 Canon A. S. Roberts 6 G. William Critchley Alan Carveth

8 Anthony J. Davidson

PADSTOW, Cornwall, St. Petrock. Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (101 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, Wells,

Durham, York, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet).

*1 T. Roy Hart 2 Claudia A. Critchley
*3 Anthony P. Smith
4 G. William Critchley
*†5 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)
*†6 Anthony J. Davidson

*Most Minor methods. †First of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise as conductor. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alick Cutler.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

ANDOVER, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 3 hr. (151 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1 Ronald N. Marlow

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2 Mary E. Elmes
3 Graham W. Elmes
4 Ross G. W. Robertson
*5 Leslie A. Page
6 Richard H. Youdale
7 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
8 Frederick E. Collins

*First in the method. In memoriam Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warks, St. Peter. Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (101 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

(42 extents, 4 callings.) *1 Jennifer Rollins

†2 Anthony C. Freeman 3 Christopher J. Pickford

4 Christopher Hims 5 Roger H. Hunt (Conductor)

6 Bernard H. Hunt
*First attempt. †First inside. First as conductor. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire, All Saints.

Fri., Mar. 27, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (51/4 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Oxford Bob, Plain Bob; Cambridge; Double Oxford, Plain Bob; Oxford T.B.; St. Clements, Plain Bob;

Kent T.B.; Plain Bob). 1 Christopher J. Groome 2 Cynthia E. Barnett

3 Susan E. Banton 4 Christine Broadley

5 A. Colin Banton
6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
Rung half-muffled on Good Friday.

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire, All Saints.

Sun., Mar. 29, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (51 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (Stedman, Grandsire, St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure).

1 Christine Broadley
2 J. Martin Thorley
3 Cynthia E. Barnett
4 John W. Thorp
5 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor) Rung for Evensong on Easter Day.

CLECKHEATON, Yorkshire, St. John. Sun., Mar. 29, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (113 cwt.) 5376 WHITBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR

1 Margaret White 2 Iris M. E. Lemare

3 Ian North 4 Patricia North 5 M. Alec Beaumont

6 Ronald R. Warford

7 David Nichols *8 Richard E. Price (C. and Conductor)
*50th of Surprise Major. First in
method by all and for the Association.

YORK, The Arts' Centre.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (9 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents)

1 Susan E. Banton 2 J. Martin Thorley*3 Cynthia E. Barnett 4 Christine Broadley
5 A. Colin Banton

6 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor) *25th peal.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (7½ cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by F. Bennett
A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

2 J. Martin Thorley

3 Christine Broadley
4 Cynthia E. Barnett
5 Peter N. Chambers
*6 Susan E. Banton

7 Christopher J. Groome 8 Ronald R. Warford *50th peal.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6 Ashwood Crescent. Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 1hr. 52min. (15 in C.) 5040 MINOR (3 methods: 2 Kent 2 Oxford T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

1-2 Robert B. Smith

3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor) 5-6 Gerald Moorhouse.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road. Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (16½ in B.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

*1-2 Joyce M. Clarke 3-4 Katherine S. Hardy

†5-6 John R. Mayne (Conductor) 7-8 Robert E. Hardy 9-10 Christopher W. Woolley

*11-12 Elizabeth Forster *First of Maximus. †First of Plain Bob Maximus.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold. Fri., Mar. 6, 1970, 1hr. 38min. (14 in D.) 5040 CUMBERLAND BOB MINOR

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) First in the method by all.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

GRANTHAM, Lincs, 22 Redcliffe Rd. Sun., Mar. 22, 1970, 2 hr. (12 in E.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*1-2 Peter A. Slight

†3-4 Denis A. Frith (Conductor) *5-6 Brian Buttery

*First in hand. †First as conductor and of Minor.

WINTERTON, Lines, Wicken, Westwinds Estate.

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 1min. (13.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

(7 extents, 3 callings.) 1-2 Peter Saunders

*3 4 Roger Hippisley

5-6 John G. Hall (Conductor) *First in hand.

WINTERTON, Lines, Wicken, Westwinds Estate.

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 2min. (13.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents, 3 callings.)

1-2 Peter Saunders

*3-4 Richard Hall 5-6 John G. Hall (Conductor)

*First in hand.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

LONDON, W., 16B Sutherland Place.
Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, lhr. 48 min. (32 in G.)
5040 PLAIN MINOR (3 methods: 1
extent Spliced Double Bob and Fulbeck,
6 Plain Bob (all different).

1-2 John R. Ketteringham 3-4 Maureen J. Carruthers

5-6 Geoffrey Bridges (Conductor)

THOUSAND PEALERS (continued)

B. F. L. Groves took part in:—
16,128 Superlative S. Major.

R. B. Smith took part in:
7,251 Stedman Cinques

10,032 Plain Bob Maximus (handbells).

10,440 Cambridge S. Royal (handbells), 13.320 Plain Bob Royal (handbells).

15,699 Stedman Cinques.

15,904 Plain Bob Major (handbells) 16,368 Cambridge S. Maximus.

17,248 Yorkshire S. Major.

18,000 Cambridge S. Royal,

19,620 Plain Bob Royal (handbells).

20.160 Double Norwich Major.

40.320 Plain Boh Major.

The following is the list of peals for each.

B. F. L. GROVES

TOWER BELLS

Doubles,-Grandsire 4 (conducted 3), Plain Bob 1, Stedman 1, 4 methods 3, 5 methods 2, 6 methods 1, 7 methods 2, 8 methods 1, 14 methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 9 (5), St. Clement's 1, Kent 2 (1), Oxford 4 (2), Beverley 1 (1), Cambridge 7 (2), London 4 (4), Norwich 2 (2), York 1, 2 methods 3 (1), 3 methods 6 (2), 4 methods 8 (5), 5 methods 5 (2), 6 methods 5 (2), 7 methods 26 (14), 8 methods 2 (2), 9 methods 2 (2), 10 methods 3 (2), 11 methods 2 (1), 12 methods 4 (2), 16 methods 1, 18 methods 1, 19 methods 1, 20 methods 1, 21 methods 1, 22 methods 1, 23 methods 1, 24 methods 1, 25 methods 1, 26 methods 2, 27 methods 1, 28 methods 1, 29 methods 1, 35 methods 1, 36 methods 1, 39 methods 1, 43 methods 1, 46 methods 1, 55 methods 1, 60 methods 1, 73 methods 1.

Triples.-Erin 1 (1), Stedman 19 (7), (not including

silent peal) Grandsire 10 (2), Union 2.

Major,—Double Norwich C.B. 22 (9), Double Plain Bob 1 (1), Duffield 1 (1), Eryri 1 (1), Forward 1 (1), Little Bob 2 (1), Plain Bob 23 (4), St. Clement's 1, Kent T.B. 11 (6), Kent and Oxford T.B. 3. Oxford T.B. 4 (2).

Surprise.-Aldenham 3 (1), Ashtead 1 (1), Belfast 1 Belgrave 5 (2), Berkshire 1, Biddenden 1, Bristol 52 (19), Cambridge 48 (18), Churchill 1, Cornwall 2 (1), Derby 1, Dorchester 1, Ealing 2, Fordcombe 1. Gainsborough 2 (1), Glasgow 2 (1), Hanbury 1, Hinton 1, Ipswich 1 (1), Ivinghoe 1, Jedburgh 1, Kent 1 (1), Lessness 1, Lincoln 1 (1), Lincolnshire 17 (6), Lindum 1 (1), London 70 (34), Monagham 1, Nettleham 1 (1), New Cambridge 5 (2), Orwell 1 (1), Oxfordshire 1 (1), Painswick 1 (1), Peterborough 1, Pudsey 11 (5), Quinton 1 (1), Rochester 1, Rotherfield 1 (1), Rutland 11 (4), Southgate 1 (1), Southwell 1, Stockport 1, Superlative 21 (7), Truro 1, Turramurra 1 (1), Uxbridge 1 (1), Verulam 1 (1), Warwickshire 2 (1), Watford 3 Wembley 1, Whitminster 1 (1), Xavier 1, Xenia 1 (1), Yorkshire 53 (14), Zelah 1.

Spliced Surprise. -2 methods 3 (2), 3 methods 4 (1) 4 methods 24 (8), 5 methods 4 (2), 6 methods 7 (2), 7 methods 1 (1), 8 methods 3 (2), 9 methods 2 (1), 10 methods 3 (1), 11 methods 3, 12 methods 6, 13 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 17 methods 1 (not includ-

ing silent peal).

Half lead Spliced Surprise. - 5 methods 2 (2). Caters.-Grandeire 6 (1), St. Clement's 1, Stedman

Royal.-Plain Bob 7 (1), Kent T.B. 3, Oxford T.B.

Surprise Royal. - Belgrave 4 (1), Bristol 1, Cambridge 24 (9), Lincolnshire 3, London 19 (5), Oakham 1, Prittlewell 2 (1), Pudsey 1 (1), Rochester 1 (1), Rutland 4 (1), Swindon 1, Yorkshire 17 (4).

Spliced Surprise Royal.—3 methods 1 (1), 6 methods

Cinques.—Stedman 7 (1)

Maximus.-Plain Bob 2 (1), Kent T.B. 1.

Surprise Maximus.-Aldenham 1, Belgrave 2, Cambridge 47 (8), Lambeth 1, Lincolnshire 2 (1), Londinium 1, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 1, Yorkshire 12 (3).

Spliced Surprise,-2 methods 1, 40 methods 1, 50 methods 1, 60 methods 1, 75 methods 1.

TOWER BELL TOTAL 837 (292).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Plain Bob 1, St. Martin's 1, 3 methods 1, 5 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 1, 10 methods 1.

Minor .- Plain Bob 10 (3), Kent T.B. 1, Oxford T.B. 1, Cambridge Surprise 2 (1), 3 methods 1, 4 methods 7 methods 1

Triples.-Grandsire 1.

Major.-Double Norwich C.B. 3, Little Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 14 (5), Kent T.B. 8 (3), Oxford T.B. 5 (4), Surprise.—Cambridge 6 (3), Lincolnshire 1, London 1. Rutland 1. Yorkshire 4 (2).

Spliced Surprise.-3 methods 1 (1), 5 methods 1, 6 methods 1.

Caters.-Grandsire 6 (3), Stedman 3 (1),

Royal.-Little Bob 1 (1), Plain Bob 9 (3), Kent T.B. 8 (8), Oxford T.B. 10 (9), Cambridge Surprise 3, Yorkshire Surprise 1.

Spliced Surprise,-2 methods 3 (1), 4 methods 2, 5 methods 1 (1), 6 methods 1, 7 methods 2 (2), 8 methods 1

Cinques.—Grandsire 3 (2), Stedman 1 (1).

Maximus.—Little Bob 1, Plain Bob 15 (8), Kent T.B. 8 (5), Kent T.B. (Granta variation) 1 (1), Kent T.B. (Cam variation) 1, Oxford T.B. 2 (1), Cambridge Surprise 1.

Spliced Surprise - 2 methods 1, 3 methods 1, methods 1, 6 methods 1, 10 methods 1, 12 methods 1,

Fourteen.—Plain Bob 1 (1). HANDBELL TOTAL 463 (72). GRAND TOTAL 1,000 (364).

The peals have been rung in 326 towers in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales,

R. B. SMITH TOWER BELLS

Doubles. — Grandsire 1, Plain Bob 1, Stedman 1 (cond. 1), 5 methods 2, 7 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 15 methods 1. Total 8 (1).

Minor. — Plain Bob 11 (5), St. Clement's 1, 2 methods 1, 3 methods 2, 4 methods 2, 5 methods 1 (1), 6 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 9 (2), 9 methods 1, 10 methods 1, 11 methods 1, 12 methods 1.

Treble Bob.-Kent 2 (1), Oxford 4, 5 methods 1, 6 methods 2, 18 methods 1, 19 methods 2 (1), 21 methods 1, 23 methods 1, 25 methods 1, 26 methods 2, 27 methods 2, 29 methods 1, 35 methods 2, 36 methods 1, 39 methods 1, 43 methods 1, 46 methods 1, 55 methods 1, 60 methods 1, 73 methods 1.

Delight.-St. Werburgh 1, 16 methods 1.

Surprise.—Beverley 1, Cambridge 7 (3), London 1, Norwich 1 (1). Total 73 (15).

Triples.-Grandsire 6 (4), Plain Bob 1, Stedman 11 Total 18 (10).

Major.-Plain Bob 31 (11), Double Norwich 13 (1), St. Clement's 1, Little Bob 2 (1).

Treble Bob.-Kent 14 (4), Oxford 2, 2 methods 6. Delight.-St. Wolstan 1.

Surprise.—Aldenham 1, Aylestone 1, Belgrave 2 (1), Berkshire 1, Bristol 27 (2), Cambridge 39 (12), Clerkenwell 1, Derby 1, Devon 1, Ealing 2 (1), Eastcote 2, Falmouth 1 (1), Gainsborough 4 (1), Glasgow 2, Hanbury 1, Huddersfield 1, Inverness-shire 1, Lin-colnshire 18 (7), London 50 (16), Londonderry 1, Lyme 1, New Cambridge 2. Oxfordshire 1. Painswick 1 (1), Pudsey 3 (1), Rutland 8 (3), Selwood 1, Staffordshire 2, Superlative 16 (5), Turramurra 1, Ullesthorpe 1, Warwickshire 1, Watford 3, Whitminster 1, Worcestershire 1, Xavier 1, York 1 (1), Yorkshire 37 (11), 3 methods 1, 4 methods 6 (1), 5 methods 2, 6 methods 1, 8 methods 3 (2), 10 methods 1, 12 Total 329 (83). methods 6.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 9 (5), Total 10 (5).

Royal.—Plain Bob 9 (4), Little Bob 2.

Treble Bob.—Kent 6 (1), Oxford 1, 2 methods 1.

Surprise. - Anstey 1, Asfordby 1, Belgrave 4, Blaby 1, Boston 1, Bristol 1, Cambridge 28 (7), Charmouth Diseworth 1, Elmsthorpe 1, Foston 1, Gracedieu 1, Hemington 1, Ibstock 1, Lincolnshire 3, London No. 3 29 (1), Nottingham 1 (1), Pontefract 1 (1), Primrose 1, Prittlewell 1, Pudsey 1, Rutland 2, Swindon 1, Tamworth 4, Wye 1, Yorkshire 15 (1), 6 methods 1, 11 methods 1. Total 125 (16),

Cinques.-Grandsire 1, Stedman 10 (3), Total 11 (3),

Maximus.-Plain Bob 5

Treble Bob.-Kent 1 (1)

Surprise, - Aldenham 1, Belgrave 3, Brigstow 1, Cambridge 54 (3), Lambeth 2 (1), Lincolnahire Lindsey 1, Londinium 3, New Cambridge 2 (1), Pud-sey 1, Superlative 1, Wigston 2, York 3, Yorkshire 29 (3), 2 methods 3 (1), 3 methods 1, 18 methods 1, 29 (3), 2 methods 3 (1), 3 methods 1, 18 methods 1, 24 methods 2, 30 methods 1, 33 methods 1, 35 methods 1, 40 methods 1, 50 methods 1 (1), 60 methods 1, 75 methods 1. Total 125 (11).

TOWER BELL TOTAL 699 (144).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.-Grandsire 1, Plain Bob 1 (1), 7 methods 1, 10 methods 1, 14 methods 1. Total 5 (I).
 Minor.—Plain Bob 14 (11), 2 methods 1, 3 methods

3, 4 methods 2 (2), 5 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 1 (1), methods 1 (1).

Treble Bob.-Kent 1 (1), Oxford 2 (2).

HERRICK BACK AS RINGING

MASTER

On May 5 Herrick B. Bowley, now again ringing master at Leicester Cathedral, com-pletes his two-year term of office as churchwarden of the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, Leicester. Although he will remain on the list of deputy churchwardens his future duties will be less onerous and enable him to resume his normal ringing activities.

The office of a churchwarden at a cathedral is more demanding than the office of a normal churchwarden and entails among other things a very active participation in cathedral services and ceremonies. Herrick has, however, very pleasant memories of his term of office, of the fellowship with the Cathedral staff, of important occasions, of meeting a wide range of people, civic and other dignitaries, and last but not least of his involvement in Cathedral social occasions.

It was just after the last war when Herrick first became associated with Leicester Cathedral ringers; he became deputy ringing master in 1949 and has been ringing master since 1956, with the exception of his period of office as churchwarden. His earliest recollections of ringing are in the early 1920s with his father and family at Kirby Muxloe. followed by periods at Ratby and Anstey as he moved from place to place before the war.

Herrick's peal record to date lists a total of 408 peals, of which he has conducted 61. Incidentally 169 of these peals have been rung at Leicester Cathedral and in this time he has circled the tower no less than six times. Highlights of his ringing are taking part in four peals in a day on two occa-sions—Surprise Major and Royal in 1949 and Cambridge Minor to Maximus in 1951 -and also of taking part in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 12 methods, rung at Leicester Cathedral in 1953 for the Queen's coronation.

In his younger days Herrick was a useful cricketer, graduating from the then wellknown Ratby team to the Leicestershire County Club, with whom he played for the first and second teams. Later he spent a period at Dumfries, Scotland, as player/coach before returning to Leicestershire to R.S. marry and settle down.

Surprise.—Cambridge 4 (2). Durham 1 (1). York 1 (1). Total 32 (23).

Triples.—Grandsire 4 (4), Stedman 1. Total 5 (4). Major. - Plain Bob 53 (30), Little Bob 1, Double Norwich 9 (7).

Treble Bob.-Kent 21 (14), Oxford 8 (8), 2 methods

Surprise.—Cambridge 9 (4), Lincolnshire 1 (1), London 1 (1), New Cambridge 1 (1), New Durham 1, Rutland 1 (1), Superlative 1, York 1 (1), Yorkshire 8 (5), 2 methods 1 (1), 3 methods 1, 5 methods 2 (2), 6 methods 1 (1). Total 122 (77).

Caters,-Grandsire 2 (1), Stedman 7 (3), Total 9 (4). Royal.-Plain Bob 24 (12).

Treble Bob,-Kent 10 (6), Oxford 9 (4).

Surprise. - Albanian 1, Cambridge 13 (5), Lindsey 1, New Cambridge 1, New Durham 1, York 1, Yorkshire 2 (1), 2 methods 6 (4), 4 methods 3 (2), 5 methods 1, 6 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 2, 8 methods 1 (1). Total 77 (36).

Cinques.-Grandsire 2 (2), Stedman 1, Total 3 (2). Maximus.-Plain Bob 22 (9).

Treble Bob.-Kent 10 (5), Oxford 2 (1).

Surprise. — Cambridge 2, New Cambridge 1, New Durham 1, York 1, Yorkshire 1, 2 methods 1 (1), 3 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 1 (1), 6 methods 1 (1), 10 methods 1 (1), 12 methods 1 (1). Total 47 (22). Fourteen Treble Bob.—Kent 1 (1), Total 1 (1).

HANDBELL TOTAL 301 (170).

BELL FOUNDRIES OF THE PAST

Dear Sir,-I was most interested to read an article in the R.W. of Feb. 20, 1970, about the evolution of the modern 5-tone system of tuning which was reprinted from the Foundry Trade Journal (Dec. 18/25, 1969), which suggested that, generally, British bells before the second half of the 19th century were deficient in quality of tone. Then this article mentioned Miles Graye as one of the few exceptions to the original statement. It is certain that his finest bell is the noble tenor at Lavenham, Suffolk. This is quite an extraordinary bell. How many other fine bells of his exist, though? Stowmarket tenor is the only one I know. I doubt if there is another founder who has such a reputation on the strength of one bell.

There is another East Anglian foundry which was producing bells worthy of modern founders and which has had little recognition, except locally, for its products. I refer to the Downham Market, Norfolk foundry, which produced bells for around 50 years from about 1775 to 1825. first founder was Thomas Osborn, followed by his foreman, William Dobson. Thomas Osborn came from the St. Neots foundry of Joseph Eayre, from which also stemmed the early Taylor foundry of Loughborough.

The Downham Market foundry produced many fives and sixes and a few eights. There is one ring of ten (Wisbech, Cambs) and one of 12 bells—the old 12 at St. Nicholas', Liverpool. This was the heaviest ring produced by this foundry.

The early rings by Thomas Osborn were good but not as distinguished as the later rings by W. Dobson. An early octave at Hilgay, Norfolk, is a good example. tap-notes are not really accurately in tune but individual bells are good and have promise of things to come.

Later rings by W. Dobson have a distinctly modern sound. A good example is the fine octave at Diss, Norfolk. Outside, these bells sound as if they had been cast this century rather than in 1823. In many rings which have been renovated and retuned by Taylor or Mears new recast bells are hardly distinguishable from the old Dobson bells. An interesting ring of six exists at Marham, Norfolk. The fourth bell is exactly tuned to modern 5-tone principles. The treble bell, however, is another matter, having two prominent notes, neither bearing any relationship to the nominal tap-note. It is a demerit of the foundry that such a poor bell was allowed to be delivered and hung. It should have been recast without leaving the foundry. Obviously foundry techniques were not good enough to reproduce consistently their finest bells.

In 1825 or so the Downham Market foundry was bought out by the Mears foundry of Whitechapel, London, together with some fine West Country foundries. The patterns and technical data were reported lost. It sounds as if the London foundry was trying to eliminate successful competition.

It is matter for conjecture what the fortunes of the Whitechapel foundry would have been had they used and developed the

Belfry Gossip

The Geoffreys rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Evesham on April 4, conducted by Geoffrey R. Drew.

Mr. A. J. Poyner has retired as hon. general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and Mrs. R. D. Hughes has taken this position.

John Taylor and Co. started the rehanging of the bells of Kersey, Suffolk, last week, and followed with Walton-le-Wolds, Leics.

At Cannington (Somerset) a strong band is being built up for the heavy six, and at the moment have about 12 learners between 10 and 12 years of age.

David Bourner, a member of the St. Martin's, Chelsfield, Kent, band, is the present captain of Charterhouse Boys' School, Orpington. David, who is also a server and chorister, hopes to train for teaching.

Miss Julie Armstrong, of Putney, sailed for Australia on April 18. A letter of good wishes was sent from the general committee of the Surrey Association.

The Dean and Council of St. Albans Cathedral have under consideration the rehanging of the bells.

Through dry rot the bells have sunk on the headstocks at South Mymms, Herts. The P.C.C. have asked for revised estimates to include iron headstocks.

Mr. G. W. Massey confirms that the peal rung at Staple Fitzpaine, Somerset, on

March 14 was the first peal on the bells.

The 17-spliced (page 297) rung by Leeds U.G. was the greatest number rung by a resident band (average age 21). This fol-

lows the success in 9 and 12 methods.

Personal Records.—Michael P. Moreton (500 peals), Bernard F. L. Groves (1,000), Robert B. Smith (1,000), Roger W. D. Wetenhall (100), Graham W. Elmes (200), Cynthia Barnett (25), Susan Banton (50).

Family Quarter.—Congratulations to the Taylor family. Mr. E. J. Taylor, of Cheltenham, conducted the first family quarter peal of Triples at Painswick on April 5.

The ring of eight at Ewell, Surrey, is to be rehung in a new frame, after retuning and fitting new headstocks. The work will be carried out by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry later this year.

knowledge and tuning techniques of W. Dobson. I believe they could have produced the major proportion of important rings of bells in this country instead of using their traditional methods until the first World War. This allowed the Taylor foundry to attain a position of eminence in modern bellfounding.

The real import of this article is that bells were being produced in this country which were virtually Simpson - tuned, 75 years or more before Canon Simpson postulated his principles of 5-toned tuning to

the Taylor foundry.

I would be most grateful for comment and indeed correction in case of unwitting error.-Yours faithfully

RICHARD E. PRICE. Rotherham, Yorks.

Sending her subscription for 1970 and 1971, Mrs. V. Grossmith, of Umvukwes, Rhodesia, sends her good wishes and congratulations to the Editor and staff on The Ringing World peals layout, as she finds them easier to read.

A widower in the south-east of England finds life very lonely and would be glad of the companionship of a lady (around 40) who could share a common interest-bellringing. Any letters addressed to this office marked "D. L." will be forwarded.

"I've always thought ringers a little crazy but delightfully so," said the Bishop of Hereford at the three-day course held re-cently. "We have 480 churches," he added, "go and visit them all."

Another Goodyer a ringer.—Another of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goodyer's family has entered the list of ringers. Edith, aged 11, rang her first quarter at Turramurra, New South Wales, Australia, on March 15 with her father and mother and two brothers. Congratulations!!

Easter Day was memorable for Ilton, Somerset, when the first quarter by residents in the village was rung. All credit to Mr. Roy Welch and his son Stephen, who was conducting for the first time. The rector (Rev. H. E. A. Jackson) is recording the achievement in the church records.

Progressing, but slowly, are Mr. George Kennard and Mr. Maurice Lacey, both in Medway General Hospital, Gillingham, Kent, and Mr. Stan Dobbie, who is not yet able to ring again. The Sittingbourne tower with its young ringers are now being led by Miss Wendy Austin and Mr. John Clark.

When eight ladies who were to attempt a quarter found one of the access doors locked and no key available (in spite of all inquiries), one lady produced two pieces of "equipment" and in a short while the door was open. The team wonder what other "hobbies" this lady has!

"We always enjoy The Ringing World and glean all sorts of information from the footnotes to peals, and it is certainly up-to-date news, for the issue of March 20 reached us this morning (March 23)," writes Margaret Goodyer, of New South Wales, Australia.

First peal congratulations to Dana Josephson, David Ketley, Michael Peters, Bernard Taylor (14), Helen Taylor, Taylor (15), Hilda Taylor (18), William A. Taylor, Charles E. Taylor, Hilary Hall, Corinne M. Dickson, Jennifer Rollins.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on handbells by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild was the first to be rung other than those which have been rung at The Wayside, Leicester. It was rung on the fourth occasion that the band met to attempt a peal, although they had met to practise on a number of occasions. prevous attempt was stopped when seven and a half courses had been rung.

With malice towards none; with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God give us to see the right.—Abraham Lincoln.

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Obituary

MR. THOMAS H. DILLEY

The parish church of Clifton, Bedfordshire, lost a faithful friend with the passing of Tom Dilley on Easter Saturday. Since 1919 Tom had been a bellringer and steeplekeeper and, although in failing health for the last year, he had still been in regular attendance on Sundays and practice nights with his brothers, also ringers. He had also been a sidesman for many years. Before the funeral service the eight bells were rung by his friends of the Biggleswade District and in the afternoon a quarter peal of halfmuffled Grandsire Triples was rung by the Sunday service ringers of Clifton and nearby Henlow.

Well done, thou good and faithful serant.

MR. W. PALMER

Mr. W. Palmer, of Badsworth, near Pontefract, died at the end of March. Although there were only four bells at the local church he learned to ring Bob Minor by visiting other towers. He had not rung anywhere for some time but he was at one time a frequent visitor to the Barnsley and District meetings and held the office of president of that Society for a short time.

THEY DON'T MAKE THEM LIKE THAT ANY MORE

It must have been nearly 20 years ago that we sat in the inn in Widecombe-in-the-Moor after a peal of Minor and talked ringing delightedly with the captain of ringers. The talk came pouring out of him in a rich, gravelly Devon voice; the craggy face and bright, keen eyes were unforget-table: Bill Miners was a man who will be talked of as long as anyone lives who knew him.

The quick speech sounded more like North Devon than the south, and I was not surprised to learn that Bill came from Pancrasweek on the North Cornwall border, but he arrived in Widecombe over 50 years ago and was not long in making his Working for somebody else was not his cup of tea and he embarked on his career with a horse and cart as a transport contractor; it's typical of the character of the man that Widecombe even remembers that the horse's name was "Lion" — and "Lion" was the foundation of a business that carries the name of W. F. Miners on a fleet of beautifully turned out lorries to every part of the kingdom. Until quite recently Bill would often be behind the wheel himself and would run a load of cattle to Smithfield, drop into a practice in a London tower and take another load home; any fetching and carrying for Widecombe Church or any other nearby was gladly taken on by Bill, and bells, clappers and headstocks often went on his lorries.

Ringing was his consuming passion, and he was the kind of perfectionist that has made Devon call-change ringing what it is. The treble was his bell, and to rise or fall behind him was a treat. As long as bells were in earshot he was listening to every blow, and he would roll a really good peal round his memory 15 years after he'd heard it, as a connoisseur rolls a fine vintage claret round his tongue.

Such dedication to good ringing coupled with such a dynamic personality could hardly fail to make Widecombe band one

of the best in the county, and it did not fail. So one can imagine the consternation when we heard, in 1955, that after an attack of thrombosis Bill's doctors had given him strict instructions not to ring and not to go up stairs—of which Widecombe tower has a good supply. But Bill Miners had never been used to having people tell him what to do, and as soon as he could get out of his house he was ringing again at Widecombe and anywhere else that he could find a rope.

Some years later another attack involved the amputation of a leg; one of the first things the artificial leg had to do was to learn the way up Widecombe tower. A series of strokes was treated in the same cavalier fashion: there was an almost undetectable halting in the rapid, eager flow of talk, but no slackening of energy or enthusiasm, or decline in initiative: it was Bill who was one of the first people to moot the idea of a united drive by Devon ringers for the Cathedral Appeal, and when we all went to Exeter with our gifts he was there with us.

The end came swiftly, as he expected and hoped: on Easter Day he was ringing for service; on Monday he was down at Revelstoke for a practice on the eight bells; on Tuesday he was at practice at home; on Wednesday he was just a little under the weather and didn't go ringing as he'd planned; on Friday morning he was gone. Widecombe Church, the "Cathedral of the Moor," was packed to the doors with those who were proud to be his friends-in business, in local government (he was a district councillor for many years)-and call-change and method ringers from all over the county. And so we saw him out of church for the last time, into the shifting sunshine and snow showers of an unseasonable Dartmoor April, while three ringers from North Devon and three from the south set the deep-throated old Pennington six "tapping round" over his head.

J.G. M. S.

WORCESTER SCHOOLS OUTING

On Wednesday, March 18, a party of ringers from the King's School, the Girls' Grammar School, the Technical College and the Royal Grammar School went on a ringing outing to the Leominster area.

The first tower visited was Rock, where several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung.

Justice was not done to the Barwell six at Tenbury Wells; a reasonable touch of Bob Minor was rung, but our time ran out before we had a chance to ring anything else other than call-changes. From Tenbury to Kimbolton, where there is a pleasant six. Here the ringing was better and a course of Cambridge Minor and touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung before lunch.

After a brief stop in Leominster, on to Pembridge, where half-an-hour's ringing on the heavy and sonorous five was enjoyed. Everyone had been looking forward to ringing at Eardisland, and what we had heard of the excellence of these bells was justified. Here, with the help of Leslie Evans, a good course of Stedman Triples was rung. At our last tower of the day, Stoke Prior, the bells had not been rung for over two years, but after an inspection had revealed that the bells had been clocked but were quite ringable, and a rope had been spliced, the bells were raised and rung to Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.

Thanks to Paul Cattermole and Chris Pickford for making the arrangements, and to all incumbents and tower captains for affording the use of their bells. C. J. P.

Bath and Wells Association

80th BIRTHDAY RINGING

Visitors from Bath, Frome and Bridgwater branches joined members of the Chew Branch at their quarterly meeting at Wraxall on March 21, where ringing preceded the service, conducted by the rector, Preb. L. W. Fussell. Seats at tea were at a premium, but eventually all were seated and full justice done to the meal provided by Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Everett.

The meeting was opened by the secretary. Mr. D. G. Yeo, who paid tribute to the service given to the branch by the late chairman, Mr. H. W. Knight, who had passed away on February 27, and suggestions about a memorial are to be discussed.

Mr. J. Brain was voted to the chair for the rest of the meeting. Mr. R. Curtis (Portishead), Miss H. Derham (Backwell) and Mr. T. Hawkings (Yatton) were elected members and Mr. J. Young (Backwell) was re-elected. It was decided to hold the branch corporate Communion at Yatton in May.

Mr. Horseman gave details of the striking competition to be held at Tickenham in April, which Mr. C. Wratten (Cheltenham) had kindly agreed to judge. Support was very good last year and the chairman hoped this year would see even more teams entering.

The general secretary (Mr. J. H. Gilbert) told members that the revised rules would be available with the annual reports for the A.G.M. at Bath, and as this was the Association's 80th birthday he hoped that peals or quarter peals would be rung at all the towers to mark the event. The chairman expressed concern about the impression created that East Pennard bells were now fit to ring after work had been carried out by a band of enthusiastic amateurs. Mr. Gilbert said that regular ringing was not possible at present and the question of unringable towers in the diocese would be raised at the A.G.M.

Further ringing took place later in methods up to Spliced Surprise. J. B.

"DOWN UNDER" NEWS

The February issue of Ringing Towers tells of plans to establish a new constitution. This is a thorny subject. A proposed new constitution received a majority of postal votes but was declared invalid. Another attempt has been made but there is a warning that this will meet a similar fate as, according to existing rules, "instructing that voting is to be yes or no on each proposed amendment," and according to Bill Pitcher this has not been done.

Another controversial subject is peals for ANZAB outside its territory. Questions are raised by Ron Russ of a belfry election in this country of ringers who have never rung or even been to ANZAB territory or have the slightest interest in it. His suggestion is that no member can be elected except by or through a branch and on ANZAB territory. He hopes, however, that the peals he has rung for the Association since his return to U.K. should be thought worthy to appear in the Association's records

This is a most interesting number. Dermot Roaf writes on his year "down under"; the series Australian Ringing Identities is by Bill Pitcher, a former president of ANZAB and Editor of Ringing Towers for five years, including co-ordinating the arrangements for Great Adventure II in 1965, with a list of topical items, largely personal.

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PERSONAL

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."

—2 Peter ii, 9.

ENGAGEMENT

Burbery — Perry. — The engagement is announced between Roger Burbery, of Epping, ssex, and Glynis Perry, of Waltham Abbey

IN MEMORIAM

Hall.—In loving memory of our dear son, Patrick John, who died April 23, 1967, aged 24 years. Always in our thoughts. 8696

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

note that the master's address is now Church Cottage, East Clandon, Guildford, Surrey, 8569 Guildford Diocesan Guild.-Members please

Robinson.—John and Anne now live at 30 Hollin Lane, Leeds, LS16 5LZ. Telephone: Leeds 54432. Correspondents for the Yorkshire Dales peal week (August 1-8) please note.

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EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

East Derbys and West Notts Association.— Evening meeting, April 25, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), Said Evensong 5.30 p.m. Bells 6-9 p.m. Beginners especially welcome.—E. J. S., Hon. 8616

Hereford Guild.—Kington District.—Practice on Sat., May 2: Presteigne (8), 4-6.30 p.m.; Staunton-on-Arrow (6), 6.45-9 p.m. 8678

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch. —Wed., May 6, 12-bell practice, Manchester Town Hall. Bells from 6 to 9 p.m. Everyone

Lincoln Guild.—North Lindsey Branch.— Evening meeting, Elsham, Sat., May 9. Ringing 7-9 p.m. 8657

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.-Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk, April 24 (Friday), 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Yorkshire, etc. 8607

Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District.—Fri., April 24, practice, St. Mary's, Staines, 7.30-9 p.m. Mon., May 11, Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, 8-9.30 p.m.—C. H.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. -Portsmouth District.—District practice at St. Mary's, Alverstoke, Fri., May 1, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob Triples and Major. 8639

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Bath and Wells Association. - Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Burnham-on-Sea,
April 25. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.,
followed by tea and meeting.—M. Legg. 8658
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Cary

Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Lydford, on April 25, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset.

Guildford Guild.-Chertsey District.-Strikon April 25, 10.30 a.m.-12 noon and 2-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing after the meeting. Names for tea to Miss A. Anthony, 12 Woodside Avenue, Esher.

Oxford Diocesan Guild. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Old Windsor, April 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Numbers for tea to C. Gilson, 28 Cell Farm Avenue, Old Windsor.—J. Muller. 8634

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.-Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, Sat., April 25. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea and business meeting to follow.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Dis. Sec 8639

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Warwick Archdeaconry.— Monthly meeting, Sat., May 2, at Ilmington. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing after tea Also Alderminster (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Berrow, The Old School House, Ilmington, Shipston-on-Stour.-H.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association.—Western Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Bees (8), Sat., May 2. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All who require tea must inform D. T. Sim, 61 Main Street, St. Bees.

Durham and Newcastle Association.-Northern District.—Learners' practice meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, Sat., May 2. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Keen, 24 Alnwick Avenue, Whitley Bay. 8683

Ely Diocesan Association.—Ely District.— Striking competition, Stretham, Sat., May 2. Assemble for 3 p.m. start. Service 4.30. Tea and results 5. Further ringing during evening until 8.30 p.m.

Essex Association (N.W. District) and Ely Essex Association (N.W. District) and Ely Diocesan Association (Cambridge District.—A joint meeting will be held at Ashdon (8) on Sat., May 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by further ringing. All welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. -Miss J. Sanderson, Hon. Sec.

Hertford County Association.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth (10), Sat., May 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to D. M. Hibbert, 26 Beacon Way, Rickmansworth (Tel.: 73735).— A. C. D. Mayes, Dis. Sec.

Lancashire Association. — Lancaster Branch. —Meeting, Silverdale, Sat., May 2. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale, Carnforth. 8669

Lancashire Association. - Wigan Branch. -Lancashire Association. — Wigan Branch. —
Striking competition, Emmanuel, Southport, on
Sat., May 2, at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business
meeting, evening ringing at Christ Church,
Southport, 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to M.
Snape, 417 Guildford Road, Southport. Will
those entering competition please be punctual.
—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 8686

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Marston Trussell, Sat., May 2. Names for tea to P. A. Turner, 26 Green-hill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 8688 Tuesday previous.

Society of Framland Ringers.—Half-yearly meeting, May 2, Eaton (6). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.

Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Morris, Chapel Street. Eaton, Grantham, Lincs, by April 29. 8673
Sussex County Association.—Northern Division.—Car rally, Sat., May 2. Start 3 p.m., Crawley. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening. Please let me have your name and numbers in your car for tea as early as possible.—Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 8689

general Yorkshire Association. — Annual meeting, Ormesby, Sat., May 2. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Yates, 47 Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Teesside, by Tues., April 28. Tea tickets will be sent to those who April 28. Tea tickets will be sent to those who enclose a s.a.e. and given (at Ormesby Church between 3.45 and 4 p.m.) to others who book. Subscriptions are due and reports will be available. Towers: Kirby Wiske (6), 10.30–11.30; Northallerton (8), 11–12; Carlton-in-Cleveland (8), 11.45–12.45; Guisborough (6) and Skelton (8), 1-3; Thornaby (8) and Stockton (10), 2–4; Ormesby (8), 2–4.20. Ormesby after the meeting and the other towers if necessary.—W. F. Moreton.

Bath and Wells Association. — Taunton Branch. — Quarterly meeting, West Monkton, May 9. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41 George Street, Taunton, Somerset.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Striking competition and meeting, Little Shelford, May 9. Draw 3 p.m. sharp. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, results, business meeting if necessary. General ringing at Stapleford afterwards. Team entries by May 2; names for tea by May 6.—Miss J. Sanderson, 1 Orchard Gate Melhourn, Royston, Herts, 2680 Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts.

Essex Association.—South Eastern District.
—Meeting and striking competition, Purleigh
(6). Sat., May 9. Competition 3 p.m. Service
4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.
General ringing in evening. All welcome.—
R. J. H., Dis. Sec. 8663

Lincoln Diocesan Guild,—Central Branch.— Striking contest, Martin, Sat., May 9. Start 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, 56 Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.— G. R. P.

Ladies' Guild.—Annual general meeting on Sat., June 27, Leicester. Committee meeting, Fri., June 26, 7.45 p.m., in Church House, Leicester. Ringing arrangements for Saturday: Aylestone (8), 9-9.45 a.m.; South Wigston (8), 9.45-10.30 a.m.; Wigston Magna (8), 10.30-11.15 a.m.; St. John's (10), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), 12.30-1.15 p.m.; Birstall (8), 1.30-2.15 p.m. Anstey (8), 2.30-3.15 p.m.; Leicester Cathedral (12), 3-4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., St. Margaret's, Leicester, followed by tea in St. Margaret's Vestry, followed by meeting. Ringing, St. Margaret's, 6-8 p.m., and All Saints', Leicester, 7.30-8 p.m. Social at the Blackbird Hotel, Blackbird Road, Leicester. The inclusive price for tea and social will be 10s.; if only tea required 6s. 6d. will be 10s.; if only tea required 6s. 6d. Names, please, to Mrs. M. Jelley, 17 Linley Green, Cosby, Leics, together with cash. 8695

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CHANGE OF DATE

The 1971 Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 20,

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Menu: Frawn Cocktail, Coq au vin, Fineappie Couchette with Chocolate Sauce, Fruit, Cheese and Biscuits, Coffee. Names with cheque or P.O. to: Colin H. Cook, 63 Chaldon Road, Caterham, Surrey; Chris Mew, 32 Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15; or Bernard Hawkins. Valhalla, 16 Copley Way. Tadworth, Surrey.

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The festival service will be in the Church of St. Mary at 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets for tea (6s. 6d.) to be obtained from the Asst. Hon. Sec., Mr. N. Knee, 75 Boreham Road, Warminster, Wilts, by Mon., May 4. Please send s.a.e. Strictly no ticket, no tea.

no tea.

Towers open for ringing:

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.:—
Bridport (8), Bradpole (8), Whitchurch
Canonicorum (8), Askerswell (6), Loders (6),
Symondsbury (6), Broadwindsor (6),
Netherbury (6).
6.30 to 8.30 p.m.:—
Beaminster (8).

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At Woodford, near Kettering,

On Saturday, May 9.

Committee meeting in School Rooms 2.30 p.m.
Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m.
Tea tickets (4s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to be obtained from Mr. V. Headland, 6 Long Row, Woodford, near Kettering, Northants, by

Tuesday, May 5.

Details of ringing arrangements will be circulated to all persons applying for tea tickets. -E. Billings, Gen. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **GREAT YARMOUTH** Saturday, May 2

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at Great Yarmouth on Sat., May 2. SERVICE at the Church of St. Nicholas at 4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Rev. D.

TEA, following the service, at St. James' Parish Hall, Great Yarmouth. Names for tea to be sent to Mrs. G. Harvey, 15 Clarence Road, Great Yarmouth (phone: 4766), by Wednesday. April 29.

ANNUAL MEETING will be held imme-

diately after tea.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:
St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, 2-4 p.m.

St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, 2-4 and after meeting.
St. Andrew's, Gorleston, after meeting.
Blofield (6), 2-2.45 p.m.
Acle (6), 3-3.30 p.m.
Kessingland (6), 2-2.45 p.m.
Pakefield (8), 3-3.30 p.m.
H. W. Barrett, Gen. Sec.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday, May 2

At St. Andrew's, Kingswood (6).
Service 4.30 p.m.
Ringing: St. Martin's, Epsom (10), 2.30-3.30;
All Saints', Banstead (8), 3-4; St. Andrew's,
Kingswood (6), 3-4.30.
Tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting (6 p.m.)
will be held in the Church Hall in Lower
Kingswood Village (A271), about one mile
distant. Names for tea should be sent to Miss
B. Minnion, 38 Josephine Avenue, Lower
Kingswood, Surrey (Telephone: Mogador
2237), not later than Thursday, April 30
Tickets for dinner will be on sale.—Colin H.
Cook, Gen. Sec. Cook, Gen. Sec. 8490

> LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD A.G.M., 1970 — LINCOLN Saturday, April 25

Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel, Cathedral, 8 a.m. Ringing times: Blankney (6), 10.30-11.15 a.m. Metheringham (8), 11 a.m.-12 noon, Dunston (5), 11.45 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Nocton (6), 12.15-1 p.m.

Branston (6), 1-2 p.m. Cathedral (12), St. Botolph's (6), St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), 2-4 and 6.30-9 p.m. St. Giles' (8), 6.30-9 p.m.

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Bolney (8), Hellingly (6), Stevning (8).
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Henfield (8), Newick (6), Buxted (8). 10.00-11.00 a.m. 10,45-11,45 a.m. 11.00 a.m.-12 noon 11,30 a.m.-12,30 p.m.

Burgess Hill (8), Chailey (6), Uckfield (8). Ditchling (8), Wivelsfield (6), Little Horsted (6). 12 noon- 1.00 p.m. 1.00- 2.00 p.m. Aldrington (8), Hurstpierpoint (8), Ringmer (8), Barcombe (6).

1,30- 2.15 p.m. Keymer (6). Southover (Lewes) (10). 1.30- 2.30 p.m. Good Shepherd, Brighton (8); St. Nicolas', Brighton (10).

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NANTWICH

Saturday, May 9

A.G.M. 2 p.m. in Church Hall.

Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

Tea tickets 5s. 6d. (children 4s. 6d.) from Mr. J. E. Brough, 25 Queen's Drive, Nantwich, Cheshire, before May 4.

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Holmes Chapel (6)	10.30-11.30
Sandbach (8)	11-12
Crewe (10)	12-1
Wistaston (6)	12.30-1.30

Route B

Tarporley (8) 10.30-11.30 Marbury (6) 11-11.45 Wrenbury (6) 11.30-12.15 Audlem (6) 11-12 Acton (6) 12-1

Nantwich (8) 1-2
Evening ringing at Nantwich and Acton.
Other towers by arrangement.

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Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Chelten-ham Branch.—Meeting, Winchcombe (6), Wed, April 29, 7.30 p.m. 8704 Hertford County Association.—Northern

District. — Quarterly meeting, Benington (8), Sat., May 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. 8705

Lancashire Association. — Bolton Branch. — Meeting at St. Peter's, Bolton, 2,30-5 p.m., and St. George's, Bolton, 6-8,30 p.m., Sat., May 2. Bells (8). Cups of tea provided. Special methods: Stedman and Double Norwich. All welcome. Please notify for tea not later than Wednesday.—Pauline Tallis, Branch Sec. 8709

Liverpool University Society.—A.G.M., Sat., May 2, 3 p.m., Senior Dining Room, Gladstone Hall. All welcome. Please notify of attendance, proposals. ideas. Social evening to follow.

North Staffs Association.—Meeting, Kingsley, Sat., May 2. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Carnwell, 16 Dovedale Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent, ST10 2AD.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Bromham (6), Sat., May 2. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss L. Gardner, 48 New Road, Bromham Chippenham Wills.

Chippenham, Wilts.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

AGENDA FOR ILKLEY MEETING

The second session of the 27th Council (73rd annual meeting) will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 1970, in the Kings Hall, Ilkley, at

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.30 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at approximately 12.30 p.m. and the afternoon session will commence at 1.30 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the hon, secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Welcome to new members by the president.

1. Election of honorary members:-

Mrs. R. F. B. Speed and Messrs. G. W. Pipe and Mr. F. A. White retire and are eligible for re-election. There are two

Mr. G. R. Drew is proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe and seconded by Mr. V. Bottom-

- Loss of members through death.
- 3. Minutes of the previous meeting,
- Report of the hon, secretary.
- Report of the hon. librarian.
- Presentation of the 1969 accounts.
- Report of the trustees of the Carter ringing machine.
- 8. To receive, discuss and if thought fit adopt the interim report of the Standing Committee on the constitution and procedural working of the Council and pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of that report.
- 9. Motions.
- (a) That the Council donates £20 from the Clement Glenn Fund to the Gloucester and Bristol Special Appeal for Stinchcombe Bells.

Proposed on the recommendation of the Standing Committee by E. A. Barnett, seconded by V. Bottomley.

- (b) Arising from the report of the joint committee on revision of Decisions, that
 - (A) In the Decision on methods and
 - 1. Delete A3, restrictions on calls, and renumber A4 as A3.
 - Delete B. regular methods, and reletter C, D, E as B. C, D and in the new D5 change E4 to D4.
 - (B) In the Decision on peal ringing
 - 1. Change C1, spliced compositions, to read:—

"Compositions in more than one method shall be termed Spliced, when the methods are so joined that the leads of the methods remain intact, the changes of method being at the half-lead or lead-head but not both in the same composition.

"Compositions in which the changes of method occur at both half-lead and lead-head shall be termed Spliced, provided all the methods in the composition are symmetrical about the half-lead, with no two of them differing only in the places made at the half-lead and/or the lead-head." 2. Remove F, Technical Commit-tees, from this Decision, but the four paragraphs to stand as the terms of reference of these four committees, changing the last paragraph to read:—

"The Methods Committee shall "The Methods Committee shall make recommendations on the construction of methods and calls and shall prepare such collections as may be required by the Council. It shall also consider all questions arising from the nomenclature used for any method, and the findings of the committee shall be published in The Ringing World."

Proposed by F. T. Blagrove. Seconded by D. E. Sibson.

- (C) That Section "D" of Decision "D" of the Central Council's Decisions be deleted and the following substituted:
 - D. Record Length Peals. The Record Length Peal in a method or group of methods on a given number of bells shall be the longest length re-cognised as a peal by the Council. For handbell peals, every ringer shall ring at least two bells. Tower bell and handbell records shall be kept separately.

Proposed by D. E. Sibson. Seconded by S. Jenner.

- 10. To receive, discuss and if thought fit adopt the reports of the following committees: To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
 - (a) Literature and Press
 - (b) Biographies
 - (c) The Ringing World
 - (d) Peals Collection
 - (e) Overseas Ringing
 - (f) Sunday Service and Education
 - (g) Peals Analysis
 - (h) Records
 - (i) Towers and Belfries
 - (j) Broadcasting and Television
 - (k) Methods
 - (1) General Interest Film
- 11. To confirm the place and determine the date of the 1971 meeting in the Coventry Diocese.
- 12. To determine the place of the 1972 meeting.
- 13. Any other business.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY. Hon. Secretary.

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St. Peter, Old Woking, Surrey

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ST. PETER'S, OLD WOKING, SURREY WITH THE COMING of steam the centre of Woking moved, leaving Old Woking to its village charm. There has been a church on the site of St. Peter's for over 1,000 years. The nave of the present church was built about 1100 and the fine old Norman door (1125), one of the earliest and most valuable, still remains with all its fittings. In the late 12th century the chancel was added and the tower dates from the 13th century. Other interesting features are the 15th century pews and the brick south porch (no longer in use), built in 1662 by the Earl Marshal of England who lived in Woking. At the time of Edward VI's Royal Inventory (c. 1550) there were "V great letells in the stephull" at Woking. The tenor bell's inscription "In multis annis resonet campana Johannis" (let John's bell resound for many years) leads some to the opinion that it came from the nearby Newark Priory.

By the middle of the 17th century the bells were giving trouble and in 1684 they were transported to the foundry of William Eldridge at Chertsey to be weighed. Five new bells were cast, presumably using the old bell metal, at a cost of £32. The new bells were hung in the tower and new stairs built for £12 12s. 6d. plus other amounts for "gin and beare". In the same year William Eldridge cast a bell for Chobham and in anticipation of this the Chobham ringers appear to have visited Woking to try the bells because in the churchwarden's accounts there appears an item of 7s. 6d. for food and drink for them. If no similar item appears in the Chobham records later that year perhaps amends might still be made by a generous invitation to the Old Woking ringers of today!

In 1766 an itinerant founder whose initials were probably I.F. cast a new bell close to the church. He was either skilled

or fortunate because it needed no tuning to become the 4th of a ring of six bells. By 1884 the tenor bell was cracked, according to J. C. L. Stahlschmidt (Surrey Bells and London Bell Founders, published 1884). It was recast by John Warner and Sons three years later and weighs 17½ cwt. Mears and Stainbank cast two trebles in 1929 to complete the octave and hung them in the fittings of the 3rd and 4th, which were rehung on ball bearings in a new metal frame. Later that year they hung the tenor and 7th on ball bearings and in 1930 the 5th and 6th were similarly rehung. Thus only the two trebles remain in the original plain bearing. This piecemeal work was apparently caused by lack of funds.

In memory of Admiral T. P. Walker, the first treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mears and Stainbank recast the itinerant founder's bell (6th) at the Guild's expense and retuned the others, but unfortunately the harmonising of the bells today still leaves something to be desired. The 7th is cracked, badly worn and considered to be out of tune. It is hoped to rehang all the bells shortly with entirely new fittings after recasting the 7th bell and retuning the remainder. A fund has already been started and the captain, Mr. David Munday, 92 High Street, Old Woking, Surrey, will gladly acknowledge the donations. The band has a tradition of long service.

In 1947 the Woking Review reported that the eight members had completed 234 years of ringing between them. Old Woking has had a long association with William Shepherd, who particularly enjoyed visits from the late "Jim" Brackley, captain for many years and a ringer and chorister for 62 years. Mr. Munday has completed 44 years' service and Messrs. Jack Soles and Frank Milne have also served for long periods. D. A. R. M.

50 YEARS AGO April 30, 1920

The chairman (Rev. R. Thornton) welcomed Messrs. W. Cooper, G. Anderson, E. Atkinson, E. Dalingwater, A. Hewitt, P. Noble and H. Denton, who were elected performing members of the Lincoln Guild. At the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Dio-

At the Ely and St. Edmundsbury Diocesan Association annual meeting Rev. H. B. Woolley presided at the lunch and also for the meeting which followed.

Subscriptions were increased to 1s. 6d. at the A.G.M. of the Middlesex County Association held at All Saints', Fulham.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, our C.C. representative, for his services to us and to the Exercise as a whole.—Comment from the secretary's report at the Hertford County Association

At New Shoreham, Sussex, Henry Stalham rang the tenor for a peal of Cambridge Major and the same day he rang the treble for D. Norwich at Steyning. Both were conducted by Frank Bennett.

Walter Bottomley was the treble ringer at Northowram, Yorks, when Kent T.B. Major was rung, the composition by Gabriel Lindoff being rung for the first time.

Lindoff being rung for the first time.

The first of Stedman on the bells of Syston, Leicestershire, was conducted by Fred
Dexter

Sharnbrook (Beds) ringers rang peals of seven Minor methods at Thurleigh and Bromham, both being conducted by E. P. Duffield.

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NOT AFFECTED BY THE CUP FINAL

The Eastern District's April meeting, held at the village of Northaw, situated amidst rolling countryside on the southern Hertfordshire border, was not affected by the Cup Final and there was a good attendance. A short service was held and was followed by tea in the new church hall.

Mr. E. Newnham was chairman, and Mr.

Mr. E. Newnham was chairman, and Mr. Jim Woolford stood in for Mr. S. James, the district secretary. The district ringing master (Mr. Harris) said that the eight at Hunsdon are greatly improved since a district working party spent an evening servicing them. Great Munden and Wattonat-Stone bells are the next in line for possible restoration work. The ringing outing was discussed.

Thanks were given to the ladies, the vicar and the organist, and further ringing took place at Cheshunt.

B. J. W. F.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for April 27, 1945

The leader advocated setting the bells up when a touch went wrong rather than calling them into rounds.

At Painswick a peal of Stedman Cinques. conducted by Wilfred Williams, had two ringers on the 3rd—James Hemmings and Geoffrey Lewis. Walter F. Judge rang the treble and Rev. C. E. Wigg the tenor.

Sheila Moreton and George Davis rang their first peal (Bob Minor) at Withington, Hereford, and Wilfrid F. Moreton conducted, it being his first of Minor in that capacity.

A peal attempt for D. Norwich at Ely in honour of the wedding of Rev. J. P. Pelloe was lost through a rope breaking 16 courses from the end.

Some long touches and quarter peals rung half-muffled were in memoriam the late President of the U.S.A.

A letter from R. D. St. J. Smith, C.F., from S.E.A.C., stated: "Teaching and the maintenance of Sunday service ringing must, I insist, take precedence over peals and ringing for personal pleasure and satisfaction."

At Truro 130 ringers attended a meeting at which a handbell team were present from Benenden School.

About the Central Council

5.—THE RECORDS COMMITTEE By F. T. BLAGROVE

THE COMMITTEE was formed in 1920 to compile and keep up to date an official list of the first peal and the longest peal in each method on each number of bells, with separate lists for tower bell and handbell peals. By 1923 a list of these performances had been prepared, mainly by Rev. A. T. Beeston, and the original typescript of this list is in the Council library. With additions up to 1928 it can be found in Ernest Morris's History and Art.

The committee was authorised by the Council to approach associations for the figures of both methods and peals on this list and most of this work was undertaken by Mrs. Edith Fletcher. Hundreds of letters were sent out and the resulting figures were typed out, one peal to a foolscap sheet, giving details of the performance, the method and the composition. In 1945 the Records' Committee was separated from the Peals Analysis Committee, and Mrs. C. C. Marshall joined Mrs. Fletcher to continue with the task of typing even more foolscap sheets, for an ever increasing number of new methods.

F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne were added to the committee in 1960. Prior to this, in 1959, a series of articles on First Peal Performances, written by F. T. Blagrove, were published in The Ringing World. These gave an independent check to the records of the committee, and added many more methods to the period prior to 1920, and also several important corrections to dates and names.

Following the death of Mrs. Fletcher there were several changes in the committee. In 1966 C. A. Wratten joined, mainly to undertake the work of tracing and listing Minor methods. Also D. E. Sibson, who had contributed considerably to the Surprise Collection. It was decided to transfer the records of the committee to a record-card filing system, and the Council agreed that the foolscap sheets should be completed up to 1960, and suitably bound as a memorial to Mrs. Fletcher. These two leather-bound Twin-Lock files are regularly taken to the Council meetings.



MR. FRANK BLAGROVE (Convener)

In 1967 J. A. Ainsworth joined the committee, to help in considering the possibilities of audio-recordings for the Council. The committee reported back in 1968 that such work would be very valuable and C. M. Smith joined to undertake this work. However, the committee reported then, and is still of the opinion, that such work should really be within the sphere of an enlarged Library and Archives Committee. G. Dodds also joined the committee, he having computer facilities for compiling lists of extensions of methods.

sions of methods.

The work of the committee continues, not only forward with keeping lists up to date and proving compositions of new "First peals in the method," but also backwards. For we still have names without figures, such as Maidstone Major and Morning Pleasure, and figures not decoded, such as Annable's composition of Double Grandsire Caters.

To love playthings well as a child, to lead an adventurous and honourable youth, and to settle when the time arrives into a green and smiling age, is to be a good artist in life and deserve well of yourself and your neighbour.

Stevenson.

HIS FINEST HOUR

The restoration of the tower and the recasting and augmentation of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Hayes, Middlesex. were brought about by the hard work and enthusiasm of Mr. Percy Venn, and the tribute (in poetic form) below tells of Percy's finest hour. (Ringing World, March 20, page 206.)

A TRIBUTE TO PERCY VENN

It was '69 and Percy Venn,
With just a handful of willing men,
Decided to do all—within their power—
To restore the Hayes Church tower.
They worked each evening and into the night,
Mostly by artificial light;
For Percy had a mission, clear,
To finish by March, the following year.

Old oak beams, weak with decay,
With chains and ropes were torn away:
Half-ton girders hauled in place
Fitted to an even space:
The weather-vane was held aloof
While they neatly built beneath—a roof!
Then Percy gave a well-earned sigh:
"Now lads," he said, "we're in the dry."

The bells were then removed at last And sent away to be recast. All toiled on, through rubble and dust, To be ready by March—it was a "must"! Problems that would frighten some By Percy and Co, were overcome: Holes were cut into the wall; Flint and chalk—it had to fall.

At times it seemed like hell let loose, It's a wonder no one cooked his goose: Mingled with such groans of woe, When objects fell on someone's toe, Exclamations of "Oh heck"—
When dust descended down one's neck, If stronger words than these were used Let's hope and pray they'll be excused.

Ascending stairs had to be made:
The belfry floor was then relaid;
Steel girders fixed to take each bell—
Everyone worked like merry hell!
Eventually there came the day:
The bells came back again—to stay!
A craftsman fixed them in their places,
And a trial ring made some happy faces.
Now March 15—Percy's finest hour—
And the bells now ring in St. Mary's tower,

E. H. HAMMOND.

1,000 PEALERS

The team who rang the peal in which Bernard Groves and . Robert Smith each scored their 1,000th: P. J. Staniforth, C. K. Lewis, Martin Howe, B. F. L. Groves, B. Jones, R. B. Smith, M. J. Pryor, N. Bennett, B. Harris (back), G. Moorhouse (middle), E. Jenkins (front) and T. A. Cross.

[K.B. Press Photos, Ashton-under-Lyne.



Salisbury Guild

RINGING ON THE NEW TEN

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Edington, Wilts, on April 4, when ringing on the new ten at the Priory Church was under the direction of ringing master Jones (Longbridge Deverill). At the service, at which Mrs. D. Smith presided at the organ, Canon T. Dudley welcomed the ringers, and later 50 sat down to tea (organised by the local band), including visitors from Sherborne (Warwicks), Alveston, Egham (Surrey), Swindon, Ald-bourne, Mitcheldean, Westerleigh (Glos) and Box. During the meeting, chaired by Mr. C. Andrews (Melksham), Canon Dudley was elected an honorary member, whilst ringing members were elected from Longbridge Deverill and Bishops Cannings,

Future events were decided to be held as follows: Monthly meetings: May at Bratton: June, North Bradley; July, Upavon. The striking competition is to be held at Holt in October. In conjunction with a proposed ringing course, a Grandsire Triples evening will be held at Longbridge

Deverill on April 18.

Mr. Jones gave news items and Mr. Weeks (Devizes) gave news of Bishops Cannings bells, which are under repair. Further ringing followed and full use was made of the bells.

N. G. K.

DAMAGED TOWER REPAIRED

Towards the latter part of last November lightning struck All Saints' Church, Rockland, Norfolk, causing considerable damage. Not a gutter was left whole and all the rainwater down pipes were broken. More seriously, the upper part of the tower was damaged both internally and externally on its eastern side. Rubble fell outwards and inwards, leaving a nasty gap, and at one time it was feared that one of the bells might be cracked since it was well surrounded by broken stonework. Fortunately these fears proved to be unfounded. With the 3rd wheel repaired and all pulleys renewed the bells were able to be rung again on Easter Day when the church was re-

The keen and mainly young band has been trained by Mr. C. E. G. Banham, of Caston. While the tower and bells were out of use much useful practice was gained from his set of handbells. A carpenter by profession, Mr. Banham has been assisting in the restoration work. As is the case at other towers nearby, it is his enthusiasm and practical help that have kept the bells

in a ringable condition.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild AT THE WALLOPS

Andover District's spring was held at the two Wallops (Over and Nether) and Broughton on April 11 and was the first to be held since Nether Wallop and Broughton were transferred from the Winchester District. The Wallops (both fives) attracted many visitors. The service at Nether Wallop was conducted by Rev. M. Pitt and was well attended.

Tea was provided by the Nether Wallop ladies, and the chairman, Mr. P. Murduck, welcomed visitors from Swindon, Gosport, Billericay, Newbury and the Winchester District. It was especially pleasing to elect seven new ringing members from Stockbridge, one from Andover and two from Kingsclere and five associate members. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Woolton Hill in June. M. G.

Manchester University Guild.

ANNUAL DINNER

The M.U.G. dinner was this year arranged to coincide with the Northern Universities' meeting. The latter started somewhat dubiously at 9.30 a.m. amid somewhat dubiously at 9.30 a.m. amid thick snow at Marple. Numbers increased during the day and, in all, seven towers were "grabbed," and unfortunately the peal attempted at Worsley was not successful. The dinner was held at the Mersey Hotel, West Didsbury. Resident M.U.G.s were joined by former members and respectations from Sheffeld Durham Net

presentatives from Sheffield, Durham, Nottingham, Leeds and Liverpool Universities,

and, in all, 66 sat down.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. William Taylor gave a very erudite speech punctuated by several less erudite witticisms on the conflicting opinions current among church members and others on the nature and function of the Church today. Mr. Taylor concluded with a toast to "The Church."

In reply, the Rev. Alan Overell, rector of the M.U.G.s tower in Salford, expressed his appreciation of the efforts of the ringers, at the same time apologising for the somewhat damp condition of the tower of late! Not being an initiate of the noble art, he expressed some uncertainty as to what actually does take place in the belfry!

A welcoming toast to the visitors, offered by the secretary, Mr. Hamish Mc-Naughton, was acknowledged by Mr. L. Palmer (Leeds University) in a most en-

tertaining speech.

The secretary of Nottingham U.G., Mr. T. Martin Rice, in toasting the Guild, pointed out the close association of the two guilds, and, in concluding, the master, Mr. Marcus C. W. Sherwood, outlined the activities and achievements of the past year, not least a very commendable list of "firsts scored in peals.

Following the dinner there was plenty of opportunity for conversation, and handbells were rung. The guild peal book and a complete peal of Grandsire Triples, woven in wool, were on display. Finally, fortified by a good meal and liquid refreshment, the evening was rounded off by the traditional session of ten-pin bowling.

A.G. and E. M. T

Those attending, at top table. E. A. Harrison (president) and partner, M. C. W. Sherwood (master) and Miss M. Ellwood, Rev. A. Overell and Miss E. M. Tingle, L. Palmer and Miss L. Deebank (treasurer), J. M. Rice and partner, M. McNaughton (secretary) and Miss S. Brown, W. Taylor (steeple-

Also Mr. and Mrs. C. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. D Baker, Mr. and Mrs. P. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hallet, Mr. and Mrs. M.

Jaylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hallet, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hamby.
Misses A. Peck, L. Plant, P. James, A. Deebank, D. Holly, M. Smith, S. Washbrook, R. Gates.
Messrs. D. Moor, W. Birmingham, R. Taylor, I. Smith, C. D. Munday, F. West, M. Harrop, G. Foat, I. Goldthorpe, I. Bell, B. Tomlinson, J. Pilkington, P. Smith, R. Barclay, R Reading.

Also five members of Durham University, five of Leeds University and six of Nottingham University.

R. KINGSLEY MASON INJURED

Following a motor accident (details of which we have not received) Mr. R. Kingsley Mason is in hospital. A peal of Yorkshire S. Maximus at Cheltenham on April 18, in which he was to have taken part, was rung in 3 hours 10 minutes, and the band wish to associate Kingsley's name with the peal and to wish him a speedy and complete recovery. [All ringers will, we feel sure, endorse these sentiments.—Ed.]

Yorkshire Association

A LADDER PROBLEM

The first full meeting that the Leeds Branch has held since it was formed from the Leeds and District Society took place on April 4 at Pontefract. The pleasantsounding six at nearby Darrington were available for an hour in the afternoon and many ringers took advantage to use them, but some of the more timid of the company, seeing the vertical iron ladder disappearing through a trapdoor in the ceiling, declined to make the ascent to the ringing chamber and forfeited a chance to ring.

About 30 ringers were present at the eight in Pontefract, All Saints' tower standing amid a ruined church, reputedly damaged when Cromwell was firing on the castle alongside the church. During the business meeting those present listened to o tape-recording of a programme broadcast by the B.B.C.'s Radio Leeds. It was of an interview between Radio Leeds and the president of the old Leeds Society, Mr. Robin Brown, and two other ringers, cerning the merging of the Society with the Yorkshire Association. The interview was concluded by a touch rung on handbells. R

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT BURGHCLERE

A memorial service for the late Mr. Frederick Gosling, 30 years captain at Burghclere, Hants, took place on April 5, and a peal board was dedicated to his memory by the rector (Rev. James Craig) and later hung in the belfry. Given by the Burghclere ringers, it records a peal of Burghclere Doubles rung in May, 1968, in which his daughter took part with three members from Burghclere and Highclere. Prior to the service a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung: Ian Long

(first quarter) 1, Marion Gosling 2, F. Tonge 3, T. Tarrant 4, G. Dodd (cond.) 5,

P. Murduck tenor.

The rector spoke of Fred's long service to the church as a bellringer. In the congregation were members of the family and many parishioners, including bellringing friends from many towers of the Andover District.

The board, hung in a prominent position in the belfry, is a fitting tribute to a man who loved his church. G.D. who loved his church.

MIDDLEZOY MEETING

The Bridgwater Branch held its spring meeting on April 4 at Middlezoy, but ringing was curtailed for a Communion service.

conducted by the vicar.

About 34 members took tea in the village hall, the chairman, Mr. Herniman, expressing thanks to the vicar, Mr. Gillard (tower captain) and the ladies. Three new members from Wembdon and Middlezoy were elected and a date was fixed for the outing.

The meeting expressed good wishes to Mrs. Lane (ringing master's wife) who had just returned from hospital.

"BLESSED IS THE MAN"

"A few years ago," writes E. G. M., "The Ringing World recorded the number of married couples in the U.B.S.C.R., and this large number was attributed to the fact that the Society had a resident Cupid! Statistics now show that between them the 17 married couples of the U.B.S.C.R. have produced 31 children! I wonder if any other university ringing Society can rival this."

Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild

To Drop "London" from Title?

Two vexed problems came before the 73rd A.G.M. of the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Twickenham on April 11—the change of title to plain Middlesex Association of Church Bell Ringers and an acceptable badge that could not be confused with the Essex Association.

The meeting also marked the change of principal officers. Mr. T. J. Lock, for many years the devoted secretary to the Association, becomes the master and Mr. F. T. Blagrove

the new secretary.

The service was at All Hallows' Church, Twickenham, conducted by the Rev. G. H. Stevens, who gave an address. The Association's president, Rev. A. G. Taylor, read the lesson. Local arrangements were made by Miss A. Horsford and there was an excellent tea in the adjoining parish hall, prepared by Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Todd.

Proceedings at the business meeting opened with the presentation of a beautiful chess set and inlaid board to Mr. T. W. White, the previous editor of The Ringing World. The president, in making the presentation, said it was their desire that a personal gift should be made instead of joining in a national testimonial. He gave various details of Mr. White's busy life and congratulated him on his editorship of The Ringing World for 23 years. In his reply of thanks the late editor spoke of his admiration for "the Middlesex" and that their leaders past and present had been a backbone of the Exercise. There was also a presentation of an azalea to Mrs. White.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, as hon, treasurer, presented the accounts, which showed the following balances: Bell Restoration Fund, £154 11s. 9d. (£144); Central Fund, £267 6s. 4d. (£253). He asked members to discuss during the coming year the present subscription and whether the bell restoration fund should be financed by voluntary contributions or out of the annual subscription.

Mr. T. J. Lock read his annual report, which stated that 107 quarter peals had been rung in 27 towers, Hillingdon's return of 16 being the only one in double figures.

A total of 53 peals was rung (11 first pealers). Ten methods were rung to peals for the first time. Peals were rung for the 95th anniversary of the formation of the West Middlesex Association and the 75th anniversary of the re-formation of the South West Middlesex Association, which later become their South and West District.

PEAL RINGER CONGRATULATED

The report congratulated Mr. A. Cutler on being the first to ring peals to 300 different Surprise Major methods, and Mr. T. J. Lock, who had rung 250. The notable work of restoration at St. Mary's, Hayes, by Mr. P. C. Venn and his son, Christopher (recently reported in the R.W.), received a special mention, and the retirement from the Civil Service of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, the hon. treasurer, after 50 years, was recorded with best wishes for a happy retirement. The report and accounts were adopted.

In the election of officers Mr. W. S. Deason explained that it was necessary for him to stand down from being master and he thanked the Association. Mr. T. J. Lock, his successor, said he was very conscious of the honour that had been conferred on him. Among the outstanding people he was following were William Pye and John R. Mayne. In retiring from the secretaryship there were two people he had specially to thank—Miss R. Foreman, the assistant secretary (who was later re-elected), and his wife, who was an unofficial assistant secretary. The other officers were re-elected.



THE TITLE

The question of revising the title of the Association had been before the Standing Committee and Mr. F. T. Blagrove submitted its proposal that the title of the Association be the Middlesex Association of Church Bell Ringers. Instead of a Society of change-ringers, he said, they became a Society of Church Bell Ringers. The most important part was the dropping of the London Diocesan Guild. "We are not and never have been a true London Diocesan Guild."

There were three other Societies which did most of the work in Central London the College Youths, the Cumberlands and London County. If they dropped London they might be able to create a London Diocesan Joint Committee of these Societies similar to what had been formed in Yorkshire.

Mr. Jack Euston took an opposite view and wanted their title changed to London Diocesan Guild, which would cover the whole of Middlesex and the Middlesex County Association. He also thought the change was desirable through the proposed division of the London Diocese into suffragan areas.

The chairman pointed out that in the proposed Archdeaconry of London, which would be the cities of London and Westminster, there were only two towers belonging to the Association. After further discussion it was decided to refer the question to a working committee composed of Messrs. J. Euston, Blagrove, Hawkins, Goodfellow, G. Parsons and D. Gazeley, with Miss Ruth Foreman as convener.

The badges sub-committee submitted three designs. Mr. Deason pointed out that a badge was urgent. The difficulty of selecting a badge when the Association was uncertain of its title was countered by adopting the county arms. Mrs. Joan Hooton then caused concern by drawing attention to the similarity with the Essex Association badge of three swords. After discussion this also was referred to the working committee with power to act. Mrs. Hooton was added to the committee.

Bell restoration grants were also considered and the meeting voted £50 to Hayes and £30 each to St. Nicholas', Chiswick, and St. Mary's, Ruislip. Mr. Goodfellow expressed the warm appreciation of the Association of the work of Mr. Percy Venn. Supporting, Mr. Euston said the work he had accomplished was fantastic.

The meeting conferred on Mrs. Grace Goodfellow honorary membership for her work for the Association and elected four new members. Harrow Weald was selected for the next A.G.M. and votes of thanks passed to the vicar, Miss Horsford and those responsible for the tea.

Your humble servant.—Tom White, the retired Editor, receiving a chess set from the Rev. G. C. Taylor, president of the Middlesex County Association, as a mark of the members' appreciation of his 23 years' service to The Ringing World.

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BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL
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Ringing Arrangements Saturday

M.1	. Route A.1	. Route W	estern Route
11-12 noon	Barnsley	Doncaster	Marsden
12—1	Ossett	Spotborough	Longwood
12	Dewsbury	Darrington	Elland
2 —3	Birstall	Pontefract,	Halifax, All
		St. Giles	Souls'
3 —4	Drighlington	Tadcaster	Oueensbury
4 —5	Bradford	Collingham	Bradford
7 —8		Addingham .	and Otley
7.30-9		Skipton and	Guiseley
7 —8.30		likle	

Service Ringing, Sunday

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Bingley Bradford Cathedral Chapel Allerton Cleckheaton Denholme Dewsbury Elland Giggleswick Guiseley Halifax, All Souls' Harrogate Headingley, St. Chad Headingley, St. Michael	10.15—11.00 10.30—11.00 9.15—10.00 9.00— 9.30 9.30—10.30 9.45—10.30 9.30—10.30 9.55—10.30 10.30—11.00 10.30—11.00 10.00—10.30	5.45—6.30 5.30—6.30 5.45—6.30 6.00—6.30 5.30—6.30 5.30—6.30 5.45—6.30 5.45—6.30 5.45—6.30 5.30—6.30 5.45—6.30
Idle, Bradford Ilkley Knaresborough Ossett Otley Pontefract, All Saints Pontefract, St. Ciles Pudsey Rothwell Skipton Tong Wakefield Cathedral York Minister	10.00—10.30 9.45—10.45 10.15—11.00 9.45—10.30 10.15—10.45 9.30—10.00 9.45—10.30 9.00—10.00 8.45— 9.45 8.45— 9.45 8.45— 9.30 8.45— 9.30 9.30—10.30	30-6.30

Information about own transport tours is being given to Council Members only.
There will be a dales coach tour (leave H.Q. 9 a.m., return 7.30 p.m.) with ringing at five churches. The cost, including luncheon at a country inn, will be 32/6. Applications should be made as soon as possible to Mr. F.A. Munday, 6, Rockwood Crescent, Woodhall Park, Pudsey. Please send remittance and s.a.e.

Ilkley bells will be available, 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday

Ilkley 6 to 8 p.m. 7.30 to 9 p.m. Skipton

Peal Attempts
Applications should be made to Mr. W. E. Critchley, 28, Brompton Road, Spotborough Park, Doncaster.

Please refer to "The Ringing World" of 13th or 27th March.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Ilkley Arrangements, May 23-26, 1970 Headquarters will be the Craiglands Hotel. A room with a bar will be open each evening for Council members.

There will be an informal meeting at H.Q on Sunday evening at 8 p.m. to discuss the Standing Committee's interim report on the constitution, etc.

The formal welcome to the Council by the chairman of Ilkley U.D.C. and the presiden: of the Yorkshire Association will be on Monday at 8.30 p.m. at H.Q.

day at 8.30 p.m. at H.Q.
Holy Communion service will be held in Ilkley Parish Church on Tuesday at 7.30 a.m. Breakfast will be ordered at the Listers Arms nearby, for 8.15 a.m., price 9s. 6d. for those who ask Mr. W. F. Moreton by May 16.
The Council meeting will be in the Kings Hall and will commence at 9.45 a.m. The Yorkshire Association invites members and their wives to a light buffet lunch in the same premises. Acceptance must be in writing to Mr. W. F. Moreton, 6 Bar Lane, Wakefield, by May 16. (A form of acceptance will be sent to members with the papers.) Additional sent to members with the papers.) Additional tickets, price 5s. 6d., will be available for friends. Application as above but with remit-

Important.—Admission to this lunch will be by ticket only. It will be impossible to make CENTRAL COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

In connection with the report of the Standing Committee, published elsewhere in this edition, I extend on behalf of the committee an invitation to all members of the Exercise to comment either in The Ringing World or to the appropriate sub-committee convener. The conveners are:-

Aims, etc.—R. F. B. Speed, 88 High Street,

Hilmorton, Rugby.
Membership.—P. A. Corby, 10 The Close,
Montreal Park, Sevenoaks.

Finance. — D. Beresford, 326 Brampton Road, Bexleyheath. Members of the Standing Committee are free

There will be an informal meeting at the Ilkley H.Q. on Sunday evening, May 24, com-Ilkley H.Q. on Sunday evening, May 24, com-mencing at 8 p.m., to discuss the report. Par-ticipation will not be restricted to Council members

Council members should note that it has been decided not to issue reprints of the report, and they should therefore take this copy of The Ringing World to Ilkley.
VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Hon. Secretary.

45 Westercroft Lane. Northowram, Halifax

Report of the Standing Committee

It will be recalled that at the 1969 Central Council meeting at St. Albans it was resolved that the Standing Committee should examine the constitution and precedural working of the Council. During the past year the Committee has been engaged in this examination.

Shortly after the meeting at St. Albans, the Honorary Secretary invited all ringers, whether members of the Central Council or not, to let him know their views on the matters under discussion. A number of ringers accepted the invitation and made various suggestions as to how they thought the workings of the Central Council could be improved.

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held at Leicester on 29th November, 1969 at which the letters sent in by ringers were considered and the whole problem discussed at length. (A report of this meeting appeared in "The Ringing World" of 9th January.) The outcome of the meeting was that three sub-committees were appointed to consider and make recommendations on aspects of the Central Council activities. Their terms of reference, which were of a general nature, and the membership of them was as follows:—

Aims, Objects and Procedures-R. F. B. Speed W. F. Moreton B. D. Threlfall

Membership-

Mrs. E. A. Barnett P. A. Corby T. J. Lock

Finance-

D. Beresford F C. Price W. G. Wilson

The reports of the sub-committees were considered at a meeting of the Standing Committee held at Leicester on 21st March 1970. The reports were discussed at length and adopted with few modifications.

The stage has now been reached when the Standing Committee considers that it can suggest to the Council certain principles on which the constitution and procedural working of the Council constitution and procedural working of the Council could be altered for the better. To implement its ldeas certain matters would have to be examined further in detail but the Standing Committee thinks that its proposals should now be considered by the Council as a whole, to approve, amend, or reject the principles enumerated below as it thinks fit. In the event of the Committee's proposals being either approved or amended, details would be worked out and submitted to the Council in a further report. further report.

The following, then, are the recommendations of the Standing Committee for the amendment of the constitution and procedural workings of the Council. The approval of the Council of these recommendations is sought before the Committee carries out the further detailed investigations which would be necessary.

REPORT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF DECISIONS

The committee has considered the four paragraphs referred back at the St. Albans meeting (see page 987, Dec. 19, corrected on page 150, Feb. 27).

The committee's recommendations wil! be put as motions at the Ilkley meeting.

With regard to the deletion of paragraph A3, the recent and continuing developments in the use of calls in composition are so diverse that the committee feels unable at present to recommend a satisfactory ruling. It does, however, recommend that the tra-ditional use and placement of calls should not lightly be discarded.

Recommendations for Decision

Methods and Calls.

Delete A3, restrictions on calls, and renumber A4 as A3.

Delete B, regular methods, and re-letter C, D, E as B, C, D and in the new D5, change E4 to D4.

Recommendations for Decision on Peal Ringing

1. Change C1, Spliced Compositions, to read:-

"Compositions in more than one method shall be termed Spliced,

when the methods are so joined that the leads of the methods remain intact, the changes of method being at the lead-head or half-lead but not both in the same composition.

Compositions in which the changes of method occur at both lead-head and half-lead shall be termed Spliced, provided all the methods in the composition are symmetrical about the half-lead, with no two of them differing only in the places made at the half-lead and/or the lead-head."

Technical Committees, 2. Remove F, from this Decision, but the four paragraphs to stand as the terms of reference of these four committees, chang-

ing the last paragraph to read:—
"The Methods Committee shall make recommendations on the construction of methods and calls, and shall prepare such collections as may be required by the Council. It shall also consider all questions arising from the nomenclature used for any method, and the findings of the Committee shall be published in The Ringing World."

AIMS, OBJECTS AND PROCEDURE

1 General

The only terms of reference we received in writing are given in our title. This has given us freedom to discuss matters that are perhaps none of our business and the opportunity to sketch out what we hope might develop into a coherent scheme for a more dynamic and outward-looking organisation than exists at present. If we have trespassed on the preserves of others, we apolo-

The line of attack has been to consider first what the Council is trying to achieve, then design a structure to fulfil these aims, and finally some procedures to make the best use of this structure

Much of what we propose has already been discussed. The committee structure however was not considered at Leicester and a number of changes are proposed to rationalise what is, at present, a rather ad hoc arrangement.

It is worth noting that there are three different kinds of committee:

those operating on a continuous basis like the Ringing World Committee those providing a service like the Towers and Belfries Committee

Bettries Committee

those providing an output on request, or at regular intervals, like the Records Committee. Although names are not important in themselves, they create an impression, and it will be necessary to modify the titles of committees in order to bring out these differences. For the purpose of this report familiar names are used where possible.

Aims and Objects of the Central Council

- To represent all ringers to national bodies and the world at large.
- To make available advice, assistance and information to ringers and ringing societies on all matters concerned with bells and bell-ringing.
- To bring together ringers to discuss matters of common interest.
- To recommend standards in change-ringing and for the ringing of peals.
- To record peals rung in compliance with these standards.
- To organise a scheme for financial assistance for churches with bells.

Organisation

- 3 1 The Council will elect its officers and committees and delegate authority to them as appropriate.
- The principal officers will be: President, Vice-President, Secretary.
- The Librarian: important as this post is, it is not concerned with the administration of the Council, and should not necessarily be reserved for some noted ringer we wish to

The library itself ought to be housed at so central location. We understand that the Gold-smith's Library and the National Central Library are prepared to handle specialist libraries and lend books by post.

- The Administrative Committee will be responsible for organising the meetings of the Council, coordinating the activities of other committees, and dealing with urgent matters between meetings of the Council. It should meet at least twice a year, once in the autumn to consider the form of the next Council meeting, and again in the early spring to finalise the details.
- The Ringing World Committee will have responsibilities as at present.
- The Public Relations Committee will be responsible for contacts with the Press and Broadcasting Organisations and will be concerned with improving the public image of ringing.
- The Education Committee will organise or assist associations to organise courses and lectures on ringing.
- The Publications Committee will ensure that suitable publications are available to further the aims of the Council, and where appropriate will be responsible for their distribution.
- The Towers and Belfries Committee, as mentioned above, differs from other committees in that it provides a service. The committee should be smaller than at present with the aim of coordinating requests for assistance and channelling these to conassistance and chainening meet to con-sultants (who need not be members of the Council) in various parts of the country. Possibly an advisory panel of suitable con-sultants could be established.
- The Peal Composition, Methods and Records Committees would be unchanged. It is recommended that the work of the Peals Analysis Committee be discontinued as the Analysis is thought to have little value.
- We doubt if the Overseas Committee is worth preserving. The functions of the present Literature and Press Committee should be divided between the Librarian and the Public Relations Committee. The latter could have an Overseas Liaison Officer.

Council Procedures

Suggestions made here are vey tentative. Flexibility and experimentation are necessary with changes being brought in progressively. The writing of new rules is largely unnecessary and should be avoided until experience shows a need. The future composition of the Council is in other hands, but there seems little doubt that there must continue to be an elected body representing ringers both geographically and by background. This body will be the ultimate source of authority when policy decisions are required.

General

Outside Contacts

For the Council to wield any influence on bodies which may directly or indirectly affect bellringing, it must have established lines of communication.

The bodies which come to mind are:

(a) the Churches

(b) Parliament

(c) The Council for the Care of Churches

The Council for the Care of Churches Architects

doubtless there are others.

Considering the Churches first: the established church is the most significant (others in Wales and Ireland) and we suggest that a small group wise in church organisation be set up to consider the best line to take at national, diocesan and local levels. In the case of Parliament it is necessary to keep a close watch on the drafting of bills which may affect ringers. Any personal contacts with MP's may be valuable here. We consider that the Council has resources of expertise which the Council for the Care of Churches could well exploit. We hope the recent appointment of Mr. Sharpe to one of its sub-committees will further this. With Architects formal contact would be one of its sub-committees will further this. With Architects formal contact would be most desirable, if it can be achieved and no opportunity should be missed to enlighten them on bell mechanics and sound control by published articles and personal control. contact

Functions of Committees

In the past many committees have been largely introverted; they only revealed their work via annual written reports and in some cases by technical publications. The basic function of the committees should be apparent in 3.4—3.10 above. In addition meetings should be organised at which the work of these committees can be described and discussed and papers presented. Nonmembers of the Council would be encouraged to participate and might be invited to make formal contributions.

Meetings of the Council

The elected Council would continue to meet once a year and would perform the following functions:

(a) the election of officers, committees etc.

(b) receive the reports of committees. (c) receive, if necessary, debate and accept

the accounts.

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(d) debate matters of general interest. In our view the greeting by local dignitaries at the meeting should be abolished. We see no reason to alter the present three year period of each Council, providing, as it does, a reasonable compromise between the need for stability and the avoidance of stagnation. stagnation

stagnation. The formal meetings of the Council would be preceded by meetings to discuss technical matters as outlined in 4.3 above, and other matters of interest not covered by committees. Motions could be referred to these meetings for discussion and recommendations sent to the Council if a decision were required which would affect the Council's rulings.

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If necessary two such meetings could be held in parallel.

If such meetings are successful, weekend symposia in a suitable range of topics might be considered at other times of the year.

Organisation

Organisation
Considerable organisational problems arise if meetings on the pattern proposed above are to be successful. For example committes will have to produce their reports far in advance to enable the Administrative Committee, with the hosts of the year, to plan the programme of meetings. Also adequate notice would need to be given for non-members to decide to attend. How long the whole meeting should take is a matter for further consideration as is the best time of year.

the best time of year. It has been suggested that the meeting be held in a college. This would have considerable organisational advantages, but we suspect it would not suit quite a number of members. In our opinion the experiment might be tried when an opportunity arises.

Financial Assistance for Churches with Bells This proposal was scarcely discussed at Leicester. We believe this should be considered very seriously to see if a scheme can be devised where by loans can be provided to churches to assist on any work, connected with bells.

MEMBERSHIP

INTRODUCTION

We are of the opinion that only minor changes are possible. We have assumed that the procedures of the Council will continue on the same lines as at present. If the Council recommends otherwise, we should need to reconsider the terms of membership in the light of any revised procedure that might be proposed.

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

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The present basis of election of represent-ative members is admittedly anomalous but we consider that any alternative is bound to be equally anomalous by virtue of the fact that the

various guilds and associations who provide the representative members are not constituted in a uniform way. Some are related to geographical areas on a County basis and others on a diocesan basis so there is always bound to be overlapping. The non territorial associations represent a special case. Although they overlap the territorial associations they carry out good work and have a prominant place in the exercise.

Since no improved method of representation can be achieved, we recommend that no change

can be achieved, we recommend that no change

HONORARY MEMBERS

In spite of criticism of a vague and general nature which has been expressed from time to time, we feel that the system of honorary membership has worked very well and should continue at the present level, provided they are generally elected for a specific task.

LIFE MEMBERS

We think the automatic election of Life Members may result in an overlarge number and should be discontinued. This would require an alteration to Rule 7 by the omission of (i) (a). We further think that the ma'ority in 7(b) should be amended to 4/5ths. In this way there should be ensured a certain scarcity value which would enhance the prestige of those lucky enough to be come Life Members. Election of Committees

In general we feel the committees should continue to be elected triennially. Terms of reference and status of the committees should be defined.

SIZE OF COUNCIL

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Various critics have suggested that the Council is too large although they appear to have no particular reason for saying so. Surely it must always be the norm that only a minority of members can speak at one meeting. The main work of the Council is through the various committees which work throughout the year, and the Annual Meeting can only be a rounding-up operation. Thus the average member contributes most by his actual presence at the meeting rather than by what he is likely to be able to contribute to the debate debate

MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING COMMITTEE

We think the fact of not having a Standing Committee meeting on the eve of the Council Meeting will have the effect of removing the feeling that everything is cut and dried. If, instead the Standing Committee meets at other times in the year, the present representation, particularly including as it does the convencrs of the various committees is entirely logical and fully representative of the Council without being too cumbersome Indeed, nothing but good can come from meetings of the kind we had at Leicester in November. We think, however, the rules should be altered so that rule 12(ii) should read

(a) The President, Vice-President and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Council.

(b) The Conveners of Committees exofficio.

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(c) Twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than twelve names are proposed.)

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The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two other members of the Council.

Note—we are leaving off past offices and

auditors.

FINANCE

No fixed terms of reference have been given

No fixed terms of reference have been given to the Sub-Committee, and an attempt has therefore been made to review the whole subject of the Finances of the Council. The review could obviously only assume that the activities of the Council and therefore the demands on the Council's finances, would not change substantially following the current review of the Council's activities. If there are any such substantial changes these must be taken into account in assessing future financial requirements. financial requirements.

RULES OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL PERTAINING TO MATTERS OF FINANCE

1 Treasurer
At the Annual Meeting next after each
Triennial Election...an Honorary Secretary (who
shall also act as Treasurer)...shall be elected
from among the members to serve for three years.

2 Auditors

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The Council shall triennially elect from amongst the members of the council two Auditors who shall audit and report on the Annual Accounts of the Council with power to employ the services of a professional Accountant at the expense of the Council to audit the whole or any particular part of the accounts of the Council.

3 Vesting of Property
The property funds and assets of the Council shall be vested in the President, Honorary Secretary

and Honorary Librarian for the time being. They shall have power to invest money and adopt such measures as seem to them necessary in the inter-ests of the Council subject to the approval of the Council

4 Submission of Accounts
At each Annual Meeting the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer shall submit the audited
statement of accounts for the year to the previous
31 December and the Auditor's report for adoption by the meeting.

COMMITTEE'S COMMENT & RECOMMENDATIONS

There is no rule to cover the appointment by the Council or the Ringing World Committee of a Treasurer to the Ringing World, or to define his responsibilities in relation to the Treasurer of the Central Council. It could be held that the continued appointment since the Council took over the paper during the war, first of Mr. A. A. Hughes and now of Mr. D. Hughes, has now the sanction of regular practice.

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The position of the Hon. Secretary/Treasurer is safeguarded by the fact that cheques payable out of the Ringing World funds are signed by both the Hon. Secretary and Mr. Hughes.

It is recognised that it would be an undue burden on the Hon. Secretary if, in addition to his usual duties, he were required to be fully responsible also as Treasurer of the Ringing World. It is therefore considered that the current position should be regularized by the adoption of a rule allowing the Ringing World Committee to appoint a Treasurer. It is suggested that since it is necessary for very close co-operation between the R.W. Committee and its Treasurer, who is to all intents and purposes a member of the RW Committee it is more appropriate for the RW Committee it make this appointment than the Council. Any new rule could of course provide for maintaining the current practice of joint signature of cheque.

2 Auditors

Auditors

In relation to the present rule, the current position is that the two Auditors appointed by the Council audit only the Ceneral Account, Publications Account and Clement Clenn Bequest Fund They do not audit the RW Account neither do They exercise their power to use a professional accountant to carry out this audit; the professional auditor of the RW Account is not employed by them and does not report to them. It seems to us that either the rule should be made to fit existing practice, or the practice should fit the rule. In this context it should perhaps also be pointed out that the RW auditor's report is made to the RW Committee and not to the Council, suggesting revision is required also of the rule regarding submission of accounts.

It is considered that a new rule is necessary which would authorise:

[a) the Council to appoint auditors for all

the Council to appoint auditors for all accounts of the Council except the Ringing World Accounts.

the RW Committee to appoint professional accountants to audit and report to them on their accounts, the Committee being responsible for payment for these professional services.

It is highly desirable, indeed essential, that in negotiations with such bodies as the Inland Revenue over for example tax assessments, professionally certified figures should be available and the negotiations be conducted by professional advisers of the status, as is the current practice.

3 Vesting of Property
It is essential that the Secretary/Treasurer
In taking investment decisions should have the
flexibility of operation and power of decision to
make or realize an investment at a particular point
in time It is generally invested by the make or realize an investment at a particular point in time. It is generally impracticable for the Council or indeed the Standing Committee to be consulted beforehand. If the approval of the investment required by the rule on investment is post facto, it is merely rubber stamping, since disapproval would be too late without generally sustaining a financial penalty. It is recomended therefore that the rule should be amended in this particular, and the Secretary/Treasurer be empowered to make or realize investments after consultation, if the opportunity arises, with the President. We do not feel it necessary for the Librarian to be consulted on every occasion.

every occasion.

The question of consultation with the RW Committee on investment of RW funds was raised at the last meeting of the Standing Committee. It is clear that in the case of investment of RW account funds, the needs of the RW Committee as to fluidity necessary at any particular time must be borne in mind, and in this they are advised by their auditor and can indicate views on the type of investment desirable at that time. It is suggested that the Standing Committee, in considering amendment of the rule on Vesting of Property should:

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delete the proviso "subject to the approval of the Council.

(c) add a qualification to the effect that "in the case of investments of RW funds, the RW Committee or its Convener shall if possible be consulted.

LIABILITY

The Council has from time to time had advice from Mr. Cartwright as to the liability of members of the Council in respect of the Council's business. We have given considerable thought to this question and sought advice as to the advantages of the Council forming itself into a limited liability com-Council forming itself into a limited liability company or perhaps of the Ringing World Committee doing so. There would appear to be little necessity or reason at this stage for the Council to take this step, and no advantage in doing so, but the Standing Committee may wish to take further this step Standing Con-from this step, and no advantage in doing so, but the Standing Committee may wish to take further advice from Mr. Cartwright on this subject. So far as the Ringing World Committee is concerned, the need for such action would appear to be to afford protection to members of the Council in the following cases:-

(a) if a libel action particularly if successful were to be taken against the Ringing World and its owners the Council in respect of matters appearing in the Ringing World.

the Ringing World were to become insolvent

liability as an employer e.g. of the Ring-ing World editor.

ing World editor.

In each of these instances we are advised that the risk virtually is non-existent. In the second case, the likelihood of the Ringing World losing as much as £1,000/year without remedial action being taken is we trust remote, and investments to the credit of the Ringing World Account currently stand at eleven times this figure, almost equivalent to one year's total expenditure. Incidentally a revised system of accounting has been introduced to give early warning of changes in

introduced to give early warning of changes in the Ringing World financial position. Finally in the third case, the Ringing World Committee also insure against employers liability and this item is reviewed annually

reviewed annually.

On the other hand we are advised that if the Ringing World were formed into a limited liability company, the tax position might well be several hundred pounds per annum less favourable. therefore such a course of action could not

be recommended.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S FINANCES

It is of course obvious that any of the monies involved be it in the General Fund, Publications Account or Ringing World account is part of the overall funds of the Council. It is suggested however that each of these accounts should be capable of standing independently on its own feet - or figures. For example, it is suggested that the general figures. For example it is suggested that the general expenses of the Council should not be met by profits from its Publications Account. A number of instances have been revealed in which it appears the Ringing World subsidises certain expenses and it is felt that these should be eliminated or at least recognised. Thus the profits from publications would be included in a publications capital account which would provide for future publications. Ceneral Fund income if not adequate to meet the expenses of the Council should be increased as necessary.

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT

The profit over the last five years on Council publications has averaged £80/year on sales averaging £430/year. The profit has been transferred annually to the General Fund Income and Expenditure Account towards the general expenses of the Council. As stated above it is felt that these profits should preferably be placed in a capital account for the benefit of future publica-

However in assessing this profit no account taken of the cost of the advertisements in the nging World which at the cheap rate of two Ringing World which at the cheap rate of two thirds the full rate for advertisements would cost £75/year. It should also be mentioned that a proportion of the profits deemed to be sold to purchasers not associated with the Council through affiliated Associations is taxable. The tax payable is negotiated with the Inland Revenue and the tax is negotiated with the Inland Revenue and the tax charged and the accountants fee is included in the Ringing World Account. We are informed that a suitable allocation of tax and fee between the two accounts can easily be made. Some years ago the Council decided that transfer of monies in this way was only a book transaction and recommended it should not be done. We feel this decision should be reviewed again, and feel it preferable that the accounts reflect the true state of affairs.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

The income to this account has been fairly uniform for the last five years varying only with the profit on publications. The subscription of 10/0d per representative member, which has remained unchanged since 1954, represents an income of £80-85/year or 50% of total income. Standing Committee Sub-Committee/Finance
No subscriptions are required in respect of honorary members.

The expenditure applicable to this account is really extremely low, and represents to a very large extent the honorary nature of much of the work done, and expenses borne by individual members of the Council as Officers or members of

members of the Council as Officers of members of Committees. There are however a number or remarks we would like to make:—
Each year the Ringing World prints for the Council the Agenda and Minutes circulated to members, some of which have recently been charged to the Ringing World Account. It is felt that this charge should rightly be made to the General Fund, and it is recommended that this cost of about £25 advised to us should be transferred as indicated. In the interests of consistancy too, advertisements by the Council consistancy too, advertisements by the Council should also be charged by the Ringing World for allocation to the General Fund.

CLEMENT CLENN BEQUEST

It is suggested that serious thought be given to employment of the funds of this Bequest—out of a total investment income in the last six years of £135 only £73 has been used of which £39 for the Washington film has been recovered in hire charges for the film.

THE RINGING WORLD ACCOUNT

We understand that the financial arrange-ts within the Ringing World Office have ently been revised by the Ringing World unittee in accordance with professional advice recently received. We have not considered it necessary or even within the remit of the Standing Committee to investigate further this account.

EXPENSES OF MEETINGS

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As the Council is considering its whole function and purpose we thought it right to examine the cost to local Associations of holding Council Meetings in their area, so that possibly some idea of cost effectiveness of the Council can be formed. As a result of contacts with the three Associations who have in the past three years acted as hosts to the Council it would appear that where hire of halls, rooms and receptions are fully charged, the cost to the local associations is towards £200. Of this total approximately £100 can be regarded as absolutely essential to the holding of the Council Meeting. It would seem to us that there must be some reluctance on the part of smaller associations to incur this order of expenditure, and this possibly is the reason for the decline in the number of invitations to the Council. It is suggested that the Council should consider whether it should not more properly place its finances in such a position as to be able where necessary to meet the cost of this £100 essential expenditure, and not leave the local association this very large burden.

SHMMARY

We have made certain proposals for consider-We have made certain proposals for consideration by the Standing Committee which will if accepted require revision of the rules and adjustment of the Council's finances. The finance sub-committee would be happy to study further any specific points raised and if required to assist in defining exact terms for such rules when decisions in principle have been made. The principle suggestions made affect the Income and Expenditure Account of the General Fund. If accepted in their entirety the increase in income required would be:—

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1 To replace Publications profits £ 80

2 To print Minutes and Agendas £ 25

3 Essential expenditure on Meetings £100

3 Essential expenditure on Meetings £100 Total increase in cost £205 This would require an increase in subscriptions from 10/0d per member to about 35/0d. assuming that the Council remains at its present size. Naturally such an increase should not be made in one step, but probably phased over a period of five years. It should perhaps be mentioned that alternatives to membership subscriptions were considered, the most notable possibility being a levy on association income. However it was felt that this would administratively be too cumbersome, and in any case the present system does allow the Associations the flexibility of deciding how much they are willing to spend on maintain-

allow the Associations the flexibility of deciding how much they are willing to spend on maintaining the Council by deciding within the membership rules how many members to elect to the Council. There may be other ways of dealing with this problem and the whole question needs further investigation.

A final point which could merit further consideration is whether registration of the Central Council as of charitable status is possible. A refund of SET has recently been obtained by the Council in respect of the Ringing World in view of the nature of its activities. Since the Council has in 1969 paid towards £400 in tax mostly on Ringing World investment income received, success in this direction would be most welcome.

Vernon Bottomley Hon. Secretary On behalf of the Standing Committee

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The 24th annual general meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild was held at Southwell on April 4. During the afternoon ringing took place at St. Michael's, Farnsfield, St. Mary's, Lowdham, and Southwell Evensong was held in the choir of Southwell Minster and was conducted by the Vice-Provost, Canon E. E. Roberts,

An enjoyable buffet tea followed in the Trebeck Hall, prepared and served by the

ladies of the Newark District.

business meeting, attended by just The over 100 members, was presided over by the Guild chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, supported by the vice-chairman-elect, Rev L. Howitt, the hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Hanson, and the hon, general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton.

In opening the meeting the chairman gave a special welcome to Mr. John Freeman, president of the Central Council.

A minute's silence was observed for the A minute's silence was observed for the following members who had died since the last A.G.M.: Mr. J. F. Milner (Southwell). Sir Stuart C. Goodwin (Farnsfield, donor of Southwell bells), Mr. C. F. Briggs (Newark), Mr. G. E. Foster (Southwell), Canon J. H. D. Grinter (Newark), Mr. S. Jackson (Bawtry) and Mr. W. Brett (Tux-

After the minutes had been signed the annual report was accepted, on the proposition of Mr. S. W. Fossey, seconded by Mr. J. W. Raithby, and carried unanimously with grateful thanks to those who had produced it in record time. Membership had been maintained at over 500, announced the hon, general secretary.

RESTORATIONS

The newly-recast ring of eight at Ruddington had been rehung in a new frame all on one level. The tower was now free from movement and the church safe from further damage in that direction. The 14th century Johannes de Stafford bell had been retained as a priest's bell and hung in the top tier of the old frame. At Syerston the two pre-Reformation bells have been overhauled by local labour and made chimable; any danger of cracking through clocking has thus been removed. Whatton bells have been augmented from six to eight, and these will shortly be followed by Arnold from four to six and Warsop from six to eight, all of these bells having been cast during the past year.

The hon, general secretary reported that, after negotiation between the Guild, the secretary of the Charity Commissioners and the Inspector of Taxes, the Bell Repair Fund had now been officially registered as

a charity

The hon, treasurer reported that the income to the Bell Repair Fund had shown a slight fall but was still extremely good at £194 5s. 8d. A balance of £505 15s. 10d. was carried forward after paying grants of £60 to Ruddington and £75 to Whatton. After discussion, a donation of £10 is to be sent to the Gloucester and Bristol Association towards the rehanging of Stinchcombe bells.

RECORD YEAR

The peal committee reported that a record total of 141 peals (one handbell) had been rung during the year, an increase of 37 on last year. First pealers totalled 22, an increase of one, and pride of place went to Diana M. Mounsey and Judith Knights,

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both of whom were only 13 at the time. There were eight firsts as conductor. Peals were rung in 42 towers in Nottinghamshire and in nine towers outside the Guild, and leading peal ringers for the Guild were Pamela J. Clifton and W. Gordon Marsh (30), William L. Exton, Ruth Blackshaw, Harold Denman and H. Geoffrey Wells (27). The conducting was shared between 33 conductors, two more than in the previous year, the leading conductors being Paul N. Mounsey and R. Brian Mills (14).

DOUBLES AND MINOR RECORDS

New methods rung for the Guild were New Gainsborough Surprise Royal, Gainsborough Surprise, Superlative Surprise and Double Beeston Exercise Major, Marchington Surprise, Coddington and Hoar Cross Delight, and Original Minor. The peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Peter's, Nottingham, was the first 12-bell peal by an all-

The year also saw the Guild take over the record for the number of methods rung in a peal of Minor; this was finally increased to 210 and is now the greatest number of methods rung in a peal on any number of bells. It is also the greatest number possible in seven extents of Treble Bob Minor. This meant that for a short time the Guild held both the Doubles and Minor records; however, the Doubles record has now been taken by the Lincoln Guild with a peal rung last December. Peals on Minimus have also been prevalent this year and one rung contained the greatest number of methods/variations up to the present

Quarter peals totalled 179, a record for the Guild, the new leaders being Woodborough (41) from Shelford (34), last year's leaders

OFFICERS

The chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Hanson, hon. general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton, trustees, Messrs. F. W. Midwinter and W. Nichols, and the peal committee, Messrs. R. B. Mills (secretary) and B. M. Buswell, were all reelected, there being no other nominations. The vice-chairman, Rev. J. L. Howitt, and the auditors, Mrs. E. Beardsley and Mr. A. Dobbin, were declared elected, there being no other nominations. Mr. Exton announced that at the end of the present year he would have completed ten years as Guild secretary, and he thought that both he and the Guild were entitled to a change. He did not wish to be re-elected again after this year.

MOTIONS

Mr. J. D. Clarke moved the motion "That this Guild recommends the formation of a separate district on the south of the county if sufficient support is forthcoming. Mr. H. Hanson formally seconded the motion, which was then agreed by 44 votes

The motion "That this Guild views with grave concern the present constitution and organisation of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers," was withdrawn by its proposer, Mr. H. Poyner, who said that he had been assured that positive steps had been taken by the Standing Committee, and a number of recommendations would come before the next meeting of the Central Council.

The president of the Central Council was invited to address the meeting on this point and he gave a short summary of some of the Standing Committee's recommendations. The thanks of the Guild were expressed to Mr. Freeman, both for his attendance and for the details he had given to the meeting.

Various ideas, including a dinner at Southwell, were put forward and considered for the Guild to arrange in June, 1971, to mark the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Guild. A small working committee consisting of the various district chairmen was formed to make the necessary arrange-

A joint festival with the Derby, Leicester and Midland Counties Guilds, who also share our 25th anniversary, was considered, and it was felt that a similar event to the Three Counties Festival would be supported and that Leicester (subject to their agreement) would be an ideal centre. W. L. EXTON.

CHANGE-RINGING

Old newspaper cutting:-

"On Edenbridge Parish Church bells on Monday a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung in 3 hours-13 mins by a band who are all employed at Gillett & Johnston's Bell Foundry, Croydon, the ringer of the 7th being the Principal of the firm, while the ringer of the 2nd is the premier lady bellringer of the world.

"The ringers were: Treble—Mr. Walter Wise; 2—Miss E. K. Parker; 3—Mr. Arthur

Mason; 4—Mr. Charles Dean; 5—Mr. Sidney Roper; 6—Mr. Davis Wright; 7—Mr. Cyril F. Johnston; 8—Mr. William S. Smith.

The peal, consisting of 5,040 changes, was composed by the late Sir Arthur P Heywood, and was conducted by Mr. W. S. Smith. This peal was cast in 1911, and was the first ring of bells to be tuned by the Croydon foundry on Canon Simpson's

The Edenbridge Chronicle, Nov. 7, 1919.

JACK PALLET, OF ASTON

At Easter this year Jack Pallet completed 60 years of service as a bellringer of St. Mary's, Aston, Hertfordshire, Jack's family has lived in the village for at least 500 years and been ringing the bells for much

He is no great peal ringer but rings twice every Sunday, 52 weeks a year. Jack has also played a major part in Aston's style of ringing—a complicated system of call-change ringing from boards in the middle of a change-ringing area. Emphasis is given to good striking, rhythm, cartwheeled leads, and Jack's voice calling the changes in his Hertfordshire brogue is now almost part of

Aston at the moment have a ringers for the six bells, with a good blend of youth and experience, even though some local change-ringing towers have fallen on hard times. Much of this success must go to men like Jack Pallet who encourages others.

May Aston be lucky enough to have Jack and his "yarn-telling" with them for many

years to come.

Quarter Peals

ADDINGTON, SURREY.-April 12, 1368 Norwich Surprise Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, Penny H. Cocks 2, Wendy J. Wallace 3, Carol E. Rodgers 4, I. Wilt shire 5, P. R. Butler (first Surprise as cond.) 6.

ALVESTON, GLOS. — April 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. M. Hanson 1, Miss E. E. Starling 2, Miss P. J. E. Sturdy 3, G. Collins 4, E. G. Mould

(cond.) 5, A, R. Tuck 6.

ASTON, HERTS.—April 5, 1320 Bob Doubles: L.

A. Izzard 1, P. C. Worthington 2, Rosemary A. Spicer 3, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 4, R. T. Falder A compliment to Jack Pallet, ringer Aston for 60 years.

BATTERSEA, S.W. - March 29, 1260 Plain Bob Major: F. A. Benn i, Miss M. A. Robinson 2, Miss R. J. Cotton 3, M. J. Herbert 4, A. E. Clayton 5, D. R. Tipler 6, R. J. Cooles 7, G. W. Shanks (cond.)

Faster

BENINGTON, HERTS.—Easter Day, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. R. C. Wood (first quarter) 1, B. J. Harris (cond.) 2, A. A. F. Peters 3, P. C. Worthington 4, M. C. Worthington 5, R. T. Falder 6. For Evensong

BENTLEY, YORKS.—April 3, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob. Grandsire): A. Lewis (first quarter) 1. E. Cooper 2. Mrs. E. Anderson (first inside) 3, Miss A. E. Brad Witham (cond.) 5. Also April 5, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Jayne Holmes (first

quarter) 1, E. Cooper 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, Miss A E. Bradbury 4, J. Witham (cond.) 5.

BLESSINGTON, CO. WICKLOW.—April 5, 1260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 1,200 Plain Bob): G. T. Brew Jane Potter (first inside) 2, L. R. Taylor 3, D. A. McEndoo 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, W. D. Saarsteiner Belated 21st birthday compliments to "stout fellows" D. H. T. Taylor and G. T. Brew.

BRADFORD - ON - AVON, WILTS. — At Christ Church, Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. WILTS. - At Christ York 1, P. S. Gaisford (cond.) 2, A. Dyer 3, G. Parson 4, M. G. Wilmot 5, F. W. Box 6.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.-March 8, 1260 Double; (three methods): Margaret Brown (first quarter) 1, M. Whittell 2, R. Whittell 3, Rev. L. Pizzey (cond.) 4, S. Christian 5, B. Crouch 6. For Evensong, Also March 22, 1260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Pl. Bob): Cheryl Lay 1, J. Hollins 2, Susan Restall 3 D. Barber 4, Rev. L. Pizzey S, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Even-song. Also April 5, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Pl. Bob); M. Whittell 1, K. Dakin 2, R. Lockwood 3, S. Christian 4, A. Munnings 5, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to

BRINKLOW, WARKS. - March 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Philippa Garrard 1, Patsy Howes (first inside) 2, Betsy A. Mountford 3, B. Elliott 4, D. W. Mountford (cond.) 5. S. Missen sen, (first quarter) 6. First quarter by the Sunday service band.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.-March 22, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion A. Cass 1, P. D. Austin 2, Leslie C. Tibbitts 3, D. A. Tovell 4, P. W. Dickinson 5, G. H.

Walker (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—April 4, 1280 Kent T.B.:
Julia Collinge 1, S. Gay 2, C. Lucas 3, M. Gay 4, C. Mundy 5, Margaret E. Oram 6, I. H. Oram 7, T.

Lewis (cond.) 8.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.-April 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Collins 1, Miss R. A. Collins 2, Miss D. A. Wood 3, C. K. Hill 4, J. A. Collier 5, J W. Priest 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, R. G. Collins 8. A wedding compliment to Kenneth Mumford and Anne Pickering, of the local band,

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.-March 16, a. the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. T. Bennett 1, A. T. Summerell 2, P. J Perry 3, J. H. G. Gardner 4, N. F. E. Reeve 5, A. P. Whitehead 6, R. J. Johnston (cond.) 7, R. J. Stevens 8. On the occasion of the visit to Christchurch of H.M. the Queen and members of the Royal

CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.-March 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. Robinson 1, Miss J. S. Armstrong 2, J. Rea 3, M. J. Herbert 4, A. E. Clayton 5, D. R. Tipler 6, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 7, F. E. Benn 8. Easter; also a farewell to Julie Armstrong.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.-Palm Sunday, 1288 Plain Bob Triples: D. Gough 1, Josephine Patterson 2, Margaret Byrne 3, Jennifer Dunning 4, Rosemary Cotton 5, D. Town 6, S. Darvill (cond.) 7, D. Woodward 8, First on eight 1, 3, Also Low Sunday, 1265 Stedman Triples: Jennifer Dunning 1, D. Woodward 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, D. Town 4, J. Pratt (cond.) 5, R. Talbot 6, S. Darvill 7, M. Wycherley 8.

CLIFTON, BEDS.-April 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Fuller 1, Sheila Percival 2, D. Hope 3, G. Mayes 4, J. Church 5, P. Jewell 6, L. Bywaters (cond.) 7, S. H. Ashton 8. Half-muffled after the interment of Thomas H. Dilley.

CODDINGTON, NOTTS .- April 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. L. W. Tomlinson 1, Elaine M. Rolfe 2, Susan M. Heath 3, F. Derry 4, D. E. Kirton (cond.) 5, J. Draycott 6. Birthday compliment to D. E. Kirton.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.-March 28, at St. Peter's, 1280 Pl. Bob Major; Eileen Button 1, A, Wright (first on eight) 2, D. Whent 3, W. J. Brunt 4, G. Button 5 A. Andrews 6, E. P. Duffield 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Elizabeth Boyden and Michael Sadler. Also April 2, 1280 London Surprise Major: W. J. Brunt 1, Yvonne Towler 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, N. Avis 5, A. Semken (first London) 6, J. Towler 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For the institution of the Rev. R. M. Wilson as vicar.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX,-April 5 1260 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: D. Martin 1, A. Gibbons 2, C. Andrews 3, A. Wright 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, D. Whent 6. First in the method for all, For Evensong.

CONISBROUGH, YORKS.-April 7, 1344 Rutland S. Major: D. Nichols 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, M. S. Turner 4, R. Harpe: 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, N. Donovan 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8.

CROWCOMBE, SOM. - April 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Wilsher 1, E. Webber 2, C. Lock 2, R. Penny 4, R. J. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. For induction of the vicar (Rev. H. Brunskill); also a 35th wedding compliment to the conductor and his

CROXTON KERRIAL, LEICS.—April 2, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. Holmes (first Minor) 1, R. E. Manton (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, A. French (first inside) 4, J. R. Ward (first inside) 5, J. L. Day 6. In appreciation for the service of Mr. C. Bircham, lay reader and vicar's warden at Croxton Kerrial, who is leaving

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.-April 10, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Peggi Walls (first away from tenor) 1, R. V Johnson 2, Jean Osbon 3, C. Bainham 4, R. Durnford 5, S. Allen 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, C. Osbon 8. A 73rd birthday compliment to Ted Brett and a wedding eve compliment to R. Durnford and Wendy Richards all of the local hand

CUDHAM, KENT.-March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Gay 1, M. Gay 2, C. Lucas 3, Julia Collinge 4, T. Lewis 5, C. Mundy (cond.) 6.

DANBURY, ESSEX.-March 21, 1472 Pudsey Surprise Major: J. H. Sitch 1, P. G. Brown 2, Josephine Brown 3, Yvonne Towler 4, T. Spurgeon 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, J. L. Towler 8. An 80th birthday compliment to John H. Sitch, life member of the Essex Association and tower captain at Brentwood for many years.

DEVIZES, WILTS -At St. Mary's Church, March 22, 1260 Doubles (three methods): D. Bailey (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Bailey 2, G. Beven 3, P. Barrett 4, B. Osborne 5, P. Whale 6. For the christening of Steven John Osborne

DOWNTON, WILTS. - April 6, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Mussel 1, L. A. Page 2, N. O. Skelton 3, A. T. Collins 4, A. M. Johnson 5, Marlow 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, B. J. Woodruffe 8.

DUBLIN. - At St. Patrick's Cathedral, March 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Jane Potter (first Minor) 1, J. P O. Barry 2, D. A. McEndoo 3, W. D Saarsteiner 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, J. K. Stark (first inside) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Beth Doyle, Canton, Ohio, and Dublin University Guild.

DUNCHURCH, WARKS .- March 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: B. Holden 1, D. G. Welch 2, P. Edgson 3, P. Lock 4, J. Edgson 5, M. Flander (cond.) 6. For John Michael Bennett's christening,

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS. - March 26, Grandsire Triples: R. Milis 1, H. Bishop 2, L. Cox 3, Webb (cond.) 4, G. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, W. Corderoy 7, C. Corderoy 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Ernest Butler (96), former ringer and foreman at Hagbourne. Also Easter Day, March 29, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: G. Wells 1, H. Bishop 2, Mary Thomas Patricia Aplin 4, A. Webb 5, C. Garlick 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. Cox 8.

ELKSTONE, GLOS.-April 8, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Ann Herbert 1, M. P. Taylor (first inside four methods) 2. Helen Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5

GORING, OXON. — March 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: Carol Tull 1, S. Franklin 2, Ian Judd 3, M. Tull 4, A. Gray 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Easter.

GRANTHAM, LINCS .- At St. Wulfram's Church. April 5, 1248 Grandsire Major: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, P. A. Hill 3, D. Rooke 4, J. Holmes 5, P. A. Slight 6, H. R. Woods 7, B. Buttery 8. First Grandsire Major by all. For church unity.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX .- April 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Chamberlain 1, Jane Foster 2, S. A. Waters 3, Ann Edwards 4, A. S. Hudson 5, L. Ainger 6, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, G. A. Bain-A thanksgiving for the restoration of the bridge 8 Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

GREENWICH, S.E.-At St. Alfege's Church, Dec. 21, 1969, 1260 Cambridge and Pl. Bob Minor: Freda Cannon 1, A. Long 2, D. Gebbett 3, Philip Butler 4, Peter Butler 5, D. Hollis (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also April 3, 1260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Andrews 1, J. Dafters 2, Miss F. Cannon 3, D. P. Smith 4, P. J. Spice 5, D. G. H. Hollis 6, J. W Smith (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. Half-muffled for requiem for Geoffrey Floyd, churchwarden,

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—April 5, 1260 Stedman Triples: L. W. Clissett 1, Miss M. Tromans 2, H. Shilvock 3, B. E. Woodall 4, T. Greenhall 5, A. B. Elismore 6, M. L. Lashford (cond.) 7, A. P. Hackett 8. For Evensong, also a 29th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Shilvock and a birthday compliment to A. P. Hackett,

HENBURY, BRISTOL. - April 5, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Andrews 1, B. Huddleston 2, D. Wetton 3, G. Locke 4, F. Bloomfield 5, D. Huddleston (cond.) 6, A. Bennett 7. For Evensong.

HENDON, MIDDX.-Easter Day, 1296 Cambridge Minor: D. Gazeley (first T.B.) 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Dorothea Robotham 3, A. Warren 4, Ruth Foreman (first Cambridge as cond.) 5, B. Watson 6. Also April 5, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: A. Warren 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Elizabeth Spry (first Major) 3, D. Gazeley 4. Dorothea Robotham 5, E. Edmondson 6, Ruth Foreman (first Major as cond.) 7, B. Watson 8. Both for Evensong.

SALOP. - March 15, 1260 Doubles HODNET, (Grandsire, Plain Bob): J. Powell 1, Ann Sisley 2, Rachel Gee 3, P. Morris (cond.) 4, R. E. Morris 5, G. Mothershaw 6. Best wishes to Ann Sisley and family, leaving for Stafford.

HORSELL, SURREY.-April 5, 1260 Bob Minor: E. Warner 1, Anne Anthony 2, Dawn Colcombe 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. Bailey 5, J. King (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Bishop of Guildford to Evensong. Also March 31, 1440 London Surprise Minor: E. R. Warner 1, Catherine Elliott 2, A. D. Flood 3, S. R. Taylor 4, N. Summerhayes 5, D. E. Parsons 6. Rung as a farewell to Rev. Canon J. J. Cresswell,

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. - April 12, 1260 Erin Triples: R. Biggs 1, A. Newton 2, D. A. Cornwall 3, Meryl Kennedy 4, A. R. Blaby 5, P. Newton 6, R. H. Newton (cond.) 7, A. W. Payne 8. First in the method by all. A farewell to Arthur Payne, going

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX. - Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Hepburn 1, K. Mary Lambert 2, H. W. Brown 3, Jacqueline A. Pickett (first Triples Inside) 4, J. N. Lambert 5, J. R. Norris 6, J. Kirkcaldy (first Triples as cond.) 7, D. Kirkcaldy 8, For Easter. With good wishes to 4th ringer, joining the community at Lee Abbey.

ILTON, SOM. — Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Burns (first quarter) 1, R. Welch 2, E. Welch (first inside) 3, S. Welch (first as cond.) 4, R. Burns 5, R. Spiller 6, First by a band from the village

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK, -- At St. Church, April 5, 1260 Minor (720 Kent T.B. and 540 Plain): N. V. Harding 1, R. Harrop (cond.) 2, W. Curston 3, C. Tovell 4, R. Newson 5, O. A. Needham 6. D. Lines tenor covering.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.-April 5. 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. J. Seagrave 1, C. E. Bulleid 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lealey A. Hawes 4, I. J. Whitear 5, P. T. Selwood 6. Called by all ringers For Evensong.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—Easter Monday, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Sparling (11, first quarter) 1, E. B. Smith 2, Mias C. McArthur 3, Mrs. G. Wildney 4, C. McArthur 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6,

LAXTON, NOTTS -April 3, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss J. Sayers 1, Miss L. Foulds 2, Miss S. Ettles 3, B. Birkett 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, F. Cooke 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For Confirmation.

LELANT, CORNWALL. - April 9, 1260 Stedman Triples: F. M. Bowers 1, J. J. George 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, G. W. Taysom 4, Canon A. S. Roberta 5, W. R. Curtis 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, M. D. Smaldon 8. To mark the 86th birthday of the conductor LEWES, SUSSEX.—April 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Smith 1, Mrs. G. P. Elphick 2, Miss R. Lelliott (first in method) 3, E. A. Wilkins (first quarter) 4, H. S. James 5, G. P. Elphick (cond.) 6, H. W. Moody (first quarter for 50 years) 7, F. Fuller 8.

LOCKING, SOM.—April 4, 1260 Doubles: Allison Kelby 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, V. Criddle 6. A wedding compliment to Sarah Markham and Michael Martyn.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX,—March 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Moya Keys (first attempt) 1, R. N. Cox (cond.) 2, G. R. Hills 3, H. D. Butler 4, T. D. W. Banner 5, Caroline L. Jones 6.

LUTTON, LINCS. — April 7, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: Susan J. Rudd (first on working bell) 1, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, P. W. Campling (circled the tower to quarters) 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, P. G. Butler 5, R. M. Ragsdell 6. For the centenary of the neighbouring church at Gedney Dawsmere.

LYMPNE, KENT.—March 8, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Stainer 1, Elizabeth A. Todd 2, M. J. Taylor 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. A. Birch (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Matins. Also Easter Day, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Stainer 1, Judith Brooks 2, M. J. Taylor 3, Elizabeth A. Todd 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6, For Evensong. Also April 5, 1260 St. Clement's and Little Bob Minor: R. Stainer 1, Judith Brooks 2, B. G. Butcher 3, Elizabeth A. Todd 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. A. Birch 6, For Matins.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—March 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. E. Player (first Minor) 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, J. E. Billings 3, P. W. Holroyd (first Minor) 4, L. K. Grey (first as cond.) 5, II. E. Blacker 6.

MARCHAM, BERKS.—April 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. White 1, B. Winter 2, C. J. Peaple (cond.) 3, G. Wooldridge (first quarter) 4, I. Stoter 5, J. Pain 6. For the visit of Her Majesty the Queen Mother,

MARKSBURY, SOM.—Easter Day, 1260 Doubles (four methods): M. Blacker 1, H. J. Coombs 2, R. Perry 3, A. Coombs 4, P. Blacker (cond.) 5, N. Osmond 6. 25th quarter together 2, 3 and 4.

MARSTON, OXON.—April 5, 1272 Pl. Bob Minimus: I. M. M. O'Reil y 1, Hilary E. McGowan (first inside) 2, C. Smith (first Minimus) 3, L. R. Porter (cond.) 4,

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, March 4, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor D. Heyes 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, M. Lawrence 3, R. Turner 4, J. Roper 5, H. Rossell (cond.) 6. To welcome Mark Doggett, born Feb. 22, 1970. Also April 1, 1313 Grandsire Caters: G. Stewart 1, D. Heyes 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, J. Bills 4, M. Lawrence 5, R. Turner (cond.) 6, H. Rossell 7, M. Scowen 8, J. Roper 9, G. Heyes 10. To welcome Stephen Philip Bills, born March 10, 1970.

MORETON, ESSEX.—Easter Day, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: M. Hollis I, Jane Fransella 2, Barbara Shaw 3, Valerie Jones 4, D. Ellisdon 5, J. Porter (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—On April 4. 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. M. Edgson 1, Linda Allen 2, J. G. Edgson 3, M. D. Fiander 4, C. M. Povey 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise for all. To mark the engagement of the 3rd ringer to Miss Christine Lawrence. Also April 5, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: K. Rigby (first Minor) 1, Carol A. Eveleigh 2, P. M. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, C. M. Povey 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. For family service.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Cathedral, April 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bustin 1, P. R. Mason 2, Gillian Colleypriest 3, R. L. Wallace 4, R. M. Esbester (first as cond.) 5, D. Hollister 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, Dallington, March 22, 1260 Doubles (three methods): D. G. Fox 1, J. G. Chapman 2, J. P. Sale 3, E. J. Winkworth 4, J. C. Parker (cond.) 5. For morning Communion service and to mark Northampton Trinity Grammar School's speech day.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYS.—April 8, 1256 Little Bob Major: Jane A. Smith (first Major) 1, R. Marczak 2, L. G. Smith 3, Mrs. D. A. Davis 4, C. Davis 5, P. Webber 6, E. Martin 7, D. A. Davis (cond.) 8. First Little Bob Major for all except

NORTON, HERTS.—April 9, 1260 Pl. Bob Major: R. A. Spicer 1, J. Trigg 2, M. M. Roden 3, M. Lush 4, C. Forgan 5, R. Roden 6, B. J. Harris (cond.) 7, J. Sanderson 8. By an all-ladies' band, all connected with the Northern District of the Hertfordshire Association.

OVERTON, HANTS. — March 25, 1260 Grandsite Triples: Mrs. Sanders 1, P. G. Holmes 2, R. Christine Hassell 3, J. J. Hill 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, Lynette M. Holbrook 6, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Hassell 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, March 22, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: C. Woodward 1, C. Holloway 2, Jane Wells (first Major) 3, Mrs. Mary Wells 4, H. Wells 5, B. Gray 6, C. Coles 7, T. G. Pett (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

PAINSWICK, GLOS. — April 5, 1259 Grandsire Triples: M. P. Taylor 1, Helen R. Taylor 2, Clare R. Taylor 3, B. H. Taylor 4, Hilda C. Taylor 5, I. M. Taylor 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, G. C. Taylor (first on cight) 8. First Triples for the family.

PANGBOURNE, BERKS,—April 4, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan C. Hanlon (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. D. Smith 2, Sandra Jarvis 3, F. D. Wesley 4, A. D. Smith (first as cond.) 5, A. J. Burt 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Wellman and Miss Wilcox.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.—March 13, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Trendell 1, C. Weavers 2, T. Bird 3, V. Buttle 4, R. Rippingale 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. T. D. S. Bayley, rector of Pebmarsh 1930-1957.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—April 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Stacey 1, Karin Hatherly (first inside not observation) 2, Carol Stacey 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Sansom (cond.) 5, R. Cross. For Evensong.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, March 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: D. R. Bould 1, A. Frost 2, N. Mallett 3, G. Mudge 4, F. Myers 5, M. W. Myers 6, A. W. Myers (cond.) 7, C. York 8. For Evensong.

POLESWORTH, WARKS.—Easter Day, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp (first inside) 2, M. Quimby 3, D. Hiorns 4, M. Allsopp (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also for Evensong, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Allsopp 1, D. Hiorns (cond.) 2, S. Allsopp (first inside) 3, M. Allsopp 4, M. Quimby 5, T. Oxford 6. Also April 5, 1320 Doubles (three methods): Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, R. Knight (cond.) 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Evensong.

PORTBURY, SOM.—Feb. 26, 1260 Grandsire and

PGRTBURY, SOM.—Feb. 26. 1260 Grandsire and B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 3, G. Skelly 4, J. Riley 5, R. Haskins 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Bob Doubles: Mrs. S. Riley 1, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 2, Sealy. Also April 10, 1260 Doubles (11 variants): L. Potter (first quarter) 1, S. J. Bateman 2, W. Willans (cond.) 3, V. H. James 4, B. H. Goodliffe 5, R. Haskins 6.

PURITON, SOM.—March 30, 1260 Doubles (Rev. Cant., P.B.): Elaine Russ 1, Mrs. J. Broom 2, Mrs. S. Beck 3, L. Pope 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, P. Russ 6. First in more than one method 1, 6. For Easter; a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hembry. Also April 2, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. Rogerson (first quarter) 1, Elaine Russ 2, Lesley Bawden 3, R. Short 4, G. Nabb (cond.) 5, L. Pope 6. First inside 2 and 3.

RAINHAM, KENT. — March 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Carter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, K. Williamson 3, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 4, N. W. Jackson 5, P. Thomas 6. Birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Woodward grandfather of 5th ringer

Mr. Thomas Woodward, grandfather of 5th ringer, REIGATE, SURREY. — April 12, 1295 Grandsire Caters: D. Atfield 1, Carol Martin 2, A. J. C. Brown 3, D. Atkins 4, A. T. Shelton 5, A. Streeter 6, W. E. Dunn 7, K. G. Game (cond.) 8, R. J. Talbot 9, J. Knipe 10.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—April 4, 1248 Rutland S. Major: G. A. Holroyd 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, M. S. Turner 4, D. Nichols 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, N. Donovan 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — April 5, 1440 Single Court and Oxford Bob Minor: M. J. Rose (cond.) 1, C. Hancock 2, R. Rose 3, B. Coley 4, L. Nice 5, E. Nice 6. For morning service and to welcome the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nice, first grandson for L. Nice.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS. — At the Cathedral, March 29, 1296 Little Bob Royal: Miss J. Pearson (first on ten bells) 1, Miss H. Dodds 2, Mrs. C. Carter 3, G. Dodds 4, R. Ewer 5, Mrs. K. Hardy 6, A. Carter 7, R. Hardy 8, M. Frost (cond.) 9, G. Penney 10.

ST. BEES, CUMB. — April 12, 1260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): D. Sim 1. Marjorie Street 2, R. Wetenhall 3, B. Street 4, H. Byrom (cond.) 5, H. Wilson 6.

SUCKLEY, WORCS. — March 25, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ranford 1, I. Ballamy 2, M. Ballamy 3, F. Pugh 4, R. Cooper 5, R. Sayers (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to J. Ranford. SUNBURY - ON - THAMES, MIDDX.—March 30, 1260 Bob Doubles: S. Rutter 1, Marie Boniface 2, B. Holdaway 3, C. H. Rogers 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5, V. L. P. Davis 6. For Easter.

SUTTON - CUM - LOUND, NOTTS.—Easter Day, 1260 Singles: T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe 3.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS,—April 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Carter (first Triples) 1, P. Day 2, Miss C. Tebbot 3, F. Carter 4, Miss C. Slater 5, A. G. Newman 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, E. Butler 8, 30th wedding anniversary compliment for A. G. Newman and 16th birthday compliment for Miss C. Tebbot.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—Easter Monday, 1260 Bob Minor: D. Sparling (11, first quarter) 1. C. McArthur 2, Mrs. G. Wildney 3, E. B. Smith 4, U. Wildney (cond.) 5, W. Downs 6.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS,—April 5, 1440 Wells Surprise Minor: N. George 1, Mrs. D. Hatfield 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, H. L. Hatfield 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method by all except conductor.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—March 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith M. Goodyer (11, first quarter) 1, Andrew J. Goodyer 2, Philip R. Goodyer 3, Margaret E. Goodyer 4, Thomas W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, John R. Rainsford 6.

TWERTON, BATH.—Jan. 25, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): V. Thompson 1, R. Coles (cond.) 2. C. Stillman 3, C. Barrable 4, K. Whittaker 5, T. Nicholas 6, S. Goard 7, D. Fear (first quarter) 8. Also March 8, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): P. Mackenzie 1, K. Whittaker 2, C. Barrable (cond.) 3, R. Coles 4, C. Stillman 5, C. Mackenzie 6. Also Easter Day, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Cannon 1, S. Cox 2, K. Whittaker 3, C. Stillman 4, C. Barrable (first Minor) 5, R. Coles (cond.) 6. Also April 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Goundry (first quarter) 1, C. Stillman 2, K. Whittaker 3, C. Barrable 4, R. Coles 5, D. Fear 6. For the 25th wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Johnson.

USK, MON. — April 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Hughes 1, Mrs. E. Hughes 2, Mrs. S. Clench 3, G. Knight 4, L. Jones 5, S. Kear 6, D. Hughes (cond.) 7, R. Clench 8,

WANTAGE, BERKS.—Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Goble 1, A. E. Fullbrook 2, Miss G. James 3, K. Leach 4, B. Winter 5, R. Wood 6, J. R. White (cond.) 7, J. R. Pain 8. First Triples 1, 5 and 8.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—March 26, 1320 Double Oxford Minor: 1, Earl 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, B. Birkett 3, R. Hancock 4, H. T. Rooke 5, F. Cooke (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist on Maundy Thursday. Also Good Friday, 1260 Single Oxford Minor: I. Earl 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, Mrs. I. Moran 3, R. Hancock 4, H. T. Rooke 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. Half-muffled. Also Easter Sunday, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Earl 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, R. Hancock 3, B. A. Richards (cond.) 4, H. T. Rooke 5, M. Bennett 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also for Evensong, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, by the same band. Also April 5, 1440 Single Oxford, Plain Bob Minor: W. Craig 1, Miss A. C. Rooke 2, Miss S. Ettles 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Cooke 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — At 4929 Hillbrook Lane, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. T. Cook 1-2, Marjorie Batchelor (cond.) 3-4, Kit Matthew 5-6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—April 5, 1376 Pl. Bob Major: A. R. Ling 1, Jill A. Laud 2, Jennifer M. Bunyan 3, W. J. Arnold 4, W. G. Paul 5, D. R. Bell 6, A. C. D. Mayes (first Major as cond.) 7, G. W. Seaman 8. For Evensons

WEMBDON, SOM. — March 16, 1260 Grandsize Doubles: Sally B. Turner 1, F. P. Phillips 2, A. B. Preston 3, F. W. Sweet (cond.) 4, M. J. Stone 5, S. H. Emery 6. First attempt for 1 and 3.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS,—March 22, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Archer (first quarter) 1, J. A. Coates 2, P. N. Maunsey 3, B. Birkett 4, P. Rogers 5, Christine M. N. Wright (cond.) 6. For Family Communion.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX. — March 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Moya Keys 1, D. A. Smith 2, R. M. Cox 3, H. D. Butler 4, G. R. Hills (first as cond.) 5. D. Ockenden 6.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARKS. — April 11, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain): D. Bates 1, Hazel A. Mackenzie 2, Jill Riley 3, R. M. Andrews 4, C. J. Pickford 5, R. J. Danby (cond.) 6, Prior to the wedding of Joanna Lodder and Richard Bowman.

Peals

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

TRENT, Somerset, St. Andrew.

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (18 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 H. E. George Jeanes

2 Raymond P. Selway
3 Trevor E. Marks
4 Derek S. Beaufoy
5 Frederick T. Sandy
6 William E. Turner (Conductor)

First of Minor on the bells.

KEWSTOKE, Somerset, St. Paul.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (8 each Union, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon and 10 of Grandsire).

1 Harry Button

2 Marjorie Legg (Conductor)

3 John Coombs 4 William Hart 5 George Prescott *6 Glan Kingdon

*First peal.

BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, Cathedral of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Tues., April 7, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (21 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Middleton's.)

1 Bruce Martin 2 Susan A. Moore

3 Heather A. Kippin
4 Michael J. Hobbs
5 Jennifer M. Taylor
6 John W. Collard
7 Gillian M. Hunt (Conductor)

8 D. John Hunt

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMOR-LAND ASSOCIATION

COCKERMOUTH, Cumberland, All Saints.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (12½ cwt.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. E. Burton.
1 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
2 Geoffrey Tembey
3 Alan Capatick

3 Alan Capstick 4 Kevin M. Price 5 David G. Kealey 6 Colin F. Gates

6 Colin F. Gates
7 Harry Byrom (Conductor)
8 Stanley Richardson
First of Bob Major as conductor. Rung
in conjunction with the bicentenary celebrations held in Cockermouth recording
the birthday of William Wordsworth, born
in this town on April 7, 1770.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DRONFIELD, Derbyshire, St. John.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (15 cwt.) 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. 1 Eric Roughley

2 Sidney Hough
*3 John Bell
4 Timothy Wylie
5 Alexander Richardson

Neil D. Lomas
Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

8 David Bates *First in the method. DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire, St. Helen. Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (15½ cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by E. W. Critchley.

Susan Davis

Elizabeth Bowden

2 Enzadem Bowden
3 Brian A. Tomlinson
4 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith
5 Timothy Wylie
6 Robert Chambers
7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)

8 Geoffrey Paul

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

CHELMSFORD, Essex, Cathedral Church of SS. Mary the Virgin, Peter and Cedd. Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (14½ cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (17 methods: 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Uxbridge; 256 Bristol; 192 Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jer-Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire; 139 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

Richard J. Harrison

Josephine A. Brown

Yvonne A. Towler

Peter G. Brown

Keith W. Brown

Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)

Thilip J. Rothera

James L. Towler

James L. Towler

Major methods to a peal by all and for the Association.

by all and for the Association.

SANDON, Essex, St. Andrew.

Fri., April 10, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (101 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (4 callings).

1 Judy Harrison

*2 Marilyn A. Freeman
3 Yvonne A. Towler
4 Richard J. Harrison
5 James L. Towler
6 Keith W. Brown (Conductor) *First peal. First as conductor.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

TYTHERINGTON, Gloucestershire.

St. James the Greater. Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (12 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Henry Taysom

2 Andrew R. Williams 3 Dennis A. Chapman

*4 Christopher J. Bell 5 Patrick J. Bird

6 Edward G. Mould (Conductor)
*First inside. For the birth of Ruth
Catherine Mould, daughter of the conductor and Christine Mould.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

RADLETT, Herts, Christ Church. Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (3½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents, 4 methods: St. Clements, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).

1 Jill A. Laud

1 Jill A. Laud

*2 Andrew C. D. Mayes

*3 Christonher K. Hill

4 Clive W. Simpson

5 Leonard J. North

6 John R. Southey (Conductor) *First in four methods.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION WROTHAM, Kent, St. George.

Jan. 1, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (20 cwt.) Thur. 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

Philip Staples

2 John L. Anderson 3 Crawford T. Hillis 4 Reid P. T. Robbins 5 Rhian N. Bagshaw

6 Paul J. Bagshaw

7 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor) 8 Colin J. E. Wyld

FRINDSBURY, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15 cwt.) Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (24 methods: 384 Pudsey, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, 192 Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland, Simonstone and Superlative, 128 Double Dublin and Rochester, with 151 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Jane Reynolds

1 Jane Reynolds 2 D. Paul Smith

3 Alexander Waddington
4 Bernard F. L. Groves
5 Martin L. Howe
6 Thomas Cullingworth
7 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor)
8 Peter S. Muchlinski
Most Surprise Major methods by all and

for the Association.

CUDHAM, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 methods: 192 Ashtead, Bilsborrow, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, 128 Double Dublin and Rochester, with 157 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 John W. Smith
2 D. Paul Smith
3 Alexander Waddington

3 Alexander Waddington4 Christopher T. Osenton

5 Martin L. Howe
6 Thomas Cullingworth
7 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor)
8 Peter S. Muchlinski
Most Surprise Major methods by all and for the Association.

MILTON REGIS, Kent, Holy Trinity. Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 Kent T.B., 2 Oxford

T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).

*1 Jane Gilder

2 Martin L. Howe 3 Trevor A. Cross 4 Nicholas J. Chesson 5 Colin A. Tester 6 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor) *First peal.

NEWCHURCH, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (103 cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (6 methods/var.: 6 of
Plain Bob, Kennington, Plain Bob and
Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. Canterbury
Pleasure, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury and
Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire).

1 Helen S. Rowland *2 Judith Brooks

3 Elizabeth A. Todd (Conductor)
4 Richard A. Birch
5 Keith D. Butler
†6 William J. Beeching
*First inside. †First peal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION RADCLIFFE, Lancashire, St. Mary.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1 Paul Smith 2 Jane Reynolds

3 Stewart Barnet
*4 John E. Preston
5 Frank Reynolds
6 Peter Dyson

Alan Ward 8 G. O. Sanders (Conductor) *First peal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD LINCOLN, In St. Hugh's Tower, the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tues., April 7, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (241 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
(No. 3 Version.)
Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Gillian Radley

2 Jack L. Millhouse

*3 Christopher J. Sharp 4 John Freeman (Conductor) *5 David Phillipson

6 Walter Tomlinson
7 Phillip C. Pitchford
8 Harold F. Gibson
9 Peter A. Sharp

10 Geoffrey R. Parker
*First of London Surprise Royal. On the Feast of the Annunciation.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan, SS. Peter and
Paul Cathedral.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (20‡ cwt.)
5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by A. M. Tyler.

1 Donald G. Clift

2 Mary E. Pryor

3 Nevil A. James

4 Paul W. Thomas

Alwyn R. Lewis Paul A. Williams Stephen Fenwick

9 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)
10 Robert B. Smith

For Easter and to mark the retirement of Commander Wadsworth (21 years vicar's warden).

PETERSTONE WENTLOOG, Mon., St. Peter.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (7 cwt.) 5088 PETERSTONE WENTLOOG SUR-PRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

*1 Judith A. Ashcroft
2 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
†3 Stenhen Fernwick
4 Paul A. Williams
5 Michael R. Meadows
6 J. Michael Lakin

†7 Nicholas W. H. Simon 8 David J. Llewellyn

*First on 8 and of Surprise. †50th together. First in the method.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex,

St. Mary. Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (19 cwt.) 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. Carter.

Jill A. Laud

2 Christopher W. Ottaway 3 Maurice W. Thompson 4 Christopher K. Hill

5 John R. Southey (Conductor)
6 Leonard J. North
*7 Clive W. Simpson
8 Andrew C. D. Mayes
*Has circled tower. A farewell to Brian and Jo Rose.

TOTTENHAM, London, N., All Hallows. Thur., April 9, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (13 cwt.) 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. Baldwin. Alan R. Patterson

2 Joan Beresford 5 John S. Barnes
6 Derek E. Sibson

7 Dennis Beresford 8 David E. House (Conductor)

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire,

The Bell Foundry.
Tues., April 7, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (6½ cwt.)
5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by A. Knights.

G. Ronald Edwards 2 B. Stedman Pavne

3 Richard J. Clifton 4 Ronald D. Hughes

5 Arthur E. Rowley 6 Joseph W. Cotton 7 Frank Chambers 8 Derek P. Jones

9 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

10 Alec R. Jones

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire,

The Bell Foundry.
Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.) 5152 JOHANNESBURG S. MAJOR Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Mary Barrass

2 Richard J. Clifton 3 B. Stedman Payne

4 Joseph W. Cotton 5 Frank Chambers

6 Arthur E. Rowley 7 G. Ronald Edwards

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD BUCKINGHAM, Bucks, SS. Peter & Paul. Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (27 cwt.) 5088 EASTER SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by M. A. Coleman.

1 Sara K. D. Woolley

*2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
3 Peter V. Heritage

4 Barry R. Care †5 Ronald K. Russ

6 Murray A. Coleman

7 D. Kay Adkins
8 George W. Holland
*700th for the Guild (562 conducted).
†100th of Major and 50th different Surprise. First in the method (Tipler's B90/3. For the Festival of Easter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD CRANFORD, Northants, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (19 methods: Sandal, Ox-ford, London Scholars, Kingston, Capel; Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley; Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet; Double Oxford, St. Clements; Thelwall, Childwall; Single Oxford, Plain Bob; Kent).

1 Elizabeth M. Tingle
2 David W. James
3 Stanbar B. Bell

3 Stephen B. Bell

4 Barry R. Care
5 Richard J. Cowley
6 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Notts, All Saints. Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

2 Katherine Burchnall 3 Grace Burchnall
*4 Gillian Radley
5 Colin W. Reed
6 William L. Exton
7 Harold F. Gibson

8 Peter A. Sharp
*25th peal. In memoriam Tom and Margaret Francis.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter with St. James. Tues., April 7, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (19 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. W. Pipe.

*1 C. Richard Daft 2 Christine L. J. Mills 3 Susan M. O'Neill

4 Sheila M. Anthony 5 David Stainsby 6 R. Brian Mills 7 John R. Lean

7 John R. Leeming
8 Richard A. G. Inglis (Conductor)
9 George A. Dawson
10 Simon Humphrey

*First on ten bells. 50th as conductor.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts, St. Wilfrid. Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (13 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (16 methods/var.: 3 extents each of Fortune, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Marchington, Newington, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob and Kennington, Leach of Old April Day and Sciepford) 1 each of Old, April Day and Seighford).

*1 Anne Vessey 2 Ruth Blackshaw

3 Margaret E. Snyder 4 Maurice W. Harrison (Conductor) *5 Paul F. Curtis

6 F. William Midwinter *Most Doubles methods.

*Most Doubles methods.

BABWORTH, Notts, All Saints.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (7½ cwt.)

5040 MINOR (360 of Double Oxford and St. Clements, 3 720's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob).

1 Diana M. Mounsey

2 Paul N. Mounsey

2 Paul N. Mounsey (Conductor)

3 Stephen W. Knights

4 Harry Poyner

5 Philip Rogers

6 Bryan Birkett

6 Bryan Birkett

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KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, Notts, St. Winifred.

Wed., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.)
5040 ALL FOOLS DELIGHT MINOR
(7 different extents, based on C.C.C. Nos.
77, 78, 81 and 89).
1 John R. Rigby

Susan M. O'Neill C. Richard Daft

4 Simon Humphrey (Arr. and Cond.)

*5 H. Geoffrey Wells 6 George A. Dawson

*First of Treble Bob. First in the method.

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SUFFOLK GUILD FOXEARTH, Essex, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (8 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

John A. Mayle

*2 Amanda M. Richmond *3 Joyce S. Perry 4 Walter Perry 5 Sally E. Potter 6 Peter Mayle 7 Christopher R. Nunn

8 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor)
*First of Major. A birthday compliment
to the ringer of the 5th.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk, SS. Peter & Paul. Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.)
5184 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by H. Poyner.
*1 Ruth Woodman

2 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
3 Muriel R. Page
*4 Peter S. Bedford
5 Ernest G. Pearce
6 Adrian Knights
7 Verson B. Bedford 7 Vernon B. Bedford 8 Stephen J. Bedford

*First in method.

SURREY ASSOCIATION CROYDON, Surrey, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (37 cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by D. E. Parsons. C.C.C. 22. 1 Harold N. Pitstow

Roydon Davies

3 Norman Summerhayes
4 David E. Parsons (Conductor)
*5 Keith G. Game
6 Norman G. T. Steere
*7 I. Malcolm Parry
9 Frank F. Mitchell

8 Frank E. Mitchell 9 Alan E. Bagworth 10 Stewart F. Kimber 11 Andrew J. Brown

12 Kevin Taber
*First on 12. By invitation of the vicar and churchwardens for Centenary Year.

LONDON, E.C., Hart Street, St. Olave. Fri., Mar. 20, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith

1 David E. House (Conductor)

2 M. Louise Slater

3 Christopher P. Starbuck

4 Janet House 5 James E. Andrews *6 A. Keith P. Poole

*7 Philip Bosworth 8 Andrew J. Corby

*First of Spliced Surprise in 8 methods.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BILLINGSHURST, Sussex, St. Mary. Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (141 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part, 7th obs.)

Caroline L. Jones 2 Bernard E. Matthews 3 Harold F. Wood

4 Kenneth Knight

*5 Graham R. Hills
6 Colin J. Champion
7 Roy M. Cox (Conductor)
8 Geoffrey C. Rix

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

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. ANTHONY IN MENEAGE, Cornwall, St. Anthony.

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (124cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 736 Superlative, 704 Rutland and London, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 Bristol and 544 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by N. J. Diserens.

*1 Colin C. Monson
2 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
3 Morley P. Tobin
4 Michael Elson

5 Gerald C. Hemming *6 Arthur C. Berry

A. Colin Banton 8 Martin D. Fellows

*First of 8 spliced.

EXETER, Devon, Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 47min. (72½ cwt.) 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Arranged by J. R. Mayne.

1 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
2 Claudia A. Critchley
3 John N. Longridge
4 Thomas J. Lock
*†5 Canon A. S. Roberts
‡6 George E. Mudge
7 Frank D. Mack
8 Norman Mallett

Norman Mallett

9 D. Roy Bould †10 Clive G. Bryant 11 Philip Mehew

†12 Anthony J. Davidson Alan Carveth

*300th peal. †First of Maximus. on 12. First of Maximus for the Guild.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

CHRISTCHURCH, Hants, The Church of the Holy Trinity. The Priory

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (27 cwt.) 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by C. W. Roberts.

*1 Mary E. Elmes

Robert E. J. Dennis Katharine J. Maundrell William T. Perrins

4 William T. Perrins
5 Rev. Roger Keeley
6 Kenneth S. B. Croft
*7 Grahame W. Elmes
8 Richard H. Youdale
*9 A. Terence Collins
10 Timothy F. Collins
11 Frederick E. Collins (Conductor)
12 Ronald N. Marlow
irst of Cinques

*First of Cinques.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire, St. Nicolas.

Mon., Mar. 16, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (10 cwt.)
5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Composed by E. C. Shepherd.
1 Robert E. J. Dennis
2 Katherine J. Maundrell

Adherme J. Mathuren
Richard Green
Michael J. Thomas
Derek C. Jackson
Jeremy D. Cheeseman
David J. Forder (Conductor)
John H. Hunt
Maries J. Payter

9 Maurice J. Butler

10 John Hartless In memoriam Tom and Margaret Francis, ringers at this church.

SHERBORNE, Dorset, Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 48min. (46 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Groves' trans. of Parker's 12-part.) 1 Lynette M. Holbrook 2 Philip Murduck

Anthony H. Smith Martin Major

5 R. Brian Walton
6 Edward W. Colley
7 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
8 Howard E. J. Smith

A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

EVESHAM, Worcs, All Saints and St. Laurence.

.. April 4, 1970, 3hr. 50min. (35 cwt.) 5280 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS

1 Geoffrey C. Sparling 2 Geoffrey J. Hemming

Geoffrey R. Parker Geoffrey W. Randall 5 Geoffrey Pearson

Geoffrey Fothergill Geoffrey Bridges Geoffrey Brewin

Geoffrey Gardner 10 Geoffrey Pratt

11 Geoffrey Paul

12 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor) First of Maximus by an all-Geoffrey band.

NORTON, Worcs, St. Egwin.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (14 cwt). 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*1 Anthony C. Freeman 2 John R. Ketteringham (Ar. & Con.)
3 Angela R. Styler
4 Shirley M. Drew
5 Eric Styler

Christopher J. Pickford

7 Christopher Hims 8 Roger H. Hunt *First on 8 bells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire, St. Thomas. Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (181 cwt.) 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. Dains.

F. John Nelson 2 Eric Roughley

3 Sidney Hough 4 Timothy Wylie *5 Michael Thompson 6 David Bates

7 John Robinson 8 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

*First in the method.

BEVERLEY, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 3hr. 35min. (34½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by C. Rowson.

Ian North

Iris M. E. Lemare

Patricia North

Neil Donovan M. Alec Beaumont W. Eric Critchley

Norman C. Chaddock

J. Henry Fielden David Nichols

10 Richard E. Price (Conductor)

DONCASTER, Yorkshire, St. George.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (30 cwt.)
5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. W. Roberts.
1 Derek F. Yates
2 Raymond J. Ballard
3 Roland W. Morant
4 Harold Dowler

Cyril Rusby
William H. Dowse
Michael W. Crowder

8 Ian M. Holland (Conductor)

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (12 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by R. Baldwin.

1 Harold Dowler
2 Derek F. Yates
3 William H. Dowse
4 Roland W. Morant
5 Ian M. Holland

6 Michael W. Crowder 7 Raymond J. Ballard (Conductor)

8 John E. Turley

NON-ASSOCIATION

LONDON, E., St. Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (281 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by G. H. Cross.

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*1 Arthur Cuthbert
2 William A. Theobald
3 William A. Hughes
4 Richard A. Hunt
5 Henry G. Weedon
6 Arthur F. Lewry
*7 Ronald G. Brown
8 Andrew J. Corby
9 John C. Slater
10 Trevor N. J. Bailey (Conductor)

*First peal. Rung during the quater-centenary year of the Whitechapel Bell
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Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6 Ashwood Crescent. Thur., April 9, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (15 in C.) 5280 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by P. Border.

*1-2 Alan McFall 3-4 Neil Bennett

5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
7-8 Alan F. Scholfield
†9-10 J. David Atkinson
†11-12 Gerald Moorhouse *Completes Minor to Maximus of Cambridge Surprise on handbells. †First of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. First of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on handbells for the Guild and by all except the conductor.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TAVISTOCK, Devon, The Queen's Head, West Street.

Wed., April 8, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (12 in F.) 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (5 methods: 2880 Plain Bob, 576 Double Reverse and Little Bob, 432 Gainsborough Little Court, with 263 changes of method).

1-2 Frances M. Mulvey
3-4 Valerie Willard
5-6 Hugh N. Evans
7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Arr. & Cond.)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., April 13, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (19 in F.) 5096 LITTLE BOB FOURTEEN 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 Julia A. Fellows 5-6 John R. Mayne (Arr. and Cond.) 7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan

9-10 Roger Baldwin 11-12 Gerald Penney 13-14 Christopher W. Woolley 13-14 Christopher W. Woolley First of Little Bob Fourteen. First on 14 for the Association.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

GRANTHAM, Lincs, Brendon, 14 Signal Road.

Sun., April 12, 1970, 1hr. 52min. (13 in E.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1-2 Peter A. Slight

3-4 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

5-6 Brian Buttery

21st birthday compliment to Susan Aveyard, of Maxey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire, 80 Lambourne Drive.

Wed., Mar. 11, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

1-2 Christopher I. Rowson (Cond.) *3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning

5-6 Len Goodall

7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves *9-10 Robert H. Newton

*First of Royal on handbells.

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire, 80 Lambourne Drive.

Wed., Mar. 18, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (15 in C.) 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR (Lockwood's 9120 reduced.)

1-2 Christopher I. Rowson (Cond.) 3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning

5-6 Len Goodall

*7-8 Robert H. Newton *First of Treble Bob on handbells.

WOODLEY, Berks, 9 Ryecroft Close.

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 54min.
5040 OXFORD T.B. MAXIMUS
*1-2 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
*3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
5-6 Julia A. Fellows
7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves
*9-10 Noel J. Diserens
*11-12 N. David Lane

*First of Maximus in the method.

"Do you not know I am a woman? When I think, I must speak."-Shakespeare ("As You Like It").

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt, Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 27min. 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by Y. Green. 1-2 Frank C. Price (Conductor) 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport

5-6 Noel J. Diserens 7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves 9-10 Jeffrey L. Claughton

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, The Old Vicarage.

Thur., Mar. 26, 1970, 1hr. 41min. (15 in C.) 5040 MINOR (1 extent Oxford Bob, 6 Plain Bob).

*1-2 Paul N. Mounsey 3-4 Mary C. Poyner 5-6 Harry Poyner (Conductor)

*First handbell peal in more than one method.

The Old Vicarage.

Tues., April 7, 1970, 1hr. 52min. (12 in F.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1-2 Mary C. Poyner 3-4 Harry Poyner (Conductor) *5-6 Philip Rogers

*First on handbells.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

CLAPHAM COMMON, 60 Northside. Sun., Mar. 8, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (11 in G.)

5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR (Lockwood's 9120 reduced.)

1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning 3-4 Christopher I. Rowson

5-6 Len Goodall (Conductor) 7-8 Andrew W. R. Wilby

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road. Wed., Mar. 25, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (12 in F.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
1-2 Shirley M. Drew
3-4 Valerie Willard

5-6 Geoffrey R. Drew 7-8 Hugh N. Evans (Conductor)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

OSSETT, Yorks. 33 Kingsway Close. Wed., April 8, 1970, 1hr. 37min. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (2 Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

1-2 Margaret White 3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

NON-ASSOCIATION

NORFOLK BROADS, On Waterway V, moored at Potter Heigham, Norfolk.

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2 hr. 15 min. (18 in G.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by E. M. Atkins.

1-2 Jean Dale
3-4 Kenneth J. Darvill
5-6 Peter T. Dale
7-8 Kenneth L. Brown (Conductor) First of Major as conductor.

"LONERS" ALSO SERVE

No Association can exist, nor indeed, thrive, were it not for certain rituals which take place within our towers. Often unnoticed and unsung, the embryo of campanology is reincarnated many times over. When one batch of fledglings has flown, another usually takes its place. The Association stands in readiness to adopt the offspring, and in return for the infant's interest offers a little or a lot of shine.

The Association continually transfusions and the vital life-dram is none other than the affiliated tower. It is there where the work is hardest. Let us not acquire the mistaken assumption that Associations are the be-all and end-all of ringing interests. Many ringers have little or no interest in Associations, even although their towers be affiliated to one. If the majority of Association members were to remove themselves from Associations, it would not necessarily mean that serious deterioration would be evidenced within towers concerned. But the backwash would hit hard at the summits of personal achievement and selfish pride.

In the infatuated eyes of those who carry personal ambition beyond the bounds of logic, all who handle bells ought to be members of a bellringing Association: a similar outlook expounded by the Union man who scorns the courageous individual who may be every bit as good but who prefers to move in a "free" and anonymous sphere. He is a "loner," and there is something bright and uplifting to be termed as such nowadays.

Let us not lose sight of the purpose and origin of bells and bell towers. Are they really for the use of personal achievement? Do they inspire the virtue of humility? Do we take advantage of these expensive instruments and buildings, knowing that the pleasure of ringing and associating is virtually free? Are we interested in services or is it the "blue line" which is the overriding factor of our interests?

Some of our members may answer in a positive vein. Many cannot. The "loner" has a positive quality, and seeks no glory. The individuality of towers must be preserved; the individuality of ringers too, must remain unmolested. Though the aims of an Association be high-on paper, at least-it must ever be wary lest it trespass on the favoured grounds of our modest friends: they also serve.—From "Sentinel"

THE WELSH SCENE

During 1969 a total of 93 peals and 103 quarter peals were rung by the five ringing associations in Wales.

The following abbreviations are made: L-Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association; N-North Wales Association; SB—Swansea and Brecon Guild; SD—St. David's Diocesan Guild; Un—University of Wales Society.

A brief note on the areas covered by each association is given:—

L-Counties of Monmouth and Glamorgan (except Swansea, Gorseinon & Sketty).

Anglesev Caernaryon, Denbigh, N — Anglesey, Caernarvon, Denbigh, Merioneth & Flint. SB—Brecon, immediate Swansea area given above & County of Radnor. SD—Cardigan, Carmarthen & Pembroke. Un—Colleges of Aberystwyth, Bangor, Cardiff, Lampeter & Swansea. L well out in front of all the others, with 65 per cent. of the peal total and 65 per

cent. of the quarter peal total.

Peals: L 70, SD 10, SB 7, N 5, Un 1.

Quarters: L 64, SD 19, SB 8, N 8, Un 4. The following peals and quarter peals were rung for the Welsh Associations.

Gentlemen.—1 P. A. Williams (L) 33, 2 S. Fenwick (L) 29, 3 D. J. Llewellyn (L) 28, 4 N. W. H. Simon (L) 27, 5 P. S. Bennett (L) 26, 6 M. J. Lakin (L) 25, 7 T. P. Ed-wards (L) 24, 8 A. R. Lewis (L) 20, 9 G. I. Lewis (L) and W. T. Petty (L) 19. Ladies.—1 Susan Harber (L) 6, 2 Ruth Stickland (L) and Mrs. J. S. King 5,

4 Anne Cooke (L) 4. Towers.—1 Llandaff Cathedral 7, 2 Bridgend (L) 6, 3 Cadoxton (L) Newport Cathedral (L) and Whitchurch (L) 5.

Two handbell peals were rung, one each Llandaff Association and St. David's Guild. For the five Associations, ten rang a first peal.

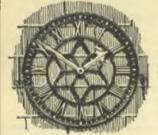
OUARTER PEALS

Gentlemen.—1 N. W. H. Simon (L) 21, 2 F. W. Corney (L) 18, 3 S. Fenwick (L) 17, 4 P. C. Rogers (SD) and S. P. Rogers (SD) 13, 6 D. G. Clift (L) and M. Pilgrim (L) 12, 8 J. W. Bull (L) 11, 9 Anne Cooke (L), A. Lingard (SD) and P. A. Williams

Ladies.—1 Anne Cooke (L) 10, 2 Anne Pilgrim (L), Betty Rogers (SD) and Nesta Rosen (SD) 9.

Towers.—1 Llandaff Cathedral 24, 2 Pembroke (SD) 13, 3 Usk (L) 7.

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Winchester and Portsmouth Guild STRIKING COMPETITION

There were two notable and pleasing features about the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild's striking competition held at St. Mary's, Southampton, on April 4.

Firstly, the high standard of performance of the seven contesting teams, and secondly the number of young ringers taking part. Ringers in their early 'teens were included in each of the teams placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd by Mr. Roger Savory, master of the Guild (the judge on this occasion).

The earlier date this year seemed to affect the entry somewhat and, in the event, seven teams competed out of the 11 who originally submitted entry forms to Canon K. W. H. Felstead, convener of the organising committee.

After tea in Chantry Hall, prepared by the ladies of St. Mary's tower, the judge briefly analysed the performance of each of the teams in order of ringing. Canon Felstead then declared Eling the winners with but 30 faults in 240 Grandsire Doubles; they were closely followed by Highclere (Bob Doubles) and Petersfield (Grandsire Doubles). The remaining teams were Ringwood (Grandsire Triples), Winchester Cathedral (Stedman Triples), Titchfield (Cambridge Minor) and Fawley (Bob Doubles).

The master presented the Alliston cup to Mr. John Hartless, captain of the Eling team, together with a certificate. A certificate was also presented to the teams placed second and third. Mr. Savory concluded the presentation by thanking the striking committee for their work of organisation. Canon Felstead suitably replied and thanked St. Mary's for the use of the bells and hall and the ladies for preparing the tea. A.D.

Twenty-seven rang a first quarter. Llandaff were never seriously challenged for the leadership.

The leading peal and quarter peal ringers for each Association were:

Peals.—L: 1 P. A. Williams 33, 2 S. Fenwick 29, 3 D. J. Llewellyn 28. SB: 1 E. J. Morris 7, 2 Gillian Armstrong and J. T. Williams 3. SD: 1 P. C. Rogers and R. L. Underwood 6, 3 Rev. Russen Thomas 5. N: 1 G. H. Randles, J. W. Griffiths and D.

Millward 4. Un: One only.
Quarters.—L: 1 N. W. H. Simon 21, 2
F. W. Corney 18, 3 S. Fenwick 17. SD:
1 P. C. Rogers and S. P. Rogers 13, 3 A. 1. P. C. Rogers and S. P. Rogers 13, 3 A. Lingard 10. SB: 1 E. J. Morris and Gillian Armstrong 3, 2 J. Williams and Marilyn Evans 2. N: 1 T. C. Bowley and E. M. Jones 4, 2 F. R. Evans 3. Un: 1 Margaret Twigg, Sue Davis and M. Tompsett 4 each.

Methods rung to peals: Doubles 15, Minor 14, Triples 7, Major 37, Caters 10, Cinques 2, Royal 6, Maximus 1, Minimus 1; total 93.

Methods rung to quarter peals: Minimus 1, Doubles 37, Minor 17, Triples 30, Major 9, Caters 6, Royal 3; total 103.

Many unique occasions, viz. investiture of the Prince of Wales and coming-of-age of the Prince of Wales, were not marked in the peal and quarter peal columns by Welsh ringers as they should have been. The year 1970 also presents another unique occasion, for this year is the 50th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church Wales. Perhaps the number of peals and quarter peals to mark this occasion will reach a record total. A. F. W.

A mortified appetite is never a wise companion.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Letters

"DOUBLE BOOKING" PEALS

Dear Sir,-I note in recent issues of The Ringing World what appears to be the beginning of an outbreak of "double booking" peals. By "double booking" I mean crediting the peal to more than one guild or association, territorial or otherwise. I fail to see how this practice can do anything but introduce an element of chaos into the vear's Peals Analysis.

Take, for example, the peal rung at Frome, Somerset, on March 24 and reported on page 274 of The Ringing World. This peal is shown as credited to the Bath This peal is shown as credited to the Bath and Wells Association and the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. You, sir, probably had some difficulty in deciding where to print the report. Should it have gone under Bath and Wells, under Winchester and Portsmouth, or where? In the end I see you invented a new heading containing the names of both these bodies—and wasted type in doing so into the bargain!

At year-end both bodies can lay claim to this peal in their total. Thus when all peals are credited to each and every body are added up we shall arrive at a total of n+1, where n = the number of peals actually rung. How is this situation resolved? Credit half a peal to the Bath and Wells and half to the Winchester and Portsmouth? To the best of my knowledge the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild does not recognise half-peals in its records. I cannot speak for the Bath and Wells Association.

I understand from one of the ringers who took part in this peal at Frome that it was stipulated by the local "rules" that peals rung in this tower be either for the Bath and Wells on Non-Association, which seems quite fair. However, this particular ringer told the conductor he wanted all his peals to appear in the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild Report, and so this one at Frome must also be rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild Report, and so this one at Frome must also be rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild Reports and Reports chester and Portsmouth Guild!

If this double booking is allowed to continue, Peals Analysis will be meaningless. would prefer to have seen this peal at Frome reported with no mention of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, albeit my own Guild. Far better have no peals rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild than create chaos with "half-peals." Perhaps the conductor would like to pass his comments on the suggestion that he withdraw from this peal the reference to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. As things are, the matter will have to be discussed by the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild executive committee regarding acceptance of "half-peals."

I also see that in the same issue of The Ringing World (page 275) that another peal has been "double booked," i.e. Grandsire Doubles at Mitcheldean, Glos, credited to both the Gloucester and Bristol Association and the Ladies' Guild. Surely the peal could have been rung for the Ladies' Guild with a feat to the affect that all Guild with a footnote to the effect that all the ringers are members of the Goucester and Bristol. The reverse arrangement would hardly need a footnote! But this is one for someone else to sort out—if they are interested in "n+2."—Yours faithfully,

ROGER SAVORY, Master.

Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

SECURITY DURING BELL-PRACTICE

Dear Sir,—This problem arises, no doubt, in many churches, giving rise to anxiety and difficulty in safeguarding the building and its contents during bell-practice periods. A solution has been found in Portsmouth Cathedral. It may be of interest and help in solving the problem elsewhere. Following are the requirements:-

- A "fixture." For the long-term view the practice evening and time should be well known locally by established custom, advertisement or other means. Day and time should not be varied unless exceptional circumstances arise. Then, particularly if the tower is a popular one and enjoys the participation of visitors from a distance, notice of the proposed (temporary) alteration should be given in The Ringing World in addition to local notification.
- At the access door an external bellpush is set at adult-reach height, as inconspicuously as possible. The particular way in which this bell is used reduces the effects of "false" rings to a minimum. The push is connected to a bell in the ringing

How it works:-

- (a) The access door is unlocked at the known specified time and a volunteer "guard" (ringers take turns as arranged from week to week or otherwise) remains at the door for the ensuing quarter of an hour, admitting ringers only.
- At the end of the quarter of an hour the guard locks the door (inside) and goes to the ringing chamber to take part in the ringing.
- (c) From this time on any late arrivers ring the bell and wait to be admitted. This admittance is only after the current quarter-hour has elapsed, when the guard, having heard the bell in the ringing chamber, goes to admit the late-comers.
- (d) If the bell has not rung during this second quarter-hour the guard does not, of course, leave the ringing chamber.

It will be noted that this plan calls for only one journey from the ringing chamber to the access door, no matter how many late-comers there may be.

Consider a typical example—that, in fact, of Portsmouth Cathedral: Practice nights, Thursdays; time, 7.30 to 9 p.m.; access door (north) unlocked 7.30 p.m.; access door locked 7.45 p.m.; if door-bell rings during the ensuing quarter-hour, i.e. up to 8 p.m., the guard goes down (at 8 p.m.) to admit late-comers; otherwise his duty is finished. An optional aid is a small card notice outside access door stating: "Late ringers admitted at (here enter time) if door-bell is rung."—Yours faithfully,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Portsmouth.

News from Melbourne . . . ROYAL VISIT

To mark the commencement of the royal visit to the State of Victoria, St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bellringers, Melbourne, attempted to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters. Unfortunately the attempt was halted after two hours of ringing due to two bells becoming transposed. quarter peal in the same method also failed to come round. Nevertheless, St. Paul's bells rang almost continuously for five hours to welcome the Royal Family to Evensong at the Cathedral.

CLOSED HANDSTROKE LEADS

Dear Sir,-I recently visited a six-bell tower in Lancashire and found that, along with two other visitors, I was obliged to This in itself I found completely unacceptable. Apart from being hard graft, there is no sense of rhythm, and any resultant music becomes meaningless.

I was even more disturbed to discover that nearly all the new recruits at this particular tower are taught to ring in this manner. Surely it is wrong to teach upand-coming youngsters to ring this way, contrary to the traditional open lead as rung by the majority of the Exercise. I should be interested to have other ringers' comments on the matter.—Yours faithfully,
H. BROTHERTON.

Ashbourne, Derbys.

SCRAPYARD BELLS

Dear Sir,-With reference to Mr. Cawley's letter in The Ringing World of April 3, the scrapyard is only 200 yards from the site of St. Augustine's Church, but the scrap merchant assured us that he had the bells in his possession long before the church was pulled down.—Yours faithfully, C. A. BASSETT

Wadhurst, Sussex.

CALENDAR CURIOSITIES

Dear Sir,—In your issue of April 17 you quote the 90th birthday of a gentleman born on Palm Sunday, 1880, as being celebrated on Palm Sunday 1970, with the additional remark that the birthday and Palm Sunday since 1880 had not coincided.

Palm Sunday since 1880 had not coincided. In 1880 Palm Sunday fell on March 21, and in 1970 on March 22. During the intervening 90 years it fell on the former date in 1937 and 1948, and on the latter in 1891, 1959 and 1964.

As a further point of interest, it has not fallen on its earliest possible date (March 15) since 1818, and on its latest (April 18) since 1943. Another rare gem of this collection is April 17, which occurred in 1791 and 1859, but will not do again until 2011. There are others, almost as rare, such as March 16 and 17. almost as rare, such as March 16 and 17,
April 9 and 13, but space forbids a discourse upon them.—Yours faithfully,
W. E. BOX.

Harborne, Birmingham.

And from Ontario . . . BILL JACKSON IN HOSPITAL

John Owen, of 21 Summit Ave, Apt 604, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, writes:
"Unfortunately our activities have been temporarily interrupted by ill-health. Bill Jackson has been admitted to hospital and will be away from ringing for at least a few weeks. I am sure his many friends in the U.K. join with us in wishing him a

speedy and complete recovery.
"A visit to Quebec City has been arranged for the last week-end in May. At last count some 23 people, of whom 16 are ringers, plan to attend. Ringing has been arranged at both St. Matthew and the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, which, contrary to the information in 'Dove,' is quite definitely ringable.

"Should any happen to be in the vicinity of Quebec City during that weekend and would like to join with us we would be only too happy to welcome them."

ALONG THE WYLYE VALLEY

On Easter Monday morning a group of ringers from far and wide gathered at Sutton Veny to start another car tour of Wiltshire. At Sutton Veny, Mr. Deech (vicar) met us at the church, which has a central spire and an upstairs ringing chamber. The treble rope was fraved below the sally but with just sufficient tail-end to enable ringing by standing on a box. As we left we bemused the vicar with our places of resi-dence—Duxford (Cambs), Crawley and East Grinstead (Sussex), Frome (Somerset), Loughborough (Leics), Corsham, Chippenham and Lyneham (Wilts).

Next we travelled to Norton Bayant (a ground floor ring with a minor five). Extra effort was required here to control the third and fourth bells. On then to Heytesbury (a central tower, where one has to go over the roof to gain access to the ringing chamber), and here we rang our best touch of the day on bells which are a pleasure to ring and to hear.

Picnic lunch was taken en route to the light five at Chitterne. The clapper in the third was very stiff and made striking difficult and the rather lightly-set treble upset a few inexperienced ringers, whilst conductors had some difficulty making themselves heard. A few more ringers joined us and New Grandsire was the special method rung. Codford St. Peter was our next port of call. After climbing to the ringing room we had to dismantle the clock access equipment before ringing could commence Boyton was our next tower, where the ringing is done in the entrance porch. The ropes were extra long and made ringing on the rather odd-struck bells difficult, but the church contained much of interest.

Our journey to Wylye was slow due to holiday traffic, and two members wheeled a bier loaded with odds and ends from the ringing chamber before a start could be made. The bells have a rather long draught (the fourth rope comes down rather close to the wall) but were not too difficult to handle. The smaller bells were a little hard to hear over the noisy tenor.

The final tower was the eight at Amesbury, where the bells had not been rung for six months. The back three were raised with difficulty, the 6th and 8th being "crossed clapper" and the 7th took two people to raise, but proved to be a very pleasant octave once we got into the swing.

At Rowde we managed to find a suitable tavern to discuss the day's activities and drank the health of Tim Gregory and Jennifer Lees, married earlier in the day in Australia. Tim's sister was with us and had been waiting all day to drink the health of the bride and bridegroom.

All would like to thank the incumbents, the local ringers and those who met us for the pleasant day, and Mick and Betty Stracey on their organisation. A. J. C.

Southwell Guild.

WARSOP & CUCKNEY BELLS RUNG

Some 65 members attended the Mansfield District meeting held at Warsop on March 21; Cuckney bells were also available in the afternoon. The service was taken by the rector (the Rev. D. Leaning). An excellent tea was provided by the local ladies. Mr. S. W. Fossey presided over the meeting, after which there was further ringing to conclude a very pleasant occasion.

Hereford Guild. TEA AT THE HORSESHOES

The spring meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch took place at St. Mary's, Alveley, on April 4, when the pleasing ring of six

was put to good use.

The "new" branch ringing master (Mr. Harold Thomas) directed the ringing. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Alveley (Rev. A. Evans), who gave an ininteresting address. Tea was at Horseshoes, the village mostery, there was plenty of ringing for all J. B. Horseshoes, the village hostelry, and later

Guildford Guild.

IN A LOVELY VILLAGE

There was a representative gathering at Shere on April 4 to enjoy the beauty of the fine old church, set in one of the prettiest villages in Surrey, its fine and pleasant ring of eight, and the welcome of the local ringers and their rector (Rev. J. P. Grundy). The bells were well used in the afternoon under the leadership of the new ringing master (Mr. David Struckett). After taking the Guild service the Rector and several associates and "supporters" joined the ringers for tea, prepared by ringers' wives and their helpers.

At the business meeting it was announced that the striking competition on May would be at Stoke-next-Guildford (not Bramley, as on the fixture list), and other arrangements will be made for September 26 (at present listed for Stoke). Five new members were elected—Mrs. Christine Snatchfold and Godfrey Rhimes (Shere), and Graham Fowler, Colin Ediker and

Antony Sykes (Albury).

Other matters were "aired" and then ringing resumed for the evening, mostly in standard methods, but we were glad to have the keen young learners from Albury.

HIGHCLERE RINGERS' OUTING

Wales was the venue for the Highclere ringers' third Easter Monday outing and, accompanied by the rector and his wife, the party set out at 7 a.m. to a wet start but which brightened up later.

A peal at Chepstow prevented ringing there but the good eight at Almondsbury fully compensated before crossing the Severn Bridge to Caldicot. The rector met us and later a quick ring on the tricky six at Magor was possible before a wedding.

Nash was the last tower before lunch, and London Minor and the 4th with no stay will be remembered. The quiet sojourn in the "local" sent us away with happy memories of a spot off the beaten track

At the first two eights after lunch—Marshfield and Peterstone Wentloog—a tour of the churches was much enjoyed, as were the three leads of Bristol.

Our main tower of the day, Llandaff Cathedral, was a pleasure to ringers and non-ringers. Here we were met by Nicholas Simon and an old friend, Jack Prior, and one of his pupils, Bob Smith, fresh from his triumph in ringing his 1,000th peal.

Both here and at St. John's, Cardiff, Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung and were thoroughly enjoyed before setting out for the last tower, Caerphilly.

We had heard about the bells here as it is the home of our rector's mother. We had to admit that they are a better ring than our own at Highclere.

One brief stop on the homeward journey completed a happy and successful day. Our thanks to all who met us and made us welcome. G.D.

Llandaff and Monmouth Association VISITORS FROM A WIDE AREA

The 77th annual meeting, held at Newport on April 4, was attended by over 90, the visitors being from Cheshire, Durham, Norfolk, Surrey, Birmingham and Wiltshire.

During the afternoon the bells of Bassaleg, All Saints' (Newport) and St. Woolos' Cathedral were rung, and for many the visit to Bassaleg provided their first experience of ringing on steel bells. The service was conducted in the Cathedral by Rev. Arthur Edwards, the lesson read by Mr. Iolo Davies.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, prepared by Mrs. Wallace and helpers. business meeting was under the chairman-ship of Rev. A. Edwards, supported by the master (Mr. W. T. Petty). The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of Samuel Goodwin, a ringer at Monmouth for over 40 years.

The reports of the hon, secretary and the hon, treasurer had been circulated and were adopted, the officers being thanked for their work. The hon, secretary stated that membership had reached 400, an increase of 27. It was very encouraging to note many new members being elected from Bassaleg, Blaenavon, Caerleon, Coity, Grosmont, Marsh-field and Pontypridd. Branch meetings had been well attended.

The clappers at Bedwellty were rebushed and Mathern bells were being rehung, and the Monmouth Branch propose holding a meeting there in October. The highlight of the year was the Investiture of H.R.H. Prince Charles as Prince of Wales and peals were rung at Bridgend, Cardiff, Chepstow, Llandaff, Llanfrechfa, Peterstone Wentloog. Radyr and Whitchurch. Many rang the bells as part of the celebrations or to honour the visit of the Prince to their area.

The standard of ringing in the area continued to rise and many towers rang quarter peals for Sunday services. The statement of accounts showed total assets increased to £271 5s. 6d. It is hoped to build up a fund to give realistic support to restoration work

The secretary thanked the branch secretaries for their hard work and also Mr. I. D. Davies, who produced the report.

Mr. D. J. Llewellyn reported 71 peals in 1969, the leading peal ringer being Paul A. Williams (34). The leading conductor, P. S. Bennett, had 16 to his credit, and congratulations were expressed to M. J. Clarke, C. F. Cooke, P. Johnson and Miss L. Parker on their first peal, and to S. Fenwick (first as conductor). T. T. Yeomans has rung 200 for the Association, N. W. H. Simon 175, D. J. Llewellyn and W. T. Petty 150 and T. P. Edwards 100. Peals rung for the first time by resident bands were Rutland, London, Pudsey, Xerxes, Teddington, Falmouth and Bristol Surprise Major; Spliced Surprise Major in three and eight methods, Minor in 26 methods and Cambridge Surprise

Mr. R. Clench (Usk) was elected master and the remaining officers were re-elected, viz.: hon. secretary, M. J. Pryor; hon. treasurer, Rev. I. J. Richards; hon. auditors, Rev. R. C. Lucas and T. M. Roderick.

Various recommendations from the committee were adopted and notice was given that an alteration to the rules would be placed before the next A.G.M., whereby the Association would be able to send its full entitlement of representatives to the Central Council.

The master thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

Double Fatality Verdict

INQUEST ON TOM AND MARGARET FRANCIS

The Coroner for Winchester City (Mr. B. L. Bremridge) directed the jury to return a verdict of "accidental death" on Mr. Thomas Francis and Margaret, his wife, of Bassett Green Close, Southampton, at an inquest in the Guildhall, Winchester, recently.

Mr. Bremridge told the jury, "The Ford Cortina was on its near side and the Austin came across in front of the Cortina resulting in the collision."

Mr. Francis was driving the Cortina and the other car was driven by Mr. Richard



Zealley Miller, of Blackberry Lane, Four Marks. Mr. Miller and his passenger, Mr. Richard John Newall, of Telegraph Lane, Four Marks, were both injured in the accident.

Mr. Newall, the passenger in Mr. Miller's car, said they had been to the Top Rank Suite at Southampton, where alcohol is on sale. All he could remember of the

accident was a great flash of light. In his statement, Mr. Miller said they had been driving back at about 50-60 m.p.h., the roads were clear.

"As I came up the hill through Four Marks my speed was about 40 m.p.h. I put my right-hand indicator on as I wished to turn into Telegraph Lane. I didn't know I had been involved in an accident until I was told about it on the Monday."

We learn that David Francis (13), Tom and Margaret's only child, has been offered a home with friends in Southampton until his education is completed, and so will not have to move away. All ringers will wish him a successful future.



A busy Easter Day was had by the Sapcote, Leics, ringers, for they rang for five services, and the rector asked if they would also ring after Evensong. They did so!

This week's issue contains 24 pages, three of which are devoted entirely to the Central Council—the arrangements for the visit to Ilkley on May 23 and the Report of the Standing Committee. It has had to be set in small type for space and economy reasons. The economy and time elements also account for the extra four pages being on yellow paper, and no green splash this week. We shall, however, be back to normal next week.

Because footnotes to two separate peals reported recently have given false information regarding the "engagement" of two young copies we shall not in future print any similar footnote. Such notice must come omicially for publication in our advertisement columns.

"Under the weather" is our old friend Tom White, and also under the doctor! He has got to take life more quietly and not climb hills and stairs, which means he will not be in the office now (it is up three flights of stairs), and not in the belfry for a while. We are keeping him informed of all that goes on, and friends who wish to write to him should do so at 1 South Hill, Guildford.

Belfry Gossip

The Clerical Ringers on their Easter tour were accommodated in two hotels with a large petrol filling station between, which reminded one reverend gentleman of the biblical verse "between us and you there is a great (oil) gulf."

Steve Etcell, a ringer at St. Mary-le-Wigford, Lincoln, was married to Mary Atkin at St. Giles', Lincoln, on April 4. After the ceremony the bells were rung by ringers from St. Mary's, and later a quarter peal was rung there.

And at Wymondham Abbey next day (April 5) John L. Rice, of the local company, married Margaret A. Nelson. After the service the ringers, who had been augmented from neighbouring bands, rang a quarter to celebrate the occasion.

At Headington, Oxford, Christine Birks stood down from a quarter peal to allow 80-year-old Jack Keyte, who was on a visit, to ring his first quarter of mixed Doubles.

An interesting article giving extracts from Bell's Life in London of 1846 has been sent to us by Canon K. W. H. Felstead, of Southampton, regarding Ilkley, and we shall print it before the Central Council meets there.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of annual reports from Kent C.A., Hertford C.A., Southwell D.G., Guildford D.G., Hereford D.G., Ely D.A., Gloucester and Bristol D.A., Leicester D.G., Irish Association.

We learn from the matron of Alliston Nursing Home for the Elderly at Walthamstow that Mr. F. C. Maynard died there on April 9.

First peal congratulations to John Preston, Arthur Cuthbert, Ronald Brown, Glan Kingdon, Marilyn Freeman, Jane Gilder, William Beeching.

Personal records: Canon A. S. Roberts (300 peals), Gillian Radley (25), Alan R. Pink (700 for Oxford Guild), Philip J. Rothera (300).

New methods reported this week are Peterstone Wentloog S. Major, Easter S. Major and April Fools Delight.

Sussex County Association held a very successful striking competition at Bolney on April 4 with ten teams competing—two novice and eight experienced bands. Dr. D. E. Sibson was the judge and Warnham were the winners of the shield.

The C.C. rules apparently state that a peal of Caters must consist of at least 5,000 true changes. Does this mean one could have 5,000 true changes and "X" false changes? Now, we know this is not what is intended. However, if one really wanted to be awkward one could translate the rules as suggested. Just a thought. writes R. S.

Several reports of meetings and other news items have been crowded out again this week, but all, we hope, will eventually appear.

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Obituary

MR. ALLEN S. WEATHERLY

The death took place suddenly on April 13 of Mr. Allen S. Weatherly, a ringer at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth. The writer visited him the previous evening.

Although Mr. Weatherly had not been too well recently he was able to work but had not been ringing since the overhaul of the bells, completed just before Easter. He was due to retire from H.M. Dockyard on May 1 after 41 years' service, and he was looking forward to the warmer weather and being able to ring again.

Mr. Weatherly will be greatly missed at Emmanuel, as he was rarely absent for Sunday service ringing or for practice nights. He was for many years a member of St. Andrew's band but about 18 years ago he decided to ring at Emmanuel, the bells being much lighter and the church quite near his home.

Cremation took place at Efford on April 17, the service being conducted by the vicar (Rev. Roy Harris), who spoke of Mr. Weatherly's church work in the ringing of the bells. Among those attending were several members of Metham Lodge of Freemasons, of which he was a Past Master. Mr. J. P. Sims (captain) and Mr. H. H. Thomas represented Emmanuel ringers.

H. H. T.

MR. J. S. EASTWOOD

With the sudden death of James Smarfit Eastwood (76) on March 16, the ringers of St. Matthew's, Walsall, have lost a well-loved and respected friend. Jim was born at Bolton, near York, in 1894 and at the age of 16 moved to Bramley, Leeds, where he became a chorister and, shortly afterwards, a ringer at St. Peter's. In the 1914-18 war he served in the Army Catering Corps at Hednesford, Staffs, and whilst there met a local girl, who became his wife in 1924.

In 1927, due to the employment situation, Jim and his wife moved to Walsall, where he obtained employment and later became manager of a grocery store. After settling in Walsall Jim joined the ringers at St. Matthew's and rang on the ten prior to the recasting and augmentation to 12 in 1929. His ringing time was considerably restricted due to business commitments, and it was not until his retirement, 11 years ago, that he was able to devote more time to ringing, especially in the field of peal ringing.

For many years he was secretary, and later treasurer, of St. Matthew's Ringers, and at one time he was ringing master of the Stafford Archdeaconry, a position of the he was particularly proud. During the last two or three years Jim became one of a band of retired ringers who rang for week-day services in the district.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral service, which was conducted by the vicar of Walsall (Rev. R. W. Jackson), who gave a short address, and the ashes were buried in the Garden of Rest in St. Matthew's churchyard.

Jim's cheerful presence, efficiency and punctuality were an inspiration to all and his passing has left a gap which it will be difficult to fill. May he rest in peace.

D. J. W.

Hertford County Association

THE NEW PRESIDENT INSTALLED

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at Bishop's Stortford on April 4 and ringing took place at many towers in the area during the day. A service was conducted in St. Michael's Church and was attended by a large congregation. A touch of Kent T.B. Maximus on handbells was rung during the service.

Bishop's Stortford District members and their wives provided tea in the Water Lane Institute and this was followed by the business meeting. The president, Mr. Walter Ayre, welcomed those present and thanked the Association for the honour of electing him president during the year of the Central Council's visit to Hertfordshire and for their kindness and help during the year.

A life membership certificate was presented to Mr. Fred Bird, of Bishop's Stortford, but Mr. G. W. Debenham, who was due to receive a certificate, was unable to be present. A moment's silence to honour those who had died during the past year was observed — Canon J. H. Bailey (associate), W. T. Holmes (past president), A. G. Cook (King's Langley), R. Goldsney (Great Gaddesden).

Mr. A. R. Kench was congratulated on his election as master of the College Youths and committee reports were taken as read.

Mr. H. G. Cashmore received a token of appreciation for his 25 years' work for the Association in checking peal compositions. John Mayne agreed to do this work in future, providing that someone checked his compositions, and Mr. Roger Baldwin agreed to do this.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers followed. Mr. A. R. Agg did not seek re-election as general secretary and he proposed Mr. R. E. Hardy for this office, which was carried. The president presented Mr. Agg with a suitably engraved English pewter tankard and a cheque in recognition of his work over the past ten years, and Mrs. Anne Agg was presented with a flower arrangement for the help she had given to her husband. For the election of president, Mr. K.

Westwood proposed and Mr. G. Dodds seconded Mr. A. R. Agg, and amid acclamation Mr. Ayre formally installed Mr.

Agg as the new president.

Thanking everyone for the honour that had been conferred upon him, Mr. Agg said he was proud to follow Mr. Ayre in the presidency, and had been grateful to have Mr. Ayre's guidance during the past year, especially in connection with the visit of the Central Council. Mr. Agg asked members to consider ways in which those who had given long and faithful service to the Association could receive recognition. Other officers elected were: assistant sectors.

Other omcers elected were: assistant secretary, Mrs. M. A. Coburn; treasurer, Mr. H. Collings; peals secretary, Mr. G. Penney; librarian, Mr. J. Dodds. Messrs. Mercer and Hole who had acted as hon. auditors for many years had asked to be relieved of the task and Mrs. S. Brown was elected to

be hon, auditor.

The perplexing question of decimalisation caused the only resolutions on the agenda. After discussion it was agreed that the rules be amended to read "The associate members, ringing members and probationers shall subscribe not less than 25 new pence annually. Members under 16 years of age shall subscribe 15 new pence annually." A proposal to increase the peal booking fee to three new pence was defeated and 2½ new pence substituted.

Ely Diocesan Association

NEW RULES DEALT WITH

Easter Monday found the Ely Association holding its annual meeting in the Wisbech area, and from an early hour it was apparent that many old and new friends were going to be seen in the 17 towers which were open for ringing. In the afternoon all roads led to Elm, where the service was held and was conducted by the vicar (Rev. H. S. Joseph), the address being given by the president, the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea followed in the Church Hall, over 130 persons sitting down, and the meeting followed, with the president in the chair. The 1969 report, which had been circulated was adopted. The officers were all reelected and thanked for their services. 1970 striking competition is to be held in September at Willingham, and for the 1971 A.G.M. an invitation was received to visit the Huntingdon District on Easter Monday. which was accepted.

The new rules were dealt with at length and after certain amendments had been made were carried. The president expressed thanks to the committee for their work in this matter.

A suggestion from the committee was that an editor be appointed to produce the report. After discussion an amendment was made that the general secretary, four district secretaries, the peal secretary and a vice-president (as chairman) be the editorial committee. The amendment was carried.

The general secretary reported that he had received a letter from the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association asking for support in the case of the Stinchcombe bells and this received sympathetic consideration. It was also reported that on January 12, 1972, the Ely Association celebrates its 75th anniversary. The profit from the tea that day was given to the Elm Bell Fund and Rev. H. S. Joseph expressed his thanks for the money.

The president thanked all for making the meeting enjoyable and expressed hopes that he would be present with them next year.

Mr. H. Levens proposed a vote of thanks to the president for his address at the service and for taking the chair at the meeting to the vicar for conducting the service and to all the incumbents for the use of their bells during the day; to the organist, the Wisbech District committee (especially Mr. G. Mann) and the ladies who served the tea.

A prayer by the president closed the meeting. H. S. P.

The Kimpton cup competition will be taken over by the Association at the request of the present organisers and the response to the competition will determine the future arrangements.

An appeal from the Gloucester and Bristol Association for support for the restoration of Stinchcombe bells was received and it was agreed to donate £5. Stinchcombe was a warning that bells should not be allowed to become silent.

The suggestion of an Association tie was made a probability by the show of hands and Dr. Gullick is to explore the possibilities

Thanks were expressed to the Bishop's Stortford District for the excellent way in which they had arranged the day's activities, to the incumbents for use of the bells, tower secretaries for their help, and to the ladies and their "helpers" for the tea.

Ringing at Bishop's Stortford and Thorley took place after the meeting. M. A. C.

Notices

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RIRTHS

Stickland.—Ruth (nee Havard) and the Rev. Geoffrey Stickland are very pleased to announce the arrival of their son, Mark William (weighing 5 lb. 13 oz.), on Monday, April 6, at Cardiff Maternity Hospital. 8723
Trill.—To Tricia (nee Barlow) and Brian, on March 24, 1970, a daughter (Lucy Ann). 8708

ENGAGEMENT

Norris—Lambert.—John and Mary, of Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint, are very happy to announce their engagement.

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EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Essex Association.—S.W. District.—District Association.—S.W. District.—District.—Striking competition, Havering, Sat., May 9, 6 p.m. Last minute entries to K. Warner (Tel. 520 8818). This month's weekday practice at Hornchurch on 26th. 8721

Hertford County Association. - Northern

District.—Surprise practice, Stevenage, Tues., May 5, from 7.30-9 p.m 8727

Lincoln Guild.—North Lindsey Branch.—Evening meeting, Elsham, Sat., May 9. Ringing 7-9 p.m. 8657

Middlesex County Association. — Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Mon., May 4, at 7 p.m.
Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Witney and Wood-

stock Branch.—Branch practice, Bampton (8), Mon., May 4, 7 p.m.—E. Venn, Branch Sec. 8682

MISCELLANEOUS

Sussex County Association.—Northern Division.—Car rally, Sat., May 2. Start 3 p.m., Crawley. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening. Please let me have your name and numbers in your car for tea as early as possible.—Jean Osbon, Hon, Div. Sec. 8689

AFTERNOON PRACTICES AND

MEETINGS

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., May 2, at Ilmington. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing after tea. Also Alderminster (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Berrow, The Old School House, Ilmington, Shipston-on-Stour.—H. A. M.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Ely District.— Striking competition, Stretham, Sat., May 2. Assemble for 3 p.m. start. Service 4.30, Tea and results 5. Further ringing during evening until 8.30 p.m. until 8.30 p.m.

Essex Association (N.W. District) and Ely Essex Association (N.W. District) and Ely Diocesan Association (Cambridge District.—A joint meeting will be held at Ashdon (8) on Sat., May 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by further ringing, All welcome. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hon. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.—Miss J. Sanderson, Hon. Sec. 8600

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Sat., May 2, 2–8 p.m.; Sun., May 3, 2–7.30 p.m. Berkeley (10) for festival of flowers. Tea available both days. No names required.—G. Minors, Hon.

Hertford County Association.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth (10), Sat., May 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to D. M. Hibbert, 26 Beacon Way, Rickmansworth (Tel.: 73735).—A. C. D. Mayes, Dis. Sec.

Hertford County Association.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Benington (8), Sat., May 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided.

Barnsley and District Society.—Meeting at Wentworth, Sat., May 9. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at Church School (4s. 6d.). Names to Mr. Michael King, The Vicarage, Wentworth, by Thursday, please.

Bath and Wells Association. -- Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Monkton, May 9. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41 George Street, Taunton, Somerset.

Derby Diocesan Association.—Chesterfield District.—Annual ringing contest at Creswell on Sat., May 9. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. S. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. (Tel.: Creswell 370.)—Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

Derby Diocesan Association. — Derby District.—Horsley cup contest heats, Spondon, on May 9, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Thrower, 51 Church Street, Spondon, Derby.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Striking competition and meeting, Little Shelford, May 9. Draw 3 p.m. sharp. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, results, business meeting if necessary. General ringing at Stapleford afterwards. Team entries by May 2; names for tea by May 6.—Miss J. Sanderson, 1 Orchard Gate, Melbourn, Royston, Herts.

Essex Association.—South Fastern District

Essex Association.—South Eastern District.
—Meeting and striking competition, Purleigh (6), Sat., May 9. Competition 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. General ringing in evening. All welcome.—
R. J. H., Dis. Sec. 8663

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.—Striking competition, May 9, at Stoke. Bells available to all after tea. Tea for those who notify Mr. W. Savill, 82 Woking Road, Guildford, by Tuesday, May 5.

Hereford Guild .- Bromyard District .- Quarterly meeting, Whitbourne, May 9, 5.30-9 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 8706

Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., May 9, Little Munden (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise Minor. Names for tea to S. E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel.: 5664), by Wed., May 6.—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 8716

Hertford County Association.-Western District. — Meeting, May 9, Sarratt (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Tomlinson, The Rectory, The Green, Sarratt, near Rickmansworth.

Kent County Association.-Maidstone Dis-Tea (price 4s.) 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. R. Ferrell, Beresford Cottage, Boughton Monchelsea. Maidstone.

Lancashire Association.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting on Sat., May 9 at Broughton - in - Furness. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Langtree, The Square, Broughton-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe. 8713

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Leicester District.
—Meeting, Newtown Linford, May 9. Bells 3
p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in church schoolrooms afterwards. District striking competition will take place after meeting. Tea names, please, whether ringing in competition or not, to Mr. J. Richardson, 412 Bradgate Road, Newtown Linford, Leicester (Markfield 2095), by Wed., May 6.—Ron Hughes.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Syston District.

The May monthly meeting will be held at Billesdon on Sat., May 9. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. G. Geary, 16 Leicester Road, Billesdon, by May 6. All ringers very welcome.

M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 8710

Lincoln Diocesan Guild,—Central Branch.— Striking contest, Martin, Sat., May 9. Start 2.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 5.45 p.m. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, 56 Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—

Landaff and Monmouth Association.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, May 9 at Caerleon. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow.

Southwell Diocesan Guild. - Bingham p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wed. previous. 8734

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—N. Notts District.—Meeting, Bawtry and Misson, May 9. Bawtry, 3-5 p.m.; Misson, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Jewitt (address in report) by Thurs., May 7, at latest. 8729

Suffolk Guild.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., May 9, Blythburgh (6), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Gibson, 1 Heath Road, Wenhaston, Halesworth, Suffolk, by Wed., May 6. Wenhaston (6) available in evening. Please note change of venue.—T. N. J. B. 8731

Gloucester and Bristol Association.-Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Avening (6), May 16, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cherington (4) also available after tea. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford. 8687

Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch. Lancashire Association. Watterson:

—Afternoon practice, Sat., May 16. St. Peter's,
Swinton, bells (8), 2.30-5 p.m. Everyone wel8693

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mansfield District.—Crawford cup round, Selston (6), May 16. Draw 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14 Lindley Street, Selston, Nottingham, NG16 6DN.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.-Meeting at State Archeeaconry Society.—Meeting at Shareshill, near Wolverhampton, Sat., May 16. Bells (6) available 3-4.25 p.m. and during evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Committee meet in nave at 3 p.m. Names for tea. please, to Mr. H. Butler, 5 Pool Cottages. Shareshill, Wolverhampton, Staffs, by May 13 latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8574

Christ Church, Coseley, Staffs.—Flower festival, May 28-31. Bells available on the afternoon of May 30. Details later. 8711

Saffron Walden Society (Est. 1623).—Preliminary notice.—The 347th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Sat., June 27. Twelve bells. Full particulars later. Please book the date.—L. E. Pitstow. 8714

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At St. Andrew's, Kingswood (6). Service 4.30 p.m.

Ringing: St. Martin's, Epsom (10), 2.30-3.30; All Saints', Banstead (8), 3-4; St. Andrew's, Kingswood (6), 3-4.30.

Tea 5.15 p.m. and business meeting (6 p.m.) will be held in the Church Hall in Lower Kingswood Village (A271), about one mile distant. Names for tea should be sent to Miss B. Minnion, 38 Josephine Avenue, Lower Kingswood, Surrey (Telephone Mogador 2237). Tickets for dinner will be on sale.—Colin H. Cook, Gen. Sec. Cook, Gen. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS

THE GUILD FESTIVAL

will be held at Bridport on May 9, 1970. The festival service will be in the Church of St. Mary at 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets for tea (6s. 6d.) to be obtained from the Asst. Hon. Sec., Mr. N. Knee, 75 Boreham Road, Warminster, Wilts, by Mon., May 4. Please send s.a.e. Strictly no ticket,

no tea.

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Canonicorum (8), Askerswell (6), Loders (6),
Symondsbury (6), Broadwindsor (6),
Netherbury (6),
6.30 to 8.30 p.m.:—
Beaminster (8)

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At Woodford, near Kettering,

On Saturday, May 9.

Committee meeting in School Rooms 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Tea tickets (4s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to be obtained from Mr. V. Headland, 6 Long Row, Woodford, near Kettering, Northants, by Tuesday, May 5.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL, 1970 NANTWICH

Saturday, May 9

A.G.M. 2 p.m. in Church Hall.

Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

Tea tickets 5s, 6d. (children 4s, 6d.) from Mr. J. E. Brough, 25 Queen's Drive, Nantwich. Cheshire, before May 4.

N.B.—Increased charges for late applicants. RINGING ARRANGEMENTS.

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Nantwich (8) Evening ringing at Nantwich and Acton. Other towers by arrangement.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION Saturday, May 9

Ringing: St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3-4.15 p.m. All Saints', West Ham, 6.30-7.30 p.m., with short business meeting after. Own tea.

Monday, May 18

Surprise practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

Summer outing—please book early.

Mr. Robin J. Collis has resigned from the office of hon. secretary. For the time being communication should be with the master.

Mrs. O. L. Rogers, 53 The Grove, Isleworth, Middx, or the assistant hon. secretary, J. H. Lott, 63 Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6. 8730

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at BRIGHTON On SATURDAY, MAY 9

Service in St. Peter's, Brighton, at 4 p.m. Service in St. Peter's, Brighton, at 4 p.m.

Tea in St. Peter's Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is essential to notify names for tea by Wednesday, May 6, and please state if junior member. Send notifications to Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, 19 Victoria Road, Southwick, Brighton, BN4 4DJ.

10.00-11.00 a.m. Bolney (8), Hellingly (6), Steyning (8).

10.45-11.45 a.m. Cowfold (6), Twineham (5) Laughton (6).

11.00 a.m.-12 noon Henfield (8), Newick (6), Buxted (8).

Burgess Hill (8), Chailey (6), Uckfield (8).
Ditchling (8), Wivelsfield (6), Little Horsted (6).
Aldrington (8), Hurstpierpoint (8), Ringmer (8), Barcombe (6) 11,30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. 12 noon- 1.00 p.m.

,.00- 2.00 p.m. 1.30- 2.30 p.m. Southover (Lewes) (10).

1.30- 2.15 p.m. Keymer (6). 2.00- 3.00 p.m. Good Shepherd, Brighton (8); St. Nicolas', Brighton (10). St. Peter's, Brighton (10). 3.00- 3.45 p.m.

If time permits after the business meeting, the bells of St, Peter's Brighton, will be available for ringing. 8491

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in BURTON

on Saturday, May 9.

St. Paul's bells (10) available 3-4.15 p.m.
Tea and business meeting in Friar's Walk
Schools, 4.45 p.m.
St. Modwen's bells (8) available after meeting. All welcome.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting in BRISTOL

May 30.
Bath Abbey (10) 10.30-11.30
Bristol:—

SS. Philip and Jacob (8) 10.30-11.30 St. James (10) 11.15-12.45 Lunch (20s.), Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol, 1.15, followed by business meeting. Names for lunch by May 18 at latest.

Bristol Cathedral (8) 2.45-3.45 St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 3.45-5.15 Christ Church (10) 5.00-6.30

Social evening, Waggon and Horses, 16 Bath Street, Bristol, at 6.30. It will be of assistance if those requiring food will let me know.—
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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **GREAT YARMOUTH**

Saturday, May 2 THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at Great Yarmouth on Sat., May 2. SERVICE at the Church of St. Nicholas at 4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, Rev. D.

Holt.
EA, following the service, at St. James'
Parish Hall, Great Yarmouth. Names for
tea to be sent to Mrs. G. Harvey, 15
Clarence Road, Great Yarmouth (phone:

ANNUAL MEETING will be held immediately after tea.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:
St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, 2-4 p.m. and after meeting.

and after meeting.

St. Andrew's, Gorleston, after meeting.
Blofield (6), 2-2.45 p.m.
Acle (6), 3-3.30 p.m.
Kessingland (6), 2-2.45 p.m.
Pakefield (8), 3-3.30 p.m.
H. W. Barrett, Gen. Sec.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

for the late
Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Saturday, May 16
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London University Society.—A.G.M., Sat., May 9. Service, St. Olave's, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in Church Hall. Ringing arrangements later.

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arrangements later.

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT

Southam St. James' practice night will be changed to Tuesday with effect from May 5, 1970; still at 7.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. 8740

CANCELLED PRACTICE

Ewell, Surrey.—Tues., May 5: instead, all are invited to evening of talks about the bells, brasses and antiquities of the old and present church. Coffee and refreshments.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice meeting, Mine-head, Sat., May 9, 7 p.m., and 6-bell at Wins-ford, Sat., May 23, 6.30 p.m.—E. R. T-B.

Bedfordshire Association. — Annual general meeting, Dunstable, Sat., May 2. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Towers: Caddington (6), 10-11; Tilsworth (6), 11.30-12.30; Stanbridge (5), 12-1; Totternhoe (8), 2-3 (subject to permission); Edlesborough (6), 2.30-3.30; Dunstable (8), 3-5 and 7-9; Luton (10), 7.30-9.—P. Mehew, 2742

Beverley and District Ringing Society.—A joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) at Pocklington, Sat., May 9. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 19 Victoria Road. Pocklington.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Wroughton (6), May 9, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, Names for tea to me by May 6.—P. Tombs, Branch Sec., 31 Little Avenue, Swindon, Witts. 8739

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Luppitt, Sat., May 9. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. C. Woodley (Telephone Control of the Sidmouth 2795). 8748
Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex.—Ringing week-

Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex.—Ringing weekend, May 9 and 10. New church hall will be dedicated and opened by Bishop of Colchester, Sunday 3 p.m. Ringing programme: Stansted bells all day Saturday. Sunday ringing times: Matins, 10-11 a.m. Peal attempt 2 p.m. Evensong 6-6.30. Other towers: Manuden (5) bells, Saturday, 9-11 a.m.; Clavering (6), 11 a.m.-12 noon: Newport (6), 2-4 p.m.: Wendens Ambo (6), 4-5 p.m. Tea and coffee and light refreshments available at Church Cottage on Saturday and Sunday. All welcome.—D. J. Cheeseman, verger.

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Lancashire Association.—Preston Branch.—
Next branch meeting at St. John's, Whittle-le-Woods, Sat., May 9. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. P. R. Jackson, Dalton Lodge. 194 Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.
Chorley, by Wednesday.— R. Barnes, Asst.
Branch Sec.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Annual competition, Pembroke, Sat., May 9, commencing 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. C. Rogers, 32
St. Michael's Road, Pembroke.—J. Prytherch, Hon. Sec.

St. Michael's Road, Pembroke.—J. Frythersch, Hon. Sec. Suffolk Guild.—Annual striking competition, Higham, Sat., May 16. Will teams please be present by 1.30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. Evensong 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and presentation of shield. Entries to gen. sec. Names for tea to C. Ablitt, Lowlands. Stratford St. Mary, by Wed., May 13. 8751

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to contribute to the Tom White testimonial. The list closes next Friday, so please, if you wish to be associated with the appreciation of his work as Editor for 23 years, send your gift today to R.W. office or to Mrs. Staniforth.

MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD

After a short illness Mr. William Shepherd, of 22 Chapel Park Road, Addlestone, Surrey, died in St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, on Thursday last week (23rd), where he had been admitted a few days previously. Cremation was at St. John's Crematorium, Woking, on April 27.

DEVON GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING May 16, Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth.

Service 4.15 p.m.

Numbers for tea to F. Mack, 7 Bapton Lane, Exmouth, by May 13.

Ringing Arrangements:-

Aylesbeare (6)	11.00- 1.00	Lympstone (6)	2.00- 3.45
Broadclyst (8)	11.00-12.30	Otterton (6)	11.30-12.30
Clyst Honiton (8)	2.15- 3.15	Pinhoe (6)	1.00- 2.00
Colaton Raleigh (6)	11.00-12.00	Poltimore (6)	12.00- 1.00
East Budleigh (8)	1.00- 3.30	Topsham (6)	2.30- 3.30
Littleham (8)	2.00- 4.00	Whimple (6)	1.30- 2.30
		Withycombe Raleigh (8)	2.00- 4.15
		Woodbury (8)	1.30- 3.30
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COMPOSITIONS

5088 EASTER SURPRISE MAJOR

By MURRAY A. COLEMAN

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By E. W. TIPLER (B.11)

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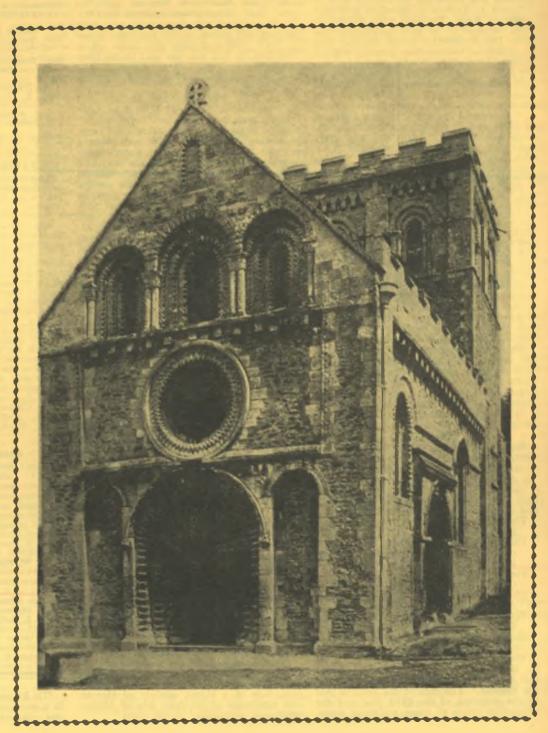
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St. Mary the
Virgin,
Iffley, Oxford

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St. Mary the Virgin, Iffley, Oxford

THIS YEAR IFFLEY is celebrating the 8th centenary of its Norman Romanesque church, said to be one of the most perfectly preserved 12th century parish churches in

England.

Unlike many ancient churches, Iffley retains its original simple rectangular plan with central tower, undistorted by later addition of aisles and transepts. While exhibiting the typical solidity of Norman structures, it has a wealth of decoration of the late Romanesque period (just before Norman was succeeded by Gothic) such as is found at Kilpeck in Hereford and Barfreston in Kent. The west front (shown on cover picture) is its most spectacular feature. The doorway is deeply recessed with six orders of over-arching columns without capitals, four adorned with chevron or zigzag carving and two with 110 "beak-heads surmounted by a semicircular hood-mould bearing signs of the zodiac and symbols of the evangelists. Above these is a rose window framed in chevron moulding (restored in 1858) and in the gable above three original windows with beak-head and other decoration. "Beak-heads," i.e., birds' heads with large eyes and great beaks curving round columns, were a striking invention of English artists in the 12th century.

The south doorway has many carvings of men and beasts, natural and mythical, full of vitality and humour, in some cases having symbolic meaning. On the right are reminders of good: a mounted knight encourages his weary companion to persevere, and Samson slays a lion—a common symbol of Christ overcoming "our adversary the Devil." On the left are warnings of evil: wild beasts overpower tame; an amazing strip-cartoon has a centaur picking forbidden fruit and giving it to his wife, who in turn suckles her centaur-child—an allusion to the Fall of Man, with the moral

that evil breeds evil.

Inside, magnificent carved arches support the tower and the Romanesque vaulted choir bay has floral carving on the triple shafts in each corner. The extreme east end is either an extension of the Norman chancel or a rebuilding of something earlier. It is a very fine example of 13th century Early English workmanship.

THE BELLS

We do not know when change-ringing started at Iffley. In 1552 Edward VI's commissioners reported the church as possessing "iii gret bells, a saunce (sanctus) bell and a hande bell." Today there is a ring of six bells (tenor 10 cwt. in A, 38½ inches dia.) and a sanctus. Details are as follows:—

Treble and second.—Thomas Janaway

fecit 1785.

Third.—Mears & Stainbank. Vivos voco, mortuos plango, fulgura frango. Cast 1592. Recast 1869.

Fourth.—Prayse ye the Lorde. 1592.

(Joseph Carter.)

Fifth.—No inscription (17th cent. shape. Abraham Rudhall I?)

Tenor.—Our hope is in the Lord. 1642. (Ellis Knight I.)

Sanctus.—God send us peace. 1709. (Abraham Rudhall I.)

They were rehung in a new oak frame by White in 1911. The translation is: call the living, I mourn the dead, I break the thunder." The date of the tenor is that of the outbreak of the Civil War and the inscription refers to those troublous times,

when Charles Forbench, the incumbent of Iffley, imprisoned at Woodstock for using the prohibited Book of Common Prayer, "If I must not read it, resolved I am to say it by heart, in spite of all the rogues in England." The bells were originally rung from ground level between the nave and chancel, but later a first floor ringing chamber was made and the ringers moved out of sight of the congregation.

Little is known of ringing at Iffley in the years up to the Second World War. The present tower captain, who rang then, remembers that the only ringing was "off the cards" and that each member had "his own" bell. Ringing was resumed in 1945. Of the members who formed the new band two are still active, as are two who joined in 1947. Change-ringing was taken up in 1946 and the first post-war peal by the Iffley band was in 1950. Three members who took part in that peal are still with the

The Iffley band has had its ups and downs but enthusiasm has never been lacking. At present there are ten "fully fledged" ringers (including three ladies) and four lads who are very interested and showing promise for the future. The ringers regularly help at other less fortunate towers in and around Oxford, go off for weekend ringing trips to distant parts of the country and always arrange an outing for families friends in the summer. They are selfsufficient in such matters as new bell ropes and decoration of the ringing chamber. Although interest has always been keen there is a feeling among the ringers of "We're really going places now," both in matters of outings and skill at change-ringing.

The 8th centenary celebrations are being held from May 9 to 17, with a programme of daily events, and visitors will be very Details can be obtained from Iffley Rectory, Oxford. A quarter peal is to be rung on the two Sundays of the festival, May 10 and 17, before Evensong, and it is hoped to attempt a peal when there is

a free day.

MR. A. E. RUSHTON IN HOSPITAL

As most of his friends know, Mr. A. E. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association, has been "unpealable" for a considerable time. Restoration work is being undertaken by St. Bartholomew's Hospital (dismantling April 21).

His son, Dr. C. A. Rushton, is "ringable" and will be pleased to give news of progress of restoration work (Hitchin 52023), preferably after evening surgery time.

ST. PETER MANCROFT OFFICERS

The annual general meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild of Ringers was held on March 23. The following officers were elected: master, Martin Cubitt; deputy master, David Cubitt; steeplekeeper, Clif-ford Bird; secretary / treasurer, Barbara Payne; and any correspondence should be addressed to Miss B. M. Payne, 61 Lilburne Avenue, Catton Grove, Norwich, NOR 78N.

From the Daily Mail, April 20, 1970:-"A bellringer needs the patience of Job, strength of Samson, wisdom of Solomon, rhythm of David, lungs of brass, hands of iron, hide of a hippo, subtlety of Harold, and gentleness of Sir Alec, life of Methuselah and stickability at all times."

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'Tis known by the name of perseverance in a good cause—and of obstinacy in a bad one.—Sterne.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

Mr. John Freeman the New Master

Holy Communion in the Ringers' Chapel of the Cathedral started the A.G. meeting day, 1970. Ringing in the morning was at Blankney, Metheringham, Dunston, Nocton and Branston. The city churches of St. Botolph, St. Peter, St. Giles and the Cathedral were the venues for afternoon and evening ringing. Fully choral Evensong was in the Cathedral, when the president (the Dean of Lincoln) welcomed the 160-plus ringers from the diocese and various neighbouring counties. Tea and meeting followed in the ancient Titbe Barn.

The 1969 report and accounts were adopted and 23 non-resident life member elections were confirmed.

John Freeman was elected the Guild's new master as Mr. J. Bray did not seek re-election. Mr. Brav thanked all officers and members for their loyal support and co-operation during his long term of office as hon. secretary and master, and presented the Guild with a beautiful gavel, made of Lincolnshire oak from Althorpe Hall, near to his home in North Lincolnshire. The thanks of all members were expressed by Mr. Freeman, the new master, for all Mr. Bray's work for the Guild, for the dignity he had shown as master and for the gift of the gavel.

All the other officers were re-elected.

Approval was given to the changeover arrangements to decimal currency and to the amendment of rules relating to finance. A motion emphasising the Guild's concern about the 58 churches declared redundant in the diocese, containing some 299 bells, was carried. It requested the Guild representative on the Diocesan Advisory Committee for Faculties be officially informed of all declared redundancies; that no bells be disposed of, and that accommodation be provided for the storage of these bells until further use and preservation could be arranged in the diocese.

A further motion was submitted requesting The Ringing World Committee to continue publishing all methods rung in multimethod peals. Should the publication of methods be omitted for space saving only then all methods be officially numbered, to enable all members of the Exercise to know what had been rung. This motion was also adopted.

The Guild's senior member, Mr. H. Squires, of Hough-on-the-Hill, now over 90 years, was welcomed by Mr. J. Bray and acclaimed generously by the members. Votes of thanks were extended to all incumbents and the ladies, who provided an excellent tea. J. L. M.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.

A NEW PRESIDENT

63rd A.G.M., held at Warwick (where the Guild was really born), was extremely well supported and good use made of the eight at St. Nicholas' and the majestic ten at St. Mary's, with its tower built over the street following the disastrous fire of 1694. The guild service, which followed the business, was in the beautiful and historic Church of St. Mary, and was conducted by the vicar (Canon McDowell Morgan), who, unfortunately, is leaving

Warwick shortly.

At the business meeting Mrs. D. E. Beamish was elected president to succeed Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, who is leaving the district. The hon. general secretary (Mr. H. M. Windsor) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. H. G. Summers) were re-elected, and the nominated district officers were approved. Minor changes in subscriptions and dates of meetings were made, Burton Dassett was proposed as the place for the quarterly meeting in July, and the striking competition will be held at Harbury in September. The meeting closed with thanks to all who had contributed to a most successful meeting. F. W. P.

ST. JAMES', CLERKENWELL, TOUR
Some 24 St. James' ringers and friends
joined on April 18 for a tour of Berkshire and Oxfordshire, the arrangements being made by Michael Wycherley and Andrew Cope. Towers visited were Wallingford, Brightwell, Dorchester, Warborough, Watlington and Magdalen, Oxford. Thanks are expressed to the incumbents of these churches.

The ringing went well, especially at Magdalen, and later a dinner was held in the vicinity of St. Mary Abbotts.

This was the first event of its kind at St. James' in recent years, and its success makes similar affairs quite probable. D. K. G.

Railwaymen's Guild

SUBSCRIPTIONS RAISED

Approaching 50 members of the Railwaymen's Guild visited Guildford on April 25 for their annual meeting, but some arriving on the Friday night were able to participate on the Friday hight were able to participate in the Cathedral practice. Ringing on the Saturday was at Shalford, the Cathedral, Holy Trinity, St. Nicolas', Stoke and St. Mary's, with the master (Mr. Jack N. Brown) in charge. The local arrangements were made by Mr. C. Bassett.

The annual meeting followed tea at the Corona Café, the master being in the chair, supported by Mr. J. Arthur Hoare (hon. secretary). He welcomed as guests Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Martin (Staff Association), Mr. T. W. White (former R.W. editor) and Mr. Keith Game (secretary of the Surrey Association). Mr. White, in acknowledging the compliment, said the Guild would receive with satisfaction the report of the Standing Committee of the Central Council with reference to the retention of non-territorial Associations and added: "It would be a most unkind act if the Guild was to lose its representation."

The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr. Victor Griffin, of Oxford.

The accounts were presented by Mr. Hoare, total balance being £24 6s. 2d. against £16 last year and there was nearly £10 in the Bell Restoration Fund. The meeting regarded the present subscription as inadequate to meet the proposed new postal charges and from 1971 it will be 4s, instead of 3s. 6d. The secretary said there was an increase in membership and it was a pleasure to see new faces present.

EASTERN REGION DIVIDED

A notice of motion from Mr. E. Franklin to divide the Eastern Region from a line between Newark and Boston was accepted. Mr. Sutton, of York, spoke in favour and expressed a willingness to be responsible for the Northern District.

The master, the hon, secretary and the auditors (Messrs. J. E. Brough and F. R. Morton) were re-elected. Regional officers appointed were London Midland, Mr. S. Foskett; Western, Mr. B. Kyneston; North Eastern, Mr. Sutton (North), Mr. W. Shanks (South); Southern, Mr. C. Bassett.

General approval was given to a regional striking competition and Mr. Martin said it would be within the ambit of the Staff Association, and would cover a day's leave and a rail pass. Final details are to be worked out by the secretary and regional officers and an announcement will appear in The Ringing World.

The September meeting will be held at Northampton and meetings for 1971 are annual, Worcester, and half-yearly, Ipswich. The vote of thanks to all concerned for providing the Guild with an enjoyable day at Guildford was proposed by Mr. Sid Fossey.

STRIKING COMPETITION

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild held their striking competition at Cogenhoe on April 25.

Five towers entered and the winning team was that of Holy Sepulchre, North-ampton (18 faults), with Brafield 2nd and Pitsford 3rd.

The judges were Messrs. Harry Wooding (Wellingborough Branch), J. Malcolm Tyler (Peterborough Branch) and Brian Danby A.H. (Daventry Branch).

Kent County Association

ROCHESTER WIN ROSE BOWL

On April 18, the date set for the striking competition of the Rochester District, this year's venue was at Cuxton (an easy-going six) on the west bank of the Medway. Eight bands entered but one had to withdraw. The draw for the order of ringing took place at 2.30 p.m. and the young band who won the competition last year were the first to ring and they set a high standard for the remaining bands. A well-struck 240 of Cambridge Surprise was rung for the service at 4.30 p.m., which was fully choral Evensong. Tea was in the hall in the nearby village of Halling and the judges, Mr. H. E. Audsley and Mr. P. A. Corby, then pronounced their verdict, which showed the following: 1st Rochester Cathedral Tunstall (113, ringing only five bells), 4th Sittingbourne (125), 5th Cuxton (153), 6th equal, Gravesend and Rainham (214).

Mr. Corby stated that Cuxton had rung

"cartwheel" fashion and their ringing was even, but as open handstroke leads were the accepted thing in Southern England it was felt that they must fault the ringing because of this. The general faults were that many tended to ring with a loose rope, thereby not having perfect control of the bell, and dodges were not made cleanly. He congratulated the bands for their courage

in entering the competition.

The rector's wife then presented the rose bowl to Mr. Trevor A. Cross, who represented the Cathedral band which will represent the district at the county striking competition in September. Other business included the election of six new members and the decision that the time of service at district meetings be 4.15 p.m. Mr. Frank Cheal proposed thanks to the rector and the Cuxton band and further ringing then took place. Altogether 80 members attended.

Leicester Guild

TWO DISTRICTS JOIN

On April 18 a joint meeting of the Melton and Syston Districts of the Leicester Diocesan Guild attracted a large gathering. The bells of St. Luke's, Gaddesby, and St. Mary's, Ashby Folville, were rung during the afternoon and in the evening.

A short service was held at Gaddesby, conducted by Mr. T. C. Belton (diocesan lay reader), of Birstall, Mrs. Pugh being at the organ. Mr. A. G. Clarke (district chairman) welcomed the ringers on behalf of the vicar and also read the lesson. Tea was provided in the village hall by Mrs. S. N. Hall and helpers for about 80 ringers from 22 towers. After a short ring at Gaddesby and Ashby the bells of St. Mary's, Queniborough, were rung for the rest of the evening. Visitors were from Chatham Frome, Reading, Runcorn and Lowdham.

Bath and Wells Association SECRETARY LEAVING

The quarterly meeting of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at High Hittleton on April 11. Seven branch towers were sparsely represented, possibly due to the fact that it was cup final day. Visitors were present from East Lyng, Barton St. David and Marks-

New members were elected from High Littleton, Shepton Mallet, Farmborough and Wanstrow and attention was drawn to the Frome ringers' bells and clock restoration appeal. The general secretary's wish that quarter peals are rung in as many towers as possible on May 31 for the 80th anniversary of the Association and the branch striking competition at Compton Dando were also mentioned.

After only three months as branch secretary Mr. Philip Jones will have to vacate the post as he is moving to Exeter. It was agreed that Mr. Ray Baker, of Frome, will assist the secretary, if necessary, until the next branch A.G.M. A vote of thanks to the vicar (Rev. M. Prosser), Mr. D. Cottle (organist) and the local ringers was accorded on the proposition of Mr. Ray Baker. M. H.

Salisbury Guild

TWO BRANCHES JOIN FORCES

The April meeting of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was made the occasion for a joint meeting with the Calne Branch, the venue being Chilton Foliat. There was an attendance of 30. which included visitors from Swindon, and a most enjoyable afternoon and evening resulted.

Ringing was under Mr. A. Keen (ringing master) and the Guild service was conducted by the rector (Rev. P. Bird), with Mr. Keen at the organ.

Tea was provided and served by the rector and Mrs. Bird at the Rectory, and in appreciation of their hospitality a collection was taken and given to church funds. The business meeting followed, Mr. C. Wilkins presiding, supported by the hon. secretary, Mrs. H. Rouse.

Arrangements were discussed for the Guild festival at Bridport in May and the chairman voiced thanks to all who had helped in the day's arrangements.

Ringing resumed in rounds and Doubles methods until 8 p.m. W. A. E.

INVERARAY REVISITED AND REVITALISED

On April 4 two heavily laden cars left the East Riding of Yorkshire carrying personnel, materials and equipment for the preparation and painting of the bell frame at Inveraray tower, Argyll. Ray Aldington, of King's Norton, joined the party at York, having travelled by train from Birmingham that morning. The other six were John N. D. Chaddock (St. Mary's, Beverley), Roddy Horton (Hessle Parish Church), with Elsie and Norman Chaddock, Ian Peacock and David Smith from Market Weighton Parish Church.

From April 4 to 11 the party stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Noble at Cairndow, about 11 miles from Inver-aray. Throughout the week Mrs. Noble aray. Infougnout the week with control overalls and worked with the party, pre paring and painting the bell frame. is no electric light or power in the tower, but the Hydro Electrical Board had kindly arranged a temporary supply for electric drills and hand lamps.

The daily routine was to motor the 11 miles round Loch Fyne to Inveraray straight after breakfast and work in the tower until lunch break (1 to 2 p.m.), during which progress was discussed and further organised. Mrs. Noble provided attractive and substantial picnic lunches every day, which the whole party enjoyed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen hear the tower. Mr. Allen is church treasurer, and Mrs. Allen waited on the party. These enjoyable gatherings will remain happy memories for many years to come.

At about 5 p.m. each day work ceased and the bell frame was "cocooned" in polythene sheeting to keep out the elements throughout the operation.

In the evenings several "propaganda" and committee meetings were held at Mrs. Noble's home, concerning the welfare and future of the installation. The group also The group also practised tunes and changes on handbells ready for the meeting of all interested local people, which Mrs. Noble had organised for the Friday evening in Inver-

aray Grammar School Hall.

As part of Mrs. Noble's plan to stir up local interest, Inveraray youngsters were encouraged to volunteer to do a two-hour stint of work in the tower, and although only two volunteers were allowed at a time the opportunity was provided for 24 different helpers during the week.

Other visitors to the tower were numerous and distinguished and included the Bishop of Argyll, the Member of Parliament for Argyll, clergy of several denominations, the headmaster of Inveraray Grammar School and Press representatives.

Inveraray bells and frame are very exposed and on previous visits' John and Norman had recommended that protective measures should be taken. First, all rusty parts were wire-brushed. The frame and other iron fittings were then treated with Kurust rust killer and primer. Finally all metal parts were painted with polyurethane micaceous iron oxide paint. One or two other minor maintenance jobs were effected in the ringers' room and on the chiming apparatus, and instruction was given to potential chimers who would sound the bells during the coming months.

CHANGES RUNG

Ray and Norman (principally Ray) rendered tunes on the chimes daily. On Thursday evening the 32 cwt. tenor, the 8th and the front six were roped up, and after Grandsire Doubles on 1, 2, 3, 6, 8 and 10, the front six were rung to Plain Bob, Cambridge and London Minor.

Friday evening, following completion of the task, was the highlight of the week, and following appropriate rehearsals the talents of the group in both tune ringing and change ringing on handbells and public speaking were put to good use at Mrs. Noble's "Town Meeting." The proceedings opened with "The Washington Film" and was followed by a short discourse on the history of the bells by Mr. D. McKechnie. Noble addressed the meeting, after which Norman explained the difference between chiming and change ringing in full peal, the other ringers assisting with suitable handbell demonstrations.

An enjoyable Ceilidh followed, com-mencing with "Annie Laurie" and "Banks and Braes" on handbells. These items were greatly appreciated by the audience. At the conclusion those attending were rung out with Grandsire Triples on handbells.

It was a tired but satisfied party that arrived home the next evening, having covered almost 800 miles and put in 250 man hours' work. It is indeed fortunate that Mrs. Noble is taking such an active and energetic interest in Inveraray bells and tower, and the whole party is grateful for the tremendous hospitality which she ac-corded them throughout the operation.

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A "SUCCESS" STORY

Mr. Eric J. Naylor, of Cheltenham, is a very proud man. He writes:—

"On November 28, 1969, you were kind enough to publish a few notes I wrote about the family's ringing. On that day we managed to ring two quarters, and at the time we felt it to be an achievement. Now, after four failures, we have at last accomplished our first family peal, rung on April 18, 1970, exactly one year to the day after our first family quarter. The quarter was Grandsire Doubles, and the peal Minor in four methods. Malcolm rang his first peal at 13, Bernard his first inside at 14. My wife and three of the children only Grandsire Triples), three weeks before.

As it was only my second as conductor, we felt we were pushing our luck but it has seemed to hold. I must say that I have been very impressed with the way in which the youngsters have stuck at learning the methods, ringing (and losing) quarter after quarter. (We have now scored ten.)

"There is something about ringing which seems to provide the character building qualities which young people need so much mental quickness, team work, loyalty. service and, above all, perseverance. thing which we have found is that having two or three budding young conductors helps the steadiness of the ringing greatly. Since most of them learned to do some simple 'bob calling' and to call a quarter the standard has improved! May we recommend this to other bands of young

people trying to get on.

"As we have rung at different churches. we have been very conscious of the unique and wonderful heritage of bells which our forefathers have passed down to us, and feel extremely privileged to ring in these churches and do our bit to hand on the tradition of English ringing to future generations. I am sure their great-grandfather would have been proud of his fourth generation, as they stuck hard at their first family peal! Blisters apart, the jubilation of success makes all the hard work of collecting waste paper to rehang our own bells (£2,000) seem well worth while.

"We don't know whether our effort is a record, and would be glad to hear from any other families who are trying to ring lengths of any sort."

MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Richmond upon Thames Music Festival (ringing section) had its usual successful afternoon on March 21 and three sections of the festival were well supported. There was handbell tune ringing, handbell change-ringing and tower bell ringing (which took place at Twickenham). The Colchester Handbell Society came first, winning the challenge shield, but unfortunately in the handbell change-ringing there were some last minute withdrawals and only two teams The shield was won by competed. Lewisham.

Forty ringers and friends sat down to tea, arranged by the festival committee. Mr. Rogers announced the results of the handbell ringing and Mr. Frank Lufkin (Colchester) expressed thanks to the festival committee for arranging the ringing sections. At the Parish Church, Twickenham, five teams rang test pieces of 250 changes and more, and the winners were the Society of South London Youths; second were Col-chester and three honours certificates were awarded. The chairman thanked all the teams and Mr. Rogers for adjudicating.

D. J. N. S.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE TOWERS RECOVER

In the summer of 1968 three Yorkshire towers, Bradfield (6), Wentworth (6, only three or four bells were rung on a Sunday) and Wartley (8), ceased to function after over 15 years. The first tower to recover was Wentworth, where a local quarter of Plain Bob Doubles was rung in the autumn of 1969; by Easter, 1970, Grandsire was achieved and five of the local band rang a full peal in December, 1969. Money raised at Christmas by the tune-ringing handbell section enabled the bell frame to be repainted; also money was raised for new bell

The recovery at Wortley was even more remarkable. There have been two practice meetings of the Southern Branch of the Y.A. and these have helped the local ringers a great deal. The recovery is due to a teacher ringer who took up a post at the local comprehensive school. Efforts are being made to repaint the dismal-looking ringing chamber and to provide new ropes.

Another dramatic recovery is at the 14th century moorland church at Worrall, a suburb of Sheffield and two miles from Bradfield. The local band are looking forward to scoring their own local quarter

before the year ends.

On Easter Tuesday representatives of all three towers managed a peal of Bob Triples—only one had ever rung this before!

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

The spring quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Boldmere on April 4, and at the service the vicar (Canon McCallum) officiated.

Tea had been prepared by local ringers, and (despite the guild's officers managing to lose their way) the food (eventually) was

enjoyed by all.

A business meeting followed and included fixing the venue of the Henry Johnson Dinner for 1971 (Solihull Civic Hall, February 27), and the allocation of a sum to the bell restoration appeal at Stinchcombe.

Further ringing followed on this challenging octave.

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MORE MEMBERS FOR DORCHESTER BRANCH

The spring quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Fordington St. George, Dorchester (6), on April 4, when a variety of methods was rung, under the direction of Mr. D. L. Cull. Canon E. B. Brooks (vicar) conducted the service and Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn (vice-chairman) read the lesson. The excellent tea, enjoyed by 30 ringers, was undertaken by Miss P. and Mrs. H. House and Mrs. Wareham.

Seven new members were elected and it was decided that future branch annual meetings be held in the autumn instead of January. A welcome was accorded the Guild master (Rev. R. N. Longridge) by the branch chairman (Rev. J. L. Woods).

Wedding.

A 'SPLICE" AT ALDERSHOT

Married at Aldershot Parish Church on April 11 were Janet Edmunds and Robert Bragg, both members of the local band. Janet is a physiotherapist, and Robert, who is the elder son of Major and Mrs. E. J. Bragg, who are well known in ringing circles, is in the printing department at Surrey University.
The bride, who was given away by her

father, wore a full-length white satin dress trimmed with hand-made Bedfordshire lace. She had a headdress and carried a bouquet of freesias which had been grown by her father. It was later placed on the grave of the bridegroom's sisters, Mary and

Nancie Bragg.

The bridesmaids were Miss E. Susan Edmunds (bride's sister), Miss Joanna Den-yer (bridegroom's cousin), Miss Elizabeth Edgoose (bride's niece) and Miss Jane Harvey (bride's god-daughter). They all wore full-length lilac satin dresses trimmed with lilac velvet, and they had headdresses and bouquets of anemones.

The bridegroom's brother, Mr. James

Bragg, was best man.

The bride left the reception at the Church of the Ascension Hall, Ayling Hill, in a Lovat suit with French navy blue accessories and a cyclamen pink hat. honeymoon was spent in Dorset and Somerset, and the couple's future home is at 82 Cranmore Lane, Aldershot.

Janet and Robert Bragg after their marriage at Aldershot.



Letters

BERTRAM PREWETT

Dear Sir,—May I join in congratulating Messrs. B. F. L. Groves and R. B. Smith on ringing their first thousand peals in 13½

I am sure Mr. Pryor is right in saying this is the shortest time in which the feat has been achieved. It might, however, be of interest to recall that Bertram Prewett rang his first peal on March 20, 1898, and his 900th on November 7, 1913, that is in about 15½ years. When one considers the advantages of the present day—five-day weeks, better transport facilities and much easier social conditions - Mr. Prewett's achievement should not be overlooked. In all he rang 953 peals, all but a handful before the outbreak of the 1914–18 war. in which he was killed.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

KIDDERMINSTER S. MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,-I read with interest the correspondence regarding the peal of Kidder-minster S. Maximus at Aston on January 31. I'm afraid I must join the ranks of the confused on this issue. Surely if the last two changes after the single were Yorkshire S. Maximus, as Mr. Cawser points out, then the peal should (must?) technically be regarded as a peal of Spliced S. Max. and not Kidderminster S. Max. Could somebody please elucidate? I would be most body please elucidate:
grateful.—Yours faithfully,
G. COLBORNE.

Ibadan, W. Nigeria.

Dear Sir,—As I have recently corresponded with Mr. J. E. Cawser, Lichfield, regarding the deduction of peals of Surprise Maximus from the former orthodox 5280 by the use of singles, which has now become almost universal, I was very pleased to read in your issue of April 17 his explanation and his arrangement of the 5042 Kidderminster S. Maximus.

Probably, subject to contradiction, the belfry of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, is the only one in which 5040s of S. Maximus

have been rung.

On April 12, 1930, 5040 changes of New Cambridge S. Maximus were rung by bringing up 35274968/10 at the first lead-end, which is the sixth lead of the plain course, cutting out 240 changes. The late Mr. Goldsmith asked if this was a lead of Prim-

On November 26, 1932, 5040 Cambridge S. Maximus was shortened by making the 6th bob bell three times, which is: call tenor 6ths, B, 7ths and H, producing 23564. Both peals were rung without singles. The conducting was shared by Charles Sedgley and myself.—Yours faithfully, GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich, Suffolk.

ADVICE

Dear Sir,-I have no wish to drag out the correspondence re last year's Central Council meeting and certain of the agenda items, etc., that have provoked alleged acrimony.

My only comment to the two new members concerned, mainly responsible for all the fuss and bother, is "GROW UP."—

Yours faithfully

NORMAN S. BAGWORTH, National Police Guild member.

Wimbledon.

Dear Sir,—The editorial from The Irish Bell News you reprinted in a recent Ringing World was, to me, quite a coincidence, in view of an occurrence in our tower at St. Matthew's, Buckley, Flintshire. Consequently I am tempted to ask "Why do we ring?"

We were ready to raise our bells prior to open practice when a well-built and handsome male presented himself in the ringing chamber and said: "I would like to learn to ring the bells." I replied that we would be very pleased to have him join us and asked one of our ringers to put a clapper stay on the 5th.

While this was being done I asked our visitor where he lived and what church he attended. He replied that he had come to settle in Buckley but he did not belong to or attend any church. I then pointed out that to be a church bellringer was to hold an office within the church and that this meant that one had to be a confirmed member of it and, in our tower, one rule is that before one can become a member a person must be confirmed or be willing to be confirmed. He replied that he thought that ringers rang for pleasure and that was all he wanted to do. He had not been confirmed as a youth and was not going to be confirmed at his age (about 35-40) and certainly not just to become a ringer. I informed him that we did get a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction from our ringing but that the first duty of ringing was to the glory of God and in His service, by calling people to church. Arising from this we did, when able, attend those services ourselves.

He then apologised for bothering us and before he left was at pains to point out that there were churches where the bells were not rung. He would find a tower not attached to a church! I told him that the nearest one to Buckley was the Town Hall, Manchester, some 50 miles away!

Was I wrong in letting him go?

It is known that we at St. Matthew's, in common with many other towers, always extend a very warm welcome to all visiting ringers without questions being asked. But to be a full member of our own tower is another matter.-Yours faithfully,

> DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD, Tower Captain.

Buckley, Flintshire.

IN 1782

Dear Sir,--Richard Price's letter in the R.W. of April 24 prompts me to send the copy, set out below, of an advertisement which appeared in both the Norwich Mercury and the Norfolk Chronicle of Saturday, October 26, 1782.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT.

Norwich, Norfolk.

PATRICK and OSBORN, BELL FOUNDERS, WHITECHAPEL, London,

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N.B. Patrick and Osborn have retained in their service the best and most ingenious Workmen, who were many Years employed by Lester and Pack.

PSYCHOLOGY

Dear Sir,—Like your correspondent, "P. S.", I have wondered in the past why a recurring feature of The Ringing World's correspondence columns (in common with those of many other specialist journals) should be letters seeking to reproach, belittle, or simply insult fellow ringers.

Ringing is very much a minority interest. Its adherents, by comparison with the rest of one's fellow-beings, are very few, and the psychological competition correspond-ingly less severe. In such a narrow field, relatively limited ambition and ability enable one to reach a position where one gains the feeling of having "got to the top" or at least becoming "someone." It is unfortunate to have to suggest that many ringers are people who find themselves psychologically inadequate to face the demands and competition of the world at large. Loudly declaring the unworthiness of one's neighbour is an easy way of raising one's own self-esteem. Recent exchanges in these columns have highlighted the contrast between the "dedicated" ringer and his "casual" colleague, who realises that there are better (as well as worse) ways of spending a weekend than playing a prolonged mathematical game whose appreciation as a musical form is strictly limited.

I should add, in fairness, that the remarks above are perhaps better treated as suspicions voiced with a view to stimulating discussion than as calculated indictments. My position as one throwing stones from within a glasshouse is blatantly obvious—there is no intention to "reproach, belittle or simply

insult."

I would be almost sorry to see the disappearance of all acrimony from your columns, if only because of the pharisaical impulse it provokes to "thank God that I am not as other men are."—I remain, yours faithfully,

London, W.C. PHILIP BOSWORTH.

BELLFOUNDERS OF THE PAST

Dear Sir,-I am glad to see so much interest being taken in the tuning of bells.

Mr. Price made some very true comments about the Colchester foundry. In addition to the two good Miles Graye bells he mentioned, there is the excellent 11th, dated 1610, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. This bell conforms to the modern tuning system, except for its major tierce. Mr. Price says, these are Graye's only good bells; the rest, quite honestly, are nearly all appalling or, at the best, just about adequate!

Dobson also had his let-downs; for inboson also had his let-downs; for instance, some of his smaller rings, like those at Gedney Hill, Lincs, or Wymeswold, Leics, could hardly be thought to have come from the same foundry as those of Sleaford, Diss, Thetford, or the magnificent ten at Bury St. Edmunds' Norman tower (which Mr. Price has overlooked). I would disagree, however, that Dobson could not keep a consistent standard. He definitely knew what he was trying to get— and usually got it, and the bad jobs fall into the same category as Graye's good bellsthe exception that proves the rule!

Osborn also could not have been far out, for his bells respond very readily and extremely successfully to modern tuning—witness the fine eight at Godmanchester, Hunts, for one.

One curiosity is the record of a three (12 cwt.), which Dobson sent to the West In-dies (Isle of St. Vincent). Are they still there, and what are they doing?—Yours faithfully,

Colchester, Essex. PETER S. ABBOTT.



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WHATTON BELLS DEDICATION PICTURE (see R.W., page 268)

Left to right: Tom Goodwin, Brenda Exton, Mary Gaydon, Tom Greasley, Pam Clarke, Fred Barber, Anne Bownass, Rev. G. F. Blackmore, Rev. E. N. Kemp, the Bishop of Sherwood, David Clarke, John Shonfeld, Mick Exton and Bernard Box.

Winchester Guild.

BELL FOUNDRY TOURED

Cup Final day found a party of 36 members and friends from the Winchester district of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild heading for London for the annual outing.

There is no better way to start a ringers' outing than at a bell foundry, and our first hour was spent in a most interesting and instructive manner at the Whitechapel foundry.

The first ring was on the fine eight at St. Olave's, Hart Street, and the afternoon ringing was on the ten at Isleworth, where a modern church is being built on to a mediæval tower. At Hayes we were able to see how local enthusiasm and effort had produced a grand ring of eight and a ringing chamber with all "mod cons." Here we were very kindly entertained to high tea by the local ringers.

Our final ring before home was at the riverside church at Staines. Many combined to make this a very enjoyable day: the incumbents, the ringers who met us and the ladies at Hayes who prepared tea. Especial thanks to Mr. W. O. Haythorne for his hard and thorough work as organiser.

A CROWDED PRACTICE MEETING

The ringing chamber at Somerton, Som., overflowed when the attendance exceeded 40 at the Ilchester Branch practice meeting on April 4. The Vicar (Rev. A. T. Budgett) read the belfry office and ringing on the pleasant 19 cwt. six (soon to be augmented to eight) was under the control of Messrs, Gordon Rendall (branch R.M.) and Jim Taylor, his assistant. Touches included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Cambridge and London Minor. M.M.L.

Essex Association.

STRIKING COMPETITION HEATS

The meeting of the Northern District held at Shalford on April 4 was well attended, and interest was added by the heats of the striking competition held at Wethersfield. Two teams from Braintree had the least number of faults, Finching-field being runners-up.

The vicar of Wethersfield conducted the service at Shalford and Mr. Peter Wood was the organist. Tea was in the village hall. Mr. Henry Pratt's absence was noted with regret. New members elected included Miss Rosalind Campbell and Master Denis Saunders. The district social had produced an enjoyable profit. The bells continued in the evening to ring out The over the neighbourhood to call changes and a variety of methods.

Bedfordshire Association.

OLDEST DISTRICT MEMBER

The usual warm welcome was extended to the Biggleswade district ringers by the Rector of Northill (Rev. C. E. Jones) when they visited his parish on April 11; Mr. R. V. Webb was ringing master for the afternoon. During the short service the lesson was read by the chairman (Mr. S. H. Ashton) and the collects were read by the content (Mr. A. H. Smith). H. Ashton) and the collects were read by the secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith). Mrs. Norman and helpers had prepared the tea in the Harvey Hall, after which the business meeting took place. During the evening one of the oldest district members, Mr. W. Wagstaffe, joined the ringing master (Mr. C. D. Mann) welcomed visitors from other as-Mann) welcomed visitors from other associations. The bells were lowered at 9 p.m., bringing to an end another successful M. L. M. district meeting.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.

A PLEASANT MEETING

The March meeting of the Newark District was held at Newark, Parish Church on March 21, and among those present were ringers from neighbouring districts and

ringers from neighbouring districts and visitors from Chesterfield and Doncaster.

The service, conducted by Canon E. J. Kingsnorth, was followed by tea served in St. Mary's Rooms by local ringers' wives. The business meeting followed, presided over by the guild chairman (Mr. F. W. Midwinter). The secretary (Mr. P. Raithby) announced a jumble sale in aid of Nottingham District's bell repair fund. of Nottingham District's bell repair fund. The Newark District Crawford Cup round is to be held in May at Barnby-in-the-Willows. The ten bells were put to full use during the meeting.

EASTER TOUR OF EAST ANGLIA

This tour, arranged to start on Easter Tuesday, enabled ringers to join the Ely Diocesan Association A.G.M. on Easter Monday, where ringing took place at eight towers before the band proceeded to Thetford, where accommodation had been arranged.

The tour opened with ringing at Thetford (8) and during the day the band in-

creased in numbers to 26.

In all, 40 towers were visited, the most unusual being Cotton (8), where ringing on the ground floor has the west side open to the weather, and as the weather was extremely cold the ringers had to wear overcoats.

Standard methods were accomplished during the week, the final ring being eight-Spliced Surprise Major at Wymondham

Abbey.
All arrangements worked out perfectly and the tour captain, Stephen Munday, was presented with premium bonds. M. H.

Quarter Peals

RUNG IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF APOLLO 13

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—April 17, 1260 Stedman Triples: F. D. Jennings 1, R. J. Talbot 2, L. A. Banco 3, Juliet S, Stoy 4, N. Thomson 5, R. J. Cook 6, S, F. Kimber (cond.) 7, A. G. Clark 8. Also to mark the visit of the Bishop of Woolwich for Confirmation.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL. — April 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (on light five): D. Copping (first quarter) 1, Canon A. S. Roberts 2, Susan Copping 3, F. Lesley, Evans 4, L. Copping (cond.) 5

E. Lesley Evans 4, J. Copping (cond.) 5.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—April 19, 1320 Doubles (five m/v): Miss S. Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, P. R. Wild 3, J. R. Anthony 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5, Miss S. M. O'Neill 6.

PENN, BUCKS. — April 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Bell 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Miss S. Udell 3, Mrs. J. Kelly 4, E. G. Swift (cond.) 5, P. Wotton 6. First Minor 1 and 6.

PORTSEA, HANTS. — April 17, 1280 London S. Major: J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, H. L. Hatfield 4, A. F. W. Burbidge 5, E. Treagus 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 5, 7

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WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—April 17, 1264 Minimus (Pl. and Rev. Bob): Sarah E. Bowden and D. W. Flower 1, A. A. Boden 2, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 3, P. R. Wild (circled tower) 4.

ALTON, HANTS.—April 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Denise Wood 1, P. J. Rowe 2, Anne Collins 3, Judith Collins 4, S. Meadows 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, E. J. Futcher (comp. and cond.) 7, M. Blencowe 8. For Alton's 900th anniversary celebrations.

ASHCHURCH, GLOS.—April 15, 1296 Norfolk S. Minor: F. Lawrence 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, G. R. Drew 5, J. Clements 6.

ATCHAM, SALOP.— March 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Vivien Bennett 1, K. Brice 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, R. H. Newton 4, E. F. Wilkox (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6. For the induction of Rev. G. S. Lloyd as vicar.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—April 3, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): T. A. Whitehead (first quarter) 1, E. M. Laming Macadam 2, A. Turner 3, R. R. Kennard 4, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6, Ringer of 2 has circled the tower with quarter peals this year.

BATH, SOM. — April 5, at SS, Michael with Paul Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. J. Ball 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, P. J. Devrell 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, D. C. Hawkins 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8, For Matins.

BATHWICK, Bath, SOML—Feb. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Adams (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. J. Ball 2, Mrs. H. Rose 3, A. Adams 4, W. H. Hurford 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 7, J. Wrigley 8. On the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the local church. Also March 28, 1260 Plain Bob Triples: N. Wrigley (first quarter) 1, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Keyford 3, Mrs. R. J. Ball 4, A. Wrigley 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, E. Goater 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. For Candlemas,

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—April 12, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Pat Francis (first Major) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Susan Evans 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. W. Powell 5, R. Lee 6, D. Wood 7, D. Francis (cond.) 8. For Evensons.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—April 5, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: L. Hooper 1, Mrs. D. Williamson 2, P. R. Butler (cond.) 3, Julia Collinge 4, Mrs. B. Stocker 5, R. C. Kift 6.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOM.—April 10, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. B. M. Bindon 1, Mrs. J. Shepherd (first Stedman) 2, A. H. Reed 3, A. F. Arscott 4, R. Shepherd (first Stedman) 5, M. A. Arscott 6, R. P. Arscott (cond.) 7, A. R. Cross 8, A golden wedding compliment to George and Elsie Stone.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS. — March 29, at St. Peter's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Dunesby (first attempt) 1, F. Price 2, Mrs. F J. Marshallsay 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, R. Pike 5, E. Booth 6, C. Conway 7, J. Price 8.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—March 14, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker 1, Jacqueline Wells 2, J. F. W. Allen 3, John Haas 4, E. J. Whiting 5, P. E. Wells 6. A wedding compliment to John Valentine Blomfield and Jacqueline Anne Cooke. BRINKLOW, WARKS.— April 12, 1260 Doubles (two methods): S. Missen, sen, (first on treble) 1, Phillippa Garrard 2, Betsy A. Mountford 3, B. Elliott 4, D. W. Mountford (cond.) 5, Patsy Howes 6. To celebrate the wedding anniversary of 3 and 5 and 15th hirthday of 2

BRUTON, SOM.—April 11, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: I. Calvert 1, Helen A. Haines 2, D. L. Cull 3, D. B. Ellery 4, R. Haines (cond.) 5, M. J. Hiller 6.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—April 12, 1260 Stedman Triples: S. Brown 1, Miss J. Marshall 2, Mrs. S. G. Brown 3, Miss A. Luckings 4, R. W. Rex 5, R. Crook 6, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 7, S. G. Brown 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Tom Goddard.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOM.—April 10, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering). R. Lee 1, I. J. Burrough 2, S. Ward (first quarter) 3, Doris G. Burrough 4, P. W. Ham (cond.) 5, W. H. Mitchell (first quarter) 6, G. Puddy 7, J. Creber 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Preb. Hugh Parnell.

CHESHUNT, HERTS. — Feb. 28, 1260 Plain Bob Major: E. Pickett 1, R. J. Hart (first inside) 2, Mrs. S. Cobb 3, Miss C. R. F. Cole 4, D. King 5, E. Newnham 6, M. B. Jefferies 7, A. J. Slade (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Roger and Mary Durrant,

CHIGWELL, ESSEX. — April 12, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Leslie C. Tibbitts 1, Marion A. Cass (first Surprise) 2, D. A. Tovell (50th quarter) 3, G. H. Walker 4, P. W. Dickinson 5, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS, — April 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Cole 1, Rev. P. Wooster 2, I. Carey 3, A. J. Cox 4, D. Carey 5, H. Heath 6, M. Stracey (cond.) 7, E. Green 8. For united Evensong for Christian Aid Week; also a farewell to Rev. P. Wooster, leaving for Chelston, Torquay.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX,—April 2, 1260 Minor (three methods): Bronwen J. Davies 1, Ruth E, Halford 2, Anne M. Stevens 3, C. Renyard 4, P. M. Wills 5, P. Stevens (cond.) 6

CROYDON, SURREY. — April 5, at St. John's Church, 1295 Grandsire Caters: R. Davies 1, E. Razzell 2, G. Newman (first Caters) 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, G. Fisher 5, N. Brown 6, K. Game 7, K. Taber 8, N. Steere (cond.) 9, A. Brown 10.

DONCASTER, YORKS. — April 5, 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: W. E. Critchley (cond.) 1, Sheila Bruce 2, E. Cooper 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. J. Padgett 5, J. Whitham 6, F. J. Jackson 7, P. Bruce 8.

EBRINGTON, GLOS. — April 13, 1260 Stedman Doubles (ten extents): Helen Taylor 1, Hilda Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 4, B. H. Taylor 5, M. P. Taylor 6, First Stedman Doubles for all except 4. Tenth quarter for the family.

EVERCREECH, SOM.—April 17, 1440 London S. Royal (No. 3): Susan A. Moore (first Royal) 1, Glenda M. Beckett 2, D. J. Orledge 3, P. H. D. Jones 4, A. P. Beck 5, D. G. Mackay 6, R. G. Beck 7, R. E. Beck 8, E. J. Chivers 9, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 10. First of London Royal by all except conductor

FARNHAM, SURREY.—March 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Backhurst 4, Denise Wood 2, Marilyn Reay 3, Judith Collins 4, S. Meadows 5, P. J. Rowe 6, E. J. Putcher (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8, First Triples 1 and 3, For Sung Eucharist.

FILTON, GLOS.—April 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles; Miss C. Blount 1, A. F. Howard (cond.) 2, Miss H. Blount 3, Miss M. N. Haslum 4, D. C. Haslum 5, A. N. Blount 6. For the forthcoming marriage of the rector (Rev. J. M. Clutterbuck) and Mrs. J. McCredie

FULHAM, S.W.—March 1, at All Saints' Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, G. W. Shanks 2, Deborah Bishop 3, A. J. Hampton 4, E. J. Adams 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, M. E. Dodd 8. For Evensong.

GEDLING, NOTTS. — April 12, 1260 Doubles: J. Dawson 1, S. Rippon 2, P. Wild 3, J. R. Rigby 4, J. R. Anthony 5,

GNOSALL, STAFFS. — April 11, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Moulton (first quarter) 1, Miss S. R. Moulton 2, A. Foster 3, Miss V. M. Keay 4, G. S. Keay (cond.) 5, J. W. Dyke 6. First in method by all. A wedding compliment to Ian Friend (ringing master) and Margaret Gwilt (a local ringer).

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—April 12, 1440 P. Bob Minor: I. Messenger I, C. Gillingham 2, Susan Burdon (first as cond.) 3, S. Sudbury 4, Hilda G. Snowden 5, R Threadgold 6. For the Feast of St. Hermenegild. GREASLEY, NOTTS.—April 12, 1260 Stedman

GREASLEY, NOTTS. — April 12, 1260 Stedman Doubles: P. Mary Beach 1, Barbara Hooks 2, D. Coulson 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, T. Ford 6. First in method by all. For Evensons; birthday compliment to Alison Knighton.

GREENWICH, S.E. — April 19, at St. Alfege's Church, 1263 Grandsire Triples. A. Long 1, M. Seagrave 2, H. G. Weedon 3, S. Nicholls 4, Miss F. Cannon (cond.) 5, D. J. Hollis 6, M. Oakshett 7, R. Boyce 8. For St. Alfege's Day Evensong.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—March 6, at the Cathedral, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Romano (first quarter) 1, Carolyn Williams 2, Deirdre Leggett 3, P. Atkins 4, R. Gee 5, M. J. Kirk 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, J. Sewell 8. First inside 2, 3, 4. Also March 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Julie Bunch (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Pouncy 2, Helen Walker (first inside) 3, Deirdre Leggett 4, P. Atkins 5, R. Gee 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, M. J. Kirk 8, Both for Confirmation.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—March 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley Critchley (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Perry 2, Miss J. Page (first inside) 3, R. Page 4, Miss P. Buckland (cond.) 5, M. N. Amphlett 6. Halfmuffled on Holy Saturday. Also April 12, 1260 Doubles (meth./var.): Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry 2, P. Screen 3, R. Page 4, D. Tomlin (cond.) 5, R. Screen 6

HASFIELD, GLOS.—April 10, 1260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain): Helen Taylor 1, M. P. Taylor (first inside) 2, B. H. Taylor 3, Clare Taylor 4, Hilda Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—March 29, 1260 Plain Bob

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HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—March 29, 1344
Bob Major: H. E. Shechan-Dare 1, Mrs. Manchip 2,
Jano L. Richards 3, Judy Edwards 4, Jacqueline Neal
5, Graham J. Parsons 6, M. A. Jackson 7, S. J.
Crawley (cond.) 8. For Easter. Also April 2, 1344
Bob Major: H. E. Shechan-Dare 1, Teresa Wright 2,
Judy B. Edwards 3, Jane L. Richards 4, Jacqueline
Neal (25th quarter) 5, M. A. Jackson 6, M. Gilbey 7,
S. J. Crawley (cond.) 8.

HENDON, MIDDX. — April 12, 1260 Stedman Triples: D. J. Gazeley 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Elizabeth Spry 3, Dorothea M. Robotham 4, H. G. Hart 5, Ruth M. Foreman 6, B. C. Watson (cond.) 7, E. Edmundson 8. First in method 1, 3. For Evensons.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—April 5, 1344 Plain Bob Major: Anne E. Lambert 1, K. Mary Lambert 2, Vivien B. Bennett (first Major) 3, D. Kirkcaldy 4, J. N Lambert (first as cond.) 5, J. Kirkcaldy 6, J. R. Norris 7, P. D. Hepburn 8. For Evensong.

KESSINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—March 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: T. J. Brock 1, P. J. Harroid 2, E. €. A. Brock 3, D. P. J. Harroid 4, M. J. Parker (cond.) 5, P. K. Took (first quarter) 6. For Easter.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—April 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Angela Barratt 1, Helen Dzviba 2, N. D. Kirk 3, M. J. Martin 4, E. J. Sollis (cond.) 5.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—April 12, 1280 Doubles (11 methods): Janice Manterfield (first on tower bells) 1, G. Mason 2, A. Gibbs 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White 6, Most methods on tower bells by 2 and 3.

LEADENHAM, LINCS. — April 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Heath 1, Elaine M. Rolfe 2, S. J. F. Mitchell 3, J. Bennett 4, M. F. Mitchell (cond.) 5,

Mitchell 3, J. Bennett 4, M. F. Mitchell (cond.) 5, R. Ruthven 6. For Confirmation.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—April 11, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: A. C. Newman 1, Clare Taylor 2, Helen Taylor 3, B. Taylor (first Major) 4, A. Ewins (first inside) 5, Hilda Taylor 6, T. Stephens 7, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 8. For three golden weddings of Leckhampton residents of long standing.

LINCOLN. — March 8, at St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, 1296 Minimus (eight methods): E. J. Parkin (cond.) 1, Vivienne West 2, Susan Faull 3, A. W. Proggatt 4. Wedding compliment to Colin and Gwen White, married at this church the previous day. Also March 22, 1272 Minimus (11 methods): I. Minns 1, V. West 2, S. Faull 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. First in 11 methods for all. Also March 29, 1272 Pl. Bob Minimus: Dianne Davis 1, A. W. Froggatt 2, V. West 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4, Also April 4, 1272 Minimus (six methods): I. Minns 1, A. W. Froggatt 2, S. Faull 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Wedding compliment to Steve Etcell (ringer at this tower) and Mary Atkin, married earlier the same day at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—April 12, at the Cathedral, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Anne Cooke 1, Susan Harber 2, Shelagh Plumb 3, F. Bailey 4, F. W. Corney 5, W. H. Harford 6, S. Fenwick (cond.) 7, N. A. James 8, W. J. Goodfellow 9, J. D. G. James 10. For Fyensons

LONDON, W.C.—April 12, at St. Clement Danes Church, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Hilda Oatway 1, Sylvia Trotter 2, C. A. Hughes 3, A. M. Staccy 4, T. G. Page 5, A. Fulwell 6, W. F. Oatway 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8,

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—March 8, 1320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Couchman (first quarter) 1, A. Lunn 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis (first as cond.) 5, I. Roberts 6. Also March 29, 1320 Pl. Bob Minor: S. Williams 1, P. Couchman 2, A. Lunn 3, S. Lunn 4, D. Williams 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For Easter. Also April 12, 1440 Spliced Treble Bob and Delight Minor (seven methods): P. Couchman 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — April 4, at St. Peter's Church, 1440 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: B. S. Trueman 1, P. Broadbent 2, R. F. Andrew 3, B. Schofield 4, G. Moorhouse 5, M. Poulds (cond.) 6.

MARCH, CAMBS.—April 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Feek I, M. Goakes 2, P. H. Langron 3, W. Moore 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For motning prayer.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—April 1, 1260 Minor (720 Kent, 576 Pl. Bob): P. Carpenter 1, R. East 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW, DORSET. — April 4, 1260 Doubles (two methods): P. Joyce 1, E. H. Amey 2, R. H. J. Mears 3, P. Board 4, C. W. Tidwell (cond.) 5, R. J. Mears 6.

MORCOTT, RUTLAND.—April 12, 1272 Minimus (four methods): L, Atton 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, C. J. Groome (cond.) 4.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS. — April 7, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Redden 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Mrs. S Sinden 3, C. Nicoll 4, A. J. Sinden (cond.) 5, Miss R. Redden 6. For the Annunciation, and a farewell to the Sinden family. Also April 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss R. Wilson 1, D. Booth 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, C. Nicoll 4, W. Booth (cond.) 5, Miss P. Frankland 6. For Evensong.

NORTHAW, HERTS. — April 19, 1260 Kent T.B. Minor: Margaret Croydill (first T.B.) 1, J. Carter (first Kent T.B. inside) 2, N. Clarke 3, Jill Carter 4, A. Ellis 5, B. Greenwood (cond.) 6, For Evensong.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—Maundy Thursday, 1260 Doubles (four methods): G. Scarsbrook 1, Linda Cozier 2, P. Lucas 3, Christine Baker 4, T. Smith 5, E. Putt 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4, 5. Half-muffled for Evensong. Also Easter Sunday, 1260 Doubles (two methods): C. Gurden 1, J. Keyte (first mixed) 2, T. Smith 3, G. Scarsbrook 4, I. Ross 5, J. Sear 6. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5.

PATTINGHAM, STAFFS.—April 2, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: N. A. Bramall (first in method) 1, K. A. Russell (first in method) 2, T. Reynolds 3, M. G. Williamson 4, C. Griffiths (cond.) 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Gwilliam

PRESTON. DORSET.—March 28, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: P. D. Cull (first T.B.) 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, A. J. Slade 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, J. Culley 5, D. L. Cull (cond.) 6, First T.B. by Sunday service band.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOM.—April 11, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Quick 1, D. B. Ellery 2, I. Calvert 3, D. L. Cull 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, R. Haines 6.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—April 12, at the Cathedral, 1259 Grandsire Caters: P. Andrews 1, G. K. Terris 2, Mrs. P. Osenton 3, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 4, T. A. Cross 5, B. R. Trill 6, G. Philpott 7, G. H. Terris 8, L. Crouch 9, G. Round 10. For Tricia and Brian

Trill on the birth of a daughter (Lucy Ann), ROPLEY, HANTS,—April 5, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles. Dorothy M. Huggins 1, M. Lynd 2, J. Huggins 3, A. Hoar (first as cond.) 4, A. Reeves 5, R. Skinner 6. For Evensong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK. — March 29, 1260 Cambridge S, Minor: D, Rose I, D, Tamberlin 2, R, Rose 3, L, Wright 4, E, Nice 5, M, J, Rose (cond.) 6. For Easter. Also April 11, 1440 Cambridge S, Minor: L, Wright 1, R, Kersey 2, R, Rose 3, L, Nice 4, E, Nice 5, M, J, Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and for Mr. Kersey (a visitor from Ipswich), also a thanksgiving for the birth of a son to Eric and Marie Nice.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBS.—At St. David's Cathedral, April 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Stephanie Martin 1, Sarah Green 2, H. Davies 3, V. Martin 4, A. C. Boorman (cond.) 5, P. Martin 6. A wedding day compliment to Thomas Halliwell and Susan Fitt. First quarter by a local band and first for 1, 2 and 3.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—April 5, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. McCutcheon 1, Elizabeth J. Cranfield 2, Josephine Trigg 3, Cecile Forgan 4, A. C. Harris 5, P. J. Cranfield (cond.) 6. Parewell to Rev. E. A. Quin, vicar for 12 years.

ST. GLUVIAS, CORNWALL. — April 11, 1260 Stedman Triples: T. J. Bell 1, R. P. Pearce 2, Janet S Evans (first on eight inside) 3, A. P. Smith 4, A. J. Davidson 5, A. Locke 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8. A welcome to the vicar, Rev. M. F. Furlonger

SANDON, ESSEX.—March 29, 1380 Pl. Bob Minor: Susan Freeman (first quarter) 1, Judi Harrison 2, Marilyn Freeman 3, K. W. Brown 4, P. W. Saltmarsh 5 R. J. Harrison (cond.) 6. For Easter.

SAXILBY, LINCS. — Easter Day, 1320 Plain Bob Minor: Colleen East (first Minor) 1, Mrs. G. East (first Minor inside) 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. W. Cox 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—April 1, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Hughes 1, R. Peters 2, M. Peters 3, M. Baldry 4, V. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. For the rally at Saxmundham, Benhall and district.

SHELFANGER, NORFOLK.—March 5, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Scarfe (first quarter) 1, F. Sutton 2, T. G. Boast 3, C. Pease 4, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 5, For Evensong; a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Roper. Mr. Roper is ringing master and churchwarden and Mrs. Roper organist.

SMARDEN, KENT.—March 8, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Sylvia Knight 1. H. Deacon 2, A. Bourner 3, J. Hemsley 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also March 15, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, H. Deacon 2, A. Bourner 3, D. Manger 4, J. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Both for Evensong.

SOMERLEYTON, SUFFOLK.—April 7, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: T. F. Crawford (first quarter) 1, Miss C. C. Kersley (first quarter inside) 2, F. C. Gunton 3, J. W. Forder 4, N. P. J. Cossey 5, W. S. Girling (cond.) 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crawford, parents of treble ringer.

SOUTH WALSHAM, NORFOLK.—March 29, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Rosemary J. Urban 1, Jean Dale 2, S. D. Chandler 3, K. J. Darvill 4, P. T. Dale (cond.) 5.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—Easter Day, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Lynn Bedford (first quarter) 1, Julie Barnes (first inside) 2, R. W. Balls 3, R. I. West (first Doubles as cond.) 4, M. R. Kitson (first Doubles) 5, Jean F. West 6. Believed to be the first service quarter since before the war.

STAVERTON, DEVON.—April 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Chambers (first Doubles) 1, A. S. Carter 2, R. J. Edden 3, W. S. Wayman 4, G. J. L. Read (cond.) 5, R. F. Shepperd 6

STEDHAM, SUSSEX. — March 22, 1260 Doubles (five methods): H. G. West (first away from cover) 1, Judith S. Kirk (first inside) 2, Gillian S. West 3, Gillian P. Ewens 4, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, A. H. West (first quarter) 6. First in five methods for 2, 3 and 4.

STEPNEY, E.—March 11, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Miss L. Weedon 1, H. G. Weedon 2, Miss J. Cain (first Minor) 3, R. Brown 4, A. Cuthbert 5, L. J. Fox (cond.) 6. By the local band for the Bishop of Stepney's visit

SALTWOOD, KENT. — April 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ball (first quarter) 1, Judy Brooks 2, J. Bailey (first inside) 3, J. Mitchell 4, N. Fright (first as cond.) 5, D. H. Gower 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS. — April 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Charter 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. N. Marshall 3, D. Marshall 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey (cond.) 7, C. Beswick 8. A wedding compliment to Alec Humphrey and Veronica Belifit

SEALE, SURREY.—April 14, 1260 Doubles (P.B., Grandsire): Anka Rowe 1, A. Elsmore 2, R. Collins 3, Susan Levers 4, E. Futcher (cond.) 5, I. Hiscock (first quarter) 6. First in two methods 1, 4. For the induction of Canon Oldacre as rector.

S. PETHERTON, SOM.—April 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Chedzoy 1, H. Pearce 2, G. Glyde 3, E. Rice 4, R. E. Beale (cond.) 5, W. Samways (first quarter) 6. To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association; also an 18th birthday compliment to Kevin C. Samways. Also April 19, 1260 Doubles (three methods): H. W. Pearce 1, G. Glyde 2, E. Rice 3, R. D. Welch 4, R. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. Chedzoy 6. For Evensong. To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Association; also a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Miller-Dare.

STEEP, HANTS.—April 11, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Mrs. N. de Combe 1, Mrs. A. Hall 2, R. G. Tipper 3, H. C. de Combe 4, A. Reeves (cond.) 5, Miss C. C. Roberts 6. Wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Elsey, bridegroom formerly a member of the choir and a ringer.

STREATLEY, BERKS.—March 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. G. Judd 1, F. H. Hale 2, A. J. Carpener 3, M. J. A. Felton 4, D. Taylor (cond.) 5, F. J. Gale 6, For Confirmation.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, April 12, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: D. Hawkins 1, G. Clark 2, Barbara Minnion 3, Gill Laver 4, B. Hawkins 5, P. Ford 6, J. Laver 7, C. Daws (cond.) 8. First on cight 1, 3 and 5,

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.— April 10, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. W. Cousins I, R. E. Fox 2, J, Fox (cond.) 3, N. Gray 4, P. Gagen 5, D. Gagen 6, R. Newsom 7. First quarter inside 2, 4.

THAME, OXON.—April 15, 1296 Pl. Bob Major: R. Arnott 1, I. M. M. O'Reilly (first Major) 2, C. Smith 3, F. E. Godden 4, C. W. J. East 5, R. P. Tuckwell 6, E. G. Jones 7, P. G. McIlhone (cond.) 8.

TIBSHELF, DERBYS.—Easter Sunday, 1260 Minor (two methods): A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A. Wheeler (cond.) 6. For Matins.

TOTNES, DEVON. — March 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Edden 1, Miss V. Stephens 2, N. Mallett 3, C. L. Barr 4, G. J. Roberts 5, F. D. Mack 6, D. J. Roberts 7, W. J. Harvey 8. Conducted by 3, 6, 7. A wedding compliment to Dr. Gordon Smith and Miss Linda Hawksley, married at Babbacombethis day

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—April 5, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Maunders 1, Anne Stephenson 2, F. J. Cook 3, P. Aslett 4, J. G. Newman 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6, R. J. Scott 7. For Evensong.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—April 4, at St. Mary's Church, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: Jane H. Palmer 1. Lesley A. Warwick 2, P. W. Bevington 3, D. A. Clarke 4, E. A. Morris 5, N. F. Edwards (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

WALMER, KENT.—April 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A. Woodcock 1, A. Pye 2, Mrs. F. Lawrence 3, T. Wickens 4, F. Rye 5, F. Lawrence (cond.) 6, P. Hambrook (cover) 7. In memoriam Lady Wollaston.

WEARE, SOM.—April 4, 1420 Oxford T.B. Minor: H. Hooper (cond.) 1, Susan Scott 2, B. Mills 3, S. Lewis 4, J. Trimm 5, S. Bendle 6, First in method for all.

WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.—April 16, 1260 Doubles (eight m/v): J. H. Negus 1, Pat Hurworth 2, Marion Kemp 3, Jean Sanderson 4, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 5, R. A. Currell 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—April 5, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): D. C. Budd 1, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Caroline Bagworth 4, F. Seabright 5, G. Q. Topping 6, A. E. Bagworth (cond.) 7, A. C. Steiger (first quarter 8.

WOODBOROUGH, NOTTS.—March 8, 1344 Minimus (55 m/v): H. G. Wells 1. G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (50th on the bells) 4. Also March 15, 1344 Minimus (63 diff. extents): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. In memoriam Richard Ward (dec'd March 14, 1969). Also March 22, 1272 Minimus (53 m/v)p): P. L. R. Hayward 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, H. G. Wells (cond.) 4. Also Easter Day, 1440 Minimus: H. G. Wells 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Methods rung: Dorton 34.14—14.12.14.34.12.34.14—14.34.12. (rung for first time); Boxford —14—14.12.14—12—14-14.14—14—12 first rung at All Saints', Nottingham, March 18, 1970). Also April 5, 1272 Minimus (56 m/v): H. G. Wells (arr.. cond.) 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4.

WOODCHURCH, Birkenhead, CHESHIRE. — On Easter Day, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: E. Jones 1, Clarissa Caroe 2, D. Anderson 3, R. Cleaver 4, M. Grant 5, J. Hyden (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor 1, 2, 3, 5,

WORLE, SOM.—March 21, 1260 Doubles: M. Jago (first quarter) 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Lambard 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Also Easter Monday, 1260 Doubles: W. Lovell 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Lambard 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6.

WRINGTON, SOM.—April 4, 1260 Doubles (three methods): T. J. Kingcott 1, P. A. Kingcott 2, Mrs. R. E. Smith 3, W. H. Kingcott 4, R. E. G. Smith (cond.) 5, J. S. Craig (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss Janine Dod, killed in a motor accident and who learned to ring in this tower.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—April 5, 1264 Plain Bob Major: H. Tooke (cond.) 1, I. B. Lowther 2, A. Walton 3, R. E. Wiles 4, T. E. Spight 5, F. C. Arnold 6, G. Elvin 7, H. W. Barrett 8, D. Mortlock 9 Rung after meeting short for Royal, A wedding compliment to John L. Rice and Margaret A. Nelson. John is a member of the local company.

Peals

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LEICESTER, St. Margaret.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (33 cwt.) 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAXIMUS

Michael P. Moreton

2 Brian Bladon

James R. Taylor
Andrew N. Stubbs
David P. Hilling (Conductor)
Jelley

Alan J. Frost Alan R. Patterson

9 David E. House

10 D. John Hunt 11 Robert C. Kippin 12 Noel J. Diserens

CITY OF LONDON, St. Olave.

Sun., April 12, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (111 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Keith J. Walpole
John R. Ketteringham
Nigel Thomson

4 Geoffrey Bridges 5 David C. Brown

Christopher Forster

7 Frank Reed 8 David E. House (Conductor)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN. NORTH PERROTT, Som., St. Martin. Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (11 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (15 methods, 102 varia-

tions and 9 spliced compositions).

*1 Mervyn R. Arscott *2 John Medway

3 John Cornelius (Arr. and Cond.)

*4 Royston Shepherd 5 Mervyn A. Arscott

*6 Eric Rice *Most methods/variations/ spliced compositions to a peal and as conductor.

WINFORD, Som., St. Mary the Virgin. Fri., April 10 1970, 2hr. 54min. (16 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 H. Montague Ball 2 Heather A. Kippin 3 Peter J. England

†4 Ruth Ball

5 Sidney G. Smith
6 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)
Circled the tower. †First peal. In memoriam Herbert W. Knight, branch chairman.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon., April 6, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (6 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
*1 Frederick S. Sutton
2 Gordon K. Green

3 Frank R. Morton (Conductor) 4 Harry W. Howard

t5 Paul Maddock

6 George H. Bailey *Circled the tower twice. †First attempt.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbys, St. Peter. Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (12 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Michael Foulds *2 Elizabeth A. Hibbert

3 Robert B. Smith 4 Gerald Moorhouse

†5 Peter Broadbent ‡6 Brian S. B. Kear (Conductor) *First attempt. †First of Minor on tower bells. ‡First of Minor as conductor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross. Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (19 cwt.) 5039 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. CATERS

1 Anthony J. Cox 2 John H. Fielden

3 Stephen F. Royal

4 Clare F. Dolphin
5 Peter H. Mackie
6 Peter C. Randall
7 Ian C. Maycock (C. and Conductor)
8 Peter S. Bennett

9 Geoffrey W. Randall 10 Ernest J. Gower

With best wishes to J. L. Garner-Hayward, guild president, leaving the district.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION DORE, Sheffield, Christ Church.

Thur., April 9, 1970, 2hr. 36min. ((114 cwt.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

1 Susan E. Davis *2 Andrew R. Queen

3 Susan E. Banton 4 Trevor Tarbatt

5 Timothy Wylie 6 Peter D. Taylor

7 A. Colin Banton (C. and Conductor)
*8 Simon P. D. Burnett
*First of Treble Bob Major.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION BOURN, Cambs, SS. Helen and Mary.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (14 cwt.) 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

*1 Georgina C. M. Carter

*2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

*3 Martin Major

*4 David R. Saunderson

5 Donald F. Murfet

6 Jack S. Dear *7 Geoffrey A. Lucas *8 George E. Thoday *First in the method.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex, St. Mary.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (24 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
1 Georgina C. M. Carter
2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

Jean Sanderson 4 Marion Kemp

Allen Twyman
Barry J. Couzens
Donald F. Murfet 5 6

David R. Saunderson George E. Bonham

10 John G. Gipson

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex, St. Michael.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (9 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. *1 Eileen S. Button

2 Arthur G. Button 3 Rachel J. R. Orman

4 George N. Orman 5 Daisy M. Andrews 6 Edward E. Davey

7 Alan R. Andrews (Conductor) 8 Urban W. Wildney *First on eight bells. Birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ASHTEAD, Surrey, St. Giles.

April 13, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (13 cwt.) 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. J. Ivin.
1 Christopher I. Rowson

2 Joan Beresford 3 Beryl R. Simpson *4 Felicity S. Hamilton

5 Norman Summerhayes

6 Alan D. Flood 7 Michael J. Church (Conductor) 8 Peter J. Munday

*First in the method.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HEREFORD, Herefordshire, St. Nicholas. Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (9 cwt.) 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

(Two 2160's and one 720.)

(Two 2160's and one 720.)

1 Reginald G. Powell

2 Michael V. Powell

3 John F. I Turney

*4 Ralph C. Godsall

5 Norman R. Mattingley

6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

*25th peal. 75th as conductor. First in method by the band and for the guild.

21st birthday compliment to M. C. W. Sherwood. Sherwood.

BOSBURY, Herefords, Holy Trinity.

Mon., April 6, 1970, 2hr. 49mins. (15 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements Bob, Plain Bob).

Frederick R. Harris 2 Peter L. Hughes
3 Roy K. Williams
4 S. Barnaby Bell
5 Michael V. Powell
6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, Herefordshire, St. Peter.

Tues., April 7, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (7 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (3 methods: 2 40 SURPRISE MINOR (3 methods:
Surfleet, 2 Beverley, 3 Cambridge S.).
1 Peter L. Hughes
2 Frederick R. Harris
*3 Ralph C. Godsall
4 S. Barnaby Bell
*5 Michael V. Powell
6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
irst of Surprise in three methods

*First of Surprise in three methods.

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EWYAS HAROLD, Herefordshire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Wed., April 8, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (13 methods: Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst Bob; St. ford, Thelwall, Pinehurst Bob; St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton Bob; Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet Surprise; Oxford T.B.; Kent T.B.; Oxford Bob; Plain Bob).

*†1 S. Barnaby Bell
2 Frederick R. Harris
*3 Peter L. Hughes
*4 Roy K. Williams
*5 Michael V. Powell
*6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
*First in 13 methods. †25th peal.

GROSMONT, Herefordshire, St. Nicholas. Wed., April 8, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (19 methods: Primrose, Berwick, Hexham Surprise; Cambridge, wick, Hexham Surprise; Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet Surprise; Double Oxford. Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childfall, Buxton Bob; St. Nicholas, Gower, Heatherslade; Oxford T.B.; Kent T.B.; Oxford and Plain Bob).

*1 Peter L. Hughes
2 Frederick R. Harris
*3 Roy K. Williams
*4 S. Barnaby Bell
*5 Michael V. Powell
*6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
*First in 19 methods.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts, St. Michael.

Sat. J.n 1970, 3hr. 2min. (13 cwt.) 5230 I ONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

1 G. William Critchley

2 Francis Kirk 3 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

4 David A. Carpenter 5 Frank Reed

6 David Redfearn
7 Roger Baldwin (C. and Conductor)

8 Gerald Penney

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas. , April 11, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.) 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by Rev. H. Law James.
1 Philip A. Corby
2 Barbara A. Van Asselt
3 Valerie J. Howard

4 John A. Howard 5 Philip A. Simmonds 6 Peter R. Butler

7 Trevor A. Cross 8 Andrew J. Corby (Conductor)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ORMSKIRK, Lancs, SS. Peter and Paul.

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Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (25 cwt.)
5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.

*1 David C. H. Simpson
2 Marion J. Glover
*3 Jeremy P. Richardson
4 Robin Guy
5 Martin E. Snape
6 John A. Elliot
7 Dennis R. Jones
8 David J. Bennett (Conductor)
*First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise as conductor. To mark the consecration of the Bishors of Burnley and Warrington and a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd. pliment to the ringer of 3rd.

HALSALL, Lancashire, St. Cuthbert.

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 Oxford T.B., Grandsire, Cambridge S., Kent T.B., St. Clements, 2 Plain Bob).

1 John H. Wilton

2 James Hedgcock 3 Nigel P. A. Goulding 4 John R. Ridley

5 Tony Skilton (Conductor) 6 David C. A. Simpson

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY PULVERBATCH, Salop, St. Edith.

Wed., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (5 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (5 methods: 2 St. Clements and Plain Bob, 1 Cambridge S., Kent T.B. and Childwall Bob).

1 Christopher Forster 2 Rosamund M. Brown

3 Elizabeth J. Campbell

4 John J. Durham 5 Graham J. Jones

6 Roger G. Green (Conductor)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD HOOK NORTON, Oxon, St. Peter.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (20½ cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Middleton's.)

1 Neil W. Harvey 2 Eileen J. Goodall 3 Alfred Ballard

4 Andrew S. Hayden 5 Brian L. Burrows 6 Burley P. Morris 7 K. Paul Gilliver

8 Michael E. Brown (Conductor)

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, All Saints. Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (30 cwt.)

5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by A. Knights.

1 Christopher J. Jones

2 James Hedgcock

3 Arthur E. Rowley
4 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
5 Michael Thompson

6 Rupert A. Clarke
7 Peter J. Heritage
8 Tony Skilton

9 B. Stedman Payne 10 John Pladdys

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD BRIGG, Lines, St. John the Evangelist.

Fri., April 10, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (81 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 each Durham, London, Hull, Norwich Surprise, Double, Reverse and College).

1 Mary Atkinson 2 William Bains 3 Michael W. Crowder

4 Jack Bray 5 John G. Hall (Conductor)

6 Roger Hippisley

BROUGHTON, Lines, St. Mary.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (11½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (1 each Lytham, London
Bob, Wavertree, College, Single Court,
Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse).

1 Peter Saunders 2 John G. Hall (Conductor) 3 George E. Feirn

4 Melvyn A. Rose 5 Richard H. Hall

6 Roger Hippisley A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lord, of Broughton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MARSHFIELD, Mon, St. Mary the Virgin. Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Dexter's No. 1.)

*1 Paul W. Thomas *2 William H. Harford

3 Thomas Yeomans 4 Brian S. B. Kear

*5 Michael R. Meadows

6 M. Jack Pryor
7 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
*8 Roger B. Lubbock
*First of Stedman Triples. A birthday
compliment to the treble ringer's mother.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

MEASHAM, Leics, St. Laurence.

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (9 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by H. Hubbard.

•1 D. Leslie Haywood 2 Joseph W. Cotton 3 Sheila Parsons 4 Arthur E. Rowley

5 Harry Poyner 6 Frank Chambers 7 Roland Beniston

8 Norman W. Attaway (Conductor)
*First of Major. First as conductor.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.

AUDLEY, Staffs, St. James the Great. Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 57 min. (15½ cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by L. Goodall.

Sheila A. Taylor 2 Norman Sherratt

3 Christopher J. Morey 4 F. Hector Bennett

5 Harold Dowler
6 Charles A. S. Webb
7 Frank R. Morton
8 Raymond J. Ballard (Conductor)

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

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WREXHAM, Denbighshire, St. Giles.
Wed., April 1, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (24 cwt.)
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
1 Jacqueline S. King
2 Donald G. Clift
3 Anthony J. Cox
4 Peter A. Sharp
5 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)
6 Paul A. Williams
7 David J. King
8 Stephen Fenwick
9 Peter S. Bennett
10 Tudor P. Edwards

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

KESSINGLAND, Suffolk, St. Edmund.

Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (121 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Thomas J. Brock
2 Philip J. Harrold
3 Ernest E. A. Brock
14 Desmond P. J. Harrold
5 Fredrick R. Wade
6 Michael J. Parker (Conductor)
First of Minor. †First peal. †First inside. For Easter, by the local band. A thanksgiving for completion of church

LAMMAS, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (83 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Michael A. Frost

*2 Trevor N. J. Bailey (Conductor)
†3 Margaret A. Bunting
†4 Carole A. H. Patey
5 Robert G. Walker
*250th peal. †First of Doubles.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD HUGHENDEN, Oxon, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Jan. 24, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (14½ cwt.) 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (9 methods: 576 Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Rutland and Yorkshire, 138 changes of method).
Composed by N. Smith.
Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)
Jennifer A. Dunning
Peter H. Mackie

4 Raymond J. Talbot 5 Robert H. Newton 6 David A. Town 7 Bernard F. L. Groves 8 Jeremy R. Pratt

WITNEY, Oxon, St. Mary.
Tues., April 7, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (16½ cwt.)
5024
XENNAPOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. J. Sedgley.
1 Terence J. Hester
2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
3 Timothy G. Pett
4 Peter J. Heritage
5 Ronald K. Russ
6 Brian W. Hall
7 Frank Reed

7 Frank Reed

8 Bertram J. Coggins
First in the method by all and for the
Guild. For the Feast of the Annunciation

TWYFORD, Berkshire, St. Mary. Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (12 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

1 Joan A. Rance

*2 Violet N. Castle

3 Harold Smith

4 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
5 Michael Hatchett
6 Walter G. Knight
*7 Bernard C. Castle
8 Philip H. Tocock
*First of Surprise Major inside. To mark
the opening of Christian Aid Week; also
a wedding compliment to Michael J. Smith (son of the ringer of the 3rd) and Sally P. Howes.

SURREY ASSOCIATION
BANBURY, Oxon, St. Mary.
Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (17½ cwt.)
5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Elizabeth Stevens *2 Felicity S. Hamilton 3 Juliet S. Stoy

Nigel Thomson (Arr. and Cond.)

5 Philip Bosworth
6 Peter J. Munday
7 Alan D. Flood
8 Richard C. Stevens
9 Jeremy R. Pratt
10 Raymond J. Talbot

*First in the method. First on 10 and in the method as conductor.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

EASTON NESTON, Northants, St. Mary. Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (10 cwt.) SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1344 Rutland, 1248 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, 90 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Barry E. Saunders

2 Alan A. Paul
3 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
*4 Stanley M. Ruddlesden

*5 Raymond A. Vickers
*6 Christopher C. Stokes
7 George W. Holland
8 James Linnell

*First of Spliced Surprise Major. A wed-

ding compliment to Marguerite Denny and John Beezhold, married at Towcester.

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross. Sun., Mar. 22, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (19 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by H. Poyner.

1 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
*2 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
3 Barry E. Saunders

Raymond A. Vickers 5 Eric Billings

6 Christopher C. Stokes 7 Malcolm J. V. Chown

8 Barrie Hendry 9 Alan A. Paul 10 Patrick I. Chapman

*150th peal.

SULGRAVE, Northants, St. James.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hrs. 43min. (10\(\frac{1}{2}\) cwt.)
5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
(14 methods, Bourne and Netherseale;
Norfolk and Ipswich; London and Wells;
York and Durham; Cambridge and Primrose; Beverley and Berwick; Surfleet and
Hexham; 89 changes of method).

1 Bridget Bates
2 Shirley E Ruddlesden.

2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden 3 Graham C. Paul 4 Stanley M. Ruddlesden

5 Barry E. Saunders 6 Alan A. Paul (Conductor)

To mark the retirement of Rev. Dr. W. J. Smart.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

ur., April 2, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (31 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Arranged by R. W. Pipe. 1 Roderick W. Pipe Thur...

Muriel Reay
J. Goodman Norman J. Go Paul W. Webb

Vernon Green James Insley 6

Peter H. Gardner Terry R. Hampton

9 C. Barrie Dove 10 George E. Fearn 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh

12 Peter Border (Conductor)

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thur., April 9, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (31 cwt.) 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS (4ths place calls.)

1 Muriel Reay 2 Roderick W. Pipe (Arr. and Cond.) 3 Norman J. Goodman

J. Edward Cawser

5 Richard J. Tibbetts *6 Robert E. J. Dennis *7 Stephen W. Barton

8 Vernon Green 9 Maurice F. Edwards

10 George E. Fearn 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh

12 Peter Border. *First in method.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire, All Saints' Cathedral.

., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 29min. (35 cwt.) 5040 LONDINIUM S. MAXIMUS

1 Roderick W. Pipe *2 Richard J. Tibbetts †3 Norman J. Goodman

4 Basil Jones 5 Vernon Green 6 James Insley

*7 Stephen W. Barton 8 Terry R. Hampton *9 Bryan D. A. Woolley 10 Wilfred Williams 11 Clifford A. Barron

12 Peter Border (C. and Conductor) *First in method. †200th of Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral. Thur., April 16, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (31 cwt.) 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

(Traditional.)

1 George E. Fearn
2 Maurice F. Edwards
3 Richard J. Tibbetts

4 James Insley
5 Stephen W. Barton
6 Terry R. Hampton
7 Gerald C. Hemming
8 Norman J. Goodman
9 Kenneth J. Hesketh

10 Peter Border (Conductor)

SOLIHULL, Warwickshire, St. Alphege. Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 38min. (21 cwt.) 5280 SOLIHULL SURPRISE MAXIMUS (Traditional.)

1 Muriel Reay

2 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
3 Norman J. Goodman
4 Robert C. Kippin

5 Basil Jones

Vernon Green 7 Bryan D. A. Woolley

8 Terry R. Hampton 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh

10 Peter Border 11 Ralph G. Edwards 12 George E. Fearn

First of Maximus on the bells. To mark the 750th anniversary of the church.

> Tis easy enough to be jolly When life goes along like a song; But the man worth while

Is one who can smile

When everything goes dead wrong.

Browning.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

MILDENHALL, Wilts, St. John the Baptist.

Sun., April 12, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise Minor; Double Bob and St. Clements; Double Bob, St. Clements, Fulbeck and Childwall; St. Clements, Double Oxford and Plain Bob;

Kent T.B.; Plain Bob).

1 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)

*2 P. Donald Naylor *3 Ann Toomer

*4 Timothy R. Jones †5 Anita D. O'Brien *6 Allan G. Keen

*Most methods to a peal. †Most methods away from treble.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, Lines, All Saints.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (13 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents, 10 callings.)

1 Elaine M. Rolfe *2 Stephen J. F. Mitchell

3 Frederick Derry
4 Martin F. Mitchell
5 Frederick G. Hooper (Conductor)
6 Derek E. Kirton
*First inside. For Easter.

BABWORTH, Notts, All Saints.

Wed., April 15, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR Arranged by Rev. E. Bankes James.

1 Bryan Birkett

2 Christine M. N. Wright
3 Paul N. Mounsey (Conductor)
4 Mary C. Poyner
5 Stephen W. Knights

6 Harry Poyner

On the conductor's 16th birthday.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, Notts, All Saints.

Tues., April 14, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents, being permutations and combinations of C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 6, 24 and 27).

*1 Jennifer A. Curtis

*2 Ann Vessey

3 Paul F. Curtis
4 Derek J. Tysoe
5 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)
6 George A. Dawson

*First of Minor.

SUFFOLK GUILD

CLARE, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (28 cwt.) 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by G. Lindoff.

1 Norman M. Watson

2 Jack H. Brett

3 Walter Arnold

4 Peter Mayle

5 Alan G. Feaver 6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

Tom Bird

8 Walter A. Perry

BENHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (81 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*1 Roland C. Peck †2 Roger P. Peters

3 Michael Baldry
†4 Michael J. Peters
5 Peter S. Bedford (Conductor)
6 Trevor D. Hughes

*First peal. †First inside.

HORRINGER, Suffolk, St. Leonard.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (9 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. H. Martin.

Composed by C. H. Martin.

1 J. Barry Pickup

2 Muriel R. Page

3 Leslie G. Brett

4 Dorothy Durrant

5 Alan G. Feaver

6 Cecil W. Pipe

7 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

8 Ernest G. Pearce

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert. Fri., April 17, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (10 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (3 methods: 1 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (3 methods: 1
Beverley, 1 Surfleet, 1 Beverley and Surfleet, 4 Cambridge).

1 Walter W. Miller
2 Katharine M. Thorley
3 Muriel R. Page
4 Leslie G. Brett
5 J. Barry Pickup
6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WISBOROUGH GREEN, Sussex, St. Peter ad Vincula.

Thur., April 16, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (12½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (7 methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford and St. Clements, Single Oxford, 2 of Plain Bob).

1 Bronwen J. Davies
2 Ruth E. Halford
3 Anne M. Stevens
*4 Christopher Renyard
5 Patrick M. Wills
6 Philip Stevens (Conductor)

6 Philip Stevens (Conductor) *First in seven methods.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY **OF STAFFORD**

WEDNESBURY, Staffs, St. Bartholomew. Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (24 cwt.) 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

1 David Nichols

2 Beryl E. Cawser 3 Shirley Ruddleston

5 January E. Saunders
7 W. Eric Critchley (C. and Cond.)
8 Alan A. Paul

9 J. Henry Fielden 10 Richard E. Price

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

PHILLACK, Cornwall, St. Felicitas Matron and Martyr.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14½ cwt.)
5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5
methods: 1120 London, 1088 Superlative,
1024 Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with
107 changes of method and all the work).
Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 Susan E. Banton 2 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

3 Morley P. Tobin 4 Arthur C. Berry 5 Michael Elson

6 Martin D. Fellows 7 A. Colin Banton 8 Gerald C. Hemming

ST. BUDOCK, Cornwall, St. Bodocus.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (10 cwt.)
5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4
methods: 1312 Bristol, 1280 Cambridge,
London and Superlative, with 112 changes
of method and all the work).
Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 Susan E. Banton

2 Morley P. Tobin
*3 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

*3 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
4 Michael Elson
†5 Colin C. Monson
6 Gerald C. Hemming
*7 Martin D. Fellows
8 Arthur C. Berry
*400th together. †First of spliced inside.
To mark the 14th centenary of the church.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall, St. Anta and

All Saints.
Sun., April 5, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (9½ cwt.)

5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. F. B. Speed

1 Michael J. Fellows

2 Susan E. Banton

3 Timothy Bell

4 Morley P. Tobin

5 Colin C. Monson

6 A. Colin Banton 7 Gerald C. Hemming 8 Martin D. Fellows (Conductor) *First in the method.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

EARLS CROOME, Worcs, St. Nicholas. Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (8 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (21 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob).

1 C. Edwin Brookes

2 Jane E. Hills
3 Thomas W. Lewis
4 Barnabas G. Key
5 John E. Whittall (Conductor)
6 Cecil H. Deakin

First of Doubles as conductor.

GT. COMBERTON, Worcs., St. Michael.

Tues., April 7, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (8 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (12 methods: Cambridge S.,
S. Oxford and Plain, Oxford T.B., St.
Clements, Childwall, Buxton, D. Oxford,
Thelwall, Pinehurst, Plain, Kent T.B.,
Plain and Double Bob).
1 Christopher Pickford
2 Christopher Hims
3 Shirley M. Drew
4 Roger H. Hunt

4 Roger H. Hunt
5 Peter S. Robertson
6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs, St. Mary.

Sun., April 12, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (10\frac{3}{4} cwt.)

5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (9
methods: 1024 London, 832 Bristol, 800
Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester
and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative, 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of
method and all the work).

Composed by A* I Pitman

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 Roger H. Hunt

2 M. Irene Brown
3 Morley P. Tobin
4 Michael Elson
5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

6 Robert Edwards

7 Arthur C. Berry
8 Gerald C. Hemming
First of 9-spliced by all except conductor.
To mark the retirement of Mr. Donald
Lambert, for 48 years organist at this

church.

CLEEVE PRIOR, Worcs, St. Andrew. Thur., April 16, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (9 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (20 Grandsire, 22 Plain Bob).

1 Shirley M. Drew *†2 Roger H. Hunt

13 Charles A. Milward

†4 Christopher Hims
5 Christopher J. Pickford (Conductor)

6 Geoffrey R. Drew

†First of multi-method peal. Doubles. ‡First peal. First as conductor.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BASINGSTOKE, Hants, All Saints. Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (113 cwt.) **5004 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

1 Edward W. Colley
2 Lynette M. Holbrook
3 Raymond E. Finch

†4 John S. Hopwood

5 Christopher S. M. Noakes 6 Derek C. Jackson 7 W. John Couperthwaite

†8 Howard E. J. Smith 9 R. Roger Savory (C. & Conductor)
*First of Caters. †First of Grandsire
Caters. First 9-bell peal by all except ringer of 8.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berkshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Wed., April 15, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (12 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 576 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lin-colnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 London, Rutland, Ux-bridge, with 130 changes of method). Composed by N. Smith.

1 Reginald W. Rex 2 Beryl R. Simpson *3 Alan D. Flood

Christopher I. Rowson Stanley G. Ponting

W. John Couperthwaite Michael J. Church

†8 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor) *First of 10-spliced. †First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire, St. Thomas. Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (18½ cwt.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by D. Wood. Patricia North

*2 Pamela A. Lockwood *3 Margaret White

*4 Robert Cater *5 Delwyn B. Tidball *6 Philip Charlesworth

Ian North (Conductor) 8 David S. Lockwood *First of Kent T.B. Major.

DONCASTER, Yorkshire, St. George. Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (301 cwt.) 5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Jenner.

1 Iris M. E. Lemare *2 W. Eric Critchley. *3 Patricia North

*4 Neil Donovan

*5 Ian North
*6 M. Alec Beaumont
*7 David Nichols
8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor). *First in method.

Handbells

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

MUCH BIRCH, Herefordshire, Windover.

Fri., April 3, 1970, 1hr. 50min. (14 in D.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Six related extents and one other. 1-2 John F. I. Turney

*3-4 Norman R. Mattingley
5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
*First of Minor in hand, Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J.
F. W. Sherwood, parents of ringer of 5-6.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road. Sun., Mar. 15, 1970, 2hr. 56min. 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

1-2 Katherine S. Hardy 3-4 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

5-6 Keith J. Walpole
7-8 Kenneth J. Darvill
9-10 Robert E. Hardy
11-12 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)

Truro Guild.

QUARTER PEAL DAY

Towards the end of 1969 Denis Stephens, of Helston, suggested that one day in the spring a quarter peal be attempted at each of the 11 Kerrier Deanery towers. was greeted with enthusiasm and April 4 chosen. It was later discovered that there were two counter attractions—a sponsored walk in aid of the St. Clement augmentation, and a peal attempt of Maximus somewhere in Devon. Consequently this meant only the sixes could be quartered and the eights just visited. When the guild librarian heard of this he proceeded to find an available eight-bell band.

The day dawned bright and clear. Whilst the Truro party opened the scoring with two Minor at Constantine the Penzance contingent rang Doubles at Mawgan. On to St. Anthony, where the bands joined and the Truro ringers experienced their first disappointment—Lesley Evans was unable to attend. Nevertheless Bob Major was to attend. Nevertheless Bob Major was brought round.

At this point there was a divergence of opinion as to who would ring with whom (suggestive of a Urangwot!), and after much discussion the bands split up in such a manner that only Doubles could be New variations were rung at Landewednack and Mullion, while more conventional ringing was executed at conventional ringing was Manaccan and Cury. Both bands then descended on St. Keverne and a very Both bands then good quarter resulted. of Grandsire Triples

After tea consternation set in when it was discovered that one ringer was makto be going to Wendron. Thus began a car chase with a Morris 1000 pursuing a Mark 9 Jaguar. The wayward ringer retrieved, 11 extents of Mr. Smith's new variations (thus terminating the present series) were rung at Wendron, whilst back at Helston Grandsire Triples was successful. The bands rejoined at Crowan for Grandsire Triples, but hopes of 100 per cent. success were dashed when a weary conductor "corrected" the wrong bell. Nevertheless it was agreed that 10 out of 11 was quite an achievement and a future attempt should be made with another

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada, 50 Ravensbourne Crescent.

Tues., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (12 in F.)
5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by E. J. Lindley.
1-2 David R. Ingram
3-4 William H. Jackson

5-6 Derek M. Sawyer 7-8 John Owen (Conductor)

First as conductor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BINFIELD, Berks, Spincroft, Tilehurst Lane.

n., April 12, 1970, 2hr. 45min. 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by J. A. Trollope.

*1-2 Susanne Sargeant 3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport 5-6 Frank C. Price (Conductor)

7-8 N. David Lane

†9-10 Stanley G. Scott *First of Royal away from tenors. †First on ten handbells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH **DIOCESAN GUILD**

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, 8 Gerald Road. Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (17 in A.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part, 7th obs.) 1-2 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4 Daniel T. Matkin (Conductor)

*5-6 William S. Croft 7-8 Kenneth S. B. Croft *First in the method and of Triples.

TRURO GUILD'S QUARTER PEAL DAY April 4, 1970

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.-1292 Minor (Plain and Little): Kathryne R. Pearce (first Minor) 1, T. R. Hart 2, R. W. Humphries 3, D. A. Trethewey 4, T

J. Bell (cond.) 5, A. Locke 6.

MAWGAN-IN-MENEAGE, CORNWALL.—1260

Doubles (seven m/v): C. B. Allen 1, D. Stephens 2,
A. P. Smith (cond.) 3, J. Copping 4, F. M. Bowers 5. M. D. Butler 6.

ANTHONY - IN - MENEAGE, CORNWALL .-1264 Plain Bob Major: A. Locke 1, D. A. Trethewey 2, R. W. Humphries 3, C. B. Allen (first Major) 4, T. R. Hart 5, A. P. Smith 6, T. J. Bell (cond.) 7, M. Bowers 8.

MANACCAN, CORNWALL. — 1260 Doubles (five m/v): D. Stephens 1, J. Copping 2, T. R. Hart 3, C. B. Allen 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, M. D. Butler 6. LANDEWEDNACK, CORNWALL.-1320 Doubles (11 var.): R. W. Humphries I, R. P. Pearce 2, A. Locke 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, T. J. Bell 5, Kath-

ryne R. Pearce 6. All variations rung for first time. CURY, CORNWALL.—1260 Doubles (four m/v): C. B. Allen 1, D. Stephens 2, T. R. Hart (cond.) 3. Copping 4, F. M. Bowers 5, M. D. Butler 6.

MULLION, CORNWALL.-1260 Doubles (five m three var.): R. W. Humphries 1, R. P. Pearce 2, A Locke 3, A. P. Smith 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, D. A Trethewey 6. All variations rung for the first time. ST. KEVERNE, CORNWALL.—1260 Grandsire
Triples: D. A. Trethewey 1, R. P. Pearce 2, J.
Copping (first on eight inside) 3, T. J. Bell (cond.) 4, A. P. Smith 5, A. Locke 6, F M. Bowers 7, D. Stephens

HELSTON, CORNWALL.-1260 Grandsire Triples: HELSTON, CURNWALL.—1260 Grandsire Triples;
T. R. Hart 1, A. Locke 2, C. B. Allen (first Triples)
3, R. W. Humphries 4, W. R. Curtis 5, D. A.
Trethewey 6, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 7, M. D. Butler 8.
WENDRON, CORNWALL.—1320 Doubles (11) var.): R. Diane Carter 1, R. P. Pearce 2, J. Copping 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, T. J. Bell 5, Kathryne R. Pearce 6. All variations rung for the first time.

Guildford Guild

DISTRICT OUTING ARRANGED

Over 50 members with several visitors were present at the Farnham District meeting at Farnborough on April 18. A sizable congregation attended the Guild service, conducted by the local curate, the rector being indisposed.

After tea in the church hall a constructive business meeting was held, under Mr. Tom

Page (district ringing master).

New members elected were Mr. David Fox (Aldershot) and nine from Frensham (an indication that the Farnham-Frensham-Grayshott combined practices are going well). They are the Misses C. Pither and H. Walker (juniors) and Mesdames P. Darch, S. Haytree, P. Wadmore and R. Durnford, Miss K. Parry-Evans, Mr. S. C. Swann and Mr. R. Durnford.

It was suggested that the date of the advanced practice at Yorktown should be changed because of the Central Council meeting at Ilkley, and the practice meeting at Bentley because of the Croydon festival.

The secretary confirmed that all the towers suggested for the district outing to the Swindon area were available.

Mr. Tom Page proposed that the executive and dinner committees be asked to revert to holding the annual dinner on a Saturday, which was carried.

The ladies of Farnborough were thanked for preparing the tea, and the organist, the curate and the rector were also thanked.

Ringing on the pleasant light eight continued until 9 p.m. M. A. R.

Suffolk Guild.

RINGING MASTER APPOINTED

Although the spring quarterly meeting of the North-West District at Lakenheath was held on the same day as the Cup Final the attendance was good. Ringing halted during the afternoon because of an organisation meeting adjacent to the church, but resumed before the service, which was conducted by the vicar.

Mrs. E. Peachey and her helpers provided an adequate tea and they were

thanked accordingly.

New members from Horringer and Woolpit were elected, and the chairman, Mr. A. Peachey, reported on the transferring of Drinkstone, Rattlesden, Walsham-le-Willows and Woolpit from the Central District to the N.W. Disappointment was shown at the absence of the ringing master and it was proposed that a deputy be appointed and Mr. M. J. Rose was elected to this office. A letter of appreciation was read by the chairman from Mr. L. Mills, of Bures, referring to his recent appointment as a vice-president of the guild. The meeting was reminded of the forthcoming striking competition, conductors' course and peal week. Practice meetings were arranged at Walsham le-Willows for May and at Rattlesden for June. Since the meeting, due to school activities at Rougham, the July quarterly meeting has been provisionally altered to Woolpit.

A man must serve his time to every trade Save censure—critics all are ready made. Byron.

Belfry Gossip

A claim is submitted by Kevin M. Price for conducting the first peal on the bells of St. Oswald, Askrigg, North Yorks.

Twelve-years-old Paul Jopp has conducted his first peal at Earls Croome, Worcs-

Cambridge Minor!

Birmingham ringers rang two peals of Surprise Royal in Derbyshire on April 1—at Chesterfield and Duffield, with Clifford A. Barron as conductor.

Back in business is A. Patrick Cannon, of Dorking, who has been "taking it easy" for several months from peal ringing. He has rung his first peal since January 3!

Another record on handbells was achieved at Watford on April 21 when John R. Mayne conducted the first peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in 16 methods!

First peal congratulations to Charles A. Milward, Roland C. Peck, Elizabeth A. Hibbert, Ruth Ball, Paul Maddock, Ernest E. A. Brock.

Personal Records: Roger Hunt (25 peals), Norman J. Goodman (200 Maximus), Stanley Ruddleston (150), Treyor Bailey (250), S. Barnaby Bell (25), Ralph Godsall (25). We learn that Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd,

We learn that Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, of Warminster, is still not 100 per cent, his shoulder and chest not being satisfactory. A forthcoming holiday in Devon, it is hoped, will help to complete his recovery.

Paul Boucher has passed Part 1 solicitors qualifying examination and received the congratulations of the rest of the team who rang with him in a peal of Bob Major at Bowdon, Cheshire.

1,000th ANNIVERSARY

The splendid Saxon tower of Earls Barton Church, Northampton, must be one of the best known, architecturally, in the country, and this year it is the centre of much activity, for it has reached its 1,000th anniversary—its millennium. And it is gratifying to find that, despite its great age, the tower is as good as new. To mark the occasion, a village festival began on April 12 and will continue until All Saints-tide. Almost every activity will be covered by the festival, and details of these can be obtained from the Festival Office. A peal of Earls Barton Surprise was rung to mark the opening of the festival.

WEDDING INTERVENED

From Derek Jackson, of Totton, Southampton:—

"On March 14 our band met at Stockbridge to attempt a peal of 50 Doubles methods. Alas! a wedding was due in the Baptist Chapel, and inter-denominational relationships being strong in Stockbridge the tower captain asked us to ring the bride into chapel and then wait for the service to finish. This took longer than anticipated and thus only a half peal could be attempted while the reception took place in the hall adjoining. This was to have been the first peal for the tower captain, who covered on the tenor."

Mr. Trevor Jones, of Kington, Hereford, writes appreciatively of the ringers who scored a peal of Grandsire Triples at Eardisland on March 12 for his 70th birthday and trusts they all will have the same honour for each of their 70th birthdays.

Without foreknowledge of the peal, L. Susan Green, of St. David's Cathedral resident band, rang her first of Plain Bob Major on the Cathedral bells on April 25. She has only been ringing 18 months and rang most commendably, with hardly a trip, writes the conductor, Peter J. Cranfield.

Their silver wedding was the occasion of a first peal for Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenwood, of Shelley, West Yorks, on April 25. Two other Greenwoods—Miss Susan and Dennis (Halifax Guild secretary)—also scored first peals; truly a great day for the family!

A welcome visitor to our office this week was Mr. Percy Venn (of Hayes) and he proudly displayed a cheque for £50 which he had received from the Middlesex Association towards the Hayes Bell Fund. He and his new band are very grateful for this practical help.

*Mr. Albert Hodges, of Twyford, Bucks, took part in a quarter at Steeple Claydon, Bucks, on April 17 to mark his 79th birthday. A loyal service ringer, Mr. Hodges has a record of having worked for 66 years for the London Brick Company.

Egham Parish Church's 150th anniversary was celebrated with a peal of London Surprise Major by the local band on April 16. An augmentation to ten, which will be the first in the Chertsey District, is their ambition. Donations to Mr. J. Knowles, 46 Simon's Walk, Englefield Green, Surrey.

Congratulations to former Ashford, Kent, District secretary, Mr. C. T. Hillis, on ringing his 250th peal at Cheriton (on April 25), where he circled the tower. All these peals have been for the K.C.A. and mostly in East Kent. He would be interested to hear of others who have rung more than 250 peals for one Guild or Association.

A donkey jacket belonging to one of the organisers of an outing recently was left in one of the towers and caused considerable consternation to the party. It had the "day's takings" in a pocket and the possibility of no money to pay for the meals looked imminent! However, someone arrived with the key and the donkey recovered his jacket.

Ringers of St. Mary-le-Wigford, Lincoln, offered their congratulations to Rosemary Ann Whitney, former choir member, following her marriage to Mr. Peter Hulse, by ringing a quarter. Two of the ringers—Susan Faull and Vivienne West—were members of Rosemary's recorder class at Christ's Hospital Girls' High School, Lincoln. Ringing the tenor, Vivienne gained the distinction of being the first girl to circle the tower to quarter peals.

Home again is Mr. R. Kingsley Mason after his accident, but out of all ringing for some time as he has lost the use of his left hand and arm (not permanently, fortunately). Mr. William Johnson, of Leire, Leics, was admitted to the same ward a few days later suffering from two broken arms. Both invalids appreciate the visitors and messages sent to them.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL
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Obituary

FREDERICK J. REEVES

With regret we heard of the sudden death at the age of 62 of Mr. F. J. Reeves on April 22. "Freddie," as he was affectionately known, had been the captain at Queen Camel, Som., for upwards of 40 years and had welcomed hundreds of visiting ringers on outings to this area. A ring on the "heaviest six" has always been popular. In addition to ringing he was chorister and a member of the P.C.C.

One of his greatest joys was to have a good rise and fall, in addition to good striking, and with his expert lead seldom was he disappointed. In freemasonry he was a Past Master; also a member of Yeovil Bowling Club, a member of Yeovil Constitutional Club and was a successful grower and ex-

hibitor of chrysanthemums.

He leaves a wife and three sons, one (Richard) being in Australia, but Stewart and Paul are keen ringers at Queen Camel. The funeral on April 25 was conducted by the vicar (Rev. R. Bowman), who paid tribute to Freddie's sterling qualities.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service and their grandeur added solemnity to a very sad occasion and turned the thoughts, particularly of those who rang with him, to one who had given so many years of dedicated service to the church

Many organisations were represented to pay final respects to "one of Nature's gentlemen." Interment followed in the shadow of the church he served so well. "Well done, thou good and faithful ser-T. J. S.

vant."

FRED C. MAYNARD

With the death of Mr. Fred C. Maynard on April 9, at the age of 83, Walthamstow St. Mary's has come to the end of a long line of Maynards who have served as bellringers at this church for a period of about 150 years. During the early part of the century no less than five of the family were members of the local band. First there were the brothers Thomas and Robert J., both of whom worked hard to have the ring of eight augmented to ten, celebrating Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee (1897). In those days the band included such men as Harvey Reeves (founder of Bell News), Alfred Estall, W. B. Manning and F. Rumens (secretary). All were prominent men and the ten bells were rung regularly for Sun-day services and after Evensong. The famous Pye brothers were also regular

Robert, mentioned above, had three sons Robert W. T. (referred to in the 25 Years Ago column in April 17 issue), Henry J. and Fred C. R. W. T. was a very capable ringer and conductor whilst H. J. moved away from the district, which left Fred the sole representative of the family. He became the master of the band, which position he held for many years until his chest troubles became so acute that he was compelled to relinquish the office as he could no longer take part in ringing, but his interest continued. He was not a great peal ringer, his score being about 125/150, mostly on the ten bells of St. Mary's. He was in the first (probably only) peal of three Caters methods which was conducted by the late C. T. Coles, who had joined the band in 1909 and became the regular con-

Fred has left two sons and several grandchildren and will be greatly missed by the

Walthamstow ringers.

GEORGE KENWARD

The ringers of North Kent have lost an old and respected friend in the passing of George Kenward on April 21 at the Medway General Hospital, Gillingham. He was admitted to the hospital two days after attending the Kent A.G.M. at Folkestone, following a stroke which left him unable to speak. He had made some progress and was regaining his speech when he died in his sleep. George was 76 and had been an active ringer until his illness.

He began his ringing career in Sussex and then moved to North Kent, where he continued the art. He was a ringer at Sittingbourne for many years and helped to train many learners. He rang 429 peals, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Surprise Major, and his last peal was at his own tower on February 14, when he rang the treble to Rutland Surprise Major. He attended meetings of the Association regularly and would not miss an outing. He was truly an example to all young ringers and he will be sadly missed. Much sympathy is extended to his widow and son, Stanley.

DONALD H. FLOWER

Frome, Somerset, tower has lost a member of long standing by the death of Mr. Donald H. Flower, who died at his home on April 8, aged 65. Don, who was born in Frome, learned to ring at the age of 9 at All Saints', Nunney, where his father was captain, and he soon became a member of Frome tower, where the Flower family have been prominent ringers for many years. After holding office as tower secretary and assistant steeplekeeper, Don succeeded to the posts of captain and steeplekeeper in 1940 on the death of Walter Bishop.

He rang his first peal in 1925 at Mells, under the guidance of the late Joe Dyke, and altogether rang about six peals for the Bath and Wells Association. His last peal was in May, 1957, at Frome, when he rang the seventh to a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples in memory of his father, William. In the early '60s he suffered a temporary back injury which caused him to give up peal ringing and shortly afterwards resigned the post of steeplekeeper.

In December, 1964, a peal of Erin Triples at Frome marked the completion of 50 years' loyal service to the tower by Don Flower and his two colleagues, Bill Mills and Percy Bray. Don had been ill for the last three years and unable to do much practical ringing, and he sadly relinquished the captaincy in January this year after 30 vears.

A fitter and turner by trade, he worked in Frome for most of his life. He leaves a widow and a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Williams, who also rang at Frome for some

The bells of St. John's Church were rung half-muffled for the Saturday evening practice and again before and after the funeral service on the following Tuesday. Eight of the local band attended the service, gether with Mr. D. Robertson and Mr. Fred Savage, assistant ringing master of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. Among those who took part in the ringing was Mr. W. H. Mills (aged 88), who knew Don all his ringing life. A tribute was paid by members of the Bath and Wells Association in the form of a peal at Ditcheat on April 11.

We mourn the loss of a loyal servant of the Exercise and extend our sympathy to Mrs. Flower and her family. The association of the Flower family with the belfry of St. John's has ended after 66 years' un-

broken service.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.

BI-ANNUAL DINNER

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held at the Old Grammar School, Cirencester, attracted more than the usual number, no less than 157 being present, most staying for tea (arranged by members of the Mothers' Union) in another room at the school.

Apologies were presented on behalf of a number of members, including the new Archdeacon of Swindon, who, in his letter, said he was pleased to accept the invitation to be a vice-president. With the exception of Mrs. M. A. Wratten, peal secretary, all officers were re-elected. A ballot resulted in the appointment of R. T. Ashby as successor to Mrs. Wratten.

The chairman (Miss E. M. Bliss) specially welcomed one of the oldest members present, Frank Lewis, who was 89 on Good Friday. The report was accepted and showed much had been achieved; also an increase in membership and a sound financial state. It was decided after much discussion that in future there would only be association dinners every second year, start-

ing in 1971.

Subscriptions are to go up in 1971 to 6s. (30 new pence for seniors 15 new pence for juniors) and 30 new pence for associate members. Affiliation fees payable by P.C.C.'s. will be reduced to £1. 124 P.C.C.'s affiliated in 1970. The record peals of Surprise Major rung at Longney (in 19\$7) and of Surprise Royal rung at Christ Church. Bristol (in 1968) are to be written in the peal book and recorded in the towers.

The service was attended by about 300. including many clergy. The address was given by the Canon Missioner (Canon Eric Evans), who at very short notice deputised for the Dean of Gloucester.

Good use was made of the towers open. and sometimes queues waited to ring in the evening.

Bath and Wells Association.

A NEW VENTURE The week-end April 17, 18 and 19 saw the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association embark on a new venture, when they organised a ringing festival to coincide with the festival of flowers, music and the arts at St. Catherine's Church, Montacute (the home tower of the branch ringing master, Mr. Gordon Rendell) and the branch hon, secretary (Mrs. M. M. Legget).

The majority of the towers in the Ilches-

ter Branch were open for ringing, and, to use the words of a "local," "ringers arrived in swarms," the parties being from far and near. The ringing at Kingsdon was overshadowed by the death on the Saturday, half an hour before the ringing was due to commence, of Mr. Eddie Lucas, a Kingsdon ringer. The tower master, Mr. Charles Gratton, approached the family, who requested him to "carry on," and the last few touches were rung half-muffled.

Owing to circumstances entirely beyond the control of the branch, the towers at South Petherton, Mudford and Yeovil were not available at the advertised times, and their cancellations came too late for a notice to be inserted in the Press, and the ringing master and hon. secretary tender their sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused. They do, however, extend grateful thanks to all incumbents and tower masters concerned in making this new venture of the branch such a success.

St. Catherine's Church being featured on the front page of The Ringing World no doubt helped greatly in disposing easily of 100 copies! (Excellent!!—Editor.)

Notices

SCALE OF CHARGES

5/- for 30 words (minimum), each additional word 2d.; Meeting Notices—3 insertions the price of 2.
Display Advertisements: 7/6 per inch single column; ½-page £3; ½-page £5/10; Whole page £10. Reduction for block bookings (on application) 65 screen for half-tones.

ENGAGEMENT

HARRIS-KINGCOTT.—The engagement is announced between Anne, elder daughter of Bill and Hilda Kingcott, and Norman, youngest son of Bert and Joyce Harris.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Semken. — As from May 1 the address of Adrian and Heather will be 32 Westfield Drive, Coggeshall, Colchester, Essex. Ringing friends always welcome. Telephone not yet installed

Smith.—The address of May and Bob Smith is now Willows, 22 Groby Road, Glenfield, Leicester. Telephone: Leicester 871861. 8762

PERSONAL

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me."—Revelations iii, 20.

HANDBELLS WANTED

Wanted.—Set of handbells for Society use. Please write stating number, condition and price to Miss M. H. Mees, Willoughby Hall, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2QR. 8745

MISCELLANEOUS

Christ Church, Epsom Common. — Weekly practice restarts Wednesday, May 6, from 8–9.15 p.m. Sunday ringing: 8.50–9.30 a.m. and 5.50–6.30 p.m.—Roger Hayworth (captain), 2 Devon Court, St. Martin's Avenue, Epsom.

Ringing Towers.—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringing Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57 Hollowers March March 1984.

ways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

Veterans' Reunion, London.—Rev. S. Moore, Veterans' Reunion, London.—Rev. S. Moore, T.D. will be pleased to welcome all to St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on June 27 next. Service 4.15 p.m. and tea to follow. Notify J. Euston, 28 Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, 8737

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Devon.—On A30, 3½ miles cast of Exeter. Bed/breakfast or weekly terms. Evening meal if desired. Touring centre. Car space. Personal supervision.—Miss V. Look, Endsleigh House, Clyst Honiton, Exeter. Tel.: 67881.

Dorset, near Milton Abbey.—B. and B. 20s. Evening meal 7s. 6d. Mrs. Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. Indoor sanitation. Full terms on application.

Mid-Devon.-Good centre for touring. Bed and breakfast, dinner: Mrs. A. Fidler, High-croft, Bow, Crediton, EX17 6HN. Bow 379. croft, Bow, Crediton, EXI/ only. Box, near Also 4-berth caravan at Sandymouth Bay, near 8605 Bude.

EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

Essex Association.—S.W. District.—District striking competition, Havering, Sat., May 9, 6 p.m. Last minute entries to K. Warner (Tel. 520 8818). This month's weekday practice at Hornchurch on 26th. 8721

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Guildford District.

trict.—Striking competition, May 9, at Stoke. Bells available to all after tea. Tea for those who notify Mr. W. Savill, 82 Woking Road. Guildford.

Guildford Diocesan Guild. — Farnham District.—Advanced practice, Yorktown, Fri., May 15, 7.30 p.m. This practice is for anyone wishing to learn Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich or any of the Surprise methods, etc.—St. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8781
Hereford Guild.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Whitbourne, May 9, 5.30-9 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 8706
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Hertford County Association.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., May 9, Little Munden (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise Minor. Names for tea to S. E. James, 4 Fordwich Close, Hertford (Tel.: 5664).—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 8716

Leicester Diocesan Guild.-Melton District.

Letcester Diocesan Guid.—Melton District.
—Evening meeting, Sat., May 16, Wymondham, 7–9 p.m.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec. 8736
Middlesex County Association.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Mon., May 11, 8–9.30. Practice, St. Mary's, Staines, Fri., May 29, 7.30–9.—C. H. Rogers.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Meetings will be held at Warfield (10) on May 16 and Sandhurst (6) on June 20,

Suffolk Guild.—North West District.—Practice meeting, Ingham (5), Friday evening, May 8. Bells from 7-9 p.m. Please note change of

Suffolk Guild.— S.W. District.— Surprise Major practice, Clare, Tues., May 12, at 7.30 p.m. Special method: Rutland. 8766

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Christ-church and Southampton Districts.—Evening practice in standard methods at St. Peter Bournemouth, Thurs., May 14, 7.30-9 p.m. Gilian Davis, Dis. Sec. 87

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Beverley and District Ringing Society. joint meeting with the Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) at Pocklington, Sat., May 9. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 19 Victoria Road, Pocklington.

Derby Diocesan Association. - Chesterfield District.—Annual ringing contest at Creswell on Sat., May 9. Draw for order of ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. S. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. (Tel.: Creswell 370.)—Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

Derby Diocesan Association. - Derby District.—Horsley cup contest heats, Spondon, on May 9, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Thrower, 51 Church Street, Spondon, Derby.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Cambridge District.—Striking competition and meeting, Little Shelford, May 9. Draw 3 p.m. sharp. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, results, business meeting if necessary. General ringing at Stapleford afterwards. Team entries by May 2; names for tea.

—Miss J. Sanderson, 1 Orchard Gate, Melaura Powertea Hortz. bourn, Royston, Herts.

Essex Association.—South Eastern District. —Meeting and striking competition, Purleigh (6), Sat., May 9. Competition 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. General ringing in evening. All welcome.—R. J. H., Dis Sec. 8663

Kent County Association.—Maidstone Dis-Monchelsea (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea (price 4s.) 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. R. Ferrell, Beresford Cottage, Boughton Monchelsea (6). sea, Maidstone.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers. -- East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Luppitt, Sat., May 9. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. C. Woodley (Telephone Sidmouth 2795).

Lancashire Association.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, Emmanuel, Everton, Sat., May 9. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the hall. Names for tea to Miss A. Ismay, 19 Agincourt Road, Liverpool, 12. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8756

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.-Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, May 9 at Caerleon.
Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and
business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King,
The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow.

Southwell Diocesan Guild. - Bingham Disrrict.—Crawford cup round, Cotgrave, May 9, 2.30 p.m. start. Tea approx. 5. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's. Whatton.

Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex.—Ringing week-end, May 9 and 10. New church hall will be dedicated and opened by Bishop of Colchester, Sunday 3 p.m. Ringing programme: Stansted bells all day Saturday. Sunday ringing times: Matins, 10-11 a.m. Peal attempt 2 p.m. Even-song 6-6.30. Other towers: Manuden (5) bells, Song 6-6.30. Other towers: Manuden (3) bens, Saturday, 9-11 a.m.; Clavering (6), 11 a.m.-12 noon; Newport (6), 2-4 p.m.; Wendens Ambo (6), 4-5 p.m. Tea and coffee and light refreshments available at Church Cottage on Saturday and Sunday. All welcome. — D. J.

Cheeseman, verger.

Suffolk Guild.—North East District.—Quar-Sunoik Guild.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., May 9, Blythburgh (6), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. J. Gibson, 1 Heath Road, Wenhaston, Halesworth, Suffolk. Wenhaston (6) available in evening. Please note change of venue.—T. N. J. B.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Striking competition, Holywell, on Sat., May 16. Draw 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and results 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring your own food. Further ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. 8771

Ely Diocesan Association.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Tilney All Saints, Sat., May 16. (Note change of date.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome—D. A

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Essex Association.—N.E. District.—Striking competition, May 16, Langham (6), 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Talbot, Dalmeny. Park Lane, Langham, Colchester, Essex.

Gloucester and Bristol Association.—Chip-penham and Circncester Branches.—Joint meet-ing at Kemble and Tetbury, Sat., May 16.

ing at Kemble and Tetbury, Sat., May 16. Kemble bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 at Tetbury, followed by tea. Tetbury bells (8) available after tea until 8.45 p.m. Names for tea to M. Stracey, 51 Cranwell Close, Chippenham, Wilts, by May 13.

Hertford County Association.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Sat., May 16, at Little Hadham. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea at Much Hadham (Red Lion) 5. Service 6.15, followed by ringing (8 bells) until 9 p.m. Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85 Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford (Tel.: 56043).—K. Westwood, Dis. Sec.

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Hertford County Association.—Joint meeting of Northern and St. Albans Districts, May 16, Hatfield, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. R. Cochrane, 2 Park Cottages, Hatfield Park, Hatfield.—G. Horritt, E. W. Ellis Die Secs.

Cottages, Hatfield Park, Hatfield.—G. Horritt, F. W. Ellis, Dis. Secs. 8743 Lincoln Diocesan Guild (West Lindsey Branch) and Ladies' Guild (Lincolnshire Branch).—Meeting, Duston Ferry, Sat., May 16. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Plain and Little Bob, London and Wells Surprise. Entries for the "News Sheet" competition should be given to me before or at this meeting, when the winner me before or at this meeting, when the winner will be announced.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough (Tel.: Sec., 2623)

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Middlesex County Association.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Willesden (St. Mary's), on Sat., May 16. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing. (Nearest station Neasden—Baker-loo—right from station.)—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8759

Norwich Diocesan Association. - Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Somerleyton, May 16. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea/business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. S. Girling, Police House, Somerleyton, Lowestoft, by previous Wednesday, please.—N. C. 8753

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Nether Heyford (6), Sat., May 16. Names for tea to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford, by Wednesday previous.—Mrs. I. Webb, Hon. Sec. 8776
Southwell Diocesan Gnild.—Mansfield District.—Crawford cup round, Selston (6), May 16. Draw 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14 Lindley Street, Selston, Nottingham, NG16 6DN. 8720 ham, NG16 6DN. 8720

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Newark District. Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Newark District—Crawford cup meeting, Barnby, Sat., May 16. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to district secretary by Wednesday previous.—P. Raithby, 205 London Road. Balderton, Newark. 8778 Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Meeting at 16. Startby Bases Wellschaperton, Set. May 16.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Meeting at Shareshill, near Wolverhampton, Sat., May 16. Bells (6) available 3-4.25 p.m. and during evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Committee meet in nave at 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Butler, 5 Pool Cottages, Shareshill, Wolverhampton, Staffs, by May 13 latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8574
Yorkshire Association.—Cleveland and N. Vorkshire Branch.—Meeting at St. Stephen's.

Yorkshire Branch. — Meeting at St. Stephen's, Fylingdales, Sat., May 16. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. 8770

Essex Association.—The 90th A.G.M. will be held in Chelmsford on Mon., May 25. Service 11 a.m. Meeting in Chapter House 12 noon. Coffee 10.15 and buffet lunch (6s. 6d.) in Cathedral Hall 1.30. Tea in the Friends Hall, Saffron Walden (3s. 6d., by ticket only). S.a.e. to P. J. Eves, 8 Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wed., May 20. Ringing: Cathedral, 9.30 and 3-4 p.m. Further details with tickets.

Saffron Walden Society (Est. 1623).—Pre-liminary notice.—The 347th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Sat., June 27. Twelve bells. Full particulars later. Please book the date.—L. E. Pitstow. 8714

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in BURTON

on Saturday, May 9.

St. Paul's bells (10) available 3-4.15 p.m.
Tea and business meeting in Friar's Walk
Schools, 4.45 p.m.
St. Modwen's bells (8) available after meeting. All welcome.

8718

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting in BRISTOL

May 30.
Bath Abbey (10) 10.30-11.30
Bristol:--

SS. Philip and Jacob (8) 10.30-11.30
St. James (10) 11.15-12.45
Lunch (20s.), Royal Hotel, College Green,
Bristol, 1.15, followed by business meeting.
Names for lunch by May 18 at latest.

Bristol Cathedral (8) 2.45-3.45 St. Mary Redcliffe (12) 3.45-5.15 Christ Church (10) 5.00-6.30 Social evening, Waggon and Horses, 16 Bath Street, Bristol, at 6.30. It will be of assistance if those requiring food will let me know.—
J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.

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Roy W. Rice, 48 West Street, Banwell, Som.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND **YOUTHS**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

for the late Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Saturday, May 16
at 3.30 p.m.

Tea will be arranged. Names to D. E. Sibson,
15 Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, Putney, London, S.W.15.

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FINAL NOTICE SURREY ASSOCIATION

90th ANNIVERSARY DINNER & DANCE

TICKETS NOW ON SALE 37s. 6d. Saturday, May 16, 1970

Venue: Grants of Croydon.

Guests include Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman. Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, Bishop of Croydon.

Menu: Prawn Cocktail, Coq au Vin, Pineapple Couchette with Chocolate Sauce, Fruit, Cheese and Biscuits, Coffee.

Names with cheque or P.O. to: Colin H. Cook, 63 Chaldon Road, Caterham, Surrey; Chris Mew, 32 Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15; or Bernard Hawkins, Valhalla, 16 Copley Way, Tadworth, Surrey. 8501

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION Saturday, May 9

Ringing: St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3-4.15 p.m. All Saints', West Ham, 6.30-7.30 p.m., with short business meeting after. Own tea. Monday, May 18

Surprise practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, July 11

Summer outing—please book early.
Mr. Robin J. Collis has resigned from the office of hon. secretary. For the time being communication should be with the master.
Mrs. O. L. Rogers, 53 The Grove, Isleworth, Middx, or the assistant hon. secretary, J. H. Lott, 63 Woodlawn Road, London, S.W.6.

8730

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Branches

> RINGING DAY, JULY 4th Twelve towers. Details later.

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KEYNSHAM PARISH CHURCH

FESTIVAL 700

As part of the celebrations to mark the 700th anniversary of the church

a Flower Festival will be held on July 17, 18 and 19.

The bells (8, 25 cwt.) will be available on Saturday, July 18 for four quarter peals. commencing at 10.30 a.m., 12 noon, 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Would bands wishing to ring at any of these times please contact

W. G. Dinham (Sec.), 22 St. Ladoc Road, Keynsham, Bristol (Tel.: Keynsham 4425). Light refreshments will be available during the day in hall adjacent to the church.

ST, MARY'S, NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT

(The Church in the Cherry Blossom) REDEDICATION

of six bells rehung by Taylor's on Sunday, May 17, at 6.30 p.m.

Refreshments and ringing after the service. All ringers most welcome.

8735

DEVON GUILD

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING May 16, Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth.

Service 4.15 p.m.

Numbers for tea to F. Mack, 7 Bapton Lane, Exmouth, by May 13. Ringing Arrangements:

Aylesbeare (6)	11.00- 1.00		2.00- 3.45
Broadclyst (8)	11.00-12.30	Otterton (6)	11.30-12.30
Clyst Honiton (8)	2.15- 3.15	Pinhoc (6)	1.00- 2.00
Colaton Raleigh (6)	11.00-12.00	Poltimore (6)	12.00- 1.00
East Budleigh (8)	1.00- 3.30	Topsham (6)	2.30- 3.30
Littleham (8)	2.00- 4.00	Whimple (6)	1.30- 2.30
		Withycombe Raleigh (8) 2.00- 4.15
		Woodbury (8)	1.30- 3.30
			8690

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

FESTIVAL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, LEDBURY

Monday, May 25

Ringing arrangements:-

Bromesberrow Cradley Much Marcle

10-11 a.m. and 8-9 p.m.

Eastnor Mathon Stretton Grandison

11 a.m.-12 noon and 7.30-8.30 p.m.

12 noon-1.30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. 12 noon-1.30 p.m. and 6.30-7.30 p.m. 12 noon-1 p.m. and 6.30-7.30 p.m. 2-3 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Bosbury Coddington Colwall

Ledbury Service 3 p.m. in Ledbury Parish Church, followed by tea (4.15 p.m.) and A.G.M. in Royal Oak Hotel.

Applications for tea, accompanied by remittance (six shillings) and s.a.e. to G. T. Cousins, 7 Merrivale Crescent, Ross-on-Wye.

8773

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at BRIGHTON On SATURDAY, MAY 9

Service in St. Peter's, Brighton, at 4 p.m.

Tea in St. Peter's Church Hall, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. It is essential to notify names for tea by Wednesday, May 6, and please state if junior member. Send notifications to Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, 19 Victoria Road, Southwick, Brighton, BN4 4DJ.

10.00-11.00 a.m. Bolney (8), Hellingly (6), Steyning (8).

10.45-11.45 a.m. Cowfold (6), Twineham (5) Laughton (6).

11.90 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Burgess Hill (8), Chailey (6), Uckfield (8).

12 noon- 1.00 p.m. Ditchling (8), Wivelsfield (6), Little Horsted (6).

.00- 2.00 p.m. Aldrington (8), Hurstpierpoint (8), Ringmer (8), Barcombe (6).

Aldrington (8), Hurstpierpoint (8), Ringmer (8), Barcombe (6) ..00- 2.00 p.m.

1.30- 2.30 p.m. Southover (Lewes) (10).

1.30- 2.15 p.m. Keymer (6).

Good Shepherd, Brighton (8); St. Nicolas', Brighton (10). 2.00- 3.00 p.m.

3.00- 3.45 p.m. St. Peter's, Brighton (10).

If time permits after the business meeting, the bells of St. Peter's Brighton, will be available for ringing.

8491

SUFFOLK GUILD

ANNUAL STRIKING COMPETITION

Higham, Saturday, May 16

Will teams please be present by 1.30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Evensong 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and presentation of shield.

Entries to general secretary. Names for tea to C. Ablitt, Lowlands, Stratford St. Mary, by Wed., May 13.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION Stroud Branch THE SIXTH

RANDWICK FESTIVAL OF HANDBELL MUSIC

will be held at

Severn Vale Secondary School, Quedgeley, Glos, on Saturday, July 4.

Handbell teams are invited to share this opportunity of listening to each other's music, improving their own ringing thereby and inspiring new interest in unused handbells. Details from R. J. Page,

Highways, Bristol Road, Hardwicke, Glos.

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Fishwick.—The address of Mike Fishwick is now 15 Timbercliffe, Summit, Littleborough, Lancs. Tel.: Littleborough 79042. 8784
MISCELLANEOUS

University of Wales.—The 1970 summer tour is located in Norfolk and Suffolk between August 17-23. Details at later date, All potential students welcome. Croeso i Bawb!

To avoid unnecessary delay would all outing organisers, tower secretaries, etc., wishing to ring at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, please apply direct to John L. Findon, Job's Close, Pillerton Priors, Warwick. 8788

EVENING PRACTICE

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Chiltern Branch.— Monthly practice, Ellesborough, Sat., May 16, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 8783

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

Devon Guild. — Annual meeting, May 16. Additional towers available: Clyst St. George, 1.30-2.30; Withycombe, 3-4.10 and after meeting; Exeter Cathedral and two light, secular rings (6 and 10) during evening. A remindernames for tea essential to F. D. Mack, 7 Bapton Lane, Exmouth. 8786

North Wales Association.—Annual meeting, Machynlleth, Sat., May 30. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to W. Cathrall, 19 Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 8785

Oxford Diocesan Guild.— South Oxon

Oxford Diocesan Guild. — South Oxon Branch. — A.G.M., Great Milton (8), May 9. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—Ian O'Reilly, 12 Ambrose Rise, Wheatley. Phone: Wheatley 8304. 8787 (See over for more Notices)

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for May 4, 1945

Footnotes to peals was the subject of a letter from J. T. Dyke, of Shepton Mallet, who said there was a definite desirability for a sober type of footnote.

"It is the desire of the C. Council to limit the performance of peals of Doubles to 5bell towers by discountenancing such performances where there is a ring of six, the tenor being used as a cover."—Quoted in an article from C.C. minutes of 1892.

Mr. H. Parker, of Cheshire, wrote asking

if any ringer-cyclists were interested in a week's ringing tour.

The newly-hung ring at Daybrook was to be available to members of Middlesex C. Association within a short time, it was announced.

It was decided by a large majority at the A.G.M. of the Warwickshire Guild to change the name of the Guild to the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

A peal was rung at Felkirk, Yorks, to welcome home W.O. J. Copley, R.A.F., who had been a prisoner-of-war for four vears

Mr. N. F. Moxon wrote "with dismay" about a previous article deprecating com-petitive ringing and stated it was the competitive spirit in Yorkshire that explained why Yorkshiremen always did things a little better than the rest of the country.

50 YEARS AGO

May 7, 1920

The peals analysis published for 1919 gave a total of 1,048 in all as against 277 in 1918. There were 143 Treble Bob, 232 Grandsire Triples, 151 Stedman, 77 Plain methods. Leading peal ringers were W. Pye 32, A. Pulling 28, J. E. Sykes 21. W. Pye passed Rev. F. E. Robinson's record by ringing his 1,251st peal. Lancashire Association had the greatest total 71: Kent sociation had the greatest total, 71; Kent and Norwich had 70 and 67. Handbells: Winchester (14) headed the list. First pealers numbered 362.

A peal at Leicester was rung on the 1,000th anniversary of the freeing of Leicester from the Danes by Ethelfleda, daughter of Alfred the Great.

"Get your ringing friends to support the Ringing World by taking a copy every week."—Displayed advert which we must agree with.

A handbell peal of D. Norwich at Armley was the first as conductress by Miss O. L. Lumley, the other three ringers being Malcolm Moorhouse (15), J. W. and Gerald Moorhouse.

It was proposed to split the East Berks and S. Bucks Branch of the Oxford D. Guild and the suggestion was made that as King George V then resided at Windsor he be invited to become a patron!

Ingenious date touch of P.B. Major: W. 5ths, 3rd (S) in repeated 11 times S at home, half-way and end. It has 5-6 reversed and at home at alternate course ends.

Sound, sound the clarion, fill the fife, Throughout the sensual world proclaim, One crowded hour of glorious life Is worth an age without a name.

Mordaunt.

LATE NOTICES

Hertford County Association.—Bishop's Stortford District.—At the meeting at Little Hadham on May 16 the special method will be Cambridge S. Major.—K. W. 8802

Please note.—The Tulip Parade at Spalding has been POSTPONED until May 16, but the handbell ringing will still be on May 10 at 3 p.m. in Spalding Parish Church. 8801

Sussex County Association A.G.M.—Please note Aldrington bells unavailable.—M. E. Kirkcaldy, Hon. Sec., Southern Division. 8800

Gray—Palmer.—The marriage of Bill and Hazel will take place at All Saints' Church, Whitstable, on Thursday, May 14, at 4 p.m. 8794

Selby and District Society.—Monthly meeting, Campsall, Sat., May 16. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon.

ring, Campsail, Sat., May 16. Belis 2.30. Service 4.15. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Northern Branch.—Striking competition, Pensnett, May 9. Draw for order of ringing 2.30 p.m. prompt. No general ringing.—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., May 16, at Willoughby. Ringing: Leamington Hastings, 3-4 p.m.; Willoughby, 4-5.30; Braunston, 6.30-7.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Willoughby. Names for tea, please, to 636 Allesley Old Road, Coventry 76413.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec.

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—Striking competition, Smarden, Sat., May 16. Commence 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Miss M. Phillips, Willow Trees, Smarden, Ashford (Smarden 302), by Thurs., May 14. General ringing after tea. All welcome to service and tea.—A. P. S. B. 8790 Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Claybrooke, Sat., May 16. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Ullesthorpe, Rugby, Warwickshire (phone: Leire 435), by Wed. previous.—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 8792

Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting at Bishop's Sutton, Sat., May 16. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tichborne bells (6) after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. M. J. Thomas, Gandria, Hill Lane, Colden Common, Winchester (Tel.: Twyford 3003), by May 13.

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, May 9 Chelsea, St. Luke. Kensington, St. Mary Abbotts. 10.15-11 11.15-12 12.15-1

12.15-1 Being arranged.
2.15-3 Aldgate, St. Botolph.
3.15-4 Tower Hill, St. Olave.
Service 4 p.m., St. Olave's. Tea and meeting afterwards in Church Hall.

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St. Mary, Bruton, Somerset

Cover Picture

St. Mary, Bruton, Somerset

"OVER orchards and elms and willows, wherever you are in Somerset, you can hear church bells, for few towers contain less than six of them, and this is the chief county of ringers." This is the opinion of John Betjeman, who edited the Pocket Guide to English Churches.

St. Mary's Church, like much of Bruton, is built of Doulton stone, and is on the south bank of the River Brue. It is one of the finest churches in East Somerset and possesses two towers.

History starts with the crypt below the chancel which is early 14th century, but according to tradition there were two churches here. There was the Priory of Augustine Canons, but the vicar, the Rev. John Hayward, in his booklet on the Church holds that the present church has always been the parish church.

The west tower rises to a height of 104 feet and has set back buttresses connected by a diagonal across the angle of the tower. The buttresses carry long shafts crowned with pinnacles. The second tower, which is much smaller, is over the north porch. It is regarded as late 14th century and has diagonal buttresses and battlements.

There is much to see in this church: the rich tie beam roof of the nave; the Georgian reredos, the Jacobean screen, originally in the chancel and the present screen erected as a memorial to R. T. A. Hughes, who was choirmaster for many years. The monu-ments include those of the Berkeley and Godolphin families.

Of Bruton Abbey, there remains only the great wall, which extends from the west gate of the churchyard, behind which stands the Vicarage, and on the rising ground to the south-west of the church stands the columbarium presented to the National Trust by Sir Henry Hoare, Bart., of Stourhead.

THE BELLS

A ring of six bells is rung in the West Tower with the following inscriptions: Treble: "Once I'd a note that none could

heare

But Bilbie made me sweet and clear."-Mr. Austin Golesborough, Mr. Robert Griffin, Churchwarden, Thomas Bilbie fecit 1752. Second: To those that are alive

I am the first of those five cries loud.— I. E. and R. B., 1649.

Third: Pray ring the bells and praise the Lord

With tuneful notes and sweet accord.— Mr. Austin Golesborough, Mr. Robert Griffin, Churchwarden, Thomas Bilbie fecit 1752.

Fourth: Sancta Maria ora p nobis 1528. Est Stephanus pumus lapidatus gracia plenus. A shield and a dolphin beneath the letters W.G.

Fifth: Sing praises to the Lord.—I. W., 1618. Tenor: Sancta Clemens ora pro nobis (25 cwt. 3 qr. 4lbs.), recast 1848 and 1930.

RECENT RESTORATION

In recent years over £10,000 has been raised for the restoration of this church. Whilst most of this sum has been provided by residents of the parish, generous gifts have been received from the Historic Churches Preservation Trust (£1,000), the Old Boys of King's School (£600), the B.B.C. from a broadcast appeal in the Week's Good Cause (£420) and from other bodies.

Work done has included a considerable amount of renewal to external stone work, in particular the parapets and pinnacles; the treatment of the roofs against the incursion of wood-boring insects; the re-glazing of windows in the Clerestory and Chancel; redecoration of Chancel; installation of oilfired heating. With such loving care this beautiful building will be handed on from generation to generation as a House of God.



A photo taken in 1936 of the band who rang a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, for the 80th birthday of Mr. R. J. Maynard. In it are four of the Maynard family, and Frederick C., whose death was reported last week, rang the 9th.

The ringers were: (Back row) E. E. Holman, F. Taylor, H. Street, H. J. Maynard, R. W. T. Maynard, C. T. Coles; (front) H. Rumens, J. H. Wilkins, R. J. Maynard and F. C. Maynard.

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Page 217. - Suffolk Guild peal at Framsden (Ullesthorpe S.M.), deleter already printed on page 176 (rung on February 15).

Page 133.-Quarter peal at Ludlow, tenor ringer G. Fletcher.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Why is it that there is never enough time to do a job properly, but there is always enough time to do it again? Surrey Association

WIND OF CHANGE?

A COMMITTEE TO CLARIFY AND REVISE RULES

"That a sub-committee be formed by the general master to undertake a complete examination of the rules of this Association, its Belfry Repair Fund, and library. The object of this examination should be to clarify and revise the existing rules and to provide a suitable basis for the rules of the Association in the future. This sub-committee should report at the next A.G.M. and present its proposals in the form of an inset in the 1970 annual report."

This motion (item No. 13 on the agenda) was proposed by the general secretary and seconded by the newly-elected master (Mr. C. F. Mew) and received the unanimous approval of the members present at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association, held

at Kingswood on May 2.

The retiring master (Mr. Frank Darby) presided at the first part of the meeting, supported by the secretary/treasurer (Mr. Colin H. Cook) and the assistant secretary (Miss Juliet S. Stoy) and Messrs. A. P. Cannon and R. Davies (vice-presidents) were also among the gathering, which numbered about 65. The Bishop of Southwark (president) sent apologies and good wishes to the meeting.

A letter received from the Gloucester and Bristol Association appealing for financial support for the rehanging of Stinchcombe bells, following the consistory court hearing, was passed over without comment, no proposal being made. The report of the committee previously circulated to members was accepted, as were the general accounts, presented by Mr. Cook. The balance in hand, it was noted, had increased from £84 9s. 9d. to £118 7s., whilst the Belfry Repair Fund had also gone up from £322 18s. 1d. to £358 1s. 2d. Grants had since been made from this fund to Benhilton (£72) and to Horley (£30).

The percentage of members' subscriptions paid over to general funds has reverted from 66½% to 50%, it being pointed out that the general accounts were now in a satisfactory state and did not need the additional support.

The librarian (Mr. D. Stone) was absent from the meeting and his report was submitted by the secretary, who appealed for ringing books on all subjects—particularly "old ones" which were now "collectors' pieces"—to be given to the Guild library. A collection at the meeting realised £3 2s. for the library funds.

New members elected were D. Stone (Egham), Mrs. C. Rowland, L. Murrells, V. Parker (Benhilton), N. Humphries (Croydon), whilst the election of N. Gower (Australia), Miss Z. McMillan, D. C. Brown and A. K. P. Poole was ratified. The chairman extended a warm welcome to the new members present, particularly Mr. Gower, who received an ovation.

NEW MASTER

Re-elected without opposition were the president, hon. secretary / treasurer, the assistant secretary and the auditor (Mr. M. V. Chilcott).

For the office of master there were two nominations, viz., Mr. K. G. Game (Reigate) and Mr. C. F. Mew (Putney) and following the ballot Mr. Mew was declared elected. Assuming the chair, Mr. Mew spoke appreciatively of the services rendered by Mr. Darby. [Applause.] Mr. Darby was elected a vice-president of the Association.

Among the announcements and other items on the agenda were the 90th anniversary dinner at Croydon on May 16, for which only nine tickets remained to be sold; the place and date of the 1971 A.G.M.



Mr. CHRISTOPHER F. MEW (the newly-elected master)

(Benhilton, May 1); an invitation for towers and members to continue support of the Belfry Repair Fund; and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Oatway for the gift of a bound copy of The Ringing World to the library.

PEALS AND QUARTER PEALS

For the anniversary year a peals day had been arranged on Saturday, May 30, the quarter peals day being the previous Sunday (May 24), and the secretary asked for all successful attempts to be submitted to him, with monetary contributions, so that he could forward them for collective publication in the R.W.

A motion that items for discussion under "any other business" should be submitted to the secretary 14 days before the meeting to enable such items to be considered in advance was withdrawn by the proposer (Mr. B. Hawkes) to allow the officers to study the suggestion with the sub-committee on the rules already agreed.

The Richard Stevens award—a copy of Change-ringing—which had been presented for several years (for progress by a young ringer) had ceased, because of the departure from Surrey of the donor.

Mr. Norman Summerhayes, the liaison officer to the Guildford Guild, said it was felt unnecessary for their member to attend all committee meetings of both Guilds, but

SNOW AND WINDS ON THE BROADS

Mr. Martin Wiggs, of Watford, has submitted a story of the experiences of ten ringers during a week on the Norfolk Broads starting on March 28. The party were in two boats—"Cascade," a small yacht with a "pretty useless engine" piloted by Peter Dale, and "Waterway," a cabin cruiser in the charge of Steven Chandler. Ringing started at St. Helen's, Ranworth, for Sunday morning service, where six

for Sunday morning service, where six healthy beliringers were marched up the hill by Ken Darvell. Whilst setting out for South Walsham Broad to ring at St. Mary's Church came our first adventure. "Cascade" was leading and seemed to stop. "Waterway" gracefully passed her, only to be hailed by furious shouts, "We want a tow." The ensuing scene baffled description; suffice it to say that, with many members of the crews mentally and physically exhausted, both vessels ultimately reached South Walsham Broad. Despite this, a good quarter was achieved on the five at South Walsham.

At 3.15 a.m. emergency action was taken by three members to save the crafts, which had been blown across the Broad. Clad only in pyjamas and shoes, it took 40 minutes to secure in a howling gale both craft. Later that day a fine course of London was rung at St. Mary's, Wroxham. The engines of both craft refused to start, so a peal attempt at Coltishall had to be abandoned. Wroxham was left on April 1 in a blinding snowstorm. Ringing took place at Ludham in the afternoon and evening.

On Thursday the ringers had a three-mile walk to Catfield (5), where it was emphatically declared that "the tenor was tough going." That evening Ken Brown joined for a handbell peal and conducted D. K. Adkins' Plain Bob Major on "Waterway." Some good Cambridge was rung in the round tower at Acle (6) on Friday, and in the evening we were back at South Walsham Broad. All managed to get across to the Ship in the dinghies. On return the dinghies were missing, presumably lost to romantic adventurers! Saturday saw us returning home after a most enjoyable holidey.

M. W.

[Reluctantly abbreviated.—Ed.]

only when items affecting the opposite Association were on the agenda.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to those who had contributed in a variety of ways to the organisation of the meeting that day was voiced by the chairman and received suitable response

suitable response.

Arrangements were made for further ringing at Kingswood after the business, other towers available previously being St. Martin's, Epsom, and Banstead. Evensong was in St. Andrew's, Kingswood, conducted by the Rev. F. V. Hodge, the lesson being read by the Guild assistant secretary, Miss Juliet Stoy.

TASTY SURPRISE

Miss Barbara Minnion, of Kingswood, who organised the catering arrangements for the Surrey Association A.G.M. on May 2, gave those attending a very tasty surprise in the form of a large square fruit cake, beautifully iced and decorated with a bell and 90 candles and suitable wording for the 90th anniversary of the Association. There was a generous portion for all and certain of the company were seen to have slices wrapped up to take home! Barbara was loudly applauded when thanked for her happy thought and the practical commemorative gift of the cake.

Oxford Guild

A QUESTIONNAIRE

On April 18 the Witney and Woodstock Branch held their annual meeting at Wootton, the service being conducted by Rev. L. C. Perfect. Special prayers were said for the speedy recovery of Mr. Reg Rouse, who had been in hospital since January, as well as in thanksgiving for the safe return of the three American astronauts in Apollo 13. The tea and business meeting was held in the village hall. The secretary, in his report. spoke of the serious illness of Mr. Rouse, the branch treasurer. The financial aspects of the branch had been ably looked after by his daughter, Miss Lynne Rouse, and the secretary thanked her for her invaluable

A questionnaire had been circulated to all the towers and the findings were presented to the meeting. Of the 24 sent out 15 were returned, 11 of these from towers with bands, four of which were regularly represented at branch function. All statistics were based on the 15 questionnaires returned and some of the main points are as follows:-

(1) "What are the views of your tower regarding the Guild?" 54% gave no answer and 46% thought the Guild was necessary.

(2) "What are the views of your tower regarding the Branch?" 60% gave no answer, 13% thought the Branch lacked support and 7% were discrifted.

20% thought the Branch lacked support and 7% were dissatisfied.

"Are branch practices necessary?" 27% gave no answer, 60% said yes and 13% said no. The 60% represented nine towers and of this nine, four towers attended branch practices regularly, three attended occasionally and two never attended.

"Are the business meetings too long?" 46% gave no answer, 27% thought the meetings were not too long and 27% thought the meetings were too long. Those who thought the meetings were not too

who thought the meetings were not too long came from four towers, of which three were regular attenders at branch

functions.

"Does it help to have the minutes duplicated and circularised?" 53% gave no answer, 40% thought it did help and 7%

were against the practice.

were against the practice.

"Do your ringers want to visit other towers?" 34% gave no answer, 13% said no and 53% said yes. The 53% were represented by eight towers. Of this eight, three stated that only some of the members wished to visit other towers. Of the same eight, four towers are never repre-sented at Branch ringing functions and the remaining four towers are regular sup-

porters.
"Is your tower prepared to leave decisions to the committee?" 34% gave no answer and 66% said yes, including 13% who had

eservations.

"Do you feel that co-operation with other Guild Branches is a good thing?" 34% gave no answer and 66% said yes, including 7% with reservations. The 66% agreeing with co-operation with other branches were represented by ten towers. Of the ten, four support the branch regularly and two to a limited extent.

Officers elected for 1970/71 were: chairman, Rev. P. Wilkins: vice-chairman, Mr. E. D. Patching; ringing master. Mr. N. I. Bridges; secretary, Mr. E. R. Venn; treasurer. Miss Lynne Rouse; branch representatives, Mr. E. D. Patching and Mr. A. E. Hicks.

Three new members were elected and certificates were presented to three others. Mr. Patching offered to arrange another branch dinner, and a provisional date was arranged for January, 1971. Mr. Bridges and Mr. Patching appealed for more support for branch activities and more cooperation between individual towers, and



Mr. and Mrs. Eric J. Taylor (not "Navlor," page 353) with their two sons and two daughters, whose success story was reported last week. The peal of Minor rung at Mey-sey Hampton, Glos, is recorded on p. 379.

TOBIN'S TOUR

This was the fifth time that a party of ringers, organised by Morley Tobin, had visited his native county (Cornwall) to attempt peals, renew old acquaintances and

to enjoy themselves.

There were 14 in the party at a hotel at Palladras on April 2. The first peal attempt was to have been 8-spliced at St. Keverne, but due to a misunderstanding as to how long a "peal" lasted, we were only able to ring for about half an hour. Our sorrows were somewhat dispelled when we had the pleasure of seeing the local fire brigade turn out—a sight never to be forgotten. As we now had time to kill, we decided to attempt a "grab," and we are very grateful to the vicar of Landewednack for letting us ring at short notice. afternoon peal was rung at St. Anthony-in-Meneage (8-spliced), and considering the distractions that the band had, due to visitors, the peal was of quite a high standard.

Friday saw us ringing Pitman's five- and four-spliced at Phillack and St. Budock respectively. Both rings were very much enjoyed, and the second peal enabled the Fellows brothers to ring their 400th peal together. On Saturday evening we rang at Lelant and Carbis Bay. Sunday morning service ringing was at Truro Cathedral, and in the afternoon a good peal of Pudsey was rung at Carbis Bay (thanks to Canon Roberts).

Another week-end came to a close and very successful time had been had by all. The party would like to thank all ringers and incumbents for permission to ring, and in particular Morley, who made such a splendid job of the arrangements.

Miss Cross (Guild general secretary) thanked the branch for supporting the Guild. She said this would be the last time she would meet the branch officially as she was not seeking re-election. The chairman thanked Miss Cross for all the help she had given.

The next meeting of the branch will be at Eynsham in October and notice was also given of the Guild A.G.M. at Bicester in June and of the Oxford festival in October.

Bath and Wells BACKWELL WIN

The eighth annual striking competition of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at SS. Quiricus and Julietta, Tickenham, on April 18, with a total of 12 teams representing nine towers in the branch. A special welcome was extended to the home team and to St. Andrew's, Clevedon, both entering for the first time.

The judge, Mr. Cyril Wratten (Cheltenham), was in his car and the competition started at 3.30 p.m. As usual, the test piece was 120 changes of Doubles or Minor, with not more than 12 whole pulls in rounds before and after, and each team was allowed up to two minutes' practice ringing before the test piece. Churchyard critics were well in evidence, and later all ad-journed to the Toc H Hall at Nailsea for

Mr. Wratten placed Backwell top with 40 faults, Long Ashton 2nd (47), Tickenham 3rd (70). Joint 4th were Wrington B and Yatton B (79), followed by St. Andrew's, Clevedon, 6th. Joint 7th were Kingston Seymour and Wrington A, with Nailsea 9th, Winford A 10th, Winford B 11th, Yatton A 12th.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Wratten, the Tickenham and Nailsea ringers for their help with the arrangements, and to the competition organiser. Nailsea bells were available for general ringing after-

Truro Guild **EVENING PRACTICES**

The spring festival of the Penzance Branch of the Truro Guild was held at Lelant on April 25 and was attended by some 60 ringers. The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. P. S. Gagg) and the address given by Mr. H. Miles, captain of Lelant tower.

A most ample tea was provided by the ladies, to whom thanks were extended. The minutes and the accounts were approved. Canon A. S. Roberts; secretary and treasurer, Miss M. Christopher; auditor, Mr. V. G. Wood.

General discussion followed on method practices to be held in the evenings, details of which will be circulated. Ringing also took place at Carbis Bay and Phillack.

E. Grinstead Guild and Surrey Association TO BE AN ANNUAL EVENT

On April 11, because of a clash of dates, two societies, the East Grinstead and District Guild and the Southern District of the Surrey Association, combined for a meeting at Godstone, and, after ringing, the vicar (Rev. S. Kennedy) conducted a short ser-Tea followed in the church room, and the East Grinstead business meeting was then held.

Four new members were elected and forthcoming meetings announced-Newdigate in July and Tonbridge in August. Mr. and Mrs. G. Fry invited all to take tea with them at the latter meeting.

At the Surrey Association meeting an invitation was extended to everyone to attend the Croydon centenary; the dinner arrangements and the A.G.M. were also advertised. A meeting at Charlwood and Leigh in June was announced, and as the joint meeting had been so successful that day it was decided to make this an annual event. A collection for the belfry repair fund amounted to £2 8s. 7d.

Following the usual vote of thanks, a return to the tower—this time at Lingfield -was made. R. J. E.

Letters

DOUBLE BOOKING PEALS

Dear Sir, As I was largely responsible for the recent peal at Frome being credited to the Bath and Wells Association, may I be permitted to comment on the letter from the master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild (R.W., May 1). I asked our tower secretary to inform the organiser, when conveying the vicar's permission for the peal attempt, that we prefer peals to be rung for the local Association rather than for another territorial Society-there was no suggestion of favouring a non-Association peal. The band agreed to our request and we are grateful to them. That they wished also to credit the peal to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was their prerogative, which seems entirely unexceptionable provided any appropriate fees are paid.

Mr. Savory seems to be making heavy weather of a very small matter. The crediting of a peal to two or more Societies is not a new development, although it seldom happens in these days of the ubiquitous peal booking fee. The Central Council Peals Analysis Committee has a simple procedure, stated in The Ringing World from time to time, in such cases: the peal is credited in the analysis to the first-mentioned Society

I do not know the W. and P. rules on the matter, but I imagine that they are similar to those of the B. and W., in whose records such a peal would be recorded, no matter how many other Societies recorded it, if it met the following criteria, which apply to all peals for the Association:—

> (a) It is in accord with C.C. standards for peals.

> (b) All the ringers are paid-up members of the Association.

(c) The peal booking fee has been paid.

Reconciliation of the Central Council analysis with individual Society analyses is unlikely to be difficult for the peal secretaries concerned. If you, Mr. Editor, are worried about using valuable space for peal headings. I suggest that the extra credits should appear in the form of a footnote: "Rung also for the --- Association. imagine most peal secretaries are assiduous readers of your peal columns, and even if they missed the footnote receipt of the peal fee would draw their attention to the peal.

By coincidence, in the same issue of The Ringing World the Standing Committee re-commends that the Peals Analysis Committee be discontinued as the analysis is thought to have little value. This seems a strange suggestion at a time when there appears to be a greater interest than ever in ringing statistics—witness the annual lists of leading ringers, summaries of quarter peals and the like. The old C.C. analyses provide invaluable information on changing trends in ringing and although, regrettably, less detailed information is published nowadays, the yearly analyses provide a wealth of useful information for the present and for the future. Admittedly the preparation of the analysis must be a very tiresome chore perhaps the hardest and dullest routine of all C.C. committees—and perhaps this has influenced the Standing Committee. I trust, however, that they will reconsider this recommendation and realise the value of retaining the analysis.—Yours faithfully,

G. W. MASSEY, Tower Captain, St. John's.

HELPED THE FESTIVAL

Dear Sir,-A recent activity in the Bedford District may be of general interest to the readers of The Ringing World,

One of the proposed sites for the third London Airport is Thurleigh. The Bedfordshire Airport Resistance Association arranged flower festivals at the eight parish churches likely to be closed if Thurleigh is chosen as the site. The festival took place from April 24-26 and on April 25 a group of ringers from the Bedford District visited those churches with rings of bells and rang at Bolnhurst, Keysoe, Bletsoe and Milton Ernest

As well as beautiful flower arrangements in all the churches some arranged displays of local country crafts. We as ringers were able to give the visitors a view of the ancient craft of bellringing.—Yours faith-

KATHLEEN MARRIOTT.

District Chairman.

Bedford.

HELPFUL TRIO

Dear Sir, - We were very interested in the account of the achievements of Bob Smith and Bernard Groves in a recent R.W. Even this is not all they do for ringing, however. A year or so ago we went on an outing with the Stratton ringers and met three strangers. On hearing that we were a very struggling band the three offered to come and give us some practice and they gave up a whole evening of their holiday and drove 12 miles to ring Bob Doubles with four of us. We found that the three strangers were Bob Smith, Bernard Groves and Jack Prvor! It is rather like being coached at golf by Arnold Palmer! Since we are not rich, pretty or influential, they must have performed this kindness purely for the good of the Exercise.-Yours faithfully,

PAT HINE.

Bideford, Devon.

OLD PEAL CORRECTIONS

Dear Sir,—May I make two corrections to the peal details in my article on Mortlake Church published in The Ringing World for June 13 last year?

The first concerns the peal of Bob Major Trebles rung in 1721 and claiming to be the third time it was ever rung. The board gave the date as 1761 but the earlier date is quoted in Morris' History and Art of Change Ringing and also in Church Bells, Vol. 2. I have now had the opportunity to examine some 18th century registers at Mortlake and these show the churchwardens mentioned on the peal board as those holding office in 1761. It thus appears the board is correct and presumably a misprint occurred in the two publications. I am left wondering about the method. The year 1761 seems a late date for the third peal of Bob Triples, which is the method I have understood it to be. Is it possible for one of our peal experts to clarify the point?

Secondly, through the courtesy of a pre-vious tower captain, Mr. John Mudd, I have received some details of 19th century peals rung at Mortlake by the London County Association. These include three not previously recorded, so the total of known peals is 49 with the earliest in 1741. -Yours faithfully,

L. R. FREEMAN.

KILIFI BELLS

Dear Sir, — Mr. B. J. Couzens, among others, will be pleased to read that his efforts to train ringers have not been wasted. I quote from a letter received from Mr. and Mrs. Megson, who farm at Kitale near the Uganda border.—
"We spent Christmas at Kilifi and the

church and bells are in good order. The bells were rung all over the festive season and they were rung beautifully. The pealing of the bells over the creek on a still night was a thing we will never forget.

I am sure that ringers visiting or working in Kenya or on ships calling at Mombasa will do all they can to encourage this very isolated band. Yours faithfully, PAUL KELLY.

Reepham, Norfolk.

CLARIFICATION WANTED

Dear Sir, -- A few weeks ago I thought it would inject some fresh interest into our practice nights to try and ring some combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. From where could I find some touches? In the Diary, of course. Take your pick—anything from 288 to 576.

But then, oh dear, at which leads do you change the method? What do the crosses mean? Although I have spent much time with pencil and paper I have been unable to make sense of the touches given.

Could one of your readers please oblige by clarifying the two touches given here?

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If someone is kind enough to explain, it may also solve my query as to why there is an "X" at every "V" lead end. Is there an "X" at every "V" lead end. Is there some special reason for this or is it just coincidence that they happen to be in the touches given?

I do appreciate that this letter should perhaps have been sent to the suppliers of the Diary, but I feel that an answer in The Ringing World would be beneficial to many ringers who, like myself, have been unable to sort it out.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN L. FINDON.

Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.

CLOSED HANDSTROKE LEADS

Dear Sir, -- I must disagree with Mr. Brotherton's comments about cartwheeling in Lancashire (R.W., page 341). He seems to take a remarkably dogmatic line in condemning this form of ringing as an heretical practice which can only serve to lower the status of the Exercise and to pervert innocent young learners. His attitude to being "obliged" to cartwheel when ringing also seems to me to be somewhat selfish. Did he expect the local band suddenly to open their handstroke leads for his benefit, so as not to offend his rhythmical and musical sensibilities? Surely, when visiting other towers, one must put up with any local customs (though I see nothing particularly offensive in cartwheeling). In any large group activity, like ringing, there are bound to be minority groups who do things in a different way to everyone else. I think it is fair to say that cartwheeling is preferred by a minority of people, but should not our attitude towards such a minority be one of tolerance, at the very least, rather than one of dogmatic rejection.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. SCOTT. Wollaton, Notts.

(More letters overleaf)

East Sheen, S.W.

CLOSED HANDSTROKES

Dear Sir,-You may be interested to have other ringers' comments on this matter. Mr. Brotherton states that apart from being hard graft there is no sense of rhythm, and any resultant music becomes meaningless to anyone who has heard close leads at handstroke badly rung. I have heard the same with open lead handstrokes and they are much worse. Perhaps we have both been unfortunate in our art.

I suggest that anyone who enjoys open lead handstrokes should stick to that manner, but many, many open lead hand-stroke ringers have enjoyed our close leads, so we must have pleased some people in the past.--Yours faithfully,
JOE BURGESS.

Friezland, Yorks.

Dear Sir, - I entirely disagree with the statement by H. Brotherton (R.W., page 341) that he was obliged to ring with closed handstroke leads. Surely no ringer is obliged to ring anywhere or anyhow against his or her wish. Even if open handstroke leads had been given, can anyone decide in a strange tower whether those leads shall be wide or tight? I would recommend to him the old saying about "When in Rome, and try to act upon it when in a strange tower.

I would also uge a trip to Devon or the West Riding of Yerkshire, and listen to near-perfect striking with closed leads, which to me is preferable to banging about

with open leads.

As regards hard grat with closed leads, here I would suggest tack of experience on the part of those ringing. Finally I would even venture 's suggest that many hardened handstroke (pen lead addicts like to have an occasional sneaky ring with closed leads, sometimes intentional, sometimes not. -Yours faichfully,

FRED HODGSON.

Darlington.

THE WELSE SCENE

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate A. F. W. on his summary of the ringing activities in Wales during 1969, particularly for including quarter peals which reflect the strength of Sunday service ringing in any area. It is interesting to note that my Association is credited with approximately 65% of both the peals and quarters: this is in proportion to the population of the area.

However, I cannot agree some of his figures, e.g., P. A. Williams rang 34 peals for this Association during 1969 and the total rung by the Association was 71. If A. F. W. continues to keep his records, as I hope he will, I would suggest that he contacts our peal recorder, D. J. Llewellyn, or myself and we should be delighted to

check his facts before publication.

One further point, A. F. W. complains that unique occasions are not marked with peals and quarters as they should be. cannot agree with this and he will note that I gave a special mention of the amount of ringing done for the Investiture in my report as published in the same issue of the R.W. Very few events of note pass without a peal or quarter being rung. Perhaps he has forgotten that a few years ago a peal was rung to celebrate Wales winning the "Triple Crown" at Cardiff Arms Park!—Yours faithfully,

M. JACK PRYOR.

Rumney, Cardiff.

A kindly act is understood in any language.

UPKEEP OF CHURCHES

Dear Sir, - I am sure the matter I am writing about has probably been mooted many times in your columns, although I have personally not seen it mentioned re-With the continual escalation in costs of every type, churches are becoming less and less able to provide the finances to keep bells, bell ropes and towers in ringing order

In relation to the cost of providing rings of bells and keeping them in good repair, I feel that we ringers pay a disproportion-ately small amount towards our "hobby" when compared with other hobbies and When one realises that it costs many thousands of pounds to install a ring and that most ringers contribute only a matter of shillings to guild or branch funds and nothing financial to most of the churches in which they ring, one wonders how churches without regular bands keep their bells in repair.

I suggest that ringers contribute towards church bell costs, not on a voluntary, hap-hazard basis but in accordance with a laid This could be based on the down scale. number of bells in the tower and the extent of the ring, i.e., peals, etc. Since a ringer will normally contribute some work in his own tower the contribution could feasibly be less. I would recommend the following scale as payments "per rope" or "per ringer."

-		Under 16 yrs.	
		full-time	-
	Standard	students and	In own
	charge	pensioners	tower
*Peals	5s.	2s. 6d.	2s. 6d
and ‡ peals	1s. 6d.	1s.	1s.
†Tower grabs	6d.	3d.	6d.
†Practices	6d.	6d.	6d.
* Per rope.	† Per ri	nger per tov	ver.

These figures are shown in £ s. d. since I hope that something can be done before they need to be shown in £p.

I admit I am not one of the prolific peal or quarter peal ringers but I shall be only too pleased to pay for any my family or I do ring.

The suggested scale is only a "starter" to elicit other views on this subject. - Yours faithfully,

A. C. SCHOLES.

Corby, Northants.

A HISTORY OF SURPRISE MAJOR

From Mr. D. Ellisdon, of Ilford, Essex: "I enjoy reading in The Ringing World the reminiscences of the older members of the Exercise, and Mr. Wratten's series on the Minor records highlights of past glories; of friendly (and sometimes not so friendly) rivalry between the various bands. I wonder if someone would do the same for Surprise Major! In my own area, Harlow and Stanstead had very good Surprise bands in the 1920s and 1930s, and it would be very interesting to hear of the achieve-ments of these bands. The present genera-tion of ringers are able to draw their bands from a very wide area, but before the war they had to develop in their own locality. To reach such standards must have been a very great achievement."

Cambridge University Guild

The A.G.M. of the Cambridge U.G. was held on April 29 in Prof. Moule's rooms, Clare College. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: president. W. J. Ridg-man: senior treasurer, B. D. Threlfall; auditor, C. M. P. Johnson: master, D. Bar-ton: secretary, W. T. Perrins; librarian, N. J. Small; steeplekeeper, C. J. P. Price.

QUARTER PEAL RINGING IN 1969

by Alan A. J. Buswell

Minimus ringing keeps decrease down. Many ups and downs amongst the counties. These are the two facts that one first sees at looking at the final figures to the 1969 Analysis of quarter peals. Overall, the picture is not too bad, but we must watch that this is not the first year of a decline as compared with 1968, when there was an increase of 309 over 1967. This year there has been a decrease of 16.

Minimus methods have increased dramatically by 58, mainly due to the efforts of one tower, Woodborough, which rang 39 and is the leading tower for Nottinghamshire. The details of these quarters are: Plain Bob 38; other methods up to 6 methods, 36; 8 to 28 methods, 9; 51 to 63 methods, 13. The last two categories were all rung at Woodborough. It would be interesting to know how they get all these methods into a quarter.

Doubles; only a slight increase here, which was helped by an increase of 26 in quarters of 2 methods. Somerset rang 55 more this year than last making a total of

Minor methods are stable this year with London and Yorkshire outstripping all other counties with 102 and 98 respectively.

Triples have dropped by 31; Grandsire by 30; but Stedman is up by 18.

Major is in the same state as for Minor with Plain Bob increasing by 30 and compensates somewhat the loss of Grandsire Triples of 30.

Quarters of Caters have dropped by 22 of which 14 of these were Stedman.

Royal is down by 5, but Plain Bob is down 13 and is compensated by an increase of 10 in other methods.

Stedman Cinques is down by 11 to 3.

Of Maximus, Melbourne, Australia, are to be congratulated on ringing one of the only two quarters of Plain Bob.

SPECIAL AND OUTSTANDING **PERFORMANCES**

There must be many of these but here are a few that I have noticed. At Drayton Bassett a band whose average age was 12½ rang a quarter of 3 Minimus. There was a quarter at East Huntspill, which according to "Dove," are for chiming only. Marston, a 5-bell tower, claims to have rung their 300th quarter—is this a record? Knaresborough had its first quarter for 30 years, while Shadwell was the first since before the first World War. The top 5 bells were rung without stays. East Kennett and Woolley had quarters rung on them which, according to "Dove," are unringable. 1,680 different towers had a quarter rung on them this year of which 341 appeared for the first time since 1965.

Outstanding towers seem to be fewer this year. Addington has equalled with Wood-borough with 39. Shelford with 34 and Melbourne, Australia, with 27, were good performances. There are eight other towers which have scored 20 and over. A quick analysis of Melbourne shows that they rang 2 quarters of Doubles; 2 of Minor; 9 of Triples; 6 of Major; 4 of Caters; 3 of Royal and 1 of Maximus. Orston rang a quarter of 60 Treble Bob Minor. Beddington rang Original Royal and one ringer at Aldbourne rang 6 Minimus methods "in hand." There was a total of 41 quarters "in hand" of which 11 were rung in Hampshire.

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COUNTY LIST OF QUARTER PEALS IN 1969 QUARTER PEAL ANALYSIS By ALAN A. J. BUSWELL

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Devon 3	43 45	19 48 26 20		3	1	-	_	97	+17	Wareham	ong.	10	8	52
Durham	1	51 37	55	6	4	-	-	12 214	$-2 \\ -40$	Whickham Chigwell		5 19	4	53
Essex I	58 58	23 21			1	1		108	+33	Leckhampton		9	16	56
Hampshire 5	147	54 76	14	2	1	1		300	+60	Bishopstoke Portsmouth Cath	edral ==	16	4	79
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Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

LOCKERLEY, HANTS. — April 17, 2520 Minor (Kent, Oxford, P. Bob): D. R. Fallick 1, B. J. Fry 2, Linda V. Cull 3, I. M. McCallion 4, R. Le Marechal 5, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 6. First half peal 1, 4, 5, 6. Birthday compliments to Jane E. Dando and Kevin A. Hughes. For safe return of Apollo 13.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—April 19, 1320 Norwich S. Minor: Kathryn Bone 1, Louise Powell 2, I, Wiltshire 3, Wendy Wallace 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong

ALDENHAM, HERTS. — April 26, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles: A. Wootton (first quarter) 1, J. R. Southey
2, A. O. Wootton 3, S. Kathleen M. Baildwin 4, R.
Baldwin (cond.) 5, D. Murphy 6. For morning service.
ALGARKIRK, LINCS. — April 18, 1320 Doubles

ALGARKIRK, LINCS. — April 18, 1320 Doubles (two methods): G. A. Flatters 1, Valerie Shaw 2, G. H. Campling (cond.) 3, D. Fensom 4, M. J. Belcher 5, F. Pickering 6.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDS.—March 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Williams 1, Margaret Hope 2, N. Istance 3, R. A. Hatcher 4, J. Clayton (cond.) 5, J. W. Hope 6. For the christening of Lucy Sophia Hartman

ASH, SURREY. — April 20, at Greenlands, Ash Green Road, 1728 P.B. Minimus: Marilyn A. Reay 1-2, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 3-4. First in hand by both. ASHCOTT, SOM.—Jan. 23, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: D. Dean 1, Janice Haggett 2, Christine Hassell 3, K. Prime 4, R. Parker 5, Lesley Parker (25th quarter) 6.

For the induction of Rev. Baxter; also as a farewell to Janice Haggett, leaving for Sweden.

BARNWOOD, GLOS. — April 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Diane Pobioy 1, Susan Williams 2, D. Hinde 3, G. Clarke 4, Margaret Powell 5, D. Pobjoy 6, A. L. Barry (cond.) 7, D. Palmer (first quarter) 8. First triples for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

BATTERSEA, S.W.—April 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: Carole A. Fosbury 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, M. J. Herbert 4, F. A. Benn 5, R. J. Henderson 6, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 7, D. R. Tipler 8. For Evensong,

BOWDON, CHESHIRE. — April 21, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Felicity Ashworth 1, Kirsty R. Fisher 2, Catherine Kay 3, M. Thompson 4, D. Hogg 5, P. Hallcock 6, A. J. Brown (cond.) 7, G. B. Thompson 8. For the 100th birthday of Mrs. Bronson, a local resident.

BRADPOLE, DORSET, FESTIVAL OF ART AND CRAFT

April 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K. Rix (first of Triples) 1, R. Haines (cond.) 2, I. Calvert 3, Helen Haines 4, D. B. Ellery 5, I. L. Andrews 6, M. J. Hiller 7, A. D. Case 8. For the safe return of Aprille 13

April 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Hartung 1, M. J. Hiller 2, I. L. Andrews 3, R. Haines (cond.) 4, L. Calvert 5, Helen Haines 6, D. B. Ellery 7, A. D. Case 8, A 10th wedding compliment to ringer of 3rd. April 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Janice Gudge (first Triples) 1, I. L. Andrews 2, Helen Haines 3, D. B. Ellery 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, I. Calvert 6, R. Haines 7, A. D. Case 8, For Evensong.

BUNNEY, NOTTS.—April 5, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: A. Simbson 1, P. Barber 2, J. Yates 3, R. Metcalfe 4, R. Snetton (cond.) 5, I. Harrison 6. For Evensons. BURY ST, EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—April 19, 1264 Bob Major: A. W. Rolfe 1, R. Stannard 2, A. Messem (first quarter) 3, P. Everitt 4, J. Stannard 5, D. Rowlands 6, C. Stannard 7, A. Feaver 8. An 83rd birthday compliment to A. W. Rolfe.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—April 19, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Margaret R. Hill 1, C. Banks 2, A. K. Oliver 3, G. Davis 4, G. F. Oliver 5, J. D. Cooper (cond.) 6. For the 846th anniversary of the dedication of the church. First on the bells since rehanging.

CHIDEOCK, DORSET. — April 16, 1320 Doubles (11 m/y): Helen A. Haines 1, I. Calvert 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, R. Haines 5, First in 11 "Saints" m/v for all the band,

CLAINES, WORCS. — April 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. F. Smith 1, Katherine Chester 2, R. Woodyatt 3, A. Morgan 4, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 5, H. Homans 6. First quarter 1, 2. For Evensong by a Sunday service band; also birthday compliment to 3rd

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMB.—April 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Eilbeck 1, Vera Bell 2, J. E. Brown 3, D. Sim 4, Mary Dodd 5, G. Tembey (cond.) 6, J. Robinson 7. In honour of the birthday of H.M. the Oueen

DERBY. — April 12, at St. Peter's Church, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): Julia H. Whitehead 1, C. F. Roadley 2, D. K, Walklate (cond.) 3, R. Wallis 4.

K. A. Betesla 5, W. Steen 6. For morning service.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.—April 20, 1260 Pl.
Bob Triples: J. C. Banks 1, Gladys D. Northway 2,
Susan J. Hartless (first on eight) 3, Catherine A.
Robetts 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6,
J. Hartless 7, D. G. Wright 8.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—April 19, 1260 Doubles (three methods): I. Middleditch 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, H. Ivings 3, G. Herbert 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For morning service and thanksgiving for the safe return of Apollo 13.

FARMBOROUGH, SOM.—March 22, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): Miss J. Parker 1, Miss S. Willis 2, R. Smith 3, R. Perry 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, J. Coombs 6. For the birth of Susan Elizabeth Maggs, daughter of a local ringer.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—April 19, 126) Pl. Bob Minor: J. O. Coleman I. M. Lawson (first Minor) 2, J. Baverstock 3, W. J. Foot 4, J. Mussell 5, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—April 14, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Joyce Singleton (first quarter) 1, D, Fensom 2, H. Barsley 3, R. Baines (first Minor) 4, G. W. Burrell 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.—April 22, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Anne Collins 1, A. Elsmore 2, Judith Collins 3, R. Collins 4, E. Futcher (first in method as cond.) 5, E. Oliver 6. First Stedman Doubles 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. To welcome Richard and Wendy Durnford.

GIGGLESWICK-IN-CRAVEN, W. YORKS.—April 11, 1296 Pl. Bob Major: P. Warren 1, Patricia James 2, A. W. Pallister 3, A. Capstick 4, A. Stott 5, W. S. Walker 6, R. H. Bruerton 7, K. M. Price (cond.) 8, An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. M. Silverwood, 65 years a ringer at this tower.

GODSHILL, 1.0.W. — April 26, 1280 Grandsire Doubles: Kim Evans 1, Elsie Wyatt 2, C. Callaway 3, L. Bailey 4, A. Evans (cond.) 5, C. Denness 6. For the conductor's 18th birthday,

GREASLEY, NOTTS. — April 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Bestwick (first quarter) 1, P. Mary Beach 2, T. M. Ford 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, C. W. Hodgkinson 6, For Evensong.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX. — Dec. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Webster 1, Ernest E. Breed 2, Annette Bradbury 3, G. Beeney 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, C. Spreadbury 6, For the golden wedding of 2nd ringer and his wife (original copy lost in post). Also April 18, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain): Jill Goodsell 1, B. Stepney 2, Annette Bradbury 3, Betty Pearcy 4, G. Beeney 5, J. R. Whitham 6. For the wedding at Applecross, Australia, on April 4, of Laura Beeney, daughter of 5th ringer, and Rev. Ted Ivey, also a thanksgiving for safe return of Apollo 13.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—April 12, 1260 Stedman Triples: I. Shilvock 1, T. Greenhall 2, L. W. Clissett 3, H. Shilvock 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, Miss M. Tromans 6, M. L. Lashford (cond.) 7, A. P. Hackett 8. For Evensong; a fareweil to Ven. and Mrs. J. C. Williams,

HALLATON, LEICS.—April 18, 1440 Minor (D. Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B.): L. Atton 1, J. A. Ellis 2, P. M. Fleckney 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, R. J. Chantler 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—March 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Day 1, A. W. R. Wilby 2, Mary A. Coburn 3, Dianna Kingham 4, Catherine M. Bew 5, F Jacklin 6, M. J. Bew (cond.) 7, L. G. Coburn 8. HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—Feb. 28, 1440 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): M. J. Rose (cond.) 1, Amanda M. Richmond 2, Sally E. V. Potter 3, R. Rose 4, B. E. Whiting 5, A. G. Feaver 6.

HARTLEBURY, WORCS.—April 4, 1260 Stedman Triples: Lucy A, Key 1, E, Marion Key 2, Verona Naylor 3, G, Bowen 4, L, Smith 5, B, G, Key (cond.) 6, A, W, Glazzard 7, R, Pardy 8, An "au revoir" to Rev. W, S, Davies (rector) and Mrs. Davies, leaving for Pretoria on six-month "exchange" visit. Also April 13, 1260 Court B, Triples: Angela Key 1, E, Marion Key 2, Pamela Key 3, B, G, Key (cond.) 4, G, Bowen 5, L, Smith 6, A, W, Glazzard 7, P, J, Key 8, A welcome to Rev, and Mrs, Martyn, of Pretoria, S,A., who will be at Harllebury for six months on an "exchange" visit.

HENDON, MIDDX.—April 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor:
A. F. Warren 1, D. J. Gazeley 2, Dorothea M.
Robotham (first as cond.) 3, E. Edmundson 4, Ruth
M. Foreman 5, B. C. Watson 6. For Parish Com-

atron-in-Holland, Lincs.—April 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Flatters (first Triples) 1, D. Fensom (first Triples inside) 2, R. Stephenson 3, M. J. Belcher 4, R. Baines (first Triples) 5, H. Barsley 6, P. Reynolds (cond.) 7, A. E. Flatters 8. To celebrate the centenary of the formation of the Kirton Brass Band.

LANE END, BUCKS. — April 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S, Smith (first quarter) 1, S, Smith 2, T. Wright 3, C, Meakes 4, C, Hagger (cond.) 5, R, Meakes 6. For the service of the National Master Farriers, Blacksmiths and Agricultural Association. Also April 17, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss S, Smith 1 S, Smith 2, T, Wright 3, C, Meakes 4, C, Hagger (cond.) 5, R, Meakes 6, Thanksgiving for the safe return of Apollo 13.

LEAFIELD, OXON. — April 25, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): W. J. Dixon 1, P. R. Covenev 2, B. W. Hall 3, A. W. Lloyd 4, T. J. Hester (cond.) 5, F. S. Tucker 6.

LINCOLN.—April 26, at St. Mary-le-Wigford with St. Mark, 1272 Minimus: G. Webster (first quarter) 1, A. W. Froggatt (cond.) 2, Susan A. Faull 3, Vivienne West 4. For Patronal Festival of St. Mark; also wedding compliment to Peter Hulse and Rosemary Ann Whitney

LYMINGTON, HANTS. — March 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Le Marechal 1, A. A. Nunn 2, B. J. Fry 3, S. Baybut 4, J. B. G. G. Clarke 5, R. H. Green 6, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 7, B. Peachey 8. Peal attemnt called round.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, April 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ward 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Mary Walshaw 3, I. E. Margaret Manby 4, D. G. Manby 5, P. Boucher 6, P. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 7. R. F. Eccles 8. For Evensong.

MAXEY, PETERBOROUGH.— April 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Saville 1, C. Brown 2, P. Green 3, C. Gibbons 4, A. Dolby (cond.) 5, S. Cook 6.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—April 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. M. Paton 1, Nicola Paton 2, R. Smith 3, Ann Brain 4, A. A. Paton (cond.) 5, R. Davis 6. First Grandsire 2 and 3, For Evensong. MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—April 19, 1260

Grandsire Triples: R. Sharpe 1, H. Platten 2, T. Pink 3, M. Soper 4, J. Platten 5, C. Ward 6, F. P. Mead (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—All March 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: K. Rigby 1, M. Fiander 2, J. Edgson 3, N. Orchard 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, C. M. Povey 6. Also 1260 Grandsire Doubles, at Bilton; 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles, at Church Lawford; 1260 Antelope Doubles, at Misterton, Leics; 1260 St. Simon's Doubles, at Bilteswell, Leics; 1260 Doubles (11 m/v), at Leire, Leics. All by the same band and conducted by A. G. Eveleigh.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—April 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Harold Randle, past P.C.C. treasurer and church worker.

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POLESWORTH, WARKS.—April 19, 1320 Doubles (Rev. Canterbury, Pl. Bob): R. Knight 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp 3, M. Quimby (cond.) 4, D. Hiorns 5, T. Oxford 6. For the safe return of Apollo 13, Also April 19, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hiorns 4, M. Quimby 5, R. Knight (circled tower to quarters) 6. For Evensong.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOM.—April 21, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. H. Baldam (cond., 50th quarter) 1, A. H. Reed 2, P. K. Williamson 3, C. T. Clarke 4, R. D. Short 5, M. J. Stone 6. For the birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

RADLETT, HERTS.—April 18, at Ashmere, Harper Lane, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: Anne E. Thompson (first in hand) 1-2, J. R. Southey 3-4, B. R. M. Johnson (first in hand) 5-6, A. C. D. Mayes (first in hand,

cond.) 7-8.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—April 23, 1260 Double Court B. Minor: I. Messenger 1, P. Perkins 2, J. Green 3, S. Sudbury 4, M. Downs 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6. First in method by all. For St. George's Day.

SANDON, HERTS. — March 7, 1789 Doubles: F. W. Ellis (cond.) 1, Rosemary Spicer 2, Margaret Roden 3, J. E. Ewer 4, G. T. Horritt 5. A peal attempt called round. To mark 50 years as a local ringer by Ted Ward.

SEATON, DEVON. — April 18, 1344 Grandsire Triples: I. L. Andrews 1, I. Calvert 2, Angela Quick 3, D. B. Ellery 4, H. G. Keeley 5, H. G. Arthur (first Triples inside) 6, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8,

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—March 31, 1260 Doubles (eight m/v): Betty J. Daysh 1, R. Le Marcchal 2, B. J. Fry 3, J. P. Coliss (cond.) 4, R. Sherwood 5, Linda V. Cull 6.

SHOBROOKE, DEVON.—April 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Barnes 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, W. Ware 4, R. Trickey (cond.) 5, P. Howe 6.

SILVERTON, DEVON. — April 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles; S. Bibey 1, W. J. Ransom 2, H. Ransom 3, W. E. Richards 4, C. G. Barnes (cond.) 5. D. Petherick 6. A welcome home from a world cruise to R. J. Hutchings, member of the band.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.—Feb. 14, 1260 Minor (Cambridge, Pl. Bob): Hilary Finch 1, J. P. Richardson 2, D. R. Jones 3, C. F. Pocock 4, M. E. Snape 5, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 6. For the opening of the Church Hall. Also March 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. E. Snape 1-2, Celia F. H. D'Acth 3-4, D. J. Bennett (cond.) 5-6. First on handbells for all. A 21st birthday compliment to Jeremy P. Richardson.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—April 26, at St. George-the-Martyr's Church, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Small-wood 1, W. Rawlings 2, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 3, G. Parsons 4, R. F. Bullen 5, A. Tyers 6, J. W. Euston 7, P. R. Peett 8. For Dickens centenary service, Patronal Festival and wedding anniversary of the conductor.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP

Two quarters in one evening, April 18.

At St. Mary's Church, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: A. E.
G. Owen 1, Vivien Bennett 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3,
F. H. Bennett 4, L. Roberts 5, A. Glover (first Major)
6, P. J. Evans 7, E. F. Willeox (cond.) 8.

At St. Chad's Church, 1260 Pl. Bob Royal: A. E.

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Both for the safe return of Apollo 13.

SPALDING, LINCS.— April 13, 1264 Plain Bob Major: M. Waters 1. F. Taylor 2, S. Hare 3, J. E. Hubbard 4, R. C. Noon (cond.) 5, M. E. Hare 6, G. Cowlin 7, B. B. Tyrell 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. P. C. Burrell, churchwarden.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—April 19, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: M.ss. L. J. Smith 1, R. A. G. Perryman (first quarter) 2, Miss D. J. Perryman 3, A. B. Stokes 4, M. G. Lane (cond.) 5, R. Perryman (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—April 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Lynn V. Bedford I. M. R. Kitson 2, Jean F. West 3, Julie Barnes 4, R. I. West (cond.) 5, A. Kellock (first quarter) 6. For Eucharist.

STAPLEGROVE, SOM.—April 19, a quarter peal:
Mrs. P. A. Medway 1, Mrs. J. M. Shepherd 2, J.
Shepherd 3, J. R. Medway 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.)
5, R. Shepherd 6. For afternoon service.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—April 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Craw'ey 1, M. Baker 2, Jane Gilder (cond.) 3, Miss F. Tomlin 4, R. J. Lloyd 5, B. Mitchell 6. For Marnie Greta Ford's christening.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—April 17, 1260
Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Yates 1, A. Hodges 2, R.
W. Yates (cond.) 3, G. Orchard 4, G. W. Holland 5,
A. J. Phillips 6. A birthday compliment to ringer
of 2nd

STOAE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—April 19, 1320 Durham S. Minor: A. Crofts 1, Alison Brown 2, Rosemary Snawdon 3, Joan Gray 4, Hilary Muirhead 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6, First in method by all. For Evensone

STOKE DAMEREL, DEVON.—Jan. 26, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: G. E. Mudge (cond.) 1, D. G. M. Pearce 2, S. G. Peirce 3, A. N. Frost 4, 1, F. Steere 5, D. R. Bould 6.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOM. — April 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Venn 1, E. Venn 2, R. Venn (cond.) 3, N. J. Warr 4, H. Warr 5, H. Pester 6. To congratulate Robert and Mary Palphramand, of Bristol, on the birth of a daughter, the first grand-child for Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Thomas, of Stokesub-Hamdon

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARKS.—April 4, 1309 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bridges 1, P. Robson 2, D. Borland 3, I. Barclay 4, M. Reed (cond.) 5, A. Holtom 6. First quarter 3, 4, 6. To celebrate the appointment of Mr. J. Findon as ringing captain.

STREATHAM, LONDON. — April 5, at St. Leonard's Church, 1265 Stedman Triples: Deborah Bishop 1, R. D. Bing 2, E. J. Adams 3, A. J. Hampton 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. Humphrey 8, For Evensong.

SUITON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—April 20, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Grace Burchnall (cond.) 1, Rosemary Wilson (first inside) 2, N. Moxon 3, Katharine Burchnall 4, H. Hawcroft 5, A. Wilson 6. To celebrate the birth of a son (Andrew Leslie) to Eleanor and Leslie Hall, of the local band.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—April 11, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: A. A. Parsons 1, Lin Cooper 2, Sheila Parsons 3, E. J. Dicken 4, R. G. Howell 5, G. H. Peers, sen, 6, G. H. Peers, jun, 7, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 8, A wedding compliment to Richard F. Lee and Ann M.

Edwards (vicar's daughter).

THORNABY, TEESSIDE.—April 16, 1260 Stedman
Triples: K. Lawson 1, Enid Lawson 2, P. Wishart 3,
Mrs. L. Yates 4, J. Halliwell 5, J. Roach 6, T. Cox
(cond.) 7, P. Sotheran 8, For industion of new vicar.

(cond.) 7, P. Sotheran 8. For induction of new vicar. THORNBURY, GLOS.—April 19, 1264 Plain Bob Major: G. Jackson 1, F. G. Bloomfield 2, Miss J. E. Bell 3, D. Huddleston 4, S. Poole 5, H. Heath 6, E. G. Mould 7, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Thornbury Arts Festival opening service.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.— April 19, 1440 Single Oxford B. Minor: J. Whiteman I, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, N. George 4, H. L. Hatfield 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 4.

2. W. F. J. Cope 3, N. George 4, H. L. Talunda, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 4. TWERTON, BATH. — April 20, 1280 Pudsey S. Major: P. J. W. Hardwick 1, K. Whittaker 2, Rosemary J. Ball 3, J. A. G. Ball 4, R. L. Coles 5, D. C. Hawkins 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. J. Orledge 8. First in method by all except 8.

WALLINGTON, HERTS. — April 11, 1440 Cambridge S, Minor: T. Hatchett 1, M. Worthington 2, Margaret Roden 3, Rosemary Roden (first Surprise) 4, G. T. Horritt 5, F. W. Ellis (cond.) 6.
WAREHAM, DORSET.—April 19, 1280 Cambridge

WAREHAM, DORSET.—April 19, 1280 Cambridge S, Major: M, J, Dew 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, Claire E. N. Brown (first Surprise Major) 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, G, W. Elmes 5, G. E, Thoday 6, Dr. C. T. Brown 7, T. F. Collins (cond.) 8. For Evensong. WARKTON, NORTHANTS. — April 22, 1260

WARKTON, NORTHANTS. — April 22, 1260 Doubles (two methods): D. Issitt 1, Pamela J, E. Denny 2, D. Witchell 3, C. N. Stephenson 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor, of Warkton.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—April 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor and Single Oxford: Janet Sayer 1, H. T. Rooke 2, Sandra Ettles 3, R. Hancock 4, F. Cooke 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Richards (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—April 20, at the National Cathedral School, 1296 Pl. Bob Major: Cecily Rock 1-2, Marjorie Batchelor (first Major as cond.) 3-4, Penny Moriarty 5-6, Kit Matthew 7-8. First Major for all except the conductor.

WEST BUCKLAND, SOM. — April 18, a quarter peal: Mrs. P. A. Medway 1, Mrs. J. M. Shepherd 2, J. Shepherd (first inside) 3, R. Shepherd 4, J. R. Medway (first as each) 5, C. F. Paker 6.

Medway (first as cond.) 5, C. E. Baker 6.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—March 11. 1296
Cambridge S, Minor: Susan Newman 1, F. W. Elist (cond.) 2, Margaret Roden 3, P. C. Worthington 4, R. Darvill 5, J. E. Ewer 6. Birthday compliment to 3.

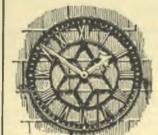
WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—
April 20, 1280 Cambridge S, Major: I. Calvert (first Major) 1, H. Haines (first S. Major) 2, Angela Quick 3, M. J. Hiller (first Major as cond.) 4, D. B. Ellery 5, H. G. Keeley 6, R. Haines 7, G. S. Morris 8. A compliment to Rev. Syer, appointed hononary canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—1260 Pl. Bob Triples: C. Slyfield 1, J. May 2, M. Kirk 3, J. Avenall 4, R. Collins 5, D. May 6, J. Collier (cond.) 7, J. Turner 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. B. A. Whitehead (Pirbright).

ANNIVERSARY PEAL

Mr. and Mrs. George Howe, of Maidstone, are well known to local ringers. Whenever there is a ringers' tea to be arranged Mrs. Howe is to be found busy in the kitchen. Their son, Martin, is working these days in Norwich but comes home most weekends and keeps up his good work of many years in arranging peals and all kinds of other ringing activities. A loyal churchman at St. Michael's, Maidstone, he has taught many ringers there and has rendered great assistance in many other towers in the area.

It was with real pleasure that various friends were able to ring a peal at Wrotham as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Howe the day before their 40th wedding anniversary



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5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Ronald G. Beck 2 David G. Massey
3 Peter J. W. Hardwick
44 George W. Massey
5 Roy W. Rice

6 Walter S. Rice
7 Philip H. D. Jones (C. and Cond.)
8 Peter J. England

*50th with Walter and Roy Rice. First in the method for the association and by all.

WILTON, Taunton, Som, St. George.
ues., Mar. 31, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (9 cwt.)
5152 FROME SURPRISE MAJOR Tues..

1 Ronald G. Beck 2 Roy W. Rice 3 Walter S. Rice *4 Peter J. England

Feter J. Brigiand
Feter J. W. Hardwick
Philip H. D. Jones
George W. Massey (C. and Cond.)
David G. Massey

*50th for the association. First in method for the association and by all except the conductor. 4ths place bobs.

CURRY RIVEL, Som, St. Andrew. Wed., April 1, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (18½ cwt.)
5184 XAVIER SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. R. Mayne.

Ronald G. Beck 2 David G. Massey

2 David G. Massey
3 Philip H. D. Jones
4 Peter J. W. Hardwick
5 Peter J. England
6 Roy W. Rice
7 Walter S. Rice
8 George W. Massey (Conductor)
First in the method for the association and by all. 4ths place bobs.

BATH, Som, St. Michael with St. Paul. Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (17 cwt.) 5088 OXHEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

1 Ronald G. Beck
2 George W. Massey
3 Philip H. D. Jones
4 Roy W. Rice
5 Walter S. Rice
6 Peter J. W. Hardwick
7 Peter J. England (Conductor)
8 David G. Massey

8 David G. Massey

First in the method for the association and by all.

TIMBERSCOMBE, Som, St. Petrock. Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (121 cwt.)

5088 JOHANNESBURG S. MAJOR Composed by A. Craven.

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1 Ronald G. Beck

2 Roy W. Rice

3 George W. Massey

4 Peter J. W. Hardwick

5 Peter J. England

6 Philip H. D. Jones

7 Walter S. Rice

8 David G. Massey (Conductor)

t in the method for the association and by all

BACKWELL, Som, St. Andrew. Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (173 cwt.) 5184 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Composed by G. Lill
George W. Massey
Roy W. Rice
Walter S. Rice
David C. Hawkins
Peter J. W. Hardwick

7 Roger I. Kendrick
8 David G. Massey (Conductor)

First in the method for the association and by all except the conductor.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE **YOUTHS**

CRIPPLEGATE, London, E.C., St. Giles. Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (34 cwt.) 5088 LONDINIUM S. MAXIMUS

Composed by P. Border.

Antony R. Kench

2 James E. Andrews3 Andrew N. Stubbs4 David E. Rothera

Andrew W. R. Wilby Christopher H. Rogers Jonathan S. N. Porter Michael P. Moreton

9 Philip J. Rothera 10 David P. Hilling 11 Alan R. Patterson

12 David E. House (Conductor)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

LOCKING, Som, St. Augustine.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (15 methods: 240 Antelope, New Antelope and Grandsire, 360 Rev. Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Stedman, Union, New Bob, Huntspill, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire).

1 Lennard Derrick

2 Marjorie Legg (Conductor)

3 John Cornelius 4 John Coombs 5 George Prescott

6 John Baker

For the parish mission.

DITCHEAT, Som, St. Mary Magdalene. Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (24 cwt.) 5184 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Mayne. Alan Tubb

2 David J. Orledge
3 Peter J. W. Hardwick
4 Roy W. Rice
*5 Walter S. Rice
6 Roger I. Kendrick

7 George W. Massey (Conductor) 8 David G. Massey.

*100th peal. First in the method by all except the tenor ringer. 4ths place bobs. * memoriam Donald H. Flower, of Frome.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

FRODSHAM, Cheshire, St. Lawrence. Wed., April 22, 1970, 2hr. 50min. $(12\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$

5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. Ivin.

John E. Bibby 2 John R. Bibby 3 John Oultram

4 Martin E. Snape *5 Jeremy P. Richardson 6 Robert Peers

7 Eric J. Gilbert 8 Walter Allman (Conductor)

*First in the method.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY, St. Peter.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 3 hr. (11½ cwt.) 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by A. Knights.

*1 Colin Roadley

2 Arthur F. Hall 3 Jack Bailey 4 Michael Willis 5 Reginald Wallis William Allsopp

7 David Walklate (Conductor) 8 Kevin Betesta

*First of Major. In memoriam Miss May Wickman.

MAYFIELD, Staffs, St. John the Baptist. Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (113 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (42 extents, 14 var. Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury). *1 Philip Warrington

2 Colin Roadley
3 David Walklate (Conductor)
4 Arthur F. Hall

5 Kevin Betesta *First peal.

BASLOW, Derbyshire, St. Anne.

Mon., April 20, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (8 cwt.) 5040 NORFOLK SURPRISE MINOR

1 Peter D. Taylor *2 Susan E. Banton 3 Susan E. Davis 4 Andrew R. Queen 5 Timothy Wylie

*6 A. Colin Banton (Conductor) *50th together.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, Essex, St. Peter. Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (181 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

*1 John S. Connell

Tom Bird

3 Jack H. Brett †4 Peter Mayle †5 John A. Mayle

6 Walter Arnold ‡7 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

8 Arthur R. Ruffle *First on 8. †First of Triples. ±800th peal.

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CHELTENHAM, Glos, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (22½ cwt.) 5042 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS

1 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)
2 Beryl E. Cawser
3 E. Alan Jacques
4 Gillian M. Hunt

5 Rupert A. Clarke

6 W. Eric Critchley
7 Paul A. Williams
8 Gerald C. Hemming
9 Barrie E. Saunders
10 Alan A. Paul

11 Graham C. Paul 12 D. John Hunt

LONGNEY, Glos, St. Laurence.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (14 cwt.) 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR Arranged by R. J. Parker.

Christopher Hims *†2 Anita D. O'Brien
3 Walter G. Knight
4 Shirley M. Drew
5 Brian Bladon

6 Leonard C. Edwards
†7 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)
8 Geoffrey R. Drew
*First in the method. †50th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, Glos, St. Mary.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 extent of Double Oxford, 2 different extents each of Single Oxford, St. Clements and Plain).

1 Malcolm Taylor (13)

2 Clare Taylor (16) 3 Hilda Taylor (18) 4 Mrs. Helen Taylor

†5 Bernard Taylor (14)
6 Eric Taylor (Conductor)
*First peal. †First inside. First peal for the family of father, mother and four children. First of Minor for all and first of Minor as conductor.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEINTWARDINE, Herefordshire, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (13½ cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Heywood's transposition.)

Composed by T. Thurstans. Leslie Evans

2 Norman R. Mattingley
*3 Roy K. Williams
4 Peter L. Hughes

5 Frederick R. Harris
6 Michael V. Powell
7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
8 Reginald G. Powell
First in the method. Thanksgiving for the return of Apollo 13.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire, St. Mary.

Sun., April 19, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (121 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Reginald G. Powell 2 Peter L. Hughes 3 Elizabeth Wycherley

4 Leslie Evans

5 Norman R. Mattingley
6 Frederick R. Harris
7 Michael V. Powell
8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Ar. & Con.)
6 January G. Hall (Con.)
7 First of spliced by all.

50th as conductor for the guild.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts, St. Michael.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (123 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

Kenneth R. Dunstan

22 Anne E. Thompson 3 Keith J. Walpole 4 Robert J. Moore 5 Barry R. M. Johnson 6 Francis M. Byrne Frank Reed

8 Roger Baldwin (Conductor) *First of Surprise. A wedding compliment to Pauline S. Kirk (daughter of local captain) and David J. Hicks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent, St. John the Baptist. Fri., April 17, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (15 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Dexter's No. 2.)

1 Margaret E. Oram

2 Arthur G. Mason

*3 Roland T. Wakefield 4 Ian H. Oram

Herbert E. Audsley
Trevor A. Cross
Frederick J. Cullum (Conductor)
Thomas W. Blewitt

Ŕ *First of Stedman.

WROTHAM, Kent, St. George. Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (20 cwt.)

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights. Martin L. Howe

Janet House Christopher H. Rogers 4 Simon A. B. Wigg 5 Peter S. Muchlinski

6 Colin A. Tester
7 Trevor A. Cross
8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Howe, parents of the treble ringer.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

BURTON-IN-LONSDALE, W. Yorkshire, All Saints.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 each of Cambridge S, Kent T.B. and 3 Plain Bob).

James Hedgcock 2 James Dunbavin

2 James Danbavin 3 Ian Capstick 4 Nigel P. A. Goulding 5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) 6 Graham K. Austin.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ELSHAM, Lines, All Saints.

Wed., April 15, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (67 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED MINOR (14 methods: 720 of Thelwall and Lytham, Double Oxford and London Bob, Childwall and Wavertree, St. Clements and College, Single Oxford and Single Court, Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Reverse, 168 changes of method).

1 Hilary Hall
2 William Rains

2 William Bains
3 Harold Judd
4 Richard Hall
5 Roger Hippisley
6 John G. Hall (Conductor)

SKILLINGTON, Lincs, St. James.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (61 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

*1 B. Ann Cheesewright 2 Denis A. Frith 3 P. Mary Cheesewright

4 Brian Buttery

†5 Peter A. Slight (Conductor)

*First peal. †Completes the Grandsire family.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

WILLESDEN, London, St. Mary.

Thur., April 16, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.) 5024 ALDERMARY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by D. Knox.

C. Edward Lankester

2 Joan Beresford 3 Claudia A. Critchley

5 Ruth M. Foreman
6 G. William Critchley (Conductor)

7 Frank Reed 8 Thomas J. Lock

First in the method.

ALDERMARY SURPRISE MAJOR -56-14-12-38-14-38-16-3. l.e. 6482735. Corrigan No. 140 renamed.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

RAVENINGHAM, Norfolk, St. Andrew. Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (6 extents Grandsire, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas Bob, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Martin's Bob.
St. Simon's Bob and Plain Bob).
1 Frederick C. Gunton
2 James W. Forder
3 Norman P. J. Cossey
4 Thomas J. Brook
5 A. Ernest Long (Conductor)

Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Blaza (Raveningham), also 11th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Long.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk, St. Remigius.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. (9 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Johnson's variation.)

1 Henry Tooke 2 Richard J. W. Housden *3 Adrial Walton

4 H. William Barrett

5 Frank C. J. Arnold 6 Thomas E. Spight 7 John Illingworth

8 Martin Cubitt (Conductor) *First of Surprise Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

EAST ILSLEY, Berkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (82 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Thurstans'.)

William Hibbert Patricia E. Hibbert

3 Mariorie Hibbert
4 Kathleen E. Chilcott
5 Michael V. Chilcott (Conductor)
6 John H. Napper

7 John Chilcott 8 John W. T. Hibbert

In memoriam Cyril J. Hibbert.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (14³/₄ cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Heywood's transposition.)

(Heywood's transposition.)

1 Harold W. Dunsden

2 Reginald W. Rex

3 Timothy G. Pett

4 Harry E. Wells

5 Geoffrey K. Dodd

6 William L. Gilks

7 Robert B. Blond (Conductor)

8 Neil Belson

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

EARLS BARTON, Northants, All Saints. Sun., April 12, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (12 cwt.) 5088 EARLS BARTON S. MAJOR

1 Elizabeth M. Tingle 2 Barry R. Care *3 J. Malcolm Tyler

4 Alan J. Marks
5 Edward C. Buckby
6 Stephen B. Bell

*7 Murray A. Coleman (C. and Cond.)

8 Richard J. Cowley

*50th together. A thanksgiving and to celebrate the millennium of the building of the Saxon church tower.

EARLS-BARTON SURPRISE MAJOR -38-14-58-36.14-14.58.12.36.12.78. B. b o.

FINEDON, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin. Sun., April 19, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (22 cwt.)

5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by F. A. Holden.

1 Charles E. Richardson

2 Eric J. Chapman

3 J. Malcolm Tyler

4 Alan J. Marks
5 Barry R. Care
6 Edward C. Buckby
7 Murray A. Coleman
8 Richard J. Cowley (Conductor)
Prior to Spring Flower Festival Evensong and to welcome Rev. J. P. Beaumont as

ROTHWELL, Northants, Holy Trinity. Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (21 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, 69 changes of

method and all the work). Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Mary R. Coleman
2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
3 Edward C. Buckby
4 J. Malcolm Tyler

5 Barry R. Care 6 Richard J. Cowley 7 Philip Bosworth

8 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

EAST RETFORD, Notts, St. Swithin. Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (23 cwt.) 1., Mar. 14, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (23 cw. 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by J. R. Mayne.

1 John H. Lindon

2 Richard J. Tibbetts

3 Maurice F. Edwards

4 W. Bric Critchley (Conductor)

5 J. Henry Fielden
6 Stephen W. Barton
7 Roger A. Smith
8 Robert Edwards

9 Bryan D. A. Woolley 10 Clifford A. Barron

ERDINGTON, Birmingham, Abbey of SS. Thomas & Edmund of Canterbury.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (16 cwt.) 5152 ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR (27-course block reduced.)

John N. Lindon John McDonald

2 John McBohald 3 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor) 4 Paul L. D. McEvilly 5 Stephen W. Barton 6 Michael Elson 7 James Insley 8 Clifford A. Barron

First in the method by all except tenor. To welcome the new rector, Fr. Meehan.

HARBORNE, Birmingham, St. Peter.

Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (13 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Arranged by R. W. Pipe.
1 Richard J. Tibbetts

Joyce Barton 3 Paul Evans

4 John N. Lindon 5 David Flint

6 Eric Spence

7 Stephen W. Barton 8 Clifford A. Barron (Conductor)

FECKENHAM, Worcs, St. John the Baptist. Mon., Mar. 30, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12 cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Roberts.

1 John N. Lindon 2 Muriel Reay 3 Roger A. Smith 4 John S. Hopwood

5 Maurice F. Edwards 6 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor) 7 Stephen W. Barton

8 Norman J. Goodman For Easter.

CLAYBROOKE, Leics, St. Peter.

Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (13\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR
Composed by W. Barton.

John Turney

2 Muriel Reay 3 John S. Hopwood

4 Roger A. Smith
5 Maurice F. Edwards
6 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)
7 Robert Edwards Robert Edwards

8 Stephen W. Barton

For the christening of Stephen Spencer Smith, nephew of the ringer of the 4th.

ALREWAS, Staffs, All Saints.

Fri., April 3, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (12 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, 69 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Muriel Reay

2 Richard J. Tibbetts
3 Bryan D. A. Woolley
4 John S. Hopwood
5 Stephen W. Barton

6 Roger A. Smith 7 Maurice F. Edwards

8 John McDonald (Conductor)

COLESHILL, Warks, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (13 cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(J. J. Parker's 12-part.)
1 Richard J. W. Tibbetts
2 Rev. David Sansum

3 Lynda M. Deebank *4 Ann E. Deebank
5 A. Harold Fitter

6 Ian Lloyd 7 James W. Belshaw (Conductor) 8 David J. Bates

*First of Grandsire Triples.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTON VENY, Wilts, St. John Evang. Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (8 cwt.)

5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (2,160 and 4 720's.)

1 Ruth M. Jones

2 Kathryn Jones
3 Reginald F. Jones
4 Michael J. Peet
5 Norman G. N. Knee
6 Frederick S. Slatford (Conductor)
First peal. First of Kent for 2, 3 and 4.
For the safe return of Apollo 13.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

SANDON, Staffordshire, All Saints.

Fri., April 10, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (4 methods/var.: 5t. Simon. Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire, 16 changes of method).

*1 Yvonne C. Norton
2 Cyril T. Collins
3 E. John Dolman

4 Ken G. Parker 5 Clive M. Smith (Conductor) *First peal.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

BALDERTON, Notts, St. Giles.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (81/4 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Heywood's.)

*1 Derek J. Tysoe 2 Beryl N. Reed 3 Walter Tomlinson

4 John Freeman (Conductor)

5 Paul Raithby 6 Peter A. Sharp 7 Colin W. Reed 8 Cyril H. Pritchett

*First of Stedman Triples.

SUFFOLK GUILD GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (8 cwt.) **5019 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by G. R. Fardon.

1 J. Martin Thorley

*2 Stephen D. Pettman

3 J. Barry Pickup
4 Dennis Knox
5 Howard W. Egglestone

6 Rev. Laurence R. Pizzey
7 Sylvia R. E. Pipe
8 George W. Pipe
9 Michael J. Howes (Conductor)
10 Cecil W. Pipe

*First of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor. A birthday compliment to Roderick Pipe.

HENLEY, Suffolk, St. Peter.

Sat.. April 18, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 1600 Rutland and London, 320 Bristol, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire).

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

1 Michael J. Howes

2 Muriel R. Page 3 Yvonne A. Towler 4 J. Barry Pickup

5 Leslie G. Brett 6 James L. Towler 7 Cecil W. Pipe

8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

SCOLE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (41 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clements, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford and Plain Bob).

*1 Amanda M. Richmond
†2 Sally E. V. Porter
3 Peter Mayle
4 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)
5 John A. Mayle
6 Brian E. Whiting
*Most methods to a neal thost methods.

*Most methods to a peal. †Most methods

HARTEST, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (8 methods: Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Ox-

ford and Plain Bob).

*1 Amanda M. Richmond

*2 Alan G. Feaver 3 Richard Rose *4 Brian E. Whiting *5 Walter A. Perry

*6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor) *Most methods to a peal.

An 83rd birthday compliment to Arthur W. Rolfe (part donor of treble).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BALCOMBE, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin. Fri., April 17, 1970, 2hr. 35mins. (9 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. Craven.

1 James H. Lilley 2 Edgar R. Rapley 3 Susan E. M. Davis 4 E. Winifred Keys 5 Reginald V. Johnson

*6 Peter D. Hepburn 7 Frank H. Hicks

8 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor)
*First of Yorkshire. Conductor's Conductor's 925th tower for a peal.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ADVENT, Cornwall, St. Adwena.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 6min. $(3\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ **5040 DOUBLES**

(Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.)

*1 Anthony P. Smith (Conductor)
*2 Janet S. Evans
3 Thomas E. Howarth
*4 Timothy J. Bell

*5 Anthony J. Davidson *First on five bells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BARTON STACEY, Hants, All Saints. Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (7 cwt.) Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (7 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (In 21 methods: London,
Lytham, Westlecot; College, Wavertree,
Rodbourne; Cambridge, Beverley, Burslem; Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst;
St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton; St. Nicholas, Heatherslade, Gower; Plain, Double,
Fulbeck).

1 Barry J. Fry 2 John P. Collis

3 Katharine J. Maundrell
4 Anthony J. Mason
5 Derek C. Jackson (Conductor)
6 Richard Green

Most Minor methods for the guild on tower

HIGHCLERE, Hants, St. Michael the Archangel.

Mon., April 20, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1 P. G. Taylor

2 M. Goss *3 C. Kendal

*3 C. Kendal
4 D. Goss
5 R. Crocker
6 P. Watts
7 G. K. Dodd
8 P. L. Furniss (Conductor)
*First of Major. First of Major as conductor and has circled the tower. Rung

for the centenary of the church.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14½ cwt.) 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. 1 Morley P. Tobin

2 M. Irene Brown

3 J. Clifford Skidmore *4 Roger H. Hunt

5 Geoffrey J. Hemming 6 Peter J. Brown

Robert Edwards

8 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor) *First of Surprise inside.

HALESOWEN, Worcs, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (16½ cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part.)

*1 Frank Sluter

Thomas Greenhall 3 B. Eric Woodall

4 Molly Tromans *5 Winnie Pretty

6 A. Bryan Ellsmore 7 Michael L. Lashford (Conductor)

8 Alan P. Hackett
*First peal. A farewell to the Ven. and
Mrs. J. C. Williams, leaving for Dodderhill.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (17 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by D. Knox.

1 Alan M. Glover *2 A. Pattie Clapham

*3 Graham J. Jones

*4 Rosamund M. Brown 5 John J. Durham

*6 Peter H. Gardner 7 Robert A. Beresford

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) *First of Bristol Surprise Major.

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire, All Saints.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. J. Parker.

David Kealey

2 Elizabeth J. Campbell

Alan M. Glover

5 Alan M. Gloven 5 E. C. Gareth Higgs 6 Christopher F. Easton 7 Graham J. Jones

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Mon., April 6, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (17 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Elizabeth J. Campbell

2 A. Pattie Clapham

3 Pohent V.

3 Robert H. Jordan *4 Graham J. Jones

5 Gerald Parsons *6 Peter H. Gardner

7 Ronald R. Warford
8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
*First of 8-spliced.

MARKET DRAYTON, Salop, St. Mary.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 3 hr. 1min. (17 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox. Christopher F. Easton

2 Rosamund M. Brown *3 Roger G. Green *4 Michael G. Dodson

5 Christopher Forster 6 John J. Durham 7 Paul A. Williams

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
*First of Bristol Surprise Major.

Handbells

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Tues., April 21, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (16 in B.) 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS 250 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (16 methods: 960 Londinium and Newgate, 240 Belfast, Cambridge, Clifton, Ealing, Fulham, Leatherhead, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Wembley, Wigston, Worcester, York and Yorkshire, with 109 charges of method)

*1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
3-4 John R. Mayne (C. and Conductor)

5-6 Roger Baldwin

7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan 9-10 Julia A. Fellows 11-12 Christopher W. Woolley

*500th peal. The greatest number of Maximus methods yet rung in a peal on hand-

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Tues., Mar. 10, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (15 in C.)
5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by G. Lindoff & J. R. Pritchard.
*1-2 John R. Southey

3-4 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5-6 Roger Baldwin (Conductor) †7-8 Trevor N. J. Bailey

*50th peal. †First on eight handbells.

LANCASHIRE ASSSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Fri., April 17, 1970, 1hr. 37min. (14 in D.) 5040 MINOR (Double Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's College, Plain, Reverse, Single Oxford and College).

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, Lancashire, 71 Birley Street.

d., April 22, 1970, 2hr. 15min. 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1-2 Kenneth Edwards *3-4 Celia F. H. D'Aeth *5-6 David J. Bennett (Conductor) *First on handbells.

THE ANNUAL EVENT

A rather smaller party than usual met at Llandaff Cathedral for the first ring of the guild's 1970 tour, a tour which, although unspectacular in its achievements, proved as happy and interesting as any in former years. It was characterised by long journeyings, cold but sunny weatherwith the odd snow or sleet shower here and there—good food, and ringing of a reasonable standard throughout; Welsh hospitality and friendliness, as well as the secretary's efficient organisation, also contributed to the tour's success.

Starting with the only 10-bell ring was a gamble, but it came off, and the party moved on to Llantrisant (the new home of the Mint-and decimal currency). then made the 32-mile journey to Swansea to find our hotels, ominously described as being "just past the docks." We were pleasantly surprised to find the Times and Universe nicely situated and many had superb views of the coast sweeping out to

Mumbles Head.

There was a hostelry nearby where separated brethren could meet under the patronage of Lord Nelson. The first day ended at St. Mary's, Swansea, a fine church bombed but rebuilt in a manner reminiscent of St. Mary's, Southampton.

FINE VIEWS ENJOYED

Tuesday began with Matins at 7 and a celebration of H.C. for Lady Day, and then a trip to St. David's, which included a detour to Llanstephan, overlooking the mouth of the Rover Towy. We were met by the vicar, requesting us not to ring because a man was dying in a house near the church. The interval gave us the oppor-tunity to explore the village, and those who climbed the heights of Llanstephan Castle were rewarded with a fine view of the hills and estuary in this beautiful corner of Wales. Often ringers are so busy climbing towers and ringing bells that they find no time to admire the country or to look around churches. We had lunch at St. David's, rang the eight in the Cathedral's gatehouse, and had a look at the Cathedral, with its massive Norman arches and richly carved oak roof. Like Llandaff, it is a gem of a cathedral, beautifully maintained and a credit to the Church in Wales. One complaint—no guide book! For the interest of visitors, the small chest in the chapel behind the high altar contains the bones of two men, discovered by Sir Walter Scott last century and scientifically examined in 1921. They could be the bones of St. David and his legendary teacher and relative, Guistilianus, or Justinianus. Certainly one of the men was very tall, with a skull of remarkable mental capacity, which description fits St. David.

ANTI-CLOCKWISE RING

We then explored some of "Little England beyond Wales," ringing at Haverfordwest (8), Pembroke (8) and St. Florence (6). At Haverfordwest there were surprises for us—tea, which the reverend incumbent and ladies of the parish laid on for us. and the bells, which we realised "halfway up" were a backward ring (by the din we were making!). The local representative had indicated for us the tenor rope, but had forborne to mention this minor detail!

At Pembroke we were met by the curate and his black labrador, which the parish had thoughtfully provided for him to comfort him in his wifeless state, and which, though he (the dog) did not actually ring was profeed to the dog of the dog. tually ring, was perfectly behaved in the

belfry, calmly sitting between the ropes. Dogs in church are quite a tradition in Wales, the farmers often bringing their wheels, the farmers of the offenders. St. Florence, a very charming country church, has a ring of bells for which one of our members was responsible (Fr. R. W. Thomas), when he was incumbent. The present incumbent and his wife, who had returned from missionary work in China and Malaysia, were very appreciative of our ringing, as, rather sadly, there is no band at present to ring this fine six. Breaking with normal practice. we then had supper en route in Tenby, and ended the day at the church nearby, where there is another fine eight. One feature we particularly came to recognise about South Wales churches was the absence of buttresses-the tall towers, ornamented except by a characteristic crenellation at the top, depending entirely on thickness of walls for strength.

PEAL ATTEMPT

On Wednesday we turned east along the coast to Newton Nottage, with its strange (pre-Norman?) pulpit set in the north wall. A peal attempt here failed, the simple truth being that we were not a strong enough band. Others rang at strong enough band. Others rang at Coity (6) and Bridgend (8). The first after-noon tower (where we had our photo-graphs taken for the local paper) was at Aberavon, which produced some of the best ringing of the tour. Baglan possesses a six which would be easier to appreciate if they were less audible to the ringers. St. Thomas's, Neath, nearly caught us out with a stayless second, and the day ended with Evensong at Cadoxton (6). One incident in the vestry beforehand is perhaps worth recording. Very few of us this year wore our "dog-collars," so were almost indistinguishable from laymen. Our youngest member, Alban, aged 9, brightly remarked to the (unbeneficed) member who was to conduct the service, "Oh, so you are now going to pretend to be a vicar!" Hearing which, the local incumbent promptly shut his vestry cupboard door with a bang and presented the member with a choirman's cassock.

The annual general meeting was held in the evening at the Universe, when all the officers were re-elected, and it was decided that next year the tour would be in Lancashire. We were sorry not to have the former secretary with us, owing to an eye operation, also the member from Bredgar.

Thursday began at Llanelli (8), where 6-Spliced Surprise was rung; at Carmarthen we were confronted with a difficult ring, not made easier by a starling which flew about and refused to be caught. Llandilo, further up the Vale of Towy, is to be remembered by the enormous pendulum hanging in the middle of the belfry and the long and fruitless search for the White Hart Inn, which took us three times round the town.

ANOTHER BIRD

On to Llandovery with its miniature castle ruins, and another "bird" in the belfry, prettier than a starling, who vowed she was not Welsh but came from Gloucester. (She was not to be caught, either!) Here we had an unscheduled Evensong as the bells at Devynock were not to be rung. The road home took us over the high pass of the Black Mountain, our first glimpse

ST. PETER'S, CHELLASTON

Derbyshire now has a new ring of five bells at Chellaston near the city of Derby. It was not until the year 1705 that the first two bells were cast by George Hedderley, of Nottingham, and hung in a stone turre; on the west end of the church. Popular opinion is that it was a wooden turret, but because of the weight of the bells it is now believed that this was unlikely.

In 1840 the two bells were removed and the turret taken down, being replaced by the present tower. Only one of the original bells was retained; the fate of the other is not known. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, cast two new bells and they were hung for full swing ringing in a wooden frame.

During 1910 the George Hedderley beli was recast by John Taylor and Co., and when it was refitted all three bells were rehung in a modern low side iron frame at a cost of £78. At this time the clock was also overhauled. It is interesting to note that at this time a letter, signed by a Mr. Ford, of Chellaston, rejected a quotation of £14 for the provision of a fourth bell. Further attention was given to the bells in 1928, but details of the actual work are not recorded.

In 1956 a scheme was launched to provide ultimately a ring of six bells. Work commenced in 1965, when the existing treble was taken to Taylor's foundry to be retuned and all the three bells were rehung on new ball-bearings. At the same time additional framework for six bells was in-

During the 1960s a fourth bell was donated to Chellaston by St. Andrew's Church. Derby (cast at Whitechapel). The fifth bell was obtained from the prison at Northampton (originally cast by J. Warner and Co.). It is believed that this bell was probably used as the execution bell at the prison.

FRAME FOR SIX

An order was placed in August, 1969, to have these two bells melted down. Two new bells were cast in October, 1969, by John Taylor and Co. and they were collected and hung by a working party from the parish on January 17, 1970. This work has largely been due to the enthusiasm of the local ringing master, Mr. E. Willans. to whom we wish the best of success in raising the money to provide the tenor bell to complete the scheme.

The bells were dedicated by Rev. R. H. Videl-Hall on April 5 at a service partly conducted by the ringers themselves. the dedication the bells were available for general ringing. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the bright and sparkling character of the two new trebles and the people of Chellaston on a good example of corporate endeavour. The heaviest bell weighs 4 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. and the bells are at present in the minor key cf D.

of the full grandeur of mountain Wales. and before we arrived at Swansea we had one more ring at Dyffryn (6). The last full day ended with an evening ring at Sketty (8), where we were met by J. Arthur Hoare, to whom we are indebted for a great deal of help planning the tour.

On Friday morning we rang at Cefn Coed (6) and finally at Merthyr Tydfil (8), in the heart of the Welsh mining country, and the end of another ringing week came which will hold some happy memories for J. B. T. H.

Editorial

TAKEN AS READ?

Should the recorded minutes of an A.G.M. be read in full at the subsequent meeting or should they be "taken as read"? This was discussed at the Surrey Association A.G.M. on May 2 and various opinions expressed. The Guild's assistant secretary (Miss Julet Stoy) had spent considerable time writing the comprehensive minutes of what took place in 1969 (six foolscap pages of small, neat handwriting) and it required nearly 15 minutes to read them. But Juliet has an engaging personality as well as a pleasant and interesting voice. (We learn that the minutes on one occasion occupied 12 pages of foolscap.)

There are few attending an A.G.M. who can recall what took place 12 months before, and if the minutes are not read out who can tell if they are a true and correct record or if there are any matters arising which need discussion? On the other hand, much time can be spent and sometimes wasted on frivolous detail which has no bearing on the present activities and administration. The suggestion that the minutes be printed and circulated was turned down as too costly, although a limited number of copies could be made available for those attending the meeting.

Possibly the answer is in choice of the chair. A strong and experienced chairman can control the meeting, including "matters arising" and "any other business" (another point raised at the same meeting), but these doyens are few and far between and often know little of bellringers' problems. Neither is an elected ringing master necessarily the best chairman. The business side of an A.G.M. is most important but often becomes boring to a large percentage of those attending, who do not utter a word or even raise a hand to vote when necessary.

We do not suggest we have the answer to these questions, but more and more time is taken up at A.G.M.s with trivialities and could, we feel, be dealt with and reported

on at committee level.

FOOTNOTES The Editor acknowledges letters of protest from D. Barton, R. F. Prime and J. E. Andrews regarding the decision to cease publication of "engagement" notices as footnotes to peals and quarters. He points out that this is not another "gimmick" or "policy" as is suggested but a precaution. What is not realised by these correspondents is the fact that publication of such details subsequently proved false renders the per-petrators, the journal (or newspaper) and the Editor liable to prosecution and a heavy

No reliable publication will accept notices for the "agony" columns unless signed for by a relative or responsible party connected with the family, and whilst The Ringing World has been fortunate in the past (ex-cept on periodic occasions such as now) we do not wish to become involved in any proceedings.

However, if one (or both) of the "engaged" parties takes part in the ringing we will publish the footnote providing one (or both) signs the copy supplied for publication.

Belfry Gossip

Mr. L. G. Brett rang his 600th peal for the Suffolk Guild at Grundisburgh on March 24. It was one of six-spliced.

A new Doubles record has been received: 154 methods, rung at Barrowby, Lincs, conducted by Peter Slight.

First Peal congratulations to: B. Ann Cheesewright, Malcolm Taylor (13), Philip Warrington, Winifred Pretty, Frank Sluter, Celia D'Aeth and David Bennett (first on handbells), Michael J. Peet, Yvonne Norton.

Over 100 peals have been rung on Greasley bells, including two of St. Clements ley bells, including two of St. Clements Major Triples, but now one of St. Clements Major Conducted by W. has been accomplished, conducted by L. Exton.

When ordering any of the Central Council publications (advertised on the back cover) please include 4d. postage for each copy ordered. Mr. Drew has no excess funds to cover postage costs for these publications.

Annual Reports acknowledged by the R.W. office: Truro Diocesan Guild, Surrey Association, Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

"I must say I think The Ringing World is very good nowadays and I always look forward to Thursday mornings. It is full of surprises and one never knows what to expect when one opens it!" writes M.C., of Camberley, Surrey.

Personal Records: The Taylor family (first together), Walter Rice (100 peals), Frank B. Lufkin (800), A. Patrick Cannon (925th tower for peal), S. Kathleen M. Baldwin (500), John Southey (50).

Paul Thomas, at the age of 15, is the first person in living memory who has learned to ring at St. John's, Cardiff, and to have conducted a quarter peal on the bells. He is the son of the vicar and hopes to call a peal in the near future.

The re-installing of the bells at Butleigh, Somerset, has started, and Newington-juxta-Sittingbourne will follow—both being carried out by John Taylor and Co. of Lough-

"It is surprising how long some stars take to reach their destination! The one that landed by the side of my name in the report of the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Trowbridge on Easter Monday has evidently been in orbit for 42 years and is 55 peals late in arriving." So writes Mr. F. E. (Ted) Collins.

[Amendment duly made—just a printer's error.—Ed.1

The tenor at Lambourn, Berks, is 20 cwt., and not 23 cwt. as listed in "Dove's Guide." Whitechapel Foundry weighed the bells at Lambourn when overhauling the ring in 1968-69. Mr. N. F. Cobb (Swindon) supplies this information.

The election of Miss Shelagh Plumb as master of the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers for 1970-71 strengthens the already strong links between Llandaff and the University Society. She becomes the second master in four years to have learned to ring at Llandaff Cathedral.

It was intended that the C.U.G. peal of Stedman Cinques at Oxford on April 18 should be rung by members of Selwyn College. Unfortunately one of the band was unable to attend, so that the first one-college 12-bell peal has yet to be attempted. Nevertheless the band are grateful to Alan Winter, of Christ's College, for ringing at very short notice.

Considerable interest was taken in a 1937 Trojan car and a 1948 Daimler which had transported ringers to Kingswood, Surrey, for a meeting. Both these "veterans" were admired and their "works" displayed for the benefit of young and not-so-young enthusiasts, who eventually drove off in their Cortinas, Vivas, Alfa-Romeos and other modern productions.

R. B. Smith's peal of "Londonderry" at Ashton was the memorial peal for W. W. Wolstencroft, and is recorded in the tower, writes Mrs. Ida Hawkins (Mr. Wolstencroft's daughter) in sending for an extra copy of The Ringing World. She also enclosed a cutting from the local paper giving a report and picture of the two 1,000-

We have received a comprehensive list We have received a comprehensive list of the Manchester University Guild's first 100 peals, which were accomplished by December last. They are: Doubles 1, Minor 14, Triples 6, Major (including a 10,080) 61; and on handbells: Doubles 6, Minor 9, Major 3; 101 ringers took part, there were 21 first-pealers and four new conductors.

On April 22 Douglas R. Hutley, of Bishop's Stortford, rang his 100th quarter peal on the treble to Cambridge Minor at Standon. Doug has never aspired beyond Plain methods, but his reliability in atten-dance and his willingness to make up the band anywhere make him one of those ringers without whom the Exercise could not properly function.—R. F. P.

The two surviving Bailey brothers, Fred and Leonard, are still active in ringing circles. In honour of their birthdays (76 and 78 years) a peal of Minor was rung at Castle Bromwich on April 21, in which Fred rang the 3rd faultlessly. The Bailey brothers at one time consisted of eleven —all ringers— and their activities at Leiston, Suffolk, have been mentioned several times recently in our "50 Years Ago" columns.

From time to time we receive complaints about the late delivery of The Ringing World by newsagents. We are not able to help very much in such cases, but we do, periodically, write to the wholesalers about these delays. All Ringing World copies leave the works by 9 a.m. on Wednesdays (the postal copies the day before!). There is no doubt at all that direct postal sales are more reliable, in addition to helping to improve our own finances.

From Canon Felstead:
We sometimes are "led up the garden" by hoax peals. What about these which I came across some years ago in the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum! Woodfield, Suffolk. — January 27, 1851, Kent T.B. Royal; Haygate, Sussex.—January 2, 1852. Kent T.B. Royal; Leyton Undershaft, Wilts.—January ?, 1852, Stedman Cinques.

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POINTS FROM PEALS

By CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

Fancy a record length peal not being published for more than six months and being too late for the Peals Analysis Committee's classification list! But that appears to be the fate of the 16,128 Superlative Surprise Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. Even though there are special requirements for such peals, one wouldn't have thought it necessary to keep them back quite as long as that. Strangely enough it could have caused some disappointment for some people. I fairly frequently am asked for the number of peals on bells with a view to some band ringing the 50th, or the 100th, 200th, etc. In this case, if I'd have been asked, I would have innocently given the wrong information about the 1,400th peal at the Foundry which has recently taken place (I had 1,399 until the above late peal was published). So here is another reason for trying to publish peals as soon as possible after they are rung.

I seem to have started this time with numbers of peals and with the Bell Foundry in particular. Actually it was the most prolific year by far in the history of the Foundry, which is saying something! No less than 96 peals were rung there in 1969 I don't know whether someone had an eve on the 100 in the year mark or not but the frequency has dropped this year so far, a mere 9 in the first two months as against 16 last year. Anyway, it won't be long before we have 1,500 peals—1971, I guess. In the last six months of 1969 we saw Erith reach the 700 mark, as claimed, but after reaching it activity seems to have declined for I have only one peal since then, and that means in the last seven months. is far short of the average recently-the last 200 peals have been rung in 14½ years, i.e., about 14 a year.

ANOTHER LATE PEAL

Another famous tower reaching a landmark is Framsden, which reached 300 peals. The year 1969 was the best for some time with ten peals. The 250 mark had been passed in 1954 so this 50 has taken quite a time to complete. A peal published six months late here also could have caused uncertainty as to which was the 300th. Grundisburgh is another tower which has reached an important milestone—the 250th. Yet again it could have been missed, for there was a peal rung here in the same group of Suffolk Guild peals published six months late, as was the Framsden one. Ringing here is very popular at present. The last 100 have come in less than ten years.

The claim for the 150th peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester, is not in accord with my records—I made it the 149th. I should be pleased to compare notes to see if I have missed one. I would also like to compare records with Daventry, for their claim for the 125th peal in the tower; I made the 129th.

I must mention the recent peal at Alburgh—the first for 17 years. By a coincidence, I think, the previous peal, in 1952, was the 100th on the bells and so it had remained. That was before I had finished the task of recording peals, so it had never been mentioned. This last peal was only the fourth since the last war. Four towers reached their century—Boyne Hill (I confirm), Galleywood, Newport Cathedral (I confirm) and All Hallows, Tottenham. The first had its best period before the 1914 war —60 peals had been rung by then, so only 40 since. Galleywood did best between the wars—48 peals. Newport had most since

the last war—just about half. So these all show different periods of activity. Totten-ham's peals have come in two stages—46 before 1900 and 31 in the 1960s.

Quite a number of towers reached the 50 peal mark — Sherborne, Rickmansworth, Usk, Bishop Auckland, Eaton Socon, Cheriton (Kent), Ecclesfield, Broadclyst, Copt Oak, Dunkerton, Westbourne, St. Anne (Stamford Hill), St. John (Windsor), Runcorn, Tettenhall, Yorktown, Hook Norton, Barnby. Only Dunkerton was claimed as such.

FIRST PEALS

Next we turn to newcomers to the peal columns. I confirm first peals on the following rings: Walkley (Sheffield), North Barrow, Bishop's Nympton, Tywardreath, Ashill, Appleby, Littlebury, Albury, Great Gidding, Great Hallingbury, Flint, Longford, Lanreath, St. Veep, Talland. The peal at Llandinam also appears to have been the first on the bells although not claimed as such

Then we come to rare visitors in the peal lists. In the last six months of 1969 we saw two names which had not thus appeared since before the first war—they were Kirkby Malzeard and Watchet. The former had its only previous peal in 1909, so there was just a 60-year gap between the two peals. The latter had a peal in 1912 and there had also been two peals in each of the years 1904 and 1906 prior to that. Last seen in the 1920s are three towers. In 1925 Winsford and Kirton-in-Lindsey both had their only previous peals and in 1927 Gwennap likewise. It would seem that nearly all the rare visitors are appearing for only the second time in their histories. Apart from those already mentioned, this is so in the case of Cheddon Fitzpaine (first time, 1930), Bradford Peverell (1935), Gorran (1936), Hampreston (1937), Alderminster (1940) and Wilton (1945). Just four towers have appeared more than once before—Clifford Chambers (1931 and 1933), Astley (1927 and 1936), Bishop's Waltham (1937 and 1938, as claimed), Stoke Ash (1938 and twice in 1939).

Although not strictly complying with my "rule" of a peal silence of 25 years for mention in this article, two other towers show interesting features. The peal last July at Bradninch was only the second since the last war. Not many 8-bell towers are silent so long. Actually there have only been six peals there altogether—Grandsire Triples in 1904, 1907, 1910 and 1939, Bob Major in 1952 and now Stedman Triples in 1969. The other tower is Stoke Golding, which also has only had one previous peal since the war—Bob Minor in 1949. Here the history is most unusual with a total of 38 peals rung as follows: 1910 (1), 1911 (9), 1912 (12), 1913 (4), 1914 (2), 1921 (2), 1924 and 1925 one each, 1927 and 1928 two each, and finally the two already mentioned in 1949 and 1969. So more than half the total were rung in 1911 and 1912.

Last time I mentioned the interesting history of Bingley in Yorkshire. I am grateful to Mr. Wratten for bringing to my notice the fact that the peal I mentioned of 36 Minor methods in 1826 was, in fact, not a peal. I had obtained the information from Church Bells, Vol. 4, page 307, and apparently that journal and others have been misled about it in the past. A letter in the R.W. of April 7, 1916, says that Mr. Jasper Snowdon discovered that the "peal" was rung in three separate heats of 12 12-scores each and so was no peal. So there we are.

TELLING THE FARMING WORLD

"What would Easter morning in our village be without church bells? And if the church has 12 bells and the ringers set out to ring a Maximus they would still be pulling the ropes on Easter Sunday, A.D. 2007."

Thus wrote J. L. Jones in The Farmer's Weekly, and Mr. J. R. Kirton, of Coddington, Notts, has sent us a cutting. Mr. Jones goes on:—

"Whatever one's religious persuasion—or lack of it—the bells of Easter morning have a sound which cannot fail to be rich and meaningful. For the churchgoer, the bells are a solemn summons to one of the great Christian festivals—to hear the Good News.

"But for all, Easter bells speak in some way of rebirth, of the death of winter. Easter this year is early, and in some places there may still be frost or snow. But the daffodils are out. They always are. For Easter can never be earlier than March 22, or later than April 25. And spring is seldom earlier or later than that.

"Easter, with Christmas, is a season when bellringers seem to feel impelled to flex their campanological muscles. The rising sap seems to produce itchy fingers which demand the rough caress of the bell rope to assuage. So a piece of Bob Minor on Six, or even Bob Major on Eight, could be your lot this Easter morning.

"All over Britain, campanologists—lovely word—enjoy a sort of freemasonry of the belfry. Last summer, for example, on a walking holiday in the Brecknock Beacons, I went into a church in the remote hills and was examining the tower, when an eager voice with a pronounced Midland accent said in my ear: 'I say, are you a ringer?' He and two companions were taking their holiday in a progression to some of the best known peals, a sort of church crawl, to borrow another sort of celebratory usage. He was a true virtuoso and knew literally every peal of consequence to be found in British churches and the details of their bells."

He then proceeds to give details of the number of changes obtainable on various numbers of bells and how ringers are taught changes. The peal tablets and how bells are tuned are also explained, and Mr. Jones gives his personal observations:—

"Living at the present time in the West Country, one is always awed by the magnificence of so many of the Somerset village churches whose bells pulled by strong agricultural hands will summon us across the fields and hills this Easter. Many of these churches have the dignity of small rural cathedrals, a uniqueness which they owe in no small part to their magnificent towers with their soaring lines, canopied niches and richly carved finials. 'Somerset Perpendicular' is indeed a style of ecclesiastical architecture all its own. Most of the towers date from the 15th century and their glory is without doubt largely a product of the easily worked qualities of Somerset stone.

"But Easter bells bring me another and very vivid association. It is of the sound of the bells of St. David's Cathedral, which lies in a hollow where successive shrines have been burnt and rebuilt for over a thousand years. This Celtic shrine is one of the most beautiful and richest in atmosphere of all British churches, and never more so than on those Easter mornings, when as a boy I used to listen to the six bells of the Cathedral (in the key of D) throw out a summons that reached out to the Pembrokeshire sea."

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MISCELLANEOUS

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—J. G. A. Prior.

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Hon. Branch Sec. 8822

Bath and Wells Association.—Crewkerne
Branch.—Practice meeting, Buckland St. Mary
(6), Sat., May 23, 7-9 p.m.—R. J. D. 8826

Essex Association.—South Eastern District.—
District practice, Little Waltham, Mon., May
18, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. H., Dis.
Sec. 8829

Sec. Guildford Diocesan Guild. — Farnham District. — Advanced practice, Yorktown, Fri., May 15, 7.30 p.m. This practice is for anyone wishing to learn Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich or any of the Surprise methods, etc. — S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8781

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Syston District.

—An evening practice meeting will be held at Syston on Fri., May 22. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—M. R. A. Kirk,

Norwich Diocesan Association. — Eastern Branch.—Monthly Surprise practice, Gt. Yarmouth, Wed., May 20, 7.15 p.m.—N. C. 8754 Peterborough Diocesan Guild. — Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Kettering (10), May 16. Prayers 7 p.m. Bells until 9 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Royal. All welcome.

AFTERNOON PRACTICES AND **MEETINGS**

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Coventry Archaeconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., May 16, at deaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., May 16, at Willoughby. Ringing: Learnington Hastings, 3-4 p.m.; Willoughby, 4-5.30; Braunston, 6.30-7.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Willoughby. Names for tea, please, to 636 Allesley Old Road, Coventry 76413.—Ian F. Garvie, Dis. Sec.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Huntingdon District.—Striking competition, Holywell, on Sat., May 16. Draw 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and results 5 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring your own food. Further ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m.—H. S. Peacock. 8771 Ely Diocesan Association.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Tilney All Saints, Sat., May 16.

—Meeting at Tilney All Saints, Sat., May 16. (Note change of date.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 8744

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Essex Association.—N.E. District.—Striking competition, May 16, Langham (6), 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Talbot, Dalmeny. Park Lane, Langham, Colchester, Essex. 8763
Hertford County Association.—Bishop's Contract District Marking Sat. May 160's

Hertford County Association. — Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Sat., May 16, at Little Hadham. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea at Much Hadham (Red Lion) 5. Service 6.15, followed by ringing (8 bells) until 9 p.m. Names for tea to K. Westwood, 85 Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford (Tel.: 56043). — K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 8775

Hertford County Association.—Joint meeting of Northern and St. Albans Districts, May 16, Hatfield, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. R. Cochrane, 2 Park Cottages, Hatfield Park, Hatfield.—G. Horritt, F. W. Ellis, Dis. Secs.

Kent County Association.—Ashford District.

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Kent County Association.—Ashford District.—Striking competition, Smarden, Sat., May 16. Commence 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Miss M. Phillips, Willow Trees, Smarden, Ashford (Smarden 302), by Thurs., May 14. General ringing after tea. All welcome to service and tea.—A. P. S. B. 8790 Lincoln Diocesan Guild (West Lindsey Branch) and Ladies' Guild (Lincolnshire Branch).—Meeting, Duston Ferry, Sat., May 16. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Special methods: Plain and Little Bob, London and Wells Surprise. Entries for the "News Sheet" competition should be given to me before or at this meeting, when the winner will be announced.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough (Tel.: 8768). Sec., 2623).

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Middlesex County Association.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Willesden (St. Mary's), on Sat., May 16. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing. (Nearest station Neasden—Bakerloo—right from station.)—E. H. Kilby, Dis. 8759

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mansfield District.—Crawford cup round, Selston (6), May 16. Draw 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14 Lindley Street, Selston, Nottingham, NG16 6DN.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Newark District.

—Crawford cup meeting, Barnby, Sat., May 16. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to district secretary.—P. Raithby, 205 London Road, Balderton, 2770

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Sat., May 16, Gotham bells (5) 3 p.m. Kingston-on-Soar (6) 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Kirkman, 30 Stonebridge Drive, East Leake, Nottingham, by May 12.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesian Galler, —Winchester District,—Quarterly meeting at Bishop's Sutton, Sat., May 16. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Tichborne bells (6) after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. M. J. Thomas, Gandria, Hill Lane, Colden Common, Winchester (Tel.: Twyford 3003).—M. J. Thomas.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. — Marlborough Branch.—Aldbourne Festival meeting, 3 p.m., Sat., May 23. Names for tea essential to Mrs. H. Rouse, 11 Bassett Down, near Wroughton, Wilts, by Tues., May 19. 8810
Suffolk Guild.—South West District.—Meeting, Bures, Sat., May 23. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures, by Wednesday previous. 8767
Sussex County Association. — Eastern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on May 23. Bells 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing, All Saints', Hastings, 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Downing, 128 Elphinstone Road, Hastings, by previous Thursday, please. No names, no tea. vious Thursday, please. No names, no tea.

Essex Association.—The 90th A.G.M. will be held in Chelmsford on Mon., May 25. Service 11 a.m. Meeting in Chapter House 12 noon. Coffee 10.15 and buffet lunch (6s. 6d.) in Cathedral Hall 1.30. Tea in the Friends Hall, Saffron Walden (3s. 6d., by ticket only). S.a.e. to P. J. Eves, 8 Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wed., May 20. Ringing: Cathedral, 9.30 and 3-4 p.m. Further details with tickets.

Ladies' Guild. — South Wales District. —
Meeting, St. Mary's, Pembroke, May 30. Bells
(8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.
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Norwich Diocessan Association. — Northern
Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Wiveton, on Sat.,
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Norwich Road, Holt, by May 27, please.—C.
Bird, Hon. Sec.

Norwich Road, Holt, by Wal, 21, 8807 Bird, Hon. Sec. North Wales Association.—Annual meeting, Machynlleth, Sat., May 30. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, to W. Cath-rall, 19 Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, 8785

Oxford Diocesan Guild. — Chipping Norton Branch. — A.G.M., Burford, on Sat., May 30. Ringing: Leafield (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Burford (8), 3-4. Tea, Corner House Hotel 4.15. Service 5.30, followed by business meeting. Further ringing, Burford, after the meeting and Ascott-under-Wychwood (6) from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea (essential) not later than Mon., May 25, to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. Tel.: Kingham 472.

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University of Manchester Guild. May I now have them, please?

Membership

Will the respective secretaries please let me have the names of representatives:—
Chester Diocesan Guild (one in place of the

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Due to ordinations, the following ringing times have been amended for Sunday, May 24: Bradford Cathedral, 9.30-10 a.m. Wakefield Cathedral, 10-10.30 a.m. (second

VERNON BOTTOMLEY, Hon. Secretary.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

FESTIVAL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, LEDBURY

Monday, May 25

Ringing arrangements:

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10-11 a.m. and 8-9 p.m.

Fastnor

Mathon 11 a.m.-12 noon and 7.30-8.30 p.m. Stretton Grandison

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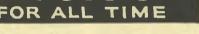
Ledbury 2-3 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. George Gower, one of South Norfolk's older ringing stalwarts, and Mrs. Gower recently celebrated their golden wedding. A member of the Norwich Diocesan Association for over 60 years, George took part in 110 peals for the Association up to the time he had to give up, being unable to climb the stairs. George Gower was a regular member of the Redenhall company and a good striker.

Many of his peals were rung with E. Whiting and F. R. Borrett, great names in South Norfolk. It was always a pleasure to ring with him and he cycled many miles, this being the only means of travel in the early days. All wish George and his wife

the best of health in the future.

W. J. F.

FOR ENTHRONEMENT AND RETIREMENT

When the Rt. Rev. William Derreck Lindsay Greer, D.D., was enthroned as Lord Bishop of Manchester in 1947 the L.A.C.R. welcomed him to Manchester with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal on the Cathedral bells.

The Manchester, Rossendale and Rochdale Branches are within the Diocese of Manchester, and to mark the bishop's retirement members of these three branches rang a peal of Plain Bob Royal, which included three members of the Cathedral

band.

As a farewell service before retirement the bishop celebrated Holy Communion in the Cathedral on St. George's Day, which was attended by representatives of every church in the diocese. The Cathedral service hand the consequent of the Cathedral service hand the consequent of the cathedral services had severe full cathedral services because the cathedral services had severe full cathedral services because the cathedral services had severe full cathedral services because the cathedral services are severe full cathedral services and severe services are services because the cathedral services are services as a service service and services are services as a service service services are services as a service service services are services as a service service service service services are services as a service service service service services are services as a service service service service services are services as a service service service service services are services as a service service service service services are services as a service service service service services are services as a service service service service services are services as a service service service service services are services as a service service service service services are services as a service service service service service service services as a service serv vice band rang a successful quarter peal of Kent T.B. Major before the service.

LATE NOTICES

BIRTH White.—To Briget (nee Sanger) and Michael, of 9 Oakfield Road, Malvern Link, Worcestershire, a daughter, Rachel Mary, on May 8. A sister for Stephen and Karen.

Frost.—On May 7, 1970, at the Royal Free Frost.—On May 7, 1970, at the Royal Free Hospital, London, suddenly, after a long, quiet illness, Diana Mary, aged 29 years, of 11 The Martins Drive, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, beloved wife of Alan, loving mother of Rachel and Carol, and the dear daughter of Laurie and Eva Lawless, of 4 Oakley Road, Corby, and the dear daughter of Laurie and Eva Lawless, of 4 Oakley Road, Corby, and the dear daughter of Laurie and Eva Lawless, of 4 Oakley Road, Corby, and the dear daughter of Laurie and Eva Lawless, of 4 Oakley Road, Corby, and the dear daughter of Laurie and Eva Lawless, of 4 Oakley Road, Corby, and the Royal Free Corp. and Eva Lawless, of 4 Oakley Road, Cook, Northants. The funeral service took place on Tuesday last at Corby and a memorial service has been arranged at All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, for Sunday next, May 17, 8835

Leicester Diocesan Guild. — Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Sat., May 16, at Misterton. Bells 3 p.m. Bring own tea. — L.

W. Allen.

Guildford Diocesan Guild. — Leatherhead
District. —There will be a Surprise Minor peractice at Cobham on Tues., May 19, 19.30–21.00
hours. Methods: Beverley, Cambridge and
8830

Guildford Diocesan Guild. - Leatherhead District.—At a district committee meeting on April 18 at Cobham the following new officers were appointed for the remainder of the year, were appointed for the remainder of the year, following the resignation of the district secretary: J. C. Davidge, district executive committee member; John A. Laver, district secretary. The address and new telephone number of the secretary is: 30 Moat Court, Ashtead, Surrey. Tel.: Ashtead 75260.

Hendon, Middx-NO PRACTICE on Wed. 8834 May 20.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Evening meeting, Downe, Fri., May 22. Ringing from 7.15 p.m.

7.15 p.m. 8833
Oxford Diocesan Guild. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Sat., May 23, at Penn. Bells available 6 p.m.—J. Muller. 8832
Leicester Diocesan Guild. — Loughborough District.—Afternoon meeting, Sat., May 23. Towers to be announced in the next issue.—H. F. W. W., Dis. Sec. 8838
Denham, Buckinghamshire. — Fayre in Village Street, Mon., May 25. Tower open 11.15-12.15. Lunches available in the village. All ringers welcome. 8828

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Southern Branch)
ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, May 16
Rawmarsh.

Ringing at Wentworth (6), 15.00-16.30.
Tea and meeting at Rawmarsh, 17.00.
Ringing at Rawmarsh (8), 18.45-21.00.
Please send names for tea to Mr. G. R. Hiner,
44 Spalton Road, Rawmarsh, Rotherham. A. C. Banton.

CHRIST CHURCH, COSELEY, STAFFS. FLOWER FESTIVAL

May 28 to 31.

Saturday, May 30, at 4.45 p.m., a recital be the Kingsbury Handbell Ringers, followed by a short Evensong.

Bells available 3 p.m. and after service.

ALL WELCOME. Refreshments available. a recital by 8843

ANOTHER SALE!
"I think our dog has got something against The Ringing World, for each Thursday, when the postman calls, it makes a determined effort to tear it to pieces, and last week it succeeded!

"Please, therefore, send another copy of issue No. 3078."

So wrote C. F. P., of West Kirby, Cheshire. We obliged.

25 YEARS AGO Taken from The Ringing World for May 11, 1945

The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg was re-elected president of the Oxford University Society, the ringers Messrs. Mitchison, Hitchman, in succession to Mr. J. E. Spice, who was leaving Oxford.

Mrs. Cecil W. Pipe conducted a peal of Bob Major from the 4th at Woodbridge, Suffolk, and her husband rang the 7th.

"I think the Central Council, now that it owns The Ringing World, might try to find some means of making our paper more attractive to young people," wrote Mr. A. V. Davis, of Bournemouth.

Other letters printed were from Harold Poole, of Leicester, about ringing in war time and what had been accomplished at the Cathedral, and from T. Groombridge, jun., on the subject of synthetic bells.

A quarter of Grandsire Triples at Isleworth was conducted by H. W. Rogers, and A. A. Tomblin rang his first quarter (on the tenor).

At Dorchester, Oxford, a peal of Double Norwich was rung by Miss Valhalla Hall, Miss M. D. Telford, Major J. H. R. Freeborn, William Judge, William C. Porter, Reginald W. Rex, Albert Diserens and Walter F. Judge (conductor).

There was a long article about curious towers and belfries and a column devoted to St. Botolph's, Aldersgate, whilst the leading comment was about the Central Council representation.

50 YEARS AGO May 14, 1920

A "George" peal in honour of St. George's Day was rung at Harborne, Staffs. The method was Stedman Triples, and the ringers were Mitchison, Hitchman, Hemus, Garrison, Walker, Roberts, Pigott and Douce.

At Husborne Crawley, Beds, seven Sur-

At Husborne Crawley, Beds, seven Surprise Minor methods were rung, it being Miss Evelyn Steel's 50th peal.

The Hertford College Youths, which had long been in abeyance, was re-formed, and the bands of All Saints', St. Andrew's and Bengeo united as a town band. It was originally formed in 1767.

Congratulations were extended to the band who with "enterprise and success" rang a double-handed peal of Minor in 14 720's in different methods. It was at Sible Hedingham.

The City Churches Commission were advocating the demolition of 19 City of London churches and it was suggested that the Central Council should use its influence to see that bells in these churches should be transferred to other belfries.

A letter from R. O. Street, of Liverpool, said only a small proportion of peals were worth recording.

A letter from E. H. Lewis gave an algebraic explanation of the oscillation of towers and how it is affected by the height of bells.

When Friendship. Love and Truth abound Among a band of brothers,

The cup of joy goes gaily round,
Each shares the bliss of others.
Sweet roses grace the thorny way
Among this vale of sorrow;
The flowers that shed their leaves today

Shall bloom again tomorrow. How grand in age—how fair in youth Are holy Friendship, Love and Truth.

5248 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR By P. M. WILKINSON

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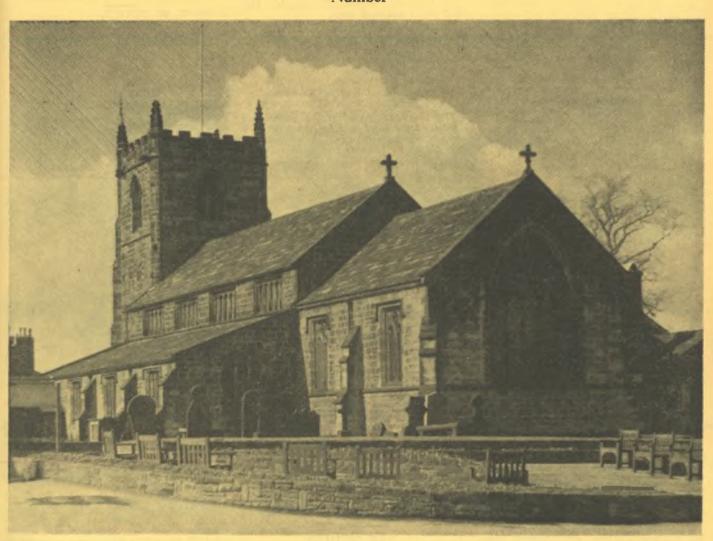
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ALL SAINTS', ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE

The Parish Church of the Snowdon Family, which contains the Bellringers' Memorial Window to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon.

Cover Picture

All Saints, Ilkley, Yorks

ILKLEY PARISH CHURCH is built on the site of a Roman fort known as Alicana and it is believed that the first church was built here in the eighth century by the Anglo-Saxons. The only known remains of this era are the three Saxon crosses sited in the churchyard near the south porch.

The tower and the north wall are the only parts which remain of the church of the 15th century when rebuilding took place in 1860-61. The majority of the materials used in the reconstruction were from the original mediæval building, and consequently the tower does not appear to be 400 years older than the main building.

The earliest known bells were cast in the 17th century, when there were three:

1 IN JOCVNDITATE SONI SONABO

2 SOLI DEO GRATIA (or SOLI DEO GLORIA) 1636. 3 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS 1676.

In 1845 Taylor's of Loughborough took down the three bells and cast a new ring of six with a tenor of 11 cwt.

Twice during the period that John Snow-don was incumbent (1842-78) bellfounders were called in to carry out work in the tower—in 1873, when a new treble and tenor were added and the fourth was recast and became the fifth in an augmented ring of eight. The new tenor weighed 18 cwt.

In 1938, ringing at Ilkley had to stop because the oak frame had decayed and it was considered dangerous to ring the bells. Following an appeal for funds the bells were removed in 1939, recast and rehung in a steel frame but due to the outbreak of war the bells were not rung, as their sound would then be a warning of the invasion of the enemy.

The Bells

The present bells have an E natural tenor note and weigh:

	cwt.	qr.	ID.
Treble	4	3	- 11
2	5	1	14
3	5	2	18
4	6	1	22
5	7	3	19
6	9	1	24
7	13	2	0
Tenor	18	1	14

The Snowdon Family

The Rev. John Snowdon was vicar from 1842-78, and his son, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, became a well-known authority on change ringing. He wrote many articles and books on the art before his premature death at 41 from typhoid fever. Jasper was president of the Ilkley Amateur Society of Change Ringers and the founder-president of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers—an office to which his brother William succeeded him in 1886 following Jasper's death.

At the west end of the north aisle, near the ringers' pew, is a memorial window to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. This window was paid for by subscriptions from ringers all over the country and is well worth studying, as it has three panels of stained glass

The bells in the canopy are shown swinging in many positions, with clappers, ropes and wheels in correct places. Three transverse views of bells are depicted in the base, showing them "at rest," set at hand-stroke and backstroke. The dominant feature of each window is a group of angels

giving praise to the Lord on many instruments. The wording on the window is from Psalm 150: "Praise God in his holiness... praise him in the sound of the trumpet . . . praise him on the strings and pipe . . praise him on the loud cymbals . . . everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Underneath is a plate of bell metal inscribed: "For the Glory of God, in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, historian and expositor of Change Ringing. Died Nov. 16th, 1885, aged 41. This window was inserted A.D. 1887 at the sole cost of the Change Ringers of this country." The window was unveiled by Canon Wigram on June 11, 1887, and cost between £75 and £80.

Recorded Peals

The earliest peal recorded is for The Ilkley Amateur Society of Change Ringers on Saturday, December 7, 1872. Six members of the above society rang in this steeple a true peal of 5040 changes in the seven following varieties: Plain Bob 1, Yorkshire Court 2, Duke of York 3, College Exercise 4, Kent 5, Violet 6, Oxford 7, in 3 hours, 1 minute, 25 seconds. The band being stationed thus:

Edward Stephenson 1	
Robert Tuke 2	
John Gill 3	
Edward Snowdon 4	
William Snowdon 5	
Jasper W. Snowdon 6	
Conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon.	
Weight of tenor 11 cwt.	

The first peal rung on the augmented eight (and the third peal for the Yorkshire Association) was one of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and eight minutes:

1 H. Hubbard, jun. (Leeds)
2 J. Lockwood (Leeds)

3 T. West (Holbeck) 4 R. Tuke (Ilkley) 5 E. Snowdon (Ilkley)

6 J. C. Gill (Ilkley)
7 T. Birch (Leeds)
8 J. W. Snowdon (Ilkley)

Composed and Conducted by J. Lockwood.

Thirty-two peals have now been rung in the tower for the Yorkshire Association. The names of Crawshaw and Feather-

stone have been predominant among Ilkley ringers: T. W. Crawshaw (a ringer for 47 years) and his two sons, one of whom, D. M. Crawshaw, has been ringing for over 50 years and is now our tower captain; G. Featherstone (a ringer since 1929) and David, his son, who was fourth in the list of leading peal ringers in 1969, have between them nearly 200 years' service to Ilkley tower.

RON CRABTREE.

ADVICE

Dear Sir,—I see a letter in the R.W. (May 8 issue) is headed "Advice." This prompts me to send you the following, which a 90-years-old wise man once said to me: "Advice is a funny thing! Wise men don't need it and fools don't heed it."— Yours faithfully,

Thirsk, Yorks. A. BASHFORTH.

NEW METHOD

5.3.5.1.345.5.3.123.3. h.l. 5 l.e. 123 Bob 125 Extent of 240 rung at Winsford, May 7, 1970. Based on treble course dodge 12 3rds dodge 45. Proposed name Wells Treble Place Doubles. E. R. T-B.

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RANG AFTER CEREMONY

Both ringers at St. Stephen's Church, Hackington, Canterbury, Mr. Keith John Triplow and Miss Diana Winch were married there on March 28



The bride, who was attended by a page boy and two bridesmaids, was attired in a magnificent heavy white satin and lace dress with a long train, and the attractive bridesmaids' dresses were made by the bride herself. Mr. David Cawley was best man. Nuptial Mass was conducted by the rector (Rev. A. E. Pearce). A reception was held at the Chaucer Hotel.

Many local ringers were present and the local band were delighted that the couple returned to the tower to ring after the ceremony. Prior to the service a quarter of 1272 Plain Bob Major was achieved on the historic light eight by the following: Miss G. Cheshire 1, P. S. Philpott 2, M. Ostler 3, L. Huckstepp 4, D. G. Mitchell 5, J. Drage 6, Dr. D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, D. L. Cawley 8. Best wishes, Keith and Diana!

ILKLEY THE VENUE FOR 73rd ANNUAL

MAY 23-26, 1970 — HEADQUARTERS: CRAIGLANDS HOTEL

A room with a bar will be open each evening for Council members.

There will be an informal meeting at H.Q. on Sunday evening at 8 p.m. to discuss the Standing Committee's interim report on the constitution, etc.

The formal welcome to the Council by the chairman of likley U.D.C. and the president of the Yorkshire Association will be on Monday at 8.30 p.m. at H.Q.

Holy Communion service will be held in Ilkley Parish Church on Tuesday at 7.30 a.m.

The Council meeting will be in the Kings Hall and will commence at 9.45 a.m.

THE HEADQUARTERS are set in nine acres of parkland and gardens and adjoins the famous Ilkley Moor. It is a few minutes' walk to the town centre and has a large car park holding 200 cars.

All the ringing arrangements and other details connected with the meeting have been printed in the R.W. (No. 3079, May 1) and these have also been circulated to individual members of the Council.

From the general secretary of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton)

We in Yorkshire are very pleased that the Council is holding its 1970 meeting in our county, and we earnestly hope that members will have a happy and profitable visit. This will be the fifth time the Association has had the privilege of welcoming the Council, for previous meetings have been at Sheffield in 1895, York in 1904. Leeds in 1938, York in 1949, and there have been more meetings in the county than in any other except London.

I imagine Ilkley will be the smallest town for a Council meeting—it has a population of under 20,000—but the local people, vicar, ringers and Council officers are large in their warmth of welcome and interest. Some information:-

There is a large, free car park in the centre of the town, one minute's walk from the Parish Church, three or four minutes from the Winter Gardens and Kings Hall.

Members travelling on M1, M18 or A1, not intending to join ringing tours, can avoid the built-up areas by taking the A659 through Collingham and Otley.

Ringing masters at the towers open can be recognised by a red label. Stewards will

have yellow labels. Members of the Yorkshire Association's committee in attendance at Ilkley are, besides the president and secretary, Dr. Digby Burton, Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. F. A. Munday and Mr. M. J. Thurmott. The guide on the coach tour will be Mr. E.

From Mr. G. Featherstone, of Ilkley

Hudson.

We at Ilkley appreciate very much the planning and effort Mr. Ron Crabtree has put in to soundproof the bell chamber at All Saints' Church in preparation for the Central Council's visit to the town. He has spent innumerable hours of his spare time working in the tower with excellent results.



A WELCOME

From the president of the Yorkshire Association

If you motor to Yorkshire on the MI your first impressions will be of a countryside spoiled with the scars of heavy indus-But in this, the biggest county, the spoliation is but a small proportion of the whole. There is still room for two large National Parks and it is in one of these that Council members will have their H.Q. Ilkley, in lovely Wharfedale, is a first-class centre both for seeing the National Park and for gaining access to a large number



Mr. Vernon Bottomley (president) with Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley

of excellent rings of bells. Some rather ambitious ringing tours have been planned to enable these to be exploited.

Those who visit York Minster will see how modern technology has averted the collapse of the central tower; indeed the architect has advised that the Minster should now last for ever.

For the gourmet Ilkley has one of only nine Egon Ronay three star restaurants, and only five miles away there is the biggest fish and chip shop in the world. To walk off the effects of either there is Ilkley Moor, or for the more energetic the most beautiful riverside walk in the country-from Bolton Abbey to Grassington.

We hope that many of you will stay with us longer than the weekend because a fourday visit is certainly too short for you to see Yorkshire.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

ILKLEY'S BELLS

Canon K. W. H. Felstead, of Southampton, came across the following whilst in the British Museum in April.

Extracts from Bell's "Life in London"

January 18, 1846.

On Tuesday last, the inhabitants of Ilkley and the neighbourhood were enlivened by the opening of a splendid peal of 6 bells, cast by Messrs. Taylor & Son of Loughborough. There were two prizes to compete for, and £1 1s. is awarded to the company that came the greatest distance. Eight companies engaged in the honour of trying respective turns by ballot.

1st Bradford, 2nd Kildwick, 3rd Calver-

ley, 4th Holmfirth, 5th Dewsbury, 6th Shipley sen., 7th Tong, 8th Shipley ir.

The peals specified were two trebles of 720 changes each. Tong obtained the 1st prize, 5 gns., Holmfirth the 2nd, 2 gns., and 1 gn. was awarded to Dewsbury. The ringing altogether was very good. Dewsbury and Holmfirth were the favourites and the former rang in a masterly style, but from an unfortunate jumble they lost the prize. The bells gave universal satisfaction; weight of the tenor 10 cwt. 3 grs. 18 lbs. key F sharp; total weight 41 cwts. 0 qrs. 24 lbs. Mr. Mortimer of Leeds, Mr. Benjamin Thackeray of Dewsbury and other competent judges, unanimously pronounced them the best peal of bells they had ever heard, and of the finest and most powerful tone for their weight. The hangings were also admired by all who saw them, being hung on a new principle and are the first peal that has been hung on this new plan. The inscription in Lombardic capitals on the tenor (sic)—Os meum annunciabit lauden tuam; on the second "God save the Queen and preserve our peace" and "Jesus be our speed"; on the third "Jno. Taylor & Son, founders, Loughborough"; on the fourth "Holiness unto the Lord"; on the fifth "This peal was recast A.D. 1845, from three dated 1600, 1636, 1676" and also "Jno. Snowdon M.A. vicar, Thos. Beanlands, James Critchley, Nimrod Stephenson, William Howdon, churchwardens", at the liam Howden, churchwardens"; on the tenor "This peal was recast by Jno. Taylor & Son, Loughborough, late of Oxford and St. Neot's A.D. 1845."

January 25, 1846. The ringers of Holmfirth state that although they have travelled a distance of 32 miles to the prize ringing at Ilkley, they were denied the privilege which others were allowed of the choice of their own judge, (Continued overleaf) ILKLEY'S BELLS (continued)

and although all acknowledged their ringing to be superior, they only obtained the second prize. In some doggerel verses they state they are able to ring with the best six men who dare dispute their right to the first prize.

February 8, 1846.

Mr. Editor. Having seen a paragraph in your paper of Sunday week stating that the Holmfirth ringers complained strongly of unfair treatment used towards them at the recent exhibition of prize ringing at Ilkley, we beg, as two of the judges on the occasion, to offer a brief and unvarnished statement of the facts of the case: - When the letters of invitation to the competition were sent to the various companies of ringers, not a single word was said concerning judges or referees; consequently no company was expected to bring any individual with them specially to act in this capacity, nor was it the case, except in one instance, which proved to be that of the very identical company of complainers from Holmfirth, who from fear or policy, brought two. When at Ilkley, and each set were requested to name a competent person from the body of ringers who did not intend to perform. to act as judge, subject to a ballot as to which five out of the eight should act, the Holmfirth party in due course named their man. Now this individual being well known for his quarrelsome, unjudgelike propensities, was immediately objected to by every other set, save his proposers, who when they found the unpleasant predicament in which they were placed, immediately with-drew their man and replaced him by a second. This person was not objected to, and on the ballot being taken, he was one of the five judges whose decision, it was there and then determined, should be final and who unanimously issued the following statement: That the faults of the parties winning the prizes were as follows: Tong, 181; Holmfirth, 397.

Now after this statement, we trust that the public will not be misled by any childish excuses and complaints as to unfair treatment. Let the Holmfirth ringers (whom we allow to be a clever company) enter the field in future with the praiseworthy determination of doing their utmost to obtain distinction, but when honourably beaten, not to seek, at the expense of rule and honesty, to malign and defame their con-

querors.

Yours obecliently,
John Robinson & Christopher Isles Members of the S. Peter's Company of Ringers, Leeds.

February 15, 1846.

We have received a long letter from Mr. George Higgins, of the Rose & Crown, Holmfirth, in which he states that the assertions of the Leeds ringers, in reference to the prize ringing at Ilkley, are not founded in truth, but we have not space to enter into Mr. H's. further refutation of them.

Be not the first by whom the new are tried, Nor yet the last to lay the old aside. Pope.

RINGING TOURS—MONDAY

Eastern

Pontefract All Saints, 9.30-11. Carlton-juxta-Snaith, 10.15-11.45. Selby, 10.45-12.15.

Hemingbrough (ringing is at the crossing and ladies must have their heads covered), 11.30-1. Howden, 12-1.30.

Holme-on-Spalding Moor, 12.45-2. Market Weighton (sandwiches available), 1.15-2.15

Nunburnholme, 1.45-2.45. Pocklington, 2-3. York Minster, 2.30-4. Whixley, 4.15-5.15. Aldborough, 4.45-5.45.

Knaresborough, 5.15-6.15. Birstwith, 5.45-7.15.

Southern Calverley, 9.30-10.30. Pudsey, 10-11.

Cleckheaton, 10.30-12.
Dewsbury, 11-12.30.
Wakefield (parking in Cathedral Yard; sandwiches available), 11.30-1.

Crofton, 12-1.30.
Wragby (situated in grounds of Nostell

Priory), 12.30-2. Royston, 1-2.30. Rotherham, 1.30-3 Handsworth, 2-3.30. Bolsterstone, 2.30-4. Hoylandswaine, 3-4.30. Holmfirth, 3.30-5.

Huddersfield, 4-5.30. Halifax St. John's (follow signpost for B.R. Station), 4.30-6.

Northowram, 5-6.30.
Denholme, 5.30-7.
Bingley, 6-7.30.
NOTE.—Tower stewards will give priority to members of the Council wearing lapel badges.

Alterations:

Because of a wedding, Sprotborough (Saturday, A1) times of ringing are 12.30-

Sunday ringing at Bradford and Wakefield has also been changed, so please enquire before travelling to these places.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS South Eastern District

The third district A.G.M. of the Guild was held at the Metropolitan Police Club House, Bushey, Herts, on April 18. The Church of St. Mary, Hendon, with its ring of eight, was a popular meeting place for officers and ex-officers from the Home Counties and Metropolis and good use was made of the bells before members adjourned to the Bushey Club House. They were met by Asst. Dept. Comm. R. Linge and the district secretary, Peter Shonk (out of the ringing for the day owing to a slipped disc!). An excellent lunch was enjoyed by all, which well deserved the thanks extended to the catering staff.

The meeting commenced at 2 p.m., with our very able and popular ringing master (Ch. Supt. Ronald Hagley, of the Surrey Constabulary) taking the chair. He welcomed members and their guests and thanked Mr. Linge for his interest and support. He expressed satisfaction in the way the district was being run and hoped that the increase in membership and the interest shown by all would continue. District officers were re-elected unanimously, which in-cluded Mr. George Amor, of Bedford, as

the committee member. Throughout the meeting most of the comments were connected with members of the Surrey force. P.C. W. Page had left the force to live in Australia, and the meeting wished him good luck "down under." Congratulations went to P.C. T. Davies and W.P.C. G. Winnett, recently married, and to the members of the Constabulary who took part in the peal for the Guild in May

last year.

The next meeting was arranged for Saf-fron Walden, Essex, in July, and after the meeting closed members continued their ringing on the bells of St. John the Baptist, Aldenham; St. Mary's, Watford; St. John's, Stanmore, and St. Peter's, Bushey Heath.

The day ended in the club house with

sandwiches and liquid refreshment.

Thanks are given to all the incumbents and tower secretaries for permission to ring and the arrangements throughout the day.

W.P.C. Geraldine Winnett, daughter of Canon A. R. Winnett, formerly of Grayshott, Hants, and P.C. Trevor Davies, also of Grayshott, who were married recently.



BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

A 1970 HANDBELL HAPPENING . . .

CROWTHORNE, home of the late Canon Coleridge and in recent years a centre of handbell ringing, became suddenly in one weekend the focus of a large majority of that fraternity who sit double-handed to

So it was that on April 17-19, Friday to Sunday, a galaxy of ringers gathered in this Berkshire locality, at the home of Frank Price and other venues, for peal ringing on

10, 12 and 16 bells.

Informality, coupled with some serious and a little not-so-serious ringing, was the keynote of success, highlighted by a social evening of relaxation after peal attempts. The peals, now published, will tell their own story, but they will not show the organisation and preparation necessary to bring some 40 ringers under one roof on a unique venture probably never before possible. Identities were soon sorted, names and faces placed for many for the first time, specialists in the fields of conducting and composing, ringers mature and experienced mixing with youth and enthusiasm, all to make up a kaleidoscope of personalities present to enjoy one common factorhandbell ringing.

During Saturday evening's informalities the "Watford Band," led by John Mayne, spliced Surprise Maximus in superb style with that precise rhythm which makes it look easy and belies the complicated methods employed. Stedman Cinques a la Pete Staniforth and the Leicestershire group got quickly under way, the ringing and the music of Stedman complementing each other. Three leads of Kent Sixteen gave the eight participants their "firsts" in this very musical and difficult-to-encompass

number.

Earlier in the day this had been rung to peal by a combined Watford, Leicester and Marple band, and this blending of ringers into unfamiliar groups was indicative of the 11 peals attempted. Ringers of any standard unaccustomed to performing without prior rehearsal do not always succeed and consequently there were a few failures (indeed, if all peals were certainties they would not be a challenge). Credit must be given to all teams for the high standard of ringing.

Add a sumptuous buffet supper, to say nothing or 'owt about the "other" refreshment available throughout the evening, and altogether a very happy and enjoyable time was had by all, thanks to our hosts, Frank and Sheila, thanks shown later by the presentation of a canteen of cutlery by all the guests in appreciation of the inspiration and fruition of this unique occasion.

As early as 9 a.m. on Sunday a party joined the locals for service ringing at Easthampstead, later at Warfield and other towers, then more handbell peals before making for home through almost all points

of the compass.

When home we hope that our visitors to Berkshire will look back with pleasure in meeting other ringers, of ringing handbells in this well-organised, informal way—as

will the Berkshire lot appreciate their coming.

S. G. S., K. R. D.

The company: Jim and Helen Diserens, Ken Davenport, Bernard and Valerie Groves, Bob Davenport, Bernard and Valerie Groves, Bob and May Smith, Gerald and Molly Moorhouse, Julia Fellows, Martin Major, Martyn and Vicki Jordan, David and Thelma Lane, Brian and Pat Woodruffe, David and Pam Atkinson, Alan and Jenny Scholfield, Gerald Penney, Janet Pearson, Roger and Kath Baldwin, John Mayne, Alf Ballard David Moore, Pete and Jill Staniforth, Chris and Margaret Woolley, Sue Sargeant, Bill Coles, Jeff and Sandra Claughton Stan and Joan Scott, Graham Scott. Claughton, Stan and Joan Scott, Graham Scott, Frank and Sheila Price.

ON UNIVERSALITY (No. 2)

Dear Sir.—About this time last year there was a deal of correspondence on the subject of Universal Compositions (Ringing World pages 122, 162, 222, 242 and 362), the last being from one, S. W. Barton, of Birming-ham, pointing out the existence of other sets of universal courses besides 3,4/4,3 (S. Humphrey) and 5,6/6,5 (E. Shuttleworth/ R. J. Parker).

The notation used here is an abbreviation of 3 in 3rds + and in 4ths - and its reversal, similarly for 5 or 6 in 5ths and 6ths. S. W. Barton's letter prompted me to get out compositions for 5,4/6,3 and 4,5/3,6 and also to discover the remaining set of courses symmetrical about 7,8, which is 2,2. I did this using singles in 3-4 and 5-6, and so although R. E. Hardy's courses are not original, his use of one type of call is.

It seems convenient at this point to set out a table of the nine basic sets of universal courses produced in this manner along with the f-groups to which they are true:-

2,2	GHJKNOPRSU	cdei
3,3/4,4	CFJLPRS	bcdf
5,5/6,6	CEGHILMNORS	bef
2,3/2,4	DFJOPRSU	abf
2,5/2,6	EGJRS	abc
3,4/4,3	BJLNOPRS	abce
5,6/6,5	BGHJLMORS	bcdf
3,6/4,5	BCDJLNPRS	d
6,3/54	BCEGJLMNRS	d

The first three sets in the above table belong to another type of UC as well: 24 courses + and — with three bells fixed; if the 15 possible trios of fixed bells are examined they will be found to belong to one of the above three or to 4, 5, 8. This new set is true to CEFJKMNOPSU b d e f and to two entirely tenors-parted groups designated X and Delta by E. Shuttleworth in his tabulation of the 360 f.c.h.'s. (I shall give these and others later.)

Beyond this, in the realms of parted tenors and long peals, among other things we find two very interesting compositions derived directly from two of the above.

If the fixed bells are symmetrically disposed in the coursing order they may themselves be permuted by suitable calls to produce 72 courses. M. J. Platt's 16128 Superlative derives from 24 courses on 4, 5, 8 fixed, by interchanging them using singles. The other set which may be similarly treated is that with 6, 7, 8 fixed, bobs interchanging these among themselves. The

truth sets for these long peals are:—
For 0000XXX (0=2, 3, 4, 5, X=6, 7, 8)
CJOR bf X Gamma and Delta.
For 00XX00X (0=2, 3, 6, 7, X=4, 5, 8)
GEJS bd e X and Delta.
(Incidentally, has anyone looked at
Vernon Bedford's 5376 Cambridge to see

if it will go to 16128 in this way?) Shuttle

Shuttleworth's remaining		groups are:—
X 2657	43 +	276354+
6327	54	276435
6357	42	475623
		672435
346752		675324
526734		
546723		374652
564732		673245
Gamma	364752+	
	625743—	275643
	635724	276453
	033724	376425
		675423
		073423

Delta 546732+ and 672354only. (Any tenors-together composition runs true to these groups.)

VIRGIN TOWERS

Two more "virgin" towers were con-quered on April 18 at Askrigg and Aysgarth, North Yorkshire, both having rings of six.

Because of the mixed band from West-morland, Lancashire and Yorkshire, it was decided that one peal should be rung for the Lancashire Association and the other for the Yorkshire Association,

The bells at Askrigg are in quite good condition, but are certainly men's bells as far as the "go" is concerned, while those at Aysgarth are an easy ring, with home-made horsehair sallies.

Details of the bells are as follows:-

Askrigg.

Treble.-To the Glory of God. And in memory of Thomas and Jane Lodge. This bell was dedicated by their sons and daughters, 1897.

2nd.—In memory of George and Elizabeth Winn. This bell was erected by their son, James C. Winn, 1897.

3rd.—This peal of bells was recast in

Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee year, 1897. W. E. M. Winn, Vicar. E. Chapman and G. Bell (Churchwardens).

4th.—Jesus be our speed. 1657. Recast

5th.-God save his church. 1657. Recast 1897.

Tenor.—Thomas Mallaby & Sons, Church Bell Hanger, Masham, All ye that hear my mournful sound, Repent before you lie in ground. 1657. Recast 1897.

All cast by John Warner and Sons Ltd.,

London, 1897.

Aysgarth. Rehung by Gillett and Johnston, 1913.

All: T. Mears of London, fecit 1829. Tenor.—Rev^d. John Winn, M.A., Vicar. Geo^r. P. Richardson, Francis Winnington, Rich^d Thistlethwaite, John Nicholson— Churchwardens.

The only group seen to be missing in all this is T—any offers of a composition or a proof of insufficient material? There are a number of methods with that falseness and more, too!

There is a case for a more scholarly

article than this, starting with publication of Shuttleworth's grouping and proceeding via symmetries and substitution groups to a theory of F-relations and T-sets-any

offers?

I may add in passing that there are universal method structures too—especially the D.N.C.B./Superlative/Bristol family, which may be bent to include such methods as those with a treble path: 1 2 3 4 3 2 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 7 6 5 6 7 8 and reverse (named "Frolic" by the late Derek Ogden)—this has the same class of falseness as Eryri and its unrung companion, Yr Wyddfa.

Furthermore, while in print may I point out (albeit belatedly) that the 5184 Yorkshire, etc., rung under or over my name should really be attributed to Edmund Shut-

tleworth and not to GILES B. THOMPSON.

Manchester.

cost of advertising P.S.—Since the Method Splicing Major is barely covered by its sales, I shall be pleased to give copies to people who send a 6in. x 9in. stamped (6d.) addressed envelope with a good explanation as to why they haven't bought one already or some form of peace offering (cheque, new composition, gossip, etc.).

P.P.S.—Am I right in thinking that Kevin Price and his band are the first to ring 720's and peals of original Minor? Let's see the composition(s) anyway -G. B. T.

Letters

CLOSED HANDSTROKE LEADS

Dear Sir,-I find the views expressed by Mr. Brotherton on closed handstroke leads completely unacceptable. To ring in this way is not "hard graft" if one sets one's mind to doing so without taking the line that it is incorrect. Surely it is not beyond the physical property of any experienced the physical powers of any experienced ringer to pull slightly harder at handstroke and less hard at backstroke than for openlead ringing.

As to this type of ringing being rhythmless, this is totally fallacious. It is no less rhythmical to ring Minor with 12 blows every two changes than with 13; in fact those accustomed to closed-lead ringing could argue with some justification that the "stutte" of the open lead impedes rather

than aids good rhythm.

In any case it is surely gross bad manners to ring anywhere as a visitor and then write to The Ringing World complaining of local practices. I can personally assure Mr. Brotherton that to anyone with a sound ringing training interchange between closedand open-lead ringing is quite easy provided that one gives some effort and understand-ing to the type one is not used to. Not to have taken part in good closed-lead ringing is to have missed a very enjoyable ex-perience.—Yours faithfully,

PHILIP ROGERS. Durham.

Dear Sir,—Replying to H. Brotherton, of Ashbourne (Ringing World, page 341), I feel sure that they were not "obliged" to ring! The sentence "This in itself I found completely unacceptable" gives the impression that the writer finds the closed handstroke an unforgivable sin.

Early in 1969 I visited Roughtown, Mossley, Lancs, and was privileged to hear

the local band practise for a forthcoming competition. The handstroke was closed, and the striking was the most accurate I have heard, or am likely to hear for some time. During the general practice I was "invited" to ring with the band; sadly, my own striking was not of the same quality as theirs, the closed handstrokes causing part of the difficulty.

I would suspect that H. Brotherton, in

common with myself, could not adjust his style of ringing to suit the prevailing con-ditions. The next time I go to Mossley I hope to improve upon my last performance.

In conclusion I quote the old saying "When in Rome do as the Romans do," and add: Please let the band continue to the their recruits their own way, which they presumably find more "acceptable" than our own peculiar style.—Yours faith-

DAVID REDFEARN.

Caddington, Beds.

Dear Sir,-If H. Brotherton found it so distasteful to ring closed leads, why did he try to do it? And as for it being hard graft, he is talking nonsense.

I am a closed-lead Minor ringer, but if I visit a tower where open handstroke leads are rung, I do so and do not complain. say to the teacher: Carry on teaching closed leads because I consider it the most perfect form of Minor ringing. You get perfect rhythm and glorious music!—Yours faithfully,

HARRY MANN.

Dear Sir. - I suppose one ought to be grateful that another ringer's education is a step nearer completion. A step in the right direction would be for Mr. Brotherton to learn: (a) that it does not matter whether open- or closed-leads are rung, and (b) how

to strike either (or both) correctly.

It would be interesting to discover the basis for his assumption that open-lead ringing is "traditional." It would not surprise me to discover that open leads were a later innovation introduced either to pander to the fallacy that 6-5's were objectionable or to reduce what H. Brotherton calls "hard graft."

The first myth was exploded some time ago; the second, in view of modern bell-hanging, is hardly tenable. — Yours faith-

HAROLD CHANT.

Wakefield, Yorkshire.

AMENDMENTS
Dear Sir,—I wish to inform you that I have been responsible for an error in the names of seven methods in recent Spliced Doubles peals.

The error has occurred in extent No. 2 and No. 7 respectively in the peals rung at Barrowby (page 231) and Eaton (page 276). The method names that appear there should be deleted and the following inserted: Caernarvonshire, Flintshire, Merionethshire, Radnorshire, Cardiganshire, Denbigh-

shire and Glamorgan.

I apologise to those who keep records and details of peals for any inconvenience this may have caused.—Yours faithfully,

PETER A. SLIGHT.

Grantham, Lincs.

MULTI-SPLICED MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—It has been discovered that the compositions used in the recent peals of 60- and 75-Spliced Surprise Maximus are false. It is with regret therefore that we have to withdraw the following two peals:-

60 Spliced Surprise Maximus at St. Peter's, Nottingham, for the Lancashire Association on July 12, 1969.
75 Spliced Surprise Maximus at Manchester Town Hall for the Chester Diocesan Guild on November 8, 1969.

The errors arose due to our own negligence, and we offer our sincere apologies to the rest of the bands.—Yours faithfully, NEIL BENNETT, JOHN H. FIELDEN.

SCRAPYARD BELLS

Dear Sir,-I am obliged to Mr. Bassett for putting me right about the five bells formerly in St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Tunbridge Wells. One hopes that the scrapyard bells' origin may be eventually discovered. Perhaps he would visit again and record their inscriptions for those interested.

But what did happen to the bells of the church? Did they go to the new one after the old one was demolished in the name of progress to make way for a "temple of food" (that is, if a new one was built)? Did local ringers say: "Well, they are only five, were hung 'dead,' so let 'em go," or did they, waxing valiant in fight, sorrow at their being hung "dead" once again or, worse still, their destruction? Or might they yet ring?—Yours faithfully,
DAVID L. CAWLEY.

Canterbury, Kent.

THE GENTLEMANLY PROTEST

Dear Sir,—In a long ringing life (three-quarters of a century) I have heard many protests from nearby inhabitants after a peal, but the most gentlemanly one was at Chatham, where the church is close to the barracks.

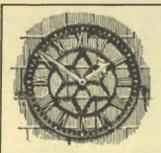
Fifty years ago, when James Bennett, of Grundisburgh, was a C.S.M. in the Royal Marines and stationed at Chatham, he arranged a peal of Double Norwich. After we had finished an N.C.O. appeared in the belfry and said: "The Captain's compliments, and will you let him know the next time you have a 'competition' so that he can make other arrangements." — Yours faithfully,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

"I rang my first Surprise peal in July, 1923, and over the years had taken part in 439 in 54 different methods. It was not till 1969 that I realised I needed ten to complete the alphabet. And now I have succeeded—the first Suffolk ringer to do so. To date it is 469 in 64 methods. My thanks to all who have assisted me to accomplish this."—So writes Mr. L. G. Brett, of Framsden.

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Quarter Peals

Alveston, Glos. — April 24, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Miss C. M. Hanson 1, Miss E. E. Starling 2, Miss P. J. E. Sturdy 3, G. T. Collins 4, E. G. Mould (cond.) 5, A. R. Tuck 6. For the retirement of Canon W. W. Orpwood (nine

Ashtead, Surrey. — April 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jackeline Wolfe 1, Elizabeth Gibbs 2, Gillian Laver 3, Felicity Hamilton (first as cond. in method) 4, J. V. Stedman 5, R. Mills 6, J. Laver 7, D. Barnes 8.

Barkingside, Essex.-April 26, 1280 Camb. S. Major: M. Hollis 1, Jillian Turcan 2, Christine Morton 3, Susan Turcan 4, Barbara Shaw 5, Mary Wilkinson 6, D. Gower 7, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival. First Camb. S. Major 1, 2, 3, 4. First Surprise Major by an alllocal band

- April 27, at SS. Michael with Bath. Som. -Paul Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H.
M. Mitchell 1, D. C. Hawkins 2, Miss C. J.
Mitchell 3, P. J. W. Hardwick 4, A. Adams 5,
P. J. Devrell 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8. Wedding compliment to Miss G. Beckett and Mr. D. Orledge, married at St. Swithin's Church, East Grinstead.

Bedford, Beds.-March 29, at St. Paul's, 1440 Bristol S. Royal: F. W. Rivett 1, Linda Fleming Bristol S. Royal: F. W. Rivett 1, Linda Fleming 2, Avril Ivin 3, Kathleen Marriott 4, A. H. Smith 5, S. Ivin (cond.) 6, R. L. Piron 7, M. J. Marriott 8, K. H. Fleming 9, C. M. Orme 10. For Easter Evensong. Also April 19, 1280 Camb. S. Major: Shelagh Melville 1, Jeremy Piron (11, first in method) 2, R. J. Sharp 3, M. C. C. Melville 4, J. Thorp 5, A. Gibbs 6, R. L. Piron 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8, Erg. Evensong.

S. Ivin (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Bicker, Lincs. — May 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. B. Dawson 1, G. H. Campling (first Triples) 2, M. J. Belcher (25th quarter) 3, H. Barsley 4, R. Howard 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6, R. Stephenson 7, S. Johnson (first Triples) 8 For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cope, of Bicker. Also May 3, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor. P G. Butler 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G Butler 3, D. Fensom 4, M. J. Belcher 5, G. H. Campling (cond.) 6. For Rogation Sunday.

Biggin Hill, Kent. — April 26, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles. Catherine Spicer 1, P. R. Butler (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. Collinge 3, Julia Collinge 4, Mrs. B.

Stocker 5, D. J. Stocker 6.

Bishopstoke, Hants .- April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. K. Waldron 1, Linda V. Cull 2, I. M. McCallion 3, J. C. Howell (first Triples inside) 4, J. R. Rodwell (first Triples) 5, R. Le Marechal 6, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 7. For Evensong.

Bishop's Stortford, Herts.-April 22, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Westwood 1, R. F. Prime 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Glazebrook 4, R. Walker 5, E. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. R. Hutley 8. Compliment to Rev. J. Atkinson, former curate, on his installation as priest-in-charge Thomas', Letchworth. Also April 27, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. L. G. Goodman 1, R. F. Prime 2, R. Hayden 3, G. Goodman 4, P. C. Warboys 5, K. Westwood 6, L. Luck (first Caters) 7, A. E. Richardson 8, W. Hunt (cond.) 9, D. R. Hutley 10. First on ten 1, 5, 6, 8, 10.

Blaisdon, Glos .- April 25, 1260 Single Oxford Minor: Helen Taylor 1, M. P. Taylor (first in method) 2, Clare Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Also April 25, 1296 Camb. S. Minor: M. P. Taylor 1, Helan Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First Cam-

bridge for 5, and as a family.

Bradpole, Dorset.-April 26, 1260 P.B. Minor: Valerie Calvert (first quarter) 1, R. Haines Helen Haines 3, D. B. Ellery 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, I. L. Andrews 6, A. C. Case cover. For Evensong. Also April 28, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Valerie Calvert 1, R. Haines (cond.) 2, I. L. Andrews (first in four methods) 3, Helen Haines 4, D. B. Ellery 5, A. D. Case 6.

Braughing, Herts. — April 10, 1260 Doubles (four methods): C. Moore 1, K. Westwood 2, P. J. Glazebrook 3, W. Hunt (cond.) 4, R. Walker

Bromfield, Salop.-April 5, 1260 Doubles (two methods): W. Bailey 1, A. Bradley 2, D. Ferguson (cond.) 3, G. Fletcher 4, P. Keene 5, G. Cotterill 6. A farewell to Rev. L. Snell on his retirement.

Broughton, Staffs.—March 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Cynthia M. Humphreys (first on eight) 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, N. R. I. White 3, Daphne M. Appleby (first inside on eight) 4, R. Riley 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6, J. P. Burton 7, S. W.

Bucklebury, Berks.-April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. G. Brown 1, Miss A. Talbot 2, Miss J. Marshall 3, Miss A. Luckings 4, S. C. W. Brown (first Inside) 5, R. Crook 6, C. Lewington (cond.) 7, A. W. Davis 8. To w Rev. C. G. T. Herbert to the living of Bucklebury.

Caddington, Beds. - May 3, 1296 Surprise Minor (three methods): Margaret A. Aslett (first in England) 1, Christine M. Webb 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, Brenda P. Redfearn 4, M. Foster 5, D. Redfearn (cond.) 6. For morning service.

Canterbury, Kent .- At the Cathedral, April 26, 1299 Stedman Caters: G. Davies 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, D. H. Niblett 3, P. J. Small 4, L. Huckstepp 5, P. M. Hills 6, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 7, T. Skilton 8, D. J. Carr 9, T. H. Holmes 10.

Cardiff, Glam. — April 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Brewer (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Cooke 2, Miss J. Ashcroft 3, M. Esbester 4, P. W. Thomas (first Triples as cond.) 5, W. Harford 6, M. J. Pryor 7, T. T. Yeomans 8. To welcome Kevin Norman Coombs to Colin and Olwen Coombs, ringers at Llanfrechfa; also for the conductor's 15th birthday.

-April 14, 1260 Sted-Chewton Mendip, Som.man Triples: J. Brain 1, W. S. Rice 2, J. Haynes 3, G. Hebden 4, M. Hebden 5, P. J. England (cond.) 6, R. W. Rice 7, S. G. Smith 8. A wel-

come to J. Haynes, recently moved to Somerset. Chigwell, Essex. — April 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Barham 1, Christine Neville 2, Elisabeth Ottaway 3, C. W. Ottaway 4, D. Riley (cond.) 5, E. J. Cross 6.

Chinnor, Oxon.-April 24, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Dawn V. Little 1, P. Wilkinson 2, E. Harmsworth 3, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 4, F. Keen 5, C. Wilkinson 6. For Bishop of Oxford's visitation. Also April 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. Wilkinson (first Minor) 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, R. G. Hazell 4, F. Keen 5, R. (cond.) 6. Believed to be the first of Minor by a local band. Also April 26, 1260 Doubles (four methods): G. Judge 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, Mrs.-R. G. Hazell 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. First in four Doubles (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. methods for all except 2.

Coleshill, Warks. - April 16, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Yvonne Nicklin (first inside) 1, N. W. Richards 2, K. C. Richards 3, R. Farmer

4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5, L. L. Willis 6.
Ditcheat, Som. — May 3, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles: Miss S. A. Mayell (50th quarter) 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, G. H. Baldam (first in the method as cond.) 3, W. Higgins 4, C. P. Wainwright (first quarter inside) 5, D. G. Mayell 6. In memoriam Frederick J. Reeves.

East Ilsley, Berks.—April 26, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. W. T. Hibbert (cond.) 1, Patricia E. Hibbert 2, Marjorie C. Hibbert 3, J. H. Napper 4, Eileen M. Wilson 5, B. M. Wheeler 6, J. W. Wilson 7, H. R. Wells 8. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. D. P. King, on retirement.

Eastnor, Herefords. - April 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Jennifer Gough (first Minor) 1, Rosemary F. Collins 2, R. K. Williams (cond.) 3, S. B. Bell 4, E. C. Biggs 5, P. G. Hickey (circled the tower) 6. To wish Mrs. R. Collins a speedy recovery after an operation.

Elland, Yorks.-March 22, 1440 P.B. Major: Ruby Mortimer 1, Anne Barnaby 2, Mary Pollard 3, H. Rodgers 4, P. Birket 5, F. Linboat 6, H.

Jones 7, H. Waylen (first as cond. on eight) 8. Felkirk, S. Yorks. — April 17, 1260 St. Clement's Minor: M. Carbutt 1, Frances Garfield 2, R. Cater 3, A. Dunn-Birch 4, P. Charlesworth 5, P. Carbutt (cond.) 6.

Felmersham, Beds.-April 24, 1250 Superlative S. Major: M. Major 1, Kathleen Marriott 2, Linda Fleming 3, A. H. Smith 4, R. L. Piron 5, K. H. Fleming 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, C. M. Orme 8.

Gedling, Notts.—April 26, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Miss S. Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, Miss S. O'Neill 3, J. R. Anthony 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5, R. Adey 6.

Glaston, Rutland. - April 26, 1260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Peggy E. Jennings 1, J. A. Ellis (most m/v) 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, L. Atton 4, C. J. Groome (50th as cond.) 5. For family service.

Gravesend, Kent .-- April 19, 1260 P.B. Minor: Hazel P. Matthews (first quarter) 1, Lynn E. Seton 2, R. M. Thompson 3, R. J. Thompson 4, E. Stuart 5, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 6. For Evensona.

Haresfield, Glos. — April 12, 1260 Doubles (three meth./var.): Miss J. Page 1, Miss S. Perry P. Screen 3, R. Page 4, D. Tomlins (cond.) 5, Screen 6.

Hensingham, Cumb. - May 3, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: F. Richardson 1, Miss V. Bell 2, J. E. Brown 3, Mrs. M. Street 4, W. Seward 5, Mrs. M. Dodd (first Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Honiley, Warks .- 1320 Stedman Doubles: C Sweeney (cond.) 1, Diana Meredith 2, Penny Coomber 3, G. S. Hall 4, R. D. Baker 5. By Coventry Colleges Guild.

Hulme, Manchester.—May 3, at St. Philip's, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob): Oneta M. Wilson (first Minor) 1, I. E. Margaret Manby 2, Dyson 3, W. Birmingham, jun. 4, P. Boucher P. G. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 6. Farewell to St. Philip's and welcome to the Church of the

Ascension, Hulme.

Huyton, Lancs. — April 23, 1500 Grandsire
Doubles: G. K. Austin 1, D. G. V. Ellison 2, N.
P. A. Goulding 3, J. Dunbavin 4, R. G. Latham
5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For St. George's

Ightfield, Shropshire.—May 2, 1320 Minor (ten methods): Valerie Jamson 1, E. V. Rodenhurst 2, H. W. Howard 3, J. R. Scott 4, G. A. Edwards 5, F. R. Morton (cond.) 6.

King's Langley, Herts.--April 12, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: B. M. Barker (cond.) 1, R. J. Barker (first inside) 2, D. J. Goodman 3, Miss G. Barker 4, P. W. Harper 5, E. Wortham (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Also April 26, Pl. Doubles: Miss H. M. Toms 1, R. J. Barker 2, P. W. Harper (cond.) 3, R. J. Picton 4, K. D. Waples 5, D. J. Goodman 6. For Evensong; also farewell to Miss Toms on her departure for Australia

Lane End, Bucks.—April 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Smith (first quarter) 1, S. Smith 2, T. Wright 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, R. Meakes 6. Enfore the service for the National Master Farriers, Blacksmiths and Agricultural Association, Reading Branch.

Langdon Hills, Essex.—May 3, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: S. Clarke (first on tower bells) 1, Janice Manterfield (first inside) 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, K. Lucas 4, S. D. Stott 5, W. White 6 For morning service, by a resident band.

Lichfield, Staffs.—April 11, 1280 P.B. Major: S. W. Illidge 1, Rosemary E. White 2, R. Riley 3, Daphne M. Appleby 4, J. B. Webb 5, N. R. I. White 6, J. P. Burton 7, P. R. Johnson (cond.) First Major 3, 4. A compliment to lan and Miss Margaret Gwilt, married at Newport, Salop; 21st birthday compliment to S. G. Pick.

1260 Stedman Llandaff, Glam. — April 19, 1260 Stedman Triples: Anne Cooke 1, D. G. Clift 2, Judith Ashcroft 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, N. A. James 5. G. Hughes 6, S. Fenwick 7, J. James 8. For Evensong. Also April 26, 1320 Spliced London and Camb. S. Royal: Anne Cooke 1, P. A. Williams 2, T. P. Edwards 3, J. Clatworthy 4, D. J. Llewellyn 5, M. R. Meadows 6, N. W. H. Simon 7, S. Fenwick 8, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 9, P. S. For Evensong. Bennett 10.

London, W.C .- St. Clement Danes', April 19, 1259 Grandsire Caters: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, C. E. Wright 3, Joan M. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, J. Fowler 6, C. C. M. Pain 7, C. E. Brown 8, J. Stephenson 9, P. Sippitt 10.

For Matins.

London, E.C .- April 26, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. Barry (cond.) 1, Helen Maltman 2, H. G. Weedon 3, W. A. Hughes 4, W. A. Theobald 5, T. N. J. Bailey 6, R. A. Hunt 7, R. G. Brown 8.

Long Melford, Suffolk.—April 19, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: V. Ambrose 1, D. J. Reeve 2, Mrs. Evelyn R. Reeve 3, P. Mayle 4, G. W. Bloomfield 5, D. J. Reeve 6, J. A. Mayle (first in method) 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. For Evensong and for the safe return of Apollo 13.

Market Weighton, E. Yorks.—April 17, 1260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Pl. Bob): R. East 1, P. Carpenter (first T.B.) 2, I. Peacock 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.)

Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent.-April 26, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: R. M. Thompson 1, L. Setton 2, S. Sandford 3, J. E. Jarvis 4, R. J. Thompson 5, J. V. Barnard 6, E. C. Stuart (first as cond.) 7, F. Matthews 8. A farewell to Norton Collard. Lympne, Kent.—April 12, 1320 Grandsire and PL Bob Doubles: A. R. Day 1, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 2, R. Stainer (first inside) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson 5, B. J. Butcher 6. For Evensong; a 61st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Harman. Also April 19, 1260 Minor (three methods): R. Stairer 1, Judith Brooks 2, J. Hedgecock 3, Elizabeth A. Todd 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Matins.

Lytchett Matravers, Dorset. — April 25, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. E. Boyce 1, Christine Boyce 2, Sandra M. Pitman 3, M. Lawson-Miles 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, G. R. Boyce 6.

Manchester.—April 23, at the Cathedral, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: W. Birmingham 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, P. Boucher 4, D. G. Manby 5, R. F. Eccles 6, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 7, A. Ward (cond.) 8. By Cathedral service band prior to the Bishop of Manchester's last service before retirement.

Minster, Kent.—March 15, 1260 Doubles (six meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis M. Poppleton 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Ann Bryant 6. Communion. Also March 22, 1260 Doubles (two meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis M. Poppleton (first as cond.) 2, Mira Ford 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, Ann Bryant 6. For choral Communion. Also March 29, 1260 Doubles (six meth./var.): Susan Goodwin 1, Glynis M. Poppleton 2, Mira Ford (first as cond.) 3, Marianne Leworthy 4, D. P. Leworthy 5, Ann Bryant 6. For Easter choral Communion. Also March 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Caroline Embleton 1, Jane Whitham (first inside) 2, Jane Bryant 3, Joan Exeter 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) C. Singleton 6. For Easter Evensong. 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Susan April 26, Goodwin 1, Jane Whitham 2, Ann Bryant 3, Glynis M. Poppleton (cond.) 4, D. P. Leworthy D. Little (first quarter) 6. For St. George's

Misson, Notts.—April 25, 1440 Minor (Oxford Bob, Pl. Bob): P. Rogers (cond.) 1, Miss C. M. Wright 2, B. Birkett 3, P. N. Mounsey 4, J. A. Coates 5, G. A. Dawson 6. Peal attempt called round.

Nettleham, Lincs. — April 26, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Booth 1, Miss R. Redden (first inside) 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, C. Nicoll 4, W. Booth (cond.) 5, P. Bell 6. For Evensong.

Newcastle upon Tyne.—At the cathedral, April 21, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Anderson 1, Miss C. H. Telfer 2, D. Martin 3, R. N. Scholes 4, E. N. Harrison 5, J. Hedley 6, G. S. Deas (cond.) 7, M. E. Johnson 8. To celebrate the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

Northowram, Yorks.—April 25, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: Anne Walker 1, F. Linfoot 2, G. Turner 3, H. Jones 4, A. Naylor (cond.) 5, C. Walker (first in method) 6.

Portsmouth, Hants.—April 27, at the Cathedral, 1360 Oxford T.B. Royal: J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 3, Miss J. Berriman 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, H. L. Hatfield 6, M. S. Bruce 7, W. Willans 8, A. A. J. Buswell 9, C. G. Bryant 10. First Oxford T.B. Royal by all.

Putney, S.W. — April 26, 1260 Minor (three methods): Mary Knight 1, Janet Bull 2, M. J. Uphill 3, C. R. Harris 4, B. J. Bull 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Ripple, Worcs. — April 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Spiers 1, Miss J. Gainey 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, J. Mead 4, M. Hawkes 5, P. Bennett 6.

Rotherham, Yorks. — April 26, 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (Rutland, Yorkshire, Superlative, Cambridge): G. A. Holroyd 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, C. Newton 4, M. S. Turner 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, N. Donovan 7, S. Armeson (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. A. J. R. Mahon, hon. resident engineer in charge of church fabric restoration, who was present.

Rothley, Leics.—April 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. Poole (first quarter) 1, Kathryn E. Antill (first quarter) 2, Rosemary Spray 3, T. A. Yates 4, R. A. Spray 5, C. J. Holland (cond.) 6.

Rowley Regis, Worcs.—April 26, 1260 Grandsire D. and Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. Joan Coley (first quarter) 1, G. Harper 2, R. Tandy 3, A. Roberts 4, D. Chiswell (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. For Evensong and a farewell to Mrs. J. Coley.

For Evensong and a farewell to Mrs. J. Coley. Ruddington, Notts.—May 3, 1280 P.B. Major: Miss H. M. Shrimpton (first quarter) 1, S. Adams 2, P. C. Selby 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osborne 5, R. J. Stretton 6, N. Handley 7, D. Oliver (cond.) 8. For Rogation Day.

St. Albans, Herts.—April 25, at St. Peter's, 1551 Stedman Caters: Dawn Owen 1, Christine Carter 2, Elizabeth Forster 3, Heather Darvill 4, Joyce Clarke 5, T. C. Holland 6, H. V. Frost (cond.) 7, R. W. Darvill 8, J. E. Ewer 9, J. D. Duggan 10. Longest length by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Seasalter, Kent.—Easter Sunday, 1260 Doubles and Minor (three methods): J. Phillips 1, M. Ostler 2, Miss J. Steed 3, Miss D. Austin 4, Miss A. Steed 5, D. Cawley (cond.) 6. For Festal Evensong. First quarter on the bells since recasting and transfer from Tottington, Norfolk.

Sempringham, Lincs.—May 3, 1260 Doubles (six m/v): D. Fensom 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling (25th as cond.) 4, M. J. Belcher 5, P. G. Butler 6. For Rogation Sunday.

Send, Surrey. — April 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Warner 1, Pam Bird 2, P. Hartt 3, H. Colcombe 4, J. King (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. In memoriam William Shepherd and William Goldstone.

Shrivenham, Berks.—April 5, 1260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. L. Plummer 1, E. C. Anger 2, G. F. Baxter 3, J. T. Sawyer 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6, G. M. Moss 7, R. T. Irish 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Percy Anger, aged 88, lifetime ringer at local church. Southampton, Hants.— At St. Mary's Church,

Southampton, Hants. — At St. Mary's Church, Easter Day, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Cynthia Hunt (first quarter) 1, Joy Butler 2, Diane Butler 3, C. J. Butler 4, B. Brophy 5, M. J. Butler 6, A. Jackson (cond.) 7, B. V. Butler 8.

Southminster, Essex.—April 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. P. Robinson 1, Mrs. C. Robinson 2, C. T. Williams 3, E. Potter 4, D. V. Robinson (cond.) 5, P. Halsey 6. Half-muffled in memoriam W. H. Taylor, Vicar of Southminster 1947–1969.

South Petherton, Som.—May 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Marks 1, H. W. Pearce (cond.) 2, R. C. Beale 3, G. Glyde 4, E. Rice 5, W. Samways 6. For Evensong and to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Dio-

Standon, Herts. — April 20, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: D. R. Hutley (100th quarter) 1, W. Hunt 2, P. Glazebrook 3, A. E. Richardson (first Surprise) 4, L. Luck 5, R. F. Prime (cond.) 6.

Stedham, Sussex. — April 7, 1260 Doubles (April Day, Pl. Bob): H. G. West 1, Judith S. Kirk (first as cond.) 2, D. A. Kirk 3, Gillian P. Ewens 4, R. L. Smith 5. To welcome Alistair, son of Noel and Margery Kirk, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

Streatham, S.W.—April 12, at St. Leonard's, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Christine H. Northeast 1, Lorna Huckstep (first in method) 2, J. W. F. Rea 3, E. J. Adams 4, S. Hopkins 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Sutton-cum-Lound, Notts. — April 26, 1260 Singles (two methods): T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe 3, A thanksgiving for the safe return of Apollo 13.

Swanscombe, Kent.—May 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Tynn Seton 1, S. Sandford 2, F. Matthews 3, Jennifer Jarvis (first in method) 4, R. J. Thompson 5, R. M. Thompson (cond.) 6, E. Stuart 7, D. Wilkinson 8. For Evensong.

Thorley, Herts. — April 19, 1260 Doubles (three methods): R. F. Prime 1, P. C. Warboys 2, L. Luck 3, A. E. Richardson 4, W. Hunt (cond.) 5, T. Camp 6. For Evensong.

Tutbury, Staffs.—April 12, 1440 P.B. Minor: Susan M. O'Neill 1, D. Ford (first quarter) 2, S. Humphrey 3, R. Pye 4, P. E. Jones 5, C. R. Daft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Ufford, Northants.—April 20, 1272 Plain Bob Minimus: Mrs. G. Munsey 1, J. E. Coleman 2, J. Aldridge 3, J. E. David 4. First Minimus 1, 2, 3. First quarter on the bells.

Walkern, Herts.—April 26, 1260 P.B. Minor: R. Kirkpatrick (first away from tenor) 1, P. Rumley 2, M. Lush 3, W. Lawrence 4, L. Cooper 5, D. Gullick (cond.) 6.

Walsoken, Norfolk.—April 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: N. Greenacre 1, F. Wigmore 2, A. Smart 3, G. Knight 4, R. I. West (cond.) 5, T. Bush 6. A farewell to Rev. T. Walters.

Walthamstow, Essex.—April 26, 1296 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Gamble 1, D. Hewitt 2, C. Willmington 3, C. T. Coles 4, C. A. Hughes 5, E. Holman 6, K. Warner 7, C. Wright (cond.) 8, J. Slater 9, F. Taylor 10. In memoriam Fred Maynard, local ringer.

Warnham, Sussex.—April 26, 1260 Plain Bob Triples: Audrey Ramsay 1, Sally Watts 2, Gillian Skelton (first on eight inside) 3, Elizabeth Watts 4, N. Carter 5, G. Francis 6, D. D. Smith 7, T. Latham 8. First on eight 1, 2. A welcome to Sandra D. Smith, daughter of David and Jenny; also a birthday compliment to Sally Watts.

West Retford, Notts.—April 19, 2520 Pl. Bob Minor: H. Archer 1, Miss C. M. Wright 2, S. Knights 3, B. Birkett 4, Miss M. Womack 5, P. Rogers (cond.) 6. A farewell to the rector (Rev. F. Pearce), leaving for Kettering, Northants.

Whilton, Northants.—March 30, 1440 Minor (four methods): J. Webb 1, H. Haynes 2, J. Townley 3, S. Webb 4, E. Garrett 5, M. Chown (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to John Townley.

Wimbledon, Surrey.—April 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor (7, 8 cover): Elizabeth Bangham 1, Caroline Bagworth 2, Zoe McMillan (first inside) 3, F. Seabright 4, D. C. Budd 5, A. E. Bagworth (cond.) 6, G. Q. Topping 7, A. C. Steiger 8. Winford, Som.—April 16, 1296 Cambridge S.

Winford, Som.—April 16, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: L. Derrick 1, Hilary Derham (first Camb.) 2, J. Brain 3, G. Hebden 4, W. S. Rice 5, J. R. Taylor (cond.) 6.

Woodborough, Notts.—April 17, 1264 Minimus (Plain, Rev. Bob): Sarah E. Boden and D. W. Flower 1, A. A. Boden 2, P. L. R. Hayward 3, P. R. Wild (circled tower) 4. For safe return of Apollo 13. Also April 25, 1272 Pl. Bob Minimus: Sarah E. Boden 1, A. A. Boden 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also April 26, 1272 Minimus (62 m/v): H. G. Wells (cond.) 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4.

Woodford, Essex.—April 19, 1344 P.B. Major: P. Neil (first Major) 1, P. Bosworth 2, Glynis Perry 3, P. Holden 4, D. Gower 5, Jennifer Duning (cond.) 6, A. Faulkner 7, K. Burberry 8. For Evensong. Also May 3, 1344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Crowson 1, A. Faulkner 2, Glynis Perry 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Jennifer Dunning (cond.) 5, K. Poole 6, D. Town 7, R. Burberry 8. For Evensong.

Wootton Underwood, Bucks.—April 29, 1260 Bob Doubles: W. H. Ayres 1, Julie Tyler 2, G. J. Tyler 3, H. G. Rand 4, A. D. Tyler 5, S. H. Young 6. Wedding compliment to Anne Rolf and Bryan Smith, married here on April 18.

Worcester. — April 26, at All Saints', 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. E. Stephens 1, D. Beacham (cond.) 2, Judith Rhodes (first in method) 3, R. W. Repton 4, D. G. Franklin 5, J. J. Stanier 6. For Matins.

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1 Judy E. Beck
2 Ronald G. Beck
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4 Philip H. D. Jones
5 Adrian P. Beck (Conductor)
6 Robert E. Beck

forthcoming 80th anniversary of founding of association.

SAMPFORD BRETT, Som, St. George. Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 35min. $(7\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5040 MINOR (Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob).

1 Mervyn R. Arscott 2 Brenda M. Bindon 3 Leslie H. Arscott

4 Mervyn A. Arscott *5 Henry W. Lloyd

6 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor) *First in 7 methods. First on the bells since their augmentation to six. For the safe . return of Apollo XIII and for the

Patronal Festival.

UPHILL, Somerset, St. Nicholas.

Thur., April 23, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (93 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Oxford Bob and St. Clements, 3 Plain Bob).

1 Walter S. Rice 2 Roy W. Rice

3 Marjorie Legg

*4 John C. Sheppard
5 Geoffrey Hebden
6 George Prescott (Conductor)

*25th peal. In memoriam P. J. Hall.

WILTON, Taunton, Som, St. George. Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (8½ cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

*1 Sylvia M. Arscott 2 Marian J. Beale

†13 Adrian F. Arscott 4 John Cornelius

5 Arthur H. Reed 6 Brenda M. Bindon 7 Michael J. Stone

8 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor) *First on 8. †First in the method. ‡50th peal. For Patronal Festival.

KILMERSDON, Som, SS. Peter and Paul. Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (21 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

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1 George W. Massey

*2 Michael J. Winterbourne

3 Peter J. W. Hardwick

4 Philip H. D. Jones

5 David C. Hawkins

6 David G. Massey (Conductor)

*First peal. A wedding compliment to
David J. Orledge and Glenda M. Beckett,
married at East Grinstead, Sussex, the previous day. vious day.

EVERCREECH, Somerset, St. Peter. Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (211 cwt.) 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by G. Lindoff.

*1 David Wilson *2 Melvyn J. Hiller *3 Mary E. Elmes

*3 Mary E. Elmes

*4 Katharine J. Maundrell

*5 Timothy F. Collins

*6 Ross G, W. Robertson

*7 Graham W. Elmes

*8 Richard H. Youdale

9 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)

10 David J. Forder

*First of Pudsev Surprise Royal.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CLIFTON, Bedfordshire, All Saints. Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (11 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

C. Michael Orme *2 Jeremy Piron

*3 David A. Hope 4 Martyn J. Marriott 5 Edgar T. Skipsey 6 Keith H. Fleming

7 Martin Major (Conductor)

8 Stephen Ivin

*First of Surprise Major. First of Surprise = as conductor.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

PATRINGTON, Yorkshire, St. Patrick. Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (10 cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

1 Stephen K. Thompson

2 David R. Garner

3 Maris C. Stephenson

4 Ronald Ducker

5 Rev. Giles C. Galley 6 Peter Church

Ian G. Campbell

8 F. Neville Pailing (Conductor)

*First on 8. †Circled tower.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire, Holy Trinity.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (25½ cwt.) 5016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS
*1 Gwynneth C. Ducker (13)

2 Anthea J. Slade

3 Maris C. Stephenson

4 Rev. Giles C. Galley

5 Roderick R. Horton

6 F. Neville Pailing

7 Robert W. Sherriff

*8 John R. Ridley 9 Ian G. Campbell

10 John N. D. Chaddock
11 Michael Maughan (Conductor)

12 Ronald Ducker

*First on 12.

PATRINGTON, E. YORKS, St. Patrick.—On Jan. 21, 1970, in 2hr. 55min., 5120 Bristol Surprise Major (10 cwt.).: Ronald Ducker 1, Anthea J. Slade 2, Maris C. Stephenson 3, Peter Church (first in method) 4, Roderick R. Horton (first in method) 5, Ian G. Campbell 6, Michael Maughan (cond.) 7, John N. D. Chaddock 8. Composed by W. E. Critchley.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

OXFORD, Cathedral Church of Christ.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (30 cwt.) **5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Arranged by Dale Barton.

1 K. J. Triplow (Selwyn)

2 A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn)

3 V. Nutton (Selwyn)

*4 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn, Conductor)

5 A. T. Winter (Christ's)

6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)

7 P. M. Wilkinson (Selwyn)

8 D. Barton (Selwyn)

8 D. Barton (Selwyn)
9 C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)
10 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)
11 P. A. F. Chalk (Selwyn)

12 H. E. Bishop (Selwyn)

*250th peal.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk, St. Margaret.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (30 cwt.) Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (30 cwt.)

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Arranged by J. L. Millhouse.

1 J. L. Humphreys (Jesus)

2 M. J. Pickup (Churchill)

3 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn, Conductor)

4 B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)

5 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)

6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)

7 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)

8 A. T. Winter (Christ's)

9 D. Barton (Selwyn)

10 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)

10 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints. Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (133 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

1 Robert B. Smith

2 Paul Reading
3 Derek F. Yates
4 Ronald F. Andrew
5 Geoffrey R. Gardner
6 Michael Foulds

*7 Alan F. Scholfield 8 Basil Jones (Conductor) *200th peal.

GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire, St. Mary and All Saints.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (201 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

1 John E. Bibby 2 John R. Bibby 3 Mrs. Elisabeth Lowe

4 John Oultram

5 Douglas Lowe 6 William E. Allman 7 John Moore

8 Walter Allman (Conductor)

MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.

Wed., April 29, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (13½ cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1 Alan F. Scholfield
2 Joyce Gardner
3 Paul Reading
4 Peter Broadbent
5 P. Boul Smith

*5 R. Paul Smith

6 Robert B. Smith 7 Brian S. B. Kear (Conductor)

8 Ronald F. Andrew

*First peal.

It takes a conscientious man to tell the difference between being tired and being

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

Sat., Mar. 21, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (37½ cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by G. B. Thompson.
1 Christine H. Telfer
2 Maris C. Stephenson

3 Ian G. Campbell 4 Stephen C. Wells 5 Eric N. Harrison 6 Rev. Giles C. Galley

Michael Maughan (Conductor) George S. Deas

9 Ronald Ducker

10 John N. D. Chaddock

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

ST. NEOTS, Hunts, St. Mary.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (29½ cwt.) YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by D. Knox.

Bryan F. Sims

2 Walter Arnold
*3 Peter Abbott
4 John P. Loveless
5 Neil V. Avis

6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

7 Bernard W. Fairhead 8 James L. Towler *First of Surprise.

MORETON, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (9} cwt.) 5040 MINOR (St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

*1 Marion A. Cass

*2 Geoffrey H. Walker *3 David Gower

*4 William H. Aley
*5 Anthony M. Faulkner

6 Dennis Ellisdon (Conductor)
First in 5 methods. Most methods Most methods as conductor.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (16 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1 Andrew R. F. C. Crowson
*2 Caroline R. F. Cole
3 Anthony M. Faulkner
*4 David A. Tovell
5 Tony R. Natt

6 Dennis Ellisdon •7 John E. Murfitt

8 Roland H. Cook (Conductor)

*First in the method.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LAMBOURN, Berks, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. (20 cwt.) 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Middleton's variation.)

1 Robert C. A. Philpott 2 Eric Sutton 3 W. Bertram Kynaston

4 Peter Tombs 5 David Wilson

6 Graham W. Elmes
7 Maurice A. New
8 Lewis F. Cobb (Conductor)

It's odd that blunt people are the ones who come straight to the point.

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD

SHELLEY, West Yorkshire, Emmanuel. Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

(2 Woodbine, 2 Kent, 3 Oxford.) *1 Susan M. Greenwood *2 Mrs. Mary Greenwood

*3 Stephen Littlewood †4 Dennis Greenwood *5 Joseph Greenwood

6 Richard J. Senior (Conductor)

*First attempt. †First peal. Silver wedding compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5. Also for the birth of a son to the ringer of 3.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOWNHOPE, Herefordshire, St. Mary. Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

*1 Michael V. Powell

*†2 Reginald G. Powell

* Peter L. Hughes

4 Frederick R. Harris

5 Norman R. Mattingley

6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)

*50th together. †First of Surprise inside.

For the Feast of St. Mark.

HEREFORD, All Saints.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (17\frac{3}{4} cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Frederick R. Harris

2 Leslie Evans *3 Michael V. Powell

4 Robert A. Hatcher
5 Austin T. Wingate
6 Peter J. Wycherley
7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
8 Norman R. Mattingley

*First in method inside.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BRAUGHING, Herts, St. Mary.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (19 cwt.) 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. W. Parker.

1 Anthony R. Carter 2 Christine M. Carter

3 Richard F. Prime

4 Leonard Luck 5 Peter J. Glazebrook

6 Walter Hunt 7 Eric Edmondson

8 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Glazebrook, and a 21st birthday compliment to Peter Baulk.

LIVERPOOL, Lancs, Cathedral Church of Christ.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 4hr. 21 min. (82 cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter. 1 David C. Brown 2 Martin Green

3 Susan D. Cowan 4 Kenneth J. Darvill (Conductor)

5 David F. Moore 6 Robert E. Hardy 7 D. Paul Smith

Thomas J. Lock 9 James Phillips

10 John M. Jelley 11 John R. Mayne 12 Philip Mehew Andrew W. R. Wilby ARDELEY, Hertfordshire, St. Lawrence. Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 methods: 3 Cambridge Surprise, 4 Plain Bob).

Steven J. Laud

2 Barbara G. Dale
3 Clive W. Simpson
4 Maurice W. Thompson
5 John R. Southey
6 Andrew C. D. Mayes (Conductor)

First as conductor. For Christian Aid Week.

BENINGTON, Herts, St. Peter.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (12 cwt.) 5088 FELIXSTOWE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox. 1 G. William Critchley (Conductor)

Joan Beresford

Claudia A. Critchley Alick Cutler Ronald J. Sharp

6 Jack S. Dear 7 Dennis Knox 8 Dennis Beresford

First peal in the method. A compliment to Canon R. J. Davies, rector of Aston-with-Benington, appointed Rural Dean of Stevenage.

ST. DAVID'S, Pembs, Cathedral of St. David.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (243 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by T. B. Worsley.

*1 L. Sarah Green †2 Elizabeth J. Cranfield 3 Margaret M. Roden

†4 Cecile Forgan5 John S. Seager

6 Geoffrey T. Horrit †7 Peter J. Cranfield (Conductor)

8 A. Rex Agg

*First attempt. †First in method.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BIGGIN HILL, Kent, St. Mark.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (6 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford,

St. Clements and Plain Bob). *1 David J. Stocker 2 Judith M. Corby *3 Julia Collinge

4 Richard Hayes Nicholas J. Chesson

6 Peter R. Butler (Conductor)

*First in more than one method. First as conductor. For Patronal Festival.

CANTERBURY, Kent, Christ Church Cathedral.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (32 cwt.)

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by A. Knights.

*1 Richard A. Birch

2 Derek J. Carr

3 James Hedgoock

Posit D. Smith

4 David D. Smith 5 Tony Skilton

*6 John B. Keeler †7 Donald H. Niblett (Conductor) 18 David Featherstone

9 Geoffrey Davies 10 Alastair D. Macfadyen

†250th peal. *First on 10... Caters. To commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Thomas à Becket.

Also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Smith.

CHERITON, Kent, St. Martin.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (71 cwt.) 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Peter Richardson

2 Philip R. Staples
*3 Crawford T. Hillis (Conductor)
†4 John A. Hemsley

Formula 1 to 15 to

*250th peal. †First in the method.

GILLINGHAM, Kent, St. Mary Magdalene. Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (111 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Johnson's variation.)

*2 Richard M. Thompson
3 Peter D. J. Beal
4 Peter R. Butler
*5 David P. Leworthy
6 Nicholas J. Chesson (Conductor)
7 Richard Hayes
8 Tony Lewis

8 Tony Lewis

*First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor. In memoriam George Kenward.

RUCKINGE, Kent, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (13 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire, Plain Bob).

1 P. Charles Sinden
2 Neville A. Crane
3 Rhian N. Bagshaw (Conductor)
4 Peter S. Muchlinski
5 Simon A. B. Wigg

SELLINDGE, Kent, St. Mary.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (8\frac{3}{4} cwt.)
5040 MINOR (1 Cambridge S., 1 Oxford
T.B., 1 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).
1 Neville A. Crane
2 Rhian N. Bagshaw
3 P. Charles Sindan

3 P. Charles Sinden 4 Philip R. Staples 5 Simon A. B. Wigg 6 Peter S. Muchlinski

1, 3, 5 conducted by 6; 2, 6 conducted by 5; 4, 7 jointly conducted by 5 and 6.

SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas.

April 25, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (16 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1 Doris E. Colgate

Margaret E. Oram Barbara A. Van Asselt

4 Janet House

5 Ian H. Oram 6 David E. House 7 Philip J. Simmonds

8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancashire, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. (14 cwt.) 5184 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Forster.

Nicholas Harrop Albert Greenhalgh

James Cunliffe
Geoffrey Fothergill
Richard Palmer
James E. Andrews
Dennis H. McCormick

8 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)
First in the method by all and for the association. A 21st birthday compliment to Philip J. Crossthwaite and for the safe return of Apollo XIII.

ASKRIGG, N. Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Joseph Whalley

2 Alan Capstick

First on the bells.

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire, Christ Church. Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (231 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Michael Platt

J. M. Donald Bateman

3 Jeffrey Kershaw *4 Brian J. Owen *5 Donald C. H. Owen 6 Richard S. Starkie J. Colin Ashworth

8 Derek Butterworth (Conductor)

*First peal.

BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (18 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard
'I Kirsty R. Fisher
2 Peter Dyson

†3 Catherine M. Kay 4 I. E. Margaret Manby

5 William Birmingham jun.
6 Paul Boucher
7 Roland F. Eccles

8 Peter Bellamy-Knights (Conductor) *First peal. †First inside. A thanksgiving for the safe return of Apollo 13.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire, St. Luke.

Sun., April 19, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (212 cwt.) 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR (27-course block reduced.)

Keith P. Tompsett

*2 Christine Broadley
3 John P. Partington
*4 Michael H. Tompsett

*5 William Birmingham, jun. *6 Geoffrey S. Mills 7 Richard S. Starkie

8 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor)
*First in the method. First on the bells. 16th birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

WALSDEN, Lancashire, St. Peter.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (9 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Middleton's.)

1 Brian J. Owen
2 Keith R. Tompsett
3 Jeffrey Kershaw
4 Wyn Pugh
5 David W. Howarth
6 Michael Tompset

J. M. Donald Bateman

8 Richard Starkie (Conductor) Half-muffled in memoriam Eric Bateman and Thomas Powell.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire,

Bell Foundry Campanile. Feb. 26, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by J. E. Cawser.

*1 Roland H. Cook
2 David F. Moore
3 Christine L. J. Mills
*4 John M. Jelley

*5 Monica M. Jelley
*6 Rev. M. C. C. Melville
7 Martin Green

8 R. Brian Mills 9 G. Ronald Edwards 10 R. Kingsley Mason (Conductor) *First of Royal in the method.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire, St. Chad.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (81 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob).

1 Peter Burton

2 G. Angus Dixon3 Gillian Radley

4 John M. Blaikie
5 Charles V. Cade
6 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
Half-muffled in memoriam Joseph Cheetham, aged 92, a local ringer.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan, St. Illtyd. Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
(Thurstans' 4-part.)
John E. Chilcott (Conductor)
Paul W. Thomas
Thomas T. Yeomans
William J. Thomas
William H. Harford
Grann J. Lewis

6 Gwyn I. Lewis

M. Jack Pryor 8 William T. Petty

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BUCKLAND, Berks, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (17 cwt.) 5056 MORTLAKE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton. Michael A. Sutton

Alan R. Pink (Conductor) Eunice A. Lewis

4 Edgar J. Smith 5 Ronald K. Russ 6 Frank W. Lewis

7 Eric Sutton 8 Philip H. Tocock First in the method by all except the conductor and for the guild. For the Feast of

St. Mark. READING, Berks, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (26 cwt.) 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR

(Reversed.) Composed by R. Baldwin.

1 Eunice A. Lewis 2 Helen M. Diserens

3 Angela M. Jones 4 Bernard F. L. Groves

5 John R. Leary 6 Frank W. Lewis 7 John N. Diserens

8 Noel J. Diserens (Conductor)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

STAVERTON, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Plain Bob).

Edward C. Garrett

2 Shirley Jones
3 Brian Danby
4 John S. W. Townley
5 Malcolm J. V. Chown (Conductor) 6 Barrie Hendry

Wedding compliment to Dorothy Ann Webb and John Franklin; also a 21st birthday compliment to John Townley.

NETHER HEYFORD, Northants, SS. Peter and Paul.

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 London S., 1 each Beverley S., Surfleet S., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B.).

William Collins

2 Barrie Hendry
3 Brian Danby
4 Edward C. Garrett
5 Malcolm J. V. Chown (Conductor)

6 Alan Paul

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

LLANELLI, Carmarthenshire, St. Elli.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part.)

Andrew Lingard

Aldrew Elligard

Alwyn R. Lewis

Philip C. Rogers

Simon P. Rogers

William J. Thomas

Trevor M. Roderick 7 Gwyn I. Lewis (Conductor)

*8 Paul R. Lindley
*First peal. To mark the 50th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church in

Wales.

MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

STOKE PRIOR, Worcs, St. Michael.

Tues., Mar. 31, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Johnson's variation of Middleton's.)

1 Paul M. Evans 2 Joyce J. Barton 3 John S. Hopwood

4 Roger A. Smith
5 Arthur V. Pearson (Conductor)
6 Richard J. Tibbetts
7 Maurice F. Edwards
8 Stephen W. Barton

For the induction of Rev. J. Smith as vicar.

CHESTERFIELD, Derbys, St. Mary and All Saints.

Wed., April 1, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (25 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 John S. Hopwood

2 Arthur V. Pearson

3 Maurice F. Edwards

4 Stephen W. Barton

5 Richard J. Tibbetts

6 Robert Edwards

Robert Edwards

7 Roger A. Smith
8 Kenneth J. Hesketh
9 Bryan D. A. Woolley
10 Clifford A. Barron (Conductor)

A wedding compliment to Rev. T. Ingram Cleasby, Archdeacon of Chesterfield.

DUFFIELD, Derbys, St. Alkmund.

Wed., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (171 cwt.) YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Roger A. Smith
2 John S. Hopwood
3 Bryan D. A. Woolley
4 Maurice F. Edwards
5 Richard J. Tibbetts
6 Arthur V. Pearson

7 Stephen W. Barton 8 Clifford A. Barron (Conductor)

Robert Edwards 10 Kenneth J. Hesketh

farewell to David and Audrey Purnell. leaving for Bradford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

POWERSTOCK, Dorset, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (20 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 methods: 2 Cambridge and

Kent T.B. and 3 Plain Bob).

1 Melvyn J. Hiller

2 Michael J. Dew

3 David L. Cull

4 Stuart I. Bamforth

5 Graham W. Elmes 6 Timothy F. Collins

*100th peal. on the bells. Most methods inside. First

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

LITTLE ASTON, Staffs, St. Peter.

at., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (9 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1 Rosemary E. White
*2 Diana M. White
3 John F. I. Turney
†4 John G. Perry
5 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)

6 David Bates

*First inside. †First of Plain Bob Minor.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

BARTON-IN-FABIS, Notts, St. George.

Sun., April 12, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (11 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1 L. Harrison

2 Sydney Adams 3 H. K. Harrison

*4 Robert A. Metcalfe 5 Reginald J. Stretton

6 Trevor H. Kirkman (Conductor)
*First attempt. A farewell to the Rev. T.
Forbes-Adam, leaving for Bath.

GREASLEY, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (131 cwt.) 5008 ST. CLEMENTS COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Composed by E. Wightman.

*1 Dudley Coulson

†2 P. Mary Beach 3 Paul Raithby

†4 Donald J. Beach
†5 Helen M. Simpson
6 Derek J. Tysoe
†7 Colin W. Reed
8 William L. Exton (Conductor)
*First of Major and in the method. in the method. 1100th for the guild.

SUFFOLK GUILD

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.

April 26, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (16 cwt.) 5056 XANTHUS SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

1 Walter W. Miller

2 Dorothy M. Durrant

3 Muriel R. Page

4 Alan G. Feaver

5 Adrian Knights 6 Cecil F. Pipe

7 J. Martin Thorley
8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)
First in the method by all and for the guild. The conductor has now completed

the alphabet to Surprise Major.

Nothing was ever accomplished without enthusiasm. (Emerson.)

DEBENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene. Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (21½ cwt.) 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

*1 Amanda M. Richmond
†2 John A. Mayle
*3 Richard Rose

4 Peter Mayle 5 Brian E. Whiting

6 Walter A. Perry
7 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor)
8 Maurice J. Rose

*First in method. †First inside.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral. Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (31 cwt.) 5005 ERIN CINQUES

Composed by A. M. Tyler.

1 Tudor P. Edwards 2 Gillian M. Brearley

3 Hilary Muirhead 4 Edward G. Mould 5 Patrick J. Bird (Conductor)

6 J. Anthony Bennett

7 Peter C. Randall
8 Anthony J. Cox
9 Arthur R. Wright
10 Stephen F. Royal
11 Ian C. Maycock
12 John T. Parsons

First in the method for the society.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

GUILDFORD, Surrey, Cathedral Church of The Holy Spirit.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (30‡ cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.)
1 Mary E. Elmes

1 Mary E. Elmes
2 Rev. Roger Keeley
3 Kenneth S. B. Croft
4 Katharine J. Maundrell
5 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
6 Ross G. W. Robertson
7 Graham W. Elmes
8 Timothy F. Collins
9 Ronald N. Marlow
10 Frederick F. Collins

10 Frederick E. Collins

BISHOPSTOKE, Hants, St. Mary.

Mon., April 20, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (10 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. E. Burton.
1 Richard H. Green
*2 Ian M. McCallion

3 Betty J. Daysh 4 Barry J. Fry 5 Roy Le Marechal 6 William Willans
7 John P. Colliss

8 Michael J. Thomas (Conductor) *First of Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants, St. Nicholas. Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (101 cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Beryl R. Simpson 2 Bernard F. L. Groves 3 Christopher I. Rowson 4 Rowan S. Bradley

5 Geoffrey K. Dodd 6 George E. Evenden 7 W. John Couperthwaite

8 Gordon Benfield 9 Michael J. Church (Conductor) 10 Tom Page

Prior to Annual Dinner.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

LEIGH, Worcestershire, St. Edburga.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (17½ cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (10 callings).

*1 John E. Whittall 2 Thomas W. Lewis 3 Allan Morgan 4 Reginald Woodyatt

5 John Clements (Conductor) 6 Cecil Deakin

Golden wedding com-*First of Stedman. pliment to Mr. and Mr. H. Portman.

SUCKLEY, Worcs, St. John the Baptist. Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire).

*1 Nicholas C. R. Cronin 2 James Ranford

3 Frederick W. Davis 4 Leslie F. Smith

5 John Clements (Conductor)

6 G. Leonard Parry

*First peal.

GRIMLEY, Worcs, St. Bartholomew.

Sun., April 19, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (26 Grandsire, 16 P. Bob).

1 James Ranford 2 Frederick Davies 3 Leslie F. Smith 4 David G. Franklin

5 David Beacham (Conductor)

•6 Charles Brown *First peal.

TODDINGTON, Glos, St. Andrew.

Wed., April 22, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR (London S., Frimrose S., Beverley S., Surfleet S., Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B.).

1 Charles A. Milward

2 Shirley M. Drew

Christopher Hims

4 Roger H. Hunt
5 Hugh N. Evans
6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor).

EARLS CROOME, Worcs, St. Nicholas. Thur., April 23, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1 Paul Cattermole *2 Paul Jopp (Conductor) •3 Barbara Luckes

*4 Andrew Jopp
5 John Clements

6 Arthur A. Jopp *First of Surprise. First as conductor (aged 12).

MICKLETON, Glos, St. Lawrence.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (16 cwt.) 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by E. A. Barnett.

Robert Edwards

2 M. Irene Brown 3 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

*4 Morley P. Tobin *5 Roger H. Hunt 6 Michael Elson

7 Arthur C. Berry 8 Gerald C. Hemming

*First in method.

ELDERSFIELD, Worcs, St. John the **Baptist.**

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (18 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (5 methods: Kent T.B., Plain Bob, St. Clements and Buxton, Plain Bob,

St. Clements, Childwall and Plain Bob).

1 Shirley M. Drew

2 Christopher Pickford 3 Robert W. Cole 4 David G. Franklin John Clements

6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

DEWSBURY, West Yorkshire, All Saints. Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (13 cwt.) 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by J. Reeves.

Ruth Richardson *†2 Suzanne J. Snack

‡3 John W. Gibson*4 Christopher N. Grandidge5 Frederick J. Jackson

†6 Geoffrey Richardson 7 Robin Brown

8 Ronald J. Snack (Conductor)
*First of Kent Major. †50th peal. ‡First in method. Birthday compliment to treble.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (7 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
2 A. Pattie Clapham
3 Possid P. Wasserd

3 Ronald R. Warford *4 Elizabeth J. Campbell †5 Ronald Crabtree

6 Graham J. Jones 7 Alan T. Winter 8 Peter H. Gardner

*First of spliced inside. †First of 4-spliced. 400th peal as conductor, and 450th for the association.

AYSGARTH, Yorkshire, St. Andrew.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (113 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 extents of Kent T.B. and 4 of Plain Bob).

1 Alan Capstick 2 Richard M. Harker

3 A. William Pallister 4 Nicholas M. Newby

5 Andrew Stott 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) First peal on the bells.

HALIFAX, Yorkshire, St. John.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (28 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Stuart Armeson (Conductor) 2 Iris M. E. Lemare *3 Marie Hatswell

*4 Christopher Newton

5 Patricia North 6 Roger Smith

7 M. Alec Beaumont 8 Ian North 9 Neil Donovan

10 Richard E. Price *First of Surprise Royal. SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire, All Saints.

at., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (14 cwt.) 5152 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by W. E. Critchley.

1 Elizabeth J. Campbell *2 Gillian R. Cleaver

*3 A. Pattie Clapham
4 Christopher F. Easton

5 Graham J. Jones

6 Michael G. Dodson

7 John J. Durham

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

*First in the method.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire, St. James.

Mon., April 20, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (11 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 576 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincoln-Bristol, 384 London, Rutland, Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Ronald Crabtree

*2 A. Pattie Clapham *3 Graham J. Jones 4 Gerald Parsons

5 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

*6 Peter H. Gardner *7 John J. Durham 8 Ronald R. Warford *First of 10-spliced.

RAWMARSH, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (12½ cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Christopher Newton 2 Patricia North 3 W. Eric Critchley

4 Ian North 5 Roger Smith

6 M. Alec Beaumont 7 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

*8 Fred Jackson *First of London.

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire, All Saints.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (121 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1 Patricia North

*2 Margaret White 3 Delwyn B. Tidball †4 Robert Stansfield 5 Michael Johnson

6 David S. Lockwood 7 Ian North

8 David Atkins (Conductor)
*25th peal. †First attempt.

(Leeds and District Branch)

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds, Yorkshire. St. Matthew.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

*†11 Suzanne J. Snack
*2 Margaret Warford
†3 Ronald R. Warford
4 Ronald J. Snack (Conductor)

*5 Christopher N. Grandidge

§6 Robert J. Atkinson

*First of Stedman. †Circled tower. ‡50th tower bell peal. \$First peal. First of Stedman Doubles by all. A birthday compliment to 5th.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, 6 Ashwood Crescent. Tues., April 21, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (15 in C.) 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by J. W. Moorhouse.

*1-2 John W. Gander

3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis
5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
*7-8 Alan F. Scholfield
*First of Double Norwich on handbells.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.

Thur., April 23, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (15 in C.) **5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL** Composed by H. W. Wilde. 1-2 J. David Atkinson

3-4 Neil Bennett

5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
7-8 Alan F. Scholfield
9-10 Gerald Moorhouse

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SHEFFIELD, Yorkshire, 194 Gleadless Common.

Wed., April 22, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (14 in D.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by F. Bennett.

*1-2 Timothy Wylie 3-4 Geoffrey Bridges 5-6 Michael J. Fellows

7-8 A. Colin Banton (Conductor) *First on eight handbells.

SHEFFIELD, Yorks, 194 Gleadless Com.

Wed., April 29, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (14 in D.) 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by G. H. Cross. 1-2 Timothy Wylie

3-4 Geoffrey Bridges 5-6 Michael J. Fellows

7-8 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

SHEFFIELD, Yorks, 194 Gleadless Com. Wed., May 6, 1970, 2hr. 1min. (14 in D.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

> Composed by A. Knights. 1-2 Timothy Wylie

3-4 Geoffrey Bridges 5-6 Michael J. Fellows

7-8 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (St. Albans Cathedral Society.)

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road. Mon., April 20, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (16 in B.)

5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1-2 Katherine S. Hardy
3-4 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

5-6 Robert E. Hardy
*7-8 Anthony R. Carter
*First of Treble Bob on handbells.

BUSHEY HEATH, Herts, 39 Titian Avenue. Wed., April 29, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (15 in C.)

*1-2 Anne E. Thompson
3-4 John R. Southey
5-6 Christopher W. Woolley (Ar. & C.) *7-8 Andrew C. D. Mayes

•First on handbells.

(St. Peter's Society, St. Albans.) ST. ALBANS, Herts, St. Peter's Belfry. Fri., April 17, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (17 in A.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by S. Humphrey.
1-2 Joyce M. Clarke
*3-4 Harold V. Frost
5-6 Kenneth J. Darvill (Conductor)

7-8 Joyce Dodds 9-10 Elizabeth Forster *First on 10 handbells.

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road. Sun., April 19, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (16 in B.) 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by R. Peers.

*1-2 Joyce M. Clarke
3-4 Robert E. Hardy
5-6 Kenneth J. Darvill (Conductor)
7-8 Katherine S. Hardy

*9-10 Elizabeth Forster

*First in method.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LODDON, Norfolk, Fernhill, Bungay Road. Tues., Mar. 24, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (16 in B.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. 1-2 H. William Barrett

5-6 Richard J. W. Housden *7-8 Kenneth L. Brown

*First of Major on handbells. First in hand as conductor.

BLOFIELD, Norfolk, 4 Pound Lane.

Tues., April 28, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (17 in A.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents) *1-2 Martin Cubitt

3-4 James B. Morley (Conductor) 5-6 Richard J. W. Housden

*First on handbells.

HANDBELL WEEK-END

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt, Butler Road.

Fri., April 17, 1970, 2hr. 34min. $(16\frac{1}{2} \text{ in B.})$ 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

*1-2 Frank C. Price
3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
5-6 Julia A. Fellows

7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan 9-10 Christopher W. Woolley

*First in the method.

SOUTHCOTE, Berks, 6 Barn Close. Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (15 in C.)
5136 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
1-2 Bernard F. L. Groves
3-4 Christopher I. Rowson

5-6 Alan F. Scholfield (C. & Cond.) 7-8 Gerald Moorhouse 9-10 Noel J. Diserens

11-12 J. David Atkinson First on 12 as conductor.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt, Butler Road.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (16) in B.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by William Pye.

1-2 Gerald Penney

3-4 Brian J. Woodruffe

5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor) 7-8 Alfred Ballard 9-10 David F. Moore

BINFIELD, Berks, Spincroft, Tilehurst Ln. Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (24 in D.)

5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL 1-2 Julia A. Fellows

3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport 5-6 Frank C. Price 7-8 N. David Lane

9-10 Martyn L. J. Jordan (Conductor) First as conductor on 10 handbells.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt, Butler Road.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 50min. (22 in C.) 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB SIXTEEN

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 Julia A. Fellows
5-6 John R. Mayne (Arr & Conductor)
*7-8 Peter J. Staniforth

9-10 Martyn L. J. Jordan *11-12 Robert B. Smith

13-14 Gerald Penney 15-16 Christopher W. Woolley *First on 16.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt, Butler Road.

Sun., April 19, 1970, 3hr. 45min. (22 in C.) 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB SIXTEEN Arranged by John R. Mayne.

*5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves
7-8 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
9-10 Martyn L. J. Jordan

11-12 Roger Baldwin 13-14 Robert B. Smith *15-16 Gerald Moorhouse

*First on 16. First on 16 as conductor.

WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows. Sun., April 19, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (24 in D.)

5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

1-2 Noel J. Diserens
3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
5-6 Brian J. Woodruffe
7-8 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

9-10 David F. Moore

11-12 N. David Lane

SURREY ASSOCIATION

WESTMINSTER, S.W., 16B Sutherland Pl. Sun., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 2min. (25 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1-2 John R. Ketteringham

3-4 Geoffrey Bridges (Conductor) †5-6 James E. Andrews *400th peal. †First in hand.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, 8 Gerald Road.

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (17 in A.)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(Parker's 12-part, 7th obs.)
1-2 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay
3-4 Daniel T. Matkin (Conductor)
*5-6 William S. Croft
7-8 Kenneth S. B. Croft

*First in the method and of Triples.

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, 8 Gerald Road.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 4min. (15 in C.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part, 7th observation.)

1-2 John S. Croft
3-4 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay
5-6 Daniel T. Matkin (Conductor)
7-8 Kenneth S. B. Croft

*First of Triples.

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Editorial

ILKLEY DELIBERATIONS

The meeting of the Central Council at Ilkley next weekend will have, in addition to the routine business and adoption of reports of the various committees, the interim report of the Standing Committee to receive and discuss. This will be on "the constitution and procedural working of the Council," and the text has been printed in our columns in recent weeks (May 1).

An informal meeting for expressions of views is to be held on the Sunday evening at H.Q., prior to the business meeting on the Tuesday.

Following last year's meeting at St. Albans, all ringers were invited to submit ideas for improving the workings of the Council, and these were considered at a meeting of the committee in November. There are those, of course, who having done nothing before and having read the report will be bursting with ideas of what they think should be done. To them, we suggest they refrain from criticism until the final decisions have been made and been given a chance to be proven,

Nothing is easier than to sit in judgment on the Council and its officers, and to imagine that a good time is had by all those attending the Council meeting, but the social intercourse enjoyed brings an awful lot of good feeling and understanding among ringers who in many cases do not meet more than once a year.

So let our Council meet, discuss, debate and decide what is best for the Exercise, and let us accept those decisions charitably and without malice, remembering that all the work done is voluntary and a great deal of time is given by the officers and committee members not for individual glorification but for each and every one of us.

The text under Personal in the notices page is worthy of repetition: "Pray for us; for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly."

First Peal congratulations to: Michael Winterbourne, R. Paul Smith, Susan M. Greenwood, Mrs. Mary Greenwood, Greenwood, Mrs. Mary Greenwood, Stephen Littlewood, Dennis Greenwood, Joseph Greenwood, L. Sarah Green, Nicholas C. R. Cronin, Charles Brown, Robert Stansfield, Robert J. Atkinson, Brian J. Owen, Donald C. H. Owen, Kirsty R. Fisher, Robert A. Metcalfe.

Personal Records: John C. Sheppard (25 peals), Adrian F. Arscott (50), R. A. G. Inglis (250), Alan F. Scholfield (200), Donald H. Niblett (250), Suzanne Snack (50), Margaret White (25), Crawford T. Hillis (250), Melvyn J. Hiller (100), John R. Ketteringham (400) R. Ketteringham (400).

A £6 fine and an endorsement was collected by W. G. W. whilst returning home after helping, with his usual ability, at an organised course up north—and, adding to this "injury," his name was not even mentioned in the report!

For their silver wedding Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greenwood rang their first peal (Kent T.B. Minor) and two other Greenwoods, Susan and Dennis, also rang firsts. (Well done.)

Belfry Gossip

The peal of Double Norwich at Kingsclere was the third attempt in this method on the bells. One of these was by the Double Norwich tenor king and two by members of the same band, but a really good peal was rung on bells not easy to strike.

In extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, of Lyminster, Sussex, on their recent golden wedding anniversary the band thank them for their hospitality after the peal.

Though Mr. W. H. Dare, of Whitchurch, Glam, has been ringing regularly for over 50 years and has many peals to his credit, he confessed never to have rung the treble before to a peal. Indeed, he had never been seen to ring the treble! However, he has now rung one.

But such was the interest in the peal (Grandsire Doubles, at Whitchurch, Glam) on May 9, seven ringers availed themselves —two all the way from Bridgend! Messrs. Bailey and Yeomans spun a coin: Mr. Y. won (with a double-headed 10 new pence piece?). However, Mr. W. Harford (tower captain) gallantly stood down.

Richard E. Price, the well-known ringer of Thrybergh, Rotherham, conducted a peal of Whitbourne S. Major at Cleckheaton, Yorks, on March 29, and it was his 50th Surprise Major method to peal and not his 50th Surprise peal. (Our error.-Ed.)

We have received a long report of the 5th rally of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, held at Leicester on May 2. We hope to print some part of it as space becomes available.

The tenor clapper snapped at Twertonon-Avon, Bath, on May 2 and a peal of Superlative was lost nine leads from the end! Five of the band, however, took part in successful seven Surprise Minor methods at Lyncombe in the afternoon, where the last peal was rung in 1953.

The composition of 5120 Cambridge S. Major on page 324 was by Harry Poyner and he gave it as "No. 3." It became separated from his others, hence the loss of composer's name. And in the same column the P. Bob Royal by Frank Price: the course end 26345 is brought up by IN and 2H (not 7H).

In 1896 the village of Trent was transferred from Somerset to Dorset, but it still remains in the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. We have had three letters telling us that the peal recorded on p. 336 was incorrectly headed. The sender of the peal (a resident of Somerset) evidently objects to the transfer of this village, for he clearly wrote Trent, Somerset (and we didn't know!).

We do not usually have copy duplicated, but this has happened on two occasions with Suffolk Guild peals. With an average of 80 peals coming in each week now we are unable to check for duplication and ask our correspondents to ensure that only one copy is sent (except when peal cards are required).

Mrs. John Eisel was her husband's assistant at the Hereford Easter course and not one of the students, although we have no doubt, like all who attended, she learnt something.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of the annual report from the Yorkshire Associa-

Non-delivery of his Ringing World in March brought a complaint from Mr. C. A. Bassett, and the missing copy was re-placed from our "overs." Now we acknowledge from Mr. Bassett the cost of the extra copy; he has just received the original R.W.—delivered to the house next door, which has been empty for some months! [Thanks for your honesty, C. A. B.—Ed.]

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sending my copies of Ringing World to my home address during the university vacations. I know that this must add to your 'problems,' of which you must have many. I am greatly indebted to vou."-W. M. T.

The hard work which Geoff Dodd, of Highclere, puts in teaching and helping young ringers and conductors through their first peal has prevented his being able to do much in the way of Spliced Surprise. His only experience until recently has been Spliced Cambridge and P. Bob, but now he has conducted 10-Spliced and is grateful to Michael Church and his band for their encouragement.

One of the ringers, Reg Rex. said afterwards he (Mr. Rex) was born 20 years too soon to learn a lot of new methods but that Geoff is taking the opportunity to do what "living in the wilds of N. Hants" has prevented him from doing in the past.

Reading old copies of the R.W. found to be a most interesting and absorbing pastime by one of our regular correspondents. He picks out the arguments that went on about London Minor extensions to Maximus, the average time taken for a peal (tenor 12 cwt.—3 hrs. 10 mins.), the amount of space taken up by peal footnotes giving places from which the ringers had travelled, and the fact that 1,885 peals were recorded in 1923, of which 157 were handbell peals.

In a quarter at Orsett, Essex, the ringer of the 3rd had a large bandage round his thumb. He had chopped the top of it off the previous day, but did not let the side down for he rang, we learn, extremely well.

Mr. T. Ogden, of Oldham, Lancs, has received a letter from Miss Lesley Wilson, late of Stalybridge and now in New York, who writes: "I get an awful longing to hold a bell rope sometimes; I would appreciate just a plain course of Grandsire Triples."

"We must be getting middle-aged: we prefer the comparative peace of the country to the big smoke," writes Monica Martin, from Bendigo, Australia. She sends a quarter, rung at St. Paul's Church, and lots of interesting items. A letter by surface mail took ten weeks to arrive and is the answer to why the R.W. is sent by air mail! She has promised to send a (black and white) photo for reproduction, although one of John (her husband) in an orange beach hat

and red shirt is much more "with it."

The girls of Hitchin Grammar School gave a performance of "Noye's Fludde" on two evenings in March and the handbells of the parish church (Aldeburgh) were loaned for the occasion (those which Benjamin Britten used in his original performance). The following pupils rang the hand-bells: Jackie Saker, Julia Nelson, Rosemary Roden, Mary Arthur, Lynn Harrold, Jackie

Paddon.

Obituary

THE REV. B. L. GANDON

The Rev. Brian Lees Gandon, vicar of Wheatley, Oxford, died on April 11 after a long illness. When he came to Wheatley he was instrumental in gathering a new band together to ring the recently rehung six bells, and on Advent Sunday, 1967, the first service ringing took place. Since that date the bells have been rung regularly for service and practice by a young and enthusiastic band.

In addition to parochial work, Mr. Gandon had been closely associated with the work of the Y.M.C.A. and the Leprosy Mission; he also founded the Ministry of Christian Information, postal Christian Teaching, advertisements for which can be seen every week in the national daily newspapers.

A half-muffled peal was rung to his memory on May 2, and the band included four of the regular service ringers.

THE REV. W. A. PEEL

William Albert Peel, priest, died at Yockleton, near Shrewsbury, on April 21. He had been rector of Tortworth, Glos, for 34 years, was a practising bellringer and a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, being chairman of the Wottonunder-Edge Branch from 1950-1962, and a vice-president of the association from 1960.

In 1965 he took a living at Adbaston in Staffordshire, from which he had only recently retired.

He always looked forward to the meetings of his branch, especially those held at Berkeley, where he used to ring a course of Bob Royal, and he did much to make the

branch meetings happy events.

The funeral was at Llanilar, near Aberystwyth, on April 27, and a memorial service was held at Tortworth at the same hour for the many who held him in high regard but could not travel to Wales for the funeral.

He leaves a widow, one daughter and three sons, to whom we extend our sympathy in their loss. C.R.

MICHAEL'S 500

Michael Moreton (38) returned to his home town, Hereford, to ring his 500th peal (at the Cathedral), where he learned much of his early ringing, and, like his first peal, was conducted by his elder brother, Wilfrid, with whom he has rung over 200 peals. We think his list is unique. He was one of the band which for the first time rang five peals in a day; he rang in the first of Scientific Triples, the first of Little Surprise, and (in his younger days!) rang in the first (and last?) controversial peals of Erin Doubles and Saturn Treble Bob Doubles. He initiated New Beat Bob Minimus and Time Doubles.

Michael belongs to 36 Guilds and has rung peals in 50 counties, in 284 towers. These include 48 twelves, 30 cathedrals and abbeys, some of which he feels were a great privilege: Worcester, Canterbury, Winchester, Liverpool, Exeter, the Imperial Institute, Redcliffe, the Churchill peal at St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

He has rung in the first peal on the bells

at: Eardisland (new 8), St. Columb Minor, Bromyard (new 8), Wexford, Quainton, Cripplegate (new 12), Bow (new 12) and Burwell, and the first "Michael" peal. He has conducted 27 peals, and thanks the 627 ringers who have taken part and helped him ring his 500!

Manchester Cathedral

LAKE DISTRICT VISITED

The Manchester Cathedral and Birch-in-Rusholme annual ringers' outing was arranged this year for May 2, and 52 people set out for the Lake District at an early hour. Once again the weather smiled on us and despite some rather dark clouds it did not rain.

Four towers had been "booked", the first of these containing the lovely light eight at Hawkshead (7 cwt.) and the best ringing of the day was enjoyed here. The next stop was Ambleside where, after a frenzied search for the key (watched closely by a constable and his incredibly fierce-looking labrador police dog!), we sampled the sonorous eight (32 cwt.). A hint of things to come was provided when the tenor went up the wrong way. Not many of the party were able to master this heavy ring but a good course of Ashbourne College Bob Major (learnt on the coach!) was rung.

We travelled on to Bowness-on-Winder-mere to St. Martin's Church, and on the mediocre eight (13 cwt.) some fair ringing was achieved before taking tea at Kendal.

We then rang on the fine ten (23 cwt.) at Holy Trinity and the highlight of the ringing here was a course of Duffield Royal.

The homeward trip was punctuated by the essential refreshment stop, followed by some rousing singing from the Manchester-Whitefield "male voice choir." Our thanks to Alan Ward and Betty Ormrod for yet another well-planned outing and to all incumbents and tower captains for the use of their bells.

A NEW CHURCH

On Ascension Day (May 7) the new Church of the Ascension, Hulme, Manchester, is to be consecrated.
parish takes in a number of The new of smaller parishes, including that of St. Philip's, and St. Philip's Church is to be demolished. It is hoped that the tower and bells (a ring of eight) will be preserved. This will be possible if the necessary money is found to buttress the tower. The bells themselves are in a poor state, the fourth being unringable. It is not one of Manchester's favourite rings and a quarter rung on May 3 was the first for many years (and certainly the last on the bells of St. Philip's as such). P. B.

M. P. MORETON'S 500 PEALS TOWER BELLS-475

Doubles.-Erin 1, Plain Bob 2, Saturn Treble Bob 1 (conducted 1), 2-10 methods 6 (1).

Minor.—Plain Bob 22 (9), Single methods 8 (2), 2-30 methods 47 (1), Surprise 1-16 methods 23 (3).

Triples.-Grandsire 14 (1), Stedman 7, Plain Bob 1,

Major. - Plain Bob 14 (2), D.N.C.B. 15 (1), 1-4 methods 5, Kent T.B. 5, Eardisland Delight 1; Surprise: Cambridge 21, Yorkshire 26 (1), Lincolnshire 6 (1), New Cambridge 2, Rutland 7, London 14, Bristol 17. Superlative 2, Pudsey 3, Glasgow 2, Herefordshire Little 1, Southwell 1, Darlington 1, Dublin 1, Birstall 1, Heptonstall Little 1, Ealing 1, Hungerford 1, Jaffray 1, Fordcombe 1, Spliced 3-8 methods 13.

Catera.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 17.

Royal.—Plain 4 (1); Surprise. Cambridge 21, Yorkshire 7, London (No. 3) 7, Superlative 1, Pudsey 1, Prittlewell 2, Albanian 1, Dodford 1, Banbury 1, Spliced-3 1.

Claques.-Grandsire 2, Erin 1, Stedman 45.

Maximus.—Kent (Granta) 1; Surprise: Cambridge 24, Yorkshire 11, Prittlewell 10 (1), Lincolnshire 1, Londinum 3, Bristol 1, Superlative 1, Pudsey 3, Albanian 1, Lyddington 1, Newgate 1, 4-Spliced 1, 6-Spliced 1.

HANDBELLS-25 4 Doubles, 13 Minor (3), 3 Bob Major, 1 Stedman Caters, 1 Bob Royal, 3 Stedman Cinques.

THE LATE G. KENWARD'S PEALS

George was taught to ring as a lad at Iden in Sussex and together with four other "first pealers" rang his first peal, Plain Bob Minor, at that tower on February 25, 1911. He progressed to 8-bell ringing and rang his first of Triples the following year at Rye, Sussex, and his first Major at Biddenden, Kent, in 1921. His 25th peal came in 1923, his 50th only 3½ years later and his 100th (3 Minor at Harrietsham, Kent) on August 24, 1935, nearly 25 years after his first. He completed his second hundred after a further 15 years in 1950. George really got into his stride after that, ringing 40 peals during 1951 and appearing in the leading peal ringers list several times over the next few years. His 400th peal was rung on January 29, 1958, at Sittingbourne. Illness in the early '60s prevented him from ring-ing for a while but he still continued to ring the odd peal now and again and 1969 him ringing five peals, including his 425th. His last peal was to be Rutland Surprise at his own tower, Sittingbourne, conducted by Bernard Groves. He could last the three hours as easily as anyone and still strike his bell well. His 429 peals were rung in 96 towers, 44 of them at Tunstall and 35 at Sittingbourne, and he circled the tower at least once at these two towers in addition to Gillingham, Borden and Milton Regis. He rang 113 peals with Cyril S. Jarrett and 104 with George A. Naylor, and the number of first pealers he rang with is noteworthy, including Walter Dobbie in 1932 and Harry Parkes in 1921. A list of his peals is as follows:-

Doubles. — Grandsire 5, Stedman 1, 2 methods 10, 3 methods 7, 4 methods 3, 5 methods 1, 7 methods 2, 9 methods 1.

Minor.—Plain Bob 23, Single Oxford 1, St. Clement's 1, Double Oxford 1, Kent T.B. 2, Oxford T.B. 1, Cambridge S. 2, 2 wethods 5, 3 methods 18, 4 methods 20, 5 methods 5, 3 methods 18, 4 methods 20, 5 methods 6, 7 methods 17, 10 methods 1, 11 methods 1, 13 methods 1.

Triples—Granders—(Constitution of the constitution of the

Triples.-Grandsire 69, Plain Bob 1, Oxford Bob 1, Union 1, Stedman 36.

Major. — Plain Bob 49, Little

Canterbury Pl. 2, Little Oxford 1, Hereward Bob 1, Victoria Little Court 1, Double Norwich 36, Double Oxford 2, 2-Spliced 1, 3-Spliced 1, Kent T.B. 43, Oxford T.B. 4, Cambridge S. 11, Yorkshire S. 6, Superlative S. 2, Rutland S. 2, New Cambridge S. 2, Fordcombe S. 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 8, Stedman 8. Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Kent T.B. 5. Maximus.—Plain Bob 1.

His peal books are being placed in St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, tower, where it is hoped they will provide interesting reading in years to come. L. M.

ENTHUSIASM

A quarter at Bunney, Notts, was the first ever by a local band. The present band, under Albert Simpson, have been ringing for nine months and are now looking up Cambridge! There are a dozen ringers and in what was a silent tower the bells are rung twice every Sunday. Ten are at school and the average age is about 15. They have also formed an enthusiastic band of handbell ringers and practise practically every lunch hour.

In addition all of them are in the choir and one (Nick Sharpe) acts as choirmaster and organist for morning services. The ringers also help the church in the churchyard, which they have tidied.

On the ringing side, the band are now looking ahead to their first peal!

T. H. K.

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NEW TYPE FACE

Our printers have scrapped the worn out type faces which were used for quarter peals and notices and have replaced them with a modern Univers character, which will be used in future for both these (and other) sections of the R.W.

ENGAGEMENTS

HILLING — HART. — The engagement is announced between David P. Hilling, of Slough, Bucks, and Margaret Hart, of Mickleton, Glos. 8860

WILBY—CARPENTER. — The engagement is announced between Andrew W. R. Wilby, of Harpenden, Herts, and Frances M. Carpenter, of Mill Hill, London, N.W. 8862

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LUCAS .- As from May 9 the address of Mr. Jack Lucas, tower correspondent of St. James', Trowbridge, will be: 70 Wyke Road, Trowbridge, 8849

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Denham, Buckinghamshire.—Fayre in Village Street, Mon., May 25. Tower open 11.15–12.15. Lunches available in the village. All ringers

GREAT BROMLEY CHURCH, COLCHESTER.— Flower festival, June 5–7. Sun., June 7, tower open: bells available from mid-day to 6.30 p.m. Evensong and festival of praise.

FLITTON, BEDS.—Ringers requiring the use of the bells please contact Mr. C. J. Stimpson, Highfield, Filtton, Bedford. 8853

To avoid unnecessary delay would all outing organisers, tower secretaries, etc., wishing to ring at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon, please apply direct to John L. Findon, Job's Close, Pillerton Priors, Warwick.

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD .-Evening meeting, Downe, Frl., May 22. Ringing from 7.15 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—
Evening meeting, South Benfleet, Sat., May 30.
Bells 6–9 p.m. All are welcome. 8864

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester
Branch. — 12-bell practice, Wed., June 3, 6–9
p.m., Manchester Town Hall. Everyone welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Sat., May 23, at Penn. Bells available 6 p.m.-J. Muller.

SUFFOLK GUILD,-Central District.-Practice meeting, Thrandeston (6), Sat., May 30. N.B .--Change of date and place.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

SUFFOLK GUILD. -- South West District. Meeting, Bures, Sat., May 23. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Mills, Lyford, Colchester Road, Bures. 8767

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- The 90th A.G.M. will be held in Chelmsford on Mon., May 25. Service 11 a.m. Meeting in Chapter House 12 noon. Coffee 10.15 and buffet lunch (6s. 6d.) in Cathedral Hall 1.30. Tea in the Friends Hall, Saffron Walden (3s. 6d., by ticket only). S.a.e. to P. J. Eves, 8 Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wed., May 20. Ringing: Cathedral, 9.30 and 3-4 p.m. Further details with tickets. 8712

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Meeting, Sat., May 30, Tickhill, 3.30-5.30 p.m. Harworth, 7-9. Tea at Tickhill 5.30 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Hulley, 24 Walnut Avenue, Tickhill, Doncaster.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting, Crondall, Sat., May 30. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. W. Arnold, 20 Green Springs, Crondall, by previous Wednesday, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 8854

LADIES' GUILD. — South Wales District. — Meeting, St. Mary's, Pembroke, May 30. Bells Meeting, St. Mary's, remoroke, May 30. Sense (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. B. Rogers, 32 St. Michael's Road, St. Michael's Park. Pembroke. 8820 Michael's Park, Pembroke.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- Chipping Norton Branch.—A.G.M., Burford, on Sat., May 30. Ringing: Leafield (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Burford (8), 3-4. Tea, Corner House Hotel, 4.15. Service 5.30, followed by business meeting. Further ringing, Burford, after the meeting and Ascott-under-Wychwood (6) from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea (essential) not later than Mon., May 25, to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. Tel.: Kingham 472.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—North-ampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ash-ton on Sat., May 30. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea—make own arrangements. 8765

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, May 30, Langham (6), 2.45 p.m. Service followed by tea.
Evening ringing, Whissendine (6), until 8.30.
Names for tea to Scholes, Harringworth, Corby, by Tuesday, May 26. 8840

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Damerham, on Sat., May 30. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Striking competition 6 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24 West Street, Wilton, by Tues., 8859 May 26.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Leeds and District Branch.—Meeting, St. Francis' (R.C.), Holbeck, Sat., May 30. Ringing 3-5 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Meeting 5.45. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, 6.30-8.30 p.m. Special method: Rutland Surprise. 8848

STONESFIELD, near Oxford FLOWER FESTIVAL and Village Weekend St. James the Great. Bells (6, 8 cwt.) open for ringing on Saturday, May 30, 4-6 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 3.30-5.30 p.m. 8803 Enquiries: Stonesfield 225.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At BATH

Saturday, June 6

4.30 p.m., Service In Bath Abbey with Address by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells. 5.40 p.m., Tea In St. Michael's Church Hall, Walcot Street.

Names to J. H. Glibert, 13 Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS18 9AU, before June 3. 6.15 (approx.), A.G.M., at which new rules will be proposed.

Details in 1969 annual report, now available (3s. 6d. to non-members) from above address.

Towers open for one hour each: 11.00 a.m. Freshford, Claverton, Keynsham.
11.30 a.m. Bathford, Bathampton, Queen

Charlton. 12 noon. Batheaston, Swainswick, Newton St. Loe.

2.00 p.m. Bathwick, Weston, Kelston. 2.30 p.m. Twerton, Widcombe. 3.00 p.m. St. Michael's, Lyncombe; Bath 2.00 p.m.

Abbey (to 4.30).

After meeting until 9 p.m. Wellow, Dunkerton, Corston, Marksbury, Priston.

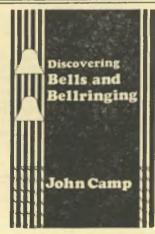
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Bring packed lunch. Soups and drinks available 1-2 p.m.
Service at Oatlands 4.30 p.m., followed by

tea and results.

Sponsor forms from Mr. J. Bailey, 11 Stoke Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. Names for tea to Mrs. Smith, 13 Havers Avenue, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames (Walton-on-Thames 21045), by June 3.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

"Affiliation" Fees

On May 1 the following had not paid their fees for 1970 (due January 1):—

Bedfordshire Association. Chester Diocesan Guild. Devon Association. Dudley and District Society. Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Derbyshire and N. Leicestershire Assn. Suffolk Guild. Sussex County Association. Swansea and Brecon Guild. University of Manchester Guild. May I now have them, please?

Membership

Will the respective secretaries please let me have the names of representatives:-Chester Diocesan Guild (one in place of the

late H. O. Baker). East Derbyshire and West Notts Association.

Due to ordinations, the following ringing times have been amended for Sunday, May 24:—
Bradford Cathedral, 9.30–10 a.m.
Wakefield Cathedral, 10–10.30 a.m. (second session).

> VERNON BOTTOMLEY. Hon. Secretary.

45 Westercroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax, Yorkshire.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS BRISTOL - May 30. AMENDED RINGING PROGRAMME BATH ABBEY 10.20-11.30

BRISTOL:-

Bristol Cathedral 10.30-11.30 St. James 11.15-12.45 SS. Philip and Jacob 2.45- 3.45 St. Mary Redcliffe 3.45- 5.15 5.0 - 6.30 Christ Church Christ Church (10) 5.00-6.30

Social evening, Waggon and Horses, 16 Bath Street, Bristol, at 6.30. It will be of assistance if those requiring food will let me know.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.

CHRIST CHURCH, COSELEY, STAFFS. FLOWER FESTIVAL

May 28 to 31.

Saturday, May 30, at 4.45 p.m., a recital by the Kingsbury Handbell Ringers, followed by a short Evensong.

Bells available 3 p.m. and after service. ALL WELCOME. Refreshments available.

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MASONIC RINGERS' REUNION LONDON

Saturday, June 6 Ringing will take place at various London towers, followed by

Dinner at the Hole in the Wall, Southwark (next door to Borough tube station) at 32s. 6d. per head.

Schedules giving details will only be sent to brothers notifying their intention of coming. Please don't rely on word-of-mouth requests! No notification, no schedule, except to brothers who have already written. Names to W. A. Theobald, 34 Whitechapel Road, London, E.1, by Saturday, May 23.

GUILDFORD GUILD HAWLEY FLOWER FESTIVAL

May 23, 24 and 25 Ringing arrangements: Saturday: 5.30-8 p.m. Sunday: 9.15-10 a.m., 5.15-6 p.m. Monday: 3.30-6 p.m.

Refreshments available.

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AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

Page 199. Doubles var. at Brockenhurst.-From Derek Jackson: Names should be:-

Chevasse Place with Antelope Single:

Bethlehem.

Maltby Bob (ditto): Bishop's Waltham. Callender Bob (ditto): Fareham. Montgomeryshire Place (ditto): Shedfield. Page 337. Notations: Easter Surprise Major-

B -38-14-58.12.36.14-14.38-12-78 b d falseness. I.h. 2nds.

Page 334. Lelant, Cornwall: read Carbis Bay. Pages 176 and 217. Suffolk Guild peal of Ullesthorpe at Framsden duplicated.

Pages 316 and 338. Suffolk Guild peal of Quedgeley at Aldeburgh duplicated.

Page 315. Hereford Guild. - Bromyard: treble ringer Michael V. Powell.

BETTER LATE ...

"I have rather a red face as I was asked to send you this quarter some weeks ago. Other things have kept me from getting down to it! Please, sir, could you publish it as soon as possible so I may be able to look my ringing mates squarely in the face once more."—A heartfelt plea from a correspondent.

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NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

Following our request for any items of news suitable for the readers of the R.W. we have had a number contributed. Among them are two from an Australian paper. The Adelaide Advertizer gives good coverage to Mr. Paul Taylor's visit to examine the Town Hall bells and also the possibility of a ring at St. Cuthbert's Church, Prospect. An illustration shows Mr. R. S. Jolly, "a medical student," standing beside a bell, and adds that Mr. H. Bagot helped with an inspection of the bells.

Another cutting sent to us is also well illustrated, showing Mr. Charles Hullyer assembling one of the 2,400 miniature replica Liberty Bells which the Whitechapel Foundry are producing for the American market in 1976. It mentions the 400th anniversary of the Foundry and details the history and work carried out at Whitechapel and the variety of jobs and orders in hand.

£1,600 APPEAL

From The Brentford and Chiswick Times, of April 23, there is a cutting about the 15th century tower of St. Nicolas Church, Chiswick, being in danger of structural damage. The vicar has appealed for £1,600 to rehang the bells and give adequate soundproofing.

The Bucks Herald, reporting on a meeting at Little Missenden, states that bellringing is attracting interest, for membership of the Chiltern Branch of the Oxford Guild has increased and it has a larger bank balance accordingly. The secretary (Mr. A. White, of Aston Clinton) and Mr. J. Shadbank (chairman) were re-elected and Mr. L. Floyd (Edlesborough) and C. Younger (Cheddington) were appointed joint ringing masters.

JUSTICE DELAYED

The Bedfordshire Times had a treble column spread about the carillon in St. Paul's Church which went "wonky" and went on ... and on ... and on. They held up proceedings of Bedfordshire Assizes—but all this happened in the past and was quoted by the chief Parliamentary reporter of The Times at a recent luncheon. Mr. Justice Cassels (now 93) was the judge at the time of the "wonky" occurrence. He had just jailed a man for 18 months, and the tune came into the Shire Hall loud and clear—"Should auld acquaintance be forgot... It was 3 o'clock. (The carillon played at 9 a.m., 12 noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. The tune changed every week.)

At the end of the verse the tune faltered, faded away. But within seconds a new tune began—"Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band . . But at the end of the verse it did not stop it went on, and on, and on.

Eventually the judge folded his hands across his gown and stared up at the ceiling. "This may be delightful in the peace of a summer evening, but it does not help the business of the court," he said. "Cannot something be done to stop this tintinna-bulation?" And although the tune went on the police took prompt action. A police car was rushed to the home of the verger who was taken to the church, where in the belfry he disconnected the carillon chimes.

"Peace at last," said the judge when the music ceased. But in the long period of waiting he had a discussion with counsel about the mechanisms of the carillons of Bruges.

The more unsavoury a scandal the sweeter it is on the tongue. (Ernest Raymond.)

TONY JACKSON, vice-captain of St. Mary's, Southampton, was killed in a climbing accident at Swanage last Sunday.

Received too late for Classification

ELLIOTT.—Joseph, aged 78 years, died sud-denly at his home, 23 Brockwell Lane, Kelvedon, Colchester, Essex, after many years of ill-health.

SILVER WEDDING

CANNON-JESSOP .- On Sat., June 2, 1945, St. Paul's, Dorking, Surrey: Arthur Patrick to Sylvia Constance. Present address: 20 Deepdene Vale, Dorking.

AYLESFORD, KENT. --- Ringing festival, Sat., May 30. Football match between Maidstone and Ashford Districts, Forstall Road, 2.30 p.m., followed by tea and ringing, 6-8.30 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION .- Axbridge Branch.-Practice, May 23, Uphill, 5 p.m.-M.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. - Chew Branch.—Corporate Communion, Yatton (8), on Sun., May 31. Bells available 7.15 a.m. Communion service 8 a.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN AS-SOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Sat., May 30. Ringing: Barnard Castle, 3-5 Staindrop, 6-8.30 p.m. Picnic tea.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. -- Guildford District.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, on Thurs., May 28, 7.45 p.m. Methods: Pudsey, Rutland, London, Bristol.—D. J. T. 8865 MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S.

and W. District.—Evening practices: Staines (St. Mary), Fri., May 29, 7.30-9 p.m.; Twickenham (All Hallows), Thurs., June 11, 7.30-9 p.m.-

C. H. Rogers, Dis. Sec. 8882
LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Sat., May 30, Penn (6), 3–4.30 p.m. Cups of tea available at Beaconsfield approx. 5 o'clock, but please bring own food. Beaconsfield bells (8) available after tea until 8.30 p.m. 8889

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Bolton Branch. Meeting, St. John's, Farnworth, Sat., May 30. Ringing (8 bells) 2.30—8.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Special methods: Bob Major/Cambridge. All welcome. - Pauline Tallis, Branch

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Fylde Branch.

—Meeting, Churchtown, near Garstang, on Sat., May 30. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 8874 LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. —Monmouth Branch. — Evening practice at All Saints, Newport, Fri., May 29, 7.30–9 p.m. Surprise methods.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.
—Evening meeting, Rampton, Sat., June 6. Bells
(5) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: April Day and Stedman.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Hornby, Sat., June 6. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Williamson, 3 Monteagle

rive, Hornby. 8884 SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Monthly meeting, Sat., June 6, Lenton. Bells 15.30. Tea 17.30, followed by evening ringing at Wollaton. Names for tea to E. Shuttleworth, 35 Holly Avenue, Breaston, Derby. 8878

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS OUTING TO BIRMINGHAM

Saturday, May 30

Leave St. Peter's 8.15. Tamworth, 10–10.45. Kingsbury, 11.30–12.30. Lunch (own arrangements). Solihuli, 2–3. Shirley, 3.15–4. High tea at Vittoria Restaurant, 4.30–5.30. Hands-worth or Perry Barr, 6–7. Aston, 7.15–8.15. Arrive Nottingham 10.45. All welcome. Names to D. Stainsby, 376 Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham (Tel.: 233506).

The best shoulders can always spare a little room for someone else's burden.

"SUSSEX BELLS AND BELFRIES"

At the A.G.M. of the Sussex County Association, held at Brighton on May 9. Mr. G. P. Elphick introduced his new book "Sussex Bells and Belfries," shortly to be published, and said he had been compiling the material for the book for 37 years. It contained 170,000 words, 460 pages (418 text), 85 plates and 42 line drawings. In 1864 Sussex was the first county to have a book published about its bells. He had hoped to have his book ready for the centenary of the original book but it had not been possible. Whereas most books on county bells are merely a collection of inscriptions and data of the bells themselves, this one covers the towers, frames and fittings, including an entirely new study for telling the age of bell frames from the ingraining of the timbers. He mentioned that in Sussex there is a bell c. 1200 still hung in its original fittings, and a three-quarter wheel of a type of which he had been unable to find another example anywhere in

A full report of the A.G.M. will appear

next week.

University of Wales SLEPT ROUGH

The rag week tour and A.G.M. was held on April 25 in Monmouthshire. Most members spent the night on the floor of St. Julian's Church Hall, Newport, before the Saturday tour. Towers visited were Usk, Magor, Nash, Caerleon, St. Woolos, Peterstone Wentloog, Marshfield and Newport All Saints All Saints.

The ringing and methods varied. meeting was held in Marshfield Church, the vice-chairman (Rev. I. Richards) presiding. Membership of the Central Council was discussed and the question of Stinchcombe bells was raised. Miss Susan E. Davis was elected master and Roy Falder secretary. Miss Margaret Twigg and Joe Morgan were thanked for their work during the past year. Miss Fiona Walters was elected a new member and secretary of the college.

The autumn meeting was fixed for October at Bangor and the summer tour in August to Norfolk and Suffolk. After the meeting an Eastern meal was taken in a V. A. Chinese restaurant.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for May 18, 1945.

At the Salisbury Diocesan Guild A.G.M. held at Salisbury, members discussed the proposal to establish a ringing competition with a legacy left for that purpose, but on the proposition of the master (Rev. C. C. Cox) it was decided by a large majority that competition ringing was to be discouraged.

Messrs. Rupert Richardson, J. A. Freeman, J. Bray and G. E. Feirn were elected members of the Central Council to represent the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

A meeting of the N.E. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Huntsham, and tea was at Huntsham Court, the residence of Lt.-Col. Gilbert Acland Troyte, a ringer, and a relative of Col. Charles A. W. Troyte, author of Change Ringing.

Fifty-one victory peals were printed, the majority being Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, and the only footnotes were "first peal," of which there were 29.

At the Sussex County Association
A.G.M. Mr. F. I. Hairs was re-elected
master, and Mr. S. E. Armstrong general secretary. Arrangements are in hand for the 60th anniversary celebrations. Mr. William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale.

took part in the victory ringing, and on arriving home was suddenly taken ill and died. A peal attempt next day was cancelled.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the Ringing World for May 21, 1920.
From the leader: "Among the matters that will claim attention (at the Council meeting) will be the future of the Council itself, which will be dealt with on the report of the Standing Committee, for at the

last meeting it was resolved that this committee be instructed to consider the procedure of the Council and take such action as they think fit."

The first peal on the augmented eight at Bucklebury, Berks, was by a local band which included Emma Franklyn and Stella

John Chesterman, Robert Flew and John Hepworth rang their first peal at

All Saints', Basingstoke.

The first peal of Bristol rung in the city of Birmingham was conducted by Samuel Grove, and Frank Perrens, Thomas Miller and Percy Laffin rang their first in the method, whilst for Frank J. Smallwood it was the first of Surprise.

A meeting at Chesterfield was of the Sheffield District and the old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society.

A 720 of No. 22 3rd place Delight (Legi-

timate Methods) rung at Poynton, Cheshire, was to be called "Leasowe Castle."

Mr. Cyril Johnston took up a challenge from a letter in The Sunday Times about the "Simpson-tuned" five-tone principle being "dirge like" compared with the

being "dirge like" compared with the bright, cheerful old tuned bells.

A "victory" ring of six had been installed in the tower of Capenhurst, Cheshire, Church, the tenor being 13 cwt.

The London County Association at its meeting at Kingston passed a "strong passed as "strong county and the proceed.

resolution protesting against the proposed demolition of famous city churches.

One item on the Central Council agenda was the definition of a Surprise method, and George Baker wrote giving his views

on the matter.
"Half rail shares, up to 2s., will be paid."
—Fred M. Mitchell, hon. sec. Rochester District, Kent Association.—Advt.

COMPOSITIONS

1344 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

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Five times repeated.

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR in five methods.

By P. G. K. DAVIES

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64523			RRRRRRR	
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23456	2B	2B

Contains 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire (N), and 864 each of Yorkshire and Superlative, with 87 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

First rung at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, on March 6, 1970.

5280 ALDERMARY SURPRISE MAJOR By DENNIS KNOX

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2 x repeat.

Reduce to 5024 by omitting M, B, W in one part.

Rung at Willesden, Middlesex, on
April 16, 1970.

5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

By 23456		YNER 2½	41/2
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Four times repeated. First rung at East Markham, Notts, on February 21, 1970.

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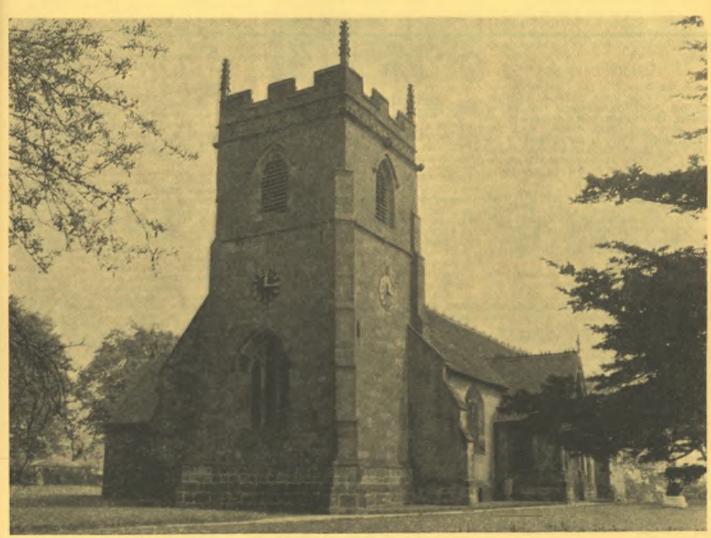
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"Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's, thy God's and truths."

("Henry VIII," Act 3, Scene 2.)

THESE WORDS are inscribed on the fine obelisk erected on Lilleshall Hill to the memory of the first Duke of Sutherland in 1839. It stands as a landmark for many miles around and leads casual visitors, including teams of ringers from all parts of the Midlands and regular worshippers alike, to the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels—"the Church by the Hill."

Tradition has it that the hill and the surrounding countryside were named after Lilla, a devoted servant of Edwyn, King of Northumbria, who had the land given to him for "services rendered" to King Edwyn The settlement dates back to the sixth century, and the church almost that far back. St. Chad, who was first Bishop of Lichfield, brought the Gospel to this place on one of his preaching tours, and a small Saxon church was established in A.D. 670 though only the font still remains.

A second church was built in 1200 and the present building is this second church, though now much enlarged and extensively restored in 1500, 1600, 1856 and again in

CURIOUS CARVINGS

For the ringer, the main interest in any church is in the tower. That at Lilleshall was not added to the church until, at the earliest, 1500. Its style is a mixture of the Decorated and Perpendicular styles of architecture. There is no mark on it to give much idea of its exact date or of who built it, but there is a curious device on the south side which if it could be deciphered might give some clue.

About 12 feet up on the south wall there is carved a stonemason's saw, no doubt some ancient craftsman's trade mark, and on the left of it the head of a bearded goat-though some have taken it to be a cockerel. Good reason may be made out for it being either.

If it were a goat, it would have been placed there by James Leveson or his son, Sir Richard Leveson, between 1539 and 1661. The bearded goat often surmounts the Leveson-Gower family crest, which later became that of the Dukes of Sutherland, who were landowners in Lilleshall for almost 400 years until 1920. This would date the tower earlier than 1660.

An equally good case can be made out for its being a cockerel. From 1148 until the dissolution in 1538, there was at Lilleshall the Benedictine monastery of St. Mary the Virgin less than a mile from the parish church. The ruins, now cared for by the Ministry of Public Buildings and Works, are well worth a visit. For many years the monks of Lilleshall were responsible for providing a priest for the parish church. Between 1518 and 1521 a man church. named James Cockerel was Abbot of Lilleshall, who may have built the tower. this carving be a cockerel it could be that in this odd way there is recorded for ever the close link between church and abbey

The tower was originally provided with a single "calling or tolling" bell, and this seems to have been used until 1830, when the present ring of six bells was cast and installed by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

A year earlier, in 1829, the first clock was erected in the tower by a local clockmaker, a Mr. Davies, of Shifnal. The original wooden dial, over seven feet in diameter, lasted until 1966, when the old clock was overhauled. The clockwork mechanism was replaced by electric, and a new four feet diameter fibreglass dial fitted on the south wall. This work was carried out by Smith's of Derby. The second dial, erected on the west front, was made in Lilleshall by a local craftsman, Mr. Bill Reynolds, our present head ringer. Bill has been a member of the Lilleshall tower for over 25

So the bells are still rung regularly and appear to have been for many years now. The six bells, varying in weight from four to nine cwt, were originally cast in 1830 by Mears and Stainbank at Whitechapel, and appear to have lasted with very little maintenance until 1963. In that year the mechanisms were overhauled and the bells recast, again by Mears and Stainbank, the weights of each bell remaining as before. The length of the ropes is 60 feet.

Mention should also be made of a set of eight handbells cast in 1968. A few years earlier a number of "odd" handbells had been found in the tower—obviously the remains of a much larger set. All attempts either to sell them or complete the full set failed, so the present set was made up, but is as yet very little used.

THIRTEENTH CENTENARY

St. Michael's is a fine country church, serving a population of 5,000 people right on the edge of the new town of Telford, with a history going back to A.D. 670. The year 1970 is for us an important milestone in the history of the church. Many special services have been arranged to mark this rare and important anniversary, beginning on St. Chad's Day (March 2) with a civic service and carrying on right through to Michaelmas, when the Bishop of Lighfield will present a provide a control of the state of the sta of Lichfield will preach at a special service of thanksgiving, the highlights perhaps come during June. On Saturday, the 6th, a big village fair, to be opened by Tom Coyne of B.B.C. TV, is to be held on the lovely lawns surrounding the church. Later, on 27th/28th, a festival of flowers with the great theme of Jerusalem, City of God, based on Blake's famous poem "Jerusalem." During these two days the bells will be rung as people visit this lovely part of Shropshire and are reminded once more of the wonderful Christian heritage that is

"Whene'er the sweet church bell Peals over hill and dell, May Jesus Christ be praised.

O hark to what it sings As joyously it rings,

May Jesus Christ be praised."
G. K. SMITH.

FOR DEMOLITION?

Dear Sir,-You will have heard that St. John the Divine Church, Leicester, is once more faced with disaster-demolition! I am hoping to organise another petition like that in 1953, when a similar proposal was made. In the meantime we would welcome any individual protest that readers may care to give!—Yours faithfully, S. HARRISON.

Leicester.

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HOLSWORTHY BELLS

Dear Sir,-During the last century Dr Samuel Sebastian Wesley wrote a piece of music entitled "Holsworthy Church Bells." Can anyone tell if it refers to Holsworthy in Devon and how it came to be written? -Yours faithfully,

NOEL F. MOXON.

Barnsley, Yorks.

They built in stone; they built as they Who hoped those stones should see the

When Christ should come; And that these walls should stand o'er them-

'Til judgment calls.

Quoted by Frederick Sharpe at Hereford.

Sussex County Association

FOURTEENTH YEAR AS MASTER

MR. R. V. JOHNSON RE-ELECTED

At the 85th A.G.M. of the Sussex County Association, held at Brighton on May 9, Mr. R. V. Johnson was elected master for the 14th successive year. The service was in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the vicar (Canon J. N. Keeling), who is a vice-president, and the organist was Mr. Malcolm Kemp. Prior to the service ringing had taken place in some 23 towers in the area.

Tea in the church hall was followed by the business meeting, attended by 130. The master (Mr. R. V. Johnson) thanked Canon Keeling for permitting the meeting and for taking the service and the vicar replied. The master extended a welcome to all visitors and the other vice-presidents (L. Stilwell, S. E. Armstrong and R. W. R. Percy). A presentation was made to Mrs. E. M. Mitchell by the master for her work in organising the tea.

Mr. Johnson reported 1969 as a year of quiet progress in all divisions, membership being well maintained, and congratulated young members and conductors. He thanked those who had been responsible for the success of events which had taken place, particularly the dinner committee and Mr. Wake and Mr. Challen for the gift of "Form of Service," duplicated and inserted in stiff printed covers.

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The treasurer's report showed the balance in hand had increased by £57, as had membership fees, sale of badges, reports, certificates and meeting cards; £141 paid for new badges was a non-recurring item. It was agreed to place £50 on deposit and to transfer £50 to a new bell restoration fund. Further donations to the fund amounting to £19 made the total £69.

FIRST SINCE 1890

The peal secretary reported 63 peals against 79 the year before, the most popular methods being Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major. A peal by Hurstpierpoint local band was the first since 1890. Leading peal ringers were F. H. Hicks (25) and E. W. Keys (8) and leading conductors F. H. Hicks and A. R. Baldock (13 each).

Mr. J. R. Norris retired as peal secretary and Mr. I. V. J. Smith was elected to the post. All other officers were re-elected, Mr. Johnson as master for his 14th successive year. He informed the meeting that he was meeting the Duke of Edinburgh at Chichester on May 14 as representative of the Association in connection with the Duke's award scheme.

The Association dinner is to be held at Forest Row on October 17 and the arrangements are in the hands of Mrs. R. J. Osbon.

For the appeal for Stinchcombe bells (from Gloucester and Bristol Association) it was decided to take a retiring collection, which realised £8. A grant to Christ Church, Eastbourne, of £25 was approved.

An invitation to attend the Croydon centenary in September was supported.

Mr. G. P. Elphick introduced his new book, "Sussex Bells and Belfries," which would shortly be published, and the master said they were proud to have a man of Mr. Elphick's calibre in the Association. It was decided to obtain an autographed first copy for the library.

The meeting was informed that the Association did not have a badge of office for the master, and it was agreed that designs be submitted to the next meeting of the committee.

The annual report was not available at the meeting because of printing difficulties, but it was hoped to distribute the copies shortly



MR. R. V. JOHNSON

St. David's Guild
JOINT WINNERS

The 23rd annual striking competition of the St. David's Guild was held at St. Mary's Church. Pembroke, on May 9. Five teams competed for the shield, which was won jointly by Llanbadarn Fawr and Pembroke "A" (18 faults), with St. David's third (34). Other teams competing were Cardigan and Pembroke "B". This was the first time in the history of the competition that the result had been a tie.

Mr. F. Sharpe, of Launton, Oxon, was as always the adjudicator, and after an excellent tea in St. Mary's Hall he and his handbell ringers gave a most enjoyable recital

That this annual recital is the bishlight of the year for the guild is made evident by the fact that the competition meeting is always so well attended, some travelling many miles for the purpose of hearing the Launton ringers.

RINGERS' DAY'S OUTING

On May 9 the Axbridge Branch ringers of the Bath and Wells Association set out for Oxford, making a break at Faringdon for coffee and an hour's ringing. Arriving in Oxford at noon, an enjoyable time was spent ringing on St. Giles's bells before lunch, and during the afternoon the light ring of eight at All Saints' was rung to various methods. Sufficient time was available for tea and Bladon was the next stop, where everybody rang before visiting Home Farm, Balscot. Our time was limited owing to the new driving restrictions and we were not able to spend as much time as we would have liked at some towers. The party of 48 (which consisted of only one non-ringer!) extend grateful thanks to all who helped, incumbents, secretaries and those who met us.

Yorkshire Association.

A.G.M. AT ORMESBY

The A.G.M. of the Yorkshire Association was held at Ormesby on May 2. The attendance was disappointing in view of the large numbers at recent meetings. At the business meeting the president (Mr. Vernon Bottomley) deplored the fact that a number of ringing activities in the county that day ran counter to the association's interests and he called for greater loyalty from members.

The annual report, incorporating a number of changes, including new Ringing World lay-out of peals, was received with mixed feelings. An appeal for the Stinch-combe bell fund raised £4 10s. following a collection. However, as the association was to make a donation, absent members should also contribute and the amount was accordingly increased to £10, made up from the association's funds.

Following a recommendation by a subcommittee, it was agreed that the association should organise a striking competition and that this should take place on the day of the Snowdon Dinner. Messrs. Chris Moxon and Ron Ducker were re-elected as treasurer and report editor respectively.

Eight towers were available during the day and the ringing was generally enjoyed. The service, held at Ormesby, was conducted by the Rev. David Moore (Northallerton) and the lessons were read by Mr. Ted Hudson. The singing (without accompaniment) was voluble and not untuneful, well calculated to yield an appetite for the buffet tea laid on at a low price by the local company.

Durham University Society UNIVERSITY RINGERS IN LONDON

On May 1 past and present members of the Durham University Society converged on Kensington (their headquarters) for a ringing and social weekend in London.

After the initial chaos involved in packing about 30 people into a flat designed to take half-a-dozen comfortably, the company settled down to handbell ringing and bridge.

A peal attempt next day at St. Mary's, Lambeth, for Rutland was stopped after about an hour, and others rang at two towers in North London.

An hour was spent at the Science Museum, where a demonstration of the Carter ringing machine interested the party: perfect Glasgow Little Surprise Maximus and Bristol Major were heard, but the machine had some difficulty with Stedman Cinques.

At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Holborn, there was plenty of interest in the historic peal boards, recording among other things the first time Holt's Original was rung and conducted by one man. At St. Clement Danes' our old friend Bill Theobald arrived in time to close the shutters, and our "subdued" performance included Cambridge Royal.

The final tower was at St. Andrew's, Holborn, and later our South London friends advised us to go south of the river next

Sunday was rather flat, but some rang at St. Olave's. Farewells were said to our London friends and the journey back to the North East was made via the president's local tower, Burbage (Leicestershire).

Our thanks to all who helped in any way, especially Colin (general secretary), and Ruth for her important part.

P. R.

If you want to avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing and be nothing.

Obituary

MRS. DIANA M. FROST

The death occurred on May 7 of Diana M. Frost, wife of Alan J. Frost, a former master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Diana, who was 29, leaves two infant daughters, Rachel and Carol.

This tragically early death was not entirely unexpected, as tests made as long ago as 1965 had indicated the possible existence of a brain tumour, too deep for treatment, and both Diana and Alan were well aware that her life was always in the balance. Under the circumstances it was remarkable that she was able to lead such a full and active life, but her faith and strength of character were such that she was able to keep her cheerful smile and come to terms with her secret shadow.



MRS. DIANA M. FROST

Diana learned to ring at Corby, in Northamptonshire, while still at Kettering High School. Opportunities of progress, however, entailed travelling by bicycle to other towers in the Kettering area and demanded a great deal of effort and deter-mination on her part. Her first peal was only achieved at the 13th attempt, and this early perseverance was typical of her attitude throughout her ringing career. She rang 168 peals in all, conducting two, and became an extremely competent ringer on all numbers. It is thought that she may have been the first lady to have rung over 10,000 changes - in a peal of Rutland Major at Quex Park.

During her time at London University Diana served as secretary and as treasurer of the University Society. Long before this, of course, she had met Alan at Kettering. and they were now to ring many peals together with the University Society.

After their marriage they went to live at Leighton Buzzard and became faithful members of that church and belfry. There it was that the two children were christened and, though it was to be for so short a time, Diana knew great happiness and endeared herself to everyone.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral took place on May 12 at the ancient Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Corby, Northants, in the presence of a large gathering which included many ringing friends.

The master of the Peterborough Diocesan

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF TOM AND MARGARET FRANCIS

"It is on an occasion like this that we are brought face to face with one of man's greatest problems—that of suffering. So many times we hear people say 'Why does God allow an innocent young child to be foully done to death by some lustful brute of a man? Why does God allow some good Christian soul to have a long, painful, lingering death?'; and today, perhaps, 'Why should two such nice, popular, good people meet a sudden tragic death through, it would seem, no fault of their own?'."

These observations were the subject of the address given by Canon K. W. H. Felstead (St. Michael's, Southampton) at a service of thanksgiving for Tom and Margaret Francis, who were killed in a road accident on March 8, and held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, on May 16. A representative congregation of some 200 ringers and friends and some relatives attended to remember with gratitude and affection two people who, during their lifetime, in an unspectacular way, had contributed so much to the life and work of bellringing in general.

Canon Felstead continued: "I am not going to talk about the friendliness, hospitality, the characters of Tom and Margaret, and their achievements. That has been most excellently done already in the columns of The Ringing World and we are all aware of these things. Neither can I tell you why such tragedies happen. If I could I would have solved, partly, this great prob-lem of suffering. But I can offer some thoughts to try to put things in a proper perspective.

MAN'S FAILURE

He then explained the forces of evil, of the Devil at work and suffering being the result of that work. God, he said, had created all things good, and had no part in suffering. He had made man in His own image and man had let Him down and suffering was one of the results of man's

Various passages from the Book of Job were then quoted by Canon Felstead to

Guild, Mr. J. Malcolm Tyler, was present, together with Mr. Eric Billings (gen. sec.), Messrs. B. Hendry, P. I. Chapman, F. Ginns, H. Bell, R. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. James, Mrs. B. D. Threlfall, Mr. J. G. A. Prior and Mr. Andrew Stubbs (representing the College Youths), Mr. David Martin (representing the University of London Society) and many others, unfortunately unidentified.

The service was conducted by the rector of Corby, Rev. John Lashbrooke, assisted by Rev. Ernest Orland, guild president. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Barrie Hendry 1-2, David W. James 3-4, Francis Threlfall 5-6, James G. A. Prior 7-8. The six bells were rung halfmuffled before and after the service by representative bands. Cremation followed at Kettering Crematorium. P. I. C.

DIANA'S PEALS

Maximus. -- Yorkshire 4, Cambridge 3, Kent T.B. 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 3, Grandsire 1 Royal. — Yorkshire 3, Cambridge 8, London (No. 1) 1, (No. 2) 1, (No. 3) 2, one each of Clyde, Jugsholme, Pudsey, Belgrave, D.N.C.B., Kent and four of Plain Bob.

Caters.—Stedman 4, Grandsire 3.

Surprise Major. - Yorkshire 12 (cond. 1), Cambridge 10, London 5, Bristol 4, Rutland 4, Lincolnshire 7, Dorchester 2, one each of Superlative, Stratford, Glasgow, Aldenham, Cornwall, Droitwich, Hersham, New Cambridge, Pudsey, Quedgeley, Quornden, Wembley, Winchester. emphasise the points he had made, and he concluded: "Job found the Peace of God which passeth all understanding-in which the things of this life pass into the shadows. and are not worthy to be compared with the joy that shall be revealed. This surely is the right perspective to try to see at such times as this .

THEY ARE AT PEACE

And it is in this light that we can truly give thanks today for the lives and examples of Tom and Margaret, rejoicing in the knowledge that they are at peace and enjoying the vision of the Blessed One, to Whom be glory and dominion, honour, majesty and power, now and always."

During the service, which was conducted by the curate of St. Martin's (Rev. Hugh Maddox), the hymns "Jesu, lover of my soul," "Jesus lives!" and "Guide me, O thou Oreat Redeemer" were sung and Psalm 121 was chanted. Canon Felstead read the lesson (the New English version of Romans 8) and the prayers were led by the curate. The organ duties were shared by the local organist, Mr. Robert Vincent, and Mr. Michael Addison, Margaret's brother, who was at one time assistant organist at Durham Cathedral.

The bells were rung before the service (four courses of Stedman Cinques by ringers of different societies) and tea was served afterwards. All the arrangements were made by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, of which Tom Francis was a former master.

"They shall grow not old . . . "

Those who assembled in London on May 16 for the memorial service for Tom and Margaret Francis will remember the brightness of the singing, an atmosphere of peace inside the church, contrasting so much with the noise and bustle of the London streets around; they will remember the typical bellringers' gathering afterwards—young and attractive ladies, old and revered gentlemen, leading ringers, C. Council officials - all attending as individuals, all as friends and ringing acquaintances, all with the feelings of solemnity and emotion which arise on such occasions. Tom and Margaret certainly were there amongst them as they had been on so many occasions in the past -on the warm and sunny spring afternoon at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Spliced Surprise Major .- 12 methods 1, 10 methods 1, 9 methods 1, 8 methods 2, 6 methods 5, 5 methods 1, 4 methods 3, 3 methods 1.

Major.-Double Norwich C.B. 8, Kent T.B. 1, Plain Bob 6 (1).

Triples.-Stedman 1, Grandsire 3. Surprise Minor.—16 methods 1, 14 methods 7 methods 2, 3 methods 1, London 1, Cam-

bridge 3, Cunecastre 1.

Mixed Minor. — 7 methods 3, 6 methods 2, 4 methods 1, 3 methods 6, Double Oxford 1, Plain Bob 7.

Doubles .- 6 methods 1, 3 methods 1, Grand-

Grand total: 168 (cond. 2).

ST. GEORGE'S DAY

For the third successive year Mr. D. Jackson, of Totton, Hants, celebrated St. George's Day with two special Doubles methods—St. George of England and Dragon Doubles-to a quarter.

Previous attempts have been made at St. George's, Damerham, the only church with this dedication in the county, but with mileage involved this year's attempt was at Baughurst, where a local inn is named St. George and the Dragon, with a marvellous painting depicting the conflict between the

Both methods proved rather tricky to the inexperienced band and after two false starts a quarter peal was attempted and successfully rung, with six extents of St. George and five of the Dragon, by the following: P. Taylor 1, Catherine Roberts 2, Lyn Holbrook 3, D. Jackson (cond.) 4, G. K. Dodd 5, H. Smith 6.

Afterwards we visited the George and the Dragon, admired the painting and talked of ringing next year the Minor version of these methods.

"DYING OUT"?

In the radio programme "This is East Anglia" from Norwich, just after Rogation Sunday this year, a lady was interviewed regarding the recent Rogationtide perambulatery festivities in the Suffolk parishes of Wissett and Spexhall, near Halesworth, and the interviewer asked whether she regarded it as folklore, religion or fun. She said: "I think it is one of those old country things which is dying out—like bellringing"!

BENHILTON (SURREY) RESTORATION

Whilst their bells are away at White-chapel the "locals" are saving money by doing necessary work in the tower. Mrs. Ann Murrells, the tower secretary, writes:-

"Work on the bells is going well - Les (my husband) comes home every night looking like a coalman! Our bell fund has reached about £2,000, so we're hopeful of raising the rest before the bills are due to be paid.

IN HIS NINETIETH YEAR



Puotograph taken by Wiss and Gios Standard at the recent A.G.M. of the Gioucester and Bristol Association at Cirencester.

Left to right: Canon Eric Evans, Canon Missioner of the Diocese of Gloucester; F. W. Scudamore, ringing master, Gloucester and Bristol Association; Miss E. M. Bliss, chairman, Gloucester and Bristol Association; Canon Roland Hill (vicar); F. J. Lewis, sen., Councillor J. W. Scantlebury, chairman, Cirencester U.D.C.

Mr. Francis J. Lewis has been a member of the Cirencester band for well over 70 years, tower captain for more than 40 years and a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association since 1898. He learned to ring in Cirencester in 1896 and, except for war service, was a regular ringer at Cirencester until failing health prevented him from climbing the steps a few years When weather permits he attends the Tuesday evening practices at Watermoor and sometimes rings the treble for a short touch of his favourite method, Stedman. Now in his 90th year, Frank continues to take an active interest in all ringing news and regularly reads The Ringing World and regularly reads The Ringing from cover to cover.

FIRST PEAL IN 1898

He rang his first peal (the treble to Grandsire Caters) at Cirencester in 1898, and has rung 119 peals (he regrets that he did not manage 120) and conducted 58. His peal book makes interesting reading. Most of his peals were rung in the Cirencester area for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, but a number were rung for the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester. He is especially proud to have taken part in the 7325 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick in March, 1913. Among those with whom he rang peals were well-known ringers such as Fred May, John Austin, Rev. F. E. Robinson, William Sevier, William Pye and George Daltry

PROFESSIONAL GARDENER
Before retirement Frank was employed
by Messrs. John Jefferies, the Cirencester

seedsmen, and his knowledge and advice were sought by countless Cotswold and other gardeners. Both he and Mrs. Lewis are very fond of flowers and their garden is a delight.

On April 11 fellow ringers rang a peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Watermoor as an 89th birthday compliment and it was appropriate that it should be conducted by the present ringing master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, for Frank was himself master in 1923-25. The attempt was a secret until the last moment, and at 3 o'clock on that particular Saturday afternoon he was torn between his two loveslistening to the ringing or watching the Cup Final.

VISITORS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Visiting England once more are Mr. and Mrs. George Armitage, of Christchurch, New Zealand, and we were delighted to welcome them to the R.W. office recently. They left their home on February 21 and travelled via South America and Portugal, arriving in Guildford on April 25, and will make this their headquarters for the next six months or so.

Mr. Armitage is a retired sheep farmer and whilst at Guildford in 1966 and 1967 he learned to ring at Stoke-next-Guildford and is very grateful to Mr. Savile and his team for their patience.

In New Zealand he rings at Christchurch Cathedral and at St. Paul's, Papanui. During their stay Mr. Armitage hopes to visit many meetings and join in the ringing at various churches. Rachel Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Armitage's daughter, was for a period furthering her nursing career in England (she is a hospital sister) and on her return home became interested in ringing, although her duties prevent her from a very active participation.

Both George and Mrs. Armitage can be assured of a warm welcome.



FR.W. photo MR. and MRS. GEORGE ARMITAGE

LEICESTER CHURCHES AND REDUNDANCY

The commission, set up by Dr. R. R. Williams two years ago, recommends that the number of parishes in Leicester should be reduced from 12 to four. The new parishes are St. Mary-de-Castro (8 bells), to be called St. Mary's, St. Margaret's (12). Holy Trinity and St. Matthew's.

St. Mary's would unite the parishes of St. Nicholas (to be offered to the city as a museum). St. Andrew's (to be demolished) and All Souls' (to be retained) with a team

St. Margaret's, All Saints' (8) and St. Leonard's are already united with a team ministry. All Saints' is recommended to be declared redundant and used for other purposes and St. Leonard's to be demolished.

Holy Trinity and St. John the Divine (10) are to be united and St. John the Divine recommended for demolition.

St. Matthew's is felt to be over large and should be demolished and replaced by a smaller modern building for use as a parish church and additionally as a centre for ecumenical, pastoral and liturgical experi-

Letters

WHY RING?

Dear Sir,—Well said and well done, Mr. Millward! I could wish that a few more towers followed Buckley's example and got their priorities right.—Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) B. I. WILKINSON.

Northfleet, Kent.

Dear Sir,—May I have a little spa to answer Mr. Millward's letter?

Let me make it clear that I am not setting myself up as judge and jury to pass a verdict on Mr. Millward, his tower members or their rules. He asks: "Was I wrong in letting him go?" and I feel that he is asking for opinions, so here goes.

Of course he was wrong in letting him go; we may have lost a ringer who would, when he had learnt, have attended his tower regularly every Sunday. No matter which tower he eventually joined he could have been a great asset to them and ringing in general. I think Mr. Millward went about this matter in entirely the wrong way.

I feel that he was wrong to think of holding up a practice to allow a complete newcomer to ring on a tied bell. The prospective ringer should have been asked to sit and watch a complete practice session in order to get some idea of what changeringing is all about. If he was still keen he should have been asked to attend a special practice, when he would be there on his own with the tower captain or tutor and they could then have chatted to him in a friendly way, explaining what is expected of the beginner when he has learnt to ring. When his interest had been aroused he could no doubt have been persuaded to take a more active part in the life of the church, and I have no doubt that once the ringing bug had got embedded he would have been only too pleased to be confirmed in order that he would be able to continue this very satisfying hobby, this form of recreation, this duty-call it what you will!

Just one question for Mr. Millward. Supposing he had a ringer, with the ability and knowledge to ring and conduct any method, move into Buckley, would he send him away to Manchester because he had not been confirmed, or would he try to talk him into the ways of the church and even-tual Confirmation? Surely he would take the latter course, even if it took him two

years to do it.

I feel that if a ringer is prepared to attend regularly for practice and Sunday ringing he should be given every encouragement, regardless of his religious belief. With a little persuasion, together with the example set by the rest of the band, this man could well have turned into a good churchgoing bellringer. As it is he has probably gone from the Exercise for good. In answer to "Why do we ring?" I can

only answer: We ring because we get immense pleasure and satisfaction from ringing and listening to bells, and as the church authorities supply us with the necessary equipment and premises, free of charge, we feel we have a duty to perform for our church in ringing twice every Sunday for services, and on other special occasions.-Yours faithfully,

JOHN L. FINDON.

Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.

The best way to kill time is to work it to death.

CARTWHEEL FASHION

Dear Sir,-I am interested in the striking competition held recently at Cuxton when the fifth band, Cuxton, were faulted for ringing their test piece "cartwheel fashion." Cuxton had 153 faults and although the length of the test piece is not given I assume it was 240 changes; therefore, did assume it was 240 changes, therefore, the Cuxton receive 120 faults for ignoring the open lead, leaving 33 faults accumulated during the changes? This seems hardly fair. In the North of England both cartwheel and open lead teams join competitions and receive impartial judging; surely Rochester District could do likewise. To Cuxton I send greetings and beseech you STAND FIRM!

On page 367, R.W. "25 Years Ago," there is a comment by me on competitive ringing when we in South Yorkshire were being castigated for promoting contests, and today they are being held all over the country.

I see Mr. H. Brotherton, of Ashbourne,

has taken up his quill to deplore "cartwheel ringing." but I think he should establish ringing.' which is the traditional method of leading before he begins to lay down the law.-Yours faithfully,

NOEL F. MOXON.

Barnsley, Yorks.

EARLY BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Freeman (R.W., p. 373) is quite right: the peal of "Bob Major Trebles" at Mortlake in November, 1761, could not have been the third peal of Bob Triples.

Although the story of a peal of Bob Triples at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, by the College Youths in January, 1689, is now generally dismissed as legendary, 5040 Bob Triples was rung at St. Peter Mancroft. Norwich, on May 2, 1715. This was the first true peal ever rung and is recorded on a board in the belfry.

The Gloucester Journal of Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1730-1, contains the following report

of two further peals in this method:

"On Tuefday laft the Society of
College Youths rang a compleat Peal of 5040 Changes, call'd Plain Bob Trebles, on the 8 Bells of St. Mary le Blow (sic) in Cheapfide, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes: The faid Society rung the fame Peal on the 8 Bells of St. Mary Over's in Southwark, the 19th of Dec. last, being the first true Peals of that Length that ever were rung in those Steeples, and reckon'd by all Judges of the Exercise to be extraordinary Performances, they being the heavieft Peals of Bells in London, each of the Tenors weighing upwards of 52 Hundred Weights."
Doubtless Canon Felstead can furnish

details of other early peals.

Although the College Youths of 1731

had a close approximation to the modern name of Bob Triples, it was by no means unusual to find ringers of the 18th and 19th centuries in difficulty when it came to finding the proper name for a method when ing the proper name for a method when they came to extend it. The records of the Painswick Youths in the early 1800s contain the account of a peal of "Bob Major Royal," for example. And in 1817 the ringers at Wickwar, Glos, proudly announced their ringing "on six bells, a peal of Royal Grandsire Triples, consisting of 9960 changes" Subsquent correspondence 9960 changes." Subsequent correspondence elicited the fact that this was actually a long length of Grandsire Doubles!—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN. Cheltenham, Glos.

EASTON BELLS

Dear Sir,-I am sure ringers will be interested to know of the restoration of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Easton, Hants.

It is about seven years since we began thinking of this project, but there was so much other church restoration work to be done that the bells' restoration had to be deferred.

Now, at last, the money has been raised and the work is due to be completed by the end of the month, the bells dedicated to the service of Almighty God by the Archdeacon of Winchester on Sunday, June 7,

The work entailed tuning, quarter turning and refitting our ancient three bells (one is dated 1614), housing them in a steel frame, erecting them in the former ringing chamber so that they will be rung from the ground floor. In addition to our ancient three bells a further three bells have been given, one in memory of Canon Molony, my predecessor, another in memory of the parents of Miss Mary Galbraith, who were married in this church.

During the last 12 months we have been busy getting our ringers trained. We are most grateful to the rector of Old Alresford and Mr. Huggins, the captain of Old Alresford tower.—Yours faithfully,

PERCY DODWELL,

Rector.

Easton, Hants.

DUPLICATIONS AND DEDICATIONS

Dear Sir,-In your edition of the R.W for April 17 you report on the dedication of a tower and its bells at St. Mary's, Hayes. On looking up "Dove" one discovers that there are two such towers at Hayes, both with the same dedication, but one being in Bromley and the other in Hillingdon. would be appreciated if someone would

Clarify as to which tower was dedicated.

Whilst looking through "Dove" I find that there are many other places of the same names in the County of London, and that unless the whole title is given when sending in dedications, quarter peals, etc., confusion can arise as to which place it

Of the Bromleys I find: Bromley, SS. Peter and Paul (8) (p. 19); Chelsfield, St. Martin (p. 25); Cudham, SS. Peter and Paul (10) (p. 35); Beckenham, St. George (p. 9); Biggin Hill, St. Mark (p. 11); West Wickham, St. John Baptist (p. 119).

Then there are the Hillingdons: Hillingdon, St. John Baptist (p. 55); Uxbridge, St. Andrew (8) (p. 113); Uxbridge, St. Margaret (8) (p. 113); Harefield, St. Mary the Virgin (6) (p. 51); Harlington, St. Peter and Paul (p. 51); Harmondsworth, St. Mary (p. 51).

Similarly, confusion can arise from the following: Barnet, St. John Baptist (p. 8), and Monken Hadley (Barnet), St. Mary the Virgin (p. 76); Bexley, St. Mary the Virgin (p. 11), Erith (Bexley), St. John Baptist;

(p. 11), Erith (Bexley), St. John Baptist, Erith (Bexley), Christ Church (p. 42); Foot's Cray (Bexley), All Saints (p. 45).

Then we have Hounslow, St. Paul (p. 57); East Bedfont (p. 9), Feltham (p. 43) and Isleworth (p. 59).

Finally, Waltham Forest can be referred

to as Leyton and Leytonstone (p. 66).

There are others I know and some I have not found, but I am sure that after reading this your correspondents will make sure where their tower is exactly.—Yours faith-

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Denmead, Hants.

Quarter Peals

DATE TOUCH Bath, Som.—At SS. Michael with Paul, May 3, 1970 Stedman Triples (by P. H. D. Jones): D. C. Hawkins 1, Miss C. J. Mitchell 2, Mrs. R. J. Ball 3, P. W. J. Hardwick 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, J. Devrell 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B.

Aldbourne, Wilts. - May 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Frances Craig (first Triples) 1, T. R. Jones 2, Jean Minchin 3, P. Minchin 4, M. Sutton 5, T. A. Palmer 6, A. G. Keen (cond.) 7, A. Newman 8. A compliment to Mr. and s. P. Newman (parents of the tenor ringer), of Baydon, for their golden wedding.

Aldridge, Staffs.—March 25, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sylvia Langford 1, Gwyneth Dorrell (first inside) 2, Daphne Appleby 3, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 4, Cynthia Humphreys 5, R. Riley 6. Also April 12, 1440 St. Clement's Minor: Sharon Cynthla Humphreys 2, Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, R. Riley (cond.) 6. First of St. Clement's by a local band. Also April 19, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): Sylvia J. Langford 1, N. White 2, Daphne Appleby 3, R. Riley 4, J. P. Burton (cond.) 5, J. Tyas 6. First In five m/vs 1 and 3.

Balcombe, Sussex. — May 3, 1260 Grandsire

Triples: S. Wood 1, Mrs. Hilda Oatway 2, E. Knapp 3, R. V. Johnson 4, S. Allen 5, W. Oatway (cond.) 6, A. E. Laker 7, R. Stone (first quarter) 8. For Evensong and birthday compli-

ment to Hilda Oatway.

Barcombe, Sussex.—April 23, 1260 Doubles (six m/v): S. J. Osborne 1, Rosemary Lelliott (first in more than one method) 2, E. M. Laming Macadam 3, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 4 A. Turner (cond.) 5, B. J. Dudman (first quarter) 6. On St. George's Day. Also April 27, 1260 Doubles (ten m/v): Pauline M. Kennard (first quarter) 1, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 2, R. R. Kennard 3, E. M. Laming Macadam 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. For the birth of Jonathan Spray and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Chappell. Also May 7, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): A. Turner 1, Rosemary Lelliott 2, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam (cond.) 3, E. M. Laming Macadam 4, R. R. Kennard 5, S. J. Osborne 6. On Ascension Day.
Biddenden, Kent.—May 7, 1280 P.B. Major:
R. Birch 1, A. Leeves 2, R. Lucas 3, H. Deacon

A, P. Richardson 5, J. Hemsley 6, B. Johnson 7, D. Manger (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memoriam

H. G. (Bert) Payne, many years local captain.
Brading, I.O.W. — May 3, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Russell 1, Jill
Reed 2, K. Squibb 3, L. Jameson 4, P. Miller
(first as cond.) 5, Ann Duff 6, T. F. East 7, E. For Parish Eucharist and a birthday compliment to ringer of 8.

Buckley, Flints.-May 6, 1264 P. Bob Major: Mrs. Sheila Williams (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Rachel Collins 2, B. R. Millward 3, Mrs. Norah Randles 4, G. Morral 5, G. H. Randles 6, D. H. Millward 7, G. Parting (cond.) 8. Rung for Ascensiontide.

Bunney, Notts.-April 26, 1260 P.B. Doubles: H. Evans 1, P. E. Barber 2, A. Simpson 3, J. R. A. Yates 4, R. A. Metcalf (cond.) 5, V. Harrison 6. For Evensong and as a farewell to Mrs. Wheatley.

Buriton, Hants.—May 2, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Karin Hatherly 1, Maureen Tipper (first inside, two methods) 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper 5, Rev. P.

Gallup 6.

Canford Magna, Dorset. — May 10, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Janet A. Fawcett , L. H. Pink 2, W. J. Foot 3, R. Boyce 4, M. C. Lawson (first as cond.) 5, T. Hiscock 6. To welcome link missionary Ena Burke back to the parish.

Carlton Colville, Suffolk, --- April 25, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P. J. Gorrod (first as cond.) 1, Christine Gorrod (first quarter) 2, P. G. Tovell 3, M. Seuneke 4, J. B. Gorrod 5. Birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

Christchurch, N.Z. — May 3, at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. T. Summerell 1, N. F. E. Reeve 2, R. J. Stevens (first Surprise) 3, P. J. Perry 4, J. G. Gardner 5, R. J. Johnston (cond.) 6. graduation compliment to David Tennant, B.A.

Claines, Worcs. — April 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Chester 1, R. Woodyatt 2, H. Homans 3, J. Whittall 4, A. Morgan (cond.) 5.

Croome D'Abitot, Worcs.-May 3, 1260 P.B. Minor: A. J. Richings 1, Shirley M. Drew 2, C J. Pickford 3, R. H. Hunt 4, C. Hims (first Minor as cond.) 5, G. R. Drew 6.

Dewsbury, Yorks.—May 3, 1264 P.B. Major: Esther Sharp (first quarter) 1, Avis M. Thompson 2, Jeanne E. Bottomley (cond.) 3, V. Bottomley 4, J. M. Ineson 5, K. Ineson 6, E. Betts D. Carruthers 8. For Evensong.

Easthampstead, Berks.-April 26, 1260 Grand-Fig. 1. Susan Rance 2, Joan Rance 3, C. W. Bailey 4, G. N. Scott 5, A. J. N. Rance 6, K. R. Davenport (first in method as cond.) 7, W. R. Churchill 8. For Evensong.

Edgbaston, Warks.—May 3, 1260 P.B. Triples: J. S. Hopwood 1, Janet E. Blake 2, Judith Ash-croft 3, A. Kingscote 4, B. Dye 5, T. H. O. Lewis 6, P. W. Dickinson (cond.) 7. For Evensong.

Eynesbury, Hunts.—April 9, 1260 P.B. Minor: M. Prescott 1, A. Peck 2, R. Bellamy (cond.) 3, J. Walker 4, G. Bonham 5, D. Prescott 6. Halfmuffled in memoriam Elsie Baxter.

Gloucester. — May 3, at St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1264 P.B. Major: L. Barry 1, R. Dale 2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, C. Burridge 4, I. Goulter 5, R. Hazell 6, P. Gould 7, E. Fairbrother (cond.) 8. For Evensona.

Handsworth, Yorks.-April 25, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: J. J. L. Gilbert 1, P. J. Hollis (first quarter) 2, Stephanie Boyles 3, I. P. Bell 4, Judith J. Gilbert 5, C. Rusby 6, D. J. Kelly (first as cond.) 7, J. E. Turley 8. On conductor's birthday.

Hawkhurst, Kent. - April 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Marion Kemp 1, Jacque-line F. Collins 2, Caroline F. West 3, S. G. Waters 4, M. A. Legg 5, L. T. Pope 6, E. R. G. West (first as cond.) 7, S. P. Piper 8.

Hessle, E. Yorks.—April 26, 1440 P.B. Minor: A. Gardiner (first quarter) 1, J. C. Hope 2, A. Hessey 3, K. Gatman 4, R. H. Sharp 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Horton (cond.) 6. For Evensorg.

Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Yorks. — May 6,
1320 P.B. Doubles: J. Harvey (first quarter) 1,
D. E. Potter 2, Lyz Ewan 3, J. Blacktop 4, D.
Jones (cond.) 5. By York Colleges Guild.

Hook Norton, Oxon.—April 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Newth 1, I.
Harris 2, E. Wigg 3, J. Bolton (cond.) 4, O.
Hemming 5, Joyce Tildesley 6, C. Sole 7, A.
Charles 8. For marriage of David and Paula Clarke.

Horsham, Sussex. — May 4, 1260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: E. Fosberry 1, H. Burton 2, Judy Weekes 3, Sonia Halles 4, M. P. Howard 5, C. Bainham 6, F. Hicks (cond.) 7, M. Tudor (first quarter) 8.

Killamarsh, Derbys.—May 8, 1260 P.B. Minor: Margaret Whitehouse 1, J. Crocker 2, R. A. Fry (first inside) 3, R. Fletcher 4, J. D. Cooper 5,

P. J. Simmonds (cond.) 6.
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. — April 26, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Katharine Salvage 1, C. E. Bulleid 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, I. J. Whitear 5, C. D. Collin (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also May 10, 1260 P.B. Minor: Ann V. Salvage 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, C. E. Bulleid 3, I. J. Whitear 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6. For Holy Communion.

Lamberhurst, Kent.-April 4, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. A. Everest 1, P. R. Everest 2, Dorls E. Colgate 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, P. J. Simmonds 5, R. J. Everest (cond.) 6.

Leckhampton, Glos .-- May 3, 1260 P.B. Minor: A. Ewins 1, Ann Herbert (first Minor) 2, Helen Taylor 3, E. J. Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor (first as cond.) 5, Hilda Taylor 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also May 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Herbert 1, M. P. Taylor (first inside) 2, Helen Taylor 3, B. H. Taylor 4, 1. Margaret Manby 5, J. Taylor 6, Hilda Taylor (first In method as cond.) 7, A. Ewins 8. For Ascension Day.

Lichfield, Staffs.—May 3, at St. Mary's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. W. Townsend 1, J. H. Allen 2, F. A. Sedgwick 3, Miss P. Sedgwick 4, J. Dolman 5, A. P. Sheldon (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, J. B. Webb (cond.) 7, C. T. Collins 8. For Rogation Sunday.

Lincoln. --- April 19, at St. Mary-le-Wigford, 1272 Minimus (three methods): I. M. Minns 1, Vivienne West 2, Susan Faull 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. Birthday compliment to A. Froggatt.

Little Aston, Staffs .- May 5, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob): Jackie J. Hagan (first quarter) 1, C. Duckett (first inside) 2, P. G. Golder 3, R. Duckett 4, J. Paxton 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. A farewell to treble ringer, shortly leaving for Lisbon, Portugal.

Little Chart, Kent.-April 16, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Peggy Kibling (first quarter) 1, J. R. Cooper 2, Frances Ruffle (first inside) 3, Irene Ruffle 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins (cond.) 5, B. Haley

Long Ashton, Som.—April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bridle 1, Jennifer M. Taylor 2, Diana Bridle 3, P. Bridle 4, N. H. Yeo 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6, R. C. Kippin 7, R. G. Edwards 8. For Evensong and for the baptism of Antony John Charles Gilbert.

Loughborough, Leics.-April 26, at the Parish Church, 1264 Plain Bob Major: W. A. Thow 1, Shelagh Dennis 2, Elizabeth M. Barber 3, J. Saddington 4, H. Frances Watson-Walker 5, D. J. Smith 6, C. J. Mobbs 7, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 8. For choral Evensong.

Ludgvan, Cornwall.-April 25, 1440 Pl. Bob Minor: D. Stephens 1, Janet S. Evans (first Minor inside) 2, Kathryne R. Pearce (first Minor inside) inside) 2, Kathryne H. Pearce (Inst. M. S. A. J. 3, T. J. Bell 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, A. J. Davidson 6. A peal attempt called round. welcome the new Vicar of Ludgvan, Rev. Urien Evans.

Luppitt, Devon.-April 25, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): K. Thorne 1, C. E. Webber 2, I. G. Hughes 3, A. Kingscote 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. Durbin 6.

Market Weighton, Yorks.—May 2, 1260 Mixed Doubles (four methods): Shirley Waddingham 1, Joan Gray (cond.) 2, Vicky Bond 3, Elleen Waddingham 4, P. Carey (first Mixed Doubles) 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Rogation flower service. Also 1300 Plain and Little Bob Minor: J. C. Hope 1, G. P. Horton 2, K. Gatman 3, A. Hessey 4, R. R. Horton (cond.) 5, R. H. Sharp 6. For Rogationtide.

Marston, Oxon.-April 19, 1260 Doubles (four methods): H. Page 1, R. D. Bing 2, R. H. Jones 3, Elizabeth M. Barber 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5.

Martin, Hants.—March 22, 1260 P.B. Minor: D. Kerly 1, Helen Baverstock 2, J. Baverstock 3, M. Baverstock 4, P. Waterman 5, R. Jones (cond.) 6. For Matins.

Nailsea, Som .- April 22, 1260 Doubles (three Maisea, Som.—April 22, 1200 Doubles (three methods): H. Hardwidge 2, Mrs. R. Short 3, L. Childs 4, R. Boultbee 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6. For the induction of the vicar of the daughter church of Holy Trinity. Also April 28, 1260 Doubles (four methods): L. Childs 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, R. Boultbee 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortsteht (cond.) wright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

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Nazeing, Essex.--April 24, 1260 Doubles (two methods): B. Burton 1, Miss B. Peacock 2, C. Sams (cond.) 3, G. Blake 4, R. G. Seymour 5, A. Peacock 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Jim Terry, a ringer and chorister at Roydon.

North Mymms, Herts.-April 19, 1260 P. Bob Minor: Linda Saunders 1, Julia E. Indge 2, Jennifer M. Indge 3, T. J. Lock (cond.) 4, J. E. T. Wiseman 5, D. J. Smith 6. For Evensong also to congratulate Rev. J. Abdy (curate) and Sheila Bruin, and S. Armeson and Jennifer Indge on their recent engagements.

Norton Disney, Lincs.—On May 2, 1440 P.B. Minor: J. Draycott 1, Elaine M. Rolfe 2, Susan M. Heath (first Minor inside) 3, F. G. Hooper 4, Pitchford 5, D. E. Kirton (cond.) 6.

Old Portsmouth, Hants. - April 26, 59 High Street, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): Jean M. Berriman (completes Grandsire family) 1-2, W. Willans (cond.) 3-4, B. J. Fry 5-6. Orsett, Essex. — May 10, 1264 Kent T.B

Orsett, Essex. — May 10, 1264 Kent T.B Minor: T. G. Hull 1, Miss J. Hills 2, S. C. Wood (first inside) 3, J. W. Stephenson 4, C. E. Brown 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6. First T.B. 1, 3. Birthday compliment to Elizabeth Hull, wife of treble

Oxford.—May 3, at St. Cross, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Maureen A. Long 1, A. W. Kay (first inside) 2, S. R. Smith 3, D. Cooper 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5, I. W. Davies C.

Paul, Cornwall. — May 4, 1440 Kent T.B. Mino:r R. Diane Carter (first T.B.) 1, T. E. Howarth 2, J. J. George 3, G. W. Taysom 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. For Rogationtide.

Penhow, Mon. — April 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hughes 1, V. Jones 2, L. James 3, F. Reade 4, I. Davies (cond.) 5, R. J. Bale 6. Rung on St. George's Day. Ringers 1, 2 and 5,

Rung on St. George's Day. Ringers 1, 2 and 5, Machen; ringers 3, 4 and 6, Bassaleg.
Petersfield, Hants.—May 3, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Tipper 1, Karin Hatherly 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Sansom 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, F. Hagenbuch 6. For Evensong.

Polesworth, Warks.-April 26, 1320 Winchendon Place B. Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight (cond.) 2, M. Allsopp 3, B. Hollis 4, N. Klight (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also April 26, 1320 April Day: S. Allsopp 1, M. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, R. Knight 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Evensong. Also May 3, 1320 St. Nicholas B. Doubles: Jane Myatt R. Knight (cond.) 2, M. Allsopp 3, M. Quimby 4, D. Hiorns 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Evensong.

Portsmouth, Hants.-April 26, at the Cathedral, 1295 Grandsire Caters: Edna H. Jones 1, Jennifer L. Quaife 2, A. A. J. Buswell 3, Jean M. Berriman 4, B. J. Fry 5, W. Willans (cond.) 6, R. B. Walton 7, M. S. Bruce 8, C. G. Bryant 9, A. E. Hoodless 10. For Evensong; also birthday compliments to Mrs. E. H. Jones and Surg./ Capt. (D) A. Lawrey, R.N. (retd.), O.B.E. Also May 2, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. A. J. Buswell W. F. J. Cope 2, L. D. Duguid 3, A. F. Burbidge 4, M. S. Bruce 5, J. F. A. Rolph 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, A. H. Hoodless 8. annual summer festival of the Guild of Friends of Portsmouth Cathedral.

Puttenham, Surrey.— May 3, 1440 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford T.B.): Judith Collins 1, M. Kirk 2, P. Rowe 3, A. Elsmore 4, R. Collins 5, E. Futcher (cond.) 6. For morning service.

Queen Camel, Som .-- April 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. J. Reeves 1, P. A. Reeves 2, F. J. Reeves (cond.) 3, T. J. Setter 4, R. J. Fox 5, C. Atkins 6. First quarter 1, 6. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Jones.

Radstock, Som. — April 26, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Susan A. Moore (first as

cond.) 1, H. Hawkins 2, R. J. Moore 3, B. Pike

4, A. Comer 5, R. Weaver 6.

Rolvenden, Kent.—March 23, 1260 Oxford B. Triples: E. Clifton 1, Margaret Jenner 2, A. Bourner 3, R. A. Birch 4, D. Manger 5, J. Hemsley 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. Thomas 8. First in method 2, 3 and 6. For Evensong.

St. Eval, Cornwall.—May 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, P. G. Jeans 3, L. W. Allen 4, T. E. Howarth (cond.) 5, G. W. Riddy 6. By the weekenders as a wedding compliment to Stanley and Margaret Pryor.

Shirley, Warks.—May 3, 1260 P.B. Minor: G. D. Rushton 1, Susie J. Titchener 2, V. H. Nash 3, R. J. Weekes 4, E. T. Lloyd 5, C. D. Baugh (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

Sittingbourne, Kent. - April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Naylor (cond.) 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, G. Wood 3, F. J. Dadson 4, J. E. Clark 5, B. E. Jemmett 6, L. Mitchell 7, L. B. Dobbie 8. Half-muffled by Sunday service band in memoriam George Kenward, a local ringer for many years.

Solihull, Warks. — May 3, 1277 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Verona C. Naylor 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, D. H. Walters 5, K. J. Hesketh 6, V, Green 7, R. J. Cann 8, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Stewardship Sunday.

South Petherton, Som.—April 26, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: E. Rice 1, R. Beale 2, R. C. Beale 3, H. W. Pearce 4, F. Welch 5, R. Welch 6, J. Cornelius (cond.) 7, R. Chedzoy 8. A birthday compliment to Steven Beale, and to mark the 80th anniversary of the Association.

Southport, Lancs. — April 26, at Emmanuel, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Lynn Brownlow (first quarter) 1, Jacky Holmes 2, Marion Glover 3, Elizabeth Guy 4, A. R. Guy 5, J. Elliott 6, Celia D'Aeth (first Surprise as cond.) 7, R. Kenrick 8.

Steep, Hants.-April 14, 1260 P.B. and Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Tipper 1, Mrs. A. Hall 2, Carol Stacey (first as cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Waller 5, F. Hagenbuch 6. Also April 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Hall 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Mrs. H. deCombe 3, R. Tipper 4, H. deCombe 5, K. Tipper 6.

Stoke Lacy, Herefords.—April 23, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. Ranford 1, R. L. Price 2, L. J. Walters 3, F. Davies 4, E. C. Biggs (cond.) 5, G. Gwynne 6. Half-muffled in memoriam H. W. Preece (aged 90), 50 years local Sunday service ringer.

Stowmarket, Suffolk. — May 9, 1280 Double

Norwich: F. Joan Muxlow 1, M. T. Symons 2, R. Rose 3, S. J. Twitchett 4, W. Jarvis 5, Rev. A. A. Muxlow (first in method) 6, E. A. Cracknell E. F. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

Stratton, Cornwall.—April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin 1, Miss B. M. Boyle 2, Miss C. Worth 3, Mrs. A. Davison 4, W. J. V. Conduct (cond.) 5, J. Sangwin 6, H. Trewin 7, H. Stacey 8. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Stacey, also for 29th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bissett.

Sutterton, Lincs.-April 28, 1280 P.B. Major: D. Fensom 1, Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 2, M. J. Belcher 3, W. B. Dawson 4, W. E. Clarke 5, H. Barsley 6, P. H. Reynolds 7, R. Stephenson (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Cathrine

Kent, mother of the tenor ringer. Swindon, Wilts. — May 7, at Christ Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Wilson (first G.T.) 1,

J. Minchin 2, P. Wilton 3, R. Everall 4, P. Minchin 5, M. Sutton 6, M. Stanley (first G.T. as cond.) 7, A. Rogerson (first G.T.) 8.
Sydney, N.S.W., Australia. — May 3, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1260 Stedman Triples: P. Goodyer 1, Enid Roberts 2, Julie Armstrong 3, J. Cummins 4, R. Walters 5, R. Bampton 6, T. Goodyer (cond.) 7, P. Doyle 8.

Sutton-in-Holderness, Yorks. - May 3, 720 Oxford T.B., 576 Cambridge S.M.: Maris Ste-phenson 1, Laura Higginson 2, Gwynneth Ducker 3, Linda Sherwood 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a compliment to the vicar on being made a Canon of York Minster.

Titchfield, Hants.—May 3, 1440 Durham Surprise Minor: J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, N. George 4, H. L. Hatfield 5, C. G. Bryant 6. First in method by all.

Tonbridge, Kent.—April 4, 1280 P.B. Major Coral D. S. Fry 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, W. Rogers (cond.) 3, V. J. Benning 4, W. H. Dobbie 5, E. J. Jenner 6, G. Fry 7, D. Featherstone 8.

Totternhoe, Beds.-April 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Stephenson 1, June Sinfield 2, R. Stripp 3, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 4, J. G. Newman 5, R. J. Scott 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. J. Scott 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr.
 Eric Instance, sidesman for many years. Also May 3, 1256 Little Bob Major: June Sinfield 1, Anne Stephenson 2, F. J. Cook 3, R. J. Scott 4, P. J. Aslett 5, W. F. Sear 6, J. G. Newman 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8. For Evensong.
 Walkington, Yorks. — March 27, 1260 mixed Doubles (four methods): Shirley Waddingham 1, New Yorks (2004) 2. Visiky Bood 3, Eiloga Mad.

Joan Gray (cond.) 2, Vicky Bond 3, Eileen Waddingham 4, G. Drew 5, N. W. Castle 6. First

half-muffled quarter for all.

Westbourne, Sussex.—April 23, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: Denise Ramshaw 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Eileen Jayne 3, E. Treagus 4, N. George 5, C. J. Alder (first quarter) 6, N. Vollar 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Rowley.

Westham, Sussex.—March 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Miss V. J. Murray 1, Gillian Eldridge 2, R. Funnell 3, Jane Mason 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, L. Tapp 6. For Easter. Also April 29, 1260 P.B. Doubles: D. Wooler (first quarter) A. Baldock (50th Doubles as cond.)
 Gillian Eldridge
 D. Ramsay (first P.B. Doubles)
 J. M. Swift
 N. Chapman (first quarter)
 Prior to a musical recital.

Weston Favell, Northants. - April 25, 1260 Weston Favell, Northants.— April 25, 1260
Doubles (two methods): Mrs. K. M. Drabble 1,
C. J. Smith 2, P. J. Verity 3, C. G. Chiplin 4,
D. J. Edmonds (cond.) 5. For the Feast of St.
Mark. Also May 1, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): Miss G. Smith (first quarter) 1, D. J. Edmonds 2, J. C. Parker 3, C. G. Chiplin 4, D. Robinson Conducted in turn by each inside ringer. For the Feast of SS. Philip and James.

Wiveliscombe, Som.-May 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, G. Maben 2, K. Lee 3, V. Gunter 4, H. G. Sparks (cond.) 5, W. Nurcombe 6, H. V. Young 7, F. Casley 8. A 91st birthday compliment to Mrs. Dorcas Sparks, mother of 5.

Wrexham, Denbighs.—May 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, F. R. Evans 2, Norah M. Randles 3, D. H. B. Millward 4, G. H. Randles 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathrall (cond.) 7, E. Edwards 8. On the occasion of granting the Freedom of the Borough of Wrexham to Mr. P Walters, town clerk for 33 years.

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LONDON, E.C., Cripplegate, St. Giles. Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (34 cwt.)
5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Composed by D. E. Parsons. (No. 7.)
1 Michael V. Chilcott (Conductor)

William Hibbert

3 Raymond G. Cousins
4 John W. T. Hibbert
5 David C. Brown
6 Roger F. Overington
7 Andrew W. R. Wilby

8 James Phillips
9 Brian R. White
10 David E. House 11 Philip A. F. Chalk

12 Dennis Randall

Wedding compliment to Antony Kench (master of the society) and Gail Buxton.

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CURRY MALLET, Somerset, All Saints.

Fri., April 24, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (240 Rev. St. Bartholomew, 2400 Rev. Canterbury, 1200 Plain Bob, 1200 Grandsire).

Jane Shepherd

2 Mervyn R. Arscott 3 Adrian F. Arscott

4 John Medway

5 John Cornelius (Conductor) 6 John Shepherd

BROADWAY, Som, SS. Aldhelm and Eadburga

Thur., April 30, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (11 cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (13 methods: Stedman, St.
Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, Minster Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew,
Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Sebastian, Rev.
St. Faith, All Saints, Plain Bob, Grandsire;
16 var., 11 spliced).
1 Arthur H. Reed
2 Adrian F. Arscott

2 Adrian F. Arscott John Cornelius

4 Royston Shepherd 5 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)
For the 80th anniversary of the association.

LYNCOMBE, BATH, Som, St. Mark.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods: York, Durham, Cambridge, London, Wells,

York, Durham, Cambridge, London,
Beverley and Surfleet).

1 George W. Massey

*2 George J. Hawkins

*3 Robin L. Coles

4 David C. Hawkins

5 Peter J. W. Hardwick

6 David G. Massey (Conductor)

*First in 7 Surprise methods inside.

ding compliment to David L. Orledge Wedding compliment to David J. Orledge and Glenda M. Beckett, married at East Grinstead, Sussex, on April 25, 1970.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GOOSTREY, Cheshire, St. Luke.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (6 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 extent Cambridge Surprise, 2 Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

*†1 Brian F. Trueman †2 Peter Broadbent

†3 Ronald F. Andrew †4 Brian S. B. Kear

5 C. Kenneth Lewis 6 Michael Foulds (Conductor)

*First away from cover. †First in four methods. With best wishes to Bob and May Smith, gone to live in Leicester.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

WOODBURY, Devon, St. Swithin.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (23 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composed by J. J. Parker.

1 Kevin A. Hughes 2 Stephen G. Peirce

3 Alan N. Frost 4 Colin L. Barr 5 John L. Anderson

7 John N. Longridge (Conductor) 8 Frank D. Mack

BUCKFAST, Devon, Abbey Church of St. Mary.

., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 50min. (41 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Donald G. Clift 2 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden

3 Susan Rothera

4 Albert M. Tyler
5 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
6 David J. Llewellyn
7 John G. Gipson
8 David E. Rothera
9 Kenneth J. Hesketh

10 Philip J. Rothera 11 Tudor P. Edwards

12 Peter Border

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EATON SOCON, Hunts, St. Mary.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. (13½ cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. I. Rowson. 1 Georgina C. M. Carter 2 George E. Bonham 3 Martin Major

*4 Phillip S. George 5 David R. Saunderson

7 George E. Thoday (Conductor)
8 A. Patrick Cannon

*First of Surprise Major inside.

ICKLETON, Cambs, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., April 25, 1970, 3 hr. (18½ cwt.) 5088 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. D. Bailey.

*1 Gordon Lilley

2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
3 Georgina C. M. Carter
4 George E. Bonham
5 Donald F. Murfet
6 David R. Saunderson
7 A. Patrick Cannon 7 A. Patrick Cannon

8 George E. Thoday

*Circled the tower. First in the method by all and for the Association.

LONGSTANTON, Cambs, All Saints. Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (7½ cwt.) 5120 OSBOURNBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. L. Morris. Georgina C. M. Carter Mary E. Elmes

3 Robert D. Bellamy

4 Alan T. Winter 5 Richard L. Underwood

6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
7 George E. Bonham

8 George E. Thoday

First in the method by all and for the association.

WILBURTON, Cambs, St. Peter.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (7 cwt.)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (11 methods:
London, Wells; Beverley, Surfleet; York,
Durham; Netherseale; Bourne; Norwich;
Ipswich, Cambridge).
1 Georgina C. M. Carter
2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
3 Donald F. Murfet
4 Brian B. Hullah

4 Brian B. Hullah 5 Roger J. Palmer 6 George E. Thoday

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (11 cwt.) 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

1 Dennis E. Pepper

*2 Georgina C. M. Carter

3 John G. Gipson

*4 Martin Major 5 Alan M. Barber 6 David R. Saunderson

7 George E. Thoday 8 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor)

*First in the method.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex, The Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (39 cwt.)
5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Composed by R. A. G. Inglis.
1 Donald E. Cobb (Conductor)
2 Yvonne A. Towler

3 Josephine A. Brown 4 Keith W. Brown 5 Peter G. Brown

6 Robert J. Chapman 7 James L. Towler *8 Robert J. Lindsell

9 Andrew J. Slade

10 John E. Murfitt
11 John C. Slater
*12 David A. Tovell
*First on 12. For the 910th anniversary of the consecration of Waltham Abbey.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

BRISTOL, St. John the Baptist.

Mon., Mar. 16, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (11 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (19 methods: Durham, Beverley, York and Surfleet; London and
Wells; Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise;
Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob;
Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; Double
Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements,
Childwall and Buxton; Plain Bob).
1 John W. Collard
2 Peter J. Kingscote
3 Michael J. Platt
4 Stephen F. Royal
5 Anthony J. Cox
6 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)

CIRENCESTER, Glos, Holy Trinity, Watermoor.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3 hr. (19 cwt.) 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES A. B. Carpenter's 6-part (1897).

*1 William A. Godwin †2 Judith Harris

3 E. Mary Bliss *4 Keith W. Scudamore

5 William F. Scudamore (Conductor) *6 Francis J. Lewis, jun.

*7 Michael R. Rose †8 Alan R. Strickland

*First of Oxford Bob Triples. †First of Triples. A compliment to Francis J. Lewis, sen., on the occasion of his 89th birthday.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, Somerset, St. Mary the Virgin.

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (6 methods: London Surprise, Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Cambridge Surprise, Buxton, Plain Bob).

*1 Richard Gray

*2 Rosemary Myers

*3 Alison M. Brown

*4 Rosemary Snawdon

5 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)

6 Anthony J. Cox

*Most methods.

BUTCOMBE, Som, St. Michael.

Wed., April 15, 1970, 2hr. 36 min. (6 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (London S., Kent T.B., Cambridge S., Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., St. Clements and Buxton).

•1 Shelagh P. Plumb •2 Alison M, Brown *3 Rosemary Snawdon 4 Heather A. Kippin
5 Anthony J. Cox
6 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)

*Most methods.

BRISTOL, St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe. Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 48min. (50½ cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Christine Andrew 2 J. Edward Cawser 3 Kenneth R. Davenport 4 Bernard F. L. Groves 5 Rupert Clarke 6 John N. Longridge

7 Barry E. Saunders 8 Alan A. Paul

9 Geoffrey R. Drew 10 Graham C. Paul 11 Frank C. Price

12 Richard E. Price (Conductor)

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

EGHAM, Surrey, St. John the Baptist. Thur., April 16, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (17 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. 1 Joyce A. Parsons

*2 Catherine A. Elliott
*3 David E. Parsons (Conductor)
*4 Stephen R. Elliott

5 Norman Summerhayes *6 David H. Stone *7 Christopher M. White 8 Alan D. Flood

*First of London Major. First of Surprise by an all local band. For the 150th anniversary of the present church.

CRANLEIGH, Surrey, St. Nicholas.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3 hr. 8min. (17 cwt.) 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (16 methods: 448 Ashtead, Cambridge, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, 224 Bristol, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Lindum, London, Pudsey and Superlative, with 153 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Norman Smith.

1 Alan D. Elsmore

*†2 Beryl R. Simpson 3 Stanley G. Ponting
4 Rowan S. Bradley
5 W. John Couperthwaite

to Tom Page

7 Michael J. Church (Conductor) 8 Peter J. Munday *50th together. †50th together. Greatest number of methods rung to an "all the work" peal for the guild.

OTTERSHAW, Surrey, Christ Church. Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (17 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

*1 Roger Pashley Jeffrey P. Ladd 3 Catherine A. Elliott 4 David H. Stone

5 David E. Parsons (Conductor) 6 Alan D. Flood

First peal. First of London Minor by all.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SHREWSBURY, Salop, St. Chad.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 56min. (39½ cwt.) 5280 NEWGATE S. MAXIMUS 1 Jean F. Woolford

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin Roger Baldwin

Brian Bladon

Christopher H. Rogers David P. Hilling

7 James R. Taylor 8 Michael P. Moreton 9 Frank T. Blagrove

10 James A. D. Wo Woolford

12 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

BUSHEY, Herts, St. James.

Tues., May 5, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Heywood's variation.)

Christopher W. Woolley (Conductor)

Anne E. Thompson Andrew C. D. Mayes

John R. Southey S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

Frank Reed

7 Roger Baldwin 8 David A. Carpenter

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EASTCHURCH, Kent, All Saints. Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 40min. $(10\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5040 MINOR (3 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

1 Peter D. J. Beal 2 Jane Foster

Godfrey Foat

4 Rev. Stanley M. Evans
5 Peter M. Wilkinson (Conductor)

6 Nicholas J. Chesson In memoriam Leslie Wilkinson, rector of this parish 1954-67.

MERSHAM, Kent, St. John the Baptist. Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (12 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. W. Roberts.

1 John R. Cooper 2 Edgar R. Rapley *3 Peter Richardson

*4 Philip R. Staples *5 Raymond Lucas

6 Robert Swift
7 Mark S. Lancefield (Conductor)

8 Nicholas J. Davies *First in the method.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LUBENHAM, Leicester, All Saints.

Thur., April 30, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (16 extents Plain Bob and 26 Grandsire).

*1 Stephen Iliffe 2 Raymond Martin 3 Hazel Nichols

4 Edward Cowd 5 Guy Slater (Conductor) *First peal. First as conductor.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HORWICH, Lancashire, Holy Trinity. Sat., May 10, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (12 cwt.) 5056 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by E. W. Tipler. 1 Donald G. Lawson 2 Dennis H. McCormick

3 Cyril Crossthwaite

4 Richard Palmer 5 Marcus C. W. Sherwood

6 Peter Bellamy-Knights
7 John Ashcroft

8 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor) First in the method for all and for the association. A wedding compliment to the daughter of Canon Elliott (vicar) and to mark the diamond jubilee of the opening of St. Catherine's Church, Horwich.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD BARROWBY, Lines, All Saints.

Fri., May 1, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Extents by D. A. Frith.
154 methods (Pinchbeck, Barrowby; Irnham,
Hordle, North Rauceby, Swinderby, Gedney Hill; Anglesey, Carmarthen, Middlesex, Dunston; Caernarvonshire, Flintshire, Merionethshire, Radnorshire, Cardiganshire, Denbighshire, Glamorgan; Wainfleet, Cheshire, Cornwall; Maltby, gan; Wainfleet, Cheshire, Cornwall; Maltby, Chevasse, Callender, Montgomeryshire; St. Bartholomew, Rev. All Saints, St. Sebastian, Rev. Minster, Wellington; Rev. Shipways; Rev. Bob, Canterbury; Stedman S.C., Coxwell, St. Botolph; Rev. New Bob, Ancaster, St. Alphage; Union, Rev. St. Nicholas, Uffington, Rev. St. Simon; Thurlby, Braceborough, Honington; Rev. St. Owen, Sempringham, Tallington, Chapel-en-le-Frith; Rev. Huntspill, Newton, St. Andrew; St. Faith, Rev. Winchendon, Stowe Place Rev. St. Frith; Nev. Huntspill, Newton, St. Andrew; St. Faith, Rev. Winchendon, Stowe Place, Rev. St. Martin; Rev. St. Vedast, Helpringham, St. Gregory; St. Julian, Rev. St. Remigius, Datchet, Rev. St. Osmund; Bag Enderby, Hagworthingham, Rev. St. Bartholomew; Poyle, Rev. St. Bartholomew; Poyle, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Bedfordshire; Frithville, Yaddlethorpe, Minster; Cambridgeshire, Minster, Buckingham-shire; Great Palby, Jone Claypon, All Science. Minster; Cambridgeshire, Minster, Buckinghamshire; Great Dalby, Long Clawson, All Saints; Runemede, All Saints, Berkshire; Claypole, Bracebridge Heath, Rev. St. Sebastian; Colne, Rev. St. Sebastian, Bristol; Casthorpe, Bedfont, Boveney, Londonthorpe, Nunthorpe, Eton, Manthorpe; Pensthorpe, Freethorpe, Kelleythorpe; Rev. Union, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, St. Owen; Ellingham, Oakley, Chipstead, Screveton, Bedingham, Itchingfield, Forncett, New Hurspill Bedingham, Itchingfield, Forncett; New, Huntspill, Bedingnam, Itchingfield, Forncett; New, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Blaisdon; Haddiscoe, Thornborough, Hascombe, Ossington, Harpley, Longford, Fundenhall; Raveningham, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton; St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley; Intwood, Broughton, Ockham, Strelley, Lyng, Chesham, Knapton; Colnbrook, Shipways, Tandridge; Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon; Welford, Slapton, Rugby, Braywood, Longworth, Merton, Sutton-on-Trent: Candlesby Longworth, Merton, Sutton-on-Trent; Candlesby, Plain Bob, Boxford; St. Simon, St. Martin, Osmund, Eynesbury; Antelope; Stedman, Grandsire).

NEW METHODS

86S. Pinchbeck S.C. 5.145.5.3.145.3.5.145.5.123. Barrowby Bob. 82D.

5.145.5.3.145.3.5.145.5.1. 83F. Irnham Bob.

5.145.5.3.345.3.5.145.5.1. Swinderby Bob.

5.145.125.3.345.3.125.145.5.1. 79F.

North Rauceby Place. 5.145.5.123.345.123.5.145.5.1.

87F. Gedney Hill Place 5.145.125.123.345.123.125.145.5.1.

Dunston Place. 5.145.5.1.125.1.5.145.5.1.

1 Frederick W. Pinchbeck

2 Brian Buttery 3 Owen Homewood

4 Peter A. Slight (Conductor)
5 Denis A. Frith

6 Thomas A. Relf

Greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CARDIFF, Glam, St. John the Baptist. Thur., April 2, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (26 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by B. J. Woodruffe. Nicholas W. H. Simon

2 Michael R. Meadows

3 Paul A. Williams 4 Thomas T. Yeomans

5 M. Jack Pryor 6 Peter S. Bennett Robert B. Smith

8 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan, St. Illtyd.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (16 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (Plain Bob, April Day and Grands)

Graham A. Evans Derek J. Godfrey Nigel V. Hill

Raymond J. Mayle William T. Petty (Conductor) 6 H. Donald Bryant

To welcome Karen Elizabeth, daughter of Valerie and Raymond J. Mayle, and Tracy, daughter of Diane and Graham A. Evans.

WHITCHURCH, Glamorgan, St. Mary. Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (143 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (5 240's, 32 120's.)

1 William H. Dare 2 Thomas T. Yeomans 3 Paul W. Thomas (Conductor)

4 Raymond J. Mayle 5 William T. Petty 6 Frederick J. Bailey

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire Bell Foundry Campanile.

Tues., April 21, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (61 cwt.) 5184 MAURITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Harry Poyner. Arthur E. Rowley

Richard Clifton

*3 Ronald D. Hughes *4 B. Stedman Payne

*5 Frank Chambers *6 Alec R. Jones

G. Ronald Edwards *Roland Beniston (Conductor) *First in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire

Bell Foundry Campanile. Tues., April 28, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (61 cwt.)

5120 STRATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by M. A. Coleman.

Mary Barrass 2 Richard Clifton

*3 Ronald D. Hughes *4 B. Stedman Payne

•5 Frank Chambers †6 Arthur E. Rowley 7 G. Ronald Edwards

*8 Roland Beniston (Conductor) *First in method. †500th peal.

CASTLE BROMWICH, Warwickshire, SS. Mary and Margaret.

Tues., April 21, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Jacqueline A. Daisley

2 Kenneth G. Parker †3 Frederick W. Bailey

4 Robert Farmer
5 Nigel W. Richards
6 Gordon H. Lane (Conductor)

*First peal. †Completes Plain Bob to Maximus. 76th birthday compliment to F. W. Bailey and to his brother, Leonard

P. Bailey (78).

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Society of Windsor Youths)

WINDSOR, Berks, St. John the Baptist. Sat., Feb. 21, 1970, 2hr. 53min. $(17\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(J. J. Parker's musical 4-part.)

1 Leonard Stilwell 2 Monica Blagrove

3 Margaret Wenban4 Albert C. Wenban 5 A. James Glass

6 Edward S. T. Farr 7 Frank T. Blagrove (Conductor)

8 Sidney Blyth

Birthday compliment to Leonard Stilwell.

WHEATLEY, Oxon, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. (10 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*1 Kevin J. Harris

2 P. Gerald McIlhone (Conductor)

3 Frank E. Godden *4 Ian M. M. O'Reilly 5 Hugh J. Baker

6 Colin Smith

*First peal. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Brian Lees Gandon, vicar of Wheat-ley 1967-1970.

MARSTON, Oxford, St. Nicholas.

May 2, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (5 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (Grandsire, Plain Bob and 12 variations).

1 J. Harry Gardner 2 Richard D. Bing

3 Roy H. Jones (Conductor)

4 C. Richard Miles
5 Alec Gammon

Birthday compliments to Miss S. Gammon and J. H. Gardner, also a compliment to Rev. Paul Rimmer on completing 20 years in the ministry).

KINGSCLERE, Hampshire, St. Mary. Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (15 cwt.) 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. 1 Harold W. Dunsden

2 Raymond E. Finch 3 Harry E. Wells 4 Reginald W. Rex

Peter L. Furniss Timothy J. Pett

7 James E. Blond 8 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

Take thy thoughts to bed with thee, for the morning is wiser than the evening.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire, St. Agatha.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (11 cwt.) 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 640 Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, 608 London and 576 Lincolnshire, with 119

changes of method and all the work).
Composed by N. J. Diserens.
Rodney A. Yeates
Peter H. Mackie

3 Lawrence J. Haines 4 Roger H. Abbott

5 Colin J. E. Wyld 6 Roger M. Heyworth 7 Jeremy R. Pratt

8 John E. Camp (Conductor)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

OAKHAM, Rutland, All Saints.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (223 cwt.) 5152 NETTLEDEN SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. Baldwin.

William Birmingham

*2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)

*3 Ronald K. Russ †4 Edgar J. Smith 5 Frank W. Lewis

6 Michael Hatchett Philip H. Tocock

8 Murray A. Coleman *50th together. †250th peal. First in the method on tower bells and by all.

MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral. Thur., April 23, 1970, 3hr 26min. (31 cwt.) 5042 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS
(4ths place calls.)

Composed by Peter Border.

Muriel Reay

2 Roderick W. Pipe 3 Richard J. Tibbetts 4 J. Edward Cawser

Norman J. Goodman 5

Vernon Green

Stephen W. Barton Terry R. Hampton

9 Maurice F. Edwards

10 George E. Fearn 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh

12 Peter Border (Conductor)

BIRMINGHAM, SS. Peter & Paul, Aston.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (25 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. Baldwin.

John G. Perry Muriel Reay

J. Edward Cawser Richard J. Tibbetts David J. Bates Stephen W. Barton 6

E. Alan Jacques

8 Maurice F. Edwards 9 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)

10 George E. Fearn

*First on 10.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (31 cwt.) 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by J. Chilcott.

William Hibbert

2 Albert M. Tyler 3 Kathleen E. Chilcott 4 David E. Parsons 5 John W. T. Hibbert 6 Roger F. Overington

Dennis Randall

8 Brian R. White
9 John Chilcott (Conductor)
10 Michael V. Chilcott
11 Tudor P. Edwards

12 Francis A. White

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire, St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (27½ cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton. (3rd obs.) 1 Richard Green

2 Leslie A. Page A. Terence Collins

4 Neil O. Skelton

5 Robert E. J. Dennis

6 Frederick E. Collins

7 Rev. Roger G. Keeley

8 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)

*100th of Major. For 750th anniversary
of the laying of the foundation stone of Salisbury Cathedral.

SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS

BINSTED, Hampshire, Holy Cross.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (13 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (4 methods: 1 Cambridge Surprise, 1 Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B. and 4 Plain Bob).

*1 Roy Le Marechal

†2 Mary Sutcliffe
3 Barry J. Fry
†4 Ian M. McCallion
*5 William Willans
6 John P. Colliss (Conductor)

*Most Minor methods. †First of Minor.

BROCKENHURST, Hants, St. Nicholas. Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (4 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents: Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain

Bob).

Bob).

1 Anthony A. Nunn
2 Jean M. Berriman
3 Roy Le Marechal
4 John P. Colliss
5 Barry J. Fry
6 William Willans (Conductor)
Wedding compliment to Keith Jackson and
Gillian Lesley Hentall, married this day). Gillian Lesley Hentall, married this day).

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

BOLSOVER, Derbyshire, SS. Mary and Lawrence.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3 hr. (14\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

*1 Susan M. O'Neill *2 Sheila M. Anthony *3 Christine L. J. Mills *4 Peter R. Humphrey

5 Peter Church

6 Philip E. Jones
7 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

8 R. Brian Mills *First in method. First in method as conductor.

NOTTINGHAM, Notts, St. Peter.

Tues., April 21, 1970, 3hr. (193 cwt.) 5000 OSWALD DELIGHT ROYAL

Composed by S. Humphrey . Susan M. O'Neill

*2 William L. Exton 3 Christine L. J. Mills 4 Elizabeth J. Dawson

5 Peter R. Humphrey 6 George A. Dawson Edmund Shuttleworth

8 John R. Leeming 9 R. Brian Mills

10 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)
*350th peal. Believed to be the first peal
of Oswald Delight Royal.

GAMSTON, Notts, St. Peter.

Wed., April 22, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (2 Primrose, 2 Cambridge, 2160 Norwich).

1 Sidney Carnall
2 Paul N. Mounsey 3 Philip Rogers

4 John A. Coates 5 Harold Denman

6 Ernest Preston (Conductor)

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts, St. Wilfrid. Fri., May 1, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (13½ cwt.) 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR (1 720 and 2 2160's.) 1 F. William Midwinter

2 Katharine Burchnall 3 Grace Burchnall 4 Harold Denman

5 A. Harry Hawcroft 6 Ernest Preston (Conductor)

To celebrate the birth of a son, Andrew, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Hall (local ringers).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LYMINSTER, Sussex, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Feb. 28, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (9 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (36 six-

scores, 10 callings and 3 240's). 1 Ernest Treagus *2 Jeanne Peters

3 Raymond P. Wood 4 Michael J. Wake

5 Robert Wake (Conductor)

6 Geoffrey Lee *First inside. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. C. Shepherd (ringer at this church) and Mrs. Shepherd.

WITHYHAM, Sussex, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sun., April 19, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (15 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1216 Wembley, 1184 London, 1120 Cambridge, 800 each Bristol and Superlative, 140 changes of method).

Composed by S. Jenner.

1 Paul Norman 2 Sheila M. Dobbie

3 Ann Jenner 4 Robert N. Harris

5 David Featherstone

*6 David C. Brookes
7 Walter H. Dobbie 8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor)
*First of Spliced Surprise Major.

BURSTOW, Surrey, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (4 methods: 1 Cambridge S.,
1 Oxford T.B., 1 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).
1 Keith G. Game
2 John A. Howard
3 E. Winifred Keys

4 Richard Hayes 5 Geoffrey K. Dodd

6 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor)

SUFFOLK GUILD

DEBENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (21 cwt.)
5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by G. Lindoff.
1 Amanda M. Richmond

*2 John A. Mayle *3 Richard Rose

4 Peter Mayle
5 Brian E. Whiting
6 Walter A. Perry
7 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor)
8 Maurice J. Rose

*First of Double Norwich. Birthday compliment to conductor, also to Mrs. J. Perry, of Clare, Suffolk.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (8 cwt. 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR 52min. (8 cwt.) Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Leslie G. Brett Dennis Knox

3 Katharine M. Thorley
4 J. Barry Pickup
5 Michael J. Howes

6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

7 Frank C. J. Arnold 8 Cecil W. Pipe

The conductor has circled the tower.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

LONDON, Hackney, St. John the Baptist. Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (16 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

Allan H. Long

2 Dorothea Robotham

3 John R. Ketteringham (Conductor)

5 John K. Kettering 4 Maureen J. Hanney 5 David A. Town 6 Brian C. Watson 7 Nigel Thomson

8 Frank Reed

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN **GUILD**

SWANSEA, Glamorgan, St. Mary.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (20½ cwt.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by J. W. Lines.

1 Trevor M. Roderick *2 Paul W. Thomas

3 Susan Jackson
4 Edmund J. Morris
5 William J. Thomas
6 Thomas T. Yeomans

7 Gwyn I. Lewis

*8 Alwyn R. Lewis (Conductor)
*First in the method. To mark the 50th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

LLANDAFF, Glam, Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

t., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (20 cwt.) 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

1 Ivor Newell

2 Hilary Muirhead
3 Peter C. Randall
4 Edward G. Mould
5 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)
6 Michael J. Platt

7 Anthony J. Cox 8 Stephen F. Royal 9 Richard H. Youdale

10 Patrick J. Bird First in the method for the society. EDINGTON, Wiltshire, St. Mary, St. Katharine and All Saints.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 31min. (25 cwt.) 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by R. B. Smith. Peter C. Randall

- Angela Newing Edward G. Mould
- 4 J. Anthony Bennett 5 Anthony J. Cox 6 Michael J. Platt
- Ian C. Maycock (Conductor)
 Ivor H. Trueman
- 9 Richard H. Youdale 10 Stephen F. Royal

A wedding compliment to Antony R. Kench (past master) and Gail V. Buxton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

WINCHESTER, Hampshire, Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 45min. (35 cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by F. E. Darby.

- Donald G. Clift
 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
 Arthur H. Reed
- 4 David E. Rothera 5 Philip N. Tubbs
- 6 Nicholas W. H. Simon 7 Charles P. Quartley
- 8 Stephen Fenwick
- David J. Llewellyn
- 10 Michael J. Lakin 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh 12 Ralph G. Edwards

SOUTHAMPTON, The Ascension, Bitterne Park.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (8 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by N. Golden.

*1 Vande J. Crabb

- 2 Deborah N. Maggs 3 Michael J. Thomas *4 Heather J. Hinton
- †5 Margaret S. Judge 6 Colin J. Butler

6 Colin J. Butter
7 Dennis B. Brown
8 David E. House (Conductor)
*First on 8. †First peal. By past and present members of the local band as a farewell to Canon R. O. Stephenson (vicar 1948-1970).

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

HANBURY, Worcestershire, St. Mary. Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (121 cwt.) 5088 ASHTEAD SURPBISE MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

Margaret Swain

- 2 Morley P. Tobin 3 M. Irene Brown 4 Peter J. Brown
- 5 Roger H. Hunt

6 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor) 7 Arthur C. Berry 8 Gerald C. Hemming First in the method by all.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs, St. Andrew. Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 41mins. (13 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*1 Alison M. Turney †2 Margaret P. Eisel

Robert Edwards *4 Bryan Ellsmore *5 John C. Eisel (Conductor) †6 Brian MacNicol

†First attempt. *First of Bob Doubles. For the visit of the Bishop of Worcester to the Rural Deanery of Dudley, on his arrival by canal boat.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

TADCASTER, Yorkshire, St. Mary. Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (203 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Frederick J. Jackson

Marie Hatswell W. Eric Critchley

4 Neil Donovan 5 M. Alec Beaumont

6 J. Henry Fielden *7 Malcolm S. Turner 8 Richard E. Price (Conductor)

*First in the method.

Handbells

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

CAMBRIDGE, 23 West Road.

Fri., May 1, 1970, 2hr. 8min. (13 in E.)

5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Nicoll.

1-2 A. T. Winter (Christ's) *3-4 V. Nutton (Selwyn)

5-6 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) 7-8 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn, Conductor)

*150th peal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BEBINGTON, Cheshire, 14 Highcroft Av. Fri., May 8, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (17 in A.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by R. Peers.

1-2 Charles F. Pocock 3-4 Eric J. Gilbert (Conductor)

5-6 F. Leslie Coventry

7-8 Robert Peers

*9-10 Thomas R. Butler

*First on handbells in the method and of Wedding compliment to Barry and Carol Edwards, of West Kirby, Cheshire.

It might be as well to remember that while we vigorously pursue luxuries, half the world is just as vigorously pursuing tomorrow's breakfast.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

FLEET, Hampshire, 20 Farnham Road. Sun., May 3, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (11 in G.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by E. M. Atkins. 1-2 Christopher I. Rowson

3-4 Rowan S. Bradley

5-6 W. John Couperthwaite (Cond.)

*7-8 Alan D. Elsmore

*First on handbells. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Jennings.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive. Mon., May 4, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (15 in C.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. Pye.

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

5-6 Roger Baldwin *7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan

†9-10 Julia A. Fellows

*First of Cambridge Royal in hand. †First of Cambridge in hand.

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road. Thur., May 7, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (13 in E.)

5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by R. E. Hardy.

1-2 Joyce M. Clarke 3-4 Katherine S. Hardy

5-6 John R. Mayne 7-8 Robert E. Hardy (Conductor)

9-10 Elizabeth Forster

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GLENFIELD, Leics, Willows, 22 Groby Rd. Tues., May 5, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (15 in C.)

5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by F. H. Dexter. 1-2 David F. Moore 3-4 Jill Staniforth

5-6 Peter J. Staniforth

7-8 Alfred Ballard

9-10 Robert B. Smith (Conductor) 11-12 Rupert A. Clarke

First of Stedman Cinques on handbells as conductor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WOODLEY, Berks, 9 Ryecroft Close. Fri., April 24, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (17 in A.) 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by A. Knights.

*1-2 N. David Lane

*3-4 Christopher I. Rowson

*5-6 Kenneth R. Davenport 7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor) *9-10 Noel J. Diserens

*First of Oxford T.B. Royal in hand. The ringer of 5-6 has rung Oxford from Minor to Maximus in hand.

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Apr. 23, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (11 in G). 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. I. Rowson.
1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning

3-4 Christopher I. Rowson 5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)

7-8 Len Goodall First in the method in hand by all and for the guild.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt, Sun., May 3, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (27 in A.) 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by J. Hunt.

1-2 Frank C. Price 3-4 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)

*5-6 Noel J. Diserens *7-8 Kenneth R. Davenport

*First in method in hand. First in method in hand as conductor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITEPARISH, Wilts, Anchorsholme, Hop Gardens.

Sat., Mar. 14, 1970, 1hr. 51min. (14 in D.) 5040 SPLICED MINOR (7 extents of Plain and Double Plain Bob).

1-2 A. Terence Collins

3-4 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)

5-6 Rev. Roger G. Keeley.

WOODFALLS, Redlynch, Wiltshire, Pine Villa, Vale Road.

Mon., April 13, 1970, 2hr. 8min. (16 in B.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Arranged by B. J. Woodruffe.

*1-2 A. Terence Collins

3-4 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)
5-6 William T. Perrins
*7-8 Rev. Roger G. Keeley

*First of Major on handbells.

SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS

OLD PORTSMOUTH, Hants, 59 High St. Sat. May 9, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (9 in A.) 5040 DOUBLES (42 extents, 4 callings). *1-2 William Willans (Conductor)

3-4 Jean M. Berriman

*5-6 Barry J. Fry *First on handbells. 21st birthday compliment to Barry Fry.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

STAPLEFORD, Notts, 29 Brisbane Drive. Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (12 in F.) 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by S. Humphrey. *1-2 Peter R. Humphrey

3-4 Peter Church

5-6 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

†7-8 George A. Dawson

*First in hand. †First of Maior in hand.

A birthday compliment to Jacqueline M Humphrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WAKEFIELD. Yorks. 5 Copley Lane, Robin Hood.

May 8. 1970. 1hr. 56min. (14 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1-2 Gail Cater 3-4 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

5-6 Robin Brown •First in hand,

DAVID MASSEY'S PEAL TOUR

David Massey's peal tour plan was to attempt two a day during Easter week with the same eight ringers. The team were all residents of N. Somerset: the veteran Ronnie Beck, Frome Branch ringing master and leader at Chilcompton: Philip Jones (Midsomer Norton), newly-elected secretary of the branch: the well-known Rice brothers (Wally and Roy), from Banwell: Peter England (Yatton), Peter Hardwick (St. Michael's. Bath) and George and David Massey (Frome).

The first attempt on Easter Monday was on the pleasant eight (15 cwt.) at Wincanton, where a good peal of Xenia was rung. In the afternoon at Charlton Horethorne, much to everyone's dismay Pudsey was lost from a miscall after two hours. Charlton Horethorne has been an unlucky tower for our attempts, but the vicar has invited us to return for another try.

Tuesday morning's peal on the light (9 cwt.) ring at Wilton was thoroughly enjoyed and a fast peal of Frome was rung—the fastest ever of Major for the Association, and it was appropriate that Frome com-pleted David's Surprise Major alphabet. The afternoon tower had another light ring. Shepton Beauchamp, where we should have scored 8-spliced if the conductor had not erred after an hour's good ringing.

The first attempt next day was on the pleasant bells at Curry Rivel and justified the choice of a musical method, Xavier. For the afternoon, the heaviest ring of the week awaited us at St. Mary's, Bridgwater, and Rutland was the method. The pattern of the tour was well established and we were not very surprised when the peal was lost after 40 minutes. The ringer of the fifth found there was a long length of rope -all on the floor at his feet. Wally Rice spliced the rope before we departed home-

Thursday's venue was at St. Michael's. Bath, and Peter England steered us through a peal of Oxhey. At Cheddar, on the pleasant but rather noisy bells, we were a little ambitious to attempt London. We did not settle down well and the ringing was brought to an end after half-an-hour.

On Friday we journeyed to the far west of the county to Timberscombe, near Dun-Johannesburg was rung. At Bishop's Lydeard, although Cambridge was selected, the bells were difficult to ring because of the sway of the lofty red sandstone tower and the peal lost.

Guildford Guild.

A ONE-POINT WIN

At Thames Ditton on April 25 Egham won the striking competition shield with five faults. Others were: Hersham A (6). Egham B (24), 'Thames Ditton A (25), Esher (44), Hersham B (45), scratch team (49), Ockham (58), Ottershaw (68), Thames Ditton B (73), East Molesey (83).

The meeting was well attended and two additional towers entered than the previous

The members heard with regret of the death of Mr. W. Shepherd and stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Ten new members were elected, viz.:
Misses M. Taylor, J. Bark and R. McCrone (Thames Ditton), Mrs. Watson, Miss
S. Watson (Ockham), Miss C. Castell and
A. Castell (Oatlands Park), Miss L. Burt
(Chertsey), R. Mozeley (Horsell), M. Kemp (Hersham).

Details of the summer festival were announced and is to be held as a competition with start and finish at Oatlands Park.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. K. Mumford on their recent marriage. and to Mr. G. Matravers (East Molesey) on receiving the Silver Acorn for "specially distinguished service" to the Scout Movement.

The ringing master announced that Egham were augmenting their ring from eight to ten when they have the necessary money, and donations would be pladly received.

Ringing continued at East Molesev after the meeting. P. A. B.

For the final day at Batheaston, and a brave attempt at 10-spliced, a shift course prevented us from scoring what would have been a good peal. Afterwards we said farewell to Ronnie Beck and Phil Jones, who had a prior engagement at Midsomer Norton

At Backwell we welcomed reinforcements Alan Tubb and Roger Kendrick-and rang a peal of Wye, David conducting from the tenor, thus bringing the week to a successful conclusion.

People who complain they don't get all they deserve should congratulate themselves.

All things he hath who lives content with naught.

The beginning of knowledge is to confess ignorance.

The finer vessel needs longer in the fire.



Some of the ringers who took part in the quarter peal day organised by the Truro Guild. They are, l. to r.: W. R. Curtis, C. B. Allen, D. A. Trethewey, D. Stephens, T. R. Hart, F. M. Bowers, M. D. Butler, A. Locke, R. W. Humphries.

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Editorial

"US"-AND "THEM"

At an Association dinner in Croydon ten days ago the president of the Central Council referred to the correspondence in this journal attacking and criticising the Council, the out-of-date methods used, the entrenched rules and customs, and the smell of mothballs which, it was alleged, pervades,

We also are printing letters from ringers concerning churchmanship (confirmed and regular communicants) and those who do not come under this category and who wish to become ringers. Should these latter be encouraged or otherwise?

The expression used by Mr. Freeman was "'Us' and 'Them'," implying that in ringing (as in churchgoing) there is always that separation, that difference, which although not necessarily antagonistic or contentious tends to wound rather than heal divisions.

In the former instance age usually transforms "us" to one of "them," but in the latter this is not always so. When looking for recruits for the tower, in two out of three cases it is advisable, we feel, to look inside rather than outside the Church. A regular communicant is more likely to "stick" than one who is looking for a hobby. There are, however, many exceptions, and a "holier than thou" attitude is to be deplored.

Everyone introduced to CHURCH bellringing should be told at the outset what is expected of them; but it is the prerogative of the local minister and his captain of ringers whether or not to accept just anyone. "Snap" decisions, however, should never be made.

Obituary

MR. G. F. HAYSOM

The sudden death occurred on April 17 of Mr. G. Frank Haysom, who was a ringer at St. Mary's Parish Church, Swanage, for more than 50 years. He was captain from 1945 to 1952 and organised many successful outings during that time, and in his younger days was a member of St. Peter's, Dorchester. His extensive knowledge of change-ringing and his encouragement to others will always be remembered in the Swanage tower. M. H.

BELL STOLEN

A 3½-4 cwt. bell, believed to be originally cast in 1720 and recast by the Bristol foundry of J. N. Wescotte in 1815, has been stolen from the Unitarian Church, Frenchay Common, Bristol, some time during the past six to eight weeks. It is about 22 in. in diameter, with canons, and is believed to have been lowered with block and tackle as the headstock still remains.

The church is the original Unitarian Church and is in process of restoration. Anyone who sees a bell which may answer the description above should contact the local police immediately.

Belfry Gossip

The South Oxfordshire Branch of the Oxford D.G. have produced their first news-letter

The 150th peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Association was rung by Mr. W. B. Kynaston at Lambourn, Berks, on April 18 (R.W., page 398).

A keen new band has been formed at Great Haseley, Oxon. They are anxious to learn method ringing. Offers of help are invited—contact Mr. Peter Mann, Waltham Cottage, Church Hill, Great Haseley.

First peal congratulations to Roger Pashley, Stephen Iliffe, Jacqueline A. Daisley, Kevin J. Harris, Ian O'Reilly, Margaret S. Judge, Brian MacNicol.

Personal records.—Arthur E. Rowley (500 peals), Edgar J. Smith (250), William L. Exton (350), V. Nutton (150).

Two minor inaccuracies have been pointed out regarding the Surrey Association A.G.M. The 90th birthday cake was not square but bell-shaped (we only saw the remains after the meal—and that was rectangular!); the other point: the initial of the librarian is B and not D.

Coming-of-age in office. Two branch officers of the Peterborough Guild have completed this year 21 years in office—Mr. A. E. R. Walker as president of Culwofth Branch and Mr. W. A. Yates as secretary of the Towcester Branch.

Cheapest Guild? Truro Diocesan Guild

Cheapest Guild? Truro Diocesan Guild introduced individual membership fee of 2s. per member this year. Previously there was only a tower affiliation charge.

A new venture has been started in the area of the Mid-Cornwall Branch of the Truro Guild—the English China Clays Group Ringers' Association, with members as far away as Manyu in Deven

as far away as Mcavy in Devon.

Chinnor, Oxon, band have rung three quarters on the bells since they were rehung last November. Tower officers are R. C. Hazell (captain), F. Keen (vice-captain), Mrs. G. N. Hazell (secretary), G. Judge (treasurer) and E. Harmsworth (tower captain).

This year's Yorkshire Association annual report consists of 110 pages. There are 72 new compositions added to the Association from last year's total of 262 peals. Price of report 3s. 6d., plus postage.

From G. D. Armitage, of Hotel Stoller, 8003 Zürich:—

"I should like to thank those who replied to my letter, either through your columns or privately, concerning the ring of five at Rivoli Veronese, in Northern Italy. I have paid a visit to this tower and examined the bells. There is no doubt that they could be rung in the English manner, although the headstocks are such that they will have a considerable counterbalancing effect. I have also located several other 'rings' in the area and feel that there are more to be discovered.

"These rings are all from the same foundry, which is still in business in Verona. However, my attempts to contact II Direttore have so far been frustrated, as he is always 'out' when I am in Verona! I have located some towers here in Switzerland, in the Italian-speaking Canton of Ticino, and from a distance they appear to contain rings of five or six."

Once again we appeal to senders of quarter peals and peals to follow the layout used in our columns when submitting copy for publication and to write on one side of the paper only. The rewriting of these items makes considerable extra work, in addition to possible errors and delay in publication. (Peal forms may be obtained free from our office: send a 9" × 4" stamped addressed envelope.)

Registered with the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain are 69 teams. Details are given in the fifth edition of "Reverberations" received this month. These teams are spread over 27 English counties and one in Northern Ireland and contain 441 members. Total membership of "H.R.G.B." is now 535. Objective of the editor, Mr. J. P. Partington, is 1,000 members.

Peals rung for anniversaries make interesting reading, but never more so than for church dedications. Waltham Abbey was consecrated 910 years ago and Salisbury Cathedral's foundation stone was laid 750 years ago—both good reasons for peal ringing. A moment's thought of all that has happened over the centuries in these two well-known spots would not be wasted.

Mr. J. H. Bluff, writing as master in the Peterborough Guild annual report, divides ringers into two sections: (1) those who turn up promptly each time, whether it be service, practice or special occasion—the everfaithfuls who enjoy their ringing; (2) those who profess to be ringers but usually turn up late or stay away for no genuine purpose. This is the worst type of disloyalty with which ringers have to contend.

It was intended that a peal should be rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Nicolas', Brighton, on May 2, for the wedding of the master of the Society (Mr. A. R. Kench) and Miss G. V. Buxton. Unfortunately, due to indisposition, a member of the band was unable to take part, but Miss Judith Corby kindly stood in at short notice and a non-Association peal was rung.

Ringers of Little Aston, Staffs, wish success to Mr. Jimmy Hagan in his new appointment as manager of the famous Benfica Football Club of Lisbon, Portugal. They are sorry, however, to be losing his daughter, Jackie, who rang the treble in a farewell quarter peal, which was also her first.

We have several articles "in type" for future publication and ask the authors to be patient, as we are at present endeavouring to keep reasonably up-to-date with peals, quarters and news. The Central Council deliberations and reports will require considerable space, but we assure our correspondents we will publish their items in due course.

And we would warn organisers of outings and tours that copy supplied with personal trivialities of interest only to those partaking in the event will be drastically bluepencilled. Opinions expressed about the musical qualities, the "go" and length of ropes, etc., are not "news" and can also be hurtful to the "locals" at that particular tower. In any case, they are only "personal opinions" and should be kept as such. So, if you want the tour reported, keep it brief and keep it factual.

Central Council

REPORTS, 1969

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

IF that much-abused word "propaganda" is traced to its origin it may possibly be taken to indicate "matter" (in the words of our classics master) "meet to be spread abroad." With this interpretation much of the press matter relating to bellringers and their work during 1969 may be designated true propaganda, for among it we find no small amount of work clearly directed towards educating the public. This committee feels that there is a growing need for the spread of reliable information about ringers and their part in church life and worship, not only as a means of recruiting for belfries but also as a counterblast to the view, held in some quarters, that the bells of churches are declining in importance.

It is with pleasure, therefore, that we welcome the enterprise of The Western Times and Gazette, which embarked on a series of features showing the work of a number of ringing bands. We have received cuttings relating to Bridestowe, Drewsteignton, Honiton, Dawlish, Ottery St., Mary, Braunton, North Tawton and Bridgerule; and perhaps there are more. Each feature presents a photograph of the band of ringers and a short but informative paragraph of the ringing activi-The Isleworth parish magazine carried an arresting centre-page spread setting forth the duties, privileges and pleasures of the bellringer; a similar invitation to join in this branch of church work appeared in The Herefordshire Times, where Sally Hesmondhalgh provided readable article accompanied by a very jolly photograph of the cathedral band. The Howdenshire Gazette reported on the recording of Howden Minster bells for an instructional discanother of the enterprises of the indefatigable Mr. Norman Chaddock.

Bellringers have always done a great deal of work in maintenance and repair in their towers, and in recent years there has been an increase in this kind of work and a larger enterprise in assisting parishes by cutting expenses. We still have fresh in mind the formidable tasks undertaken and carried through so successfully by the sturdy workers at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and evidence of other devoted labours is not lacking.

We note the valuable assistance given by the ringers at Whatton during the rehanging of the bells and are glad to see that this attracted the attention of The Newark Advertiser. Similar important work was undertaken by the bellringers at Ruddington; The Nottinghamshire Guardian gave publicity to the recasting of the bells and to the local voluntary work that helped to make it possible to proceed with the project.

At Stinchcombe, Gloucestershire, the parochial church council petitioned to be allowed to rehang the six bells "dead" and install an electric chiming device. Objections to this led to the holding of a consistory court at Gloucester and the proceedings aroused considerable interest in the national press. In support of the plan it was argued, among other things, that it was virtually impossible to get ringers; but Mr. Frederick Sharpe, speaking for the objectors, expressed the opinion that ringers could always be obtained if enough trouble was taken. It would seem to us that the transactions of the men of Ruddington and Whatton (quoted above), and the efforts of many other parishes, might well be studied by Stinchcombe before any decisive steps are taken; and something of this kind seems to have been in the mind of the chancellor when he adjourned the case.

In August The Church Times gave us an teresting column by Rosamund Essex, dealing chiefly with the passing bell and the decline of this custom. The article then proceeded to say: "but now bells are out-bells for any occasion except weddings. The sound of bells, once the pride of England, seems distasteful to this generation." This seemed so important a min This seemed so important a misstatement that the convener of this committee wrote to The Church Times in an attempt to correct any misunderstanding and to make it clear that hundreds of churches throughout the land were sounding their bells regularly. The editor did not see fit to print the letter, nor has anyone from clergy or laity provided any confutation of a statement that might, in an important and influential journal like The Church Times, create a false impression in certain minds

West Country papers gave great prominence to the underpinning of the tower of All Saints' Church, Westbury, Wilts. The resumption of ringing was marked by photographs of the band and of our old friend Mr. John Fidler testing the bell frame. At Solihull the addition of two trebles to make a ring of 12 was well featured in Midland papers, and the convener was commissioned to write an article for The Solihull News. There was considerable local interest in the handbell peal rung on the summit of Helvellyn, and The Westmorland Gazette favoured us with a full account of the exploit and pictures of the aspiring trio of performers.

The visit of the Central Council to St. Albans and the honouring of Mr. Walter Ayre received full publicity, and The Herts Advertiser made the most of the sensational (if unfortunate) fall of the 11th at the Abbey. We commend unreservedly the excellent essay on the Council and its work, written for Hertfordshire Countryside by Mary Coburn.

In the Irish Press the Wexford Festival and the attendant bellringing produced a short account of our art in The Irish Independent, and The Evening Herald described the bells of St. Audeon's, Dublin, and the rather novel method of ringing them in the bell chamber itself.

Of the feature articles that have reached us some are of the conventional type, and one or two are worthy of special note. Among these is an essay on the welding of cracked bells, written by Mr. K. J. Clews and published in Maintenance and Equipment News. Mr. Clews writes in such a way as to command respect in this interesting and oft-debated question. In Quest, Mr. J. C. Baldwin writes on his hobby of bellringing—another good piece of propaganda. Away in Grahamstown Miss Sarah Troughton's talk on ringing given to the Women's Association of Holy Trinity Church was accorded a lengthy summary in The Eastern Province Herald. With these we must mention an essay on Stresses in the Belfry (Civil Engineering and Public Work Canon Thurlow's persuasive article Review). 'Bells" in the Glendalough and Kildare Diocesan Magazine for October, and a lively contribution to The Weekly News by "Joanna," who tried her hand at ringing at St. John's Episcopal Church, Alloa. Two 600-year-old bells at Christchurch Priory, Hampshire, were fully described in Bournemouth Evening Echo and a great deal of trouble was taken in securing the close-up interesting echo of the past An pictures. sounded in the August Rhyl parish magazine, where some account of the very notable Lewis Jones recalled this gentleman's contacts with Rev. H. Law James. The Rhyl Journal followed up the theme by an account of the ringers at St. Thomas', Rhyl.

One symptom of the present vitality in the Exercise is the appearance of a number of works by practising ringers. Among these we find Cooper Bailey's "Complete Collection of C.P.S. Surprise Major Methods," Segar's "Eleven Plain Courses of Triples Methods" and, of course, the Tutor's Handbooks, Parts 1 and 2, both excellent works, gifts that we have received from the patience and industry of Mr. Wilfrid Moreton and Mr. Norman Chaddock. Mr. Frederick Sharpe has added to his long list of publications with "The Church Bells of Herefordshire, Part II."

Kingsmead Booksellers, Bath, have shown courage and enterprise in putting out three reprints: "Bells and Bellfounding 1879" (facsimile edition), Tom Ingram's "Bells in England" and Walters' "Church Bells of Wiltshire." The anonymous review of the latter in The Wiltshire Times and Gazette was a thorough and thoughtful piece of work.

Among other publications are "The Little Book of Bells," Eric Hatch, and "Casting a Bell for Exeter Cathedral," Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

It is gratifying to see the continued appearance of local journals and news sheets. The Ely Sentinel has a most attractive cover, and we must congratulate Reverberations (catering for the tune ringers) on its new format and its ventures into illustration. Irish Bell News and The Ringing Towers appeared as usual, but we seem to have lost touch with the American Overtones. The Ringers' Notebook and Diary continues to be

THE FRIENDS OF INVERARAY BELLS

The Friends of Inveraray Bells was formed at a meeting at Strone Cairndow. Argyll, on May 3. The Hon. Michael Noble presided and his wife is secretary of the Friends.

The Bishop of Argyll and the Isles (Rt. Rev. R. Wimbush), who is president of the Friends, reminded the assembly that this is Conservation Year, and this applied to a ring of bells. Thanks to the vision and enthusiasm of Duke Neil, Inveraray has the finest ring of bells in Scotland, with a superb tone, hardly equalled anywhere. They became a reality in the early 1920s as a war memorial.

BELLS SELDOM USED

The bells of Inveraray were becoming widely known as one of the attractions of Argyll to the many followers of the art of campanology. Hitherto the bells had been seldom used as they lacked the necessary maintenance. Now, thanks to the enthusiasm of a group of bellringers and of Mrs. Noble, they were once more being brought into use and "we invite you to help us to make this possible."

For some years now the Episcopalians at Inveraray had been proud to have All Saints' Church used for services by the Roman Catholic congregation in the district and this inter-church co-operation was reflected and expressed in the forming of the "Friends of Inveraray Bells."

DEDICATIONS

The Rev. Ean M. Simpson, supporting the Friends, said it was fitting that each of the ten bells should bear a dedication reminding them of those who spent themselves in the service of others in God's name, thus keeping their memory alive for as long as men could hear these bells ringing out across Loch Fyne. The dedication of the bells is as follows:—

1.—St. Moluag, first ever Bishop of Argyll, contemporary of St. Columba.

2.-St. Columba, first Abbot of Iona.

3.—St. Mun, Patron Saint of Clan Campbell.

4. St. Brendan, who sailed up Loch Fyne to visit Moluag.

5.—St. Maelrubha, another peripatetic Irish abbot who founded, among other communities, that of Strathlachlan and whose 49 years of work was ended, according to legend, by martyrdom at the hands of Norwegian raiders.

6.—St. Blaan, who founded a chapel and monastery at Glenshiray.

7.—Our Lady, Star of the Sea, the angelus bell which rings out at morning, noon and sunset, inviting the faithful to recite the Hail Mary.

8.—St. Murdoch, who founded Kilmorich, the church standing at the head of Loch Fyne.

9.-St. Brigid, Abbess of Kildare.

10.—St. Molaise, who founded Strachur and was reputed to be the confessor of St. Columba.

deservedly popular. (May we suggest, in future planning, some variation of the touches, especially in the world of Caters and Cinques?)

A broad survey of the year's literature shows enterprise and industry. For ringers there has been much to read and study, and some useful work has been done in keeping the chief objects of our work as officers of the Church before the public.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD (Convener)
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NEW TYPE FACE

Our printers have scrapped the worn out type faces which were used for quarter peals and notices and have replaced them with a modern Univers character, which will be used in future for both these (and other) sections of the R.W.

FORDER.--To David and Jackie, on May 12, 1970, a daughter, Alison Jane, a sister for

PERSONAL

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."-Acts ii, 42.

RETURN THANKS

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths Memo-rial Service.—The families of the late Tom and Margaret Francis thank everyone concerned for the wonderful service held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, May 16; also the many ringers who sent messages of sympathy and rang peals and quarter peals in memoriam.

HANDBELLS WANTED

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MISCELLANEOUS

AYLESFORD, KENT. - Ringing festival, Sat., May 30. Football match between Maidstone and Ashford Districts, Forstall Road, 2.30 p.m., fol-'Blank' Peal Cards (printed ornate border)

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EVENING PRACTICES AND MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Trent (6, 18 cwt.), June 6. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6. Meeting 6.30. Bells after until 9 p.m. No teas provided .-M. M. L.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Bedford District.-Evening meeting, Stagsden, Sat., June 6. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. Everyone welcome .-M. Pavne.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District. Evening meeting, Rampton, Sat., June 6. Bells (5) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Special methods: April Day and Stedman.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.— Evening meeting, South Benfleet, Sat., May 30.
Bells 6-9 p.m. All are welcome. 8864
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

-Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Evening meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8). Bells available from 7.30-9 p.m., Tues., June 2. Methods: Grandsire, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. 8923

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Northern District.—Evening meeting, Sat., June 6. Sandon (5), 5.30-7 p.m.; Wallington (6), 7-8.30 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Minor practice, Great Wymondley (6), Tues., June 2, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Methods as given in the Ringers' Diary. 8898

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Evening meeting, Markfield, June 6. Ringing 6.30-8.30. Everyone welcome.-Ron 8677

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

—Monmouth Branch. — Evening practice at All Saints, Newport, Fri., May 29, 7.30 – 9 p.m. Surprise methods

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .tice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Mon., June 1, 7 p.m.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.-Striking competition, Gorleston-on-Sea, Sat., June 6. Teams to meet at 6 p.m. for draw.—N. C. 8920
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and

Woodstock Branch.-Practice, Tackley (6), Mon., June 1.-E. Venn, Branch Sec. 8912

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Banbury and District Branch.—Practice, Sandford St. Martin (6), Oxford, Fri., June 5, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. Davis, Hon. Sec. 8911

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. -- Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting, Sat., June 6. Bells available: Wimborne St. Giles, 6-7 p.m.; Cranorne, 7.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome. 8893 SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice

meeting, Thrandeston (6), Sat., May 30. N.B .-8863 Change of date and place. 8863 SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—

Practice meeting, Walsham-le-Willows, (6), on Friday evening, June 12. Bells from 7–9 p.m. A. F. Ballam.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH 8899

DIO-CESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice at the Church of the Blessed Mary, Upham, Thurs., June 4, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Minor. 8855

AFTERNOON MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch. — Meeting, Great Budworth, Sat., May 30. Ringing starts 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Scott, High Street, Great Budworth, Cheshire. 8888
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

—Cheltenham Branch. — Branch competition at Toddington, 2.30 p.m., May 30. Meeting 5 p.m. Visitors welcome at Didbrook (5), 3-4.30, and

Toddington (6), 6.30-8 p.m. 8908 GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting, Crondall, Sat., May 30. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mr. W. Arnold, 20 Green Springs, Crondall.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec.

-Practice LADIES' GUILD .- Central District .meeting, Sat., May 30, Penn (6), 3-4.30 p.m. Cups of tea available at Beaconsfield approx. 5 o'clock, but please bring own food. Beaconsfield bells (8) available after tea until 8.30 p.m. 8869

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- Chipping Norton Branch.—A.G.M., Burford, on Sat., May 30. Ringing: Leafield (6), 2.30-3.30 p.m.; Burford (8), 3-4. Tea, Corner House Hotel, 4.15. Service 5.30, followed by business meeting. Further ringing, Burford, after the meeting and Ascott-under-Wychwood (6) from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea (essential) to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. Tel.: Kingham 472. 8817

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Caine Branch.—Meeting, Yatesbury, May 30. Names for tea to Miss Preston, 6 The Lymers, Yatesbury, Calne, Wilts. 8900

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Lymm (8) on Sat., June 6.
Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. J. Moore, 19 Greenwood Road, Lymm, Cheshire, by Wed., June 3. - J Moore, Branch Sec.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Monthly ringing meeting, Bridekirk (6), Sat., June 6. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Special methods: St. Clement's, Kent, Ox-ford, Double Court.—D. T. Sim, Sec. 8922

ESSEX ASSOCIATION -Northern District -June 6, Finchingfield (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. General ringing after. Numbers for tea to F. Roper, 31 Kemp Road, Finchingfield, by Wed., June 3.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1 Hesterville Villas, Pur-

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. -District. - By-meeting, Swanscombe, Sat., June 6. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. O. Newbury, 94 Broomfield Road, Swanscombe, Kent (Tel.: Greenhithe 2370).-D. P. L. 8906

ton, Berkeley, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Wigan Branch. —Meeting, Winwick (6), Sat., June 6, 3-5 p.m. Tea at Newton-le-Willows 5.15. Evening ringing at St. Peter's, 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to 71 Birley Street, Newton-le-J. Bennett. Willows. Definitely no name, no tea, as special arrangements are being made. Special methods: Clement's, Yorkshire. All welcome. -D'Aeth, Hon. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.-Meeting at Broughton, Sat., June 6. Bells available from 3 p.m. onwards. Own arrangements for tea. Please note: Stone not available .- R. J. Ballard, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. —Monthly practice meeting on Sat., June 6, at Knapton, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Paston 4.45 p.m. Bring picnic teas.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Newport Pagnell, Sat., June 6. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to B. R. Eglesfield (Hon. Sec.), 7 York Road, Stony Straftord, Wolverton, Bucks, by May 31.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Scaldwell/Maidwell, Sat., June 6. Maidwell after tea-please bring picnic tea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. -Branch.—Meeting, North Bradley (8), Sat., June 6. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Mr. P. Harding, 9 Church Lane, North Bradley, near Trowbridge, Wilts. 8702

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY .- Monthly meeting, Huntington, June 6. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 .pm. Tea (moderate charge). Names to Mr. B. J. Seymour, 18 Easthorpe Drive, Nether Poppleton, York, YO2 6NS, before June 4.-L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division) and EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD .- Joint meeting, West Grinstead (6), on Sat., June 6. Stoolball match 3 p.m. Picnic tea
—please bring own food and cup. Drink (tea)
provided. Service 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service.-Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 8904

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.
-Alton and Petersfield District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bentworth, Sat., June 6. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 the White House. Evening ringing, Alton, 6.30—8 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by May 30.—C. E. Bassett (Tel. Locks Heath 2404). 8871

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wychbold, Sat., June 6. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting at Wychbold Vicarage. Cups of tea available—please provide own food. Hanbury bells (8) available from 7-8.30 p.m.— J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec. 9919

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Preston Branch. — Meeting and striking competition at Goosnargh (6), Sat., June 13. Competition 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and even-ing ringing. Names for tea without fall to Canon A. Hodgson, The Vicarage, Goosnargh, near Preston, by Wed., June 10.-D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Quarterly ringing meeting, Caerphilly, Sat., June 13. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, very short business meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.-lolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge, Glamorgan (Tel. 2333).

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Southern Branch.-Meeting, Hinton-on-the-Green, June 13. Bells 3-4.30 and 6.15-7.30 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea and meeting 5. Elmley Castle bells 7.45-9
p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Thomas, Hintonon-the-Green.—S. Drew, Sec. 8918

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL COMPETITION

Ring in the Chartsey district on June 6 and win a prize.

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Bring packed lunch. Soups and drinks available 1-2 p.m. Service at Oatlands 4.30 p.m., followed by

tea and results. Sponsor forms from Mr. J. Bailey, 11 Stoke Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.
Names for tea to Mrs. Smith, 13 Havers Avenue, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames (Walton-on-Thames 21045), by June 3. 8813

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS BRISTOL - May 30.

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5.00-6.30

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St. James 11.15-12.45 SS. Philip and Jacob 2.45- 3.45 St. Mary Redcliffe 3.45- 5.15 5.0 - 6.30 Christ Church Christ Church (10)

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At BATH Saturday, June 6

4.30 p.m., Service in Bath Abbey with Address by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells. 5.40 p.m., Tea in St. Michael's Church Hall, Walcot Street.

Names to J. H. Gilbert, 13 Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS18 9AU, before June 3. 6.15 (approx.), A.G.M., at which new rules will be proposed.

Details in 1969 annual report, now available (3s. 6d. to non-members) from above address.

Towers open for one hour each: 11.00 a.m. Freshford, Claverton, Keynsham. 11.30 a.m. Bathford, Bathampton, Queen Charlton. Batheaston, Swalnswick, Newton 12 noon.

St. Loe. Bathwick, Weston, Kelston. Twerton, Widcombe. 2.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m. 3.00 p.m. St. Michael's, Lyncombe; Bath Abbey (to 4.30).

After meeting until 9 p.m. Wellow, Dunkerton, Corston, Marksbury, Priston. 8842

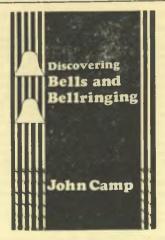
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> REDEDICATION of KERSEY BELLS

by Canon Gilbert Thurlow Friday, June 5, at 7.30 p.m. No "open" ringing after service. KERSEY OPEN DAY

Saturday, June 6, 2.30-6 p.m. All welcome.

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> PRELIMINARY NOTICE 900th ANNIVERSARY ST. LAWRENCE, ALTON, HANTS RINGING FESTIVAL

> > Saturday, July 18

Ringing in the Alton, Alresford, Farnham and Petersfield area during the day, from 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Full details to be published later.

Festival Service at 4 p.m.

Three-course lunches at local hotel-steak and kidney pie or ham salad (9s.) and tea (6s. 6d.)

-both by ticket only.

Please send money with request for tickets by the previous Monday, July 13, stating hot/cold lunch.—C. Chennell-White, Shalford, 38 Bolle Road, Alton, Hants.

A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

The time had come. To lighten the burden on the tower, to ease the task of bell-ringers, to improve the sound, the bells were to be lowered. They were to meet the furnace and then, reborn, they would return cast in lighter mould. But today, wheelless and clapperless, the bells lay silent in their frame. Above them, thrusting deep into the tower wall, a new steel girder had been placed. Hung with cable and tackle it was ready to lower the bells to the ground. Below, the worm-eaten floor had been removed and the dust-laden debris had been taken away. The strong cable snaked through the open trapdoor of the ringing chamber to the winch many feet below. In the centre of the belfry, roped securely to the large pulley, the heavy tenor bell stood poised over the chasm.

For a hundred years the big bell had waited patiently for the lighter treble's voice to announce the beginning of ringing. Then, after the other bells had responded in their turn, the weighty tenor had sounded her own resonant tone. But now the smaller bells lay quietly in the frame, giving precedence to the heaviest bell. Today, the tenor would be the first to demand attention. She would pioneer the long descent, and if her effort was successful the others would follow.

Now all was ready. Bellringers, friends and photographers had assembled to speed the bells on their way. The tenor sat brooding over all like an ageing ballerina waiting in the wings for the curtain to rise on her last appearance. The final adjust-ments were made and a call came from high in the tower to the workers ready at the winch. Amidst flashing light from ama-teur and professional photographer, as ropes and cable grew taut, with one reluc-tant groan the great bell rose from the timber which had given her support for so long. Swaying gently, the bell turned slightly, and with a second call from her attendants to those below, she began her careful descent. Gradually, as if still hesitant to leave the dim belfry, she was cajoled by strong hands away from one large beam and then a second. Her way was clear now through the ringing chamber below, where the gaping void of the trapdoor awaited. Slowly the minutes passed and onward the bell descended until, with straining ropes and pressure from helping men, the great bulk was persuaded to sink gently, with little space to spare, through the opening.

To the gaze of those below the bell appeared to falter awkwardly as she emerged into the daylight. Winchmen paused from their handle turning and the brakeman looked apprehensively upwards. For many of the onlookers this was their first sight of her great size as she hung there, obliterating the opening through which she had just entered. Then with a slight tremble as the winch again began to turn, the bell slowly, very slowly, continued her path downwards. From the nave of the church, looking upwards, the great shape could be seen silhouetted against the clear light of the west window. A pause in the noisy comment of the spectators and there was a moment to reflect upon the many years of service this bell and her sister bells had given. Except when silenced by the clamour of war, for nearly ten decades these bells had rung out their message of a service about to begin, a wedding to celebrate, or a new year to welcome. No solemn music played to bid farewell, but perhaps, one fancied, from some recess of the church



WILLIAM SHEPHERD

An Appreciation

The recent death of Bill Shepherd removes one of the few remaining links with the giants of the pre-1914 era.

I first met Bill at a district meeting at Chobham, Surrey, in 1946, where I learnt to ring with the local "stoney" band. I had never witnessed method ringing and was at a loss when approached by a rather large, middle-aged gentleman, who wanted to know where I rang. When I told him his reaction amazed me. "Get out of it, boy. Go and make yourself a nuisance at Horsell and Chertsey; they'll be glad to teach you." Within half-an-hour I had been introduced to the district officers and local tower captains.

William Shepherd was a direct, uncomplicated man, with a wonderful capacity for friendliness. Later, when I rang with him, I found him a sharp-tongued critic when he had a rope in his hand, but never badtempered should a touch fire out. He hated bad handling!

His anecdotes concerning the great ringers of his youth enlivened many a ringers' tea. Stories of his long handbell peals with Alf Pulling, ringing with Rev. F. E. Robinson, Washbrook, the Pyes, and of his early ring-ing days in his native Devon would fill a book. Surprise ringing held no charms for him, but his love for Stedman he passed on to many who rang with him.

We remember him with gratitude.

R.C.

below there came a fragrant memory of incense to bless the bell on her journey.

Slowly, steadily, downward the huge bell came and now loomed large over the heads of the admiring watchers; but as the long cables reaching far above twisted, the bell's sedate bearing was forsaken and although still resolutely creeping downwards the great bell began to pirouette. At first slowly and then with quickening speed the bell turned until anxious attendants grasped the ropes that dangled from her side and her momentary show of coquetry was subdued. A little further and her wide rim was within the clasp of clutching fingers. Slowly still, but pulled to one side, it was guided to a corner of the tower. A few more inches then as metal touched stone with a faint, final echo of her once-powerful voice, the great bell came to rest. In the lore of the bell tower: "Look to, tenor's going—she's gone." VIC PARKER. gone.'

(Written on the occasion of the lowering of Benhilton bells.)

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from the Ringing World for

Among the 25 victory peals recorded were those at Bray, Berks, and Dinder, Somerset, where in each case five out of the six rang a first, and at Bury St. Edmunds five out of eight. five out of eight. Altogether there were 32 first peals.

When Mr. C. H. Kippin sent in his resignation from office in the Surrey Association because he had left the county Messrs. F. E. Collins and D. Cooper spoke appreciatively of the excellent work done by Mr. Kippin for the Association.

A peal ringing tour of Kent advertised for August 18-28 was to cost those attending 5s. per night (bed and breakfast) at Folkestone.

The death of Pte. William Strickland, of Blackpool, took place in hospital at Epsom, the cause being extreme malnutrition. He had been a prisoner-of-war in Stalag 8B Camp, Germany, from June 1, 1944.

An accident in the tower of Leyland Church, Lancs, required continuous work night and day from Thursday to Saturday so that a meeting could be held there.

At the Yorkshire Association A.G.M. it

was announced that the membership was 1.165 and the balance in the accounts stood at £397 and only nine subscriptions had not been paid. Canon C. C. Marshall was reelected president.

"Correspondents should remember that items of news, peal footnotes and the like, which to them seem important, are not necessarily of interest to the general reader, and if they are omitted it is because the space is wanted for other items." — From the leader.

50 YEARS AGO

May 28, 1920

The heavy ring of ten rang out merrily to their first quarter peal since restoration, when Princess Mary visited the 800-years-old parish church at West Ham.

At Burwash, Robert, Reginald and Frederick J., jun. and Frederick J. Lambert, sen. took part in a peal on May 1 and next day the three last-named in a similar peal at Horsmonden.

The new ten at Cullompton, Devon, the six at Capenhurst, Cheshire, those at Nunney, Som., and the six at Bispham, Blackpool, were all to be dedicated as victory rings.

A meeting of the Middlesex Association was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields to help a new band recently formed, and nine were elected as members. Mr. G. W. Fletcher had helped teach the band.

The Cumberlands rang a peal of Bob Maximus at Southwark, Walter Ayres on the tenor ringing his first on 12. The treble was rung by 16-years-old R. R. Marshall. Miss Pattie Clarke and Messrs. James

Clarke, junior and senior, took part in a peal at Nuneaton—a father, son and daughter.

The 35th A.G.M. of the Sussex County Association at Brighton elected Mr. J. T. Rickman as master, in succession to Mr. F. B. Tompkins.

From Bolsover, Derbyshire:

Here lies in a horizontal position the outside case of Thomas Hind, clock and watch maker, who departed this life wound up in hope of being taken in hand by his Maker. Thoroughly cleaned, repaired, and set agoing for the world to come.

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-"ALL ROADS LED TO CLAPHAM"

"WEIR ROAD, S.W." says the sign. An attractive but otherwise ordinary London street, with terraced houses, on the edge of Clapham Park; nothing to suggest, either from the sign or the road itself, that it contains a church of any description, let alone one of the finest rings of bells in the London area. But then, negotiating a bend, one suddenly comes upon it, set back, for modesty's sake, as it were, from the road.

It could hardly be called a beautiful

building, with its three-gabled roof in poor repair, rather ugly squat tower, with single, narrow belfry louvres, and what seems a mere apology for a spire, a short, conical structure, raised slightly above the level of the parapet, and visible only from certain approaches to the church. Hideous stone waterspouts, with monstrous faces, which call to mind their devilish counterparts in Thomas Hardy's Far From the Madding Crowd, leer mockingly from each corner.

Inside, the 13th century French arcades, and stone reredos, with its relief of the Last Supper, jar somewhat with the otherwise austere and drab features of the building. At the west end is a large gallery open to the church and dominated on three sides by huge latticed windows. A short wooden ladder leads above, where eight ropes hang down, seemingly as rigid and immovable as the rest of the building or its furniture. Indeed, walking through the church to ring, one felt as if one was about to violate the uncanny silence, the utter lack of motion and activity that envelops the place. Inside the narrow and pitch-black turret is a vertical iron ladder which, owing to doubts cast upon its safety, has, in its time, frightened off some of the hardiest ringers in London, but, ironically, was discovered at last to be perfectly sound except for the bottom few rungs.

Early accounts of the foundation of St. Stephen's relate that the daughter of Sir James Knowles, the famous architect, wanted to marry the Rev. George Eastman. Her father would not allow it, so she did the next best thing and built him a church to her father's designs.

It is a feature of all legends that, largely as a result of their fanciful and attractive nature, the passage of years hardens childish fiction into unquestionable truth, and what was once an "old wives' tale" is recounted with all the earnestness and conviction accorded to historical fact. So we find reference to this "romance" and its supposed connection with the building of St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, in an article in The Clapham Observer in 1927. It was immediately rebuffed, and with no small measure of contempt. All that is known for certain is that a small plot of land was for certain is that a small plot of land was bought on April 11, 1867, for £850, and that a church designed by Sir James Knowles was built by a Mr. Muspratt, of Battersea, for £5,700. It was consecrated on June 22, 1867, and completed early in the 20th century with the addition of the

It was largely through the efforts of the Rev. G. H. Ensor, the vicar, that a ring of bells was ordered from Gillett and Johnston in 1919. The bells were iraended as a memorial to those who had laid down their lives in the First World War, and as a thankoffering for the recent signing of peace. They were also a thanksgiving for the long life of an aged lady parishioner, who donated the necessary funds, asking to remain anonymous.

The opening of the bells caused a great stir in ringing circles. To begin with, they were one of the first post-war rings to be completed; they were also one of the first "Simpson-tuned" in London. "All roads lead to Clapham tomorrow for the opening of the first completely new post-war ring, Belfry Gossip for June 6, 1919. And what a grand occasion it was, with an absolutely packed church, including several notable dignitaries. Telegrams of congratulation were received from the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and others. The following week it was reported that the bells were proving to be a "magnet" to ringers in the area, and would be rung for both Sunday services for some time ahead. Meanwhile, for the rest of the year, the tenor bell was proudly depicted in Gillett's full-page Ringing World advertisement.

The first peal attempted on the bells, three weeks after the opening, was lost, but a successful attempt, Stedman Triples by the College Youths, was made a fort-night later. In included such well-known ringers as Edwin Horrex, W. T. Cockerill, the three Langdons and Reuben Sanders. Bert Langdon, who was in charge of the local band, called it, and he later became the only man to ring every bell in the tower to a peal. Only 17 peals have been rung on the bells, of which 12 were before 1924. The majority were by the College Youths, and included eight of Stedman Triples and only six of Major. The final peal was on March 28 last year.

A short time ago it was decided that the cost of putting the church in proper repair was too great, and plans for its demolition and the building of a new St. Stephen's were put in hand. Shortly after Easter a party, composed mainly of members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, began the unenviable task of dismantling the bells and finally, on April 10, after much back-breaking work, the bells which for over 50 years had proclaimed across Clapham Park their magnificent and inspiring message of the wonder and glory of God were lowered, mute and unprotesting, to the ground, loaded ignominiously on to a waiting lorry and driven away from Weir Road for ever. Perhaps the driver would have been overawed had he been able to comprehend the magnitude of the tragedy of which he had unwittingly become a principal agent.

So the bells have gone, and perhaps by the time this article is published St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, will have gone, too. Soon a new St. Stephen's will be built, an attractive church in modern style. perhaps the new church will have its bells back! But for some it will never be quite the same. Standing in the gallery over-looking the church, with the huge belfry windows letting in the light, the piles of books, many unopened for years, the dusty harmonium, and, lastly, the view down the nave, culminating in the stone reredos, makes this experience and the sound of St. Stephen's bells inextricably interwoven.

It is a memory that will be with me when I walk down Weir Road and see the empty site, or when, God willing, I ring the bells in their new home. For me they will always be the "Bells of St. Stephen's, Weir Road, London, S.W."

JOHN PLADDYS.

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Hertfordshire Association.

CAR OUTING ARRANGED

The Northern District met at Benington on May 2, where ringing took place before shortened Evensong at which Canon R. J. Davies officiated.

After tea in the village hall the president (Rex Agg) took the chair for the business, when three new members were elected, viz.: John Seager (Stevenage, formerly of Sheffield), Sarah Green (St. David's) and Bryce Wood (Benington).

The secretary (Geoff Horritt) urged members to enter as many teams as possible for

the district striking competition.

It was announced that the Hitchin outing will be by car because of the new transport legislation. The organisers hope for a large and crowded convoy heading for the Eve-sham area on June 27.

The Voluntary Bell Fund is to be transferred to a deposit account at a local bank. Brenda Harris and her helpers

thanked for the tea arrangements. Members then returned to the tower, where they were joined by girls from St. Albans High School, who were rounding off their day's M. M. R. outing.

The bells all bear the inscription "Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon." Treble, E, 5 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lb.; 2, D sharp, 4-3-3; 3, C sharp, 5-1-11; 4, B, 6-0-17; 5, A. 7-3-24; 6, G sharp, 8-3-12; 7, F sharp, 13-2-8; tenor, E, 17-1-10.

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Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Tom White

TWENTY-THREE YEARS' SERVICE AS EDITOR RECOGNISED

Before the commencement of the business of the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers on Tuesday, May 26, at the Kings Hall, Ilkley, Yorks, the president of the Council, Mr. John Freeman, at the request of Mr. Wilfrid Wilson (convener of the R.W. Committee), presented Mr. Tom White, who has retired after 23 years as editor of the R.W., with a silver dish, suitably inscribed on the lid and containing a cheque for £600. Mrs. White received a porcelain figure of a girl in costume.

Mr. White, who was greatly moved by the generous gifts made to himself and Mrs. White, suitably acknowledged the presentation, and as they left the platform both received tumultuous applause.

[A full report will be given next week. -Ed.]

FORMAL WELCOME

The civic welcome extended to the president (Mr. John Freeman), officers and members of the Central Council took place at H.Q. on Monday evening. The chairman of llkley U.D.C. (Councillor R. P. Bushell), The chairman who was accompanied by his wife, was introduced by Mr. Freeman and amidst applause said Ilkley was indeed delighted that the Central Council had chosen their town for its meeting, and had also honoured a family who during its lifetime did so much to encourage the art of change ringing.

He went on to enlarge upon the Snowdon family and the work that its various members had done for Ilkley and for the bell-

ringing Exercise.

The speaker said that over a long period church bells had played an important part in the life of the country, chiefly as a "call to worship," and he expressed pleasure that so many young people were being en-couraged to participate in change ringing.

This was to be his last public function as chairman of the U.D.C., and when he handed over to his successor on Wednesday it would be a pleasant thought that his year of office terminated with the pealing of the bells by the members of the Central Council. He concluded by wishing success to what remained of the meeting and hoped one day the bellringers would return to Ilkley.

The vicar of All Saints' Parish Church then addressed the gathering and extended good wishes and appreciation for the work that bellringers carried out. He was proud to be vicar of the parish in which the Rev. John Snowdon and his sons, Jasper and

William, had lived and worked.

A Gilbertian situation followed whereby Mr. Vernon Bottomley, as president of the Yorkshire Association, extended his official welcome to the Council, of which he is the hon. general secretary! The banter which he used towards the president was quite amusing and there is no doubt Mr. Bottomley is a Yorkshireman "to his finger-tips." He completed his speech in local dialect, bidding the Council welcome to come again.

The president, before closing the formal proceedings, amused the company with a fund of stories and anecdotes which enlivened the proceedings considerably, before thanking the Yorkshire Association and other individuals for their kindness and hospitality. Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, hon. gen. secretary of the Yorkshire Association, was particularly mentioned, for a considerable amount of the organisation had been his responsibility, and carried through with Mr. Moreton's usual precision and thoroughness. Those responsible for the tours and trips were also thanked, as were the ringers who had prepared the towers and seen everything was in order there.

FROM JASPER'S NIECES

The president of the Yorkshire Association (Mr. Vernon Bottomley), before giving his speech of welcome, read a letter received from Jasper Snowdon's nieces, as follows:

"Please convey congratulations to the bellringers at Ilkley at the 70th year of the Council meeting at Ilkley this weekend, from Uncle Jasper Snowdon's two remaining nieces: Olive Strickland (Dart-ford, Kent), Christabel Graham, in Edin-

burgh.
"We remember also in gratitude the unstinted work of our cousin, the late Margaret Snowdon, of Cartmel, in keeping the beliringing books in circulation through difficult times between two world

wars.
"With best wishes for the success of the meeting." This message was greeted with applause.

INFORMAL GATHERING TO BE A REGULAR FEATURE

The meeting held at the headquarters of the Central Council (the Craiglands Hotel) on the Sunday evening (an informal one) was so successful that it is proposed to make it an annual "get together" in order that C.C. members and other ringers attending can express views on the various aspects of the agenda and other relevant matters connected with the Exercise.

About 120 attended the first of these, although at times the numbers varied con-

siderably when groups retired (to the bar?)
The report of the Standing Committee on the constitution and procedural working of the Council, printed and circulated, was the subject of this year's gathering, and the president (Mr. John Freeman) opened the meeting by introducing the "panel" on the platform who were supporting him. These were Messrs. E. A. Barnett (vice-president), R. F. B. Speed (Aims, Objects and Proceedures report), P. A. Corby (Membership), D. Beresford (Finance) and V. Bottomley (hon. secretary).

A number of suggestions came from the body of the hall and at times the lighthearted quips caused considerable merriment. Each section of the report was dealt with and at the end the chairman sum-marised the points of a section discussed, but no conclusions were drawn, although at the Council's business meeting on the following Tuesday this summary was to be read, with the possibility of further pro-posals and general acceptance of at any rate

some of the points made.

The proceedings lasted for nearly two hours and it was agreed at the close that the Standing Committee were now working on the right lines.

A show of hands on the question of whether the Council is too large found this not to be so (by a two to one majority). although there were many who abstained from voting.

A SUMMARY OF TUESDAY'S **PROCEEDINGS**

The business of the Council was opened with prayer led by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, and was followed by the hon. secretary giving details of representation: membership, 204, and, with one exception, all subscriptions paid. New members were then welcomed and honorary members elected.

The gathering stood whilst those members who had died during the past year were remembered, and the minutes, printed and circulated, were read and accepted with one correction. The reports presented by the hon. secretary and hon. librarian were also approved, and the 1969 accounts were disposed of with little comment except for investment suggestions. Similar treatment was given to the report on the Carter ringing machine—approved with a few inquiries by interested persons present, and answered by Mr. D. Hughes.

Three hours were spent discussing, item by item, the report of the Standing Committee, and considerable time was also given to various motions on the agenda. The reports by committees (12 of them!) were presented and the majority accepted without comment, but a few occupied the Council's time, some members thought, "unnecessarily long." In one instance a proposal to pass on to the next business was immediately accepted.

Coventry is the association that will entertain the Council in 1971, but no centre has yet been chosen as HQ.

For 1972 a suggestion that the possibility of meeting in London be investigated was favourably received, and inquiries are to be started.

A variety of small, but quite important. items arose under "any other business," but as the hands of the clock had reached 6.20 little discussion followed.

Thanks were given to many bodies and individuals before the president declared the meeting closed.

It is doubtful if the Central Council has ever before had among its membership a father and his two sons (Mr. Cecil Pipe and George and Roderick Pipe) and at the same time a father, mother and son (Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers and Christopher).

PEAL RINGING AND TOURS

Peals were attempted (and some were successful!) among the many tinging activities over the week-end, but the organised coach tour on the Monday was possibly the one enjoyed most by a section of the members. Leaving H.O. at 9 a.m., a pleasant and comfortable trip of some 100 miles was made with ringing at Skipton (8, 22 cwt.), Giggleswick (8, 10\frac{1}{2} cwt.), Middleham (8. 18 cwt.), Ripon (10, 23 cwt.) and Harrogate (8, 124 cwt.). Lunch was at the 16th centurv Rose and Crown at Bainbridge, and tea at Ripon.

The beautiful Yorkshire countryside was at its springlike best, and Mr. Fred Munday was the organiser, with Mr. Ted Hudson giving considerable verbal assistance as courier, his knowledge of the houses, castles. churches—and pubs— over the route taken being advanced for the benefit of those on the coach.

The entertainment side of the tour was supplied by the Truro contingent sitting in the rear of the coach, and it was regretted by some that they did not start their "enter-taining" earlier in the day.

Altogether, a happy and successful outing.

A Happy and Successful Occasion

SURREY ASSOCIATION CELEBRATION DINNER

The 90th anniversary dinner of the Surrey Association was held at Grants Restaurant, Croydon, on May 16, when a company of 150 enjoyed the excellent meal provided and, after the speeches, took part in the social activities arranged as entertainment and with dancing until midnight.

Among the guests at dinner, over which the recently elected master (Mr. C. F. Mew) presided, were Mrs. Mew, the Bishop of Croydon (Rt. Rev. J. Taylor Hughes), the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon (Councillor and Mrs. Ronald Tilbury), the president of the Central Council (Mr. John Freeman) and the Editor of The Ringing World (Mr. C. W. Denyer).

Following the loyal toast, Mr. Bernard Hawkins proposed "The Church and the Exercise" and said how appropriate it was that for their 90th celebration they should meet at Croydon, when the church was holding its 100th anniversary of rebuilding, following destruction by fire.

The Church and the Exercise have been linked for nearly 300 years, and in its early days bellringers were a rowdy and hardrinking crowd. During the last 20 years the Church had been going through a rough patch, and now that a lot of the dead wood had been cleared it must move with the times. It was essential for every church, and particularly the belfry, to present an active and light appearance and so encourage people to come. He hoped the Church and the Exercise in Surrey would remain alive and successful and continue on a sea of tranquillity.

Replying, the Bishop said he did not know what the word "Exercise" meant, and he confessed he knew nothing about bellinging. There was, however, the wonderful experience of harmony and co-operation within its ranks, and of knowing they were playing a particular part in the work of the Church. He thanked the ringers for the joy they gave to others and wished them success and happiness when they "exercised their bells."

The toast to the visitors was proposed by Mr. R. J. Cook, who welcomed the principal guests, particularly the Mayor, who was performing one of his last official functions in that capacity, as he was nearing the end of his term of office. The speaker coupled the names of John Freeman and Charles Denyer as two whose names appear week by week in The Ringing World without necessarily going near a tower. He also welcomed Mr. Gower, of Australia—"from one of our colonies" (laughter). Mr. Cook then quoted from The Sunday Telegraph how ringers should appraise their work and improve their performance and concluded by thanking the guests for their company that evening.

The Mayor, replying, said he had learned a lot about bellringers and bellringing from the master and his wife that evening. He thanked the members of the association on behalf of the guests for a splendid meal and the happy evening. He told several amusing stories and said that the Croydon Corporation had very good associations with the Church, and the bellringers played an important part in the life of the town. The Mayor stated that bellringing "was a bit of old England," and he hoped the Surrey Association would reach its centenary and go from strength to strength.

Mr. Freeman, proposing "The Association," had his audience doubled up with laughter as he drifted from story to story, but on a more serious note, speaking of the 90th anniversary, he said they were now approaching old age, when individuals and associations became set in their ways. Some bright lad then found that re-assessment was necessary. The Surrey Association was, he believed, going to revise its rules and constitution. The Central Council also was carrying out a similar exercise through its Standing Committee. "The wind of change" was to some people's minds a hurricane that swept away everything that existed to be replaced with something new but not necessarily better. This was quite wrong, for nothing should be changed that had been proved. Change for change's sake was destructive. The fact that their association had existed for 90 years proved it had a solid foundation. One should build on that foundation, not sweep it all

If any differed from their opinion it was necessary to realise that they were probably sincere in what they believed. On the Council at present there were two sections—"us" and "them." There was a time, said Mr. Freeman, when he was one of "us," but now he was one of "them," but in the end all were aiming for the same thing. He congratulated the master and

wished the association continued success. The toast was well received.

Replying, Mr. Mew welcomed everybody and thanked the committee for its work. He had sent an article to The Ringing World regarding the history of the association—which was started, it seems, in the Kings Arms in Carshalton. He concluded by saying that every association relied on its members—not the officers. The community spirit was the thing that mattered and he looked for young ringers to come along, with older one who would help and encourage those young people.

The toastmaster for the evening was one of the association's past masters, Mr. F. E. (Ted) Collins, from Ringwood, Hampshire.

THE GATHERING

In addition to those mentioned, others attendmg were: Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon, R. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. K. Dallison, S. Darvill, Miss R. Cotton, Miss L. Powell, Miss P. Cocks, I. Wiltshire, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stocker, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Darby, B. J. Stone, Miss L. A. Hawes, I. J. Whitear, Miss A V. Salvage, C. E. Bulleid, Miss A. Antony, J. J. Bailey, Miss B. P. H. Moorby, R. B. Dorrington, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Kimber, R. J. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bangham, Miss M. Clark, J. Shepard, R. Gough, D. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. L. Freeman, M. Uphill, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bagworth, Miss D Power, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bayley, Mr. and Mrs B. Coatsworth, Mr. and Mrs. R. Collis, Miss J. Henderson, J. Munton, A. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stevens, N. Steere, N. Thomson, Miss F Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Godfrey, P. Butler, P Whalley, Miss S. Trousdale, Miss C. Fosbury, R. Cooles, I. Sheffield, D. Dawson-Taylor, Miss J. Mackenzie, Miss J. Beresford, N. Summerhayes, R. Mills, Miss A. Alexander, B. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Maybrey, R. Grant, Miss B. Minnion, M. Roberts, P. Henry, A. Long, Miss H. Henry, K. G. Game, S. Hughes and guest, Miss J. Oakshott, J. Davidge, Mr. and Mrs. B Boustred, Miss K. Murrells, J. Laver, Mrs. Laver, Mrs. R. J. Lee, R. Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. D. Spittle, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Chilcott, Mrs. N Steere, Mrs. A. J. Brown, Miss C. Martin, G. Newman and guest, Mr. and Mrs. K. Taber, Miss J. S. Stoy, A. Hobbs, Miss W. Wallace, H. N. Pitstow, Mr. and Mrs. D. Oakshott, N. Gower, D. Tipler and guest, Mr. and Mrs. B. Rodgers, Mealor, Miss S. E. Elliott, R. Caporn, Miss M Shorter, D. Stone, S. Elliott, A. Flood, Miss C. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. R. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. D. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. J. Chilcott, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hinde, G. Knipe, Mr. and Mrs. G. West, R. J. Cook.

Lancashire Association EIGHT TEAMS COMPETE

On April 18 the Manchester branch of the Lancashire Association held its annual striking competition at St. Wilfred's. Northenden, and it was very encouraging to have eight teams competing. The judges were Messrs. Frank Reynolds and Paul D. Smith and before the start of the competition good use was made of the bells and methods were rung to suit all tastes.

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After tea in St. Wilfred's Rectory, Mr. Smith gave a brief synopsis of each team in the order of ringing, and the results were: 1st St. John's, Roughtown, Mossley (A) (15 faults), 2nd St. Michael's, Flixton (40), 3rd Manchester Cathedral (54), 4th St. Wilfred's, Northenden (60), 5th St. George's, Hyde (A) (75), 6th St. John's, Roughtown, Mossley (B) (95), 7th St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme (120), 8th St. George's, Hyde (B) (171).

A short branch meeting followed, and Mr. William Riddle expressed thanks to the

A short branch meeting followed, and Mr. William Riddle expressed thanks to the judges, the rector and ringers of Northenden, and caterers. Later ringing continued at Christ Church. West Didsbury. E.O.



Mr. Christopher F. Mew, with Mrs. Anne Mew on his left and Miss Juliet Stoy, assistant general secretary, photographed by the R.W. at the 90th anniversary dinner of the Surrey Association.

Yorkshire Association.
LEEDS AND DISTRICT RINGERS IN PEAKLAND

The first outing of the newly-formed Leeds and District Branch was held on April 18, when seven towers in Derbyshire

and Cheshire were visited.

Ringing included plenty of rounds and call changes and plenty of Surprise (and surprises!) for the proficient at Dronfield and Hope. After tea at Macclesfield we sampled the light eight at St. Peter's and the ten at Christ Church. Disappointment came at Castleton, where, in spite of normal precautions having been taken, a refractory clock hammer insisted on wrapping itself up in the woodwork of the fifth and tenor.

Our thanks to all incumbents and ringers who greeted and looked after us, and to Ron Warford (ringing master) for the organisation of a memorable day. R. B.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.
CHANGE OF OFFICERS

The A.G.M. of the Banbury and District Branch was held on April 18 at Deddington, when 50 attended, including a large proportion of young people.

After six years as secretary, Mr. Herbert did not wish to stand for re-election, and he was thanked by the chairman for the

work he had done.

The Rev. D. Eastman (Banbury) said he would have to relinquish the position as chairman as he was moving to another living in Buckinghamshire.

The newly-elected committee are: B. J Davis (secretary), Mrs. J. Davis (treasurer), R. A. Reeves (ringing master), A. Griffin (deputy ringing master), R. Thorne (branch representative).

Ringing continued at Deddington until B. J. D. 8.30 p.m.

Liverpool University Society.

BRIEF REPORT

At the A.G.M. of the Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers on May 2. the committee elected were: Master, Corrie; secretary, Miss G. Sims; treasurer, K. Labbett; deputy ringing master, R. Button; committee member, Miss Ann Waldron.

Various activities to take place during the coming year were discussed. The summer tour to be held in Gloucestershire is to be based on a camp site at Stanton in the Cotswolds and is to take place in July. Next year's dinner is to be held in February, the venue to be chosen later. The 1971 A.G.M. is arranged for May 1.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild. BRADPOLE RINGERS

CONGRATULATED

Some 25 members and visitors of West Dorset Branch, representing nine towers, attended the branch quarterly meeting at Beaminster on April 25. Ringing was under Beaminster on April 25. Ringing was under the supervision of the ringing masters and although time was limited some good striking came from this pleasant ring of eight. The guild service was conducted by Canon D. V. Galloway. Mr. T. Andrew read the lesson and Mr. R. Gunning was organist. Tea was enjoyed by all and was prepared by local lady ringers. At the business meeting, at which the chairman, Mr. C. W. Powell, presided, the next meeting was arranged for Evershot in July. Bradpole ringers were congratulated on ringing five quarter peals in four days, inringing five quarter peals in four days, including some firsts. After the meeting members went to Stoke Abbott for further ringing.

M.U.G. MAY OUTING

The Manchester University Guild's summer term outing during the first week-end of May was also the first week-end of sum-mer weather. "Ron's Runabout" was organised by Ron Barclay, based at Saltburn, Yorks, and on Friday afternoon we headed for Stockton-on-Tees. Here the first car-load joined the local practice, and late arrivals were allowed a ring on this slow but well-kept ten. After a taste of York-shire ale we reached Saltburn and descended upon Ron's home, where his parents welcomed us generously with refreshments and enough space for the sleeping bags, but the girls used the spare beds in the house.

At 7 a.m. next day coffee and cereal saw us on the road in fine weather heading for Whitby and the 19 cwt. ten at St. Mary's, high on the cliffs above the town. These very ringable bells were enjoyed, though difficult to hear, and we were joined by three Rambling Ringers. At Fylingdales we had to work hard to ring the 6 cwt. eight at St. Stephen's (a noisy ring, but quite pleasant). We now had 15 minutes to cover the 15 miles to Scalby, so unfortunately our ring on this 9½ cwt. six was rather short, for the bells go well and sound good. At St. Mary's, Scarborough, the 20 cwt. eight handle well and have a satisfying tone.

RINGING CHAMBER CROWDED

After lunch we experienced a contrast at Wykeham on the 9½ cwt. five. The small ringing chamber in the detached tower which also serves as the church gate was crowded before we entered, planks running from wall to wall and clock cases hanging from the roof. We moved on to Pickering (a 14 cwt. eight of mediocre tone). At Helmsley, where the 12 cwt. eight go well, we were impressed by the device for disconnecting the clock hammers—an electric push-button in the ringing chamber. This control is duplicated in the church so that the clock, which plays tunes at all hours of the day, may be silenced at night.

On to Thirsk to a mediocre 14 cwt. eight and a church well worth visiting for its fres-At Northallerton we took a tea break before competing with the fair which littered the streets. The dodgems and Walzer shook the church with broadsides from multiple loudspeakers, but we replied with the fine tone of the very ringable 18 cwt, eight which soothed our ears, though it must have sounded like hell outside! On to Walton, a very picturesque village, the length of the main street straddling a stream, and a 9 cwt. six, the treble ringer having to sit in the window, the 3rd ruins his hands on the clock case, the 4th stands more out of the door than in, and the tenor is better rung facing the wall; the bells. however, go and sound well. At our last tower of the day, Carlton, the Yorkshire Association meeting caught up with us and our resources combined to enjoy the good 16 cwt. eight. The traditional M.U.G. Chinese meal closed the day.

A double bout of service ringing in the

morning-at Saltburn we were deafened by the 23½ cwt. eight, and the eight of similar weight at Skelton. We enjoyed a break from ringing with the traditional cricket match before lunch. On a poor wicket and with a fierce sun high in the sky, North were very unlucky to be beaten by South-

8 runs to 15.

Leaving Saltburn in the afternoon, we rang at Guisborough (an 8½ cwt. six) and at Kirby Wiske for Evensong (a very fine 8 cwt. six which handles well despite the long draught) and the convoy then made the

FOR HIS 50th BIRTHDAY

Half a century is a special occasion for any man, but for Mr. Frank Reynolds, general secretary of the Lancashire Association, this great day was especially thrilling, inasmuch as he received a beautifully decorated birthday cake made and iced by Mrs. Cyril Crossthwaite. On top was the name "Frank," and beside it was a red and blue line (in icing) of a "method." On each side of the square cake were two figures (in colour), each holding a bellrope with coloured sally, and in various "actions." The whole work was a masterpiece there is no doubt whatever that it was a pity to spoil the cake by cutting it. Unfortunately we cannot reproduce the colour photograph!

200 MILES FOR TWO TOWERS

The annual outing of the ringers at Limerick Cathedral took place on May 16, and they were accompanied by the Dean (Very Rev. M. J. Talbot), president of the

Irish Association
At the first tower, Kilkenny Cathedral, we were welcomed by Dean Caird, and good use was made of the eight for our 90-minute stay. Outside Kilkenny, at a convenient spot, the party of 31 enjoyed a picnic lunch in ideal weather. Thirty miles further south we visited Waterford Cathedral and the eight were kept ringing for two hours.

The round trip of 200 miles, the ringing

and the company were very enjoyable.

Yorkshire Association.

JOINT MEETING WITH BEVERLEY

The A.G.M. of the Eastern Branch was held at Pocklington as a joint meeting with the Beverley and District Society on May 9.

The eight bells were rung promptly at 3 p.m., Spliced Surprise being the service

Fifty-nine members and friends sat down to tea and at the busineses meeting the branch chairman (Mr. A. B. Cooper) specially welcomed the president (Mr. V. Bottomley) and his wife, the general secretary (Mr. W. F. Morc.on), Canon Christie and his wife (Pocklington) and Mr. H. Hawcroft (Sutton-on-Trent).

Three new members were elected: Misses Carole Kean and Elaine Sherwood (Holme-on-Spalding Moor) and Miss Angela Gar-diner (Hessle). Mr. D. S. Johnson was reelected ringing master, and Messrs. L. M. Woodhead and R. Sanderson to the branch committee.

The proposed striking competition to be held by the Yorkshire Association was brought to the notice of the meeting and after some discussion it was agreed that the eastern branch should organise a contest

in July.

Mr. N. Castle (president) said there was no business for the Beverley Society but announced the June meeting would be held

at Scarborough and Scalby.

Mr. H. Walker proposed thanks to Canon Christie and to Mr. C. Bairstow and the ladies for tea arrangements, and Canon Christie replied.

run back to Manchester. Ringing fluctuated wildly in standard, and methods varied, but thanks are due to Ron for his successful organisation, to all incumbents and locals, and, of course, to the hard-worked drivers and ringing master.

M. C. W. S. and ringing master.

Letters

CAN MEETINGS BE IMPROVED?

Dear Sir,-I expect that not a few associations and guilds have at heart the problem concerning the absence of many of their members on the occasion of monthly and quarterly meetings.

At least one officer of the association of which I am a member has asked "What does one do to improve meetings . . . to inspire the support of young ringers in particu-lar?" These questions were partly the result of my recent remarks concerning several young people who displayed over the years little or no interest in the association apart from paying their yearly subscriptions.

There are a number of ways of viewing this. A great deal depends on whether young people are taught to ring bells in a church or a village edifice. readily assume, with some truth, that a township affords far greater recruitment potential than that in rural areas. Be that as it may, there is, however, an overriding problem.

A town, as opposed to a village, offers favourable opportunity for part-time employment and consequently a large number of youths are invariably employed eight or nine hours on Saturdays, a day on which much bellringing activity ensues. I do not think for one moment that anyone will criticise young people when they display enterprise in order to earn themselves a few shillings by running errands and serving behind counters and at market stalls. When a young person is so employed after six days of full-time education, he or she is not in a position to seek a Saturday afternoon away from work, for there are many others willing to occupy that same position.

Furthermore, a town, such as the one in which I live, invites much voluntary help in social work. Several young people are interested in the aged and in the incapacitated, and this, as far as they are concerned, means devoting their time at week-ends. It would be quite wrong, of course, to attempt to dissuade young ringers to neglect the finer points of their concern for others.

Then, naturally, a town offers variable attractions, most of which are highly competitive with that of ringing. The result of this, for better or for worse, young people add campanology to an already imposing list of pastimes, and many rightly earn the time-honoured phrase "Jack of all trades and master of none." All this is a sign of the times and one which I have learned to accept.

I feel that although recruitment potential may well be low, a greater chance of sub-jecting would-be bellringers to the finer points of the art as a mundane pastime is afforded in the rural areas. This view was well illustrated to me recently. I visited by chance the village of Gedney Hill, a very small parish, and while approaching the main street, such as it was, I was surprised, and agreeably so, to hear the bells ringing. Soon I was engaged in conversa-tion with the local ringers, most of whom started ringing at Christmas time. They were already ringing methods and this, too, surprised me. I queried the number of weeks from which they started from scratch, and was informed: "We practise started ringing at Christmas time. every night of the week on tied bells, but untie them on Fridays, the official practice night!" Looking at the village I could see that very little rival pastime threatened these enthusiastic men.

COLLECTIONS AND STEEPLEAGE

Dear Sir,-Recently it was brought to my notice by a senior church official that money may not be collected in church without the incumbent's permission and that the money collected is the property of the church although the incumbent may donate it elsewhere. This surely throws a new facet on the question of steepleage, and many of these collections, it would seem, are therefore illegal.

Where collections are taken at regular practices in set churches, it is presumed that the incumbents are aware of the collections and that the funds collected will be of some benefit to the church. In other cases where associations collect steepleage at all meetings, and the money goes to association funds, it would seem that the law is being contravened, especially if no part of the money is offered to the church. Yours faithfully,

ROBIN J. COLLIS.

Whitton, Middlesex.

Where do meetings come into this? Obviously in the light of the above paragraphs, meetings are not going to experience a mad emergence of ringers of

The main thing, I think, is to eliminate boredom. People attend meetings in order to ring the bells rather than socialise, and there is nothing worse than sitting around one one's backside for the best part of three or four hours. Nevertheless, services and social occasions have deep values, though there is a tendency for evening meetings to eliminate these important neces-

With many meetings there is a tendency for a young ringer to feel "out of it" inasmuch as he or she is very limited in knowledge of method structure.

On one occasion I observed three youngsters who were attending a meeting for the first time. Out of a total of four hours' ringing they rang rounds four times, at five minutes per session-20 minutes in all. About 25 ringers were present. As far as I know these young people-who still ring at their parish church—have not attended other meetings. Can one really blame them?

If one dare to suggest a way of improving meetings in order to encourage those who are able to attend, at least half of the ringing time must be devoted to Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, plain hunting and rounds and even call changes. All who are capable of entwining themselves in the complexities of advanced methods should be prepared to sacrifice the pleasure of participating in these refined structures and get down to the more exacting task involved in the tuition of their lesser-experienced brethren, who have every right to their full share of the bells on a Saturday afternoon.

The only snag is this: Will the more practised of us feel we are being deprived of something which we have grown to believe is our right . . . and stay away?

Has anyone else ideas on this particular subject? It is a valid one, considering that over two-thirds of an average association's members pay their subscriptions and are not seen or heard of again until 12 months have elapsed.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR A. BEVIS

March, Cambs.

A doubt is a sign of wisdom. Chinese proverb.

SIMPSON OR HEMONY?

Deac Sir.-I believe that it was at the Consistory Court hearing in 1925 which determined the fate of the old Pack and Chapman bells at Coventry Cathedral that the late Wooding Starmer remarked that the "out-standing bells" of the old English founders only attracted attention because they had something near an octave hum note rather than the flat seventh which usually resulted from the old method of trying to tune the nominal and leaving the other tones to take care of themselves. About 20 years earlier he had said that the form of English bells had been so altered to make them easier to swing that the series of bell tones had been so upset that the effect would be "deplorable" if similar bells were used for the carillon, although it was not so noticeable "amid the clang of change ringing." It is, however, certain that no English bells were in tune with themselves, or anything else for that matter, before Taylor sent the first harmonically-tuned ring to Norton, Sheffield,

It is to Francis (1609-1667) and Pieter Hemony (1619–1680) of Zutphen and the Mill Path Foundry, Amsterdam, Holland, that we must look for the first examples of scientifically-tuned bells, which they turned out with complete success for 51 carillons in Holland and Belgium, tuning their bells on a lathe turned by man power. Many of these bells still survive in Holland, including such famous carillons as at Utrecht Cathedral, Antwerp Cathedral, the Amsterdam towers, Malines Cathedral, and also in Belgium. Space forbids a description of their lives and methods, a fascinating study in themselves. Their bells are infinitely superior to anything in contemporary England and the equal by and large of modern bells. The tradition was carried on for a bells. The tradition was carried on for a time by their pupils Claudius Fremij (sometimes spelled "Fremy") and Melchior de Haze but seemed to disappear even in Holland until it was rediscovered by Canon Simpson

I have often thought it would be an apt and well-deserved tribute to the memory of the Hemony brothers, to whom the English ringer owes the tonal beauty of presentday bells, if the tuning system now em-ployed could be renamed "Hemony" tun-With all respect to the worthy Canon Simpson, he only rediscovered a long-lost secret but the Hemony brothers not only invented harmonic tuning but brought it to perfection 300 years ago, when our English founders were merely botching or working by rule of thumb.—Yours faithfully.

W. E. BOX.

Birmingham.

WHY RING?

Dear Sir, In last week's Ringing World, under the heading "Why Ring?", the capunder the heading "Why Ring?", the cap-tain of a tower refused to teach someone who was not a member of the Church. One of my band who read this article remarked that if I had taken this attitude she would not now be a ringer. I would also mention that she is now confirmed and a regular communicant as well as a Sunday School teacher.

I feel we ringers have a unique position in introducing people to the Church and this is our job as Christians as well as ringers.—Yours faithfully,

TRUDY NEWCOMBE (Miss). Edmonton, N.

Quarter Peals

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

Bristol. -- May 16, at SS. Philip and Jacob Church, 3040 23-Spliced Surprise Major: Heather Kippin 1, Diana Bridle 2, P. J. England 3, S. Brown 4, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 5, J. Brain 6, J. R. Taylor 7, P. Bridle 8.

HANDBELLS-HALF PEAL

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Frindsbury, Kent. — April 22, at 12 Hever
House, 2520 P.B. Royal: F. J. Matthews 1-2, C.
T. Osenton (cond.) 3-4, T. A. Cross 5-6, E. J.
Beer 7-8, N. J. Chesson 9-10. In memoriam George Kenward.

HALF PEALS

Lewknor, Oxon.—At St. Margaret's, 2660 P.B. and Grandsire Doubles: J. Moore 1, Paul Smith 2, Peter Smith 3, F. Absolom (cond.) 4, R. Withey 5, W. Fulker 6. Longest length 1, 2, 3, For flower festival.

Stow, Lincs.—April 11, 2760 P.B. Doubles: A. C. A. Hopkins (cond.) 1, W. B. Booth 2, Gillian Radley 3, G. Spencer 4, D. W. Bee 5, J. R.

Herring (longest length) 6.

Adderbury, Oxon. - May 3, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Carole Dewing (first quarter) 1, A. Ryder (first quarter) 2, P. R. Davis 3, Pamela Powell 4, B. J. Davis (cond.) 5, Charlotte Bennett 6. For Rogationtide.

Addington, Surrey.-May 1, 1296 Annable's London S. Minor: Louise Powell 1, Penny Cocks 2, Amanda Powell 3, A. Hobbs 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. Prior to the presentation of the Queen's Guide badge to Kathryne Bone (of the local band). Also May 10, 1320 Hull and Cambridge S. Minor: Amanda Powell 1, Louise Powell 2, Penny Cocks 3, A. Hobbs 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 6. For Home Guard service.

Almeley, Herefords.—April 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hillstead 1, W. J. Clayton 2, Miss M. Williams 3, F. N. Istance 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, H. O. Istance 6. A farewell to

F. N. Istance and family.

Arklow, Co. Wicklow.-May 9, 1260 Doubles (three methods): H. J. Hynes 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, C. E. S. Hall 3, J. Shields 4, A. R. MacKenzie 5, R. Corson 6.

Ashbrittle, Som. — April 24, 1260 Doubles (three methods): R. C. Hancock 1, K. E. Beale 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross (cond.) 5, F. Pike 6.

Aston Ingham, Herefords.-1260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Pl. Bob): M. P. Taylor 1, Helen Taylor B. H. Taylor Taylor 3, Clare Taylor 4, 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

Babbacombe, Devon.-April 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Stephens 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Catherine Chambers (first inside) 3, W. Wayman Mavis Hawkins 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, R. J. Edden 8.
Banwell, Som.—May 8, 1568 23-Spliced Sur-

prise Major: Heather Kippin 1, P. J. England 2,

Diana Bridle 3, S. Brown 4, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 5, J. Brain 6, J. R. Taylor 7, P. Bridle 8. Basingstoke, Hants.—April 30, St. Michael's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chesterman 1, J. J. Hill 2, H. E. Balaam 3, Margaret G. Taylor 4, Esme J. Weaver 5, A. Taylor 6, J. Weaver (cond.) 7, B. G. Freeman 8. For the induction of Rev. Simon Ridley, M.A., B.D., as rector of

Basingstoke.
Battersea, S.W. — May 3, 1260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. A. Robinson 1, Miss S. C. Thexton 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, Miss M. Sutcliffe 4, Miss R. J. Cotton 5, M. J. Herbert 6, D. R. Tipler 7, R. J. Cooles 8. First in method for 1, 6 and 7. For Evensong. Also May 10, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Miss M. A. Robinson 1, M. J. Herbert 2, Miss M. Sutcliffe 3, Miss R. J. Cotton 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, D. A. Town 6, D. R. Tipler 7, R. J. Talbot 8. First in the method for 2 and 7. For Evensong.

Benhall, Suffolk.—May 3, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Peck 1, R. Peters 2, M. Peters 3, M. Baldry 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. For Even-

Binsted, Hants. — May 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Tipper 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, Mrs. H. deCombe 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Sansom (cond.) 5, D. Fox 6.

Bramford, Suffolk .- April 4, 1260 P.B. Minor: Sandra Cunningham 1, Susan Abbott (first inside) 2, R. Lockwood 3, K. Dakin 4, P. Archer 5, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also May 3, 1260 Minor (Kent, Pl. Bob): Cheryl Lay 1, Mary Christian 2, R. Lockwood 3, D. Barber 4, R. Whittell 5, J. Hollins (first Kent as cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also May 7, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Sandra Cunningham 1, R. Lockwood 2, K. Dakin 3, P. Archer 4, Rev. L. Pizzey 5, Whittell (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Brant Broughton, Lincs. — May 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Yvonne A. Rodgers (first quarter) 1, Susan M. Heath 2, Elaine M. Rolfe 3, F. Derry (cond.) . D. E. Kirton 5, J. Draycott 6. Ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Kirton.

Brixham, Devon. — May 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Thompson 1, J. L. Bell 2, B. Dodd 3, R. E. Bell 4, R. F. Shepperd (cond 1 5, T. B. Davies 6. For Ascension Day.

Cambridge.-May 7, at Great St. Mary's, 1275 Stedman Caters: Janice Faithfull (first on ten and in method) 1, R. A. G. Inglis (cond.) 2, Jenny Field 3, N. J. H. Small 4, J. R. N. Lebon 5, J. L. Humphries 6, D. G. Andrews 7, B. R. M. Johnson 8, A. T. Winter 9, R. L. Underwood 10. For Confirmation service.

Canterbury, Kent.-May 9, at St. Alphege's, 1320 P.B. Doubles: P. King 1, M. L. Haigh 2, Rev. B. Grainger (cond.) 3, M. A. Elliott 4, L. S. F. Hewson 5, A. R. J. Woolmer 6. First quarter 1, 4, 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Peter J. L. Birch by King's School Bellringing Society.

Cardiff, Glam.—Ascension Day, 1344 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Bennett 1, P. W. Thomas 2, R. Hall (first Stedman) 3, T. Yeomans 4, G. Hankin 5. M. J. Pryor 6, P. S. Bennett 7, I. D. Davies 8.

Cheltenham, Glos. — May 7, 1263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. M. A. Wratten 1, F. G. Nurden 2, E. T. Newbury 3, C. T. Burridge 4, H. N. Evans 5, R. Newman (first Stedman inside) 6, Miss V. Willard 7, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 8, W. A. Farmer 9, W. Newman 10. For Ascension Day.

Chigwell, Essex .- May 10, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J. A. Beldom (first quarter) 1, Miss L. C. Tibbitts (cond.) 2, Elizabeth A. Dunlop (first P.B. inside) 3, P. D. Austin 4, D. A. Tovell 5, J. E. Murfitt For Evensong.

Childe Okeford, Dorset.-April 8, 1259 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. M. Corry 1, C. J. Corry 2, T. G. Bleathman 3, M. J. Corry 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. F. Longridge 6.

Churchill, Som.—May 7, 2000 Little Bob and P.B. Minor: C. Field 1, Brenda Sheppard 2, J. Trimm 3, G. Hebden 4, A. Perry 5, J. Sheppard (cond.) 6. A 20th birthday compliment to Chris

Croydon, Surrey.-May 3, at St. John's, 1295 Grandsire Caters: K. Taber (cond.) 1, R. Davies 2, E. W. Razzell 3, G. Newman 4, K. G. Game 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, N. Brown 7, A. J. Brown 8, N. G. Steere 9, I. M. Parry 10. For Evensong; also a wedding compliment to John and Ann Sargent.

Cuckney, Notts. — May 8, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Sayer 1, H. T. Rooke 2, Sandra 1320 Grandsire Ettles 3, B. Birkett 4, F. Cooke (cond.) 5, Hakes (first quarter) 6. For the induction of Rev. S. Marshall. Also May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Cooke 1, W. Craig 2, Miss S. Ettles 3, D. Chambers 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 5, M. Bennett 6. With 2nd as hunt bell. For Evensong: also birthday compliment to Mr. F. Cooke, sen.

Dittisham, Devon .-- April 3, 1320 P.B. Minor: Catherine Chambers (first Minor) 1, A. J. Garbett Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, D. J.

Roberts (cond.) 5, P. A. Lock 6.
Edgbaston, Warks.—May 17, 1264 P.B. Major:
M. J. Alletson 1, P. W. Dickinson 2, M. Ann
Castle 3, A. Kingscote 4, D. R. Rankin 5, B.
Dye 6, R. Bradley 7, J. S. Hopwood (cond.) 8. For Whitsuntide.

Edmonton, Middx.-May 10, 1260 Stedman Triples: C. Edwards (first in method) 1, Jacquie Hedges 2, Carole Francis (first as cond.) 3, Trudy Newcombe 4, Beryl Platt 5, H. Howson 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, D. Dorrington 8. For Evensong; 21st birthday compliment to Jacquie Hedges and Beryl L. Platt.

Egham, Surrey.--May 10, 1440 Camb. Surprise: N. Summerhayes 1, Miss C. A. Elliott 2, D. Stone 3, Mrs. J. Parsons 4, W. A. Pack (first Surprise) 5, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 6, clapper broken 7, S. Elliott 8.

Ely, Cambs.-May 9, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Dove 1, J. Pickett 2, F. Talbot 3, R. Turner 4, R. Palmer (cond.) 5, M. Brown 6. For the installation of Rev. M. S. Carey as dean.

Enfield, Middx .- April 12, 1260 P.B. Minor: Deborah Holtam 1, D. J. Duggan 2, Margaret Pask 3, H. Howson 4, Margaret Twigg (cond.) 5, P. Twigg 6. For Evensong.

Farnborough, Hants. - February 8, 1260 Bob Triples: W. J. Couperthwaite 1, B. W. White 2, J. R. Perrett 3, Miss M. Lewis 4, Mrs. J. Couperthwaite 5, M. S. M. Lewis 4, Mrs. J. C. Couperthwaite 5, H. P. Reed (cond.) 6, J. D. Dodds (first inside) 7, S. A. Reed 8. For Evensong. Also Mar. 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Mills 1, M. J. Church 2, B. W. White 3, D. Jennings 4, H. P. Reed 5, S. A. Reed 6, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 7, J. D. Dodds 8. For Evensong. Also Mar. 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Church 1, W. J. Couperthwaite 2, J. R. Perrett 3, Mrs. J. E. Couperthwaite 4, Mrs. B. R. Simpson 5, S. A. Reed 6, H. P. Reed (cond.) 7, J. D. Dodds 8. For Evensong.

Fawley, Hants.-April 26, 1260 Doubles (two methods): S. Milliken (first attempt, aged 11) 1, L. D. Smith 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, M. G. Wills 4, R. Allinson (cond.) 5, L. V. Smith 6. For morning service. Also May 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda D. Chamberlain 1, Dorothy H. Chamberlain 2, Elizabeth A. Banks (cond., 100th quarter) 3, S. J. Chamberlain 4, L. D. Smith 5, J. C. Banks 6. For Rogation Sunday.

Flitton, Beds. - April 23, 1260 Doubles (six (m/v): D. A. Eddy 1, T. P. Harris (cond.) 2, C Catlin 3, R. A. Ward 4, P. A. Keene 5, J. M. Randall 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. R Burman, Vicar of Pulloxhill and Flitton.

Gospel Oak, N.W.-May 10, 1260 P.B. Minor: Diana Triplow (first quarter) 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, D. J. Gazeley 3, K. R. Tompsett 4, W. G. Knight 5, K. J. Triplow (cond.) 6. For Matins.

Glasgow.-April 26, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. M. Preston 1, M. Peterson 2, R. L. Preston 3, P. T. Fisher 4, D. M. Graham-Service 5, T. J. Winderam 6, T. Winderam (cond.) 7, M. J. Pink 8, 21st bir day compliment to R. L. Preston. Also Asco 21st birth-Also Ascension Day, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. A. K. Crump (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Livingstone 2 Miss R. Wilkinson 3, Miss J. E. Cleeve 4, M. J. Pink 5, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 6.

Greenwich, S.E. - May 10, at St. Alfege's, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Dianne Gazeley 1, Freda Cannon 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, Deborah Bishop 4, E. J. Adams 5, R. D. Bing (first inside on ten) 6, W. G. Knight 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, C. R. Harris 10. For Evensong.

Hawkhurst, Kent.-May 10, 1440 Bob Minor (middle six): S. D. Piper 1, L. W. Jarvis 2, Miss J. F. Collins (first inside, aged 12) 3, A. H. Kemp 4, E. R. G. West 5, P. D. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters (cond.) 7, S. P. Piper 8.

Headcorn, Kent. - May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Vidler 1, G. Grant 2, H. Deacon Sutehall 4, P. H. Smith 5, N. Sheppard 6, Waddington (cond.) 7, R. Millidine 8. First Grandsire Triples 4, 5, 6, 8. For Whitsun.

Hemel Hempstead, Herts. - May 10, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: G. J. Parsons 1, C. Valerie Mills 2, R. E. Sheppard 3, Jane L. Richards 4, D. Burbidge 5, P. W. Harper 6, M. Gilbey 7, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Anthony Kench and Gail Buxton, married at Brighton.

Hever, Kent. - April 19, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Miss B. Child (first quarter) 1, Miss J. M. Corby 2, Miss J. Leppard 3, P. R. Everest 4, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 5, R. J. Everest 6. Also May 7, 1260 P.B. Doubles: V. Standing (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Leppard 2, R. P. Sherlock 3, R. W. H. Haves (cond.) 4, B. E. Jeffrey 5, P. A. Everest 6.

Highclere, Hants.—May 9, at the Campanile, 1260 P.B. Doubles: H. E. J. Smith 1, Lynette M. Holbrooke 2, D. M. Goss 3, R. J. Crocker 4, P. G. Taylor (cond.) 5, P. L. Furniss 6. First quarter on bells, installed this year.

Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Yorks. — May 13, 1440 Oxford and Kent T.B.: R. Ducker (cond.) 1, Carole Kean (first in method) 2, Elizabeth Johnson 3, P. J. Carey (first in method) 4, R. Carey (first in method) 5, D. S. Johnson 6.

Huyton, Lancs. — May 7, 1260 Grandsire

Huyton, Lancs. — May 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: L. A. Cumpstey 1, D. G. V. Ellison 2, A. Walsh 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day.

Itchingfield, Sussex .- May 9, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sally Watts 1, Audrey Ramsey 2, Karel Parsons 3, Elizabeth Watts 4, G. Francis 5. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Kingsdon, Som.—May 9, 1320 Rev. St. Bartholomew: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, Mrs. L. Parker 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, K. Prime 6. First in method 1, 2, 4. To mark the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Association.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.-May 3, 1440 P.B. Minor: Ann V. Salvage 1, I, J. Whitear 2, C. E. Bulleid 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, B. J. Stone 6. For Easter carol service.

Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.-April 19, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Angela Barratt 1, Helen Dzuiba 2, N. D. Kirk 3, M. J. Kirk 4, E. J. Sollis (cond.) 5. For the birth of Alistair Ian Derek Kirk to Noel and Margery Kirk,

Leatherhead. Surrey.—May 11, 1250 Lincoln-shire S. Major: A. W. Sawyer 1, Gillian Laver (first Lincolnshire) 2, A. H. Smith 3, A. J. 4, R. D. Mills 5, J. A. Laver 6, P. J. Munday (cond.) 7, R. M. Heyworth 8. By members of

Leatherhead District.

Ledbury, Herefords. — May 16, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: P. W. Horsfield (first quarter) 1, L. M. Bellamy (first on eight) 2, D. H. White 3, N. F. Bellamy 4, P. G. Hickey 5, R. K. Williams 6, M. V. White (cond.) 7, F. Lawrence 8. For the birth of Rachel Mary White, daughter of the conductor and niece of ringer of 3rd.

London, W.C.—May 10, St. Clement Danes', 1260 Stedman Triples: Dr. S. Aldridge (first of Stedman) 1, Hilda E. Oatway 2, Jean Kelly 3, A. M. Stacey 4, M. Sprackling 5, A. Fulwell 6, Oatway (cond.) 7, W. G. Wilson 8. Also May 10, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: A. K. P. Poole , G. Firmin 2, P. Bosworth 3, Wendy Wallace G. Pett (cond.) 5, P. G. Holden 6, N Thomson 7, R. E. J. Dennis 8. By U.L.S.C.R. for Evensona.

Long Crichel, Dorset.-April 3, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: M. J. Corry 1, T. G. Bleathman 2, Miss M. Corry 3, Miss K. Andrews 4, C. F. Long-

ridge (cond.) 5, C. J. Corry 6.

Market Weighton, E. Yorks. — May 4, 1260 Minor (three methods): P. Carpenter 1, Elsie Chaddock 2, R. East 3, D. Smith 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. First with Double Oxford by 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

Mattishall, Norfolk.-April 28, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Rosemary Coe (first quarter) 1, Iris Coe 2, M. L. Howe 3, P. Trett 4, K. S. Hohl (cond.)

E. Coe (first quarter) 6.

Pitney, Som.—May 9, 1260 All Saints: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, R. Parker 2, Mrs. L. Parker 3, C. Gratton 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5. First in method by all except conductor. To mark the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Association.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

April 18, 1264 P.B. Major: Gordon Stewart 1, Jennifer Murphy 2, Jeffrey Bills 3, Paul Taylor 4, Arthur Fisher 5, Robin Turner (cond.) 6, Graeme Heyes 7, Michael Scowen 8. To welcome Leanne Jane McDonald, born March 25, 1970, first grandchild for Jack and Gwen Roper.

April 22, 1260 Original Minor: Robin Turner (cond.) 1, Gordon Stewart 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Michael Lawrence 4, Michael Scowen 5,

Henry Rossell 6.

April 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jeff Sanders (first quarter) 1, Michael Scowen 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, Jack Roper 5, Robin Turner 6, Henry Rossell (cond.) 7, Gordon On the 200th anniversary of the Stewart 8.

landing at Botany Bay by Captain James Cook.
May 6, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Gordon
Stewart 1, Barbara Beeson 2, David Heyes 3,
Anne Carpenter 4, Jennifer Murphy 5, Robin
Turner 6, Arthur Fisher 7, Michael Scowen 8, Henry Rossell (cond.) 9, Jack Roper 10.

Merriott, Som. --- April 28, 1440 P.B. Minor: H. Turner 1, D. S. Beaufoy 2, A. Best 3, V. J. Farthing 4, A. W. D. Robinson 5, W. E. Turner (cond.) 6. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. R. Foxwell (people's warden for 30 years) and Mrs. Foxwell.

Newbold-on-Avon, Warks.—May 3, 1260 St. Martin's Doubles: K. Rigby 1, J. G. Edgson 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby 6. For Rogation and family service.

Newchurch, Kent. — April 5, 1260 Doubles (three methods): A. Bourner 1, R. A. Birch 2, Deacon 3, J. Hemsley 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, W. Beeching 6. For the christening of Denise and Daren Grist; also for Evensong

North Curry, Som .- May 6, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: D. K. Lane 1, E. T. Dibble 2 R. D. Short 3, M. J. Stone 4, G. Nabb 5, A. G. Kent (25th) 6, B. Wylde (cond.) 7, C. T. Clarke (200th) 8. First in method 5, 6. To commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Bath and

Wells Association.
Northill, Beds.—May 14, 1260 Doubles (three methods): R. Mander 1, E. Skipsey (cond.) 2, D. Goss 3, C. Corby 4, M. Mander 5, A. J.

Webster 6.

Old Warden, Beds.-May 4, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: D. R. Saunderson 1, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 2, G. T. Horritt 3, D. J. Goss (first Surprise) 4, M. Major 5, P. R. Jewell 6.

Ormskirk, Lancs.—May 13, 1260 Bob Triples: J. Dilworth 1, C. Tough 2, J. McKee 3, J. Dilworth 4, J. P. Richardson 5, M. E. Snape 6, J. N. Brown (cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8. For Chancellor's visitation.

Overton, Hants. --- April 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. A. Sanders 1, Canon F. A. Sanders 2, M. S. Holbrook 3, Cynthia Kemp (first G.T. inside) 4, P. G. Holmes 5, Lynette M. Holbrook 6, H. E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Hassell 8. Birthday compliment to Canon F. A. Sanders (rector).

Petersfield, Hants.-May 10, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sally Stacey 1, Carol Stacey 2, Mrs. A. Hall 3, K. Sansom 4, R. Tipper 5, M. Harbord 6, K. Tipper (cond.) 7, F. Hagenbuch 8. For Evensong.

Polesworth, Warks.--May 10, 1320 St. Remigius B. Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, R. Knight 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, Allsopp 6. For Family Communion. Also May 11, 1320 Kennington B. Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby (cond.) 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, A. Allsopp 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

Powick, Worcs. - May 9, 1260 Doubles (Pl Bob, Grandsire): C. E. Brookes 1, Jane E. Hills 2, T. W. Lewis 3, L. F. Smith 4, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 5, C. H. Deakin 6. A birthday compliment to Jane E. Hills and John E. Whittall.

Preston, Suffolk.-May 14, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: M. T. Symonds 1, H. Mitson 2, Hunt 3, A. J. Haynes 4, R. Chambers 5, E. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. T. Phillips (rector).

Quorn, Leics.—May 12, 1260 P.B. Minor: R. N. Scholes 1, C. J. Mobbs 2, Shelagh Dennis 3, W. A. Thow 4, Jennifer M. Bunyan 5, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 6. 21st birthday compliment to Janice Paine.

Saltwood, Kent. - May 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Ball 1, S. Mowl 2, J. Bailey 3, R J. Birch 4, N. Fright (cond.) 5, D. H. Gower 6 Half-muffled in memoriam Canon E. A. Newman, Vicar of Hythe for 28 years.

Sampford Arundel, Som.-April 11, 1440 P.B. Minor: Mrs. M. A. Durbin 1, P. J. Kingscote 2, Rev. M. J. Odlum 3, A. D. Kingscote 4, I. G.

Hughes 5, R. A. Cross (cond.) 6.

Sandy, Beds.—April 30, 1260 Doubles: Rosemary Allen (first quarter) 1, Annette Goss 2, Karen Baker 3, D. Goss 4, E. Skipsey (cond.) 5, H. Mander 6.

Sapcote, Leics.—May 7, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Lynn Sherward 1, Alison Butterfield 2, Mrs. M. E. Brown 3, N. W. Harvey 4, L. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. 21st birthday compliment to Lynn Sherward.

Sawston, Cambs.—On Ascension Day, 1260 P.B. Minor: Joyce Richards (first quarter) 1, B. Page 2, D. Richards 3, I. Start 4, R. Newman (first in method) 5, M. R. Ling (cond.) 6.

Saxmundham, Suffolk.—May 4, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Peters 1, T. Hughes 2, M. Peters 3, A. Ellis 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. For deanery Confirmation.

Shaftesbury, Dorset.---April 1, at St. James'. 1260 Rev. Cant. Doubles: Miss K. Andrews 1, C. F. Longridge 2, Miss S. Corry 3, C. J. Corry 4, T. G. Bleathman (cond.) 5, M. J. Corry 6

Shepton Beauchamp, Som. - May 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading): L. Pond 1 Welch 2, F. Welch 3, A. Drayton 4, A. Rowswell 5, J. Cornelius (cond.) 6, R. Welch 7 70th together 3 and 6. 74th birthday compliment to L. Pond and a compliment to F. Welch, 50 years a member of Bath and Wells Association.

Sherborne, Dorset.-May 10, 1280 Superlative M. J. Dew 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, Major: W. Powell 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, C. W Powell 5, M. J. Hiller 6, G. W. Elmes 7, T. F. Collins (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Slough, Bucks.—May 17, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Diane Gaseley 1, D. C. Brown 2, W. G. Knight 3, S. Hare 4, W. Birmingham 5, L. G. Pearson 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 8. For Whitsunday Confirmation by the Bishop of Buckingham.

Southport, Lancs. - May 10, at Emmanuel 1344 Pl. Bob Major: Joan Guy (first quarter) 1 Lynn Brownlow (first inside) 2, Jacky Holmes 3, Elizabeth Guy 4, Celia D'Aeth 5, A. R. Guy 6, Snape (cond.) 7, R. Kenrick 8. For

Stourbridge, Worcs. — On Ascension Day, at St. Thomas', 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: M. G. Powell 1, M. Irene Brown 2, G. Westwood 3, C. Monson 4, J. Warr 5, P. J. Brown 6, R. Edwards D. Fellows (cond.) 8. M. For evening Communion.

Tibshelf, Derbys.-April 16, 1380 P.B. Minor: J. Scholey 1, J. D. Cooper 2, J. Crocker 3, R A. Fry 4, R. Fletcher 5, P. J. Simmonds (cond.) 6. By Sheffield University band.

Upton Grey, Hants.-May 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mandi Lee (first quarter) 1, A. Hoar 2, F. Lynd 3, J. Lewis 4, M. Lynd (cond.) 5, E. L Jones (first quarter) 6.

Warsop, Notts. - Feb. 14, 1440 Kent T.B Minor: Miss T. Staples 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, Cooke 3, B. Birkett 4, R. Hancock 5, H. Rooke (cond.) 6.

West Bridgford, Notts. - May 15, 1320 P.B Doubles: M. Crossland 1, D. Gyles 2, Miss R. T. Willey (cond.) 3, P. C. Selby 4, A. L. B. King 5, D. Cranmer 6. Half-muffled by Rush-School Society in memoriam cliffe Dean, former teacher at this school, killed in a motor accident.

West Clandon, Surrey.-March 29, 1260 P.B. Minor: Jane Smith 1, Jill May 2, Lesley Smith 3, Heather Burbidge 4, Jill Edwardes 5, D. A. R. May (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 3, 4 and 5.

West Hanney, Berks.-May 13, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: S. Nobes (first quarter) 1, N. Booth 2, Shirley Gobles (first inside) 3, C. J. Peaple (cond.) 4, B. Winter 5. Also May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (on handbells): Beverly Mitchell (first quarter) 1, Elaine Russell (first quarter) 2, C. Peaple 3, N. Booth (cond.) 4, S Nobes 5.

Wimbledon, Surrey.-May 3, 1260 Stedman Doubles: D. C. Budd (first Stedman) 1, Caroline Bagworth 2, C. R. Harris 3, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, G. Q. Topping 6.

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Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (35 cwt.) 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by J. H. Fielden.

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James E. Andrews

2 James E. Andrews
3 Raymond A. Vickers
4 J. Henry Fielden
5 Roger M. Heyworth
6 Graham C. Paul
7 Alan A. Paul
8 D. John Hunt

8 D. John Hunt
9 Michael P. Moreton
10 David E. House (Conductor)

DAVENTRY, Northants, The Holy Cross. Sun., May 10, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (18 cwt.) 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Brian Bladon

2 Richard E. Price 3 David C. Brown 4 James E. Andrews 5 John M. Jelley 6 Barrie Hendry

7 Barry E. Saunders 8 David E. House 9 D. John Hunt (Conductor)

10 Michael P. Moreton To welcome Victoria Elizabeth Hendry, born April 22, 1970.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire, All Saints.

Mon., May 11, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (113 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.)

1 David J. Goss
*2 Keith R. Webb
3 Geoffrey T. Horritt
4 Anthony H. Smith

5 Martin Major (Conductor)

6 David R. Saunderson *First of Surprise inside.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD HAYFIELD, Derbyshire, St. Matthew.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (103 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Norwich S., London S., Single Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob).

Linda Merrall 2 Eric Roughley

3 Sidney Hough
4 Michael J. Platt
5 Philip G. K. Davies

6 Dennis Mottershead (Conductor)

WILMSLOW, Cheshire, St. Bartholomew.

Thur., April 16, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (14 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 Kent T.B., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

Neil D. Lomas

Christine Pinnington

Linda Merrall 4 Michael Foulds

5 Dennis Latham 6 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

In appreciation of the work of Rev. F. E. Smith, who recently retired.

Peals

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HOPE, Derbyshire, St. Peter.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (141 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Sidney Hough Michael Thomson

Nicholas Thomson

4 Gerald Moorhouse

5 Paul Smith Timothy Wylie Denis Mottershead

8 Geoffrey R. Gardner (Conductor)

DORE, Derbyshire, Christ Church.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (11½ cwt.) 5120 BATTERSEA SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. W. Parker.

F. John Nelson Timothy Wylie Sidney Hough

*4 Michael Thompson *5 Raymond Ballard

*6 C. Kenneth Lewis Brian Mills

8 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

*First in the method. First in the method for the association.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT TOTHAM, Essex, St. Peter.

Fri., May 8, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR *1 Brian E. Keeble

2 E. John Shynn 3 Peter J. Sawyer

Yvonne A. Towler

5 Neil V. Avis †6 James L. Towler (Conductor) *First peal. †375th peal.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CHURCHAM, Glos, St. Andrew.

Fri., May 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (13 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (5 methods and var.: 2 Stedman, 8 April Day, 10 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 12 Grandsire).

1 E. Charles Biggs

*2 Mrs. Wendy V. Meadows
3 Leonard J. Walters

4 Jack A. Long
5 James Ward (Conductor)
6 Leslie C. Meadows

*First of Doubles.

RANDWICK, Glos, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). *1 John Taylor

Trevor Pritchard

*3 Martin Kay *4 Roy Cornock

*5 Richard Ashby

6 Leslie Barry (Conductor)

*First of Minor. For Ascensiontide and the 25th anniversary of V.E. Day.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FARNHAM, Surrey, St. Andrew.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (19½ cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Heywood's transposition.)

Christopher K.

†2 Judith M. Collins †3 Edward J. Futcher

4 Roy Collins †5 Peter J. Rowe

†6 John A. Collier

7 E. John Wells (Conductor)

‡8 Alan D. Elsmore

*First of Stedman. †First of Stedman

Triples ‡Circled tower. In memoriam William Shepherd.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BREDWARDINE, Herefords, St. Andrew. Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (2 Stedman, 5 Plain Bob, April Day, Southrepps, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, Rev. Canterbury, 10 Grand-

sire).

1 R. A. Hatcher
2 B. Giddings
3 W. J. Clayton
4 J. W. Hope (Conductor)
5 T. Bounds
6 D. Watkins

Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. W. Lloyd (former rector).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter.

t., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (19½ cwt.)

5042 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS
Arranged by W. R. Wilby.

1 Peter L. R. Haywood
2 Joyce M. Clarke
3 Sheila M. Anthony Sat...

4 Christopher I. Rowson

5 John R. Leeming 6 Edmund Shuttleworth 7 Keith J. Walpole 8 Frederick W. Ellis 9 David J. Marshall

10 Christopher Forster

11 Simon Humphrey
12 Andrew W. R. Wilby (Conductor)
First of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus for all except 6 and 9.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, West Yorkshire, All Saints.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (14 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

*1 J. Crawford Allen 2 A. Pattie Clapham †3 Alison Child

4 Michael G. Dodson ‡5 Rosamund M. Brown

6 Christopher Forster
†7 Alan M. Glover
†8 Roger G. Green (Conductor)
*First on 8. †First of Cambridge. ‡Completes the family. First of Surprise as conductor. A compliment to Graham Jones and Liz Campbell on their engagement.

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CAERPHILLY, Glam, St. Martin.

Fri., May 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (13 cwt.) 5024 CAERPHILLY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Donald G. Clift

James Clatworthy Stephen Fenwick

4 Nicholas W. H. Simon 5 Michael R. Meadows

6 Paul A. Williams
7 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

8 J. Michael Lakin First peal in the method.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, Middlesex, St. Mary.

t., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (14½ cwt.) 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Dennis Brock

2 Frank T. Blagrove 3 Alan R. Patterson

4 Roy Bentley-Cooke
5 Michael B. Tyers
6 John F. M. Maybrey
7 Christopher H. Rogers (Conductor)

8 S. Clarke Walters

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire, The Bell Foundry.

l., May 6, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (6½ cwt.) 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Wed., Composed by W. Barton.

Richard J. Clifton

*2 Mary Barrass

3 Arthur E. Rowley

4 B. Stedman Payne

5 Frank Chambers 6 Alec R. Jones

G. Ronald Edwards

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in the method.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WYMONDHAM, Norfolk, Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Thomas a Becket.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (26 cwt.) **5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS** Composed by A. Knights.

1 James Hedgcock

2 Derek J. Carr

*3 Adrial Walton (14)

4 Thomas E. Spight
5 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
6 Andrew J. Salisbury
7 Peter J. Heritage

8 Tony Skilton 9 Clive M. Smith

10 H. William Barrett *First on 10 and in method. †200th peal.

RANWORTH, Norfolk, St. Helen.

Fri., May 15, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (5 methods: 1 Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements, Kent and Oxford T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

1 David C. Ely 2 Andrew J. Salisbury 3 Richard J. W. Housden

David Ralls

5 Robin H. Rogers

6 Winston S. Girling (Conductor)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

COOKHAM, Berkshire, Holy Trinity.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 50min. $(14\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire, 864 each Superlative and Yorkshire, with 87 changes of method and

all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

William Birmingham

2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor) 3 J. Keith Ward

4 David A. Cornwall

*5 William Butler

†6 Michael Hatchett Frank W. Lewis 8 J. Alan Ainsworth

*First of Spliced Surprise Major. of 5-Spliced Surprise Major.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

POTTERSPURY, Northants, St. Nicholas.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (13 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (York, Durham, Beverley, London, Wells, Norwich and Cambridge).

1 Rosemary Urban

*2 Elizabeth Forster *3 Steven D. Chandler

4 David Redfearn

5 Robert E. Hardy 6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

*First of 7 Surprise Minor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

LICHFIELD, Staffs, Cathedral of Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 15min. $(31\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by W. Pye.

Elizabeth Stevens

2 Susan Rothera

3 David J. G. Bates 4 Richard J. Tibbetts 5 Richard C. Stevens 6 Stephen W. Barton

James Insley

Maurice F. Edwards

9 Phillip Rothera

10 John McDonald (Conductor)

In memoriam Rev. C. H. Barber, late hon. sec. of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society.

EDGBASTON, Birmingham, St. Bartholomew.

April 22, 1970, 2 hr. 30min. (10 cwt.) 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

1 John N. Lindon
*2 Arthur V. Pearson (Conductor)

A. Bryan Ellsmore

Kenneth J. Hesketh Stephen W. Barton

6 Bryan D. A. Woolley
7 Gerald C. Hemming
8 Clifford A. Barrow

*850th and 50th of London.

INVERARAY, Argyll, All Saints.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 46min. (41½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 John N. Lindon 2 Richard J. Tibbetts 3 Arthur V. Pearson

4 Robert Edwards

5 Stephen W. Barton 6 George S. Deas

7 Maurice F. Edwards 8 Eric N. Harrison 9 Bryan D. A. Woolley

10 Clifford A. Barrow (Conductor) To mark the launching of the Society of Friends of the Inveraray Bells (May 3) by the Episcopalian Bishop of Argyll and the Isles.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

CHURCH EATON, Staffs, St. Editha. Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (4 Oxford Bob, 3 Plain Bob).

1 Stanley Illidge

2 Leslie Smith

Gerald Bowen 4 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)

5 David Hawksworth 6 Phillip H. Johnson

In conjunction with Lapley Flower Festival.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

WILLESDEN, Middlesex, St. Mary. Thur., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. Baldwin.

Joan Beresford

2 Margaret E. Oram

3 James A. D. Woolford 4 Alick Cutler

5 Norman Summerhayes6 Derek E. Sibson

7 Ian H. Oram 8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor) Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alick Cutler.

BURNHAM, Bucks, St. Peter. Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12³/₄ cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Dennis Knox.

Freda D. Belson

Mary Wells

3 Reginald W. Rex 4 Harry E. Wells 5 Henry Lawrenson

6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

Frank H. Hicks

8 William L. Gilks

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

LONDON, W.C., St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (30 cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by D. E. Parsons. (No. 6.)

Joan Beresford M. Louise Slater

3 Frank T. Blagrove 4 Marjorie F. Matthews James A. D. Woolford A. Ronald Ling

John R. Pratchett Norman Summerhayes

9 Derek E. Sibson 10 Frank J. Matthews

11 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

12 Kenneth Newman
In memoriam Tom and Margaret Francis.

WALSALL, Staffs, St. Matthew.

Sat., April 18, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (26 cwt.)
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
1 James A. D. Woolford
2 Angela M. Wright
3 Christopher P. Starbuck
4 Michael Elson
5 Kenneth Newman

6 Norman Summerhayes John S. Barnes

8 Peter Beresford

9 Edmund Malin 10 Dennis Beresford (Conductor) In memoriam James S. Eastwood.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WAREHAM, Dorset, Lady St. Mary.

Thur., May 14, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (15½ cwt.) 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. *1 Michael J. Dew

2 Mary E. Elmes 3 Graham W. Elmes
*4 Claire E. N. Brown
5 Ross G. W. Robertson
†6 Philip R. Keough

*7 Christopher T. Brown
8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
*First in the method. †First in the method inside. First of Double Norwich by a local

LITTON CHENEY, Dorset, St. Mary.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (13\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5120 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

*1 Philip D. Cull Graham W. Elmes Michael J. Dew

4 Stuart I. Bamforth 5 Cuthbert W. Powell

6 Melvyn J. Hiller 7 Ross G. W. Robertson 8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) *First on 8. First in the method by all, in the county and for the guild.

SUFFOLK GUILD

STONHAM ASPAL, Suffolk, St. Lambert. Sun., May 10, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (23 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by W. Pye.

1 William J. Button 2 Muriel R. Page Adrian Knights

*4 Dorothy M. Durrant †5 Alan G. Feaver

7 Cecil W. Pipe 8 Ernest G. Pearce 9 J. Martin Thorley

10 J. Barry Pickup *First on 10 bells. †First of Surprise Royal.

BUXHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clements, Single Ox-

ford, Cambridge S. and Plain Bob). 1 Alan G. Feaver

*2 Amanda M. Richmond 3 Sally E. V. Potter

4 Richard Rose
5 Brian E. Whiting
6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)

*Most methods inside.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

May 15, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.) Eri. 5040 MINOR (Surfleet, St. Clements, Beverley, Oxford T.B., Cambridge, Kent T.B and Plain Bob). Walter W. Miller

2 Katharine M. Thorley *3 Muriel R. Page

4 Leslie G. Brett

5 J. Barry Pickup
6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*First of 7 Minor inside.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

LONDON, E.C., St. Olave, Hart Street. Fri., May 15, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (11 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Dexter's No, 2.)

1 Audrey R. Alexander 2 James E. Andrews

3 Jennifer A. Dunning 4 Timothy G. Pett

5 Derek E. Sibson
6 Peter G. Holden
7 David E. House (Conductor)

8 A. Keith P. Poole

Half-muffled in memoriam Diana Mary Frost, sometime secretary of this societey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

READING, Berkshire, St. Laurence. Sun., May 10, 1970, 3 hr. 37min. (23 cwt.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS Composed by J. Reeves.

1 Beryl L. Simpson 2 Michael J. Uphill 3 Alan D. Flood

*4 Keith G. Game

†5 Robert J. Crocker 6 Reginald W. Rex

7 James H. Lilley 8 Howard J. Smith 9 Philip G. Taylor 10 Edward W. Colley

11 Michael J. Church

12 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor) *First peal of Maximus. †First on 12.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the

Baptist. Sun., May 10, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (16 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Anne M. Stevens

2 Susan M. Wills 3 Ruth E. Halford 4 Jennifer L. Quaife 5 Andrew P. Reeves

6 Patrick M. Wills 7 Philip M. Philip M. Stevens

8 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)

A wedding compliment to Timothy Bebbington and Barbara Walton.

UPHAM, Hants, Blessed Mary of Upham.

Fri., May 8, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (8th cwt.) 5040 MINOR (St. Clements, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

*1 Roy Le Marechal *2 Betty J. Daysh 3 Richard Green

4 Barry J. Fry

*5 William Willans

†6 John P. Colliss (Conductor)

*Most Minor to a peal. †Most Minor as conductor. 21st birthday compliment to Barry J. Fry.

WOOLTON HILL, Hampshire, St. Thomas.

Tues., May 5, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (7 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*1 Wendy Harbor 2 Albert Green 3 Miriam Green

*4 Richard Coxhead
5 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
6 Peter L. Furniss
*First peal. To welcome Canon Stephenson to the combined living of Woolton Hill and East Woodhay.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

BRADLEY, Staffs, St. Martin.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (11½ cwt.).
5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 Roger H. Hunt
2 M. Irene Brown
3 Morley P. Tobin
4 Colin C. Monson
5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

6 Michael Elson 7 Robert Edwards

8 Gerald C. Hemming For Ascensiontide.

SALFORD PRIORS, Warks, St. Matthew.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (15 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Richard Bateman

2 Shirley M. Drew *3 Christopher Hims 4 Valerie Willard

5 Leonard Edwards 6 Roger H. Hunt

7 Gerald C. Hemming 8 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

*25th peal.

BROADWAS, Worcs, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (5 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (15 Grandsire, 27 Plain Bob).

1 Nicholas C. R. Cronin 2 Frederick Davies

3 Christopher Hims 4 David G. Franklin

5 Christopher J. Pickford (Conductor) To mark the 800th anniversary of the church.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CROFTON, Yorkshire, All Saints.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (154 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford, Kenf, St. Clements, Plain Bob).

Patricia North 2 Margaret White

*3 Delwyn B. Tidball 4 Robert Cater

5 Malcolm S. Turner 6 Ian North (Conductor)

*First of Minor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Mon., May 4, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (17 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR ((12 methods: 576 Ashtead, Lincolnshire, 448
Bristol, 384 Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge
and Yorkshire, with 130 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

Christopher J. Easton

*2 A. Pattie Clapham *3 Graham J. Jones *4 Gerald Parsons *5 Peter H. Gardner

6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

7 Robert H. Jordan 8 Ronald R. Warford *First of 12-spliced.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (17 cwt.)
5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR
Composed by R. J. Parker.
1 E. C. Gareth Higgs
2 Rosamund M. Brown

*3 Elizabeth J. Campbell
*4 Nigel P. A. Goulding
5 Christopher J. Easton
6 Graham J. Jones
7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

8 John J. Durham *First of Lincolnshire.

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire, St. Paul.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (14 cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

1 David G. Kealey 2 Elizabeth J. Campbell 3 Rosamund M. Brown 4 Nigel P. A. Goulding

5 E. C. Gareth Higgs 6 Christopher J. Easton 7 Graham J. Jones

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

OSSETT, Yorks, Holy & Undivided Trinity. Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (27½ cwt.)
5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
1 Pamela A. Lockwood

2 Margaret White 3 Patricia North *4 Delwyn P. Tidball
5 Malcolm S. Turner 6 Rev. Nicholas Webb

7 David S. Lockwood 8 Ian North (Conductor) *First of Double Norwich.

(Beverley Society)

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, Yorks, All Saints.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (6³/₄ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 Oxford, 3 Kent, 4 Plain Bob).

1 Maris C. Stephenson 2 Ian G. Campbell

3 F. Neville Pailing *4 Peter J. Carey *5 Raymond Carey

6 Ronald Ducker (Conductor) *First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

OSSETT, Yorks, 33 Kingsway Close.

Sun., May 17, 1970, 1hr. 36min. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (4 methods: 2 London Scholars, 1 Oxford, 1 Kent, 3 Plain Bob). 1-2 Margaret White 3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

NON-ASSOCIATION

BRIGHTON, Sussex, St. Nicolas.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (18 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. Baldwin.

Bernard J. Stone

Philip A. Corby (Conductor)
Judith M. Corby

John S. Mason

5 Richard A. Hunt 6 James E. Andrews

*7 Peter R. Butler 8 John A. Howard 9 Trevor N. J. Bailey 10 Andrew J. Corby

*First of 10. A wedding compliment to Antony Ronald Kench, master, Ancient Society of College Youths, and Gail Victoria Buxton.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines.

Tues., April 2, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (15 in C.)
5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Composed by A. F. Scholfield.
1-2 J. David Atkinson
3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis
5-6 Alan F. Scholfield (Conductor)
7-8 Gerald Moorhouse

9-10 Peter Broadbent

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 18 Sandfield Road.

Fri., May 15, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (14 in D.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Parker's 12-part.

*†1-2 Geoffrey Dodds
3-4 Christopher W. Woolley (Cond.)
*5-6 Frederick W. Ellis

*†7-8 Joyce Dodds

*First of Triples on handbells. †100th together.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

GILLINGHAM, Kent, 31 South Avenue. Wed., May 13, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (15 in C.) 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Arranged by C. T. Osenton.
1-2 Trevor A. Cross
*3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski
5-6 Christopher T. Osenton (Conductor)
7-8 Edward J. Beer

9-10 Frank J. Matthews

11-12 Stuart Sandford

A birthday compli-*First on 12 in hand. ment to ringer of 1-2.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BIRSTALL, Leics, 46 Greengate Lane. Wed., April 1, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (15 in C.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

1-2 Rupert A. Clarke 3-4 David F. Moore 5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor)

*7-8 John Bramley *First of Surprise in hand.

On a clergyman, named Chest:

Here lies at rest, I do protest, One Chest within another; The chest of wood was very good— Who says so of the other?

COSBY, Leics, 17 Linley Green.

Wed., April 15, 1970, 2hr. 24min. (15 in C.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by J. Reeves.

1-2 Robert B. Smith
3-4 Peter J. Staniforth
5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor)
7-8 David F. Moore

9-10 John Bramley

WIGSTON, Leics, 13 Bradgate Drive.

Tues., April 28, 1970, 2hr. 3min. (15 in C.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton
1-2 Rupert A. Clarke
3-4 David F. Moore
5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor)

7-8 John Bramley

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LONDON, W., 73 Mill Hill Road.

Mon., Mar. 2, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (15 in C). 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.
1-2 Michael R. Wycherley
3-4 Stephen P. Darvill
5-6 Alan R. Patterson (Conductor)
7-8 Wilfrid G. Wilson

To celebrate the birth of James Dickon, first child of Michael and Elaine Wycherley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BOURNEMOUTH, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne.

Thur., April 23, 1970, 1hr. 59min. (14 in D.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(1 240 and 40 six-scores, 10 callings.) *1-2 Ivan J. P. Saunders 3-4 Arthur V. Davis (Conductor)

†5-6 Rosemary Shearing *First of Grandsire Doubles in hand. †First of Grandsire Doubles.

SOUTHAMPTON, Lindum, 29 Hanley Rd.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (17 in A.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by E. M. Atkins.
*1-2 Katharine J. Maundrell
3-4 Kenneth S. B. Croft

5-6 John S. Croft 7-8 William S. Croft (Conductor) *First on handbells.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

SWINDON VILLAGE, Gloucestershire, 56 Ouat Goose Lane.

Tues., May 12, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (11 in G.) 5064 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (4 methods: 3648 Plain Bob, 448 Double Bob. 504 Gainsborough Little Bob, 464 Little

Bob, with 239 changes of method).
Arranged by C. A. Wratten.
*1-2 Martyn Hawkes
3-4 Valerie Willard
5-6 Hugh N. Evans
7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

*First in four methods in hand.

On a village choirmaster:

Stephen and time are now both even: Once Stephen beat time Now time beats Stephen.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORTS, 1969 BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

FOUR years ago, after 75 years of the Council's existence, this committee reported there had been a total of 862 elected members—up to the present time the total has risen to 929 elected members.

Contained in three ledgers are sheets giving biographical details of 418 deceased members, there are another dozen sheets in the process of being completed. Enquiries are still going on for information of some past members who are either known or presumed to have died.

The committee are pleased to record that Mrs. Dodds, St. Albans, has very kindly undertaken the work of writing the biography sheets.

The following members and past members

have died during the year:

C. E. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., Truro 32 (died Jan. 12, 1969). (Attended Lt.-Col. 1932 (died Jan. Guild. Guild, 1932 (died Jan. 12, 1969). (Attended I meeting.). R. G. Blackman, Sussex C.A., 1945–1963 (Jan. 22, 1969). (17.) A. C. Sinfield, Bedfordshire Assn., 1946–1954 (Feb. 4, 1969). (6.) C. W. Cook, Ely Assn., 1936–1951 (May 10, 1969). (7.) Mrs. F. L. Hairs, Sussex C.A., 1963–1969 (May 20, 1969). (4.) W. C. 1945-1966 (July Salisbury ! Guild, 1969). (15.) G. L. Grover, Guildford Guild, 1930–1954 (July 24, 1969). (17.) H. O. 1930-1954 (July 24, 1969). (17.) H. O. Baker, Chester Guild, 1960-1969 (Sept. 14, 1969). (4.) T. E. Sone, Kent C.A., 1933-1960 (Dec. 1, 1969). (21.)

Another past member whose death has not previously been reported: A. Lawrence, Hertford 1937-1939 (Oct. 8, 1948). (None.)

Lt.-Col. Jerram was a former master of the Truro Guild and did much to stimulate interest in change-ringing, which he himself was able to practise at Plymouth and Devonport. He was contributor to the columns of The Ringing World.

Mrs. Hairs was the daughter of the late Frank Bennett, also a past member of Council. Before learning to ring tower bells she had rung many peals on handbells, including Stedman Cinques She was the first lady to take part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Mrs. Hairs was a founder member of the Ladies' Guild and held secretarial posts for both this Guild and for the Sussex County Association. She was one of the few ladies elected to membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

C. West had been captain of Melksham band for many years. He was a branch secretary of the Salisbury Guild from 1932 until 1947, when he was elected chairman. In 1950 he became general secretary and treasurer of the guild and in 1966 was elected guild president.

G. L. Grover was active in the formation of the Guildford Guild in 1927. He was a district secretary before holding office as general secretary for a period of 20 years. Also for 20 years he was captain of the band at West

TE Sone was a member of the committee of the Kent C.A. for over 30 years and did much influential work within the county His first peal was Grandsire Triples and records show that he made a particular study of Holt's Original composition by calling it no fewer than five times from each bell.

D. A. R. May, T. J. Lock (con.), W. H. Viggers

RINGING WORLD COMMITTEE

OUR report for last year referred to changes and cost of improvements in the format of Ringing World; this year has been one of even more change-of editor, of convener and of still further changes in appearance.

Following a brief meeting at St. Albans, the committee have met in August, 1969, at Rugby, in November, 1969, and March, 1970, in London. In spite of long distances, the five members of the committee, Mr. D. Hughes, our treasurer, and the two editors have recorded 100% attendances, and at each of our meetings a member of the dais has also been welcomed.

On October 1, 1969, Mr. C. W. Denyer took up his appointment as editor, a very happy outcome of many years of search and weeks of negotiation. From that date until the end of the year the services of Mr. T. W. White were retained as a consultant, and the smoothness of the changeover is greatly due to this.

Our new editor, with his long experience of

the technical side of the work, has been able, with the committee's agreement, to negotiate with Seven Corners Press Ltd., so that by the adoption of type and layouts which were more economical with the apparatus available we have been able to obtain the agreement of our printers the maintenance of the existing charges for printing The Ringing World for a 12 months at least. With rising costs and wages this is no mean achievement and we congratulate Mr. Denyer on the outcome.

We introduced Mr. Denyer and his family to our readers in The Ringing World of August 22, 1969 (page 649). The progress made since he took over has been received so favourably by the large majority of the readers that our hopes for the future under his care are high. He has shown great readiness to make various small changes suggested by readers and, with our support, he will continue to do so wherever possible to meet valid criticism.

In The Ringing World of September 19, 1969 (page 723), we paid a full tribute to Mr. White for his magnificent service to the Exercise for 23 years. And in the same issue, in the name of the Central Council and of the committee, launched an appeal to the Exercise to show their appreciation. We are gratified to note that at the time of this report the response had been well up to our hopes. At the Council meeting this year the president will present to Mr. White a very tangible token of the esteem and affection in which he is held by ringers everywhere. are grateful to Mrs. Staniforth who has received, acknowledged and banked the many contributions, and we thank all who have supported us. The accounts for 1969 will as usual be pre-

sented separately, but we are pleased to quote from our auditor's report that they "reveal a profit for the year of £791, as compared with a loss for the previous year of £966. Taking into account the S.E.T. refund which was received in respect of previous accounting periods, it is apparent that your newspaper broke even during the second six months of the year." We should draw attention particularly to the fact that during the last three months of 1969 additional expenditure was incurred for the salary of the new editor and the retaining fee paid to Mr. White as consultant.

Further changes at Guildford include the taking over by Seven Corners Press Ltd. of the work previously done by the Surrey Advertiser. of the This meant that new arrangements had to be made for the distribution of newsagents' copies, hitherto carried out for us by the Surrey Advertiser since the cessation of business of Rolls House. We are pleased to say that Mr. Lucas at Guildford has now undertaken this work also and we are no longer dependent on other firms, being our own distributor and publisher.

With the advice and help of our auditor, Mr. the system of accounting by Mr. Lucas has been revised during the year so that we are now able to keep a frequent check on the financial position throughout the year, without calling and paying for a full scale interim audit, as we did in 1969. To quote the auditor again, "the additional work Mr. Lucas has taken on has meant that it has not been necessary for us [the auditor] to ask for an increased fee for preparation of the accounts, despite rising Our thanks are clearly due and have, of costs." course, been given both to Mr. Lucas and to Mr. Tate.

We are still unable to say whether any dividend will be received following the liquidation of Rolls House, referred to in our last annual report, but it will be recalled that the whole amount has already been written off.

We have found it necessary, because of the need to preserve topicality, to rule that unless in the clear interest of the Exercise news items received in The Ringing World office later than one calendar month after the event shall not normally be published. This decision nounced to our readers on August 19, 1969.

We have also found it necessary to warn our readers of our concern at the delay of certain contributors in submitting peals for publication. Peals six months old are not news and only add to the unwanted backlog of peals at certain times of the year. We have considered this matter further, and peals sent in which are three months old, or over, will be printed in abbreviated form, as used for quarter peals.

One of the items we have dealt with was the question of charges for the new pictorial covers, and because of possible confusion between the report in The Ringing World of December 5, 1969 (page 947), and the correction printed on December 19 (page 989), we feel it desirable to reiterate here that when for a particular reason a guild or a band ask for the cover picture and accompanying articles for a specific date we considered it right both to charge for the block and to hope for payment for 50 copies of that issue.

Our experiment with gift tokens last December was only partially successful-some of the subscriptions so obtained would have been received anyway. However, the form of applica-tion did not appear until December 12. We shall repeat the experiment next Christmas, giving longer notice.

As we announced on December 5, we have decided on a new venture - a Ringing World Calendar for 1971, to be produced during this coming summer and containing for each month a full size picture selected from our covers. We hope to have samples on display at likley and shall welcome comments from members of the Council. Any advance orders that can be given will help us to assess the likely demand. We ask for the support of the whole Exercise for this venture and can think of no more appropriate calendar for a ringer's home or for the ringing chamber.

Next year The Ringing World will celebrate its diamond jubilee-a wonderful feat for a journal such as ours and a tribute not only to the work of our predecessors and the successive editors but also to the keen interest and support of many devoted readers. Recalling the success of our golden jubilee number, we are considering ideas for a suitable celebration issue and will welcome any suggestions which our readers may care to submit either to the editor or our

The Index for 1969 has been prepared separately from the journal as another experiment. You will not have to extract the Index from the paper so that it can be bound or filed at the front or back of the volume. We have been able to use those pages for other matter and at the same time save the cost of printing separately. Once again we have to thank Mr. H. L. Roper for giving so much time and patience to the task of preparing the Index, and this year the anonymous typist who made it possible to produce the copies at negligible cost.

We have decided that this coming August we shall retain pictorial covers and not as formerly issue 16 pp. papers without covers.

Readers will have noticed that in recent issues there have appeared photographs attributed to The Ringing World itself. We have to thank our new editor, who deliberately chose as a parting gift from his former employers an appropriate camera, so that he could take such photographs when he attends meetings and social functions, thus giving us all pleasure and saving cost to The Ringing World.

We are still greatly concerned at our circula-The average weekly sales for the tion figures. first two months of 1970 were 5,781, compared with an average for the first half of 1968 of of 6,012 and for the first quarter of 1969 of We hope all readers will appreciate that continued improvement in our service to them depends on an increasing circulation.

We must end this already long report with our thanks to all who have helped in any way to maintain and, we think, enhance the service we have been able to give to the Exercise. those mentioned earlier in this report: to Mr. David House, who has prepared the leading peal ringers' to Mrs. Lucas, who continues to work valiantly in The Ringing World office; to the staff of Seven Corners Press for their cooperation in the production of what many of your letters call the New Look; to those friends who have provided a place for our meetings, and wonderful hospitality; and above all to all our loyal supporters, both for their written contributions to our pages, for their regular purchase of the paper and their generous voluntary contributions The convener wishes specially to thank all those, whether committee members or not who have helped him to get through very long agenda at our meetings, and Mr. White and Mr. Denyer for their never-failing support in all he and the committee have tried to do.

W. G. Wilson (con.), R. S. Anderson, D. A. Bayles, R. F. B. Speed, M. J. Staniforth (Mrs.)

"MAYFLOWER '70" FESTIVAL

Plymouth this year celebrates the 350th anniversary of the departure of the Pilgrim Fathers from these shores, at the start of a perilous journey to discover the "New World." From May until September the celebrations are many and varied, one of which was a ringing festival which took place at St. Mary's Parish Church, Plympton, on May 2.

The festival took the form of an 8-bell call-change contest and was the first of its kind to be held on the 25 cwt. eight. It was with some trepidation that the invitations went out last November as it was felt in several quarters that teams would fight shy owing to the weight of the ring. However, on the day ten teams arrived to take The proceedings commenced with the drawing for ringing positions. The three judges, Herbert Pidler (High Bickington). Arthur Tapper (Yealmpton) and Frank Mack (Exmouth), were in the school adjacent to the church. Each team was required to raise in peal (the "pitching all eight in true Devon style required con-siderable skill), ring the "Queens" peal and lower in not less than 15 minutes.

Throughout the afternoon the teams pitted their skill against each other. Later in the day the Devon 8-bell "kings," of Kingsteignton, were the winners with a one point advantage over Plympton, their excellent striking deserving victory.

While ringing was in progress a novel counter-attraction was provided in the form of Frank Mack's miniature ring of six, which had been set up in the church for, the occasion, together with a display featuring the work of the Royal School of Church Music and a display of organ parts. In the evening a large congregation gathered for choral evensong, at which the address was given by the Ven. F. A. J. Matthews (archdeacon).

Following the service all assembled at Harewood House for coffee and to hear the results, these being as follows: 1st Kinesteignton, 2nd Plympton St. Mary. 3rd North Tawton, 4th Plymstock, 5th Pilton, 6th Babbacombe, 7th Buckland-in-the-Moor, 8th Witheridge, 9th Tavistock, 10th Stratton. Mrs. E. Matthews, wife of the archdeacon, presented commemoration certificates to each team and to the three iudges.

As the festival was such a success it may become an annual event. R. A. S.

Bath and Wells Association **EVENING PRACTICE**

On a lovely spring evening the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held their May evening practice meeting on May 2 at Holy Trinity, Ash. near Martock.

The good attendance of ringers enjoyed the very light six (tenor 6-1-2 in B). Apart from rounds the methods rung included Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Little Bob Minor, Double Court, London and Cambridge, and were under the supervision of the branch ringing master (Mr. Gordon Rendell), with all officials of the Ilchester Branch in attendance, as well as over 25 other ringers.

The branch is grateful to the vicar (Rev. H. A. Barwood) for making a pleasant and successful evening possible. M. M. L.

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200 YEARS AGO

Extracts from Norwich papers—published on Saturdays—for 1770.

Transcribed by David Cubitt.

Norfolk Chronicle, 3 March:—
Friday, Feb. 23, 1770, was rung at St.
Margaret's Steeple, Lynn, a compleat peal of 5040 changes of Bob Major, which has been attempted by the London and Northern wich ringers, who never could get thro with it, but has now been performed with great ease in three hours and twenty-eight minutes by the Lynn Company, whose names are under-mentioned.

Treble.-Robert Field. 2nd.-J. Parkinson, who call'd the peal.

3rd.—Thomas Killingbank. 4th.-John Bell 5th.-Joseph Raven. 6th.—Nath. Williamson. 7th.—Thomas Crane.

Linen Weaver. N.B.—The tenor weighs 30 cwt. and it is allow'd by all who have any knowledge of the art of ringng to be a very extraordinary performance.

The Tenor.-John Squires,

Norfolk Chronicle and Norwich Mercury,

August (Advertisement):-THIS is to give Notice to all Gentlemen RINGERS, that there will be rung for on Monday the 20th of August, at Upper Shottsham in the County of Norfolk, six good Hats, on five Bells, each Company three different Peals, (one of the Hats for the Judge) no less than three Companies to be engaged Norwich excepted. A Dinner will be provided at the Sign of the Crown, at the House of Mr. John Mann. for all Gentlemen Ringers, who chuse to Honour the Town with their Company.

N.B.—The Hats will be given by the said Mr. John Mann, for the Encouragement of the Science of Ringing.

Norwich Mercury, 3 November, (Advertise-

ON SUNDAY, Oct. 28, 1770, was rung. at GREAT YARMOUTH, in the County of Norfolk, a compleat peal of 5040 changes of Bob-major, by eight of the UNION SOCIETY of the Norwich Ringers, in the space of 3 hours and 20 minutes. This performance of ours would not have been inserted had it not been for some unfriendly and ill meant expressions which have been breathed out by a company of Suffolk Ringers about 18 miles from Norwich, who declared that Norwich Ringers could not compleat a peal in any steeple where there is any considerable weight of metal.

We have, to the above Performance, subscribed our Names,

John Chamberlin -Treble and called the Peal. John Dixon 3 John Havers John Keepus William Warner 5 John Peak 6 James Watling Simon Watling Tenor

Robert Church, Certifie' William Browne, of Yarmouth. Philip Scott, by

N.B.--The Tenor weighs 25 Hundred 1 Quarter.

P.S.—The above Company challenge to ring with any Company whatever, and for any Sum.

URANGWOT-10

If the local Ringing Master had not been very ill in hospital at the time I do not suppose choosing a band for the Christmas Broadcast would have presented any great difficulty. But he was and the recording had to be made at fairly short notice so the Vicar tried to arrange things. He sounded rather anxious when he rang me up. "Could you possibly help us out with this Christ-mas Broadcast?" he said. I hardly knew what to say as I hold strongly to the view that these efforts should be those of local bands rather than imported experts. "Surely you have sufficient ringers of your own without an outsider like me," I replied. "Oh ves. The problem is too many ringers and who should be left out and that is where I need your help."

The Vicar then went on to explain that in his six-bell tower he had ten young ringers, five boys and five girls—Alan, Bob, Charlie, Don, Ernest and Jean, Karen, Lily, Mary and Norah. In view of this the Vicar stipulated that the band for the recording should consist of three boys and three girls. He had then been faced with various demands from the ringers. The boys would not agree to both Karen and Mary being included in the band so the girls retaliated by refusing to agree to both Alan and Don being in. Then the boys insisted that Norah could not ring if both Jean and Karen were included. That brought a demand from the girls that Karen must ring or they would not accept both Don and Charlie and, furthermore, if Norah were to be kept out, the girls would not Norah were included. Then Lily said that she would withdraw if Charlie took part.

"I thought Christmas was supposed to be the season of peace and goodwill!" I observed. "Yes," said the Vicar, "it took me by surprise as you ringers might say." I resisted the temptation to attribute his troubles to having a surplice in the ringing chamber and promised that I would invite readers to find him six of his young ringers who were compatible.

There is the usual prize of 10s., and the closing date for the Editor to receive entries is June 17.

T. SURR.

Norfolk Chronicle and Norwich Mercury,

10 November (Advertisement):— Norwich, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1770.

This Day (being the Annual Feast of the Independent Company of Ringers held at the CURRIERS ARMS, in the Parish of St. Peter's Mancroft) was performed in St. Giles's Steeple, by eight men of the said Company, 5040 Changes of Bob Major, in three Hours and 8 02 10 minutes, by us

whose Names are here subscribed:

Thomas Hart
Robrt Nocknolds
Joseph Maltby

3 3 Robert Learner James Vines and called the Peal. Samuel Fleming 6 John Trowse John Squiers 8 Robert Fielding Churchwardens. Ralph Buck

N.B.—This Peal has been attempted various Times in the above Steeple, by the best and ablest Ringers that Norwich ever produced, but was never performed till now.

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Editorial

RICHLY DESERVED

Helping out for "a few weeks" when the previous Editor (Mr. J. A. Trollope) gave up the job unexpectedly, Tom White carried on under trying circumstances and with little financial reward or encouragement (indeed sometimes violent criticism) for 23 years. He had often to make bricks without straw, to deal with ringing problems which he did not understand, to cope with personal trials and staffing difficulties in the newspaper with which his family had been associated for nearly 100 years.

The present Editor has been reading files

The present Editor has been reading files of correspondence and other matter collected over those 23 years and wonders why Tom did not "chuck in his hand" a dozen times, for he did not need the job.

times, for he did not need the job.

When he received the gift to which ringers everywhere have liberally and willingly contributed, Tom thanked them in a way that only a true Christian gentleman would do. He quoted: "Thy way, not mine, O Lord" and "Choose Thou my friends for me," adding, "How truly blessed I have been in my friends, the friends that have been chosen for me."

Ringers everywhere have receen to be

Ringers everywhere have reason to be eternally grateful to Tom for having borne the burden and heat of the day and helped to keep The Ringing World going when many thought it would cease publication.

The setbacks were sometimes caused by strikes, by increased postal charges, by costs of paper and wages going up and, at times, by unreasonable and inexperienced ringers and Central Council members who thought they could do the Editor's job better than he could himself. Although a professional journalist, T.W. W. survived all these problems.

And so we say once again: "Thank you Tom White, for your efforts on behalf of ringers everywhere. We shall endeavour to keep the flag flying high so that when yet another shall take over the mantle you have worn for 23 years it will have lost none of its original splendour but be handed on with even greater embellishment.

TEMPORARILY INDISPOSED

Tom White became unwell during the deliberations at the Council meeting on Monday afternoon and had to return to his hotel and take to his bed. He was sufficiently recovered next morning, however, to make the journey home and he and Mrs. White travelled there in Mr. Wilfrid Wilson's Jaguar. Tom is now fully recovered but is, sensibly, taking it easy. The emotional strain which he experienced on the morning of that particular day, when he received his presentation, was thought to have contributed to his sickness.

The Editor has been in Ilkley for the Central Council meeting, and this week's "Gossip" has suffered accordingly.

We offer our congratulations to a nonringer who has been "mixed up" in producing The Ringing World for many years. Mr. Charles Way, chief overseer at Seven Corners Press, has just become what many men will never be—a great-grandfather!

Belfry Gossip

The first peal by the Scottish Association for over four years was 5057 Grandsire Caters rung by the Sunday service band at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Glasgow. This was a first peal for two ringers and first in the method for over half the band. Despite new soundproofing arrangements there were a few complaints. One person phoned to ask if the "electrical apparatus" had been left on by mistake.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of the Annual Report from the Lancashire Association.

First peal congratulations to Brian E. Keeble, Wendy Harbor, Richard Coxhead, Peter J. and Raymond Carey.

Personal Records: Peter J. Heritage (200 peals), James Towler (375), Arthur V. Pearson (850), Christopher Hims (25).

This week's new method: "Caerphilly S. Major" at St. Martin's Church, Caerphilly, by Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

There are six "In Memoriam" peals recorded this week, but we also have those for births (2) and marriages (2), in addition to golden wedding and other anniversaries.

A handbell team had a number of factors with which to contend, but succeeded in scoring a peal at Portsmouth. The distractions were an undisconnectable chiming clock in the room, a telephone ditto, guitars and folk-singing in another part of the house—not to mention the tower bell peal in progress at the Cathedral, which is virtually "next door."

Associate Members? At the very well organised Surrey Association Dinner at Croydon recently the beautifully inscribed place name cards were monogrammed in gold—not Surrey Association, but Midland Bank! One wiseacre suggested the Association had a vested interest, but another replied that it probably had an overdraft.

The Rambling Ringers rang a quarter at Great Addington, Northants, on May 8 in place of the usual weekly practice. It was an "In Memoriam" quarter for Mrs. Diana Frost, who was one of its members, a founder of the Kettering High School Society and also of the Peterborough Guild—all three being represented in the ringing.

Eric and Iris Coe and their daughter Rosemary (aged 12) all have now rung quarter peals and it is due to their keen, active enthusiasm that the ringing at All Saints', Mattishall, Norfolk, is thriving.

Extra copies of The Ringing World have in the past been sent to secretaries prior to their district or guild meetings, for sale or as complimentary (introductory) copies. One or two objected to receiving these "extras" and said it was "American salesmanship." However, we must increase our circulation, but should any secretary not wish to be bothered with distribution, may we ask that these additional copies be placed in the church where the meeting takes place for the congregation to see and perhaps take our publication.

Ilkley Interludes . . .

The rather thick "tufts" or "billies" at rope ends at Ilkley caused some consternation to several very experienced peal ringers and, to add to their embarrassment, 11-years-old Catherine Davis, of Christchurch, with proud father (Arthur V.) nearby, rang excellent rounds with no rope difficulties at all.

During one of the many social "talk-ins" at H.Q. a group of males standing near the bar enjoying the company of a well-known attractive lady member, received rather a shock when a ball hit by one of the opponents in a table tennis match nearby, plopped into the lady's glass of liquor, covering the said lady's features and bosom with the thick red liquid from the glass. It is not known whether the shock her admiring male escort received was the mess made by the "bloody Mary" or the ejaculation expressed by their queen.

The convener of one of the committees, during a conversation about a Council item with some of his companions, said emphatically: "Three-quarters of the company don't know and the other three-quarters don't care"—which made those listening wonder just how big the Council really is now!

Some of the "poorer relations" of the Council who stayed at the smaller, rather less pretentious hotel next door to the H.Q. found consolation in the obvious popularity which this smaller hotel enjoys by the number of "regular customers" there at midday and during the evening for refreshment. These included handsome young men in sports cars accompanied by young ladies, some wearing mini-mini dresses and displaying their charms and favours on one and all. One bellringer was heard to remark that it was worth missing a few towers to remain in such company for an extra hour!

"My wife stayed here (Craiglands Hotel) whilst touring Scotland"—a comment by an honorary member, which had his hearers wondering if the "wife" toured Scotland by helicopter each day!

Having listened to the Lincolnshire and Yorkshire dialects from three of the speakers at the official opening on the Monday, the somewhat lilting Irish brogue of the vicar of Ilkley was greeted with pleasure when the president (Mr. Freeman) introduced him with the comment "It is obvious the vicar cannot answer Mr. Bottomley in his own Yorkshire tongue.

The waiters and wine stewards in the dining room at H.Q. are from various countries and they found difficulty in comprehending at times what was asked of them. However, a well-known ringer from Kent who had just disposed of half a duck and green peas, was suitably chastened when, after ordering a round of drinks, he quipped: "And I suppose you're from China?" "Oh, no—I'm a British subject from Kent" was the reply.

The team who were to ring a peal of Surprise Royal at Pontefract on the Saturday met one short, but Frank Price "had a go" and Bob Royal was substituted, Frank ringing 2-3 and conducting. A good peal was rung.

Obituary

GIRLING RIGBY

Girling Rigby, a faithful bellringer of long standing at Sandiacre, Derbyshire, died after a long illness on May 4 at the age of 71. At the funeral service at Sandiacre a band of ringing friends rang before the service, while pull and stand with the bells half-muffled and slow Doubles were rung after the service.

Girling will be missed by his friends in the district as he was a skilful, reliable and faithful ringer and a cheerful and entertaining companion. He provided a link between the old band at Sandiacre who excelled in Surprise Minor and the present generation. Although not a prolific peal ringer (about 50), he enjoyed peal ringing and was extremely reliable when taking part. A half-muffled peal in seven Surprise methods was rung on May 20 at Sandiacre to his memory. D. R. C.

ANTONY JACKSON

The tragic death of Antony Jackson as the result of a climbing accident on Whitsunday came as a great shock to the ringers at St. Mary's, Southampton, where he was vice-captain. Tony, as he was popularly known, was only 31, and his chief interests were ringing and scouting. An experienced climber, he was leader of the 10th Venture Scout Troop when the fatal accident occurred near Swanage. He fell about 50 fast when his climbing climbing backs and feet when his climbing sling broke, and died on the way to hospital.

Tony came to Southampton about six years ago and had rung about 20 peals. His work prevented him from ringing on Saturdays, but he was a keen quarter peal ringer and had rung over 80, his last, which he conducted, being on Easter Sunday at St. Mary's. Ringers from the tower and from the Southampton and Christchurch District attended the funeral at St. Mary's, and the sympathy of all who knew him is extended at this time to his parents and his brother.

JOSEPH ELLIOTT

Ringers of Kelvedon, and indeed the Essex Association, have lost an old and respected friend in the passing on May 12 of Joseph Elliott at the age of 78. Joe, a member of the Elliott family who have served as bellringers at Kelvedon for 180 years, was himself a very capable ringer and conductor for some 60 years. In earlier days he was a chorister and an active member of the P.C.C. He was elected tower captain on the death of his father, William T. Elliott, in 1937.

Although not a great peal ringer he maintained a very high standard of service ringing, and on Whitsunday, 1953, his band rang four quarter peals for service ringing. A life member of the Essex Association, he attended meetings regularly, and for some years was a member of the general com-mittee. In 1962, to mark his 70th birthday and 25 years as tower captain, Joe was presented with a specially cast scale model bell, suitably inscribed, from the local ringers.

Because of failing health his ringing activities had to cease, but his interest continued. After a long, quiet illness Joe was suddenly called to his rest. He leaves a wife, and two generations of ringers at Kelvedon to carry on the long line of the Elliott family as ringers. His son, daughter and grandson paid tribute with other members of the band with a half-muffled quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

The funeral on May 18 was conducted by

ANZAB CONSTITUTION

The Australian and New Zealand Association voted on April 1 for a new constitution. Originally ANZAB was conceived as an association of branches: membership could only be obtained through a branch and each branch was autonomous. The new constitution envisages ANZAB as an association of people who are free to form branches if they so desire.

The qualification of a voting member is having rung a plain course of any Minor method or the extent of any Doubles method on an inside bell, or has been an active ringer for three years irrespective of standard reached.

Branch representation on the Council is one delegate for every ten members and six delegates for over 50. Voting members may be represented by a proxy at Council meetings providing that no person may have more than one vote.

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

The guild's third annual dinner was held in the University Refectory, when nearly 50 members and friends attended. With good food, short and witty speeches, a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

At the A.G.M. next day the revised constitution was accepted and officers elected were: Master, T. G. Williams; secretary, P. D. Hepburn, c/o Society Pigeon Holes, Falmer House, University of Sussex, Brighton; treasurer, Margaret Chappell.

Dr. Eric McLeod Perkins, of Torquay, former medical officer to Southwark Military Hospital (duty paid, £21,068), left £58,076 net. After specific bequests he left £3,000 to the P.D.S.A., the income to be used for the provision of dog licences for poor people unable to afford them, and a sum not exceeding £8,000 to Westminster Abbey for the addition of two new bells and the recasting of existing ones.

the vicar (Rev. P. C. Elers), who spoke of Joe's lifetime of dedicated service to ringing and the church. The bells were rung halfmuffled before and after the service. number of ringers attended and many organisations were represented.

Joseph Elliott is now resting beside the tower at St. Mary's, Kelvedon, where he spent much of his life ringing to the glory of God F. T. W.

A LIFE OF SERVICE

Mr. Joseph Brittan's Record. Seventy years a member of St. Modwen's Church choir, Burton-on-Trent, 61 years a ringer (30 as tower captain) and 25 years as treasurer of the Midland Counties Guild This is the unique record of service that belongs to Mr. Joseph Henry Brittan, of Blackpool Street, Burton, who at 78 is still active and continuing to carry out these several duties, and may he long continue to do so.

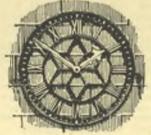
But this record of service to his parish church does not end there. For the past 30 years Mr. Brittan has visited the church twice a week, climbed the 72 steps up to the church tower to wind up the clock and for 44 years he has also carried the church's processional cross at all the services.

At a dinner given to the choir a presentation was made to him to mark the occasion of his 70 years as a chorister, and tributes were paid to Mr. Brittan by the vicar and other church officials. A peal, organised by Mr. J. W. Cotton, was rung to honour the many years' work for that part of the church's ministry and is recorded elsewhere.

DAILY TELEGRAPH ARTICLE

Many will have read the interesting article by Norman Derrick, of the Daily Telegraph, in the issue of May 14, and seen the action photograph of Mr. W. T. Cook and Mr. M. P. Moreton at St. Paul's Cathedral. The article was a preliminary writer to the Central Council meeting at Hiller up to the Central Council meeting at Ilkley. Yorkshire, during the "Spring Bank Holiday Week-end," and outlined the aspects of ringing generally, mentioning the College Youths and the Snowdon family.

From Mr. W. G. Knight, of London. N.W.5.—"It's not often these days that there is any news about the dormant St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, but I am pleased to report that once in a while I am able to recruit a band for Sunday service ringing, and recently we scored a quarter peal. Our real reward came after Matins, when the vicar, churchwardens and members of the congregation expressed their pleasure at having heard the bells rung for the service: it even made all the climbing about in wet pigeon-droppings earlier in the morning worthwhile!



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ENGAGEMENT

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PERSONAL

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—Joel ii, 13.

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SILSOE, BEDS.—As the local band will be visiting other parishes each week during the summer months, the regular weekly practice at Silsoe will discontinue until further notice.—T. P. Harris.

TOUR

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY TOUR to Cotswolds, July 18-25. Camping at Stanton, near Broadway. Life members, friends and prospective students welcome, on cycles or motorised. Details, A. J. Macefield, 28 Bentley Road, Liverpool, 8. 8933

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Stagsden, Sat., June 6. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Payne. 8921

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.
—Evening meeting, Rampton, Sat., June 6. Bells (5) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: April Day and Stedman. 8881

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Sat., June 6. Sandon (5), 5.30-7 p.m.; Wallington (6), 7-8.30 p.m. 8897

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise Minor practice, Great Wymondley (6), Tues., June 2, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Methods as given in the Ringers' Diary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Sat., June 20, evening meeting at St. George, Hyde. Bells (8) 6-9 p.m. Everyone welcome.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—An evening practice meeting will be held at Sileby on Fri., June 5. Ringing from 7.30-9 p.m. — M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 8935

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practices: Twickenham (All Hallows), Thurs., June 11, 7.30-9 p.m.; Staines (St. Mary), Friday, June 26, 7.30-9 p.m.—C. H. Rogers, Dis. Sec. 8883

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and District Branch.—Branch practice at Great Tew, Oxford, Fri., July 3, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. Davis.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and District Branch. — Practice, Sandford St. Martin (6), Oxford, Fri., June 5, 7.30 p.m. — B. J. Davis, Hon. Sec. 8911

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.— Practice meeting, Walsham-le-Willows, (6), on Friday evening, June 12. Bells from 7-9 p.m. —A. F. Ballam.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry. — Monthly meeting, Hatton, Sat., June 6. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa. Evening ringing to be arranged.—H. A. M. 8930

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Lymm (8) on Sat., June 6. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Moore, 19 Greenwood Road, Lymm, Cheshire.—J. Moore, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.— June 6, Finchingfield (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. General ringing after. Numbers for tea to F. Roper, 31 Kemp Road, Finchingfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — By-meeting, Swanscombe, Sat., June 6. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. O. Newbury, 94 Broomfield Road, Swanscombe, Kent (Tel.: Greenhithe 2370).—D. P. L. 8906

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting, Sat., June 6, at Ribchester. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Further ringing to 8.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.—M. F. Hill, Branch Sec. 8913

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division) and EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint meeting, West Grinstead (6), on Sat., June 6. Stoolball match 3 p.m. Picnic tea—please bring own food and cup. Drink (tea) provided. Service 6.30 p.m. Ringing after service.—Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec. 8904

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.— Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 6, Fawley. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Jubilee Hall, followed by business meeting. Service 6 p.m. in Fawley Church. Lymington bells in evening. Names for tea to L. D. Smith, Trevelyn, 10 Springfield Grove, Holbury, Southampton, SO4 1LL. 8928 WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarter!y meeting, Wychbold, Sat., June 6. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by business meeting at Wychbold Vicarage. Cups of tea available please provide own food. Hanbury bells (8) available from 7–8.30 p.m.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec. 8919

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Meeting at Selworthy (6), June 13, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346, by June 9.—E. R. T. B. 8942

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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting at Scalby and Scarborough on
Sat., June 13. Bells: Scalby, 3-4 p.m.; Scarborough, immediately after tea. Service 4.30 at
Scarborough. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to
Miss P. Rennard, Yoredale, 102 North Marine
Road, Scarborough, by Thurs., June 11. 8956

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District. — Monthly ringing meeting at Old Brampton, Sat., June 13. Bells (61 3 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m. — Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 8952

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—June 13, Toft (3). Handbell ringing for all from 3 p.m. Tower bells available before service at 4. Tea 4.30. Business meeting if necessary. Bourn (8) from 6 p.m. onwards.—

J. S. 8931

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Meeting, Loughton, Sat., June 13. Ringing 3.45-4.30 p.m. and in evening until 8.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. 8943 GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
—Forest Branch.—Meeting, Corse (6), June 13, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Competition before tea, open ringing after. Names for tea to Miss Mitchell, Sunnyside, Corse School Crescent, Staunton, near Gloucester, by June 9. 8914

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), June 13. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Burbidge, 222 High Street, Berkhamsted. 8954 KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Maidstone

District.—By-meeting and striking contest, Sat., June 13, Wateringbury. Contest starts 2.30, followed by tea and general ringing. Names to Mr. R. Adams, Beck Mews, Wateringbury. 8955

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Huyton (6), on Set., June 13. Tower open for ringing 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. Birchall, 157 Blue Bell Lane, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 7SA, by Wed., June 10. Everyone welcome.—G. K. A. 8940 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Rochdale

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Rochdale and Rossendale Branch meeting at St. James', Haslingden, Sat., June 13. Everyone welcome for ringing from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by evening ringing.—P. Dyson, Rossendale Sec. 8929

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The June monthly meeting will be held at Barrow-on-Soar on Sat., June 13. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Miss L. Brooks, 1 Beveridge Street, Barrow, Leics, not later than June 10.—M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Quarterly ringing meeting, Caerphilly, Sat., June 13. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, very short business meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—lolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge, Glamorgan (Tel. 2333).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MID-DLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Sat., June 13, All Saints', Isleworth, 2.30— 4 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall, 5. St. Mary's, Ealing, 6.30—7.30. Christ the Saviour, Ealing, 7.30—8.30 p.m. 8958

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole (5), Sat., June 13. Names for tea to Mr. B. Hendry, 27 Carrs Way, Harpole, Northampton, by Wed. previous. 8946

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Iwerne Minster, on Sat., June 13, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Godley, St. Francis Cottage, Yetminster, borne, by previous Tuesday.

SUFFOLK GUILD. - South East District .-Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 13, Bredfield (6), 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own picnic. Cups of tea provided at a small charge. 8917 W. L., Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION .- Northern District .-Quarterly meeting, Beddington, June 13. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4. Service 6 p.m., followed by evening ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. Kimber, 112 Nightingale Road, Carshalton (Tel. 647 4193), by previous Wednesday.—N. Thomson, Dis. Sec. 8953

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Practice meeting, Sat., June 13, at Bosham (6), 3 and 6 p.m. Service 4.30. Chichester Cathedral (8), 7.30–8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 8959

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Hinton-on-the-Green, June 13. Bells 3-4.30 and 6.15-7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Elmley Castle bells 7.45-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Thomas, Hinton-on-the-Green.—S. Drew, Sec. 8918

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Bottesford, June 20. Bells: Long Clawson, 12.15–1.15 p.m.; Hose, 1.15–2; Harby, 2-2.30; Granby, 2.30–3.15; Orston, 3.15–4; Bottesford, 3-4.15. Service 4.30 p.m. at Bottesford, followed by tea in Village Hall. Names, please, to Mr. L. B. Box, 45 Belvoir Road, Bottesford, Nottingham, or Mrs. S. N. Hall (Gaddesby 294), by Wed., June 17. Ringing at Bottesford after meeting.—Ron D. Hughes, Hon. Gen. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.-Quarterly meeting, June 20, St. Mary the Virgin (6), Barcombe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Ringing after tea. Please send names for tea to Mrs. Kirk-caldy, 29 Manor Gardens, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, Sussex (Tel. Hurstpierpoint 3735), Wed., June 17. bv

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kidderminster, June 20. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business Names for tea to me by June 17 at the latest. No name, no teal-M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec., 14 Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8937

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Sat., June 27, Leicester. Committee meeting, Fri., June 26, 7.45 p.m., in Church House, Lei-Ringing arrangements for Saturday: cester. Ringing arrangements for Saturday: Aylestone (8), 9–9.45 a.m.; South Wigston (8), 9.45–10.30 a.m.; Wigston Magna (8), 10.30–11.15 a.m.; St. John's (10), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), 12.30–1.15 p.m.; Birstall (8), 1.30–2.15 p.m.; Anstey (8), 2.30–3.15 p.m.; Leicester Cathedral (12), 3–4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., St. Margaret's, Leicester, followed by tea in St. Margaret's Vestry, followed by tea in St. Margaret's Vestry, followed by Ringing, St. Margaret's, 6–8 p.m., and All Saints', Leicester, 7.30–8 p.m. Service and All Saints', Leicester, 7.30-8 p.m. Social at the Blackbird Hotel, Blackbird Road, Leicester. The inclusive price for tea and social will be 10s.; if only tea required 6s. 6d. Names, please, to Mrs. M. Jelley, 17 Linley Green, Leics, together with cash, including Cosby. s.a.e., by June 12. 8695

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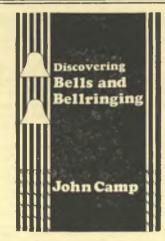
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tea and results. Sponsor forms from Mr. J. Bailey, 11 Stoke Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. Names for tea to Mrs. Smith, 13 Havers Avenue, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames (Walton-on-Thames 21045).

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Gressenhall, on Sat., June 6. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. P. M. Adcock, 16 Halls Drive, Gressenhall, East Dereham .- D S. Parry, Dis. Sec.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At BATH Saturday, June 6

4.30 p.m., Service in Bath Abbey with Address by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells. 5.40 p.m., Tea in St. Michael's Church Hall, Walcot Street.

Names to J. H. Gilbert, 13 Fenshurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS18 9AU, before June 3 6.15 (approx.), A.G.M., at which new rules will

be proposed.

Details in 1969 annual report, now available (3s. 6d. to non-members) from above address.

Towers open for one hour each: 11.00 a.m. Freshford, Claverton, Keynsham. 11.30 a.m. Bathford, Bathampton, Queen

Charlton. 12 noon. Batheaston, Swainswick, Newton

St. Loe 2.00 p.m. Bathwick, Bath Abbey, Kelston. Twerton, Widcombe.

2.30 p.m.

St. Michael's, Lyncombe. 3.00 p.m.

Please note alteration in ringing times.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the

St. Ethelburgh's Parish Hall, Bicester, at 2.30 p.m.

on Saturday, June 27

Service 6 p.m., Bicester Parish Church.

Names for tea, together with remittance (3s. 6d. per person) and s.a.e., to Mr. C. Kinch, 3 The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7AN, before Sat., June 20 Towers available (all subject to cancellation and alteration of time):-

10.30-11.30 Bledington (5), Brill (6)

11.00-12.00 Middleton Stoney (6), Ludgershall (5)

Caverafield (5), Piddington (5) 11.30-12.30

12.00- 1.00 Stratton Audley (5), Launton (6)

1.00- 2.00 Bicester (8)

7.00- 8.00 Bicester, Kirtlington, Ambrosden, Middleton Stoney

7.30- 8.30 Islip, Lower Heyford, Kidlington

Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

8957

WYMONDHAM ABBEY RINGING DAY

Saturday, June 13.

Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.

Teas provided, but names, please, to T. E. Spight, Damgate Street, Wymondham, Norfolk. 8910

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS MID-DEVON BRANCH

HALF-DAY OUTING, SATURDAY, JUNE 20. **PROGRAMME**

> 14.00-14.30 Rattery (5) Diptford (6) 14.45-15.30 Dean Prior (6) 15.45-16.30 Service (Dean Prior) 16.30 Tea (Buckfastleigh

> 17.15-18.00 Town Hall) Informal business 18.00-18.15 18.30-19.15 Bickington (6) Ilsington (6) 19.30-20.15

All welcome. Names for tea to A. L. Bennett, 22 Old Totnes Road, Buckfastleigh, by Wed. June 17.—R. F. Shepperd, Sec. 8944

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting at St. David's, Sat., June 13. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Prytherch, 33 Haven Park Close, Haverfordwest.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. - Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting on June 13, Higham Ferrers. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wilson, 7 Elizabeth Way, Higham Ferrers, not later than June 10. 8982

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. -- Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., June 6, Hatton. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, Learnington Spa. Evening ringing, Claverdon (6), 6.15-7.15 p.m.-H. A. M. 8968

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. —Central District.—Meeting, Sat., June 13, at Brancepeth. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for picnic tea.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—There will be no ringing at all at Guildford Cathedral from May 30 to June 25. Ringing will commence on Friday, June 26, at 7.30 p.m.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD .- Hinckley Dis-LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley Dis-trict. — Meeting, Kirkby Mallory, Sat., June 13. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the School Rooms, followed by business meeting. Ringing, Peckleton (6), approx. 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. K. Hudston, Silverbirches, Newbold Road, Kirkby Mallory, Liecs, by Wed. previous. Visitors welcome. - J. Watkins, Dis 8965

DIOCESAN GUILD. -- Reading OXEORD Branch. — The summer meeting will be held at Theale on June 13. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available: Theale (6), 3-4.30; Englefield (6), 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. J. Gatward, Newholme, Crown Lane, Theale, Reading, Berks, RG7 5BQ, by June 8. 8967

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Great Horwood (6), Sat., June 13. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to G. Edmans, 19 Little Horwood Road, Great Horwood, Bletchley, Bucks, by Thursday,

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual outing, June 6. Tadcaster, 3–4; Collingham, 4.30–5.15; Wetherby, 5.30-6.15; Campsall, 4.30-5.15; Wetherby, 5.30-6.15; C 7.30-8.30. All welcome.—R. Fletcher.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bingham District.—Meeting, June 13, Hickling, 2.30 p.m.
Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening, Langar.
Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous.-R.B.

HARSTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

July 24, 25 and 26.

The bells of All Saints Church will be available from 2.30 to 6.30 on Sunday, July 26.

Evensong 6.30 p.m.

Light teas will be available. Individual ringers welcome.

Please let me know about any organised parties. B. D. Threlfall, The Granary, 13 Royston Road, Harston, Cambridge. Tel. Harston 650.

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for June 1, 1945.

The proceedings were quiet and the meeting generally was one of the dullest in the history of the Council.—Editorial opinion on the C.C. meeting at Birmingham.

It was announced that The Ringing World had been owned by the Council for 18 months and its finances were in a satisfactory state.

J. Frank Smallwood conducted Stedman Cinques to a peal at Aston, Birmingham, and others taking part included E. T. Allaway, R. J. B. Hadden, E. C. S. Turner, A. Walker, Miss M. R. Cross, L. W. G. Morris, J. Penfold, G. E. Fearn, W. Williams, W. Ayre and H. C. Spencer.

At Barnby-on-Don, Yorkshire, a peal of Minor in three methods had three first-pealers—J. Wardle, W. E. Critchley and E. Padgett.

The death was announced of Mr. William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, who had an unbroken record of 49 years' service (39 as captain). He was instrumental in having the bells rehung in 1925 and increased to ten.

H. Lewis was re-elected president of the Central Council for another three years. He had already served for 12. Mr. G. W. Fletcher was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

A the Guildford Guild A.G.M. a long discussion took place on the activities of the Central Council and about The Ringing World. It was agreed to suggest that peals reported should follow the same layout as quarter peals.

The engagement was announced between the Rev. Kenneth Cæsar Davis, of St. Francis, Ruxley Lane, Ewell, and Miss Winifred Eileen Bishop, of Worcester Park,

50 YEARS AGO June 4, 1920.

The leader stated that in reviewing the proceedings of the Central Council it felt that the gathering was more productive of results than any meeting for many years past.

A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Chesterfield for the centenary of the opening of the bells (May 22, 1820).
George Marriner, Alf H. Winch and

Albert Harman (conductor) took part in a peal at Betchworth, Surrey. Method: Stedman Triples.

At Gaywood, in a peal of Bob Minor, each 720 was conducted by the ringers in

turn, the tenor ringer calling two.

Mr. Daniel T. Matkin, of Ludlow, rang the treble to Grandsire Doubles at Stokesay, Shropshire—his first on tower bells.

Alf Pulling conducted five handbell peals in four days at Guildford, Rupert Richardson being in four of them.

In order to increase the sales of The Ringing World Mr. James Mann, of Aldershot, had persuaded the vicar to purchase eight copies each week for the ringers, and he suggested other towers did the same.

The Royal Cumberland Youths' annual dinner was resuscitated after a lapse of 25 years, and Mr. Ben Foskett, the oldest member, replied to the toast to the society. Mr. J. D. Matthews (master) presided.

St. Michael's, Aldershot, bells were augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles—"Soldiers' Bells"—the £148 required being raised from soldiers in memory of their comrades who fell in the Great War.

COMPOSITIONS

5022 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR By W. J. COUPERTHWAITE

	$\frac{1}{2}$	M	W	H	(32456)
				_	43256
		S		S	62354
			S		35264
В		(3)		2	52364
-			S	S	63254
		S		_	25436
	_		_		53426
		A			42536
			3	_	54236
		2S	2		24356
			(3)	S	23456

A=B omitting (3) M.

The commencing rounds is at treble's backstroke snap at W.

(No. 1.) For no 82's or 83's omit (3) M in B and insert (3) W in last course.

(No. 2.) For 20 5678's and 21 6578's (maximum on this plan) insert (3) M in B and omit (3) W in last course.

5120 GRANDSIRE MAJOR By TIMOTHY F. COLLINS

23456	W	M	H
42356			2
(32654)		_	
(63425)	_	_	
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65324	2	_	
32564	2		S
(53426)	_		
54236			_
52346	_		_
(32645)		_	
26345	3		_
(34526)	2	_	
45326	3		-
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Repeated. Rung at Litton Cheney, Dorset, on May 16, 1970.

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged	by A	. K. CA	KIE
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25346			2
32546	SS		-
52436		2	_
64235	S		S
42365		S	2
53264			
63254		S	SS
32564		S	2
34265	2		_
62435		S	S
23456	S	2	3

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St. Lawrence, Alton, Hampshire

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St. Lawrence, Alton, Hampshire

WHEN THE BELLS ring out from the tower of St. Lawrence Church, Alton, they resound over ground which is rich in English history. For the Hampshire town of Alton is old. Indeed, it was among the oldest of primitive Wessex towns, and there was probably a township there as early as the sixth century. Its boundaries were clearly defined in 825 A.D., for in that year King Egbert, who was the first to rule from Wessex to Northumbria, bestowed on the old Minster at Winchester "fifteen hides in a place commonly called Aeweltune by the inhabitants." Three fierce encounters are recorded in Alton between Saxons and Danes, and an event of national importance took place there when Henry I and his brother, Robert of Normandy, signed a treaty by which the latter agreed to relinquish the throne of England on receipt of 3,000 marks annually.

Canterbury Pilgrims, who had landed at Southampton, passed through the town on their way to Farnham. It was in the Church of St. Lawrence, a church situated on high ground 360 feet above sea level, that an event took place in 1643 which was to make it famous.

STRONGHOLD IN THE CHURCH

Sir William Waller, the Parliamentary General, in a surprise attack on the town on December 13, put the Royalist cavalry to flight and then pursued the infantry under their commander, Col. John Boles, through the town and into the churchyard. The Cavaliers held the churchyard for two hours and then retreated into the church; they barricaded it and fought fiercely from its windows, but finally the superior strength of the Roundheads prevailed. Col. Boles was killed (according to a family tradition) in the pulpit. Altogether about 900 men surrendered and the 50 or 60 who died were buried outside the church's north wall. The old oak door, riddled and splintered by cannon balls and bullets and pike marks, with a loophole cut in it, today stands as witness of the Battle of Alton, which has been described as "one of the finest operations of its kind in the Civil War.'

The River Wey rises in the meadows half a mile outside the town, and at one time its flow of water must have been terrific, for a paper mill, three other mills and a number of tanyards thrived on its Alton was a prolific hop-growing area, and with the hops came the breweries and the popular "Alton Ales." Now, very little brewing is done in the town, and the paper mills, established in Alton in the 1700's, moved to Eynsford in 1908.

The poet Edmund Spenser lived in a cottage a couple of hundred yards from the church in the 1500's, and Cardinal Newman at one time lived in the town. William Curtis, well known as a botanist, resided in Alton, and the local museum bears his name. Alton's link with a tragedy was from the murder of young Fanny Adams not far from Alton Church in 1847. The phrase "Sweet Fanny Adams" is heard throughout the world throughout the world.

"Progress" has taken much of the peace and quietness away from this market town. Amery Farm, which adjoined the church, no longer exists as such. Alton is now a commuter area, London being but 48 miles distant.

St. Lawrence Church is the old Parish Church, and is celebrating its 900th anniversary throughout 1970. There is a comversary throughout 1970.

prehensive programme throughout the year, including a Flower Festival this month and Son et Lumiere in September, and the bellringers are playing a conspicuous part. Bellringing Festival is on July 18 and ringers from all areas are taking part.

THE BELLS

No exact date can be found as to when bells were first hung in the tower. The earliest record is in churchwardens' accounts of 1625. A ring of five is known to have existed and in 1742 it is recorded that a tenor bell was cast to make a ring of six. The treble was recast at the same time. Known details of this ring are:— Treble, 8 cwt. 25 lb. (recast 1742); tenor, 22 cwt. 26 lb., in F (cast 1742 by Thomas Lister); 5th, 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. (recast 1754).

One peal is recorded on these bells. Grandsire Doubles, 1777, and the board lists two men as ringing the tenor—which was unusual for a bell of this weight. The year 1785 saw the recasting of the six and the addition of two trebles. The treble was recast in 1803 and when, in 1889, the 7th became cracked, this was recast and the others rehung.

INSCRIPTIONS

Inscriptions on the bells at this time were:—Treble, Thomas Janaway of London Fecit 1803, 6 cwt., note E. 2nd: Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1785, 6½ cwt., D sharp. 3rd: Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1785, 7 cwt., C sharp. 4th: Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1785, 8 cwt., B. 5th: "When way Fecit, 1785, 8 cwt., B. 5th: "When from the earth our notes rebound, the hills and valeys echo round"; Thomas Janaway, 1785, 10 cwt., A. 6th: Thomas Janaway of Chelsea made us all, 1785; "Musica Est Mentis Medicina," 11 cwt., G sharp. 7th: Thomas Janaway Fecit, 1785, 13\(\frac{1}{2}\) cwt., F sharp. Recast by Mears and Stainbank 1889. Tenor: "Rev. Dr. Thomas Balguy, Vicar. James Dicker, Richard Palmer Baker, John Phillips, Churchwardens." Thomas Janaway Fecit 1785, 20 cwt., E. (Estimated weight by Gillett and Johnston in 1925 22 cwt.). Twelve peals are recorded as being rung on these bells. as being rung on these bells.

The tenor was found to be seriously cracked in 1925. The bells were removed to Gillett and Johnston's foundry and the other bells were found to be chipped and out of tune. It was decided to recast all the bells and hang them in a modern steel frame on ball bearings. This work was completed for Easter Sunday, 1926.

To date 12 peals have been rung on this ring— a total of 32 in all. Of the present-day ring, the treble is 4 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb, and the tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

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C. W. HAWKINS.

For what are men better than sheep or goats

That nourish a blind life within the brain, If, knowing God, they lift not hands of

Both for themselves and those who call TENNYSON. them friend?

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BIRDS AND BELLS

On Sunday, May 24, after ringing on the magnificent eight at Skipton I decided to drive over to nearby Bolton Abbey-an idea which seemed also to have occurred to half the population of the north of England! Despite the crowds I was not disappointed by the bird life for which this beautiful spot is well known.

Immediately upon entering the grounds I could make out the song of a pied flycatcher against the background rush and babble of the River Wharfe. A few minutes' scrutiny of the trees on the opposite bank discovered the splendid black and white cock bird as he sang to advertise his territory. Soon he became silent and dropped down among the lower branches; watching with binoculars I was able to follow the bird to the nest-hole. I was also delighted to find a family of dippers down on the rocks in the Wharfe, the young birds splashing inexpertly in the water and demanding loudly to be fed. Common sand-pipers and grey wagtails completed the picture nicely.

In the afternoon we rang a peal on the ten at Pontefract, and Iris Lemare informed me that there was a bird reserve, Fairburn Ings, only a few miles away, where the very scarce little ringed plover bred. We visited the reserve together and I was able to watch the species displaying for the first time, which I must admit meant more to

me than a dozen peals!

Miss Lemare is only the second bird-watching bellringer that I have met, yet these are two activities which fit together extremely well. I have written this brief note of my non-ringing activities at Ilkley in the hope of interesting other like-minded A venture I have often wished to embark on is an ornithological peal-week. using a bird observatory as a base. interest in this project having now been revived, I would ask anyone who might be able to come to Dungeness B.O. with me for a week at Easter next year to write and let me know.

PETER J. WYCHERLEY.

Blackthorn, Kingstone. Hereford.

Many members took part in the discussion of this section, among them being Messrs. Beresford, Dodds, Lufkin, Rev. J. Scott,

H. Rogers, Chaddock, Wilson, Sharpe, Cook and Croft. Points noted for the sub-com-

mittee were: Section 2 (6) the words "provision and maintenance" in place of "financial assistance," and the Biographies Committee, although not mentioned, would remain an official committee of the Council.

Items 3 (4), 3 (9) and 3 (11) were all suggested for possible amendment, and the

Overseas Committee, which does very important work, should be encouraged to report its activities regularly. This was also suggested for the Education Committee 3 (7).

Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

Report of the Proceedings of the 73rd Annual Meeting

SECTION I.

A summary of the meeting held at Ilkley, Yorkshire, of the second session of 27th Council was given in our last issue, and the more detailed report will be printed during the next few weeks. It is not intended to give full discussions, except where considered of more general importance. The elected members should report back to the Guilds and Associations they represent, but reference to The Ringing World of April 24 may be necessary in some cases to follow the topics discussed, particularly the interim report of the Standing Committee.

Following the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Tom White, reported elsewhere, the business was opened with prayer led by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow.

Apologies were read out from F. E. Haynes, G. W. Fletcher, T. P. Edwards, R. G. Wilson, J. W. Cotton, Rev. R. Keeley, N. Golden, F. A. White, M. J. Fellows, N. Mallett, W. A. Osborn, J. F. Smallwood, H. J. Sanger, G. I. Lewis, E. F. Willcox, W. L. Weller, A. J. Brazier, J. E. G. Roast, D. F. Murfet, B. Jones and J. P. Fidler.

The hon. secretary's report, which had been circulated, gave the total membership as 204, with one vacancy, and three honorary vacancies. All subscriptions had been

paid with one exception.

New members were welcomed by the president and each stood as his name was called: H. C. Lonyon (Chester Guild), P. Reynolds (Lincoln Guild), J. Prytherch (St. David's Guild), R. W. Pipe (St. Martin's

The election of honorary members followed and these were: Mr. G. R. Drew and Mrs. Shirley Drew, who deal with the C.C. publications (proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. V. Bottomley); Mr. George Pipe (D. Beresford and E. Shepherd); C. W. Denyer, Editor The Ringing World (W. H. Viggers and D. A. R. May) and F. A. White (a retiring member re-elected). Mrs. R. F. B. Speed did not seek re-election as an honorary member.

Six names were read out in the obituary list, viz.: W. C. West (Salisbury Guild), G. L. Grover (Guildford Guild), H. O. Baker (Chester Guild), T. E. Sone (Kent County), T. H. Francis (Cumberland Youths), W. Shepherd (Winchester and Portsmouth and Guildford Guild), and Canon Thurlow said

a prayer for the departed.

The minutes were approved with the alteration of one word, and there were no matters arising, following which the report of the hon. secretary was accepted without

comment.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the librarian, presented his report and made a strong appeal for books which had been on loan, in some cases for several years, to be returned. Mrs. Olive Barnett suggested that a list of names of "long-term" borrowers be published in The Ringing World, but Mr. R. S. Anderson advised caution in such

ACCOUNTS ACCEPTED

Mr. Bottomley next produced the accounts for 1969 and moved their adoption. Mr. Garner-Hayward seconded, and some discussion followed about possible reinvestment of moneys in the Clement Glenn Fund to the Central Board of Finance. Others taking part in this debate were Messrs. Bayles, Beresford, W. Wilson, Seager, J. Mayne and T. W. White, the last named giving details of comparative Ringing World costs when published by Rolls Publishing Comparative and teday's costs. Company and today's costs.

The hon, secretary and treasurer took



Taken by The Ringing World at the formal wel-come given to the Central Council: l. to r. the vicar of likley (Rev. R. Cleland), the chairman of Ilkley U.D.C. (Cclr. R. P. Bushell), the president of the Central Council (Mr. John Freeman), the president of the Yorkshire Association (Mr. Vernon Bottomley) and the ladies, Mrs. Bushell and Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley.

note of various suggestions made for future possible administration and investment.

The accounts were adopted.

Mr. Douglas Hughes answered several questions on the use and the replacement of parts when necessary of the Carter ringing machine, and the report presented was agreed, a suggestion being made that it would be wise to consider reducing the number of demonstrations and so prevent undue wear and tear.

INTERIM REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Although this report had occupied a couple of hours at the informal meeting on the Sunday evening, at Tuesday's gathering the Council spent a further three hours debating the report, item by item. This, how-ever, could not be considered a waste of Several members found that, from the earlier discussions, they had been able to consider some items from a different standpoint and had changed their minds. Naturally this brought out a lot more for the meeting to hear, and in several cases the whole section was referred back to the subcommittee for further consideration and to report again next year.

At the outset the president proposed the adoption of the report, which was seconded by the vice-president (Mr. E. A. Barnett), but it was later agreed to alter the word "adopt" to "receive," this being on the motion of Canon Felstead, seconded by Mr.

R. S. Anderson.
Mr. Ayre, supported by Mr. Shepherd. asked that more emphasis be put on the role of ringers as church workers and said their first job in this connection was ringing for church services. The sub-committee responsible for "Aims, Objects and Procedure," for which Mr. R. F. B. Speed was spokesman, were asked to note this sug-

The increased amount of work and the larger number of inquiries made to the Towers and Belfries Committee were commented upon and an assurance given that this body was in operation the whole year. That the peals analysis was well worth while was the general opinion, and in winding up this section Mr. Speed said all the points made would be considered.

Under Sections 4 and 5, members taking part were Messrs. Roper, Beresford, Mrs. Staniforth, Carlyle, Dodd, D. May, V. Bottomley, Crossthwaite, Lufkin, Mayne, Seager, Butler, Canon Thurlow, Rev. Scott, Cook, Speed and G. Pipe. Further consideration is to be given on suggestions made and these included the possibility of a made and these included the possibility of a national scheme to give financial assistance to churches (with bells) that require it; a national appeal for The Ringing World; more encouragement for associations to start and to augment restoration; the investment of money raised for restoration funds; training recruits for towers with no ringers; the purchase of bells from churches being demolished, particularly where such bells have historic value or connections; the movement of bells from redundant churches to churches on newly-populated estates and new towns; the possible approach by the Central Council to building societies for loans when restoration work is necessary and funds low.

At the end of this section the meeting agreed that the sub-committee were proceeding on the right lines.

(To be continued.)

The illuminated shell-like ornamentation at the back of the stage where the formal welcome was given brought forth the comment from Mr. Freeman: "When Mr. Vernon Bottomley rose to speak just now, with this decoration behind him, he looked just like Venus rising from the sea!"

23 YEARS' SERVICE RECOGNISED

As briefly reported last week, the presentation of a piece of Doulton china, a silver dish and a cheque for £600 to Mr. and Mrs. Tom White was made at the Central Council meeting at Ilkley. Mr. Wilfrid Wilson, convener of The Ringing World Committee, said it was the wish of ringers everywhere and of all present that day to give recognition of the 23 years' loyal service to the ringing Exercise by Tom White as Editor of the Ringing World. He then requested the president of the Central Council (Mr. John Freeman) to make the presentation.

Thanking Mr. Wilson for according him the honour of making the presentation, Mr. Freeman handed the china figure to Mrs. White and said it was not only in appreciat.on of her help to Tom, but with the respect and affection which was felt by all towards Mrs. White. Amidst applause, Mrs. White held aloft the figure for all to see and

"To you, Tom, on behalf of the Exercise as a whole," said Mr. Freeman, "I present you with this silver toast warmer inscribed Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, presented by the president on behalf of the Exercise to Thomas W. White in appreciation of his services as Editor of The Ringing World 1946—1969' and inside is a cheque for £600,"

OVERWHELMED

When Mr. White rose to reply, he was obviously very moved by the enthusiasm of those present and the munificence of the gift. He said he was so overwhelmed that he had forgotten what he intended to say, but thanked one and all for their kindness. Mr. White then recovered his composure and went on:-

Recently in church we were singing the hymn, 'Thy way, not mine, O Lord,' in which a line runs: 'Choose Thou for me my friends,' and I thought how truly blessed I had been in the friends that had been chosen for me. They are not a few; they number hundreds and are to be found all over the world. And this introduction came about so unexpectedly. I had been asked by my predecessor, Mr. Jim Trollope, to ac-company him to Norwich to report the annual meeting, and on the way from the station he pointed out a young couple, remarking: 'The handsomest couple in the Exercise.' This couple were destined to play no little part in guiding my footsteps. I refer to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

"That was probably the saddest Council meeting I ever attended. There was the resignation and collapse of Mr. Trollope, and during the luncheon interval Mr. Q. W. Fletcher asked me to produce the next issue or two while the officers looked round for a succe sor and I agreed. Later there was a meeting with the officers of the Council, Mr. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher and Mr. A. A. Hughes, and I was in the editorial chair.

"It was a case of starting from scratch. I had an exacting job and could only devote a limited amount of time to the job—mainly Saturdays and Sundays. There was nothing in the office-no papers, not even the previous week's issue. Mrs. Fletcher was a great standby in providing copy; she wrote round to all guilds and associations, and this was a great reserve. The late Ernest Morris provided me with a pile of manuscripts, and gradually a splendid band of writers came to my aid. Some of those early contributors are still in harness. I met the committee over a cup of tea before a Standing Committee meeting which I attended to answer questions.



FIRST PHASE ENDS

"The first phase of my editorship ended at Chester in 1951. A new committee was elected with Mr. Smallwood as convener, and the late Harold Poole, whose daughter is a member of the present committee. She kindly acted as treasurer to my testimonial fund. Other members were Mr. F. I. Hairs and the late Joe Dyke and they set about a big campaign for 1,000 postal subscribersand I had my salary cut!!

"Mr. Smallwood was responsible for the series of articles entitled 'Servants of the Exercise' and Mr. Wilson, who joined the committee a year or two later, contributed technical articles which were the forerunner of his classic work 'Change Ringing.' Smallwood was determined to build up a reserve of £10,000, and he nearly succeeded. Life membership, conferred upon him at Truro, was richly deserved, and he was succeeded by Mr. Bob Anderson.

THE THIRD PHASE

"This led up to the third phase, which started at Northampton—a year during which the committee met fairly regularly. Monthly reports were submitted and questions answered by correspondence. At that meeting there were grumblings concerning The Ringing World. Some time back the

Mr. and Mrs. Tom White with the gifts presented to them at the Central Council meeting. Mr. Wilfrid Wilson (chairman of The Ringing World Committee) is also in the picture. Unfortunately Mr. White was taken ill during the meeting at likley and the photo had to be delayed. This one was taken at his home at Guildford.

[Ringing World photo.

question of tinted covers was explored, but it was resolved that the extra cost involved would result in a loss in production.

"The rumblings developed into a crescendo at Bath and Messrs. George Pipe and Dennis Beresford outlined a scheme for a 'new look' for The Ringing World. Evidence of a divided committee was presented at Worcester, but before then coloured covers had become a regular feature. I bid my farewell to a very happy committee. Our meetings have been regular and very thorough.

"In late years our problems have been largely of production, and they are still with us. But despite these, we have a friendly and considerate readership, many of whom are real friends of the Editor. My great desire is that I should be known to the ringing fraternity of the future as the man who introduced Charles Denyer as his successor. May he fulfil that wish and I trust he will have good health to carry it out.'

From St. Martin, Herne, Kent:

Here lies a piece of Christ, a star in dust, A vein of gold, a China dish which must Be us'd in Heav'n, when God shall feed the just.



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The test pressing for this record has been approved and the record will soon be advertised in this journal. Those who secure a copy will obtain much pleasure from the variety of examples on four lovely rings of bells—Howden Minster, Norton-juxta-Malton and Nunburnholme, Yorkshire, and Washington Cathedral, U.S.A. The record will be very useful to instructors and lec-

The standard of ringing is good but not perfect, and one useful exercise for the listener will be to practise noting down the

faults in each example.

In the main, plain courses in very simple methods were chosen so that the recordings would be understandable and valuable to most ringers—even to many non-ringers. It was found much more difficult to produce well-struck plain courses "to order" than longer lengths.

A list of the examples follows. The call changes on six include Queen's, Tittum's and Whittington's. Those on eight include —6578's, —7568's, Queen's and Whit-

All the examples were specially recorded in 1969 for this record except the excerpt from the peal at Washington in 1964.

The record will be distributed by the undersigned for the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and those who would like to purchase one should watch for further details in the advertisement columns of The Ringing World. The number of records pressed will be limited.

List of examples: Six bells being raised peal (Nunburnholme). Grandsire Doubles without a cover (Norton). Grandsire Doubles with a cover (Norton).

man Doubles with a cover (Norton). Sted-Call changes on six (Norton). Plain Bob Minor on six (Norton). Lowering six bells in peal (Nunburnholme). Call changes on eight (Howden). Grandsire Triples (Howden). (Howden). Grandsire Triples (Howden). Grandsire Triples (Norton). Bob Major (Howden). Stedman Triples on the ten bells of Washington Cathedral, U.S.A.
NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Market Weighton, Yorks.

STRIKING COMPETITION

The Reading Branch tower of Goring was the venue for the guild striking competition and seven teams gathered on the fine Saturday afternoon of May 2. The ringing was closely contested and shortly after 5 p.m. ringing ended and everyone adjourned to the parish hall for tea.

Canon C. E. Wigg (master) thanked the

Reading Branch for its hospitality, the incumbents of Goring and Streatley for the use of their bells, and the ladies who had prepared the tea. He made particular reference to Bloxham (Banbury Branch), who entered at short notice so that the branch might be represented. He then introduced Major E. J. Bragg and Mr. William Viggers, of Aldershot, the judges.

Mr. Viggers commented upon the high standard of ringing and of the difficulty ex-

perienced in deciding the winners. Major Bragg gave the results, which ended in a win for East Berks and South Bucks Branch (Hughenden tower), Newbury Branch (Hughenden tower), Newbury Branch (Thatcham) second, and Sonning Deanery Branch (Hurst) third.

The master congratulated the winners and presented the cup to the Hughenden band. Major Bragg said how much he and his colleague had enjoyed the competition. B. J. G.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

DEPUTY MAYOR'S WELCOME

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at Bridport on May 9, when 140 ringers and friends filled the Church of St. Mary for the festival service conducted by the vicar (Canon J. P. Hinton), the address being given by the Archdeacon of Sherborne. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung and the choir sang a Whitsuntide anthem. The collection for the Edwards Memorial Fund amounted to £10 6s. 6d.

After tea, served in the church hall, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman H. Smith, welcomed the guild to Bridport, outlining the town's amenities and business interests. He said many ringers would already have heard of Bridport because of the bell ropes made there. At one time, perhaps, the town was more famous for the "Bridport Dagger,"

the hangman's rope.

The meeting was presided over by the master, Rev. R. N. Longridge, supported by the general secretary and assistant general secretary. The master read the names of members lost by death during the year and a moment's silence was observed.

The secretary reported the number of peals rung was the highest in the history of the guild, the Wimborne Branch claiming most credit. Presenting the accounts, the Edwards Memorial Fund stood at £248 and the general account showed a slight

reduction to £299.

The master said: "This is the second time I have had to announce the death of a president of our guild. Firstly Canon C. Carew Cox and now Mr. William C. West, both in their own way filling the office with dignity and distinction. Though only three years president, they were for Mr. West a time of pride and satisfaction in presiding over a guild of which he had been a member for 55 years and general secretary for

The master congratulated the leading peal ringer, Miss Mary Elmes (Wareham). a member of the Wimborne Branch, and asked that goodwill messages be sent to Mr. L. Wilson and to Mr. F. Stedman (Wyke Regis), now in his 95th year, and who still manages an occasional pull.

For the election of officers, Rev. R. M.

Longridge was by vote elected president. Rev. R. Keeley was elected master, Mr. F. Slatford general secretary, Mr. H. Knee assistant general secretary, Mr. C. F. Andrew peal secretary, Mr. R. Duke was added to the Guild Committee and Mr. F. Collins

to the list of belfry inspectors.

It was decided to accept the suggested increase in subscription from 1971, i.e. members up to 17 years 15 new pence, other ringing members 25 new pence, with an optional subscription of 15 new pence for members over 65; life ringing members' subscription to be 30 new pence. The peal fee is to be increased to five new pence and given to the Edwards Memorial Fund. A grant of £50 from this fund was voted to Bishop Cannings. It being the wish of the guild to increase the capital of the Edwards Memorial Fund, Mr. E. Elmes suggested that one or two rules be made to govern the amount of grants given. A report is to be given to the next committee meeting.

RULE

He that rings and breaks a stay Will have half-a-crown to pay: And if he rings in spurs or hat Shall pay a quart of ale for that.
(A stone tablet in belfry of St. Michael's,
Bugbrooke, Northants.)

ST. ANDREW'S AND DUNDEE U.G.

The quarter peal rung on May 17 at Dundee Cathedral was a milestone in the guild's progress. Formed in 1965, it was strong for a while but soon membership had dwindled and practices ceased. But now, under the leadership of Simon Burnett, the guild is building up well.

With the help of ringers coming up, beginners were taught and at first call changes were possible, but gradually change ringing on six was reinstated. In 1968 the guild had a welcome visitor from Kent School, Connecticut, U.S.A.—Jeff Nicoll, over in St. Andrew's for a year.

This session has been the guild's best ever and eight bells have been rung in changes on practice nights, and under Mr. A. F. Sturrock (the last of the original Cathedral band) a new local band has been taught. This band has become more experienced, and after the first attempt was lost in the sixth extent a good quarter was rung on Whit Sunday. This, the first for the guild, included three "firsts."

The guild is fortunate in having two of the 12 Scottish rings so close. The Cathedral bells are fairly heavy, but St. Mary's have recently been rehung and run easily. Unfortunately two ringers, Simon Burnett (master) and Graham Drew (deputy master and secretary) are leaving this year, but they leave behind a good band and progress is

Due to pressure of degree exams practices have now ceased but will resume next term and will be held alternately at St. Paul's Cathedral and St. Mary's on Wednesdays at 7.15 p.m. All visitors will be made very welcome.

Officers recently elected are: Ringing master, Miss M. R. Hewson; secretary, G. A. Garner, St. Salvator's Hall, St. Andrew's, Fife; treasurer, D. N. Andrews.

Bedfordshire Association.

A PUB TO AVOID

Saturday, May 8, was a grey and foreboding morning when the Biggleswade District coach left for Suffolk. Horringer, our first call, was reached on time and some good ringing was enjoyed by all. Refreshed with coffee and with the reserve driver at the wheel of the coach, we arrived at Woolpit. Thirty or more were packed in the ringing room, and the bells were under way when a breathless churchwarden arrived to put an early stop to our efforts. A lastminute consultation with the architect on Friday had pronounced the tower unsafe! Our spirits undaunted, and the sun now shining, we left for Stowmarket. While carpets were purchased for St. Paul's, Bedford, other lunched in the busy market town before ringing on the eight at the parish church. Stonham Aspall, with its wooden-topped tower, was the first 10-bell tower for some of the party and rounds were rung by Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters were achieved, while others wandered along the footpaths of this peaceful village. After tea at Debenham we walked to the church for a well-struck course of London. The last tower of the day, Cotton, with its unique ringing room completely exposed to the elements on one side, finished the day's ringing. Unfortunately the local hostelry, the Trowel and Hammer, did not welcome coach parties however well behaved, and we were asked to leave before completely quenching our thirsts. Our thanks go to Philip Rogers, the organiser, the coach drivers and the incumbents (but not to the publican) for a very enjoyable day. S. H. A.

Letters

WHY RING?

Dear Sir,-The letter from your correspondent, Mr. Dennis Millward, made me see red! He relates how he turned away a potential good ringer simply because he was not a confirmed member of the Church and then asks if it was wrong to let him go. It certainly was!

I have been a member of the Church all my life and a ringer for nearly as long, and will never renounce either, but I am strongly opposed to the self-righteous "class apart" attitude of so many churchpeople who refuse to accept "outsiders" into their midst.

It is high time that everyone realised that ringing is a thoroughly worthy and highly developed art in its own right, and should be allowed to flourish as such, without subordination to one particular religious

Church authorities seem to act on the assumption that only their own people can appreciate the sound of the bells, and that they alone should be allowed to ring them. Whenever an appeal is made for funds to provide an augmentation or a rehang, does the Church refuse donations from interested outsiders?

Any sincere non-churchman who becomes a keen, reliable ringer is brought into close contact with the life and work of the Church, and if that life is strong, positive and friendly, as it should be, he will be favourable impressed. I have known a number of instances where Nonconformists and others have become regular church members solely as a result of their keen

interest in ringing.

In these days of declining church attendance and sadly-neglected towers, it is deplorable to turn away anyone who, by his own will, is anxious to become a ringer. I say to Mr. Millward, and others in the same situation, provided would-be ringers are not openly antagonistic to the Church, welcome them to the tower and teach them to ring first; you have a much better chance of making a good churchman out of a keen ringer than you have of making a good ringer out of a dutiful churchman.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. DURANCE.

Rothley, Leics.

WHY WE RING

Dear Sir,—I would not wish to prolong this correspondence, yet I would ask for your indulgence and allow me space to reply

to Mr. John L. Findon's letter.
Firstly, it is our practice when a parishioner indicates that he or she wishes to learn to ring, to ask them to come and sit in during two or three service ringing periods, and then give a brief explanation of what will be required of them. If still willing, we give special training sessions with silent bells. However, when faced with a visitor, as I was, a quick decision was necessary, and I did what I felt was right.

Secondly, this man was adamant. "He wasn't going to be confirmed just to be-come a ringer." To be confirmed for no other reason than to become a ringer would lower this Holy Sacrament to mundane level and as such I agree with this view.

Thirdly, any ringer who resides in or near Buckley would be most welcome in our tower at any normal ringing times, and if of peal or conductor standard would cer-tainly be invited to take part in our limited peal activities.

Fourthly, in Mr. Findon's last paragraph I would say he has put the cart before the HOLSWORTHY BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I have the opportunity to answer Noel F. Moxon's query on Hols-

worthy bells? (Ringing World, page 410.)
The piece of music entitled "Holsworthy Church Bells" refers to Holsworthy in

South Devon.

It is generally accepted that the composer had these particular bells in mind and was inspired to write this well-known piece. If you could see a copy of the music you might find it suitably inscribed.—Yours faithfuily,

DAVID W. BEE.

Scottern, Lines.

Dear Sir,- In reply to the query from Noel F. Moxon re Holsworthy Church, I am an organist and have a copy of the piece of music concerned, which states:
"An Air composed for Holsworthy Church
Bells" and varied for the organ. A few years ago I visited Holsworthy Church in Devon and found there an electric chiming barrel in the church (in a glass case) listing the various tunes which could be played and this piece of music was one of those mentioned

I imagine this clears up the query. The bells can, of course, also be rung.—Yours faithfully, ARTHUR H. COOMBS.

East Dulwich, S.E.

Dear Sir, In your issue of The Ringing World of May 29 Noel F. Moxon wanted to know the origin of the piece of music written by Wesley—"Holsworthy Church Bells.

When Mr. Wesley was organist at Exeter Cathedral he spent a holiday here at Holsworthy with Dr. Linington Ash. Local history says that while resting in the garden of this friend the parish church bells were rung, and he composed the tune while listening to them.

We have a carillon here which plays 12 tunes, and the "Holsworthy Church Bells" is the most popular. I am the towerkeeper and get many requests to hear it, as we understand it is the only carillon that plays

it.

We have a lovely ring of bells and always welcome visitors. If anyone would like to hear the "Holsworthy Church Bells" on the can contact me and I the carillon they can contact me and I shall always be pleased to help. — Yours faithfully,

Holsworthy, Devon. CHARLIE LYLE.

horse. Church authorities do not place expensive equipment for people to use solely for pleasure but for ringers to feel they have a duty to perform twice every Sunday.

No, firstly we must ring to the Glory of God and in His service, then for the pleasure and satisfaction we derive from

The question arises: Should church authorities provide and maintain bells, and instructors give their time to train people who only want to ring for pleasure? I say "Come back to God and His Church and then we will teach you to ring."

Finally, I do not think that we at St. Matthew's are very much different from ringers at other towers. Our ringers have always taken an active interest in the life of the church, several have held office, and one ringer is now vicar of a nearby parish. To hold any office in the Church one must be a confirmed member. We cannot have of our company.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD,

Tower Captain.

Buckley, Flintshire.

5040 MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read a letter from Mr. G. E. Symonds suggesting that 5040's of Maximus had only been rung in Ipswich. Surely Mr. Symonds cannot have missed the large number of 5040's of Londinium and similar methods rung in London, Birmingham, etc.

If he was referring to Cambridge-type methods specifically, I am afraid that he is still wrong, as 5040's have been rung in Birmingham and Cheshire and probably elsewhere. Admittedly they are now quite rare, because of the ease of obtaining 5042's, but even so a 5040 of Cambridge was rung only last year at St. Mary-le-Bow, London, conducted by B. D. Threlfall. Yours faithfully,

Hamble, Hants. R. DENNIS.

CARTWHEELING

Dear Sir,-With regard to the Rochester District striking competition which Mr. Moxon mentions, the judges explained that whereas a closed handstroke lead was quite acceptable in, say, Yorkshire, in Kent it could only be regarded as incorrect. Surely the Cuxton band, who must have realised that cartwheeling is not traditionally regarded as "good" ringing in the Rochester District, should have checked with the judges before ringing as to whether it would be acceptable, not afterwards, which seems a little provocative.

a little provocative.

Are we to ban the ringing of certain methods as "unmusical"? If so, who judges? Why waste time over the "correct," "traditional" or "better" method of leading? Some will always prefer one and some the other.—Yours faithfully, Loughborough, RICHARD W. BRICE.

KENT AND OXFORD

Dear Sir,-Mr. Findon's letter about Kent and Oxford T.B. in your issue of May 15 set me puzzling and as none of the experts has given the solution here is my in-terpretation. The band should be instructed to ring Kent except immediately after a call of Oxford has been made. These calls are made when the treble is in 3-4 down before a lead-end marked X or I and Oxford ceases to be rung after the treble leaves the front. In addition, where the lead-end is marked I a bob is called. Note that it is essential to distinguish italic I from Roman I, as the latter symbol denotes one ordinary Kent bob.

Below are the lead-ends and full details of the changes of method for the touches Mr. Findon wished clarified. The changes of method are interlined to show they hap-pen before the lead-end. Changes to Kent

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Quarter Peals

ALTON, HANTS, 1970 FESTIVAL

Alton, Hants. - March 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Piggott 1, Miss A. Biddlecombe 2. Miss C. Law (25th quarter) 3, G. Noakes 4, Hedger 5, A. Kersey 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, Reed 8. For Easter, and a welcome to the Bishop of Southampton, who preached. Also April 12, 1260 P.B. Triples: Miss D. A. Wood 1, P. J. Rowe 2, Miss R. A. Collins 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, S. Meadows 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 7, M. Blencowe 8. (By St. Andrew, Farnham, ringers.) Also May 9, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Froome 1, Violet Castle (cond.) 2, Eva Eele 3, R. Rirens 4, C. Eele 5, C. Mortimer 6, B. Castle 7, F. Hicks 8. (By St. Nicholas, Hurst, ringers.)

Farnham, Surrey. — April 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Eyre 1, Miss C. Law 2, R. Reed 3, G. Noakes 4, R. Corke 5, A. Kersey (25th quarter) 6, R. Finch (cond.) 7, D. Fox (Aldershot) 8. (By St. Lawrence, Alton, band.) To welcome lan Andrew Chennell-White, born April 2.

Ash, Surrey. — May 9, 1440 P.B. Minor: S. Eyre 1, R. Stone 2, R. Finch 3, R. Reed 4, A.

Kersey 5, R. Corke (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEAL DAY Saturday, May 9

Ludlow, Salop.-1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. B. Smith 1, Mrs. E. Stevens 2, Miss P. C. Stocken 3, Mrs. J. M. Beech 4, E. F. Willcox 5, C. Stevens 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, R. H. Newton 8.

Knighton, Rads .- 1264 P.B. Major: E. F. Willcox 1, R. H. Newton 2, R. C. Stevens 3, F. Beech 4, Miss P. C. Stocken 5, Mrs. E. Stevens 6, Mrs. J. M. Beech 7, Miss G. B. Smith (cond.)

Eardisland, Herefords.—1440 P.B. Major: Newton 1, Miss G. B. Smith 2, Miss P. Stocken 3, Mrs. J. M. Beech 4, E. F. Willcox 5, Mrs. E. Stevens (first as cond.) 6, F. Beech 7, R. C. Stevens 8.

Algarkirk, Lincs.-May 7, 1260 Spliced Minor (three methods): D. Fensom 1, W. B. Dawson 2, H. Barsley 3, M. J. Belcher 4, R. Stephenson 5, H. Reynolds (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to H. Barsley.

Arundel, Sussex. - May 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Cora Gillies 1, Sally Staines (first inside) 2, Betty Haselgrove 3, Jean Daughtry 4, Anne Daughtry (cond.) 5, R. Fenton 6. First in method 1, 6. For Rogation Sunday. Also May 17, 1264 P.B. Major: Susan Wills 1, Ruth Halford 2, Jean Daughtry 3, Betty Haselgrove 4, Anne Daughtry 5, Christopher Renyard 6, P. Wills 7, P. Stevens (cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 5. For Whitsunday.

Asfordby, Leics.-May 16, 1260 P.B. Minor: J. H. Cook 1, Karen French (first inside) 2, R. E. Manton 3, W. Clamp 4, H. Clayton 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Barry R. Vann and Janet E. Looker.

Babbacombe, Devon .-- May 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Catherine Chambers 3, J. L. Read 4, A. Garbett 5, W. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, W Simmonds 8. For Evensong.

Barkingside, Essex.—May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Morton (first away from cover) 1, D. Ellisdon 2, Susan Turcan 3, Angela Jackson 4, Jillian Turcan 5, T. Natt 6, D. Gower (first as

cond.) 7, Mary Wilkinson 8. For Whitsun.

Barton St. David, Som.—May 8, 1260

Doubles (three methods): Teresa J. Kingcott 1, Chapman 2, Hilda M. Kingcott 3, Ruth R. Ball 4, W. H. Kingcott 5, W. A. V. Prescott (cond.)

BARSTABLE SCHOOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

Basildon, Essex.—March 23, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. I. Lucas 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (cond.) 3-4, S. Clarke 5-6. Also 1260 P.B. Doubles: A. Cammiade (cond.) 1-2, G. Mason (first inside) 3-4, K. T. Bradley 5-6. Also April 20, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P. A. Cammiade 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (cond.) 3-4, S. Clarke 5-6. Also 1260 P.B. Doubles: G. Mason 1-2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Eleanor Clemo (first quarter) 5-6.

Bath, Som.—May 25, St. Michael with Paul, 1260 P.B. Minor: Miss B. A. Bruford 1, Miss P. D. Freeland 2, C. J. Barrable 3, B. Sarll 4, P. J. Devrell 5, C. G. Jones (cond.) 6. First A wedding compliment to Miss P Goolay and Mr. K. Weeks, married at Bathamp-

Bathampton, Som.-May 23, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: D. McDaniel 1, Miss B. A. Bruford 2, Miss P. D. Freeland 3, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 4, C. G. Jones 5. A wedding compliment to Miss P. Goulay (tower captain) and Mr. K. Weeks (Bathford).

Beaminster, Dorset. — May 23, 1280 Camb. Major: I. Calvert 1, Angela Quick 2, Mrs. C. /. Powell 3, Mrs. A. S. Bishop 4, D. B. Ellery , A. S. Bishop 6, M. J. Hiller 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8.

Benhall, Suffolk .- May 13, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Peters (first quarter, aged 13) 1, R. Peters 2, M. Peters 3, Dana Josephson 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6. A 20th birthday compliment to Stephen Peters. Also May 16, 1260 Doubles (two methods): R. Peck 1, R. Peters 2, M. Peters 3, M. Baldry 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6. A wedding compliment to Ruth (nee Woodman) and Robert Last, married at Aldringham.

Bradpole, Dorset.-May 5, 1260 P.B. Triples: Valerie Calvert (first Triples) 1, I. L. Andrews 2, Helen A. Haines 3, I. Calvert 4, D. B. Ellery 5, R. Haines 6, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case First in method for all except 6. Also May 7. 1260 P.B. Minor: I. L. Andrews 1, R. Haines
D. B. Ellery 3, Helen A. Haines 4, I. Calvert
M. J. Hiller (cond.) 6. Rung for Whitsunday Evensong

Brafield-on-the-Green, Northants. -- May 18, 1440 P.B. Minor: R. Henman 1, Anne Henman 2, R. G. Care 3, P. Jones 4, I. G. Morgan 5, D. Morgan (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Roland Jones, former ringer at Brafield.

Bredbury, Cheshire.—May 24, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Foulds 1, B. F. Truemn (first Minor inside) 2, Elizabeth A. Hibbert 3, P. Boucher 4, A. Hibbert 5, S. I. Bamforth (cond.) 6. For Trinity Sunday.

Brenchley, Kent.-May 16, 1260 P.B. Triples: Butcher 1, Maureen Kirkcaldy 2, D. Kirkcaldy l, P. R. Everest 4, J. Kirkcaldy 5, R. Sherlock B. R. Everest (cond.) 7, P. A. Everest 8. For The Festival of Brenchley, 1170–1970."

Brinklow, Warks .- May 16, 1440 Rev. Cant. Minor: Patsy Howes 1, Betsy A. Mountford 2, Phillippa Garrard 3, D. W. Mountford 4, B. Elliott 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6. First in method by all except conductor. A compliment to Olga Howes (mother of treble) on her licensing as a lay preacher at Berkswell.

Bungay, Suffolk .-- May 10, 1260 Bob Triples: Helen Scarfe (first on eight) 1, T. G. Boast 2, C. Pease 3, T. Simmons 4, A. H. Roberts 5, F. Sutton 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, E. Pearce (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

Burbage, Derbys. - May 16, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Schofield 1, B. F. Trueman (first inside) 2, M. Foulds (cond.) 3, R. F. Andrew 4, P. Broadbent 5. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Minor.

Burmarsh, Kent.—May 21, 1260 Doubles (two methods): T. H. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, B. Watts 5, W. Beeching 6. A farewell to Rev. J. Murrell.

Burnage, Manchester. --- May 25, Santaidd, Burnage Lane, 1260 P.B. Minor: Elizabeth A. Hibbert (first in hand) 1-2, A. E. Whiting 3-4, Foulds (first in hand as cond.) 5-6.

Caerleon, Mon. — May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary E. Owen 1, F. C. Greedy 2, R. E. G. Wilkinson 3, P. R. Mason 4, M. Esbester (cond.) 5, Jane Williams 6. For Whitsunday Evensong.

Canterbury, Kent.-May 23, at St. Alphege's, 1272 P.B. Minimus: A. R. J. Woolmer (first in method) 1, M. A. Elliott 2, P. King (first inside) L. S. F. Hewson (first as cond.) 4. First of Minimus for all.

Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks. - April 19, 1260 Doubles (three methods): E. G. Swift 1, Mrs. E. G. Swift 2, Mrs. J. Kelly 3, B. C. Collins (cond.) 4, P. Wotton 5, H. Bell 6. 60th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. G. Swift.

Chapel Allerton, W. Yorks. - May 16, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Anne M. Robinson 1, Alison Child 2, R. Roberts 3, A. J. Crawford 4, J. Robinson (cond.) 5, W. A. Kimball 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

Chesterfield, Derbys.-April 15, 1296 Little B. Royal: R. Roper 1, P. Rose 2, B. A. Richards 3, F. Cooke 4, H. T. Rooke 5, J. D. Arkwell 6, A. Queen 7, D. N. Peers 8, D. Hird 9, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 10. First Royal 1, 7, 8. First Royal in method 2, 6, 9, 10. A wedding compliment to the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, Ven. T. Ingram-Cleasby, Rev. G. Sideaway (curate) and Andrea Gordon (local ringer), all of whom married on

Chiddingstone, Kent. - March 29, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. A. Everest 1, Judith Corby 2, R. Hayes Thompson 4, R. Everest 5, R. Sherlock (cond.) 6, P. R. Everest cover. For Easter.

Chinnor, Oxon.-May 24, 1260 P.B. Doubles: G. Judge 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, P. Wilkinson 4, Mrs. R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. For parents' and children's service.

Colerne, Wilts. - May 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clipston (first quarter) 1, G. Weeks 2, T. Gray 3, G. Sheppard 4, W. Tiley (cond.) Clements 6. 80th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Weeks, captain for over 50 years.

Crantock, Cornwall.-May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. B. Pryor 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, D. Docking 3, C. Stephens 4, A. H. Eplett (cond.) 5, W. S. Pryor 6. A welcome to the Bishop of Truro on the Feast of St. Crantock.

Deddington, Oxon.-April 23, 1280 Plain Bob Major: O. J. Hemmings 1, W. Cowley 2, Miss B. Iving 3, C. C. Clarke 4, W. Minnear 5, W. Ivings 6, Canon E. Wigg 7, A. W. Ivings (cond.)

Dawsbury, Yorks.-May 17, 1312 Yorkspira Major: Esther Sharp (first T.B.) 1, Jeanne E. Richardson 4, J. M. Inson 5, V. Bottomley 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. For Confirma-

Dickleburgh, Norfolk.-April 19, 1260 Minor (Little Bob, Plain): Helen Scarfe (first on six) 1, T. G. Boast 2, F. C. Roper 3, C. Catchpole 4, F. Sutton 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. For Evensona.

Drayton Parslow, Bucks.-May 24, 1260 P.B. Minor: June Sinfield 1, Marion Addy 2, Margaret Aslett 3, Hilary Aslett 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, P. Aslett 6. For Festal Evensong.

Dundee, Angus. — May 17, at the Cathedral, 1260 Grandsira Doubles: J. A. Hesketh (first quarter) 1, M. Ruth Hewson (first inside) 2, G. A. Garner (first quarter) 3, G. E. Drew 4, S. P. D. Burnett (cond.) 5, D. N. Andrews 6. For Whitsunday. First for University Guild.

East Ilsiey, Berks. — May 17, 1260 Stedman Triples: Jane Wells (first in method, aged 12) 1, Mary Wells 2, W. F. Judge 3, C. P. Turner 4, J. Hodgson 5, B. Wheeler 6, M. J. Turner (cond.) 7, M. Journeaux 8.

Edgbaston, Warks.—April 12, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: D. S. Rankin 1, M. A. Thow 2, A. D. Kingscote 3, T. H. O. Lewis 4, J. S. Hopwood 5, R. A. Bradley (cond.) 6. A farewell to M. A. Thow. Also May 10, 1260 Stedman Triples: P. Dickinson 1, T. Lewis 2, Gwynneth James (cond.) 3, Judith Ashcroft 4, R. Bradley 5, A. Kingscoate 6, J. White 7, D. Rankin 8. Birmingham University Society.

Erith, Kent.-May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Watkins (first quarter) 1, F. Bacon 2, N. North 3, R. Wakefield 4, J. T. Stevens 5, L. Cullum 6, F. Cullum (cond.) 7, T. W. H. Blewitt A compliment to the treble ringer on her forthcoming marriage.

Euston, Suffolk.—May 20, 1260 Bob Doubles (three methods): I. Middleditch 1, W. M. Ivings 2, B. Whiting 3, M. J. Rose (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Annie Brown.

Folkingham, Lincs.-May 23, 1320 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob): S. Johnson 1, W. B. Daw-son 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, H. Barsley 4, G. H.

Son 2, G. H. G. Butter 3, H. Barstey 4, G. H. Campling (cond.) 5, M. Belcher 6. Glaston, Rutland.—May 24, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob): R. N. Scholes 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Peggy E. Jennings 3, L. Atton 4, Cynthia E. Barnett (cond.) 5, C. J. Groome 6. For family service.

Gospel Oak, N.W.—May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: D. J. Gazeley 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Susan E. Shaw 3, K. R. Tompsett 4, W. G. Knight 5, B. C. Watson (cond.) 6. For Whitsunday Parish Communion.

Great Addington, Northants.—May 8, 1260 Pl.
Bob Minor: Miss B. Winterborne 1, Miss J.
Green 2, Miss E. Hall 3, Miss G. Green 4, D.
Attley 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

Harpenden, Herts.--March 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: D. Painter 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Catherine M. Bew 3, A. Day 4, A. Wilby 5, F. Jacklin 6, M. J. Bew (cond.) 7, R. Newsón 8. Also April 27, 1260 P.B. Minor: Catherine M. Dianna Kingham (first Pl. Bob) 2, L. Coburn 3, F. Jacklin 4, M. J. Bew (cond.) 5, A. Wilby 6. For Evensong.

Hastingfield, Cambs.—May 17, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: G. Barnard 1, Rev. J. B. Rowsell 2, E. W. Brown 3, W. J. Ridgman 4, B. Horrell (cond.) 5, A. E. Ling 6. For Whitsunday. Hatfield Heath, Essex.—May 19, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Camp (first quarter) 1, K. Westwood

2, D. R. Hutley 3, P. Warboys 4, A. Richardson 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6.

Hendon, Middx. - May 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Garrard (first quarter) Dorothea M. Robotham 2, Elizabeth Spry 3, D. J. Gazeley 4, Ruth M. Foreman (cond.) 5, Edmondson 6. For Evensong. Also May Edmondson 6. For Evensong. Also May 20, 1260 P.B. Minor: Dorothea M. Robotham 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, D. J. Gazeley 3, Ruth M. Foreman 4, E. Edmondson 5, B. C. Watson (cond.) 6. For Welcare Association service.

Hessle, E. Yorks .- May 7, 1260 P.B. Minor: Angela Gardiner 1, J. C. Hope 2, Gillian F. Gardiner 3, R. R. Horton 4, A. Hessey 5, K. Gatman (cond.) 6. For Ascension. Also May 17, 1260 Minor (three methods): R. H. Sharp 1, Gillian F. Gardiner 2, Gail P. Horton 3, A. Hessey 4, R. R. Horton 5, K. Gatman (first in three methods For Whitsunday.

Heydour, Lincs. — May 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Butler 1, H. Barsley 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling 4, M. Belcher 5, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 6, J. H. Taylor 7, P. Butler 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8.

Hitchin, Herts.-May 17, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: J. McCutcheon 1, Elizabeth J. Cranfield 2, A. J. Boyd 3, Cecile Forgan 4, I. R. Panton 5, P. J. Cranfield (cond.) 6. For Whitsunday early morning Holy Communion.

Hoddesdon, Herts.-May 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Derriane Henderson (first quarter) 1, D. Clarke 2, J. C. King 3, R. C. Upton 4, R. L. Horder (cond.) 5, E. W. Monk 6. For Ascensiontide. Also May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Stockwell (first quarter) 1, J. C. King 2, R. C. Upton 3, R. L. Horder (cond.) 4, D. Clarke 5, E. W. Monk 6. For Whitsunday.

Honiton, Devon.-May 10, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Travers (first on eight, aged 11) 1, F. Stamp 2, D. Wallis 3, D. Salter 4, Genebeth Webb 5, N. Salter 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, T. Travers 8. First in method 2, 3, 6 and 8. For

Hughenden, Bucks.—May 10, 1344 Plain Bob ajor: R. H. Newton (cond.) 1, A. R. Blaby 2, Judith Loten 3, Meryl Kennedy 4, A. Newton 5, R. Biggs 6, P. Newton 7, D. A. Cornwall 8.

Iffley, Oxford.-May 10, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. J. Adams (cond.) 1, W. Carter 2, L. Busby 3, R. Goodwin 4, D. Pullen 5. Also May 17, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. J. Adams 1, Mrs. C. Clarke 2, L. Busby 3, D. Woodley (cond.) 4, W. Carter 5, D. Pullen 6. To commemorate 8th centenary of Iffley Church.

Keele, Staffs.-May 17, 1260 P.B. and Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Jones (first quarter) I. Cox 2, P. W. Gay 3, J. Lawson 4, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 5, J. Hocking (first quarter) 6. At the end of the church's centenary.

Kelvedon, Essex.—May 16, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: R. Elliott 1, F. T. Whiterod 2, J. Warner 3, W. Elliott 4, C. W. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Joseph

Kingsbury Episcopi, Som.-1260 P.B. Minor: Mrs. L. Parker 1, Mrs. A. Medley 2, G. W. Rendell, jun. 3, M. J. Medley 4, K. Prime 5, R. Parker (cond.) 6. To mark 80th anniversary of founding of Association; also a birthday compliment to treble ringer.

Langdon Hills, Essex.-May 24, 1280 Doubles (six methods): S. Clarke (first in more than one method) 1, Janice Manterfield (first in more than one method inside) 2, S. D. Stott 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White 6.

Leytonstone, E. — May 10, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Balkwill 1, Miss M. Cass 2, W. Theobald 3, M. Waring 4, P. Sippett 5, G. Walker (cond.) 6, C. Willmington 7, R. Poole 8. For Evensona.

London, W.C.—May 17, St. Clement Danes', 1440 Cambridge S. Royal: J. E. Cannell 1, I. H. Oram (cond.) 2, Miss J. Reynolds 3, Mrs. I. H. Oram 4, J. Pladdys 5, Miss D. E. Colgate 6, E. J. Ladd 7, T. Lewis 8, J. W. Smith 9, K. J. Rider 10. For Evensong.

Longwood, Yorks.—May 3, 1320 Combined Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: P. Couchman 1, A. Lunn 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. A compliment to Rev. Roberts during the interregnum. Also May 1320 Minor (Oxford and Kent T.B., Poynton Special Alliance), same band. For Whitsuntide. Also May 7, 1440 Spliced T.B. and Delight Minor (11 methods): A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. For the induction of Rev. L. H. Wood Longwood.

Lympne, Kent.—May 10, 1260 Doubles: A. R. ay 1, G. J. Neilson 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 4, B. G. Butcher 5, Baldock 6. For Evensong. Also May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: A. R. Day 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

Lyng, Som. - May 23, 1440 Cambridge S W. C. Boucher (first T.B.) 1, G. Baldam 2, F. M. Bowers 3, M. J. Medley 4, A. Locke 5, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 6.

Maiden Newton, Dorset.-May 23, 1296 \$. Minor (London, Beverley): D. J. Ellery 1, Ouick 2, Mrs. A. S. Bishop 3, M. J. Hiller 4, C. W. Powell 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. Marston, Oxon.—May 17, 1260 P.B. Doubles:

Doubles) 2, R. H. Jones 3, I. M. M. O'Reilly 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5. For Whitsunday.

Mears Ashby, Northants.- May 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Hall 1, Diane Osborne 2, Diane Vickers 3, Mrs. W. G. Callis 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, B. Vickers 6. To mark the To mark the

centenary of Mears Ashby School.

Middleton, Lancs.—May 24, 1280 P.B. Major: Brooke Lunn 1, L. Miller 2, Mrs. L. Kathleen Miller 3, J. P. Spencer 4, M. Murphy 5, A. J. Smethurst 6, W. H. Riddle 7, G. O. Sanders (cond.) 8. After the ordination service.

Mitcheldean, Glos .- May 10, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Ann Brain 1, Mrs. B. M. Paton 2, Nicola Paton 3, R. Smith 4, A. A. Paton (cond.) 5, G. Davis 6, Susan Paton 7, Davis 8. For the dedication by the Bishop Gloucester of the new east window.

of Gloucester of the new east window.

Much Hadham, Herts.—May 9, 1260 Stedman

Triples: G. Austin 1, A. Swotton 2, Miss J.

Carter 3, E. Newnham 4, R. Southgate 5, B. J.

W. Foley 6, J. A. D. Woolford (cond.) 7, P.

Glazebrook 8. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Newnham.

Nettleham, Lincs.—May 17, 1260 Plain Rob.

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Newchurch, Kent.—May 19, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. J. Beeching 1, Miss M. Meynell 2, H. Deacon 3, R. C. Offen (first as cond.) 4, E. J. Clifton 5, A. S. Phelips 6. A farewell to Rev. John Murrell (curate), leaving for Suffolk.

Newland, Glos. — April 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Willis 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 3, I. Newell 4, B. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6.

Norton, Herts.-May 14, 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: T. Hatchett 1, G. T. Horritt 2, D. L. Gullick 3, Margaret M. Roden 4, Maureen P. Panton 5, A. J. Boyd 6, I. R. Panton (cond.) 7, S. Bedford 8.

Old Alresford, Hants.—May 16, 1320 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Dorothy M. Huggins 1, Ann Palmer 2, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 3, A. Hoar 4, J. Huggins 5, J. Hatch 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Margaret West.

Oxford.-May 17, at St. Ebbe's, 1264 P.B. Major: M. J. Harrison (first quarter) 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, N. I. Allnatt 3, C. Coles 4, D. C. Woodward 5, W. C. Porter 6, E. R. Venn 7, P. Heritage (cond.) 8.

Painswick, Glos. - May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rebecca Seex (first quarter) 1, R. Cornock 2, Sara Cornock 3, J. Taylor 4, Susan Williams (cond.) 5, Louise Lisle (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

Penn, Staffs. — April 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K. Greatbatch 1, J. A. Roden (cond.) 2, D. G. Smith 3, M. Gaskell 4, G. F. Griffiths 5, M. Williamson 6, C. Griffiths 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Garbett.

Pembroke. — April 27, 1260 P.B. Triples: C. Pattison 1, N. C. Rogers 2, A. Lingard 3, Betty M. Rogers 4, Nesta M. Rosen 5, S. P. Rogers 6, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 7, P. R. Lindley 8. A farewell to Rev. Roy Doxsey, leaving for Haven. Also May 17, 1260 P.B. Doubles: C. Pattison 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, N. C. Rogers 3, P. C. Rogers 4, S. P. Rogers (cond., 50th quarter) 5, P. R. Lindley 6. For Whitsunday.

Portsmouth, Hants. --- May 17, at the Cathedral, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Edna Jones 1, Jean M. Berriman 2, A. Hicks 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, W. Willans (cond.) 5, A. E. Hoodless For the foundation stone laying of St. Church Centre, Warren Park. Also May 18, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: J. F. A. Rolph 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Miss J. Berriman 3, M. S. Bruce 4, H. L. Hatfield 5, W. Willans 6, A. J. Buswell 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.—April 19, 1260 P.B. Minor: L. Jolley 1, Janet Bull 2, H. Hanson 3, A. Haines 4, D. Stainsby 5, A. King (cond.) 6. To welcome Jennifer and Lyndon Jolley to the

Rougham, Suffolk. - May 17, 1260 Single Court and P.B.: M. Rose 1, L. Nice 2, R. Rose 3, C. Hancock 4, D. Rose 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) Father and three sons' first quarter together 6.

St. Ippolyts, Herts.—May 24, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Gentle 1, Josephine Trigg 2, Jacqueline Saker 3, Elizabeth J. Cranfield 4, Cecile Forgan 5, P. J. Cranfield (cond.) 6. To welcome Alf Harris home from hospital.

Sandon, Essex.-May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: Diana Bush (first quarter) 1, K. W. Brown 2, Marilyn Freeman 3, C. Saltmarsh 4, P. W. Salt-marsh 5, R. J. Harrison (cond.) 6. For Whitsunday Eucharist.

Saxilby, Lincs.—Whitsunday, 1260 Single Oxford: Colleen East 1, Mrs. G. A. East 2, D. Surman 3, M. L. Mann 4, H. W. Cox 5, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 6.

Semiley, Wilts.—May 24, 1260 Doubles (four methods): R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 1, N. O. Skelton 2, M. J. Hiller 3, R. Haines Marlow 5. After meeting short for a peal.

Shadwell, London, E .- May 17, at St. Paul's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Bangham 1, D. Stone 2, M. J. Bangham 3, A. D. Flood 4, D. M. Hughes 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6, N. Thomson 7, M. D. Roberts 8. For Whitsun. Mrs. Bangham is the first lady to take part in a quarter on the bells (cast in 1820).

Shrewsbury, Salop .- April 26, at St. Chad's, 1260 P.B. Royal: D. Smith 1, Miss V. Bennett 2, Miss V. Edge 3, Miss P. Stocken 4, J. A. Beaumont 5, F. Leech 6, L. D. K. Roberts 7, N. R. Holland 8, R. H. Newton 9, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 10. First Royal for 1, 3, 5. For Even-

Shrewsbury, Salop.—April 26, at St. Mary the Virgin Church, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: Miss G. B. Smith 1, Mrs. J. Beech 2, Mrs. E. Stevens 3, Mrs. M. I. Brown 4, F. Beech 5, P. Brown 6, Friend 7, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also May 10, 1295 Grandsire Caters: A. E. G. Owen 1, R. H. Newton 2, Miss G. B. Smith 3, Miss P. Stocken (first inside) 4, P. J. Evans 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6, F. Leech 7, Mrs. E. Stevens 8, E. F. Willcox 9, J. Crum (first on ten) 10.

Southgate, N. - May 20, at Christ Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Whillock (first Triples) 1, Miss S. M. A. Green 2, S. G. Peck 3, H. J. Hazell (cond.) 4, W. C. G. Wainwright 5, D. Willcocks 6, P. M. Cuckson 7, W. Bradbrook 8

Lincs. - May 22, 1320 Doubles Spalding. (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): S. Chambers (first quarter)

1, S. Hare 2, G. A. Flatters 3, G. H. Campling 4, M. J. Belcher (first Doubles as cond.) 5, S. 6. By pupils of Spalding Grammar School (avge. age 14) for school's Charter Day.

Stamford, Lincs.-Whitsunday, at St. Martin's, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Mitchell (13, first quarter) 1, W. Beddow 2, E. Tyers 3, W. E. Cox 4, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 5, F. M. Mitchell 6. For morning service.

S. Petherton, Som.-May 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Monkton 1, G. Glyde 2, H. Pearce 3, R. A. Welch 4, R. C. Beale (cond.) 5, R. Chedzoy 6. In memoriam Michael Newberry, chorister, server and ringer; also for 80th anniversary of B. and W. Association. Stapleford, Cambs.—May 23, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. I. West 1, Julie Barnes (first Minor inside) 2, G. K. Terris 3, A. D. Lilley 4, E. J. Dicken 5, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 6. To welcome Rev. C. A. Barber to Stapleford. Also Trinity Sunday, 1320 P.B. Doubles: J. S. Bates 1, Jean F. West 2, R. I. West 3, Julie Barnes 4, M. R. Kitson (first Doubles as cond.) 5, A. Kellock 6. For Rev. C. A. Barber's first Parish Communion at Stapleford. at Stapleford.

Staunton, Glos.-April 24, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Smith 1, J. Riley 2, Miss S. Willis 3, J. Maggs 4, I. Newell 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6.

Maggs 4, I. Newell 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6.
Stratton, Cornwall.—May 17, 1260 Grandsire
Triples: J. Sangwin 1, A. Davison 2, C. Worth 3,
C. Sangwin 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Stacey 6, W. J.
V. Conduct (cond.) 7, R. Cann 8. For Whitsunday; also a birthday compliment to Charles
Sangwin and a tribute to Joseph Elliott, of Colchester.

Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts.-May 11, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Anne M. Ford 1, Susan Houghton (first quarter) 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3 and 4, Anita D. O'Brien 5.

Sutton-cum-Lound, Notts.—Whitsunday, 1260 Singles: T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P.

Tidenham, Glos. — April 24, 1260 Doubles: Mrs. R. Smith 1, Miss J. Parker 2, Miss H. Kirk-patrick 3, 1. Newell 4, J. Riley (cond.) 5, B. Goodliffe 6.

Titchfield, Hants.—Whitsunday, 1440 London Bob Minor: J. F. A. Rolph 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, H. L. Hatfield (50th quarter) 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

Tortworth, Glos. — May 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Jackson 1, G. T. Collins 2, Miss J. E. Bell 3, E. G. Mould 4, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 5. S. Poole 6.

Walberton, Sussex.—May 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Drummond (first quarter) 1, Ruth E. Halford 2, Susan M. Wills 3, C. Renvard 4, P. M. Wills 5, P. Stevens (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Westerleigh, Glos .- May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Clark 1, B. Angell 2, A. Dando 3, Margaret Wilcox 4, H. T. Ferris 5, J. Ferris (cond.) 6. For Whitsunday; also for the christening of Maria Sharon Tavender, great-grand-

daughter of John Ferris.

daugnter of John Ferris.

Westminster, S.W.—May 17, at St. Margaret's, 1277 Stedman Caters: J. F. Smallwood 1, Mrs. C. Harbott 2, Mrs. E. Bagworth 3. Mrs. E. Cave 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, G. Parsons 6, J. W. Euston (cond.) 7, C. Willmington 8, P. Cave 9, E. Peett 10. A welcome to Mr. P. Cave and Mrs. Cave (nee Deat) (nee Deal).

West Wickham, Kent. — May 17, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: K. Gamm (first T.B.) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, A. S. Richards 3, M. A. Gay 4, W. A. Hughes 5, S. H. Gay (first T.B. as cond.) 6. For Whitsun.

Weston-super-Mare, Som. — April 18, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: J. Sheppard (cond.) 1, Susan Statt 2, Brenda Sheopard 3, J. Trimm 4, H. Hooper 5, S. Lewis 6, B. Mills 7, C. Field 8. First in method for all.

Whittlesford, Cambs.—May 10, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. A. Currell 1, Marion Kemp 2, R. Newman 3, Pat Hurworth 4, I. G. Hinton (first Minor inside) 5, B. J. Couzens (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 17, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: Liz Bird (first quarter) 1, Sheila Hinton 2, L. J. York Moore 3, J. York Moore 4, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. For Evensong.

Wicken, Northants.—May 14, 1260 Superlative S. Major: T. Roberts 1, R. Yates 2, A. Haseldine 3, R. Haseldine 4, W. Yates 5, M. Hooton 6, B. Eglesfield 7, G. Green (cond.) 8, Wickford, Essex.—April 1, at 57 Grange Avenue, 1440 P.B. Minor: P. A. Cammiade (first Minor) 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, G. Mason (first inside as cond.) 5-6. Also April 2, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): G. Mason, (most methods and as (11 methods): G. Mason (most methods and as cond.) 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (most methods) 3-4, P A. Cammiade (most methods) 5-6. Most methods for Society. Also April 3, 1260 Doubles (two methods): P. A. Cammiade 1-2, A. G. Gibbs (cond.) 3-4, K. T. Bradley 5-6. Also April 6, 1260 Doubles (four methods): G. Mason 1-2, A.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LONDON, S.W., St. Mary the Virgin,

Barnes.
Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (10½ cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey. A. Keith P. Poole

2 Nigel Thomson

3 John R. Ketteringham (Conductor)
4 David A. Town
5 David C. Brown

6 John Illingworth 7 Peter G. Holden

8 James E. Andrews

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

HYDE, Cheshire, St. George.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (18½ cwt.) 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1120 London, 1088 Superlative, 1024 Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey, all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Sylvia Smith

Derek F. Yates Roland W. Morant

4 Norman Sherratt

Raymond J. Ballard

Ivor R. Nichols Roy Worrall 6

8 Ian M. Holland (Conductor)

REDDISH. Lancashire, St. Elisabeth. Sun., May 17, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (113/4 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 each London S., Kent T.B., Norwich S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Cambridge S.).

1 John Robinson

Alan F. Scholfield E. C. Gareth Higgs 4 Geoffrey R. Gardner

5 Denis Mottershead

6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) Rung during Whit Sunday parish procession, to mark the retirement of the Rev. B. Timmins (25 years rector).

WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon., May 18, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (6 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

Frank R. Morton (Conductor) Harry W. Howard

3 A. Doreen Edwards *4 Gordon K. Green †5 Peter Wilkinson

6 Paul Maddock *Circled the tower. †First peal. The con-

ductor has now circled the tower nine times and conducted a peal from each bell four

Wood Green, N .- May 6, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Wendy J. Wallace 1, P. Ann Plaster (first Minor) 2, Maureen J. Hanney 3, G. G. Firman 4, P. G. Holden 5, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) By U.L.S.C.R.

6 By U.L.S.C.R. Worplesdon, Surrey.—Feb. 1, 1260 Doubles: B. Underwood 1, J. Avenall 2, M. J. Kirk 3, D. Lodge 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, J. Turner 6. For morning service. Also March 1, 1260 Doubles: B. Underwood 1, P. Selwood 2, J. Avenall 3, M. J. Kirk 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, J. Turner 6. On St. David's Day. Also May 3, 1260 Doubles: B. Underwood 1, P. Selwood 2, D. Bennett 3, M. J. Kirk 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, P. Green 6. For morning service. For morning service.

Myke Regis, Dorset.—May 23, 1200 Total Wyke Regis, Dorset.—May 23, 1200 Total Total

KIDSGROVE, Staffs, St. Thomas.

Thur., May 21, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Mandi McCallion

Norman Sherratt

Roy Worrall *4 Frank Morton 5 Roland Morant

6 William Dowse 7 Raymond Ballard

8 Ian Holland (Conductor)

*First in the method.

OVER, Cheshire, St. Chad.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (14 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Michael Thomson David Godfrey

Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe

Geoffrey Edwards Christopher J. Jones

Harry W. Howard Geoffrey Green (Conductor)

8 Douglas Lowe

*100th peal.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, Warwickshire, Holy Trinity.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (19 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS Arranged by A. J. Cox.

Hazel A. Mackenzie Geoffrey W. Randall (Conductor)

3 Fred C. Lyne 4 Jill Riley

5 Richard J. Danby

*6 Raymon A. Sheasby 7 Raymond C. Sayers

8 John Clements
9 John F. Thorne
10 Stanley M. Ruddlesden

*First on 10.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SANDIACRE, Derbyshire, St. Giles.

Wed., May 20, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (163 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, Wells. York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet)

Mrs. Eva Sheppard

Vivien Smart

Nora Carlisle Ivan Barlow

5 John W. Chadwick 6 Denis R. Carlisle (Conductor) Half-muffled in memoriam Girling Rigby, ringer at this church.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MORPETH, Northumberland, Watch Tower

Wed., May 6, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (101 cwt.)

5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by G. Baker. Christine H. Telfer

George S. Deas Andrew G. Craddock Stephen C. Wells

Christopher J. Sharp David Martin

Malcolm E. Johnson

8 Eric N. Harrison (Conductor)

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

LONDON, E., Shoreditch, St. Leonard. Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 41min. (28 cwt.) YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. J. Parker. Angela M. Wright James M. Hills

Christopher P. Starbuck

Graham A. Duke

5 Norman Summerhayes
6 Derek E. Sibson
7 Frank Blagrove

8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex. St. Margaret of Antioch.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (11 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

Joan Beresford

2 Jane Foster

3 Sheila M. Dobbie *4 Philip R. Down

5 Michael H. O'Callaghan

6 Edwin A. Barnett 7 Walter H. Dobbie

8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

*First of Major.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT **GUILD**

LEWES, Sussex, St. John the Baptist, Southover.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (17½ cwt.)

5091 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by E. Bennett.

1 Mrs. R. Jean Osbon *2 Christopher J. Bassett

†3 Jennifer A Dunning
†4 David A Town
†5 Alan R. Baldock
6 Ernest J. Ladd
†7 Brian E. Jeffrey
8 John W. Smith (Conductor)

John Pladdys

10 Maxwell F. Oakshett

*First of Caters. †First of Stedman Caters. ‡First in the method.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (22\frac{3}{2} cwt.)

5042 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS

1 Maryl R. Fielden

Susan Rothera

Janet House

Kenneth J. Hesketh

5 Keith W. Brown 6 David E. Rothera 7 John H. Fielden

Frank E. Haynes

9 John G. Gipson

10 Philip J. Rothera 11 David E. House

12 Peter Border (Conductor)

LITTLEPORT, Cambs, St. George.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (181 cwt.) 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey. Mary E. Elmes

*2 Georgina C. M. Carter 3 Allen Twyman 4 Brian B. Hullah

†5 Geoffrey Pearson 6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor) 7 Donald F. Murfet

8 George E. Thoday

*First in the method. †300th peal.

HILGAY, Norfolk, All Saints. Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (17 cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Donald F. Murfet

2 Mary E. Elmes 3 Allen Twyman

5 Geoffrey Pearson
5 David R. Saunderson
6 Geoffrey A. Lucas
7 George E. Thoday (Conductor)
8 Jack S. Dear

ST. NEOTS, Hunts, St. Mary.

Sun., May 17, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (29½ cwt.) **5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by C. Forster.

1 Anthony H. Smith
*2 Georgina C. M. Carter
3 Robert D. Bellamy

4 Martin Major 5 Donald F. Murfet

Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

7 David R. Saunderson 8 George E. Thoday

*First in method inside.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., May 19, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10½ cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin. Georgina C. M. Carter

Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

Allen Twyman

4 Donald F. Murfet 5 Geoffrey Pearson 6 Peter G. Brown 7 John G. Gipson

8 Philip J. Rothera

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT EASTON, Essex, St. John

Sat. May 2, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

1 Peter J. Perkins

James Green

*3 Michael J. Hunter

4 Christopher G. Hardy

†5 Edwin J. Roper 6 Frank W. J. Roper (Conductor)

*First inside. †First peal.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, Glos. St. Lawrence.

at., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12 cwt.) 5024 QUESLETT SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. R. Mayne.

Lewis Cobb

2 Anita D. O'Brien 3 Alan R. Pink 4 Martyn Hawkes 5 Michael Hatchett

6 Brian Bladon

7 Anthony R. Peake 8 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (12 methods: Rev. Bob, Canterbury, Fulbeck, Double and Plain; St. Clements, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall; Cambridge Surprise; Kent T.B.; St. Clements and Plain Bob; Oxford T.B.;

Double Bob and Plain Bob).
Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)

*2 Margaret Bowman *3 Ann Toomer

*4 Timothy R. Jones †5 Anita D. O'Brien

•16 Allan Keen

*Most methods. †Most methods away from treble. ‡25th peal. A 21st birthday compliment to Anita D. O'Brien.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EARDISLAND, Herefordshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (123/cwt.) 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by G. Lindoff.

*1 Michael V. Powell *2 Valerie Edge *3 Robert A. Hatcher 4 John F. I. Turney

5 Leslie Evans

†6 Frederick R. Harris
7 John C. Eisel (Conductor)
8 Norman R. Mattingley
•First of Double Norwich. †200th for guildFirst of Double Norwich as conductor

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CHIPPING BARNET, Herts, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (23\(\frac{3}{4}\) cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by A. R. Carter. Michael D. Frost

2 Christine M. Carter 3 Ruth M. Foreman 4 Eric Edmondson

5 David Redfearn
6 Andrew W. R. Wilby
7 Anthony R. Carter (Conductor)

8 Philip Mehew An engagement compliment to Andrew Wilby and Frances Carpenter, also a wedding compliment to Roy Adcock and Elizabeth Aubrey.

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WINDING Phone Leeds 24C81 WHALLEY, Lancs, St. Mary and All Saints. May 25, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (21 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

Eric J. Gilbert David F. Moore *3 Elizabeth Forster

*4 Joyce M. Clarke *5 Robert Peers

*6 Geoffrey C. Sparling
7 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)

8 Christopher Forster *First of Lincolnshire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 55 min. (16½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Oxford St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Plain Bob).

1 P. Charles Sinden 2 Rachel J. Sinden

3 Robin J. Elliott

4 Crawford T. Hillis 5 Edward F. P. Bryant (Conductor)

6 Nicholas J. Davies

ERITH, Kent, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., May 15, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (15 cwt.)

5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by I. M. Holland. (C.C.C. 12.)

1 H. Roy Hart

Arthur G. Mason 5 Herbert E. Audsley
Michael H. O'Callaghan

Ian H. Oram (Conductor)

8 Trevor A. Cross Rung as near as convenient to the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Bristol on Westminster Abbey bells, the ringer of the second being the only survivor.

STOWTING, KENT, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 St. Clements, 4 Plain Bob, 7 callings).

1 James Hedgcock 2 Elizabeth A. Todd 3 Philip M. Hills

4 Martin L. Haigh 5 Peter S. Philpott

6 Tony Skilton (Conductor)

APPLEDORE, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (121 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (7 methods: 960 Bristol, Chesterfield, London, 640 Cambridge, Stockport W methods: Wembley, 480 Superlative, 140 changes of

method). Composed by S. Jenner.

Doris E. Colgate Ann Jenner

Margaret E. Oram 4 Arthur S. Richards 5 Ralph Bird

6 Ian H. Oram

*7 David C. Brookes 8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor)

*First of 7 Spliced Surprise.

LONDON, S.E., St. John's, Deptford.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Kenneth J. Rider *2 Jennifer A. Dunning 3 Alan D. Flood

*4 A. Keith P. Poole 5 Nigel Thomson *6 David A. Town

Tony Lewis 8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

*First in the method.

LITTLE CHART, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (61 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

David Parks

*2 Richard C. Offen †3 Neville A. Crane 4 Rhian N. Bagshaw 5 Simon A. B. Wigg 6 Peter S. Muchlinski (Conductor)

*First peal. †First of Surprise.

HIGH HALDEN, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (131 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

David Parks 2 Neville A. Crane 3 P. Charles Sinden

4 Rhian N. Bagshaw 5 Peter M. J. Bradford

6 Peter S. Muchlinski (Conductor)

LONDON, Westminster, St. Clement Danes.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (21½ cwt.) 5055 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by A. M. Brosier. Arranged by R. E. J. Dennis. *1 A. Keith P. Poole

Jennifer A. Dunning

†3 Janet House 4 David A. Town 5 Peter G. Holden 6 James E. Andrews

7 Philip Bosworth 8 Nigel Thomson 9 David E. House

10 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor) †First of Stedman Caters. *First of Caters.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

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

Sat., April 4, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (271 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by H. J. Tucker.

John P. Partington Frank Reynolds

Peter Dyson 4 I. E. Margaret Manby

5 Peter Watson

Geoffrey O. Sanders

Jeffrey Kershaw *8 Roland F. Eccles

9 Neil Bennett

10 Alan Ward (Conductor) *50th for the Association. By members of the Manchester, Rochdale and Rossendale Branches to mark the retirement of the Rt. Rev. William Derreck Lindsay Greer, D.D., as Lord Bishop of Manchester.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs. St. John the Evangelist.

May 16, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (12 cwt.) 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by D. G. Lawson.

Thomas Hobson Joseph Thornley

3 William Birmingham, jun. 4 Albert Greenhalgh

5 Dennis H. McCormick

6 Peter Bellamy-Knights 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood

8 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)
In memoriam Arthur Burton, a ringer at St. Paul's, Walkden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

OWSTON FERRY, Lines, St. Martin.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Wavertree, College, Double Bob, Fulbeck, Rev. Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain).

1 Hilary Hall

2 John G. Hall (Conductor) 3 Melvyn A. Rose

4 Roger Hippisley 5 Harold Judd

6 Richard H. Hall In memoriam Mr. W. Underwood, of Haxey.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs, All Saints,

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (191 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

Jack Bray *2 William Bains 3 Melvyn A. Rose 4 Derek Stainsby *5 John F. Underwood

†6 Roger Hippisley *7 Richard Hall

8 John G. Hall (Conductor)
*First of Surprise Major. †First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BURFORD, Oxon, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (18 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

G. John Collett

Christopher W. Woolley

John R. Southey 3 4 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

5 Brian W. Hall 6 D. Kay Adkins

Roger Baldwin (Conductor)

8 Frank Reed

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon, St. Mary.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (161 cwt.) 5056 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by E. A. Barnett.

Dianne Gazeley

Alan R. Pink (Conductor)

*3 Eunice A. Lewis *4 Walter G. Knight

*5 Ronald K. Russ *6 Michael Hatchett

7 Frank W. Lewis *8 Edgar J. Smith

*First in the method. To mark the ordination as priest of the Rev. C. Price.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CHEPSTOW, Mon. St. Marv.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (164 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part,)

*1 Leighton Cooke (14)

Jacqueline S. King *3 Jeremy D. Owen

Reuben S. Clench David J. Hughes

6 Donald G. Clift
7 David J. King (Conductor) *8 G. Nigel Williams (13)

*First peal. A welcome to Rachel Ellen Pope, first grandchild of John J. Sims, tower master.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire, Bell Foundry.

Tues., May 19, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by T. B. Worsley.

G. Ronald Edwards

Richard J. Clifton Arthur E. Rowley

B. Stedman Payne

5 Frank Chambers

6 Alec R. Jones 7 Ron D. Hughes (Conductor)

8 Roland Beniston First as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW WEALD, Middx, All Saints. Thur., May 14, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (7½ cwt.)

5024 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

H. George Hart *2 Elsie K. Hart

*3 Dorothea M. Robotham

*4 Claudia A. Critchley
5 Alick Cutler

†6 G. William Critchley (Conductor)

Frank Reed *8 Thomas J. Lock

*First in method. †First of Major in method.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

STAVERTON, Northants, St. Mary.

Wed., April 29, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Stanley F. Webb

2 John K. Foot 3 Edward C. Garrett *4 Malcolm R. Weatherhead

5 Richard J. Danby

6 Barrie Hendry (Conductor)

*First peal. A wedding compliment to Malcolm R. Weatherhead and Linda Page; and to welcome Victoria Elizabeth Hendry (born April 22nd).

MOULTON, Northants, SS. Peter and Paul.

Fri., May 15, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (16 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. Craven.

1 Julian C. Parker 2 Brian R. Danby

Murray A. Coleman Stephen B. Bell

J. Malcolm Tyler

6 Richard J. Cowley *7 Raymond Henman

8 Barry R. Care (Conductor)
*First in the method. To mark To mark the completion of a new floor and ringing chamber,

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

EVERSHOT, Dorset, St. Osmond.

Wed., May 20, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (7¹/₄ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Ross G. W. Robertson 2 Mary E. Elmes *3 Ian Calvert

Graham W. Elmes Melvyn J. Hiller

6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*First of Minor.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire, St. James.

Mon., May 26, 1970, 3hr. 24min. $(24\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ **5019 STEDMAN CINQUES** Composed by J. Carter.

Donald G. Clift

*2 Frank L. Harris Katherine J. Maundrell

Robert C. Kippin Philip N. Tubbs Ann M. Tubbs Michael J. Best

Richard H. Youdale

9 Edward J. Chivers 10 Ronald N. Marlow 11 James A. D. Woolford 12 Laurence E. Hitchins

Rung non-conducted and silent. Umpire: Heather A. Kippin. *50th of Stedman Cinques. First non-con-

ducted peal of Cinques for all.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHWELL, Notts, Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (251 cwt.) 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS Composed by F. C. Price.

*! William L. Exton (Conductor)
†2 Susan M. O'Neill
3 Peter L. R. Hayward
4 Beryl N. Reed

*5 R. Brian Mills

†6 Margaret E. Snyder †7 Derek J. Tysoe 8 James W. Raithby 9 David Stainsby

10 George A. Dawson 111 John Meredith 12 John R. Leeming

*Completes Plain Bob from Minor to Max. (even numbers). †First of Maximus. ‡First on 12. First of Plain Bob Maximus by all except ringer of 10, for the guild and by a resident band. For Whitsun,

NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter.

Mon., May 18, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (193 cwt.) 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by John Carter. John R. Rigby

1 John K. Rigby
2 H. Geoffrey Wells
3 George A. Dawson
4 Peter L. R. Hayward
5 Susan M. O'Neill

6 David Stainsby 7 James W. Raithby 8 R. Brian Mills

9 William L. Exton (Conductor) 10 F. William Midwinter.

*First on 10. †First of Grandsire Caters. A compliment to Cclr. C. W. Judge, vice-president of this guild (and uncle of the tenor ringer), on election as Sheriff of Nottingham.

NORTH WHEATLEY, Notts, SS. Peter and Paul.

Wed., May 20, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 Oxford Bob, 4 Plain Bob).

1 Diana M. Mounsey

2 Mary C. Poyner 3 John A. Coates

*4 Paul N. Mounsey (Conductor)

5 Harold Denman

6 Harry Poyner

*50th peal.

SUFFOLK GUILD

THETFORD, Norfolk, St. Peter.

Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (18 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Georgina C. M. Carter

Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

Jennifer M. Whittell

Neville F. Whittell Donald F. Murfet

6 George E. Bonham

7 Geoffrey A. Lucas 8 George E. Thoday

WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary. Sun., May 17, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (15 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton. Walter W. Miller Muriel R. Page

3 Katharine M. Thorley 4 Dorothy M. Durrant 5 Alan G. Feaver 6 Adrian Knights

J. Martin Thorley 8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Tues., May 19, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (8 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 1600 Rutland and London, 320 each Bristol, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Super-lative, Cambridge and Yorkshire). Composed by W. E. Critchley. 1 Ernest G. Pearce

2 J. Barry Pickup

3 J. Martin Thorley *4 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe 6 Cecil W. Pipe

†7 Alan J. Munnings 8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor) *First of spliced. †First of 8-spliced.

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HOLLESLEY, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sun., May 24, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (17 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Peter S. Bedford Katharine M. Thorley

Muriel R. Page

4 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

5 Leslie G. Brett 6 Ernest G. Pearce Adrian Knights 8 Stephen J. Bedford

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk, SS. Peter & Paul. Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.)

5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by C. J. Sedgley. J. Martin Thorley

Stephen Bedford Muriel R. Page Katharine M. Thorley

*5 Peter Bedford

*6 Adrian Knights
7 Ernest G. Pearce
8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

*First in method. Wedding compliment to Ruth Woodman and Robert Last, married at Aldringham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

BROMLEY, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (16½ cwt.) **5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR** Composed by A. Craven.

Carol Martin

Raymond J. Talbot

Felicity Hamilton Elizabeth Stevens

5 Keith Game Nigel Thomson

Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)

8 Frederick E. Collins

On the day of the Dinner marking the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Surrey Association.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

(St. Mary's Cathedral (Glasgow) Society.) GLASGOW, St. Mary's Cathedral.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (32 cwt.) 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by E. C. Sheppard.

*1 Miss M. Livingstone

**2 Mrs. D. A. Preston 3 Mrs. J. Tomkinson 4 T. J. Winderam 5 R. M. Preston 6 M. J. Pink

M. M. Peterson

8 T. C. Winderam
9 J. M. Preston (Conductor)
10 D. M. Graham-Service

*First peal. First as conductor.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WEST GRINSTEAD, Sussex, St. George. Mon., May 11, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 Kent and Oxford T.B., 5 Plain Bob).

E. Winifred Keys

*2 Bronwen Davies 3 Ruth E. Halford 4 Patrick M. Wills

5 Cecil Longhurst 6 Philip Stevens (Conductor) *First in more than one method inside. CHICHESTER. Sussex, Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity.

Fri., May 15, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (18½ cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. 1 Anne M. Stevens 2 Ruth E. Halford

3 Susan M. Wills 4 Kenneth C. Knight

5 Christopher G. Renyard 6 Patrick M. Wills

7 E. Winifred Keys (Conductor)

8 Philip Stevens First by the Sunday service band since 1894.

LODSWORTH, Sussex, St. Peter.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (1 Cambridge Surprise, 1
Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B. and 3 Plain Bob).
1 Patrick M. Wills
2 Susan M. Wills
3 Ruth E. Halford

4 Christopher G. Renyard 5 E. Winifred Keys (Conductor)

6 Frank H. Hicks

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. EWE, Cornwall, All Saints.

Fri., April 10, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (7 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES & MINOR (2160 Doubles, 2880 Minor.)

E. Lesley Evans

2 T. Roy Hart 3 John Copping

4 Anthony P. Smith 5 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)

6 Robert Peel Pearce First of Doubles and Minor for all and for the guild. Birthday compliment to 1 and 5, also a compliment to Harry Miles (born April 8, 1884).

PERRANZABULOE, Cornwall, St. Piran. Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES & MINOR

(3600 Doubles, 1440 Minor.) T. Neil Hitchens

2 Janet S. Evans
3 Thomas E. Howarth
4 Derek A. Trethewey
5 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)

6 F. Malcolm Bowers

First of Doubles and Minor by all except 5. A compliment to Margaret A. B. Weston and W. Stanley Pryor on the occasion of their marriage, and to Tom Howarth on being awarded his naval pilot's wings.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

HIGHCLERE, Hants, St. Michael and All Angels.

Thur., May 14, 1970, 2hr 42min. (11 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (20 methods: 384 Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 Ashtead, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland and Yorkshire, 150 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Anita D. O'Brien 2 Beryl R. Simpson

Anthony R. Peake Brian Bladon

5 Noel J. Diserens *6 Michael J. Church

7 Timothy G. Pett (Conductor) †8 Geoffrey K. Dodd *100th of Major. †Most methods for spliced. For the centenary of the church and bells.

CHUTE FOREST, Wiltshire, St. Mary. Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR 1 David Goss

2 Lynette Holbrook 3 Philip G. Taylor 4 Robert J. Crocker

5 Geoffrey K. Dodd 6 Peter L. Furniss (Conductor)

YEOVIL, Somerset, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 34min. (41 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by C. K. Lewis.

(No. 3 version.)

1 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)

2 Beryl R. Simpson

3 Katherina L. Marchania

3 Katharine J. Maundrell *4 Christopher I. Rowson

*5 Rowan S. Bradley *6 Richard H. Youdale

*7 Michael J. Church 8 Robert E. J. Dennis *9 Ronald N. Marlow 10 Geoffrey K. Dodd

*First of London Surprise Royal.

LYMINGTON, Hampshire, St. Thomas,

Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (21 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by G. B. Thompson.

*1 Barry F. Peachey 2 Mary Sutcliffe

3 Ian M. McCallion

4 Barry J. Fry
5 Roy Le Marechal
6 Richard Green (Conductor)

7 John P. Colliss 8 William Willans

*First 8-bell peal. First as conductor.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

BRIDGNORTH, Salop, St. Leonard.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (181 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

*1 Alan M. Jones 2 J. Clifford Skidmore3 M. Irene Brown

5 Mr. Helle Brown
4 Morley P. Tobin
5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
6 Martin D. Fellows

7 Robert Edwards 8 Gerald C. Hemming

*First on a "Treble Bob" bell. In memory of Mr. Frederick Bishop, aged 58, for many years a worshipper at St. Leonard's.

HANLEY SWAN, Wores, St. Gabriel.

Tues., May 19, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (25 methods: London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel T.B.; College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norschild College T. P. College T. P. Callege T. Surfleet S.; Primrose, Berwick, Hexham S.; Kent and Oxford T.B.; Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton; Single Oxford, Plain, Double Bob).

1 Bernard Spiers *2 Christopher Hims 3 Shirley M. Drew *4 Roger H. Hunt

5 John Clements 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)
*Most methods to a peal. Most methods to a peal. Most methods to a peal by a resident Worcestershire band.

From South Wales:

Hurrah my boys at the parson's fall, For if he'd lived he'd a buried us all. DAVENTRY, Northants, The Holy Cross.

Sun., May 24, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (19 cwt.) 5040 LONDON S. ROYAL (No. 3) Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Eric Hitchens

Morley P. Tobin

*3 M. Irene Brown
4 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
5 Michael G. J. Elson

6 Ian C. Maycock

Geoffrey W. Randall

8 Barrie Hendry
9 Gerald C. Hemming
10 Peter Border *First of London Royal

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

May 16, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (22 cwt.) 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by E. A. Barnett

Andrew R. Naylor Alan Jackson

3 A. Barry Sullivan †4 Christopher D. Walker †5 Arthur Rogers

6 Frederick A. Munday †7 David Smith

8 J. Henry Fielden (Conductor) *First peal. †First in the method.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire, 52 Wellington Road.

Thur., April 16, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1-2 Geoffrey Edwards 3-4 Frank R. Morton

5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

7-8 John Gander

ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire, 52 Wellington Road.

Tues., April 7, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lewis. 1-2 Mrs. C. K. Lewis

3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

5-6 John Gander 7-8 Gerald Moorhouse

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, 10 Eden Dr.

Thur. April 30, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (14 in D.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by T. B. Worsley.

-2 John Gander

3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

5-6 David Atkinson 7-8 Neil D. Lomas

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY HEATH Herts, 39 Titian Av.

Fri., May 8, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (15 in C.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 2240 London, 1728 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Superlative, 116 changes of method).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.
1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
3-4 Christopher W. Woolley
5-6 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)
*7-8 Vivian Nutton

*First of spliced on handbells.

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive. Lancashire Association.

May 18, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (15 in C.) Mon., **5280 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS** Composed by William Pve.

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor) 5-6 Roger Baldwin

7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan 9-10 Julia A. Fellows 11-12 Frank C. Price

First of Cambridge Maximus by all and for the association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FRINDSBURY, Kent, 12 Hever House, Cypress Court.

Wed., May 20, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (15 in C.) **5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Composed by J. Vicars. 1-2 Peter S. Muchlinski

3-4 Edward J. Beer

5-6 Christopher T. Osenton (Conductor)

*7-8 Stuart Sandford

*100th peal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

WINTERTON, Lincs, Wicken, West Winds Estate.

Mon., May 18, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (17 in A.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lewis.

*1-2 Richard Hall *3-4 Roger Hippisley

5-6 C. Aubrey Harrison 7-8 John G. Hall (Conductor) *First of Major in hand.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

MANCHESTER, Room 24, St. Anselm Hall,

Victoria Park.

Wed., May 13, 1970, 2hr, 22min. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*1-2 Rosemary K. Gates
3-4 Hamish M. McNaughton
5-6 William M. Taylor
7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

*First handbell peal. On the University's
Founders' Day, and a compliment to
Norma and David Baker on the birth of a daughter, Karen Elaine.

MANCHESTER, Room 24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 1hr. 54min. (14 in D.) 5040 MINOR (Seven extents in 3 methods: Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Double Bob).

1-2 Margaret L. Ellwood
3-4 Hamish M. McNaughton
5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
First handbell peal in three methods by all. A 21st birthday compliment to all the band.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH **DIOCESAN GUILD**

SOUTHAMPTON, Lindum, 29 Hanley Rd. Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (13 in E.) 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by W. S. Croft.

1-2 John S. Croft (Conductor)

3-4 William S. Croft 5-6 Kenneth S. B. Croft 7-8 James S. Croft

To mark Rev. James H. Symonds' ordination in Winchester Cathedral on Trinity

BREADTH AND QUALITY OF WORK **IMPRESSIVE**

This year's annual meeting was held in the Rochdale Branch and was well organised except for the weather. All appeared to enjoy themselves in spite of the cold and rain.

The service in Newhey Church was well attended and in his address the president, Canon A. Hodgson, took up the theme of Christianity in ringing, and the relative merits of peal and service ringing. About 130 sat down to tea, a very apt choice of hotpot and apple pie.

The A.G.M. was chaired by the president, who welcomed visitors from Leicestershire, Cheshire and Somerset. An appeal letter asking for funds for Stinchcombe bells was discussed but no proposal was made.

Mr. Dennis Jones, of Aughton, was declared elected vice-president by the postal ballot. There were no contenders for the post of general secretary and Mr. F. Reynolds were declared re-elected.

As the annual report had not been received in time, officers presented their own. and points were:-

President's Message.—Any impartial observer must have been impressed by the breadth and quality of the work at associa-tion and branch level. They were fortunate in the quality of the officers and committee.
The rules of the association had been brought up to date in modern style and streamlined and simplified.

General Secretary.—Because a number of towers had not sent in their subscriptions by the end of the year, it was difficult to give an accurate assessment of membership. There appeared to have been a drop in membership and this, together with non-payers, was reflected in the treasurer's accounts. The duties of the ringing secretary had been split—Mr. C. Crossthwaite looking after ringing affairs and Mr. A. Ward was the report secretary.

Ringing Secretary.—During 1969 a total of 180 peals was rung, 26 on handbells (mostly at Hawkshead). Of the 154 tower bell peals one (of Major) which appeared in The Ringing World had not been in-cluded as no booking fee was received.

Congratulations to 35 members who had rung their first peal and to seven first as conductor. Kevin Price, with 57, was the leading peal ringer and also leading conductor, with 49. Peals had been rung by Sunday service bands at St. Thomas's, Newhey; Christ Church, Healey; St. Mary's, Penwortham: St. James', Leyland; and St. James', Accrington; and in spliced, Maximus was rung to 50 methods in March and raised to 60 in July.

The accounts showed a balance of £778 on the association funds against £852, due mainly to Income Tax and Corporation Tax of £34 14s. The Bell Restoration Fund stood at £373.

More ringing and the usual social get-together followed the meeting, and it was approaching midnight when some of the visitors left for distant parts.

SOUTHAMPTON, Lindum, 29 Hanley Rd. Sat., May 16, 1970, 1hr. 48min. (17 in A.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-2 James S. Croft 3-4 John S. Croft

5-6 William S. Croft (Conductor)

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Editorial

THANK YOU!

The Editor much appreciates the action of the Central Council in accepting him as an honorary member, and he will endeavour to justify the confidence placed in him.

The many favourable comments and promises of continuing support he received were very encouraging, and we look forward to increasing interest throughout the Exercise.

However, the most pleasing factor during the happy week-end at llkley was the meeting of so many ringers who were until then just "a name," also the making of new friends and the renewal of old friendships. All these make for the better understanding and fraternal spirit which should (and does!) exist between Editor and reader.

With the co-operation and patience of all ringers the survival of The Ringing World is assured, but we do appeal to every reader to endeavour to interest one more subscriber. This will help considerably towards a larger paper and, eventually, to more articles of technical and general interest.

University College of Wales. MARKED IMPROVEMENT

Travelling in a Land-Rover of a type more used to safaris than ringing outings. the U.C.W.S.C.R. held their last tour of the session on May 16. Towers visited were Llanidloes, Llandinam (where the peal the society rang there in December, 1969, was the first on the bells!). Forden, Chirbury, Welshpool and High Ercall.

The standard of ringing showed a marked improvement and several new methods were mastered. Apart from one bewildered hitch-liker who refused the offer of a lift in a Land-Rover, the day was enjoyed by all.

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Thanks were expressed by members to incumbents of all towers for allowing them to ring.

The Very Rev. J. F. Pratt was installed as Rector and Provost of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Southwell, Notts, on May 2, and a peal of Plain Bob Maximus was rung in honour of the occasion by the resident band.

Mr. Joseph Cotton, who is recovering from an operation,, had a "best wishes for a speedy recovery to good health" peal rung for him by the Leicester Guild at the Bell Foundry.

It is 76 years since a Sunday service band rang a peal at Chichester Cathedral, but another was accomplished on May 15 last. May the band increase in strength and enthusiasm.

The Croft brothers—James, John and William—of Southampton, have rung a peal of Minor on handbells—believed to be the first by three brothers for the Winchester Guild—and at an average age of 16 years 4 months. Congratulations—and to Ken and Madeline, the proud parents!

The vicar and churchwardens at Gospel Oak, Mdsx, hope for their bells to be rung for the major church festivals during the year, and Walter G. Knight is hoping to

Belfry Gossip

The 50th peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Barnes, S.W., was the 25th on them by the conductor, John Ketteringham. Method: Yorkshire Surprise Major.

For the non-conducted and silent peal of Stedman Cinques at Trowbridge, Wiltshire. Heather Kippin was umpire, and Frank Harris rang his 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.

Basingstoke College Minor, rung as two 720's in a quarter peal for the first time, at Longparish, Hants, on May 26, was specially arranged to coincide with the birthday of popular Frank Tonge, tower captain. Intended as a peal of London Surprise Minor by the Sunday service band at Highclere, Hants, this was halted after a shift course and the quarter peal substituted.

The peal of Cambridge Royal at Solihull on May 25 was rung to mark the 40th anniversary of the rector's (Rev. Harry Hartley) ordination to the priesthood; also for the occasion of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Malcolm Ferrier (of Solihull) and the Rev. Simon Gedge (of Perry Barr) on May 24, 1970, in this church.

Digging through old Ringing Worlds, Mr. Geoffrey Dodd, of Highclere, Hants, has come across Double Bristol Imperial Major, which is very similar to Double Dublin and wonders if any reader can give him any details of this method.

Twenty-five years ago (April, 1945) Ted Peett first visited St. Margaret's, S.W., and rang a quarter. The other surviving member of that band is Mrs. E. Cave (nee Deal) and the quarter was rung partly to commemorate the anniversary. Ted Peett has been a continuous member of the band since that day.

Ringing at Blackmoor, Hants, has started again and the ringers thank Mr. C. E. Bassett for all the time and effort he has spent overhauling the bells.

The peal cards advertised each week are Mr. Tom White's "speciality" and he apologises for the recent delay in delivery. The printers are so busy with election printing that the foreman has told his staff he will only accept a death certificate for a man not "clocking-on" at work!

First peal congratulations to Peter Wilkinson. Edwin J Roper, Richard C. Offen, Malcolm R. Weatherhead. Leighton Cooke (14), Jeremy D. Owen, G. Nigel Williams (13), Miss M. Livingstone, Mrs. D. A. Preston, Alan Jackson.

Personal Records: Stuart Sandford (100 peals), Paul N. Mounsey (50), Geoffrev Pearson (300), Allan Keen (25), Michael Thomson (100).

The local company at Moulton. Northants, themselves installed a new floor for the ringing chamber and rang a peal to mark the occasion (and to test its stability, no doubt!).

Mrs. Olga Howes, a ringer at Brinklow, Rugby, has been licensed as a lay preacher—the second lady in the Coventry Diocesan Guild—and fellow ringers rang a quarter to honour the occasion.

ear, and Walter G. Knight is hoping to If God did not exist, it would be necesbe able to collect a band for these occasions sary to invent him. VOLTAIRE. Ilkley Interludes ...

Looking somewhat tired, an enthusiastic younger member of the Council slumped into a chair at H.Q. on the Monday evening and upon inquiry as to the reason of his weariness he replied that he had managed to ring in 16 different towers that day. He was not the m.u.g. some people would imagine, however, for he had had a substantial midday meal at one place—free! This gave him the energy to pursue his hectic way for the afternoon.

A revolutionary idea was put forward by one member of the Surrey Association a national association or guild controlled by a nationally elected body. It did not receive much support.

Another suggestion, however, was a National Ringing Festival—and this did create some interest. (Book March 1971, Guildford, Surrey, area.)

During the informal meeting the president (Mr. Freeman) at one point asked if anyone had any comments on the subject under discussion. Nobody spoke, but seeing a figure standing in one corner he queried: "Do you wish to speak, sir—or haven't you got a chair?"

The hills rising behind the hotels in Ilkley have an appeal all of their own, and two middle-aged and rather "well proportioned" ringers were boasting of having climbed to their summit on Sunday before breakfast. The only witnesses of this remarkable feat—the sheep (and they can't talk!).

Among the company booking in at the Craiglands Hotel on the Saturday were a newly-married couple, who for reasons best known to themselves unloaded their "decorated" car and left it blocking the entrance to the car park. On the windows of the car, among other scribbled words, "Aisle Altar Hymn" (a warning which usually comes too late!).

The father of a 14-months-old baby asked one of the hotel staff for a little bread and butter and a glass of orange. Three full slices plus a large jug of orange liberally treated with ice cubes arrived, much to father's (and mother's) consternation.

The president (Mr. Freeman), introducing Mr. Vernon Bottomley to the assembled company on the Sunday, said he understood many members of the Council received their Ringing Worlds as they were about to set out for Ilkley, and when they opened them and saw the picture of Mr. Bottomley on the first page immediately changed their minds and turned back for home again.

A MISUNDERSTANDING

Regarding the Chester Guild annual festival at Nantwich on May 9, Audrey Grimsditch, of Northwich, writes:—

ditch, of Northwich, writes:—
"The Vicar of Wrenburv came along just after all ringers but myself had left, having just found out that we had been unable to gain access to the tower at the arranged time. He wished to extend sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused, and said visiting ringers were always welcome and he would have let us in."

AMERICAN LADIES' GRATITUDE

Earlier this year we were asked to advise two American ladies in Chicago, Illinois, who were coming to England for a holiday, where they might see and hear English church bellringing, and we put them in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lock, of North Mymms, Herts.

We have received the following apprecia-

Dear Sir,—We wanted to thank you for putting us in touch with Thomas Lock of North Mymms prior to our recent holiday in England. Although the time flew by much too quickly, it could not have held greater enjoyment. During the first week, which was spent in London, we met Mr. Lock, who kindly arranged for us to attend a practice ringing evening at Hendon. This was our first direct experience with ringing and we decided at once there is no more joyous sound on earth. Miss Ruth Foreman, the ringing captain at Hendon, and her band were most cordial and patient in explanations.

We also, with Mr. Lock, were shown around Whitechapel Bell Foundry by Mr. William Hughes. We came away much impressed with the art and history of bell casting, perhaps most memorably with a sense of the many fine crafts involved and the very apparent congenial teamwork needed in this work. We were delighted to be shown the small replicas of the Liberty Bell destined to be sent to the U.S. and also to have visited the "birthplace" of Big Ben.

The very next day Mr. Lock arranged for us to climb the tower where Big Ben keeps the hours for London and we found much of interest in the history of the clock and bells. Standing beside Big Ben and the chimes at high noon to watch and hear them strike was, for us, very moving.

IN THE COUNTRY

After leaving London we spent two weeks driving about the countryside, visiting at Salisbury, the Cotswolds and areas near Nettlebed in Oxfordshire. At Nettlebed we had the good fortune to hear a band of touring ringers one Saturday morning. On a visit to nearby Goring that same day we encountered a ringing competition being conducted, which we found quite fascina-ting, particularly as heard from a hillside above Streatley across the Thames, which we'd climbed for a view of the valley. During a trip to Bury St. Edmunds and Ely we heard a local band of ringers practise one evening in an old Norman tower which was once a gateway to the Abbey at Bury. We visited Coventry Cathedral the next day and, despite the lack of bellringing while there, found it one of the most deeply moving experiences of our two trips to England thus far.

We must also report that we spent a Sunday at North Mymms with Mr. and Mrs. Lock, heard and observed the ringing at the church, and Mr. Lock took us to the bell chamber itself to watch them "work" for a short time. He and Mrs. Lock extended the utmost hospitality to us and we cannot but thank our good fortune to have met two such charming and gracious people. Certainly Mr. Lock's efforts on our behalf were far more than anticipated and spoke well for the kindness of English people as well as helping us to a better understanding and appreciation of bellringing. still feel ourselves novices in understanding. our enthusiasm has made us want to cam-paign for a ring of bells in Chicago. We surely hope that ringing will spread here

CAMERA SHY!



"Crundell," the 12-months-old golden Labrador, posed reluctantly for our camera with his mistress, Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley) one evening at Ilkley H.Q. He became a great favourite with many members of the Council and on Tuesday, during their deliberations, sat patiently in the visitors' gallery surrounding the King's Hall. He was, however, quickly removed when he recognised his master's (Vernon Bottomley) voice and spotted his mistress nearby. He gave vent to his feelings of affection for them and, possibly, his desire to complain for having been neglected for so long.

Bath and Wells Association.

A NEW VENTURE

Saturday, May 16, saw the Ilchester Branch embark on yet another new venture -a striking competition held at Long Sutton (a good-going 17 cwt. six). It was an entirely new experience for most who took part and the branch is grateful to John Gilbert (association secretary) and David Yeo (Long Ashton) for acting as judges.

The honours went to the experienced veteran Yeovil team (17 faults) with Somerton (40 faults) second. Third were Preston Plucknett, a team recently taught (55 faults), fourth Long Sutton (60 faults), who rang call changes of longer duration than the others, and who rang Grandsire and Bob Doubles. It has been suggested that Yeovil and Somerton enter teams for the Diocesan Association's competition in the autumn.

After the tower teams competing had recorded their efforts, the "officials past and present" rang 120 Plain Bob Minor—and the judges detected 26 faults! The branch is grateful to the vicar of Long Sutton and Mrs. C. J. B. Marshall, the tower master (Mr. Albert Lewis) and especially Mr. and Mrs. Roger Winlaw for the use of a room for the judges at the Old School House, M. M. L.

beyond the few isolated spots now in the

Once again, please accept our gratitude. We find ourselves now unable to think of future holidays anywhere save England. We were convinced last year that it was the loveliest of countries, but this year's trip has deepened our awareness and love for it by far and we are convinced that ringing is

one of its chief attractions.—Sincerely,
DORIS A. WEISS.
PHYLLIS J. FRENCH.

Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Llandaff and Monmouth Association. WELL SUPPORTED

Some 70 ringers, representing 16 towers, attended the Monmouth Branch meeting at Caerleon on May 9 and all enjoyed the delightful ring of eight light bells.

The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. Morgan Jones), Mr. Michael Meadows read the lesson and Mr. Ian Williams was organist. Tea was in Caerleon Senior School, prepared and given by the Caerleon ringers, for which Mr. Brian Neale expressed sincere thanks. He also thanked Mr. Greener (headmaster) for allowing the use of the school hall and kitchens. Mr. Williams, who was thanked for playing the organ, was a ringer at Ebbw Vale, is married to a ringer, Monica, the youngest daughter of Canon Oswell, and is well versed in the ways of ringers' services!

Members remembered with prayer Mr. Fred Woods, a ringer at Caldicot, who had died the previous day.

New members elected were from: Marshfield (5), Blaenavon (4), Chepstow (3), Grosmont (2) and Bassaleg (2). Progress was reported from the newly-

formed band at Llangibby.

Mention was made of the next quarterly meeting, to be held at Ebbw Vale in July, and the next evening practice, at Usk, in June.

Mr. Reuben Clench (master) expressed thanks to all who had helped towards the success of the meeting.

Herts County Association.

SUCCESSFUL SURPRISE PRACTICES

The Eastern District held their May meeting at Little Munden (6), a very historic church positioned on a hill with a commanding view across the surrounding countryside. Ringing was followed by a short service conducted by the Rev. E. Bennett, who gave the address.

Tea in the school was followed by a business meeting. Mr. S. James (district secretary) announced the arrangements for the outing in June, and David Harris (ringing master) spoke of the success of the monthly Surprise practices. Mr. John Kemp (Hertford) proposed thanks to the vicar, organist and Miss Lawrence and friends for the tea arrangements.

Further ringing took place until 9 p.m. B. J. W. F.

Lancashire Association.

A TRIP "ABROAD"

Members of the Rochdale Branch (50 of them) left Rochdale on May 9 for their annual trip "abroad" and left promptly at

The first tower, East Retford, was reached shortly before 10 a.m. and all seemed to enjoy the 23 cwt. ten. The light six at Ord-sall was next and a variety of methods was

Lunch was at Worksop, and then on to the 12 cwt. six at Saxilby, where London Minor was well rung.

At St. Giles', Lincoln, eight-spliced went well for only six leads but a touch of Sted-

man came round.

Following tea in Lincoln there was the long walk up the hill to the Cathedral. Some good rounds and call changes began our evening's ringing on the light 12 at the Cathedral, but our change ringing was rather "lumpy." Nevertheless it was a most enjoyable day out with several "first timers" asking "When can we go again?"

Our thanks to all incumbents and tower captains for making us so welcome and to ANON.

the three organisers.

Notices

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BIRTHS

HENDRY .- On April 22, to Pat and Barrie, of Harpole, Northampton, a c Elizabeth, sister for Charlotte. a daughter, Victoria 8972

PAYNE.—To Joan (nee Gilbert) and Alan, of Londinium, Manthorpe, near Bourne, Lincs, a son, Matthew John Samuel, on June 1, 1970.

TAYLOR.—Lily Gertrude passed away on May 29 at St. James' Hospital, Milton, after much suffering. "Perfect flower fadeth." Loved by all. God bless.-Loving husband, Tower, and son

ENGAGEMENTS

DARVILL-WILTON.-The engagement is announced between Kenneth Darvill, of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, and Angela Wilton, of Buckfast-8969

WALTON—QUAIFE.—The engagement is announced between Brian Walton, of Liss, Hampshire, and Jenny Quaife, of Bromley, Kent.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

TOMLINSON — SMITH. — The marriage of Brian and Mary will take place at 11 a.m. on Sat., June 20, 1970, at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, to which all ringing friends are welcome 9003

CHANGE OF ADDRESS
ORLEDGE.—David and Glenda now live at 3a Corshamside, Neston, Hawthorn, Wilts. Tel.: Hawthorn 737. Ringing friends always welcome.

-The address of John and Jean now 20 Hunters Drive, Tarvin, Chester. 9009

TOMLINSON.-Brian and Mary now live 14 Blenheim Drive, Allestree, Derby, DE3 2LB. Enthusiastic ringing/gardening/decorating friends are welcome!

PERSONAL

"And they that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."—Daniel xii, 3.

N.U.S.C.R. are pleased to welcome Paul back into its activities after his recent absence due to Pressure of work. 8963 H. H. F., W. E. B., J. N.L. June 10th, 1945 8963

Happy silver jubilee.

Ringing Towers.—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringing Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57 Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

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EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C., on June 16, at 8.15 p.m. Practices: June 16, St. Giles', Cripplegate; June 23, St. Michael's, Cornhill; June 30, St. Law-rence Jewry; July 7, St. Giles', Cripplegate— all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Bristol Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 20, Emmanuel Church, Clifton. Bells (8) available 6.30-7.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow either in church hall or belfry. 9008

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Church Stretton Districts.—Combined practice meeting, Ludlow, Sat., June 20. Bells (8) 8976

LADIES' GUILD .- Western District .- Practice, Henbury, Bristol (8), 7.30 p.m., Fri., June 19, at the kind invitation of the Henbury ringers All welcome.—B. J.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Surprise practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Mon., June 15, 6–8 p.m. Summer outing, Sat., July 11: meet opposite South Kensington Station on south side, 7.45 a.m.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Fri., June 19, at Shottes-brook (6), from 7.30 p.m.—A. L. Pearson.

SUFFOLK GUILD .- S.W. District .- Surprise Minor practice, Polstead, Wed., June 17, 7.30

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY .- Annual shield contest, Bolsterstone, Sat., June 13. Draw 2.45 p.m. Bradfield available 3-5. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. D. W. Brearley, Ingfield House, Stocksbridge.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SO-CIETY.—Meeting at Scalby and Scarborough on Sat., June 13. Bells: Scalby, 3-4 p.m.; Scarborough, immediately after tea. Service 4.30 at Scarborough. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Rennard, Yoredale, 102 North Marine Road, Scarborough. 8956

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, June 13. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. E. Ellison, 70 Kings Road, Fairfield. Buxton. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District. — Monthly ringing meeting at Old Brampton, Sat., June 13. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m. - Malcolm Phipps, Hon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—June 13, Toft (3). Handbell ringing for all from 3 p.m. Tower bells available before service at 4. Tea 4.30. Business meeting if necessary. Bourn (8) from 6 p.m. onwards.— J. S. 8931

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - S.W. District. Meeting, Loughton, Sat., June 13. Ringing 3.45-4.30 p.m. and in evening until 8.30. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. 8943

HERTFORD COUNTY. ASSOCIATION .- Western District.—Berkhamsted (8), June 13. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. Burbidge, 222 High Street, Berkhamsted, 8954

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Maidstone District.—By-meeting and strlking contest, Sat., June 13, Wateringbury. Contest starts 2.30, followed by tea and general ringing. Names to Mr. R. Adams, Beck Mews, Wateringbury. 8955

IANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Sat., June 13, Miinthorpe. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Beetham (6) after tea till 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49 Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.—T. F. Metcalfe. 8887

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — Joint meeting with the Rosendale Branch at Haslingden, Sat., June 13. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Llandaff Branch. - Quarterly ringing meeting, Caerphilly, Sat., June 13. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. very short business meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.-lolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., Grammar School, Cowbridge, Glamorgan (Tel. 2333). 8858

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MID-DLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Sat., June 13, All Saints', Isleworth, 2.30-4 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Church Hall, 5. St. Mary's, Ealing, 6.30-7.30. Christ the Saviour, Ealing, 7.30-8.30 p.m. 8958

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Reading Branch. — The summer meeting will be held at Theale on June 13. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bells available: Theale (6), 3-4.30; Englefield (6), 7-9 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. B. J. Gatward, Newholme,
Crown Lane, Theale, Reading, Berks, RG7 5BQ.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bingham District.—Meeting, June 13, Hickling, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening, Langar, Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton.-R. B. 8971

SUFFOLK GUILD. - South East District,-Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 13, Bredfield (6), 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bring own picnic. Cups of tea provided at a small charge.— W. L., Dis. Sec. 8917

SURREY ASSOCIATION .- Northern District .-Quarterly meeting, Beddington, June 13. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4. Service 6 p.m. 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4. Service 6 p.m., followed by evening ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. Kimber, 112 Nightingale Road, Carshalton (Tel. 647 4193).-N. Thomson, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Practice meeting, Sat., June 13, at Bosham (6), 3 and 6 p.m. Service 4.30. Chichester Cathedral (8), 7.30-8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Southern Branch.-Meeting, Hinton-on-the-Green, June 13. Bells 3-4.30 and 6.15-7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Elmley Castle bells 7.45-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Thomas, Hinton-on-the-Green.—S. Drew, Sec. 8918

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. kerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ilminster, on Sat., June 20. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Service. Tea. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea, please, before June 16.—R. J. Dean. 9010

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION —Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Warmley (6), Sat., June 20, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. K. Weeks, 103 Willis Road, Kingswood, Bristol, by Wed., June 17. 8989

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Great
Barrington (6), Sat., June 20. Bells 3 p.m.
Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Branch Sec. by
June 17.—J. Pearse, Branch Sec., Silver Street,
South Cerney, near Cirencester.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, — St. Albans District.—Meeting, South Mimms, Sat., June 20, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing, Monken Hadley, 6.30-8. Names for tea to Miss T. West, 58 Brookside, South Mimms, Potters Bar, Middx F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY.—Sat., June 20. Bells available 3-5 p.m. and 6-8.30 Everybody welcome. Tea shop opposite p.m. the church. 8988

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. --- Quarterly LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting. Bottesford, June 20. Bells: Long Clawson, 12.15–1.15 p.m.; Hose, 1.15–2; Harby, 2–2.30; Granby, 2.30–3.15; Orston, 3.15–4; Bottesford, 3–4.15. Service 4.30 p.m. at Bottesford, followed by tea in Village Hall. Names, please, to Mr. L. B. Box, 45 Belvoir Road, Bottesford, Nottingham, or Mrs. S. N. Hall (Gaddesby 294), by Wed., June 17. Ringing at Bottesford after meeting.—Ron D. Hughes, Hon. Gen. Sec.

DIOCESAN GUILD. - Southern Branch.—Striking competition, Sat., June 20, at Horbling (6), 2.45 p.m. Names for tea to V. P. Evans, 9 Dale Road, Grantham, Lincs, by June 13.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8995

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION .- N. and E. District.—St. John the Baptist, Pinner, Sat., June 20. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by service and business meeting. Evening ringing. E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 20, at Chiseldon, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. Rouse, 11 Bassett Down, near Wroughton, Wilts, by Tues., June 16.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY .-AG.M., Lichfield, Sat., June 20. St. Mary s (8) available 2.30–3.15 p.m. and after 7.15 p.m. Cathedral (10), 3–4.15 and after meeting. St. Michael's (6), 3.30–4.15 and, together with St. Michael's (6), 3.30-4.15 and, together with St. Chad's (4), after meeting. Service in Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in St. Michael's Hall. Names for tea (seating limited), please, to Mrs. C. M. Smith, 29 Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, WS13 7NH (Tel.: Lich. 4539), by June 17.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 9004

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, June 20, St. Mary the Virgin (6), Barcombe. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Ringing after tea. Please send names for tea to Mrs. Kirk-caldy, 29 Manor Gardens, Hurstpierpoint, Has-socks, Sussex (Tel. Hurstpierpoint 3735), by June 17.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kidderminster, June 20. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by June 17 at the latest. No name, no teal—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec., 14 Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8937

EAST DERBYSHIRE and WEST NOTTS AS-SOCIATION.—Meeting, Sat., June 27, at Ault Hucknall. Bells (5) 3-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Ernest Sollis, 4 Lime Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, NG17 4BS, by Fri., June 26.

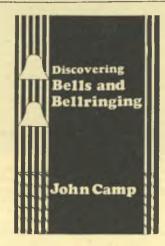
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Stroud (10), Sat., June 27, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please note 4th Saturday. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford, Glos. 8861
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—
Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Woolton Hill (6) Sat. June 27, 2,30 p.m. Service 4.30.

Hill (6), Sat., June 27, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Pack, Long Spinney, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks. Hi clere (8) from 6.15.—M. S. Goss, Hon. Sec. High-

8966 YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Western Branch. —Annual meeting, Sat., June 27, at Calverley, Bells (8) 3—4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Name for tea to Mr. P. Dawson, 34 Carr Road, Calverley, Pudsey, by Tues., June 23.—A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec. 8987

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Service 6 p.m., Bicester Parish Church.

Names for tea, together with remittance (3s. 6d. per person) and s.a.e., to Mr. C. Kinch, 3 The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7AN, before Sat., June 20 Towers available (all subject to cancellation and alteration of time):-

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11.30-12.30

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1.00- 2.00 Bicester (8)

7.00- 8.00 Bicester, Kirtlington, Ambrosden, Middleton Stoney

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Marie R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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St. Mary-at-Finchley Guild, 1970, who recently were reconstituted with the Middlesex Back (l. to r.): Mrs. Ellen Richardson, Mr. Richard Bateman (vice-captain), Mr. Graham Pearce (steeplekeeper). Centre (l. to r.): Mr. Alec Richardson, Miss Erica Taylor, Rev. Preb. R. W. Matthews, B.A., Mr. Chris Fuller, Mrs. Mary Blades (hon, secretary and treasurer). Front (l. to r.): Mr. Lance Blades (third ringing generation on mother's side), Miss Carol Jeeves, Miss Loxley Moyle. Other members unable to be present for the photograph are Mr. Michael Carter (captain) and Miss Sally Chambers. Any ringers in the district who would like to join for practice: Thursdays, 7.30-9 p.m.; the outing, September 26. Anyone interested will be welcome and should telephone Mrs. Mary Blades (secretary).

DOUBLE BOOKING

Mr. Geoffrey Dodd (Highc'ere, Hants), writing about double booking peals (R.W., 341), points out to Mr. R. Savory that although he (Mr. Dodd) conducted the peal on March 14 (not 24) which is referred to. he did not organise it but was instrumental in assisting the young organiser who wished to ring the heavy tenor (which he did very well) prior to a further peal at Sherborne (and a still heavier tenor!). Because of this Mr. Dodd had, unfortunately, to decline an invitation to ring in the "Geoffrey" peal at Evesham.

Mr. Dodd enumerates in his letter a number of peals rung for two or more Associations and ends by referring to the changes from 40 years ago, when floral names were changed as "unsuitable" and yet today we accept titles such as "Turkish Delight" and "All Fools Delight."

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.— Meeting, Houghton, Sat., June 20. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Hull Surprise Minor. - M. Dyer, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION (Swindon Branch) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (V.W.H. Branch).—Joint meeting, Bishop-stone (8), Sat., June 13. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea only available 5 p.m. Evening

ringing at Ashbury (6). 9018
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Striking competition, Aston, June 20, 3 p.m. All visitors welcome. Open ringing until 8.30 p.m. after tea. 9022

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Ashford District.—Meeting, Biddenden, Sat., June 20. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify H. Deacon, 30 The Meadows, Biddenden, Ashford, by Thurs., June 2010 9019

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch.-Meeting, Whitby (10), June 20. Striking competition to determine entrants for Association competition in October. Draw 3 p.m. Free parking for ringers. Own arrangements for tea. - Edward Hudson, Branch

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for June 8, 1945.

Joan Webster rang her first peal at Birkenhead and also in the peal were Marjorie

Webster, Alex J. and John A. Webster.
A loyal address sent to H.M. the King from the Central Council was acknowledged by the private secretary.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher had an accident and broke her wrist.

The third anniversary of John S. Gold-

smith's death was recorded.

Mr. Cyril F. Johnston presided as master at the annual livery luncheon of the Company of Clockmakers.

Teaching is not just a matter of allowing a beginner to blunder somehow through a course of an unfamiliar method . . telling him which bell to strike over. Teaching is explaining things . . . and correcting faults. (Leader.)

On June 2 at Ipswich Mrs. C. W. Pipe rang her 150th peal—Cambridge Royal.
William C. Shute conducted his 100th

peal at Lytchett Matravers, Dorset. A whole page in small type was used to report the findings of a sub-committee and other matters connected with The Ringing

World and its circulation.

50 YEARS AGO June 11, 1920.

The Central Council had no available funds for reprinting some of their publications, and the editor suggested in his leader that certain of the books be published in parts to help with the high cost of production and the uncertainty of would-be purchasers

Leonard, Ernest, Frederick and Alfred Pitstow took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at Saffron Walden, and Frederick Housden also took part.

In a peal of Stedman Cinques in hand at Birmingham J. Frank Smallwood gang 9-10 and the conductor, Frank W. Perrins, 3-4.

The Central Council set up a Records Committee for first peals in each method on various numbers of bells and for record

Laura Snowdon, writing from Cartmel, regretted the necessity to increase the Jasper Snowdon series, but postage was still

Augmentations were reported from Gosforth, Northumberland (8 to 10), Northam, Devon (6 to 8) and Pontefract, Yorkshire (8 to 10).

Five peals in honour of Empire Day were recorded.

First peals were scored by Miss Phyllis Hoare, Walter Leakey, Frederick Boreham and Arthur Chamberlain.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Coventry Archdeaconry. — Monthly meeting, June 20. Ringing: Berkeswell (6), 3–4 p.m.; Meriden (5), 4–5. Tea, Allesley, 5.15. Evening ringing, Allesley (8), 6.15–7.30 p.m., approx. Names for tea, please, to 636 Allesley Old Road (Cov. 76413). —lan F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 9026

VETERANS' REUNION, London, June 27, at Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (free) 5 p.m. Names to J. Euston, 28 Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 9013

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District. - Striking contest on June 20 at Tempsford. Practice 2.30 p.m.. Contest approx. 3 p.m., followed by tea and general ringing. Entries and names for tea to M. Major, 92 High Street, Henlow, by June 17.

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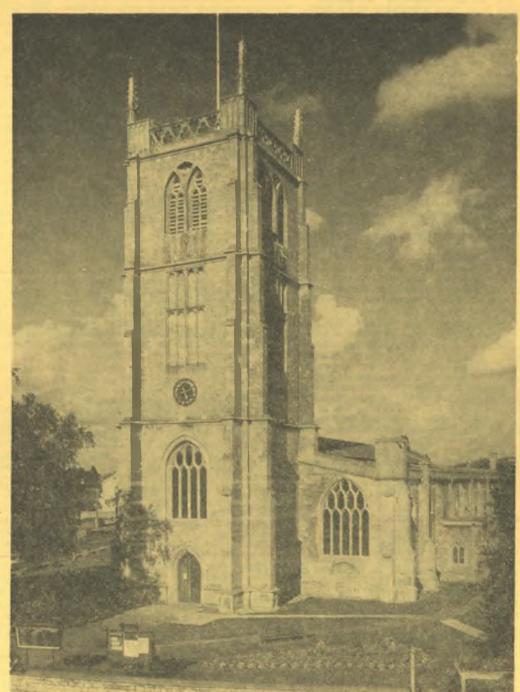
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St. John the Baptist, Keynsham

IT MAY WELL HAVE BEEN the bells of St. John's, the Parish Church of Keynsham, that roused George Frederick Handel from his slumbers in the guest room of the nearby Bridges Great House and caused him to reter to Britain as "the ringing isle." The great musician was sensitive to the bell music he heard in England, and on his visits to Keynsham between 1730 and 1750 he would have heard a tuneful ring of eight not much different from that heard today. Handel was a benefactor to the church where he played the organ, but whereas there is an offertory plate dated 1750 with his name inscribed on it, there are no records to justify the rumour that he gave a bell in 1731.

The Parish Church at Keynsham is visible from most approaches to the town, not so much because it is built on a hill, but because it stands head and shoulders both literally and architecturally above its contemporary surroundings. The present church was begun in 1270 on the site of a previous religious building. To the east of the church stood the once famous Keynsham Abbey, founded in 1175 and dedicated to the Augustinian Order. Its remains are now being excavated, for it suffered wholesale destruction following the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539. The fore-mentioned Great House was built from its stone.

THE BLACK DEATH

The church was at one time appropriated by the Abbot, and early vicars (the list dates from 1308) were associated with the Abbey. There are records of arguments over the allocation of the tithes which suggests some friction, but there's no doubt the Abbey held the exalted position in the village. The Black Death of 1348 did not discriminate between positions, however, and monk and layman, abbot and vicar succumbed alike to the activities of the rat-carried bubonic fleas.

The building of the church is reckoned to have been completed in 1470. It had a chancel, a nave and two aisles and a tower with a spire set at the junction of the north aisle and the chancel. Of its appearance we know nothing and we can only guess at its ring of bells. The first mention of bells is in 1508, when Nicholas Sayntlow left the sum of 10d. "towards the cost of the Great Bell." That Great Bell we take to be the present tenor, which is dated 1669—the date of recasting—made necessary perhaps by the violent events of 1632. In 1531 a "saunce" or sanctus bell was hung. It is inscribed "Jon 15 iii i" perhaps after Abbot John Stourton of the Abbey, and is the oldest bell in the tower.

Four bells were added to the Great Bell in the early 17th century; the present 7th, cast in 1602 (16 cwt.), the present 6th, dated 1607 (13 cwt), the present 4th, cast in 1631 (8½ cwt.), and the present 5th, date unknown but probably recast in 1791. These bells hung silently in the tower on the evening of January 12, 1632. On the evening of January 13 the spire of the tower was no more. It fell in a violent storm. But let the contemporary description tell the story: "... the storm ... continued in a most fearful manner, being intermixed with hideous clapps of thunder and flashes of lightning aboute sixe of the clock in the afternoon of the same day. And by reason of the force thereof in a moment threw down the spire of the tower; which

in the fall thereof crashed down likewise the principallest part of the said church, chancel, vestry, pulpit and seates and defaced the pavement also. And the tower being therewith crased from the top to the foundation."

There is no mention of the bells, but they seem to have survived intact, for they all appear in the new tower. In 1632 Charles I issued a brief (the original is in the church) which appealed for help from all the churches in Southern England. A sum of £690 or £700 is mentioned and slowly the money began to come in. With this and the parishioners' own efforts it was possible to botch up the chancel arch, patch the broken roof and to rebuild the tower on its present western end site. By the time the Civil War had come and gone in 1645 the tower must have been well advanced. There is evidence that the bells were rehung in 1654, for a new addition— the present No. 3—is given that date and the weathercock with 1655 cut in its tail feathers must have marked the comple-tion. No doubt the ring of six rang out in celebration of the Restoration. In 1669 the Great Bell was recast as the present tenor (25 cwt.). In 1731 two more bells were added-the present treble and second. One of these is reputed to have been Handel's gift, but they carry only the churchwardens' names and a bit of braggart verse by the founder:

> "I value not who doth me see, For Thomas Bilbie casted me. Although my voice it is but small, I will be heard amongst you all."

No mention of Handel appears anywhere.

SAME BELL FRAME

Sixty years late the present ring of eight was formed with the recasting of the 5th. The oak bell frame still in use today dates from 1731, but there have been some repairs to it, principally in 1887. New clappers have been fitted to the bells as occasion demanded and in 1948 the bells were rehung on ball races by Mears and Stainbank.

It is of interest that the 6th bell, of 1607, bears the initials R. P. as well as the Stuart arms and "Drawe neare to God" and is the earliest example of Roger Purdue's bell founding work in the neighbour-hood. The works of Thomas Bilbie, of Chew Stoke, who cast the 1731 bells, are also well known in the West Country.

Apart from tower and bells, other parts of Keynsham Church worthy of attention are the fine wooden screen at the entrance to the choir vestry, which dates from the 15th century and survived the 1632 storm, and the Charles I screen nearby. The tombs in the chancel are both pleasant and notorious. They represent the extremes of taste in the Bridges family, who at one time were patrons of the church. The whole church was extensively restored in 1863. The chancel arch was rebuilt, the box pews removed and the interior rendered much as it is today. The candelabra of 1717 have been adapted in turn from use with candles to gas and now are all electric. Inevitably there has been considerable repair work done in this century, mostly to the roof timbers and outer walls. The organ was modernised in 1966.

No mention of Keynsham would be complete without reference to Fred Day,

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who was a member of the tower for 52 years and who retired only shortly before his death in 1956 at the age of 76 years. Peal boards record Stedman Triples rung in 1910, Cambridge Surprise in 1913, and New Cambridge Surprise rung in 1963. The last peal rung was Grandsire Triples in 1969. The present ringers include members of the fair sex and several keen young men who ring twice on Sundays and practise on Thursdays.

The year 1970 marks the 700th anniversary of the church and a programme of events under the title Festival 700 has been arranged. This includes a ringing festival on July 18, when the bells are available for general ringing or quarter peals. This coincides with the flower festival, when it is hoped that the lady decorators will be ringing the changes on over 70 different displays.

DETAILS OF KEYNSHAM BELLS

Treble.—6½ cwt. 1731. T. Bilbie. William North, Robert Trower, Churchwardens.

I value not who doth me see,
For Thomas Bilbie casted me.
Although my voice it is but small,
I will be heard amongst you all.

2.—6‡ cwt. 1731. T. Bilbie. R. North, R. Trower, CH.W T.B.

3.-7½ cwt. 1654. Stephen Rodford, Robert Ford, C.W. R.A.

4.—81 cwt. 1613.

5.—11½ cwt. 1791. Thos. and J. Bilbie. John Wood, James Millard, Church wardens. Thomas and James Bilbie Chew Stoke fecit. 6.—13 cwt. 1607. R. Purdue. Drawe neare to God R.P.

7.—16 cwt. 1602. Laus Deo Uni et Trino in Secula Seculorum.

Tenor.—25 cwt. (D). 1669. W. & R. Purdue. William Saunders, Henry Dolman, Thomas Browning, Churchwardens W.P.R.P.

F. A. ALLEN.

A wise man is one who has a great deal to say—and remains silent.

CLARION CALL TO RINGERS

SAVE FAMOUS LEICESTER CHURCH

Well-known Leicester ringer Mr. Sid Harrison, who is deputy churchwarden of St. John the Divine, Leicester, appeals through The Ringing World for ringers to support him in his petition to save this church with its ring of ten bells.

The Bishop's Commission concerned with the future of parishes and churches in inner Leicester recommended that St. John the Divine's should be merged with Holy Trinity and perhaps demolished. Seventeen years ago Mr. Harrison led a similar campaign against a threat of demolition and a reprieve was forthcoming. The petition he is organising is headed: "The Last Cam-

The Bishop of Leicester (Dr. R. R. Williams) in a Press statement emphasised that the Bishop's Commission's recommenda-

tions were not a fait accompli.

"There will be full opportunity for all opinions to be expressed in this matter before a final decision is taken," he said. "The next stage is a meeting of the Pastoral Committee on July 14, but even then things will not be definite; there will be much discussion, consideration and permission to be obtained before a final decision is made."

The reason given for demolition 17 years ago was that the church should go to the people. Mr. Harrison contends that congregations on new estate churches were nothing near those of some city churches: one averaged about nine for Evensong and another 16. St. John's was still the civic church of Leicester.

The bells of St. John the Divine were the gift of Samuel Bunning in thanksgiving

for Queen Victoria, and later they were augmented by William Willson. Mr. Harrison, whose address is 73 Hopefield Road, Leicester, LE3 2BL, asks for the fullest support from ringers to the following netition: THE PETITION

We, the undermentioned ringers, protest most strongly against the suggested demolition of this beautiful Church of St. John

the Divine, Leicester.

The bells here are acknowledged throughout Great Britain as a magnificent example of the founders' art and craft, whether tone, tune or "go" of them is considered.

To dismantle them would be a serious act of desecration, and an insult to the memory of the men who placed them in their present position to the Glory of God and the service of His Church.

Were these bells removed elsewhere, they would not be the bells of St. John the Divine's, as they now are, as conditions

would be different.

We give our full support to the congregation and parishioners who are fighting against this sacrilegious destruction of all they rightly hold dear.

Ringing Society, etc. Name of Church, Date.

It is advisable to type this petition on a quarto sheet and fill in details at foot before signatures are added .-- Ed.

THE GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The spring meeting of the guild for 1970 took place on May 23. Lest it be thought that this arrangement was in careless dis-regard of the Bank Holiday traffic—and of more august proceedings on Ilkley Moor—it should be stated that it arose from uncertainty (i.e. absence of a 1970 Diary) at the previous meeting in 1969.

Let it be said that in spite of one or two holiday absentees, the meeting was rated a great success. Three Hertfordshire towers were visited during the afternoon—North Mymms, Datchworth and Stevenage. three are as yet truly rural, though the enveloping tentacles of the New Town are now wrapping themselves round the cen-turies-old isolation of the Parish Church of Stevenage. Not so with North Mymms, at which several deplorably late arrivals complained that it just did not exist on their maps. If this be so, long may it continue and remain unspoilt.

By means of convoy procedure which must have puzzled some of the other, brisker users of the A.1, the party arrived complete in line ahead at Datchworth, and very much enjoyed both the hilltop situation and the very pleasant six. After a further successful convoy via the as yet uncharted ways of Stevenage New Town, and a welcome cup of tea, the guild enjoyed a pleasing hour on the excellent Taylor eight in the old church-now 20 years since their recasting, but mellowing nicely.

Dinner (and handbells) was taken at the White Lion—together with decisions concerning the next meeting (November 21—all medical, nursing and "para-medical" brethren please note), a further overseas meeting next year, and, all being well, another crack at that Everest, a guild peal, in July.

Essex Association. ON A MAY AFTERNOON

A meeting of the South Eastern District was held at Purleigh on May 9. For many this was a nostalgic visit, as Purleigh bells have been virtually silent since the early 1960's. Recently, however, a change of incumbent has created new interest and a band is being taught by Sandra Turner (Maldon).

The district striking competition was held in the afternoon and the competition was judged by Peter Pitt (Colchester) and Walter Arnold (Earl's Colne). The service was conducted by the rector (Rev. H. Bettenson), who also gave the address, and the Rev. A. J. Abbey (Sandon) was the or-

Purleigh, a delightful spot on a warm May afternoon attracted 58 members and friends, who enjoyed tea in the Eveleigh Rooms. Thanks are due to Sandra Turner, Mrs. Bettenson and the ladies who had worked not only preparing tea but also spring-cleaning the hall.

The master (Mr. P. J. Rothera) was in the chair for the meeting and Mr. Pitt gave the judges' observations of the competition. The results were: 1 Danbury (27 petition. The results were: 1 Danbury (27 faults), 2 Maldon (34), followed by Sandon and Terling. Danbury and Maldon will represent the district at the association final at Rayne in July.

Several new members were elected, including Caroline Phillips (Danbury), Trevor Williams and Paul Mooney (Great Baddow) and Diana Bush (Sandon). The secretary announced that the next meeting would be held at Goldhanger in September, followed

by Burnham-on-Crouch in November.
The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Keith Brown to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The bells were available until 8 p.m., but the local hostelry, conveniently situated next to the church, provided a strong counter attraction on the warm evening.

R. J. H.

Hereford Guild.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL The annual festival and meeting held at Ledbury on the Spring Bank Holiday was favoured with glorious weather. In addition to the Parish Church, ringing took place at Bosbury, Bromesberrow, Coddington, Cradley, Colwall, Eastnor, Mathon, Much Marcle and Stretton Grandison. The guild service, which was well attended, took place in Ledbury Parish Church and was conducted by the vicar (Preb. D. L. Jones), assisted by his curate. The vicar welcomed the ringers and stressed the importance of their work for the church.

Tea, followed by the annual meeting, was at the Royal Oak, and the master (Miss Valerie Edge), in the chair, gave her report on the year's activities. Other reports were given by the secretary (Mr. G. ports were given by the secretary (Mr. G. Cousins) and the peal recorder (Mrs. E. C. Chandler). The accounts, presented by the treasurer (Mr. F. C. A. Bennett), disclosed a satisfactory financial position. Officers elected were: Master, Mr. R. G. Powell (Hereford); secretary, Mr. George Counsins; treasurer, Mr. F. C. A. Bennett; auditor, Mr. Alan Elsmore: peal recorder. auditor, Mr. Alan Elsmore; peal recorder and assistant secretary, Miss Valerie Edge. The retiring master, the first lady to hold

that office in the guild, was thanked for the efficient manner in which she had discharged the duties during the last two years. Chandler (retiring peal recorder and assistant secretary) was also thanked, as were the secretary (Mr. Cousins) and other F.B.

A SOMERSET WEEK-END

Somerset outings always give good rings and this year Ted Rochester was lucky in his week-end having Audrey and Ron Short to make arrangements. The towers were as follows:-

Sampford Brett (6, 8 cwt.), a new light six by the Whitechapel Foundry.

Dunster (8, 20 cwt.).—A look round the ringing chamber is rewarding: a mirror shaped and framed as a bell; black writing on white peal boards; a sepia tint of old John Taylor leaning on the bourdon headstock; and coloured snaps.

Timberscombe (8, 12 cwt.). — Here are 19 handbells in a glass case, and a fine fan-vaulted screen, one of seven remaining

from a group made in 1500.

Porlock (6, 12 cwt.).—Those who followed Brig Young's inter-lane guide had the best views and reached the church without going down Porlock Hill. On the reredos inside the church are miniature figures of saints with a deer, dove and dragon among

Selworthy (6, 12 cwt.).—The view from the terrace walk was marred by near-total mist. After picking the lock, the key turned up!

Minehead (10, 20 cwt.). - The phenomenon of this tower —maybe others, too is the occasional total gap where one would expect to hear two trebles. Sleeping in Minehead that night was not without event. Ted couched his band minutely on their bedding arrangements and landed up with

a bed left over. Puriton (6, 14 cwt.).—Sunday morning with local ringers.

Overall, ringing was better than usualmore general ringers, bless them, in the

Thank you, Ted Rochester, Audrey and Ron Short.

CENTRAL COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

SECTION II

The second part of the Interim Report was taken item by item, as with the previous one.

The sub-committee appointed to report on "Membership" consisted of Mrs. E. A. Barnett and Messrs. P. A. Corby and T. J. Lock. Mr. D. A. R. May said this section should be discussed when the aims

and objects were clarified.

Mr. P. A. Corby, acting as spokesman, said the make-up of the Council was a hotchpotch that worked. Mr. C. F. Mew, agreeing, put forward his ideas (unfortunately often inaudible to the majority of the assembly) of a national association with national representatives elected by the body of ringers as a whole. This would have many advantages. It could predetermine numbers and resolve anomalies of belonging to many associations. The Exercise could then choose those best to serve them.

It was suggested that the Council as a working body was too big, and that during the last 15 years the numbers had gone up from 150 to over 200. This did not necessarily reflect growth in numbers of ringers, because the technical side was shing. Regular ringing was, unforflourishing.

tunately, falling.

The Rev. John Scott put forward the idea of a national ringing festival, and felt the cost to the Council would be justified by bringing ringers together for a purpose. He had grave misgivings about the national v.

regional bodies.

Mrs. Olive Rogers supported this view and said some associations would never know about the work of the Council, and Mr. R. S. Anderson pointed out that local representatives were the only contact with local ringers. The Council were not a mandatory body.

Mr. R. Meadows asked the sub-committee to consider the possibility of limiting the size of the Council, and suggestions made included increasing considerably the membership fee and reducing maximum mem-

bership from four to three.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock (North Wales) said this was the A.G.M. of association representatives and national representation would be wrong.

The chairman asked Mr. Mew if he wished to press the point of his suggestion and received a negative reply.

He then asked the Council if they were satisfied with the present situation and the majority agreed, about ten voting against.

Asked if a 20 per cent. reduction in membership was advisable, the meeting was overwhelmingly against this, and when one member pointed out that about 20 per cent. had voted for a reduction in numbers, Mrs. Olive Barnett suggested that that 20 per cent. should hand in their resignations after lunch. (Laughter.)

Among others taking part in the debate were Canon Felstead, Messrs. Diserens, Dodds, Gilbert, Chaddock, Butler, Mayne, Moreton, Carlisle, W. Critchley and E.

Critchley.

At the close the Council agreed the proposals on "Membership" and then adjourned for lunch.

> REPORTS, 1969 OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

RINGING overseas during 1969 generally has again been very active, with a surprisingly large movement of ringers from one country to another. Various remote towers have benefited as a result and such efforts by these ringers can only foster and stimulate improving standards of ringing overseas.

Many excellent articles have appeared in the columns of The Ringing World during the year which bring the ringing fraternity closer together.

AFRICA, DURBAN.-Following an encouraging year in 1968, the ringing continues to flourish. A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in December.

ZAMBIA. — News that handbell ringing has started at Kalulushi with more than a dozen keen learners is most encouraging. There are no church bells within 500 miles so perhaps 1970 may bring some reports of handbell achieve-

RHODESIA. - The A.G.M. of the Rhodesian Guild was held at Salisbury, during which good ringing was enjoyed on the ten bells by ringers from Que Que, Malawi and Umvukwes. at Que Que on the four bells continues to

KENYA. -An excellent article on the bells and ringers of Killif by Barry Couzens appeared in The Ringing World following his visit there, which confirms the sustained keenness and improving ringing standards by the locals on their very light ring of six.

ANZAB .- Ringing "down-under" during 1969 has again been stimulating, although it is disturbing to hear of trouble with Perth tower as a result of recent earthquake effects. To ring the 29 rings of bells in Australasia there are some 200 active ringers. The majority of the bells were installed in the 19th century and ringing can at times be very hard work; it is, therefore, pleasing to note that in 1969 complete restoration and augmentation to eight bells has been t in hand at Parramatta, Sydney.

MELBOURNE. — At the Cathedral two peals

and 31 quarters were rung, which include Bob Maximus, Yorkshire S. Major Caters. This is very creditable. Yorkshire S. Major and Stedman

SYDNEY. - St. Mary's Cathedral, Burwood, Turramurra and Parramatta have recorded some dozen quarter peals in a variety of methods.

In Hobart and Perth ringing has been badly affected by ringers moving away and by the bells falling into further disrepair. It is indeed sad to note that the oldest ring (1847) at Holy Trinity, Hobart, is seldom rung, although the two Victorian towns of Bendigo and Ballarat with three eights between them and two recently restored-are working hard together to recruit and train, and hope to show the rest of Australia a thing or two before long.

Evidence either by report or in the quarter peal columns of activity in Adelaide is meagre. An account in The Ringing Towers of a "brawl" in the correspondence columns of the Advertiser over the sound of the Cathedral bells testifies to the fact that ringing goes on.

At Prospect, in the suburbs of Adelaide, there is also news of the impending installation of a

new ring of bells

CHRISTCHURCH. — Ringing has been somewhat diminished by losses of ringers to travela hazard to which a band with so many Ph.D.s engaged in high-powered research and education must surely be prone.

HAMILTON, which is somewhat isolated, is thrown very much on its own resources for recruitment and teaching. It is, nevertheless, precisely recorded that since the bells were installed in 1950 they have been rung 3,390 times, which averages more than three times a week, which is surely a record of which any tower may be justly proud.

During 1969 the controversy over the carillon being given by the British Government to the Australian Government for the city of Canberra has been settled by the casting of the bells. A special meeting of ANZAB in England was called in September to witness this. The bells are to be installed by mid-1970.

CANADA. - The year 1969 has shown considerable activity in the sphere of handbell ring-ing by six peals (of Plain Bob and Kent T. Bob) having been rung for the North American Guild at Hamilton, Toronto, Islington and Mississauga. At Calgary one quarter has been reported, showing continued activity by the local band. A quarter was rung at Vancouver, B.C., which is a slight decrease on the 1968 achievements. No news has been received from Victoria or Mission City, B.C., although it is understood that service ringing continues.

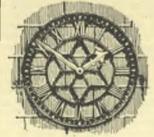
AMERICA.-Ringing in U.S.A. has been enhanced by the visit to England during 1969 of three of Russell Young's ringers—Even Cowles, Chris Biddle and David Walton—from Groton School, Joan Hutchinson from Smith College (who learnt much about the bellfounding business whilst working at the Whitechapel Foundry), Marjorie Batchelor and Rick Dirksen from Washington Cathedral. All these ringers rang in at least one peal while here.

A tour of England and the Low Countries was made by the Potomac English Handbell Ringers, under the leadership of that inimitable lady Mrs. Nancy Poore-Tufts. Concerts were given in Hol-land, Norway, Paris, Oxford, Llandaff, Chester, Keswick and Edinburgh and gave great pleasure to those who attended.

Efforts to co-ordinate ringing between the North American towers have proved successful by visits by the Washington ringers to Groton and Kent Schools and Smith College, despite the vast distance travelled, during which a quarter was rung at Groton by the combined bands, and of the second North American tour arranged by Liz and Geoff Davies.

It would be most encouraging in the North American Guild were more consolidated rather than being somewhat a title of convenience. We look forward to further visits to this country by our ringing friends from the New World.

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Ringing World photos of some of the participants in the Monday dales tour. Among others may be seen: J. H. Bluff, F. E. Collins, J. T. Dunwoody, G. T. Couzens, W. Oatway, Anne Pearce, A. V. Davis, W. Ayre, Mrs. Gillian Davis, Catherine Davis and F. A. Munday.



Durham and Newcastle Association. DINNER REVIVED

It was about 20 years ago that the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association ceased to hold an annual dinner. In the interval there have been two dinners for special occasions in celebration of the 80th and 90th anniversaries of the founding of the association.

In arranging the programme for 1969-70 the committee felt that there were reasonable prospects of reviving an annual dinner. Along with this it was noted that the half-yearly meeting had often differed little from a district meeting in recent years. Substituting a dinner for that meeting seemed the obvious thing to do, as that would leave the day of the annual meeting clear for ringing and business.

The Seaburn Hotel on the sea front at Sunderland was chosen for the first venture on May 9. Visions of a fine, warm evening by the sea were not fulfilled as a

sea fret made its appearance.

Ringing in the afternoon took place at three towers. Bishopwearmouth is not diffi-cult to find, but parking space was very A one-way system has complicated and lengthened the journey to St. Ignatius', where the bells were rehung last year. For several ringers it was probably their first ring in this tower, famous for its associa-tion with J. W. Parker. St. Andrew's, Roker, completed the programme and presented no problem of parking or repulsion of urchins which required the appointment of "bouncers" at St. Ignatius'.

There were 63 present at the dinner held in the ballroom. This was quite encouraging for a small association with no attempts at a "hard sell." The company was mainly composed of resident members, wives and friends, and those who were technically visitors were mostly familiar faces from North Yorkshire and others temporarly resident in Durham at the University. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Bill Tyson in his individual

style and responded to by Nicholas Webber, ringing master of the University Society.

Earlier the loyal toast had been followed by "The Church," proposed by Denis Bayles. The reply came from the Rev. J. G. Bates, vicar of St. Andrew's, Roker, who was the guest for the occasion. The president, Roland Park, proposed "The Associa-tion" and recalled some of the stalwarts who had left a goodly heritage. The toasts were interspersed with two items of hand-

bell ringing.

The Leicester Guild. A BETTER RESPONSE

The 1970 Leicester District striking competition was held at Newtown Linford on May 9, the three judges being Messrs. George Newton (Earl Shilton), Roland Beniston (Whitwick) and John Watkins (Sapcote).

In the schoolroom Mr. Newton commented on the bands in the order in which they had rung, leaving the actual marks until the end and his observations were most

constructive.

The six bands who entered were from All Saints', Leicester, Blaby, Kirby Muxloe, St. Margaret's, Leicester, South Wigston and Markfield, and the winners were St. Margaret's, with All Saints' second. The trophy was presented by Mr. Watkins.

Mr. John Bramley (guild president) thanked the judges for doing a job which was difficult and sometimes tiresome. He also remarked on the excellent response to the competition this year. R. D. H.

Middlesex County Association. IN A.D. 938

On May 16, a warm and pleasant day, a visit was made by the N. and E. District to St. Mary's, Willesden. The original parish church was built on land given to St. Paul's Cathedral by King Athelstan in the year 938 as a thankoffering for victory over the Danes at Brunanburh. Since that time a church has stood on the site, the present building dating in part from the 13th

The bells rang out during the afternoon and evening, Mrs. H. G. Hart (master) seeing that everyone was catered for.

Capt. R. G. Anderson (C.A.) conducted the service and welcomed the visitors to Willesden. Mr. Bernard Newman was the organist.

The election of two non-resident members was ratified, viz.: Miss Jill Laud (Watford) and Mr. A. W. R. Wilby (Harpenden).

Before returning to the belfry Mr. Alick Cutler (chairman) expressed appreciation to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

The proceedings were concluded in time to provide opportunity for informal gatherings before it was time to go home. The seating had been arranged at round tables of eight instead of the usual "top table and and this seemed to assist the informality that had been the aim in the arrangements.

Derby Association.

OLD WHITTINGTON WIN

Over 60 members and friends were present when the Chesterfield District's eighth annual striking contest was held at Creswell on May 9. After the contest Mr. J. Arkwell (chairman) said how pleased he was to see so many present. He hoped that next year even more teams, particularly from the outlying towers, could be persuaded to take part.

Messrs. C. Bloom (Chesterfield) and W. Keith and L. Moss (Dronfield) were elected members before the adjudicator, Mr. H. T. Rooke, announced the results: 1 Old Whit-Rooke, announced the results. Told white ington (Cambridge Minor) 184 points; 2 Chesterfield "A" (Grandsire Doubles) 175; 3 Old Brampton (Plain Hunt) 147; 4 Chesterfield "B" (call changes) 137; 5 Bolsover (Bob Minor) 133; 6 Dronfield (call

Following the presentation of the shield to the winning team the meeting was con-(Rev. D. Jephson), the local company and the ladies for providing tea. M. P. P. the ladies for providing tea.

Norwich Association.

PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS

Wiveton was the venue for the Northern Branch on May 30, its peaceful surround-ings and the lovely summer day making conditions ideal.

About 40 members enjoyed tea, provided and served by Mrs. Gidney, Mrs. Grimes and Mrs. Steadman

Eric, Iris and Rosemary Coe, and Peter Trett (Mattishall), Andrew and Ruth Kett (St. George, Norwich) and Linda Cooper (Wymondham) were elected members.

It was decided to hold the branch striking competition at Garveston in July. Members stood in silence in memoriam Tom and Margaret Francis. (Tom was for some years a member of the branch.)

The six bells were rung to various methods under the ringing master (Mr. T. E. Spight) and Bale bells were rung after the meeting until the fourth clapper decided to come adrift!

The chairman expressed thanks to the rector (Rev. A. M. Gamble), to the ladies for tea, Miss F. Lovick for playing the organ, and to Billy West for arrangements.

The sum of £2 13s. was collected for the Belfry Repair Fund, plus an anonymous gift of £3.

Letters

BELMONT MINOR

Dear Sir,—I am submitting for publication the figures of a six-bell principle which I produced some years ago. I hope it may give bands who are proficient at Surprise Minor something new and interesting to experiment with.

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123456	As can be seen, the plain	
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	total of 120 changes.	
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BOB $\frac{465132}{456123}$ SINGLE $\frac{465132}{456132}$

Bobs affect either 1, 2 and 3 or 4, 5 and 6. Thus the only courses which may be entered by bobs alone are those commencing 123456, 231456 and 312456. These courses are mutually true. Similarly, the only courses which may be entered by singles are (a) 213456, 321456 and 132456, and (b) 132546, 213546 and 321546. Group (b) are false against the courses produced by bobs alone, being these courses in reverse.

It follows that to prove a touch of the principle it is sufficient to check that the division heads and ends do not repeat. Any length which obeys this condition will be true, so an endless variety of 720's is available. The simplest pattern is to join three courses with bobs and double with a single:

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Repeated for 720.

A 720 of the principle was rung at Tirley, Glos, in 1968, conducted by Cyril A. Wratten. We did not name it at the time. Subject to the approval of the rest of the band I would suggest the name Belmont Minor.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. WYCHERLEY.

Kingstone, Hereford.

SOOKHOLME DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—On Sunday, May 3, 720 of Sookholme Delight Minor was rung for Evensong at Warsop, and it is the first 720 in the method.

—34—14—12—16.34—12.3. 6ths. 1.e. 34625.

Yours faithfully,

BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS. Mansfield, Notts.

EARLY SIMPSON TUNING

Dear Sir,—I had intended to write about this interesting subject for some time past, but my son, Richard, beat me to it. However, his letter contains some omissions and inaccuracies, as does the letter from Peter Abbott. Both give Dobson credit to which he is not entitled, and which must, in fairness, go to Osborn.

I spent my boyhood days quite close to Downham Market, and cycled miles to Terrington St. John, where hung a good Osborn six. John Rodwell, sen., gave me my first instruction in handling and this led to an interest in the Downham Market-cast bells. The first acquaintance with "official" Simpson tuning was the Gaywood six (Taylor), Walpole (St. Andrew) tenor and a front five retuned (Taylor) and Denver trebles, with back four retuned (also Taylor).

We were struck with the similarity in tone of Terrington St. John's treble and tenor, and with the Taylor bells cast 100 years later. At Marham we found the perfect "Simpson" bell by Osborn (the fourth) with 3, 5 and 6 almost as good, cast in

Moving to the London area I met the late Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Mears and Stainbank. We often discussed tuning, and about 1944 took a trip to Marham, as he was doubtful of my description of Marham bells. We ascended the tower and I tolled the fourth. Mr. Hughes said it was "bang on" and thought it had been retuned but he ascertained that they were all as Osborn left them. He was very impressed with the back four and explained why the second was dull, and why the treble seemed to have two strike notes. It appeared that Osborn had not entirely found out the secret of "Simpson" bells. He said Osborn's shapes were lost and that Dobson may have tried different ones as his work was so variable. Compared with Osborn he cast few bells, his five at Emneth (after Osborn's death) being his nearest approach to Marham's.

It is worth noting the principal rings by both founders and their connection. In 1775 Osborn and Arnold cast the four trebles at Aylsham (not Simpson, but very good). In 1778 Osborn and Arnold cast the six at Outwell (wrongly given by T. A. Bevis in his excellent book Church Bells of the Fens as "Arnold and Dobson," Dobson being only a young boy then). Dobson recast the fourth in 1827 and left it nearly a semitone sharp!

In business for himself, Osborn cast Hilgay bells in 1779, Finchingfield's in 1781 (which I have not heard), and the near "Simpson" six at Terrington St. John in 1784. The old treble was found cracked in the crown, but the new treble is practically identical with the old.

Osborn's masterpiece was the glorious ten in Bury St. Edmunds Norman tower, which remain as he left them in 1785. He cast the 20 cwt. six at Tebinham in 1787, though these were spoilt by a recast treble by Warner.

In 1788 came the grand back six at Soham, also still as Osborn left them. As an eight or ten these are spoilt completely by Bryant's four trebles (added after Osborn's death) and being badly out of tune and very discordant.

About founders' good and bad bells, one can go a few miles to Swaffham Prior and hear one of the loveliest sixes in the country, by Bryant, who also cast the back eight at Saffron Walden.

In 1790 came Thetford—good even before tuning—and in 1795 Walsoken—out of tune when cast, but tuned up well by Mears.

DUPLICATIONS AND DEDICATIONS

Dear Sir,—After reading the letter re duplications and dedications (Ringing World, page 414), I would like to endorse the views expressed by Mr. Buswell.

Some years ago a peal was rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, to mark the formation of the G.L.C. and inserted in The Ringing World as being rung at St. Mary's, Waltham Forest.

There are three rings in Waltham Forest—Leyton (8), St. Saviour's (8) and St. Mary's (10), also Chingford, which has no ringing bells. Leytonstone is in fact not part of Waltham Forest.

I feel that by inserting peals, etc., in this form ringers can cause a great deal of extra work for those who keep records,

I think the Central Council should look into this matter so as to assist the Records Committee in their task.—Yours faithfully, P. D. CHAPMAN.

Witham, Essex.

And from Ronald Russ, of Uxbridge, Middlesex: "His (Mr. Buswell's) letter serves to accentuate how easy it is for people to get mixed up over the new Greater London classifications in 'Dove.' It's a great pity the Guide has been so published when ringers tend to stick to the old county divisions. I can't see a future for any association based on the administrative county of Greater London. Please continue to classify peals and quarters by ringing association-type boundaries, e.g. Hayes, Middlesex; Barnet, Herts; Bexley, Kent, etc., as at present. Confusion ought not to arise, but it's a knotty problem for some towers, whether they are in the old County of London or not!"

Woodbridge in 1799 contained some fine bells and these, I believe, are now a good ring, tuned by Gillett and Johnston.

In 1802 came Marcham, a glorious six even before tuning, and now outstanding with only slight tuning by Taylor. In the same year came Marham, with the perfect "Simpson" bell.

After this Osborn took his grandson, William Dobson, into partnership, and the bells were inscribed "Osborn and Dobson" until 1806, when Osborn died. Dobson, now on his own, cast the near-Simpson five at Emneth in 1807, but then appeared to deviate somewhat.

Wisbech's, though good, were not entirely Simpson, although they have tuned up well by Mears. The 12 at St. Nicholas'. Liverpool, were reputed to be his poorest effort, but these have now been recast by Taylor's

In 1832 he cast Diss (a good eight) in which he appeared to be returning to near Simpson, but the foundry not paying, he sold it in 1833 to the Whitechapel Foundry. He died in London in 1842.

In passing, I cannot explain why, in Church Bells of Norfolk, Crimplesham's five are given as "Wm. Dobson 1798," four years before Osborn took him on. These were not Simpson. Godmanchester's eight I think were Osborn's, but I have not their date and they have, I think, been retuned since.

I am not saying that a bell must be Simpson-tuned to be good—far from it—but I would like to clear away the mix-up between Osborn and his grandson Dobson, and give Osborn credit for the earliest true "Simpson" bell.—Yours faithfully,

TONY PRICE.

Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx.

Quarter Peals

FOR THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Huish Episcopi, Som.—May 30, 1260 Pl. Bob Triples: E. T. Rice 1, A. S. Bishop 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, D. Lesley J. Parker 4, Deborah Bishop 5, R. Parker 6, G. H. Baldam (cond.) 7, C. Gratton 8. First P.B. Triples for 3 and 7.

Chilton Cantelo, Som. — May 23, 1320 April Day Doubles: E. T. Rice 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, C. Gratton 3, R. Parker (cond.) 4, Mrs. L. Parker

5. First in variation by all.

Ilchester, Som. — May 23, 1320 Southrepps Doubles: E. T. Rice 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, Mrs. L. Parker 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5. First in variation by all.

Langport, Som.—May 24, 1260 P.B. Doubles: M. Clarke (first in method) 1, A. Rothwell 2, R. Parker 3, Mrs. L. Parker 4, J. Cornelius (cond.)

5, L. J. Harvey (first attempt) 6.

Glastonbury, Som.—May 26, at St. Benedict's, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Voisey 1, F. Paramore 2, R. G. Lampert 3, J. Badman 4, L. England 5, W. A. Prescott (cond.) 6. Also a golden wedding compliment to George Grenter.

Somerton, Som. — May 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Jeans 1, J. Farthing 2, Miss S. Allen 3, W. Turner 4, J. White (cond) 5, Rev. B.

Budgett (first quarter) 6.

Creech, Som.—May 30, 1320 P.B. Doubles: W. H. Poole (cond.) 1, Mrs. P. Jenkins 2, B. Butler (first quarter) 3, D. Lock (first in method) Matravers 5, B. Holt (first in method) 6.

4, F. Matravers 5, B. Holt (first in method) 6. Bradford-on-Tone, Som.—May 30, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: R. Colman (first T.B.) 1, Deborah Bishop 2, D. Lesley J. Parker 3, G. H. Baldam 4, R. Parker 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge for 3 and 5. Drayton, Som.—May 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Lesley J. Parker 1, R. Parker 2, G. H. Baldam 3, Deborah Bishop (cond.) 4, C. Gratton (first G.T.) 5, G. W. Rendell, jun. 6, A. S. Bishop 7, E. T. Rice 8.

CREWKERNE BRANCH

Shepton Beauchamp, Som. — May 19, 1260 Doubles (eight m/v): F. Welch 1, R. Welch 2, J. Cornelius (100th of Doubles as cond.) 3, A. Robinson 4, R. J. Dean 5, A. C. Drayton 6.

Curry Rivel, Som .- May 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Dean 1, R. C. Beale 2, F. Welch 3, R. Welch 4, J. Cornelius 5, G. Hartland 6, R. J. Dean (cond.) 7, T. J. Hill 8, 50th together 4 and 5. Also a compliment to Rev. E. J. Burt (branch chairman) on completing 41 years in the ministry.

Ilton, Som.—May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Whitcombe 1, R. Welch 2, M. Whitcombe (first inside) 3, S. Welch (cond.) 4, R. Burns 5, R. Spiller 6. Also a welcome to Teresa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Burns.

Curry Mallet, Som.—May 26, 1260 Doubles (four m/v): Mrs. R. Welch 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, Mrs. A. Grabham 3, R. Welch 4, R. J. Dean

(cond.) 5, R. Spiller 6.

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Barrington, Som. — May 27, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles: A. Rowswell 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, J.
Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. J. Dean 4, A. Drayton
(circled tower) 5, K. Welch 6.

Ilminster, Som. — May 31, 1344 Grandsire
Triples: G. Novell 1, Mrs. B. Dean 2, R. C.
Beale 3, Reg Welch 4, Roy Welch 5, J. Cornelius
6, R. J. Dean (cond.) 7, T. J. Hill 8. 50th
together 6 and 7.

HENDON DAY TOUR QUARTERS

Irthlingborough, Northants. — May 30, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. Cutler 1, Elsle Hart 2, Joan Beresford 3, G. Hart 4, G. Austin 5, J. Smith 6, N. Summerhayes 7, B. Watson (cond.) 8. First Double Norwich 5, 6 and 8. A 45th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bilbey.

Moulton, Northants.—May 30, 1260 Stedman Triples: Dorothea Robotham 1, Elsle Hart 2, G. Hart 3, Joan Beresford 4, N. Summerhayes 5, E. Edmondson 6, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 7, A.

Warren 8.

Weedon Bec, Northants.-May 30, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: A. Warren 1, A. Cutler 2, Dorothea Robotham 3, Ruth Foreman 4, G. Austin 5, J. Smith 6, B. Watson 7, E. Edmondson (cond.) 8.

Aldbourne, Wilts.-May 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 3 leading): Peta Lloyd 1, S. Hale 2, C. Barnes 3, Frances Craig 4, Heather Rouse 5, A. Palmer (cond.) 6, T. R. Jones 7, M. Rouse Also May 24, 1260 mixed Doubles: S. Hale 1. Peta Lloyd 2. Heather Rouse 3, Frances Craig T. R. Jones (cond.) 5, T. A. Palmer 6, G. A. Newman 7, C. Barnes 8. For Flower Festival and Trinity Sunday.

Asfordby, Leics.-May 28, 720 Kent, 720 Oxford T.B. Minor: Karen French 1, J. H. Cook 2, Manton 3, W. Clamp 4, H. Clayton 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wilkinson and a 42nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cook.

Aston Ingham, Herefords. — May 26, 1440 Double Court Minor: M. P. Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, Helen Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First Double Court for all.

Barcombe, Sussex.-May 18, 1260 Doubles (two methods): R. R. Kennard 1, E. A. Wilkins (first Doubles) 2, Rosemary Lelliott 3, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 4, E. M. Laming Macadam (first as cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6.

Basingstoke, Hants.—May 23, at St. Michael's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Taylor 1, June Whitcher 2, Margaret G. Taylor 3, H. E. Balaam 4, R. C. Wilson 5, J. J. Hill 6, J. Weaver (cond.) 7, A. Taylor 8. A weedding compliment to Miss L. A. Freeman and Mr. A. W. White.

Battle, Sussex. — May 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Smith 1, D. J. Winchester 2, J. M. Swift 3, B. R. Forster 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, I. S. Holland 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Harry Ballard, of the local band.

Beckford, Worcs. - May 23, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Ann Herbert 1, A. Ewins (first mixed Doubles) 2, Clare Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, Helen Taylor 6.

Berkhamsted, Herts.—May 23, 1264 Plain Bob Major: J. Woolley 1, S. J. Crawley 2, Margaret A. Burbidge 3, Teresa Wright 4, M. Gilbey 5, M. Jackson 6, P. Harper 7, D. Burbidge (cond.)

Berry Pomercy, Devon.-May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tuckett 1, R. J. Edden 2, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 3, W. S. Wayman 4, G. J. L. Read 5, J. L. Moore (first quarter) 6. For the Totnes R.D.C. civic service.

Binsted, Hants.-May 23, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Maureen Tipper 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, K. Sansom 3, D. Hughes 4, K. Tipper (cond., 200th quarter) 5, Jennifer Lintott 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Norris,

Birmingham. - May 7, at St. Philip's Cathedral, 1440 Bristol S. Royal: R. J. Tibbetts 1, J. E. Cawser 2, N. J. Goodman 3, J. Insley 4, S. W. Barton 5, T. R. Hampton 6, R. W. Pipe 7, G. E. Fearn 8, K. J. Hesketh 9, P. Border (cond.) 10. To honour the 70th birthday of the Rt. Rev. George Sinker, M.A., Provost of Birmingham.

Bishopstoke, Hants.-May 28, 1272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. P. Colliss (cond.) 1, Anna Tobias 2, B. J. Fry 3, R. Le Marechal 4. First Minimus 1, 2. 4. Also same evening, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Anna Tobias 1, J. P. Colliss 2, R. Le Marechal 3, B. J. Fry 4, M. K. Waldron (first quarter inside) 5, D. James (first quarter) 6. Conducted by 2 and 3.

Blackmoor, Hants.—May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Stubbington (first quarter) 1, D. Cooper 2, G. Cane 3, Rev. C. J. Butler 4, A. Gill (first as cond.) 5, M. Cass 6. Golden wedding compliments to Mr. and Mrs. F. Norris and to Mr. and Mrs. G. Norris. F and G. Norris were formerly local ringers.

Blaenavon, Mon.-Trinity Sunday, 1260 Stedman Triples: D. Phillips 1, P. Thomas 2, M. Esbester 3, P. Chambers 4, J. Pryor 5, A. Bainham 6, T. Yeomans (cond.) 7, R. Wilkinson 8. For the ordination to priesthood of Rev. R. K.

Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.-Trinity Sunday, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brigid Abbott (first quarter) 1, Lynn Cox 2, Kathleen Horne 3, G. Gibbs 4, G. Lister 5, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 6, D. Livsey 7, R. Ballard (first quarter) 8.

Bradfield, Yorks. - May 23, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Fry 1, M. King 2, D. Lyon 3, J. D. Cooper 4, R. Fletcher (first as cond.) 5, J. Crocker 6. A wedding compliment to A. W. Hague (local ringer) and Miss S. M. Marston. Brampton, Hunts.—May 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker 1, J. F. W. Allen 2, Sušan B. Baker 3, J. Haas 4, F. Harwood 5, P. E. Wells 6. Half-muffled in memoriam William H. Bennett, churchwarden.

Bushley, Worcs.—May 13, 1296 Hull Surprise Minor: F. Lawrence 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, H. Evans 3, B. Spiers 4, M. Hawkes 5, J. Clements 6. Also on May 29, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Helen Taylor 1, M. P. Taylor (first inside) 2, Clare Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

Cardiff, Glam.—May 28, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Barbara Morris 1, Anne Cooke 2, P. Thomas (cond.) 3, T. Yeomans 4, W. Harford 5, R. Jones 6. First in three methods 1, 3, 6 and ditto as conductor.

Chipping Barnet, Herts. - March 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Caroline Remnant (first quar-1, Marjorie Paternoster 2, Penny Coomber 3, R. Adcock 4, P. Cuckson (cond.) 5, S. Hersom (first quarter) 6.

Colchester, Essex. — May 10, at St. Peter's, 1344 Northill S. Major: W. J. Brunt 1, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, Yvonne Towler 5, E. E. Davey 6, N. Avis 7, J. Towler 8. For Evensong. First touch in method by all. Also May 24, 1280 Petworth S. Major: E. E. Davey 1, Yvonne Towler 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, A. R. Andrews 5, N. Avis 6, J. Towler 7, H. J. Millatt 8. For Whitsunday. First touch in method by all.

Colchester (Shrub End), Essex.-May 3, 1260 Doubles (720 St. Martin, 540 Plain): J. Mortimer Doubles (720 St. Martin, 540 Plain): J. Mortimer
1, A. Gibbons 2, C. Andrews 3, A. Wright 4, D.
Cobb (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. First in two
methods for all except 5. For Rogation Sunday.
Also May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: D. Cobb 1, D.
Martin 2, H. Millatt (cond.) 3, A. Gibbons 4,
D. Whent 5, A. Wright 6. For Whitsunday.

Cranford, Northants.—May 26, 1260 Spliced Plain Minor (four methods): Miss J. H. Green 1, Miss J. Ayres 2, Miss G. K. Green 3, Miss E. M. Hall 4, D. J. Attley 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. First in four methods for 2 and 3.

Crondall, Hants. - May 2, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Susan Levers 1, Marilyn A. Reay 2, R. C. Backhurst 3, D. P. Elsmore 4, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 5, W. Arnold 6. First Stedman 1, 2, 3 and 6.

Cuckfield, Sussex. — Trinity Sunday, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Peggi Walls 1, R. V. Johnson 2, Jane Osbon 3, Jean Osbon 4, G. Ford 5, S. Allen 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, C. Osbon 8. For the Feast of Title and Confirmation by the

For the Feast of Title and Confirmation by the Bishop of Horsham.

Darlington, Co. Durham. — May 27, at St. Cuthbert's, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Patricia Dowse 1, Rohilla M. Cooke 2, R. Park 3, Janet Warwick 4, M. Stewart 5, T. Cooke 6, D. Cox 7, F. Hodgson (cond.) 8. For the opening of the new Town Hall by Princess Anne.

Dewsbury, Yorks. — May 31, 1280 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative S. Major: E. Betts 1, Avis M. Thompson (aged 14) 2, Jeanne E. Bottomley (cond.) 3, Ruth Richardson (15) 4, J. M. Ineson (12) 5, K. Ineson (first of Spliced) 6, G. Richardson 7, V. Bottomley 8.

Spliced) 6, G. Richardson 7, V. Buttoniay 6. For Evensong.
Edenbridge, Kent.—May 25, 1440 P.B. Major: M. W. Thompson 1, Anne E. Thompson 2, Julia Collinge 3, P. R. Butler 4, C. K. Hill 5, E. J. Jenner 6, P. J. Simmonds 7, A. C. D. Mayes (cond.) 8. Birthday compilments to 1 and 7.

Exeter, Devon.—May 10, at St. Mark's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen P. Gardner 1, Joan M. Kingdom 2, Linda V. Cull 3, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, K. A. Hughes 6, F. Wreford 7, M. R. Barker 8. A birthday compliment to M. R. Barker. By Exeter Colleges

Gravesend, Kent.-May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Wilkinson 1, Hazel P. Matthews (first inside) 2, E. Stuart 3, T. V. Barnard 4, F. Matthews (cond.) 5, S. Sandford 6. For Evensong.

Great Livermere, Suffolk. — May 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, Jill Steed 2, Susan B. Baker 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. F. W. Allen 5.

Halesowen, Worcs.—May 3, 1264 P.B. Major: Miss W. Pretty 1, B. E. Woodall 2, L. W. Clissett 3, Miss M. Tromans 4, A. Pickering 5, T. Greenhall 6, M. L. Lashford 7, A. B. Elismore (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Harwell, Berks.—April 4, 1344 Double Norwich: H. W. Dunsden 1, M. Wells 2, H. E. Wells 3, D. Jordan 4, W. L. Gilks 5, M. Bishop 6, J. P. Blond 7, R. B. Blond (cond.) 8. A farewell to the curate, Rev. C. G. T. Herbert.

Hasfield, Glos. — May 27, 1320 Berwick S. Minor: F. Lawrence 1, B. Spiers 2, Valerie Willard 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, M. Hawkes 5, J. Clements 6.

Heavitree, Devon.—May 3, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: Angela C. Hughes 1, Carol Martin 2, R. J. Wilsher 3, D. J. Atkins 4, J. L. Anderson 5, K. A. Hughes 6, R. Talbot 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8. By Exeter Colleges Guild.

Hendon, Middx.—May 31, 1260 P.B. Minor: B. Livings 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Dorothea Robotham 3, A. Warren 4, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 5, W. Knight 6. For Evensong.

Hersham, Surrey.—May 24, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: H. Colcombe 1, Genebeth Webb 2, Dawn Colcombe (first in method) 3, J. King 4, J. Bailey 5, C. Webb (cond.) 6. For evening service.

Hillingdon, Middx.—May 10, 1264 P.B. Major: F. W. Goodfellow 1, F. Scoones (first Major) 2, J. Walters 3, J. R. Sexton 4, J. Hill (cond.) 5, R. K. Russ 6, W. H. Coles 7, M. J. Palmer 8. For Evensong.

Hythe, Kent.—May 23, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. Hedgcock 1, A. J. Leeves 2, G. Davies 3, M. L. Haigh 4, T. Skilton 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6, D. J. Carr 7, P. S. Philpott 8.

Kettering, Northants.—May 31, 1260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Tingle 1, D. Bowen 2, S. Robinson 3, L. Toseland 4, B. Austin 5, A. J. Frost 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, J. Mitchell 8. To welcome Rev. F. Pearce as rector, and for the centenary celebration of St. Andrew's Church, Kettering.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. — May 17, 1280 P.B. Major: Katharine Salvage 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, C. E. Bulleid (first Major inside) 4, C. D. Collin 5, 1. J. Whitear 6, M. J. Green 7, B. J. Stone (cond.) 8. For Whitsunday.

Langdon Hills, Essex. — May 31, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Janice Manterfield 1, S. Clarke (first inside on tower bells) 2, G. Lucas 3, K. Lucas (cond.) 4, S. D. Stott 5, W. White 6.

Little Shelford, Cambs.—May 28, 1320 P.B. Doubles: G. Barnard 1, R. Newman 2, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 3, B. Horrell 4, R. A. Currell 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. A birthday compliment to 6.

London, W.C.—May 24, at St. Clement Danes', 1263 Stedman Caters: Valerie Jones 1, G. Walker 2, Leslie Tibbitts 3, C. Willmington 4, Jillian Turcan 5, Mary Wilkinson 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, C. Wright 8, J. Murfitt 9, D. Tovell 10. First Stedman Caters 1, 3, 5. For Evensong.

Longparish, Hants. — May 26, 1440 Basingstoke College Minor: R. Crocker 1, D. Goss 2, P. Furniss 3, M. Goss 4, P. Taylor 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6. First quarter in method. A birthday compliment to F. Tonge, tower captain.

Manchester.—May 25, at the Cathedral, 1344 P.B. Major: J. D. Sherwood 1, P. Dyson (first as cond.) 2, Rev. B. K. Lunn 3, P. A. Sidwell (first quarter) 4, W. Birmingham, jun. 5, M. Murphy 6, P. Boucher 7, A. Ward 8. For the 169th annual Anglican Whit walks.

Monken Hadley, Herts.—May 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Macfarlane (first quarter) 1, Rose Sharpe (first inside) 2, Harriet Platten 3, M. Soper 4, Valerie Maynard 5, C. Ward 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, J. Platten 8.

Nailsea, Som.—May 26, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. R. Short 1, T. Phillips 2, L. Childs 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Birthday compliment to Mary Hardwidge, wife of 6th.

Newark - on - Trent, Notts. — May 21, 1277 Grandsire Caters: P. Raithby 1, Anne Vessey 2, H. Mabbott (first Caters inside) 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, Margaret E. Snyder 5, A. E. Chilton 6, H. Stevenson 7, P. Curtis (first quarter on 10) 8, J. W. Raithby 9, F. W. Midwinter 10. To honour the new Mayor, Cclr. R. H. Lamb.

Newport, Mon.—May 18, at All Saints', 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Everett (13) 1, M. Esbester (16) 2, A. Bainham (17) 3, P. Chambers (17) 4, D. Everett (13) 5, R. Wallace (15) 6, L. Bainham (cond.) 7, P. Phillips (13) 8. First quarter for 1, 5 and 8. Northchurch, Herts.—May 31, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Ashby 1, Marilyn Warner 2, A. Lancey (first quarter) 3, J. Lawson 4, W. Preston (first Minor) 5, M. A. Gilbey (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a 21st birthday compliment to Marilyn Perry.

Norwich, Norfolk.—May 19, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Margaret Jenner 1, Susan B. Baker 2, Barbara M. Payne 3, G. Terris 4, M. Kitson 5, D. Cubitt 6, A. Salisbury 7, M. Cubitt (cond.) 8, C. Bird 9, H. W. Barrett 10. For mayoral service.

Oldswinford, Worcs.—May 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: B. L. Wootton 1, M. D. Fellows 3, J. Warr 4, C. W. Cooper 5, R. Edwards 6, M. P. Tobin 7, A. Roden 8, For mayoral service.

Ospringe, Kent. — May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. Jones (first quarter) 1, Janet Hewson 2, F. C. Farnsworth 3, Patricia Winch 4, W. Palin 5, E. T. Eades 6, B. Jemmett (cond.) 7, M. Winch 8. For the christening of Bridget, daughter of the treble ringer.

Owslebury, Hants.—May 8, 1260 Doubles (15 methods): P. L. Bunn 1, R. R. Crook 2, R. J. Latham 3, A. M. Donaldson 4, R. J. M. Bavin (most methods as cond.) 5, N. J. W. Parsons 6. Most methods to a quarter 1, 2, 6. By Winchester College Society as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

Papanui, New Zealand.—May 24, 1260 P.B. Minor: M. M. Clayton (first quarter) 1, N. F. Reeve 2, Mary Spence (first Minor) 3, R. Stevens 4, J. R. Williams (first Minor) 5, R. H. Idle (cond.) 6.

Piddlehinton, Dorset.—May 26, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Mary E. Elmes 1, Ruth A. Blackwood 2, J. W. Blackwood 3, G. W. Elmes 4, M. J. Hiller 5, T. F. Collins (cond.) 6.

Putney, S.W.—May 31, 1260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Marilyn Clark (first attempt) 1, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 2, C. R. Harris 3, R. J. Stewart 4, C. F. Mew 5, J. T. Shepard (first attempt) 6. For Evensong and a farewell to the tenor ringer.

Rayleigh, Essex. — May 24, 1260 Stedman Triples: Valerie Nash (first in method) 1, P. Giles 2, T. Sharp 3, R. Tomlin 4, M. Hallett 5, D. Belcham 6, A. House (cond.) 7, J. Laken 8. For Evensong. A birthday compliment to Valerie Nash.

Robin Hood, Wakefield, Yorks.—May 20, 1344 P.B. Major: Stella M. Brown 1-2, T. W. Strangeway 3-4, R. Brown (cond.) 5-6, Gail Cater (first Major in hand) 7-8. Also May 28, 1376 P.B. Major: Stella M. Brown 1-2, T. W. Strangeway 3-4, R. Brown (cond.) 5-6, M. C. Perrins (first on eight) 7-8.

Rotherham, Yorks.—May 17, 1250 Pudsey S. Major: G. A. Holroyd 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, C. Newton 4, M. S. Turner 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, N. Donovan 7, S. Armeson (cond.)

Roughtown, Lancs. — May 24, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, B. D. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. For Evensong; wedding compliment to Brian Holt and Lynne Backhouse.

Sheffield, Yorks.—May 24, at St. Marie's R.C. Church, 1260 P.B. Minor: R. Padbury 1, Sue Brown 2, R. Fry 3, J. Seager 4, J. Crocker 5, J. D. Cooper (cond.) 6. By Sheffield University Guild.

Shirley, Warks.—May 24, 1260 Grandsire and P.B. Doubles: Diane Clark 1, C. D. Baugh 2, R. J. Weekes 3, E. T. Lloyd 4, V. H. Nash (cond.) 5, G. D. Rushton 6.

Slough, Bucks.—May 31, 1260 P.B. Minor: W. Birmingham (cond.) 1, L. Stilwell 3, E. Rapley 4, D. C. Brown 5, L. G. Pearson 6, J. A. Alnsworth 7, A. J. Glass 8. Arranged for E. Rapley (Horsham). Rung after meeting short for Yorkshire S.M.

Southampton, Hants.—May 26, at St. Mary's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Croft 1, G. Harper 2, Mrs. M. Croft 3, Miss J. Butler 4, W. Croft 5, M. J. Butler (cond.) 6, C. Butler 7, B. Butler 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Tony Jackson (vice-captain), killed on May 17.

Southwark, S.E.—May 17, at the Cathedral, 1303 Erin Cinques: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, K. J. Rider 4, Freda Cannon (first on 12) 5, P. N. Felton 6, M. Hatchett 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, C. T. Richards 12. For Whitsunday.

Stand, Whitefield, Manchester.—May 28, 1260 P.B. Triples: A. E. Reeves 1, J. D. Sherwood 2, S. N. Harrop (first quarter) 3, J. E. Preston 4, G. O. Sanders 5, F. Reynolds 6, P. Dyson (cond.) 7, G. P. Cunninghem 8. 15th wedding anniversary compliment to Jean and Geoffrey Sanders.

Stourbridge, Worcs.—May 17, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: A. D. Fellows 1, Mrs. F. L. Smith 3, G. Westwood 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, J. Warr 6, M. P. Tobin 7, R. Smith 8. After meeting short for Caters

Tealby, Lincs.—April 3, 1272 P.B. Minimus: D. Booth 1, A. Sinden 2, W. Booth 3, D. W. Bee (cond.) 4. First in method by all. By De Aston School Society. A farewell to Alan Sinden.

Thurnby, Leics.—May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: S. W. Woodall (first quarter) 1, P. J. Pawley 2, S. T. G. Ellwood (first quarter) 3, I. G. Glenton 4, L. Greenhow 5, J. J. Pawley (cond.) 6. Upper Clatford, Hants.—May 11, 1260 Grand-

Upper Clatford, Hants.—May 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Crab (first quarter) 1, J. C. Wimlett 2, D. King 3, F. Tonge 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, B. Pickford 6. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Rev. J. C. Richardson (vicar) and Mrs. Richardson.

Uppingham, Rutland.—May 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Cynthia E. Barnett 1, A. C. Scholes (first Minor inside) 2, J. A. Ellis 3, J. C. Hudson 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For

Evensong.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.—March 1, 1260 P.B. Triples: J. Hoath 1, Linda West (first inside) 2, Les. C. Tibbitts 3, June Whitcher 4, M. C. Austin 5, D. A. Tovell 6, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 7, A. S. Baker 8. For Evensong. Also March 8, 1260 P.B. Caters: G. D. Peck 1, Linda West (first Caters inside) 2, Laura M. Grindrod 3, June Whitcher 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, G. H. Walker 6, M. B. Jefferyes 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, J. E. Murfitt 9, M. C. Austin 10. For Matins. Also April 5, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Liz C. Duncan 1, Les. C. Tibbitts (first Surprise Major) 2, L. Dear (cond.) 3, Caroline R. F. Cole 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, K. A. Hughes 6, J. E. Murfitt 7, A. J. Slade 8. For Evensong. Also April 12, Linda West (first inside) 2, June Whitcher 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, A. J. Slade 5, J. E. Murfitt 6, I. L. Dear 7, R. J. Hart 8. For Matins. Also April 12, 1344 Rutland S. Major: I. L. Dear (cond.) 1, Les. C. Tibbitts 2, A. J. Slade 3, Caroline R. F. Cole 4, K. A. Hughes 5, M. B. Jefferyes 6, J. E. Murfitt 7, J. S. N. Porter 8. For Evensong. First in method 2, 5 and 7.

Warbleton, Sussex.—May 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Smith 1, Elaine Shaw (first inside) 2, A. Baldock (cond.) 3, J. M. Swift 4, I. Smith 5, A. Bassett 6.

Wareham, Dorset. — May 17, 1260 Doubles (three methods): A. J. Hill (first quarter) 1, Frances J. N. Brown 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, M. J. Dew 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, G. W. Elmes 6. For Whitsun.

Warmley, Glos.—May 18, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Miss S. J. Moxham 1, A. W. Gibbs 2, Miss H. Pfaff 3, A. M. Hicks 4, K. G. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. K. Knight 6. First quarterfor 3, 4, 6. For Confirmation.

Watford, Herts. — May 31, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Ling 1, A. C. D. Mayes 2, R. D. Bell 3, S. J. Laud 4, D. Laud 5, A. R. Ling 6, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 7, W. J. Arnold 8. For Evensong, and a compliment to Liz and Frank Byrne on the birth of a son (Alex Francis).

Wendover, Bucks.—May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: R. Tickner 1, Elizabeth Needham (first quarter) 2, Pat Ramage 3, A. Wenden 4, J. Cooke (cond.)

2, Pat Ramage 3, A. Wenden 4, 5. Council, 5, R. E. Gerhardi 6. For Whitsun.

Wentworth, Yorks.— April 25, 1260 Doubles (Kennington, Plain Bob): R. R. Nalliah 1, Miss E. Foulston (first quarter) 2, R. Fletcher 3, L. Hallows 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6, Also May 17, 1320 Doubles (six methods): R. Grundy (first away from cover) 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, A. King 3, L. Hallows 4, M. King (cond.) 5, K. Wigfield (first quarter) 6. For Whitsun Family Communion. Also May 24, 1320 Doubles (seven methods): L. Hallows 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, A. King 3, M. King 4, D. Hunton (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. For Trinity Evensong; also to welcome the birth of a second daughter to the conductor and his wife.

Westham, Sussex.—May 31, 1260 P.B. Minor (handbells): Ann Smith 1-2, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4, A. R. Baldock (first on handbells) 5-6. A birthday compliment to Rachel Baldock.

Peals

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LONDON, E.C., St. Mary-le-Bow.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (42 cwt.)

5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (3 methods: 2304 Londinium, 1440 Yorkshire and 1296 Cambridge, with 90 changes of method).

Composed by J. H. Fielden.

1 James E. Andrews

2 David C. Brown

David E. Rothera

4 Keith W. Brown 5 Alan R. Patterson 6 Andrew N. Stubbs

John S. Mason

Andrew W. R. Wilby Kenneth J. Hesketh 10 Philip J. Rothera 11 Michael P. Moreton

12 David E. House (Conductor)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

BANWELL, Somerset, St. Andrew. Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 54 min. (23 cwt.)

5040 UNION TRIPLES

Composed by J. Carter.

*1 Sarah Tiley

†2 Christopher Field 3 Marjorie Legg

‡4 John Sheppard
5 Roy W. Rice
6 George Prescott (Conductor)

Walter S. Rice

8 John Baker
*First peal. †First on 8. ‡First of Triples.
First in the method by all. A wedding compliment to Sheila Hebden (local ringer) and Arthur R. Lane.

Quarter Peals

Westhoughton, Lancs. — May 17, 1280 P.B. Major: A. Greenhalgh 1, M. Parker 2, E. Burnett 3, J. Cunliffe 4, G. Fothergill 5, T. W. Smith 6, R. Jolley 7, R. K. Lister (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Whittlesford, Cambs. — May 29, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Sheila Hinton 1, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 2, M. J. Whitby (first inside) 3, R. A. Currell 4, I. G. Hinton 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. Woodeaton, Oxon. — March 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. D. Tyler 1, C. W. J. East 2, Jane M. Danson 3, E. J. Evans 4, R. T. Corker (cond.) 6.

(cond.) 6.

Woodston, Hunts.—May 31, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: T. P. Lickerish (first T.B.) 1, Mrs. Gwen M. Roffe 2, R. Brighton 3, A. J. Davey 4, L. Brighton 5, J. M. Roffe (cond.) 6. For Patronal

Festival.

Worcester.—May 6, at St. John the Baptist's, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann R. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. H. A. Compton 2, M. F. Stallard 3, Dawn Petts 4, T. W. Lewis (cond.) 5, G. Hawkes 6. By the Sunday service band. A farewell to Rev. J. J. Burley (curate).

Worth, Sussex.—May 29, 1260 Cambridge S. Minor: Jean Osbon 1, Sonia Halles (first Minor) 2, F. Hicks 3, Judy Weekes 4, M. P. Howard 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. First Surprise 2 and 4. Wotton Underwood, Bucks.—May 16, 1260 P.B. Minor: E. F. Putt 1, Julie Tyler (first inside) 2, Mavis Clarke (first inside) 3, Christine Baker 4, R. T. Corker (cond.) 5, A. D. Tyler 6. Wymondham, Norfolk.—April 30, 1260 P.B. Royal: Mrs. N. Golden 1, N. Golden 2, S. Marshall 3, A. Walton 4, J. Dowe 5, D. Adams 6, F. Arnold 7, T. Spight 8, H. Tooke (cond.) 9, G. Adams 10. First P.B. Royal 1, 4, 5, 6, 7. For the opening of the new Abbey Hall.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, St. James. Sat., April 18, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (183 cwt.) 5056 BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1 Ronald J. Sharp 2 Jill K. Orme 3 David Hope

5 Avia Tope
4 Patrick Neill
5 Robert L. Piron
6 Robert R. Churchill
7 C. Michael Orme

8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

*First peal. To celebrate the wedding of Christine Templeman and Malcolm Bailey.

BROMHAM, Beds, St. Owen.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (23 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Ivin. Kathleen A. Marriott 2 Linda Fleming

Anthony H. Smith Keith H. Fleming

5 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

6 Robert L. Piron
7 Martyn J. Marriott
8 C. Michael Orme

To mark the birth of John Raymond Fowler.

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 3hr. (283 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composed by J. J. Parker (5-part). Martyn J. Marriott

Linda Fleming

3 Ronald J. Sharp 4 John W. Thorp 5 Robert L. Piron

C. Michael Orme

Stephen Ivin (Arr. and Conductor)

8 Keith H. Fleming

BUCKINGHAM, SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (27 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. Ivin.

Anthony H. Smith

2 Kathleen A. Marriott

3 Ronald J. Sharp 4 Edwin T. Skipsey 5 Robert L. Piron 6 Keith H. Fleming

C. Michael Orme

8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, St. James Mon., May 4, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (18\(\frac{3}{4}\) cwt.)
5056 WORDSWORTH S. MAJOR
Composed by S. Ivin.

Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

2 Linda Fleming 3 Ronald J. Sharp

Anthony H. Smith

5 Robert L. Piron 6 Robert R. Churchill 7 Keith H. Fleming

8 C. Michael Orme

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMOR-LAND ASSOCIATION

CLEATOR MOOR, Westmorland, St. John. Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (21½ cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. Knights.

1 Judith M. Corby 2 Valerie J. Howard 3 Roger W. D. Wetenhall

4 Harry Byrom
5 Richard Hayes

6 John A. Howard 7 Trevor A. Cross 8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

THURSBY, Cumberland, St. Andrew.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (63 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

1 Mary Dodd 2 Alan Capstick

*3 Douglas T. Sim 4 Harold Wilson

5 David G. Kealey 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) *First in three methods inside. To welcome the new vicar, Rev. A. E. Gibson.

ORTON, Westmorland, All Saints.

Sun., May 24, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12½ cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1 Judith M. Corby
2 Valerie J. Howard
3 Alan Capstick
4 John A. Howard
5 Richard Hayes

6 Kevin M. Price 7 Trevor A. Cross

8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, Christ Church. Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (231 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by H. J. Tucker

Brian Schofield 2 Peter Dyson

3 Ernest Pimlott
4 John Moore
5 Paul Reading
6 C. Kenneth Lewis

7 Peter Broadbent

8 Brian S. B. Kear (Conductor) *9 Ronald F. Andrew

10 Michael Foulds

*50th peal. First on 10 as conductor.

STOKE-ON-TERN, Salop, St. Peter.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (St. Nicholas, Heatherslade, Gower, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Rev. Canterbury, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 Gordon K. Green
*2 Frederick S. Sutton
†3 Edward V. Rodenhurst
*4 Geoffrey A. Edwards
*5 John R. Scott

6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
*First 14 Minor. †750th peal. A welcome to Rev. H. Sutton, inducted May 9.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

FOBBING, Essex, St. Michael.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (10 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1120 Rutland, 1280 Cambridge, 1180 Lincolnshire, 1440 Yorkshire, 69 Lincolnshire, 1440 Yorkshire, changes of method, all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Bernard W. Fairhead

2 Michael J. Hallett

*3 Tony R. Natt

*4 Stephan G. Halliwell

†5 Alfred J. House

*6 David Sloman

7 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
*8 Dennis Ellisdon
*First Spliced Surprise Major. †Circled the tower. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

THORINGTON, Essex, St. Mary.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Wells, Norwich, Ipswich, Woodbine, Oxford T.B., Double Court and Plain Bob).

1 Eileen S. Button 2 Arthur G. Button 3 George N. Orman

4 Rachel J. R. Orman 5 Alan R. Andrews (Conductor) 6 Edward E. Davey

BRAINTREE, Essex, St. Michael. at., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (11 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Colin H. Gillingham
2 Josephine A. Brown
3 Anne C. Simkins
4 James Green

5 Roy Threadgold

6 Robert J. Lindsell Alan R. Syder

8 Peter G. Brown (Conductor) To mark 100 years of silk weaving by Warners of Braintree (makers of the Coronation Robes).

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CRESWELL, Derbyshire, St. Mary.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3 hr. (13 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (1920 Rutland, 1600 Cambridge, 1600 Yorkshire, all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Philip Charlesworth *2 Marianne Baker

3 Patricia North *4 Margaret White

*5 Christopher Newton 6 Ian North

*7 Malcolm S. Turner

8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor) *First of Spliced Surprise.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Tues., May 12, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (11\frac{1}{2} cwt.)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Primrose,
Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet).

Susan M. Dutton 2 Nora Carlisle

3 Joyce Chadwick
*4 Thomas W. Dutton
5 Denis R. Carlisle
6 John V. Chadwick (Conductor) *First inside.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ELMORE, Glos, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (12 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (Plain Bob and Grandsire).

*1 Diane I. Pobjoy *2 Susan M. Williams 3 Sara E. Cornock

4 Margaret Powell

†5 Patricia Buckland

to Lesley A. Critchley

Jointly conducted by S. Williams (Plain Bob)
and P. Buckland (Grandsire).

*First peal. †First of Doubles. ‡First

attempt.

WELFORD-ON-AVON, Warks, St. Peter. Wed., May 27, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (93 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob).

1 Malcolm P. Taylor (13) 2 Clare R. Taylor (16) 3 Hilda C. Taylor (18) 4 Helen R. Taylor

5 Bernard H. Taylor (14) 6 Eric J. Taylor (Conductor)

First in seven methods for all and for the

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, Hants, St. Peter. Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (11 cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. I. Rowson.

Beryl R. Simpson Alan D. Flood

2 Alan D. Flood 3 Christopher I. Rowson 4 Edward W. Colley 5 Brian J. Luff 6 Frank W. Lewis 7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)

8 Peter J. Munday *100th peal. 50th of Major as conductor. Birthday compliment to Brian J. Luff.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts St. Michael.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (18 cwt.) 5040 PRITTLEWELL S. ROYAL Arranged by Gerald Penney. 1 Christopher W. Woolley

*2 Helen Dodds

*3 Christine M. Carter

4 Eric Edmondson

5 Thomas J. Lock *6 Keith J. Walpole *7 Michael D. Frost

*8 Anthony R. Carter

*9 Robert E. Hardy *10 Gerald Penney (Conductor) *First in the method.

WOBURN, Beds, St. Mary the Virgin.

at., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (24\forall cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. Ivin. Christine M. Carter

2 Eric Edmondson 3 David Redfearn

4 Keith J. Walpole

5 Anthony R. Carter
6 Michael D. Frost
7 Robert E. Hardy
8 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

21st birthday compliment to Janet Pearson.

GREAT GADDESDEN, Herts, St. John the Baptist.

Tues., May 26, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 Cambridge S., 1 St. Clements, 5 Plain Bob). 1 Graham J. Parsons

*2 Jane L. Richards Theresa Wright

4 Jacky M. Neal

5 Michael A. Jackson
6 Stephen J. Crawley (Conductor)
rst peal. A birthday compliment to *First peal. Judy B. Edwards (Hemel Hempstead).

PORTSMOUTH, Hants, Cathedral of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

at., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (25½ cwt.) 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 version.) Composed by J. R. Mayne. Sat.

Christine M. Carter Kenneth J. Darvill

3 Eric Edmondson 4 Claudia A. Critchley 5 G. William Critchley

6 Richard Green

7 Anthony R. Carter
8 Michael D. Frost
9 Martyn L. J. Jordan
10 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

In memoriam Diana M. Frost.

STEVENAGE, Herts, St. Nicholas.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. (14½ cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition.)
*1 Janet L. Pearson

*2 Christine M. Carter

3 Michael D. Frost 4 David C. Brown 5 Jack S. Dear

†6 Anthony R. Carter
7 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
8 George W. Debenham

*First of Stedman. †First of Stedman Triples.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NORTHFLEET, Kent, St. Botolph.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. (16 cwt.) **5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR** Composed by A. Craven.

1 Herbert E. Audsley

Arthur Mason

3 Frederick J. Cullum

4 Trevor A. Cross
5 John W. Smith
*6 Edward C. Stuart
7 Martin L. Howe

†8 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor)
*First of Major. †50th of Yorkshire as conductor. A silver wedding compliment to the conductor and his wife, Sylvia. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Mason.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

KIRKBY LONSDALE, Westmorland, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (12 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (11 extents, 6 240's Grandsire, 7 Plain Bob and 12 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure).

1 Robin S. Bridge 2 Amy M. Warnes *3 Hugh F. Pettifer

4 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) 5 Alan Capstick

*6 Hilary J. Atkinson *First in three methods.

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GREYSTOKE, Cumberland, St. Andrew's Collegiate.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINIMUS

Alan Capstick

2 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) *3 Colin F. Gates

4 Joseph Whalley

*First of Minimus. 150th as conductor. First on the bells. To celebrate the birth of a daughter, Alison, to Barbara and Colin F. Gates. Also a farewell to Rev. W. F. Roan, rector, and warden of Greystoke Pre-Theological College.

AMBLESIDE, Westmorland, St. Mary the Virgin and St. Anne.

Wed., May 27, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (32½ cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

1 Wilfred Williams
2 Maryl R. Fielden
3 Roger W. Wetenhall

Cyril Crossthwaite

5 John G. Gibson 6 John S. Mason 7 John H. Fielden (Conductor)

8 A. Patrick Cannon

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Syston District)

WALTON-LE-WOLDS, Leics, St. Mary. Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (10 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (2 Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Seighford, Dedworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Violet, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Wychbold, Land Charles and Charl Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Cowslip, Grandsire, Newborough and Bluebell).

*1 John H. Sunderland

2 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

3 James Preston

4 Frederick W. Faulkner

†5 Clive J. Mobbs

*First peal. †First in more than one method.

LEICESTER, Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (251 cwt.) **5088 FULHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Arranged by J. R. Mayne.

Jill Staniforth

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin Jennifer M. Taylor

4 Brian Bladon 5 Peter J. Staniforth

6 Martyn L. J. Jordan 7 Thomas J. Lock

8 Roger Baldwin

9 James R. Taylor 10 Frank T. Blagrove

11 Frank C. Price
12 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

First of Maximus in the method.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, Lines.

The Holy Trinity.

Fri., May 22, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (9½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, Plain
Bob, St. Clements, Double Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court).

*1 David Fenson *2 Michael Belcher

3 Margaret A. Parker 4 Phillip H. Reynolds

5 Harold Barsley
6 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor) *First in seven methods. For Patronal Festival.

LINCOLN, St. Giles.

Thur., May 7, 1970, 3hr. (18½ cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 576 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 London, Rutland and Uxbridge,

130 changes of method). Composed by N. Smith. 1 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
*2 Harold F. Gibson
3 Beryl N. Reed

4 Walter Tomlinson

5 John Freeman

*6 Phillip C. Pitchford 7 Geoffrey R. Parker 8 Peter A. Sharp

*First of Spliced Surprise Major. For Ascension Day.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Mdsx, St. Mary.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (19 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Maurice W. Thompson

2 John R. Southey
3 Alice M. Talbot-Ponsonby

*4 Simon Talbot-Ponsonby

5 Christopher K. Hill 6 Clive W. Simpson

7 Leonard J. North
8 Andrew C. D. Mayes (Conductor)
rst attempt. First of Major as con-*First attempt. ductor. For the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby in St. Albans Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN. SWYNNERTON, Staffs, St. Mary.

Tues., April 14, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (71 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

William H. Watkin

Edward R. Fairbrother

Ruth A. E. Fairbrother Jennifer M. Beech

5 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

6 Frank Beech

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH, St. George Colegate. Fri., May 8, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (4 Cambridge, 3 Plain Bob). 1 Gordon Terris

2 Maureen P. Cubitt 3 Susan B. Baker 4 David Cubitt

5 Carole A. H. Patey 6 Martin Cubitt (Conductor)

(The Mancroft Guild)

NORWICH, St. Peter Mancroft.

Sun., May 17, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (37 cwt.)

5069 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by G. Lindoff.

1 David Cubitt

2 Richard J. W. Housden 3 Carole A. H. Patey 4 David Heighton

George Sayer Andrew Salisbury

Martin Cubitt (Conductor) 8 James B. Morley 9 Clifford Bird

10 H. William Barrett (The Colegate Society)
NORWICH, Norfolk, St. Michael-atCoslany.

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (14 cwt.) 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by John Illingworth. *1 Jill Steed

2 Maureen P. Cubitt

Margaret Jenner Gordon K. Terris Martin Cubitt

David Cubitt Carole A. H. Patey

8 John Illingworth (Conductor)

*First peal.

REDENHALL, Norfolk, St. Mary.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (24 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

*1 Sally E. V. Potter

2 Muriel R. Page

3 Dorothy M. Durrant

*4 Brian Whiting

5 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

6 Alan G. Feaver 7 Robin Rogers

*8 Maurice Rose *First of Surprise Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HUGHENDEN, Bucks, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15 cwt.) 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. I. Rowson.

Roland Biggs Arthur Newton

Malcolm S. Loveday

*4 R. Ian West
5 Robert H. Newton (Conductor)
6 Sydney M. Bailey

Peter H. Mackie

8 J. Alan Ainsworth *First of Surprise.

WITNEY, Oxon, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (16 cwt.)
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by D. Knox.
1 Timothy G. Pett
2 Anita D. O'Brien
3 Ronald K. Russ

4 W. Bertram Kynaston

Anthony R. Peake
Lewis F. Cobb
Peter J. Heritage (Conductor)

8 Maurice A. New First of Major as conductor.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON, All Saints.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (21 cwt.) 5056 KINGSTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Denby P. Murduck J. Malcolm Tyler

3 Barry R. Care 4 Edward C. Buckby 5 Eric Billings 6 Alan J. Marks

7 Richard J. Cowley
8 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)

First peal in the method.

KINGSTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR -38-14-1258-16-14-1236-1256-78. Group B. f.c.h. b d o. (Comp. Wratten's No. 30.)

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

MELTON MOWBRAY, Leics, St. Mary. Sat., May 9, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (25 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.)

1 John Turney

Richard J. Tibbetts 3 Muriel Reay 4 Paul W. Webb 5 David J. Bates

6 Stephen W. Barton
7 Maurice F. Edwards
8 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
9 Norman J. Goodman
10 Kenneth J. Hesketh

BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral of St. Philip. Thur., May 21, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (31 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Muriel Reay Richard J. Tibbetts

Vernon Green

4 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
5 Stephen W. Barton
6 Terry R. Hampton
7 Maurice F. Edwards George E. Fearn Kenneth J. Hesketh 10 Peter Border

ERDINGTON, Birmingham, St. Barnabas. Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (15 cwt.) **5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by B. D. Price.

1 John N. Lindon 2 Sidney T. Holt

3 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor) 4 Arthur C. Berry

Vernon Green 6 Terry R. Hampton 7 Maurice F. Edwards 8 George E. Fearn

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Spencer (Wickhamford), married at St. Barnabas' on May 22, 1920.

BRADLEY, Staffs, St. Martin.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (11 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Clive J. Mobbs

*2 Elizabeth Stevens
3 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)

•4 John Turney 5 E. Alan Jacques 6 Roderick W. Pipe 7 Frederick E. Collins 8 Richard C. Stevens •First of London.

SOLIHULL, Warwickshire, St. Alphege. Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. 4min .(21 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 6.) 1 John N. Lindon 2 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor) 3 Ruth M. Border

4 Elizabeth Stevens Richard J. Tibbetts Vernon Green 6

Maurice F. Edwards Richard C. Stevens Norman J. Goodman

10 George E. Fearn

SHIRLEY, Warwicks, St. James the Great. Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (6 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Graham D. Rushton *2 Susie J. Titchener

Solic J. Hicherica 3 Victor H. Nash 4 Raymond J. Weekes 5 Edward T. Lloyd 6 Colin D. Baugh (Conductor)

*First peal. First as conductor. To celebrate the birth of Caroline Anne, firstborn to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Baugh.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MILDENHALL, Wilts, St. John the Baptist.

Sun., May 31, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (11 methods: Fulbeck Bob; St. Clements; Childwall, Buxton; Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst; Plain Bob, Double Bob; Cambridge Surprise; Kent T.B.; Plain Bob).

*1 David I. Herring †2 P. Donald Naylor

3 Ann Toomer 4 Anita D. O'Brien

5 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)

6 Allan Keen

First of Minor. †First in 11 methods.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

BROUGHTON, Staffs, St. Peter Wed., April 15, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (15 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

1 E. John Dolman Julia M. Sanders Penelope Sedgwick

4 Margaret L. Ellwood 5 Clive M. Smith

6 Jeffrey B. Webb 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor) 8 Philip G. K. Davies

21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4th.

BIRMINGHAM, SS. Peter and Paul, Aston. Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (25 cwt.)

5042 PRITTLEWELL S. MAXIMUS Composed by P. Border.

Bruce Martin

2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden

2 String E. Ruddlesden
3 Beryl E. Cawser
4 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
5 J. Edward Cawser
6 W. Eric Critchley
7 Paul A. Williams
8 Stephen Ferrick

8 Stephen Fenwick 9 Barry E. Saunders

10 Alan A. Paul 11 D. John Hunt

12 Richard E. Price

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

MEOLE BRACE, Shrewsbury, Holy Trinity. Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (7 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1 Alfred E. G. Owen
2 Elizabeth Stevens
3 Ernest F. Willcox

4 Reginald H. Newton

5 Neville R. Holland 6 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)

First peal on the bells.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

CUCKNEY, Notts, St. Mary.

Wed., May 20, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (10 cwt.) 5040 ANNABLE'S LONDON S. MINOR

*1 Sandra Ettles

†2 Bryan Birkett 3 Frank Cooke

4 David Chambers 5 Brynley Richards

6 Herbert Rooke (Conductor)

*First of Surprise. †First of Surprise inside. First in method for the guild. A welcome to the Rev. G. S. Marshall.

EAST DRAYTON, Notts, St. Peter.

Tues., May 26, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12\frac{1}{4} cwt.) 5040 ANNABLE'S LONDON S. MINOR

(A 720 and two 2160's.) Christine M. N. Wright

2 Paul N. Mounsey (Conductor)3 Mary C. Poyner4 Harold Denman

5 David W. Jack 6 John A. Coates

First in method by all and in N. Notts. A welcome to Isabel Jane Jack, daughter of the ringer of the 5th, born March 16, and a thanksgiving for her recovery after a serious illness.

SUFFOLK GUILD

IPSWICH, Suffolk, St. Matthew.

Wed., May 20, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain

1 W. Keith Whittell 2 J. Martin Thorley

3 Walter Arnold

4 Alan R. Bridges
5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

6 John L. Girt

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (8 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. 1 Adrian Knights

2 Frank B. Lufkin 3 Katharine M. Thorley

4 Neil V. Avis
5 Ernest G. Pearce
6 Cecil W. Pipe
7 Walter Arnold

8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor) 300th as conductor.

"The desire for perfection is the worst disease that ever afflicted the human mind.'

FONTANES.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk, SS. Peter & Paul. Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 16 min. (21 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 1600 Rutland and London, 320 Bristol, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Cambridge and Yorkshire).

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Wilfred Jarvis

Yvonne A. Towler 3 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

5 Rev. Lawrence K. Filley
4 Dennis A. S. Symonds
5 George W. Pipe
6 J. Barry Pickup
7 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

8 James L. Towler

ROUGHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (15½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 methods: Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and

Plain Bob).

1 Arthur F. Ballam 2 Amanda M. Richmond 3 Sally E. V. Potter 4 Brian E. Whiting

*5 Christopher R. Nunn 6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)

*Most methods to a peal. A birthday compliment to C. R. Nunn and D. G. Rose.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION EASTBOURNE, Sussex, All Saints.

Sun., May 24, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (18 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th observation).

Ann Smith

Rosemary Farley

3 Janet M. Percy 4 Betty Percy *5 Ian V. J. Smith 6 Thomas M. Barlow

*7 Alan R. Baldock (Conductor)

8 Robert W. R. Percy

*50th together. For parish flower festival, and in memoriam Antony Jackson.

BARCOMBE, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (9 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James.

1 Betty Percy 2 Frederick J. Lambert *3 Jacqueline M. Neal 4 Janet M. Percy †5 Thomas M. Barlow

6 Alan R. Baldock (Conductor)

*First of Surprise. †First of Cambridge Minor. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

LOWER BEEDING, Sussex, Holy Trinity.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (16‡ cwt.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.
1 Francesca V. McAlear
2 Ruth E. Halford
3 Harold F. Wood

4 Christopher G. Renyard
5 Patrick M. Wills
6 James H. Lilley

7 E. Winifred Keys (Conductor)

8 Frank H. Hicks

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

LLANIDLOES, Montgomeryshire, St. Idloes.

Sat, May 30, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (9 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Rosalie E. Watkins

2 Keith A. Morgan
3 David E. P. Watkins
*4 Margaret D. Twigg
5 Susan E. Davis (Conductor)

†6 Roy T. R. Falder
*First on six. †First peal. First as conductor. By a band from Aberystwyth in honour of the National Eisteddfod of the Welsh League of Youth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EPWORTH, Lincolnshire, St. Andrew.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (17 cwt.) **5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by I. M. Holland. Marie Hatswell

2 Iris M. E. Lemare 3 Frank C. Price 4 Patricia North

5 M. Alec Beaumont 6 Neil Donovan

Ian North

8 Richard E. Price (Conductor)

GUISELEY, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (16½ cwt.) 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (1344 Yorkshire, 1344 Lincolnshire, 1280 Cambridge, 1216 Rutland, 150 changes of method).

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

1 Ian North

2 Marianne Baker 3 Iris M. E. Lemare

*4 Marie Hatswell

5 Patricia North 6 M. Alec Beaumont

7 Neil Donovan

8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor) *First spliced.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorks, St. Thomas Ap. Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (181 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

Neil Donovan

2 Marianne Baker 3 Marie Hatswell

4 Patricia North

5 M. Alec Beaumont 6 David Nichols

7 Malcolm S. Turner

8 Ian North (Conductor)

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire, St. Giles.

Sun., May 24, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (18 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by F. C. Price.

Patricia North

2 Frank C. Price (Conductor)

4 Iris M. E. Lemare 5 Peter J. Wycherley

6 Ian North

Richard E. Price 8 Geoffrey R. Drew 9 Cecil W. Pipe

10 Thomas J. Lock

SHAROW, Yorkshire, St. John.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.) 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR (27-course block reduced.)

27-course block

1 Keith G. Game

2 Judith M. Corby

3 Valerie J. Howard

4 Philip M. J. Gray

5 John A. Howard

6 Richard Hayes

7 Trevor A. Cross 8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

Handbells

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (15 in C.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Bruerton's 12-part.)

1-2 Gerald Moorhouse

3-4 J. David Atkinson 5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor) 7-8 Peter Broadbent

MARPLE, Cheshire, 315 Windlehurst Rd. Tues., April 28, 1970, 2hr. 4min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents) 1-2 Ronald F. Andrew 3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

*5-6 Michael Foulds *First on handbells.

BUERTON, Cheshire, 4 Windmill Close.

Thur., May 28, 1970, 1hr. 45min. (18 in G.) '5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-2 Geoffrey A. Edwards 3-4 John R. Scott 5-6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Wed., May 6, 1970, 1hr. 42min. (14 in D.) Wed., May 6, 1970, 1nr. 42min. (14 in D.)

5040 MINOR (10 methods: Double Court
and London; Reverse and College; Plain
and Double; Single Oxford; St. Clements;
Original; Single Court).

1-2 Joseph Whalley
3-4 Mary W. Whalley
5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Fri., May 22, 1970, 1hr. 38min. (14 in D.) 5040 MINOR (14 methods: Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob; Double Court and London; Plain and Double; Hereward and Double Oxford; Original and Single Court; Reverse and College; St. Clements College and Single Oxford).

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GLENFIELD, Leics, 22 Groby Road. Tues. May 12, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (15 in C.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by J. Carter.
1-2 David F. Moore
3-4 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)

5-6 Robert B. Smith 7-8 Alfred Ballard *9-10 John M. Jelley 11-12 John B. Bramley

*First of Stedman Cinques on handbells.

LEICESTER, 150 Narborough Road South. Wed., May 20, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (15 in C.) 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by F. H. Dexter. *1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor) 5-6 Alfred Ballard †7-8 Gerald Penney

9-10 David F. Moore 11-12 John M. Jelley

*First of Stedman Cinques. †First of Stedman on handbells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Sheffield and District)

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, The Belfry of All Saints.

Thur., May 28, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lewis.

*1-2 Marie Hatswell

*3-4 Neil Donovan *5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

7-8 Malcolm S. Turner *First handbell peal.

(Sheffield and District)

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, The Belfry of All Saints.

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by F. N. Golden.

1-2 Marie Hatswell 3-4 Neil Donovan

5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor) 7-8 Malcolm S. Turner

OSSETT, Yorkshire, 33 Kingsway Avenue. Sun., May 31, 1970, 1hr. 35min. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (5 methods: 1 each Sandal, London Scholars, Oxford, Kent, 3 Plain Bob)

1-2 Margaret White 3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

A.N.Z.A.B. FESTIVAL

This year's annual A.N.Z.A.B Festival was held at Sydney from June 13 to 15. Organiser was Ross W. Bampton, assisted by Enid Robert, Cathy McLachlan, Del-wyn Logan and Ralph Clark.

The attractive programme included ringing at all of Sydney's ten towers, the only doubtful one being Christ Church St. Lawrence. Two ringing tours were arranged for the Saturday afternoon, followed by the annual dinner at Sydney University. Sunday was occupied by service ringing and two afternoon tours. The annual meeting was at St. Mary's Cathedral Chapter House, which was followed by supper at Enid

Roberts' flat at Petts Point.

After general ringing at St. Andrew's

Cathedral on Monday morning a harbour
cruise was planned and a barbecue (weather

permitting).

Midland Counties Guild.

EXAMPLES OF LONG SERVICE

Veterans were very much in evidence at the 24th A.G.M. of the guild held at Burton. Mr. Arthur E. Rowley, who presided, welcomed Mr. F. Bailey (76), of Suffolk fame, now living at Castle Bromwich. Another was the hon. treasurer, Mr. Joseph Brittan, who recently attained 70 years' church service, and he was thanked for his services to the guild as treasurer since its foundation.

Another foundation officer was Mr. J. W. Cotton (hon, secretary). The meeting was reminded that the peal at Overseal on December 13 marked the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and the sole survivor of that occasion was Mr.

Cotton.

The annual report stated that while Sunday service ringing in some towers was below par, peal ringing had continued to thrive, 40 peals having been rung. Mr. L. Haywood was the only ringer to achieve his first peal. Mr. Roland Beniston was the leading conductor, having guided the "Tuesday" band successfully through a number of new methods. He had conducted 31 out of the 32 peals, and the leading peal ringer was Mr. A. E. Rowley (39).

A noteworthy restoration took place at Kingsbury, where after much work by Mr. G. H. Lane and his band the six had been replaced by a fine ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.). The guild's outing had been to Newcastle on Tyne, at the invitation of the president (Mr. Benjamin Worthington), who entertained the members to luncheon.

Officers elected for 1970 were: President, Officers elected for 1970 were: President, Mr. B. Worthington; vice-president, Mr. A. E. Rowley; chairman, Mr. W. Leach; ringing master, Mr. G. H. Lane; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; auditor, Mr. G. Brown; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; assistant secretary, Mr. J. K. Smith; committee members, Messrs. J. K. Smith, N. W. Attaway, D. P. Jones and G. R. Roobottom.

CHURCH SERVICE REINSTATED

In any other business a proposal by Mr. Welton that a service should be reinstated at annual meetings was adopted. It was mentioned that a special festival would take place near Leicester next year, when the four associations, of which the Midland Counties is one, which were formed out of the old Midland Counties' Association in 1946 would jointly celebrate their 25th anniversary.

The meeting was attended by representatives from 19 towers, and eight new members were elected, viz.: Nigel Richards, Ian Crofts, Julie Latham, Alison Moore, Maureen Critchley, all of Kingsbury; Michael Brooks of Winshill; Jacqueline Daisley of Drayton Bassett; and Jane Myatt

of Polesworth.

Southwell Guild.

CUP CONTEST AT COTGRAVE

The Bingham District Crawford Cup contest took place at Cotgrave on May 9, when six teams entered. The winners were Whatton, with Langar second and Cotgrave third. The judges were Messrs. D. Stainsby and R. Cooke, Mr. W. L. Exton expressed thanks to the judges, and to the Rev. J. Stephenie for supplying refreshments. R. B.

The Mansfield District Crawford Cup contest was held at Selston on May 16.
Only two teams competed, the winners being Warsop with 59 faults to Greasley's 76. The adjudicator was Mr. Malcolm Phipps of Chesterfield. The next meeting will be at Teversal and Sutton.

Obituary

HORACE OWEN OVER

With much sadness and a deep sense of loss we record the passing of Horace Owen Over, tower captain at Hugglescote Church, Leicester, on May 24, who was a ringer of some 60 years standing. He learned to ring at the age of 12, and his name appears on a peal board in Kirby Muxloe belfry to a peal rung in 1912, when he was 14. At the time of his death Horace was 72 and still active in his favourite occupationteaching learners, almost to the day of his death, which came with great suddenness.

He served Hugglescote Parish Church as a ringer for over 40 years, and was a member of the Church Council. He was also president of the Hugglescote Old People's

Fellowship for many years.

Horace must have taught hundreds in his time, and it is for this he will be chiefly remembered in local ringing circles. The writer remembers with gratitude all his help and guidance during the early years of his ringing. Horace's favourite method was Stedman, and he would take a great delight in helping one through a course, and if a learner was keen, Horace was the man to push him.

Horace would always help others and stand out of touches to do so. He was an honorary life member of the Leicester Guild and he had served as a member of the committee since the early days, and was chairman of the Leicester District from 1961 to 1963. He rang 33 peals for the Leicester Guild, not a large total, but his talent lay in other directions.

Fellow ringers paid their tribute by a half-muffled touch at Hugglescote on May 31. He will be sadly missed as a ringer and will remain long in our memories.

Guildford Guild.

1,000 YEARS OF WORSHIP

About 40 ringers of the Farnham Dis-About 40 fingers of the Farman District and a few visitors gathered at the beautiful old church of All Saints, Crondall, Hants, on May 30. In his short address during the guild service the vicar (Rev. J. W. R. Hunt) remarked that next year would mark the 1,000th year of worthing the Condall. ship at Crondall.

The company enjoyed the tea in the church rooms, provided by the ladies of Crondall, and this was followed by the

business meeting.

The master, Mr. T. Page, announced that the outing (to the Swindon area) was in danger of being cancelled through lack of support and appealed to those present to act immediately.

It was also announced that practices had restarted at Crondall on Fridays. Mr. W. Arnold (Crondall) thanked all who were helping to establish the practice.

Thanks to all who helped organise the

meeting ended the business. A.E.

Letter.

AN ACT OF PRAISE

Dear Sir,—Recent letters have again brought to light that there are still a few who separate service ringing from hymns, psalms, etc., in the act of praise and thanks-giving. This is to be regretted as it does untold harm to the young enlightened of today when they attempt to find an instance where Our Lord forbade anyone to join his gatherings.—Yours faithfully, L. D. MILLS.

Bures, Suffolk.

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Editorial

OTHER HOBBIES

"I must admit this meant more to me

than a dozen peals."

So wrote Mr. Peter Wycherley in our last issue about his other hobby, bird watching, and for a keen ringer and regular member of peal bands to get such pleasure and enjoyment from bird-watching must mean quite a lot. And he invites others to join him in a joint ringing-bird watching tour, for the two interests can easily be combined.

There must be many enthusiastic ringers who combine other hobbies with bellringing. We know a keen gardener who makes a point of observing trees and shrubs in churchyards and he manages to get a cutting or two from rare specimens which may often he found in such places. He feels considerable satisfaction in seeing the first new leaf from such cuttings.

Perhaps our readers would write and tell us of their other interests, and we will summarise them for the benefit of ringers

who may have similar tastes.

A popular West Surrey ringer, Mr. J. Martin Kirk, is leaving Guildford for Leicestershire. He has accepted a graded teaching appointment at Groby from next September. Guildford Cathedral belfry will miss his services.

First peal congratulations to Roy Felder, Susie Titchener, Simon Talbot-Pon-sonby, Jill Steed, Jane Richards, John Sun-derland, Diana Pobjoy, Susan Williams, Patrick Neill, Sarah Tiley and Wesley A.

Personal Records.—Alan D. Flood (100 peals), Ronald F. Andrew (50), Edward V. Rodenhurst (750).

A New Method.—Kingsthorpe Surprise Major, by the Peterborough Guild, at Kingsthorpe.

First time conductors.—Susan Davis and

Colin Baugh.

May a plea be made to the powers that be that if the time-honoured Whitsun weekend must be abandoned, some degree of "fixity" be given to the appearance of the Bank Holiday, e.g. the Monday nearest June 1. This would greatly assist those without five-year calendars or a computer and lacking clairvoyance, writes the secretary of the Medical Guild.

The treble bell at St. Mary Magdalene's, Fleet, Lincs, is temporarily out of action due to the headstock being in very bad repair. The only solution seems to be to have a new headstock made. At present only the back five can be rung, as to ring the treble could cause considerable danger. Any donations towards getting this fine old ring of six ringing again would be most gratefully received.

The recent peal on the rehung bells at Walton-le-Wolds, Leics, was a thanksgiving and a farewell. The rector (Rev.
T. J. Martin) is shortly leaving for South Africa, and it gave him great pleasure to dedicate the bells. Mr. B. Stedman Payne tells us his father was one of a group of young men who cycled some distance to learn to ring at Walton—and sometimes had to help mow the churchyard before being allowed to ring.

Belfry Gossip

A quarter peal at Dewsbury included a father and daughter, father and son and husband and wife. (A family affair!) There is no ringing at Sapcote, Leics, for

a while as the local band are carrying out a "do-it-yourself" job on the frame and in the ringing room.

Cargrave, Yorks, bells are being rehung this week by John Taylor and Co. (Lough-

Capable young ringers willing to escort a veteran to the meeting at Bishopsgate on June 27 and perhaps ring for a wedding should contact J. Euston, 28 Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16.

Mr. J. W. Cotton, who has been the popular hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Guild since its formation 24 years ago, has been discharged from hospital following a major operation. He thanks the many ringers who sent messages of good wishes.

Four members of Wareham Wanderers' peal tour, while on a pre-breakfast stroll, found a newly-born calf wedged in a ditch. They alerted the farmer and watched its

Amongst the 80 at the Hereford Guild Festival on May 25 was Mr. Charles Williams, of Welshpool, who at the age of 86 had travelled on his moped to Church Stretton before getting a car lift for the remainder of the journey to Ledbury.

The band in the peal at Banwell, Som, on May 16 would like to associate the name of Brenda Sheppard, who could not ring because of illness, and to thank Sarah Tiley for taking part at short notice.

St. Michael's C. of E. School, Green Lane, Bolton, are looking for a reasonably cheap set of handbells for their school orchestra, and anyone who can help should contact Miss K. Harrison, the headmistress.

A very welcome return to the quarter peal columns is made by Tom Strangeway, of Rothwell, Yorks, now in his 71st year. Although unable to get to the tower, Tom is enjoying ringing handbells again after a lapse of many years, and we look forward to seeing his name in the peal columns before very long, as he needs just ten peals for his 200.

"With reference to the quarter peal analysis published on May 15, "Nil" was analysis published on May 13, Nil was shown against Surrey for quarters of Cinques. I must point out that three were in fact rung at St. John's, Croydon, during 1969, all of which were published in The Ringing World," writes a correspondent (whose signature is indecipherable (Ed.))

Writing about the "Holsworthy Church Bells" tune, Mr. B. E. Bartlett, of Torquay, adds: Dr. Wesley was organist at Exeter Cathedral and, in his spare time, fished the Devon streams and presumably did not neglect the Tamar upper reaches, about five miles away on the road to Bude and Cornwall. No doubt it would be his frequent hearing of Holsworthy bells while in that corner of Devon which formed his inspiration.

And Mr. B. Woolley, of Wythall, Worcs, writing about Dr. Wesley, tells us that he was for a period music master at Hereford Cathedral.

Ilkley Interludes . . .

A rose by any other name? When the Monday coach tour party arrived for lunch at the Rose and Crown, Bainbridge, the tables were marked "Reserved for Mr. Mundy's party," another had "Mr. Monday's party, whilst a third had "Mr. Munnday's party." Nevertheless it was a good meal

The tea interval gave a group of Council members the opportunity to debate the proceedings in private and a somewhat heated discussion was well under way about what one called the apparent waste of time on Sunday evening discussing the Interim Report and then going over the whole thing again on Tuesday. Fortunately the meeting was resumed and the participants in the argument were seen to be seated well apart during the remainder of the time. Maybe it was continued at the close of the business. . . .

The good Samaritan for several who were attending the gathering was Miss Doris Colgate, of Seyenoaks. She not only spent the whole of Tuesday taking notes, copying lists of names, and "spotting" the speakers whom the Editor did not recognise, but in the evenings-and during the daytime—sho acted as baby-sitter and general "wet nurse" to anyone in need! Thank you, Doris!

Following a rather lively discussion on Tuesday afternoon, the president (Mr. John Freeman) finally quietened the speakers and asked: "Has anyone else any wish to comment?" and immediately the fire siren behind the building began to wail -much to everyone's amusement.

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The acclamation following the vote of thanks accorded the president at the end of Tuesday's discussions was well deserved, for during the warm day the somewhat temperamental attitude of some speakers, the verbosity of others and a tendency at times, for members to talk amongst themselves instead of through the chair—all was handled by Mr. Freeman with firmness, with tact and with his natural patience and good humour. He looked very tired at the close, but still managed a smile and a cheery wave of farewell before making for Lincoln.

"You are doing more for the glory of God and the good of your fellowmen than you can possibly know." — Rt. Rev. F. Stanford, Bishop of Cariboo, in a message to the ringers of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, British Columbia.

"I thought we had a good C.C. meeting. If only all the fine expressions were put into action and seen through to the end! (q.v. Drake's Prayer: 'It is not the beginning of a task . . .')"—A writer's comment.
Owners of "Dove" may care to amend

their copy, giving Newington-next-Sitting-bourne, a new tenor weight of 11 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. flat in F sharp. Practice nights will be on Tuesdays, 7.30-9, and any visitors are assured of a warm welcome. Peal ringing will be somewhat limited at first, when local bands will be given preference, a maximum of four attempts per year being allowed and a fee of 10s. per attempt being prepaid.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, HENFIELD, SUSSEX



The Parish of Henfield is centrally situated in Sussex, occupying a pleasant position on the north side of the South Downs, 12 miles from Brighton.

The earliest recorded history of the Church of St. Peter dates back to 770, when Osmund, King of the West Saxons, agreed to assign "fifteen hides of land for the endowment of the Church of the Blessed Apostle Peter in Hanefield"—and this mention of the dedication of the church is said to be the earliest in Sussex of which there is a record.

The majority of Sussex churches were built of wood, and with forest timber so close it is probable that the original structure, of which no trace remains, was wooden. Of the present building, the oldest part would seem to be the masonry of the lancet windows in the vestry, and the arcading and pillars of the nave and the chancel arch all date from the late 13th century. Despite additions and modern alterations, it is still the oldest building existing in the village; parts of it go back for not less than 700 years.

The site of the church is the highest point above sea level in the village. The roof of the nave is tiled in local Sussex stone, as is the tower, and in the Perpendicular style of the 15th century. The Parham Chapel is a beautiful example of Perpendicular work and is possibly the most interesting feature of the church, being the Chapel or Chantry of the Bysshopp family.

Thomas Bysshopp, who resided at the house close to the church (now known as Parsonage House), was the legal representative of the Bishop of Chichester, Lord of this Manor. He died in 1599, and his likeness is depicted in a floor brass beside the altar. His grandson, Henry Bysshopp, is commemorated by a marble tablet. An ardent Royalist, he is said to have secreted himself with his dog, which did not betray the hiding place by barking when the searchers came. Henry Bysshopp was subsequently appointed as the first Postmaster General, and introduced the system of postmarks in 1661.

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The vestry contains the only piece of ancient glass in the church—the top panel of the left-hand window. On the floor of the vestry is a brass dated 1627. The church plate contains an alms dish and two patens engraved with the Cheale coat of

arms (1753). Other features are the font, of simple English design (about 1250), the mediæval parish chest with three hasps, and the 18th century mute chest.

The tower was built in 1450 and contains a ring of eight, which were recast in 1913 when the open ringers' gallery was constructed. They were hung in steel and iron frames by Taylors of Loughborough, and before the rehanging were rung from ground level. Early history records that a bell was purchased about 1607 but nothing of it is known.

In 1724 the return to the Bishop reports five bells, and in 1733 a tenor bell was added, cast (or recast) by Richard Phelps of Whitechapel. This was used for the knell, and until 30 years ago was rung at intervals for an hour as soon as a death had occurred—three strokes for a man and two for a woman. What happened to the earlier bells is not recorded but in 1738 three more were added, to make four, and were completed to a ring of six by the addition of a treble, and another in 1755. The seventh and tenor bell were added in 1892, and the whole ring recast in 1913.

INSCRIPTIONS UPON THE BELLS

Treble.—3-3-27, E. Glory to God, on Earth Peace Christmas 1892 S. S. Dunlop, Vicar J. E. Hall, James Martin, Churchwardens. Recast 1913.

Second.—4-0-22, D sharp. Serve Faithfully with Heart and Hand our God and Church, our Queen and Land. The two trebles purchased with subscriptions collected by James Martin, Churchwarden. Recast 1913.

Third.—4-3-26, C sharp. Lester & Pack of London Fecit The gift of Philip Cheale, Esqr. 1755. Recast 1913.

Fourth.—5-3-9, B. Lester & Pack of London Fecit. Recast 1913.

Fifth.—7-1-11, A. S K 1738. Recast 1913.

Sixth.—8-3-17, G sharp. T. Mears of London Fecit 1813. Recast 1913.

Seventh.—12-0-21, F sharp. Richard Wooluen Church Warden S K 1738. The Whole of this Peal was recast by John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough in the Year

1913. Reginald J. Lea, Vicar J. Eardley Hall, John Baines, Churchwardens.

Tenor.—16-2-7, E. Nicholas Goffe Wm. Durrant Ch: Wardens. R: Phelps Londini Fecit 1733. The amount necessary for the recasting of this bell was subscribed by the parishioners of Henfield. To the Glory of God and in Grateful Memory of William Wakeford B.A. Priest Vicar of this parish 1899-1912. 1913.

The old church chest referred to earlier was opened in 1927 and its contents carefully examined by Mr. Welch, a churchwarden, and he wrote an account of the event that year. He referred to the annual accounts of the churchwardens rendered for the year 1675, to "John Vinnall for mending bellwheele . . . 1 shilling" "For oyle for the Bells . . . 1 shilling 1 penny"—and the present secretary for the ringers holds a receipt dated May 19, 1756, for work done during the year 1755 for £2 14s. 8d., as follows:—

June ye 27 for 1 day my self An uncle William Vinall 0. 04. 0. July ye 29 for 3 days my self An father An prentice An 0. 17. 6. August ye 7 for 3 days my self An Father An prentis An boy 17. 6. The same day for half a hundred of 6 pne nails 0. Ye 11 for 2 days my self An father An boy December ye 27 for half a 08. day my self Ye 30 for 1 day An half my 01. self An prentis About ye clockcase 05. 14. 8.

Mr. Frank Cruttenden has been captain for many years and his enthusiasm and energy is illustrated by the fact that he had 100 per cent. attendance for practice and service ringing in 1969. He participated in a peal of Stedman Triples in 1918 for World War I victory, and in 1940 was ready to ring in the event of invasion. He began ringing in 1915 and was taught by his father-in-law. His wife, Mrs. Catherine Cruttenden, was the first lady ringer admitted to the tower, the then vicar (Canon Lea) having given consent in 1938 for the admission of ladies as ringing members. Mrs. Cruttenden is still an active member of the tower, as also is their son, David.

Another long-serving member is Mr. Fred Parsons, a member of the tower since 1915, and the vice-captain, Mr. E. Packham, has been ringing in the Henfield tower since 1945.

This year St. Peter's are arranging a festival in celebration of and thanksgiving for the 1,200 years during which a church has stood on the present site and the ringing members will be taking an active part.

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BIRTH

ASTRIDGE.—To Marilyn and Derek, on June 10, 1970, at Derby City Hospital, a son, Simon George, a brother for Siân. 9062

MARRIAGE

GRANT — MURRELLS. — The marriage took place at Holy Trinity, Haddenham, on June 6, of Robin Grant and Kathy Murrells. New address is 71 Whyteleafe Hill, Whyteleafe, Surrey. Phone: 01-660 1098.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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WRIGHT. — Angela has now moved to 26 Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet, Herts. Phone: 440 3002.

PERSONAL

"O tarry thou the Lord's leisure; be strong and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord."—Psalm xxvii, 16.
Will Mr. R. S. Starkie, of 107 Park Road,

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EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—District practice, Ingatestone, Wed., June 24, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. H. 9016

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Marshfield (8),
Mon., June 22, 7.30 p.m. 9024

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.
—Evening meeting, Welton, Sat., July 4. Bells
(6) from 6-9. All welcome.—G. R. P. 9061

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk, on Fri., June 26. Bells 7.30—9 p.m. Double Norwich and Surprise methods. 9029

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch.
—Monthly practice, Sat., June 20, Edlesborough,
6.30—8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White, 9007
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Fri., June 19, at Shottesbrook (6), from 7.30 p.m.—A. L. Pearson.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Evening practice, St. Giles', on 2nd Thurs. and at St. Peter's on 4th Thurs. of each month, 7.30 p.m. 9042

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Calne Branch.—Evening meeting, Compton Bassett, on June 20. Bells 5 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. 9039

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Easton-in-Gordano (6), June 20. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8823

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry
Archdeaconry. — Monthly meeting, June 20.
Ringing: Berkeswell (6), 3-4 p.m.; Meriden (5),
4-5. Tea, Allesley, 5.15. Evening ringing, Allesley (8), 6.15-7.30 p.m., approx. Names for tea,
please, to 636 Allesley Old Road (Cov. 76413).
—lan F. Garvie, Dis. Sec. 9026

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District. — Meeting, Houghton, Sat., June 20. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Hull Surprise Minor. — M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9011

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Meeting, Stoke D'Abernon, June 20. Bells 15.00. Service 16.30. Tea 17.00. Names for tea to Wendy Gilbert, 15 D'Abernon Drive, Stoke D'Abernon (Tel.: Cobham 2789). District committee meeting after tea to appoint a master for the remainder of the year, following Alan Smith's resignation.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Striking competition, Aston, June 20, 3 p.m. All visitors welcome. Open ringing until 8.30 p.m. after tea. Tea and light refreshments available.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, — St. Albans District. — Meeting, South Mimms, Sat., June 20, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing, Monken Hadley, 6.30—8. Names for tea to Miss T. West, 58 Brookside, South Mimms, Potters Bar, Middx.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 8998

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Biddenden, Sat., June 20. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify H. Deacon, 30 The Meadows, Biddenden, Ashford.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Bottesford, June 20. Bells: Long Clawson, 12.15—1.15 p.m.; Hose, 1.15—2; Harby, 2-2.30; Granby, 2.30—3.15; Orston, 3.15–4; Bottesford, 3—4.15. Service 4.30 p.m. at Bottesford, followed by tea In Village Hall. Names, please, to Mr. L. B. Box, 45 Belvoir Road, Bottesford, Nottingham, or Mrs. S. N. Hall (Gaddesby 294). Ringing at Bottesford after meeting. — Ron D. Hughes, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8901

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch.—Striking competition, Sat., June 20, at Horbling (6), 2.45 p.m. Names for tea to V. P. Evans, 9 Dale Road, Grantham, Lincs, by June 13.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8995

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—St. John the Baptist, Pinner, Sat., June 20. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by service and business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8985

POLICE GUILD. — South Western District.— Summer meeting, Exeter, June 20. Towers: Broadclyst, 1.45—2.30; Whipton St. Mark's, 2.45-3.30; Heavitree, 3.45—4.30; Cathedral, 6-8, by invitation. Tea 4.45, Topsham Congregational Hall. Names early, please, to R. W. Berry, 45 Retreat Road, Topsham.—G. Davis, Sec. 9046 STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—
A.G.M., Lichfield, Sat., June 20. St. Mary s (8) available 2.30—3.15 p.m. and after 7.15 p.m. Cathedral (10), 3—4.15 and after meeting. St. Michael's (6), 3.30—4.15 and, together with St. Chad's (4), after meeting. Service in Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in St. Michael's Hall. Names for tea (seating limited), please, to Mrs. C. M. Smith, 29 Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, WS13 7NH (Tel.: Lich. 4539).—C.M.S., Hon. Sec. 9004

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kidderminster, June 20. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me. No name, no teal—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec., 14 Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN AS-SOCIATION. — Southern District. — A.G.M. at Heighington, Sat., June 27. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. O. Robinson, 41 West Green, Heighington, Co. Durham, by Thurs., June 25.

EAST DERBYSHIRE and WEST NOTTS AS-SOCIATION.—Meeting, Sat., June 27, at Ault Hucknall. Bells (5) 3-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Ernest Sollis, 4 Lime Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, NG17 4BS, by Fri., June 26.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Brockworth (6),
June 27, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. at Barnwood
(8). Bells available after tea and meeting.
Names for tea to P. Gould, 139 Deans Way,
Gloucester, GL1 20B, by June 24.
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — Striking competition, Ash, Sat., June 27, commencing 3.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. A. Smart, Rathlin, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, by previous Wed., please. Normal ringing after tea. — S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9052

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Sat., June 27, Leicester. Committee meeting, Fri., June 26, 7.45 p.m., in Church House, Leicester. Ringing arrangements for Saturday: Aylestone (8), 9–9.45 a.m.; South Wigston (8), 9.45–10.30 a.m.; Wigston Magna (8), 10.30–11.15 a.m.; St. John's (10), 11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8), 12.30–1.15 p.m.; Birstall (8), 1.30–2.15 p.m.; Anstey (8), 2.30–3.15 p.m.; Leicester Cathedral (12), 3–4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., St. Margaret's, Leicester, followed by tea in St. Margaret's, Leicester, followed by meeting. Ringing, St. Margaret's, 6–8 p.m., and All Saints', Leicester, 7.30–8 p.m. Social at the Blackbird Hotel, Blackbird Road, Leicester. The inclusive price for tea and social will be 10s.; if only tea required 6s. 6d. Names, please, to Mrs. M. Jelley, 17 Linley Green, Cosby, Leics, together with cash. 8695

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.
—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 27, Charlwood.
Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.
Names for tea to Mrs. C. Gosling, 20 The Glebe,
Vicarage Lane, Horley, by previous Wednesday.
Evening ringing at Leigh.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — Practice meeting, Brede, June 27. Bells available 3-4.30 and 6-8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. — Christine Baldock, Div. Sec. 9059

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—
Andover District. — Quarterly meeting, Woolton
Hill (6), Sat., June 27, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Pack, Long
Spinney, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks. Highclere (8) from 6.15.—M. S. Goss, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.
—Annual meeting, Sat., June 27, at Calverley.
Bells (8) 3-4.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Name for tea to Mr. P.
Dawson, 34 Carr Road, Calverley, Pudsey, by
Tues., June 23.—A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec.
8987

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Association quarterly meeting, New Mills (8), July 4. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Special knife and fork tea, cost 8s. 6d., at parish "Strawberry Fayre" from 4 p.m. onwards. Please send names to Mr. N. Holt, 23 Pingot Lane, New Mills, Stockport, SK12 4JH (Tel.: N.M. 2123).

—F. Ross, Gen. Sec. 9056

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be at Fenny Compton on Sat., July 4. Service 4.30 and tea in the village hall at 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Brailes, 10–11 a.m.; Tysoe, 10.45–11.45; Butler's Marston, 11.30–12.30; Kineton, 2–2.30; Harbury, 2.30–3.30; Burton Dassett, 3.15–4.15; Fenny Compton (3), 4–4.30; Burton Dassett, 6.30–7.30; Ladbroke, 7-8; Napton, 8-9. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, near Leamington Spa (Tel.: Fenny Compton 387), by July 2.—H. M. W.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. -- N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cadleigh, Sat., July 4. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business after. 9031

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District. — Quarterly meeting, Tunbridge Wells, July 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4 William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by not later than June 30.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Eastern Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire District) .--- A joint meeting will be held at Ingoldmells (B) on Sat., July 4. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Rev. C. I. Miller, The Rectory, Sea Lane, Ingoldmells, Skegness, by June 29.—R. Reynolds (Mrs.), Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting at Little Houghton on Sat., July 4. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Henman, 1 Church Lane, Brafield, Northampton (Cogenhoe 748), by Tuesday previous.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

—Annual festival, Brecon, Sat., July 4. St.

Mary's bells (8) available 2–3.30 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please, by June 27.

J. A. Hoare, 6 Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach. Swansea, Glam, SA5 8EL. 9060

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham Festival, July 11. Ringing at All Saints (8), St. Mary (10), St. Peter (12), Aspley (8), Basford (8), Bulwell (8), Lenton (8), Wilford (5) and Wollaton (6), 1.30—2.15 p.m. A "rise and fall" contest at West Bridgford, starting at 2.45 p.m. Open to any teams of six ringers. Tea 5 p.m. Bookings for tea and further details from G. A. Dawson, 63 Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Not-paraling on receipt of s.a.e. Social gathering 19038 SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD .-- Nottingham in evening.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Summer Festival, Bodmin, July 11. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Other towers available, 2.30-4 and 6-8: Lanhydrock, St. Mabyn, Roche; Cardynham (afternoon only).—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 9048

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Service 6 p.m. Saffron Walden 6.45-8.30

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS Quarterly meeting **HERTFORD**

Saturday, July 11 Bengeo (8), 2.45-4.15.

Tea 4.30 in Congregational Church Hall, Cowbridge, followed by meeting. All Saints (10), 6.45-8.15.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Learnington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB (Farnborough, Kent 53666), by July 8.

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New Alresford (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m. Farnham (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m. Farnham (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m.
Petersfield (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m.
Bentley (6), 11.00 a.m.-12 noon.
Liss (8), 11.00 a.m.-12 noon.
Ropley (6), 11.00 a.m.-12 noon.
Selborne (5), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
Newton Valance (5), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
Froyle (6), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
Froyle (6), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 2.30-3.30 p.m.
Binsted (6), 12 noon-1.00 p.m. and 2.00-3.00 p.m.

Chawton (6), 12 noon-2.00 p.m. and 6.30-7.30

p.m. Alton (8), 12 noon-4.00 p.m. and 6.30-8.00

p.m.

Festival service 4.00 p.m.

Preacher: Rev. P. W. Gallup (Buriton, Hants), chairman of the Alton and Petersfield District, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Lunches available between 12 noon and 2.00 p.m. Three courses at local hotel: steak and kidney pie or ham salad (9s.). Tea at Assembly Rooms, 5 p.m. (6s. 6d.). Both by ticket only. Please send money with request for tickets by previous Monday, July 13, stating hot/cold lunch.—C. Chennell-White, Shalford, 38 Bolle Road, Alton, Hants. 9028

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the St. Edburg's Parish Centre, Bicester, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 27

Service 6 p.m., Bicester Parish Church. Names for tea, together with remittance (3s. 6d. per person) and s.a.e., to Mr. C. Kinch, 3 The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7AN, before Sat., June 20 Towers available (all subject to cancellation and alteration of time, previous list cancelled):

10.30-11.30 Middleton Stoney (6), Brill (6) (Flower Festival) Caversfield (5)

10.45-11.45

Wootton (Woodstock) (6), Ludgershall (5) Wootton Underwood (6) Stratton Audley (5), Piddington (5) 11.00-12.00

11.30-12.30

12.00- 1.00

12.30- 1.30 Charlton-on-Otmoor (5), Launton (6)

1.00- 2.00 Bicester (8)

7.00- 8.00 Bicester (8), Ambrosden (8), Middleton Stoney (6) Kidlington (8), practice night Islip (8), Woodstock (8)

7.15- 8.15

7.30- 8.30

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1.45- 2.30 Spalding (8)

Whaplode (6) Pinchbeck (8) 2.00- 3.00

2.00- 3.00 2.30- 4.15 Moulton (6)

3.00- 4.00 Fulney (8)

7.00- 9.00 Moulton (6)

Surfleet (12) 7.00- 8.00

7.30- 8.30 Deeping St. Nicholas (6)

7.30- 8.30 Holbeach (8)

8.00- 9.00 Bicker (8) 8.00- 9.00 Lutton (6)

At MOULTON

4.15-5.00 Service 5.00-6.00 Tea

6.00-7.00 Handbell ringing

On the Harrox playing field there will be a cricket match in progress, which visitors may like to watch during the afternoon and evening. Bowling facilities will be available for those who wish to use them.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION .- Axbridge Branch.-Practice, Cheddar (8), June 27, 5 p.m.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Crewe Branch) and SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Market Drayton, June 27. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 24, please.—W. Kerr, 107 Moreton Road, Crewe.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Meeting, Thrybergh, Sat., June 27. Bells (6) from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only. 9065

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Surprise Major practice, Shalford, on Thurs., June 25, 7.30. Methods: London, Bristol, Pudsey and Watford.—D. J. T. 9072

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Luton District.—Evening meeting, Husborne Crawley, Sat., June 27. Bells from 5 p.m. 9067

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

1970 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1970 A.G.M. will be held

on July 4 at Basingstoke.

Arrangements are as follows:—

1.30 p.m. Executive committee meeting, All Saints' Hall.

2.30 p.m. A.G.M.

5.00 p.m. Service, St. Michael's. 5.45 p.m. Tea, St. Michael's Church Cottage. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke (Tel.: 24718), by July 1.

Ringing arrangements:—

ROUTE 1.—Alton (10.15–11.00), Upton Grey (11.00–11.45), Ellisfield (11.30–12.15).

ROUTE 2.—New Alresford (10.30–11.15), Old Alresford (11.00–11.45), Preston Candover

(11.30-12.15). ROUTE 3.—Laverstoke (10.30-11.15), Overton (11.00-11.45), Wootton St. Lawrence (11.30-12.15).

Basingstoke: St. Michael's (12.00-2.00).

All Saints' (12.00-1.30), Both Basingstoke towers open after tea and others on demand.

D. J. Forder, Gen. Sec. 9073

FLOWER FESTIVAL

BRILL, near Aylesbury, Bucks. June 28.

Bells (6) available 2-5 p.m. Everyone welcome.

9066

WETHERSFIELD FESTIVAL June 27-28.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. -- Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Keynsham, on Sat., July 4. Belis (8) 3.45 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 (names to R. M. Virgin, 13 St. Keyna Road, Keynsham). Meeting 6.30 p.m.—A. A.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. St. Peter's, Heswall, June 20. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Telephone 051-652 5192 for free tea.—Martin. 9080

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

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—Open day ringing, July 4. Meat tea (6s.),
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E. J. Taylor, 43 Princes Road, Cheltenham,
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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.

—Meeting, St. Katherine's (6), Blackrod, Sat.,
June 20. Ringing 3-8 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Special methods. All welcome.—Pauline
Tallis, Branch Sec. 9079 Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.

-Meeting, St. Ann's Church, Singleton, Sat.,
Ine 27. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 9087

PRACTICES at St. Mary's, Hayes, Middx, are June 27.

U083 ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH.—No practice on Thurs., June 25. During July and August practice will be on Wednesdays at 7.45 p.m.

on Thursdays until further notice.-P. Venn.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Special business meeting, Wed., June 24, at 6.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn.—J. S. B. 9078 25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for June 15, 1945.

At the Northern Branch meeting of the Irish Association at Lurgan 12 ringers were present including the hon. general secretary, Mr. F. E. Dukes.

The church of St. Saviour, Waltham-stow, was badly damaged by fire, but the tower and bells were not affected. The bells had not been rung regularly for some

Denis A. Bayles wrote profesting against the ringing of peals with more than one covering bell. In two cases peals had been rung—one with five, the other with three covers. He queried whether all the ringers should be credited with a peal by the Central Council.

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Of 21 quarter peals recorded, four were
Stedman, ten Grandsire and one was Superlative.

The reason for honorary members of the Central Council, it was stated, was "in order to obtain the support of gentlemen who have not been returned as representa-tive members but whose assistance the Council desire."—Leader.

A peal of Double Norwich at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, was composed and conducted by Nolan Golden on the 2nd, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow ringing the tenor.

Handbell peals included Grandsire Triples conducted by A. V. Davis at Bournemouth, and Bob Major at Porthill, Newcastle-under-Lyme, conducted by R. S. of the wedding of Mr. H. C. Spencer and Anderson.

50 YEARS AGO

June 18, 1920.

The Central Northants Association unveiled a tablet in All Saints' Church, Northampton, recording the names of 22 ringers who gave their lives in the Great War.

E. G. Webb (aged 11) 1-2, C. H. Webb 3-4, H. W. Webb 5-6, rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Croft, Leics.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4, 6, 8 covering, was rung at Knighton, Radnorshire, conducted by Charles Minton.

The one breeze that ruffled the surface of the Central Council . . . was the refusal of the chairman of the Peals Analysis Committee to include peals that had been late in publication.—Leader.

The centenary of the opening of Chester-field Parish Church bells was celebrated with a peal of Grandsire Caters, and the ringers were entertained to dinner by the vicar and churchwardens.

The 70th anniversary of the first peal in the U.S.A. (Grandsire Triples in Philadelphia) was noted in Belfry Gossip.

At Deptford the first ever by a local band was a peal of Grandsire Triples conducted by George Daynes.

A peal of Grandsire Triples at Erdington, Birmingham, was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. C. Spencer and Miss A. E. Statham. William J. Meers was the conductor.

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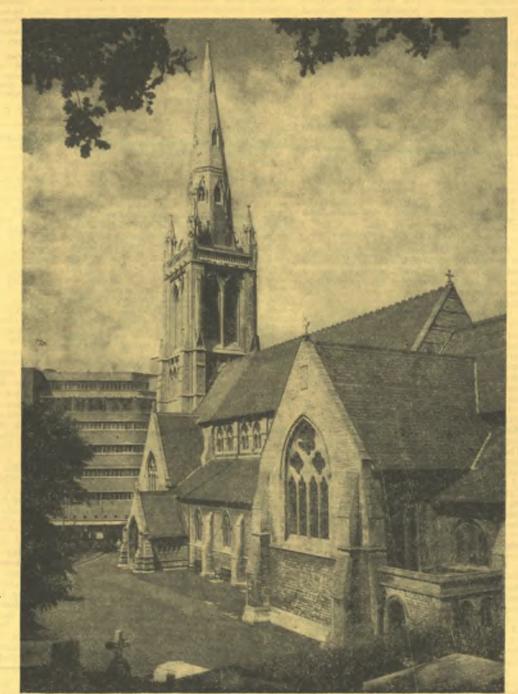
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St. Peter,
Bournemouth

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St. Peter. Bournemouth

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY years ago Bournemouth did not exist, apart from a few fishermen's cottages. It was bare heath surrounding the little valley of the Bourne. midway between the two ancient towns of Poole and Christchurch. Inland were several small villages: Holdenhurst and Kinson, Iford and Wick.

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The founder of Bournemouth was Lewis Tregonwell, a landowner from Cranborne who, in July, 1810, drove over from Mudeford and was persuaded by his wife that the Bourne Valley was a good site for a seaside home. Their house, finished two years later, is the core of the present Royal Exeter Hotel. Other houses followed, and Bournemouth soon became a recognised "watering place." The town has county borough status, a population of around 152,000 and covers an area of 11,627 acres.

Closely linked with the development of Bournemouth has been its Parish Church of St. Peter, now celebrating its 125th anniversary. It was 1845 when the first Vicar of Bournemouth was appointed—the Rev. Alexander Morden Bennett, M.A., who had been assistant priest at two of London's most fashionable churches (the Portman Chapel and All Souls', Langham Place), and in August that year Bishop Sumner (of Winchester) consecrated the first church in Bournemouth.

Only eight years later (1853), with the town growing rapidly, the vicar decided that a much larger church was needed. He commissioned a 29-years-old architect, George Edmund Street, to prepare plans for a church which would seat more than 1,200 people.

COMPLETED IN STAGES

This church was planned so that it could be completed in stages over a generation and was more or less built over and around the old church, spreading first northwards, then southwards, then to the east and finally to the west.

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One of the last major constructions was the tower. Although at that time the western transepts had not been built, Mr. Bennett pressed for work on the tower to be
carried on, fearing that if he died it might
never be put in hand. In 1869 the building
of a 100ft, tower began, was finished a year
later and was followed four years after by
the transepts, joining tower to nave.

Interesting details of the tower are the statues of St. Gregory, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Jerome and St. Ambrose, each occupying a niche in each corner pinnacle. They were carved by a well-known ecclesiastical sculptor, Frank Redfern, and were originally placed, in 1876, on the exterior of Street's new north porch at Bristol Cathedral. The Evangelical Bristol Churchmen objected strongly to the portrayal of the four Latin doctors and Dean Eliot had the statues removed in the early hours of an April morning and Street had them placed on the tower of St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

The year 1879 saw the building of the 100ft, spire, the crowning glory of the Rev. Bennett's vision of a church built to the highest standards of Victorian architecture and grandeur. A service of thanksgiving for the completion was held on December 18 that year and one month later (January 19, 1880) the Rev. Alexander Bennett died, having founded not only St. Peter's but eight other churches in Bournemouth.

Although the history of St. Peter's is comparatively short, it has had many famous names attached to it. Gladstone

made his last Communion in the church on March 3, 1898, and in the four-acre churchyard are buried such famous people as Maj.-Gen. Richard Clement Moody, R.E., the first Lieutenant Governor of the Canadian colony of New Caledonia (which in 1866 amalgamated with Vancouver Island to form British Columbia).

The Shelley family have a grave in the churchyard, and although the famous poet was cremated and buried in the English cemetery in Rome, his heart survived his cremation and was brought to England by his friend Edward Trelawney. In 1889 Sir Percy Shelley (the poet's son), who resided at Boscombe Manor, died, and in his coffin was placed the heart of his atheist father. The poet's wife, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, is also buried here, and it was she who wrote the now famous "Frankenstein" novel

THE BELLS

In 1871 a ring of eight, cast by John Taylor and Co., was given to the church by a grateful congregation for the recovery to full health of their founder and vicar, after a long and serious illness. Although the bells were dedicated in 1871 it was not until December, 1891, that the first peal was rung, the method being Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part).

Ringing took place regularly until 1937, when it was decided to have the bells recast, half the cost of which was borne by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Whilst the bells were away an interesting item appeared in the church magazine of August, 1937, stating that the vicar, the Rev. Canon Hedley R. Burrows, M.A., whilst on a ringers' outing to Basingstoke thought out an inscription for each bell. As this would cost sixpence per word he decided to keep the inscriptions to himself, but if any wanted to give a donation towards the cost of the extra work they would be let into the secret of the inscriptions. The bells were duly inscribed as follows.

SPEED.
2nd. — The Founder's Bell. IN MEMORIAM
FUNDATORIS ALEXANDER MORDEN
BENNETT.

3rd. — The Town Bell. PULCHRITUDO ET SALBRITAS.

4th.—The Winchester Bell. MANNERS MAKYTH MAN.

MAN.

5th.—The Peace Bell. PEACE FROM HIM,
WHICH IS, AND WHICH WAS, AND WHICH
IS TO COME.

6th.—The Coronation Bell. GOD SAVE KING

GEORGE 1937.
7th.—The Passing Bell. ASTO FIDELIS USQUE AD MORTEM ET DABO TIBI CORONAM VITAE.

8th.—The Resurrection Bell. IN MEMORIAM MARY ELLEN NORTON 1936. RISE, HEART, THY LORD IS RISEN.

Sanctus Bell.—The Bell of the Incarnation. IN MEMORIAM ALFRED EDWARD DALDY, Vicar 1904—20. St. PETER St. SWITHIN

St. PETER St. SWITHIN SANCTUS — Sanctus — SANCTUS

SANCTUS — SANCTU

Later in the year the bells returned from Loughborough and the following account appeared in the magazine: "At 5.30 on this day—the Feast of Crispin—(and what a stormy night it was) we had the ceremony of naming the bells. After evensong the crucifer, choir and clergy proceeded to the roadway outside St. Peter's where the bells rested on the lorry that brought them from Loughborough. In spite of the roughness

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of the weather we had quite a good congregation in the open, and cars stopped and people stood in the streets as the bells were named. At the end we sung the Doxology, and those who were there must have felt that this was the beginning of the restoration of an essential home touch of St. Peter's."

The first peal scored on the bells after recasting was rung on May 28, 1938, and, like the very first one, the method was Grandsire Triples (Parker's Twelve-part). The conductor was Mr. A. V. Davis who, as captain, did much towards the restoration and rehanging of the bells.

NARROW ESCAPE

During the war the tower and indeed the entire church had a narrow escape when an incendiary bomb hit a department store opposite the church, the sparks from the burning shop being blown across the road and starting a fire in the louvres of the tower and bell frame. Servicemen, including the Royal Canadian Air Force, joined church workers to form a chain gang passing buckets of water from the crypt at the east end of the church, along the nave and up the 90-odd steps to the bell chamber, where the outbreak was successfully confined. Fortunately no serious damage was done.

In the post-war period Mr. Davis was responsible for the training and encouragement of many young ringers, and was assisted by such well-known ringers as Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay and Mr. D. T. Matkin. Their efforts helped to keep up the tradition of regular Sunday service ringing, upheld for 99 years.

Today, with the population of Bournemouth tending to move from the centre of the town, a number of the ringers have to travel from the outskirts of Bournemouth to ring for Sunday services. This presents difficulties, especially in the summer months when the town is crowded, but the ringers of St. Peter's are confident that the bells will be ringing for the centenary of their dedication next year and for many years after that.

E. J. B.

The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is. Shaw.

Bath and Wells Association.

NEW RULES: INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS

NEXT YEAR'S A.G.M. ON EASTER MONDAY

Celebrating the 80th anniversary, the Association president, the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells, preached at the service in Bath Abbey on June 6, when ringers filled the choir. The Rev. H. F. Warren (master) conducted the Association form of service, with lessons read by G. W. Massey and Preb. G. Lester.

In his address Bishop Henderson spoke on the theme (John 15, v. 17) of "one another," and its implications both in World Cup football and for ringers who were aware of one another in the discipline of team work. He thanked the ringers for another year of witness, hoped they would gain inspiration from a beautiful abbey, and quoted John Betjeman's poem Septuagesima, which included the ringers among the essential workers of the parish church.

Tea was taken at St. Michael's parish hall (with thanks for the efforts of John Hobbs and his helpers) and the A.G.M. followed. The master opened proceedings with a prayer and honoured the memory of those members who had died during 1969/70. The officers' reports, already printed, were accepted, the master's commenting upon the relatively poor response to the June A.G.M. date, the success of the Taunton dinner, the question of disputed peals, and the two augmentations carried out at Sampford Brett and Lyng, whilst the general secretary's covered the formation of the new association library, the proposed new rules, and the retirement of three branch secretaries. There were also some comments on progress during the past decade.

The treasurer's report showed a stable membership of 1,780 ringing, 22 associate and 12 honorary life members. The reserves had been called upon to finance the year's working and the committee recommended subscriptions be raised to 3s. Some 209 towers had paid an affiliation fee.

Reports on visits to 16 towers on a variety of topics were presented by the adviser on the Care of Church Bells and his assistants. A number of restorations were in hand—at Ston Easton, Butleigh, Chaffcombe and Dulverton as a follow-up to work in previous years.

QUARTER PEALS RECORD

Finally the peals secretary presented details of 176 peals rung in 1969 (the largest total ever), including the first 12-bell peal since 1936 and first peals at six new towers. In addition, about 400 quarter peals had been rung (more than in any other county).

Mr. J. H. Gilbert (general secretary) gave a brief account of the Central Council meeting at Ilkley. Because of depleted finances in the General Fund the meeting decided to make no grant to The Ringing World this year, but it was stressed that there was no loss of confidence in the journal.

All the retiring officers were asked to continue and were then re-elected unanimously. The Rev. H. F. Warren expressed the hope that his parish duties would allow him to continue in an office which he valued highly, and Mr. Gilbert gave notice that he would welcome a successor as secretary next year. He would definitely stand down in two years' time because of family commitments. He then proposed that the new rules be adopted as set out in the agenda. These had been discussed in the branches with final revision by the general committee. The aim was to clarify and up-date the association objects and procedures so that members and affiliated P.C.C.'s would be better informed.

The principal changes were in recognition of the bell fund and the tower advisory service, the formation of a library and the com-

position of a general committee. October 31 was suggested as the collection date for subscriptions. A further committee meeting proposed ringing members' subscriptions be raised to 20p. and not 15p. as printed. Peal fees remain unchanged at 5p, and not 10p. as printed.

Mr. G. W. Massey seconded the motion. In the ensuing discussion it became evident that members considered a 25p. more realistic than 20p., and would build up reserves and augment the bell fund. A counter proposition for 40p. adult and 20p. student subscription was defeated and the amendment for a 25p. subscription was carried without opposition.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

An amendment to retain the title of "Non-resident Life Member" was narrowly defeated. Having raised the resident subscription, there was an amendment to increase the non-resident subscription from 25p. to 50p. (a single payment only), which was carried with four votes against. With these amendments the new rules were unanimously adopted to operate from January 1, 1971.

The date of the 1971 meeting at Bridgwater was finally fixed, after discussion, for Easter Monday.

Under "Other Business" the master welcomed Mr. W. H. Coles, who brought greetings from Middlesex and from The Ringing World Editor. He also brought Mrs. J. T. Dyke along to meet many old friends, and she was greeted with applause.

A letter on the Stinchcombe Appeal was read, and a recommendation of a retiring collection being accepted, the sum of £5 was realised. Questioned about the conditions at East Pennard, Mr. Sanger said that the bells were, and always had been, ringable, but the tower was badly affected by ringing, and successive architects had advised against it. Recent checks showed no change, but in order to assess likely damage, limited ringing on special occasions would be carefully monitored by the architect in charge.

Mr. Gilbert thanked those present for responding so well to his request for ringing to mark the association's 80th anniversary. Mr. Massey proposed that the Central Council representatives receive £20 expenses, and with this the meeting closed.

It was disturbing to learn that one of the towers which were open for ringing afterwards had been visited by some ringers whilst the meeting was still on. This type of discourtesy is now too common and will not be condoned.

80th ANNIVERSARY

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was a development from the Bath and Keynsham United Deaneries Association which was formed in 1882. It is therefore appropriate that this article should appear following an issue featuring Keynsham tower. The inaugural meeting took place in the church schoolroom at Highbridge on May 31, 1890, and the minute book records that 13 clergy and 15 laymen were present from a wide area of Somerset.

The choice of Highbridge, which no longer has any bells, was probably due to its situation at the junction of railway lines from all parts of Somerset. The "S. and D." branch line has now closed, like many others.

In the 80 years, membership has grown from 194 to over 1,800, and we now vie with Oxford for the honour of being the largest diocesan association. The scope of ringing accomplished has grown from Grandsire only to 23 Spliced Surprise Major with "all the work." A flourishing bell fund enables us to give useful assistance in restorations and the tower advisory series, started in 1927, now visits more towers each year than in almost any other county.

Some account of association history was given for its 75th anniversary and will not be repeated here. The pattern of working has changed over the years. Up to 1939 there were four general meetings each year at which members' elections were ratified. Latterly, with a full programme of branch meetings, only the A.G.M. is held (in a different branch each year). This year's meeting at Bath introduced the fifth major rule change since 1890. The subscription was originally 1/-, became 1/6 in 1947, and 2/- in 1952. From 1971 it will be 5/- (25p.).

PRIZE RINGING

One item discussed at the inaugural meeting at some length was prize ringing, particularly in the context of belfry reform. There was apparently very little prize ringing done—two examples in the previous 16 years were mentioned—but the meeting adopted a similar rule to the neighbouring Devon Guild, prohibiting prize ringing by members or in association towers. In the changed circumstances of today this rule has now been withdrawn so that striking competitions (without prizes) may develop.

Among the various tasks undertaken by the association were sending a resolution to the Prime Minister against the disestablishment of the Church in Wales (1912) and making representations to the railway companies for lower fares for ringers (1925). Neither of these projects succeeded! We started issuing instructional booklets in 1903 (Shearn's Grandsire Doubles) and the latest issue of Sanger's Ringing a Bell has recently sold out its second edition.

To mark this anniversary we asked for special ringing at as many towers as possible and the response indicates a healthy state of activity in the diocese. Our task now is to cope with the effects of parish reorganisation that will take place in the next 20 years, and the maintenance of our bands and bells in good order whilst avoiding the nuisance of excessive noise.

Salisbury Guild. THREE JUDGES

The quarterly meeting and striking competition of the Salisbury Branch was held at Damerham on May 30. The guild service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. J. Mathers), followed by tea in the Vicarage served by Mrs. Mathers and the local ringers. After a business meeting on the Vicarage lawn a return was made to the church for the competition. Four towers entered, and as there were many unattached ringers present it was decided to make up two more teams.

The judges were Messrs. B. Woodruffe, Terry Collins and J. Hartless, who gave the results as follows: 1 Fittleton, 2 Guest Team No. 1, 3 Damerham, 4 Sarum St. Thomas, 5 Wilton, 6 Guest Team No. 2.

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Mr. N. Skelton (chairman) expressed thanks to the judges for their ready help and advice.
G. A. T.

Ilkley, May 26, 1970.

CENTRAL COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

SECTION III

The proceedings after lunch commenced with the third section of the Interim Report of the Standing Committee on the constitution and procedural workings of the Central Council, viz.:

Finance.—The section had been prepared and presented by Messrs. D. Beresford, F. C. Price and W. G. Wilson, the

first-named acting as spokesman.

Mr. G. W. Critchley asked if The Ringing World accounts were to be discussed and it was pointed out that as these were audited separately and the accounting system had recently been revised, it was not considered necessary at this stage for these particular finances to be the subject for general debate.

The question of a false surplus in The

Ringing World accounts on the year's workwas raised, and Mr. Meadows, supporting Mr. Critchley, said it was understood it was done to save taxation.

Mr. Wilson replied that the whole question was covered by the last paragraph of

the report, and this was accepted.

On the point of liability, the secretary

stated that the Council was covered, and Mr. R. S. Anderson spoke of the possibility of forming The Ringing World into a limited company. Mr. Beresford stated that on professional advice there would be no advantage.

Mr. P. Gray said there were, he believed, certain reserves and he asked the com-mittee what should be the size of these in

the case of liability.

Mr. Beresford said there was no liability, and in any case they were covered by insurance.

The Towers and Belfries Committee expenses were next discussed and the opinion was expressed that this committee should be self-supporting and charge for work done

and advice given.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe explained the system which was adopted by its members and said no charge was made for time, but expenses were collected if possible. They were all out of pocket at the end of the year. The convener did, however, charge for postages and for travelling to committee meetings.

The chairman said the sub-committee had considered all the points.

It was suggested by one speaker that churches where advice had been given should be advised as to costs involved, and he was told that this had been done in many

cases, but with little response.

Mr. C. K. Lewis asked a question about increasing the Central Council subscriptions (the present 10s. per member has remained unchanged since 1954) and the chairman advised that the Standing Committee revise the report, including subscriptions, and resubmit it next year, making resolutions as necessary

Considerable discussion followed, Messrs. Carlisle, Wilson, Mayne, Reynolds and Rev. J. Scott taking part, and finally the whole Interim Report was put to the meeting for acceptance and agreed, no one voting

against.

The sub-committee will now review their reports in the light of the proposals and general discussion, and will resubmit the complete report next year with definite proposals.

MOTIONS

The Council then proceeded to deal with various motions of which notice had been given.

Proposing that the Council donate £20 to the Gloucester and Bristol special appeal for Stinchcombe bells from the Clement Glenn Fund, Mr. E. A. Barnett received secondary support from Mr. Bottomley.

Answering Mr. Butler's question as to whether the money would go to the bells or to support the case, Mr. Wratten stated that all money donated was for the bells.

costs were being paid by the association.

Mr. Hoare said this created a dangerous precedent, whilst Mr. Seagar added that if it were a test case more effort should be

Following a remark that this was confusing the issue, Mr. Gray made two points which he thought it fair to repeat for the benefit of the members. The two principles were: (a) If ringers can do anything to influence against bells being hung dead it was imperative to do so, and (b) The way the chancellor gave his decision. There was a risk that if the Stinchcombe appeal was widely supported other P.C.C.'s would apply for faculties for their bells to be hung dead to get the support of ringing associations for the rehanging.

The Rev. St. J. Smith interjected that he did not think P.C.C.'s would sink as low

as that.

Answering a question as to raising a local band to ring the bells once they were rehung, Mr. C. Wratten said there were two ringers in the parish and there seemed no reason why a team should not be trained. He felt, because of the chancellor's judgment, the burden should not fall entirely on the parish.

Mr. Sharpe pointed out that the chancellor's ruling only applied to his own diocese and was not legally binding on

anyone else outside that area.

Mr. Dodds: I think we should support the appeal.

On being put to the meeting the proposal was carried, about ten voting against.

REPORTS, 1969 SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

COURSES. — The three-day course at Hereford Training College at Easter, 1969, organised by Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton and the Hereford Guild, was attended by 40 resident students and 20 day students—60 in all. Three days seemed to be the ideal length, about half the time being spent in the local towers. Students were split into groups with competent helpers for each

Messrs. N. Chaddock, W. F. Moreton and F. Sharpe assisted on the Lincoln Guild residential

weekend course at Brant Broughton in March, The former and present directors of education attended the Saturday evening activities and

thoroughly enjoyed themselves.
In November the annual residential weekend course, organised by Mr. Norman Chaddock for the West Riding Education Authority, attracted 39 students, although 30 was the limit at first allowed

On May 10 a full day course at Market Weighton, E. Yorks, organised for the Beverley and District Society, at Market Weighton Secondary School, involved 124 ringers and eight local towers. The course was split into three main sections covering a wide range of topics and activities at different levels.

An evening institute course was also run by Mr. N. Chaddock at Market Weighton during both winter sessions in 1969.

Gramophone record illustrating good striking. The master tape for this is almost completed, the artist is working on the illustrations to go on the front cover of the record sleeve and the instructional notes to go on the back are ready for the printers. All being well this project will be completed before Whitsuntide. Tutor's Handbook, Part 2.

This was completed last May and copies have been on sale for some time.

Washington film.

This has been hired out 13 times during 1969 producing a net profit of £11 3s. 2d. Film on bellringing.

As requested, the convener passed over his "file" on this matter to the new committee formed to advance this project.

Inveraray bells.

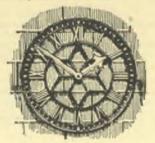
The period of decline of this installation is at an end. Following visits, contacts and negotia-tions by the convener and helpers it is anticipated that this fine ring of bells is entering a new era. Appropriate detailed reports have been or will be made in the columns of The Ringing World.

Miscellaneous items.

These include requests for loan of visual and aural aids, filmstrips and films. Advice has been given to two applicants on the organisation and syllabuses of evening institute courses. Several requests for the convener's filmstrip on bell control have been met.

Staniforth wishes to resign from the committee, being under great pressure of work in several fields. The convener wishes to be relieved of this responsibility which he has carried for over ten years. It is felt that the work of this committee is so important that members of the Central Council should consider seriously how to strengthen it so as to preserve its effectiveness in the future. During 1969 Mr. Frederick Sharpe has given 16 illustrated lectures, written Volume 2 of "Herefordshire Bells" and started on the revision of "Berkshire Bells."

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Letters

INFORMATION SOUGHT

Dear Sir,—Reading the paragraph from The Ringing World in "50 Years Ago" on the peal of Stedman Triples at Betchworth, Surrey, prompts me to write to you. My great-grandfather, W. H. Judd, was

My great-grandfather, W. H. Judd, was tower captain at Betchworth from 1885 until 1935. He had three sons, all of whom were ringers but are now dead.

Unfortunately I have no knowledge of his ringing activities, although I have in my possession an old book of methods which once belonged to him. I would be very interested to know if you or anyone, when reading through old copies of The Ringing World, have come across any reference to him, especially of any record of his death in July, 1945, or of any other Judds at Betchworth. Yours faithfully,

IAN G. BUDD.

St. Andrew's School, Buckhold,
Pangbourne, Reading, Berks.

CLAPHAM PARK BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article (in your issue No. 3084 of June 5) by Mr. John Pladdys about St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park.

I sincerely hope that his wish to ring these bells again in their new home will

come true.

Our ring of ten bells (tenor 20 cwt.) at Christ Church, Crewe, were recast from the original eight in 1912 by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon.

They are tuned on the "five-tone" Simpson principle, and sound well and "go" well, although on plain bearings.

Visiting ringers to our tower have said some very nice things about them, too.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN HOLLOWAY.

Crewe, Cheshire.

THE WELSH WELCOME

Dear Sir,—We ringers are seldom found wanting when it comes to showing appreciation of the clergy for the use of their bells and in conducting services at our meetings, and to local ringers and ladies for providing and preparing often very sumptuous meals.

In North Wales we are unfortunate, in one sense, in that many of our ringing towers are so far apart; consequently we do not meet as many of our fellow ringers as we could wish. It is the opportunities provided by our annual and half-yearly meetings that enable so many of us, particularly in the Wrexham area, to arrange a coach

and travel to distant towers.

Our A.G.M., in late spring, is a particular joy. This year we travelled to Machynlleth to be privileged receivers of a sincere welcome from the clergy, ringers and the people of this ancient town. We came by special invitation this year (it is only two and a half years since we were at Machynlleth) and we were doubly honoured by the presence of the Bishop of Bangor (Rt. Rev. G. O. Williams), the Archdeacon other clergy and the chairman of the local council and his lady.

From all our ringers to the good people of Machynlleth, a very sincere thank you for all the arrangements and for the honour you bestowed on our association this year.

Yours faithfully

-Yours faithfully,
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.
Buckley, Flintshire.

RINGING MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—Surely the problems enumerated in Mr. Bevis's letter on ringing meetings (Ringing World, page 434) arise from the basic fact that monthly and quarterly meetings along traditional lines serve no useful purpose, apart from providing a

pleasant social occasion.

What can one look forward to from such an occasion? Proceedings will begin with about an hour's mediocre ringing, with the ringing master either trying valiantly to keep the bells going with the few who are keen enough to put in an early attendance or endeavouring to cater for large numbers of ringers of widely differing capabilities at one and the same time. Shortly before the service the "good" ringers will appear from nowhere and ring a polished touch for the service touch. At the service the feet of the volunteer organist will stray wildly over the pedal-board, Evensong will be specially shortened, and "special" hymns will be sung to ap-palling tunes, because the local incumbent will assume that ringers will be unused to normal length services and be unfamiliar A sermon will be with the liturgy. preached; it will either be a pat on the back for those fine fellows, the ringers, for all their fine work, or a little lecture telling them to attend services more frequently, depending on the nature of the incumbent. At the ensuing tea he will be thanked for his "instructive address." Occasionally an item of interest may crop up at the business meeting, but more often not. The meeting will be followed by more mediocre ringing, interspersed by the odd course in a fancy method rung by the "good" ringers before they retire to the pub, leaving their less brethren to struggle on for a little longer before they go home, disillusioned, to their cocoa!

This is, I acknowledge, an extremely cynical view, and I know that many meetings rise above this level. And I should not wish to suggest that any act of worship which is sincere in intent is in any way unworthy. But there is precious little in this well-worn routine to attract the younger, less experienced ringers about whom Mr. Bevis is concerned, or to attract the more experienced, either, for that matter. Assuming that the purpose of these meetings was originally threefold—to improve the standard of ringing, to transact business, and to provide fellowship—there are surely better ways of providing all three

than our conventional meetings.

A meeting once each month, or once each quarter, is of no use whatsoever as an opportunity to improve one's ringing. An association or guild which intends to fulfil this aim has got to do a lot more about it than to organise the occasional Tuition of inexperienced bands in their own tower on their own weekly practice night is the only way to tackle the spade work. Of course, those who are prepared to attend a quarterly meeting, kidding themselves that they are doing their duty, are less willing to commit themselves on a more regular basis. It is the task of the association to see that all necessary instruction is provided. Co-operation within a geographical area is not difficult to organise, so that ringing on any level can be available, except in the most remote areas. Once the ground work has been accomplished, peals and quarter peals are the way to consolidate it; the effectiveness of an hour or three hours' practice at one time is not to be compared with the odd touch four times a year.

Having separated ringing from business meetings, the business can then be tranFROM AUSTRALIA

Dear Editor,—It was suggested that each Sydney tower ring a quarter peal during the Royal visit and Cook celebrations. Here is Turramurra's contribution:—

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W. April 29, 1970. 1260 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Graeme Drew 2 Andrew Goodyer

3 John Rainsford (Conductor)

4 Margaret McEvoy 5 Margaret Goodyer

6 Ken Stacey

Rung to mark the bicentenary of Captain Cook's landing at Stingray Harbour (Kurnell, Botany Bay), on April 29, 1770.

Margaret Balcombe, who was in the office on the "Britannia" and travelled around with the Royal party, was able to ring at Burwood and Turramurra, and also rang at Yass with Paul Taylor.

Last week-end we joined the Burwood ringers for a week-end at Canberra and Yass. We stood in respectful (?) or regretful silence as the pianola chart in the ringing room of the Aspen Island carillon wound its way through "Cherry Ripe," "Greensleeves," "Hearts of Oak," etc., and then made an interesting though sad inspection of the bells. The tower is a most impressive sight and certainly adds to the beauty of Lake Burley Griffin. The striking competition between St. Paul's (Burwood) and St. James (Turner) at Yass resulted in a resounding victory for St. Paul's and a rather unmelodious defeat for St. James'. After we had left for Sydney the Burwood team rang a quarter of Doubles.

We have followed with interest the progress of the Taylor family. I knew Eric and Helen years back, before they had any children and before I came to Australia. Within a couple of years the Goodyers should be ringing their own family quarters—we still have Geoffrey and Rachel to join our ranks. However, opportunities for peal ringing in Sydney are few, so we must be content with quarters. Philip in particular would revel in the ringing opportunities

in U.K.

Tomorrow Phil is hoping to conduct an "Under 15" quarter at Turramurra. I think his chances are very dim. The tenor ringer has not learned how to cover yet! Philip rang in the "Under 16 and Youngest in Australia" quarter three years ago, when he was 11. We wish them luck tomorrow.

Best wishes to all.—Yours sincerely,
MARGARET GOODYER.
Roseville, N.S.W.

sacted more efficiently. There need be no hurrying of "Any Other Business" simply because all present wish to rush back to the tower, and one is not tied to the odd time of 5.15 p.m. on a Saturday.

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Fellowship is something that those who have found out what ringing can offer them experience not just on isolated meeting days but week after week the whole year through. If our guilds and associations were to think more of what they ought to be doing to achieve their objects, many might well conclude that the formalised district meeting could well be dispensed with.—Yours faithfully.

London, S.W.

A spoonful of honey catches more flies than a barrelful of vinegar. FRANCIS DE SALES.

DAVID HOUSE

Letters

THE ILKLEY MEETING

Dear Sir,—The Central Council gathering at Ilkley was once again the enjoyable event it always is, with the hosts providing traditional Yorkehire hospitality. There was, however, one aspect of the meeting which I, and I believe a great percentage of those delegates present, found disturbing, and which I feel should be brought to the notice of the Exercise in general.

Due to persistent external pressures, both the Records and Peal Analysis Committees, who for years have tried to maintain certain standards of good taste and good sense in what we ring and accept, seem to have capitulated to a state of "Well you might as well ring what you like—there doesn't seem much we can do about it anyway."

Both these committees are composed of ringers of high calibre and integrity but because of the tactics of a fringe of sensationalists and rebels (and dare I say cranks) who just do not wish to conform to what most of us feel are a logical set of rules and ideals, these two bodies have literally, it seems, resigned themselves to a state of not quite knowing which way to turn for the benefit of the Exercise whom they serve.

Of course rules need to be reviewed and changed and doubtless some rules broken are done so in all innocence, and the last decade has surely seen some exciting developments in composition, particularly with the use of singles in Surprise Royal and Maximus, the exploration of London and the field of Spliced. But our basic rules were and are set up by responsible and, may I stress, active participants of the art for the good of the Exercise at large and, let it be said, by a majority vote in Council which represents that Exercise.

Despite the untapped wealth of sensible material, as well as a tremendous field of method and composition already in existence, the breaking of rules, the naming of methods in a most infantile way and attempting to throw the work of these two committees constantly out of gear continues.

May I cite a few examples, all of which were mentioned/debated at Ilkley, none of which was satisfactorily resolved.

(i) However meritorious they may appear, the peal(s) of Caters at Basingstoke and the Minor with the tenor covering at Sawston do not conform to the rules set down and, particularly in the former case, fully known about. Opening the floodgates here could mean Cinques on the back eleven at Winchester, or Kent Fourteen at Wakefield ("for who," would say the extremist, "cares whether the fourteen are in diatonic scale or not?")

(ii) The long peal of Superlative. This was neither officially rejected nor accepted, only by implication, and it seems the ringing public were misled on the

matter of an umpire, anyway.

(iii) Nomenclature. The range of suitable names for new methods is legion but we have recently had Mr. Rusty, Xennapod Surprise. Turkish and now Turnout Delight.

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(iv) Jumping places. Someone has found a loophole here—the results are

obvious.

(v) Mixture of calls—again, neals rung and published without apparently seeking the guidance or opinion of these committees and, worse, no explanation in The Ringing World.

PUBLICATION OF QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—With the appearance of the new type face in parts of our journal I shall be grateful if you will allow me space to comment on one small innovation that I cannot regard with satisfaction. I refer to the setting out of certain quarter peals with such contractions as "P.B. Doubles," "P.B. Minor," and so on. To bands who pay for their insertion it cannot be pleasing to see their (often very laudable) performances recorded in these or other indefinite terms.

We are all aware that present economies are essential to the continued life and prosperity of The Ringing World, and I think that most of us would agree that restrictive measures have, up to now, been more limited than we might have expected. But we may all hope that it is not necessary to carry economy of space to the verge of parsimony. To the ringers of Doubles and Minor many of these performances must be very precious; I would therefore make a plea for the quarter peals (such staunch supporters of our finances) to be treated alike, whether on higher or lower numbers of bells.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Warminster, Wilts.

P.S.—In the publication of the Report of the Literature and Press Committee (page 424), I note that your compositor has set certain words with lower case initials. I need hardly point out that "Parochial Church Council," "Consistory Court," and "Chancellor" are all, in this context, proper nouns and titles, and, as such, merit the distinction of capital initials. It was in its correct form that Mr. Dukes and I submitted the script to the Central Council.

E. C. S.

Editor's Note: (1) Points noted, but quarter peal and peal bands do not pay for their insertion. They kindly send donations towards the cost of producing The Ringing World, and these are greatly appreciated; (2) Postscript—agreed!

One could mention other cases, not specially debated in the Council Chamber. I recently heard a supposedly intelligent man (he had received a university education) and a gifted composer stating quite seriously his intention of ringing a 4999 and forcing it through the Council.

Of course ringing is to be enjoyed and to my knowledge nobody on the Central Council, particularly in these two committees, wants to be high-handed, square or what have you but, as John Mayne observed, the whole structure on which our valuable heritage is based is being undermined. I will no doubt be accused of sounding pompous and over-traditional, but may I conclude with two appeals?

First, to composers, conductors and peal arrangers, please to continue experimenting, but if in doubt as to legality, authenticity, nomenclature and so on, do consult a member of these committees for their opinion and guidance.

Secondly, to the Exercise in general, to endeavour to maintain good sense, standard and taste in our ringing achievements. This will surely not only revere the names of the greats who have gone before but also enhance the work of many people happily still with us.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE W. PIPE.

Ipswich, Suffolk.

GREATER LONDON TOWERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Buswell (Ringing World, page 414) is confused about the identification of towers in Greater London.

In 1965 Greater London was formed as an administrative unit from the former counties of London and Middlesex and from parts of Essex, Kent, Surrey and Hertfordshire, and the numerous boroughs and urban districts in that area were amalgamated into 32 London boroughs, most of which were given the names of important

places within their areas.

However, the fact that a place ceased then to be a local authority area did not mean that it ceased to be a place (and a parish) in its own right. The fourth edition of "Dove" recognises this and lists all London towers under the name of the place by which they are commonly known—an improvement, I think, on the previous edition in which in the "Metropolitan Boroughs" section Putney, Clapham and Streatham, for instance, were all to be found under Wandsworth—and in some cases the borough name is included for help in locating the place.

Thus, for example, Barnet, St. Mary the Virgin, refers only to the town of Barnet and not to Monken Hadley or anywhere else in the London Borough of Barnet; Bromley, SS. Peter and Paul, refers only to the town of Bromley and not to Cudham or anywhere else in the London

Borough of Bromley.

Hayes is a special case: it is a rare example of two places with the same name in the same county and both having a ring of bells (like the two Littlehams in Devon and the two Ecclestons in Lancashire). In this case "Dove's" identification by their boroughs is most helpful. In case there is still any doubt after the publicity it has received, it is the bells of Hayes (Hillingdon) that have recently been recast and augmented.

If Mr. Buswell or anyone else would like to know in which boroughs Greater London towers are situated I would be happy to supply a list.—Yours faithfully,

C. H. ROGERS.

25 Windsor Drive, Ashford, Middlesex.

GOSPEL OAK BELLS

Dear Sir, It was pleasing for me to read the paragraph on the ringing at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak N.W.

some 40 years ago I was a member of the band led by the late Mr. Ernie Bonfield. We rang every Sunday for both Matins and Evensong, and were frequently visited by stalwarts of long ago, including Frank Smith, Richard Bevan, W. Norton and (one who is still with us) Mr. Reginald V. Johnson, master of the Sussex Association.

Few peals have been rung on this handy little six (tenor about 12 cwt.), but it appeared to us in those days that the local residents liked to hear the bells ringing.

It was considered a terrible tragedy if we failed to ring out the Old Year and ring in the New. The church was usually full to overflowing for the midnight service.

Congratulations, Mr. F. G. Knight, and thank you very much for getting St. Martin's bells on the air again.—Yours faithfully,

R. NEWMAN.

There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about. OSCAR WILDE.

Quarter Peals

QUARTER PEALS RUNG TO CELEBRATE THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIA-TION OF CHANGE RINGERS

(FOUNDED MAY 31st, 1890)

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Wedmore, Som. — May 29, 1260 Doubles
(four m/v, 7, 6, 8 covering): G. Puddy 1, Miss
K. Hine 2, J. Creber 3, P. Ham 4, F. B. Comer
(cond.) 5, T. Puddy 6, A. Duckett 7, J. Redman
8. First quarter 6, 7 and 8.
Brent Knoll, Som. — May 30, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles: Miss N. Parker 1, Mrs. S. Berry 2,
Mrs. D. Massey 3, B. Rich 4, K. Brooks (first
as cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6. First quarter 1, 5, 6.
Mark, Som. — May 30, 1260 Grandsire Triplast

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Barton St. David, Som.—May 31, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, M. Brown 2, Miss S. A. Mayell 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, A. J. Callow 5, W. A. Prescott 6.

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Bathwick, Som.—May 31, 1264 P.B. Major:
N. Wrigley 1, Mrs. R. J. Ball 2, A. Wrigley 3,
E. Goater 4, J. Wrigley 5, K. Harrison 6, J. A.
G. Ball (first as cond.) 7, R. S. M. Stubbs 8.

First Major 1 and 3.

Kingston Seymour, Som. — May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. C. Willis 1, E. Baker 2, J. Pople 3, R. Luxton (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, T.

Baker 6. For Evensong. Long Ashton, Som.—May 31, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Gilbert 1, Diana M. Bridle 2, R. G. Edwards 3, Heather A. Kippin 4, R. C. Kippin 5,

P. Bridle 6, D. G. Yeo (first Stedman as cond.)
7, W. W. Wivell 8. For Evensong.
Trull, Somerset.—May 31, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles: Mrs. P. A. Medway 1, Mrs. J. M.
Shepherd 2, J. Baker 3, R. J. Medway 4, H.

Churchill (cond.) 5, R. Shepherd 6.
Weston-super-Mare, Som. — May 31, 1260
Grandsire Doubles: W. Mills 1, Jean Gay 2,
Alison Fox 3, S. Lewis 4, J. A. Trimm (first as cond.) 5, F. Meredith 6. First quarter 1 and 3

Woolavington, Som.—May 31, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Mrs. C. Kent 1, Miss P. Hector (first inside) 2, Miss S. Hector 3, D. B. Kent (first in method) 4, A. G. Kent (cond.) 5, Rev. M Barnett (first in method) 6.

Langport, Som.—June 3, 1260 Pinks Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, C. Gratton 2, Mrs. L. Parker 3, Mrs. D. Crocker 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, D. Pollard (first attempt) 6. First in variation by all

Ancaster, Lincs.-June 7, 1260 Doubles (five methods): P. G. Butler 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling (cond.) 4 Belcher 5.

Baldock, Herts.—June 7, 1264 P.B. Major: B. Dear 1, T. Freer 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, R. Trebilcock 4, R. Pettit 5, B. Willett 6, R. Castledean 7, J. S. Dear (cond.) 8. First major 1, 2 and 6. For Evensona

Basildon, Essex.-June 2, at 300 Falstones, 1380 P.B. Doubles: K. Lucas (first in hand, aged 11) 1-2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Janice Manter-field (12) 5-6. Half-muffled in memoriam Gary David Nutt, aged 9. First in hand by members

the Langdon Hills band.

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Battersea, London.—May 16, 1260 Grandsire

Triples: Margaret A. Robinson 1, Mary Sutcliffe
2, B. J. Fry 3, R. W. Willans (comp. and cond.)
4, M. J. Herbert 5, J. P. Colliss 6, D. R. Tipler
7, R. Le Marechal 8. Also May 17, 1260 P.B.

Minor: Susan D. A. Trousdale 1, Margaret A.

Robinson 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, Mary Sutcliffe
4, M. J. Herbert (first as cond.) 5, R. J. Cooles
6. For Evensong. For Evensong.

Bethersden, Kent.-May 31, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. D. Deacon 1, R. C. Offen 2, J. A. Hemsley 3, B. Johnson 4, N. J. Davies 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. To welcome the new vicar (Rev. Edward St. L. Blakeney).

Biggin Hill, Kent.—May 2, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: C. Spicer 1, P. Kift 2, B. Stocker 3, D. Stocker 4, J. Collinge (cond., first in two methods) 5, L. Hooper 6. Also May 9, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. R. Butler (cond.) 1, R. C. Kift 2, L. Hooper 3, B. Stocker 4, D. Stocker 5, Collinge 6. J. Collinge 6.

Bishop's Cleeve, G.os .- June 6, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: R. Sadowski (cond.) 1, Miss R. Couzens 2, Miss P. Baker 3, Miss B. Eden 4, P. Baker 5, P. Mustoe 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Minnett; also for the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P.

Blackwell, Derbys.—May 17, 1440 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: A. Smithson 1, E. A. Wilson 2, W. Riley 3, W. Steele 4, A. Tomlinson 5, A.

Wheeler (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Boston, Lincs. — May 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: T. Freeston 1, S. E. Smith 2, A. Freeston 3, W. B. Dawson 4, W. E. Clarke 5, R. Stephenson 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, R. Freeston

Bournemouth, Hants. — May 31, at 8 Gerald Road, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Croft 1-2, K. S. B. Croft 3-4, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 5-6,

K. S. B. Croft 3-4, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 5-6, J. S. Croft (aged 13) 7-8.
Braughing, Herts. — May 17, 1260 Stedman Triples: K. Westwood 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, P. J. Glazebrook 3, L. Luck 4, W. Hunt 5, A. E. Richardson 6, R. F. Prime 7, E. Mardell 8.

Budworth, Cheshire.--May 17, 1260 Pl. Minor: Jean Hallett 1, M. Haighton 2, Elizabeth Lowe 3, J. Scott 4, J. G. Hallett (cond.) 5, D.

Lowe 6. For Whitsun.
Chawton, Hants. — May 29, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles: E. Hedger 1, G. Noakes 2, R. Reed 3, R. Corke 4, R. Finch (cond.) 5, J. Cleaver (first quarter) 6. For the induction of Rev. M. Taylor

THREE IN A DAY

(Bank Holiday Monday)
Cheriton, Kent. — 1296 Little Bob Major: R. Bagshaw 1, Judy Brooks 2, Margaret Jenner 3, H. Deacon 4, R. A. Birch 5, J. Hemsley 6, P. Staples 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. First in method 5 and 7.

New Romney, Kent.—1260 Pl. Bob Triples: B. Johnson 1, R. A. Birch 2, Judy Brooks 3, Margaret Jenner 4, H. Deacon 5, R. Bagshaw 6, J.

Hemsley (cond.) 7, P. Staples 8.
Folkestone, Kent. — 1260 Grandsire Triples:
P. Staples 1, B. Johnson 2, Margaret Jenner 3,
Judy Brooks 4, R. Bagshaw 5, H. Deacon 6, R.
A. Birch (cond.) 7, J. Hemsley 8.

Chigwell, Essex. — May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Leslie C. Tibbitts 1, P. D. Austin 2. Elizabeth A. Dunlop 3, Marion A. Cass 4, G. H. Walker (cond.) 5, J. Conquist 6. To welcome the new curate.

Chinnor, Oxon. - May 31, 1260 P.B. Minor:

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G. Judge 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3,
Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, F. Keen 5, R. G. Hazell
(cond.) 6. For morning service.
Codsall, Staffs. — April 27, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): S. W. Illidge 1, A.,
G. Richards (cond.) 2, K. A. Russell 3, D. R.
Hawksworth 4, J. S. Cranmer 5, P. J. Bryan 6,
H. E. Green 7, J. Smith 8. Half-muffled in
memoriam Miss. Jessie Moreton, a donor of a H. E. Green 7, J. Smith 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss Jessie Moreton, a donor of a treble (1936). Also May 20, 1260 Doubles (two methods): F. E. Fowell 1, S. W. Illidge 2, P. J. Bryan 3, S. G. Pick 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5. Also on June 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Richards 1, R. S. Lyons 2, P. J. Bryan 3, S. W. Illidge 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.)

Condover, Salop. — May 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lloyd 1, R. H. Newton 2, Patricla C. Stocken 3, F. H. Bennett 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, L. D. K. Owen 8. H Owen 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Hughes, ringer and organist for over 50 years

and a former auditor of Shropshire Association.

Darlington, Co. Durham. — May 28, at Holy Trinity, 1296 London Surprise Minor: G. A. Barker 1, Miss D. M. Killingley 2, D. R. Cox 3, T. Cooke 4, P. M. Park 5, R. Park (cond.) 6. For the visit of H.R.H. Princess Anne (May 27)

For the visit of H.H.H. Princess Anne (May 27) to open the town's new Civic Centre.

Davenham, Cheshire.—April 14, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Lynn Owen (first quarter) 1, Pamela Hough (first quarter) 2, A. C. P. Pugh 3, J. R. Jervis (first quarter) 4, J. G. Hallett (cond.) 5, J. Scott 6.

Ditchling, Sussex .- May 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. R. Squires 1, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 2, Sylvia H. C. Thursfield 3, J. Kirkcaldy 4, Susan-Margaret Merrett 5, Judith M. Botting (first quarter) 6, D. Kirkcaldy R. K. Mayston 8. A farewell to the rector, Canon M. H. R. Synge, M.A., taking up an appointment as Chaplain to the Community of the Epiphany, Truro.

Deane, Bolton, Lancs,-June 3, 1280 St. Clement's College Bob Major: Pauline Tallis (first quarter) 1, N. Tompkins 2, J. Cunliffe 3, A. Critchley 4, G. Fothergill 5, P. Bellamy-Knights 6, J. Thornley 7, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 8.

Drayton, Berks.—June 6, 1260 P.B. Triples: Jane Danson 1, Christine Baker 2, Julie Tyler 3, E. F. Putt 4, C. W. J. East 5, A. D. Tyler 6, R.

T. Corker (cond.) 7, G. J. Tyler 8.

Dublin.-April 9, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1260 P.B. Minor: Jane Potter 1, D. W. Galbraith (first Minor) 2, Carol Adams 3, P. M. Talbot 4, . McEndoo (first as cond. of Minor) 5, C. J. Reede 6. Also May 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Potter 1, D. A. McEndoo 2, Dorothy Johnston (first inside) 3, D. W. Galbraith 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, Helen Hubert 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Dorothy Johnston (master, D.U.G.). Also May 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Beth Doyle (first quarter) 1, J. P. O. Barry 2, Jane Potter 3, C. J. Reede 4, D. A. McEndoo (cond.) 5, Helen Hubert 6. Birthday compliments to twins, Kevin and Timothy Griffin. Also June 4, 1260 P.B. Minor: Dorothy Johnston (first Minor) 1, Carol Adams 2, D. A. McEndoo 3, C. J. Reede 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, J. K. Stark 6. Also June 6, 1260 P.B. Doubles J. B. Marchant (first quarter) 1, J. P. O. Barry 2, Jane Potter 3, D. A. McEndoo 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, J. F. B. Fitzpatrick (first quarter) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Cilia (D.U.G.).

Durham, Co. Durham, --- May 17, swald's, 1260 P.B. Minor: N. J. W J. Webber Oswald's. Miss G. Bidgood 2, Miss D. M. Robotham 3, M. E. Johnson 4, P. S. Abbott (cond.) 5, G. D.

Armitage 6.

Faling, Middx.—May 17, at St. Mary's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. W. Broadbent (first quarter) 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, P. Felton 4, F. Bishop 5, H. W. Rogers 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

Eaton, Leics.—May 30, 1260 P.B. Doubles; Susan Rex 1, Karen French 2, A. French 3, J. R. Ward (first inside, first as cond.) 4, O. Home-By Framland Society.

Ewelme, Oxon.—June 1, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Miss S. Baker (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Winfield 2, Miss K. Tuckwell 3, R. Baker (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5, N. Elkington 6.

Fletching, Sussex .- June 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Chappell 1, J. N. Lambert 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, K. A. Hughes 4, T. G. Williams 5, P. D. Hepburn 6, B. J. Read (cond.) 7, A. G. Ogilvie (first quarter) 8.

Goring, Oxon. — May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Nicholas (first quarter) 1, Carol Tull 2, A. Beaumont 3, W. Irving 4, M. Tull 5, S. Franklin 6, I. Judd (first as cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Whitsun, and to mark Malvin Tull's Confirmation.

Great Hormead, Herts.—May 18, 1440 Minor (Beverley, Surfleet): R. Hayen 1, R. F. Prime 2, P. J. Glazebrook 3, W. Hunt 4, P. C. Warboys (cond.) 5, L. Luck 6.

Halberton, Devon.—June 4, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): J. Bellamy 1, Mrs. P. Bellamy 2, Rev. M. J. Odlum 3, C. G. Barnes (cond.) 4, A. Amos 5, Miss M. Bellamy (first quarter) 6.

Hitchin, Herts.-June 7, 1344 Pl. Bob Major: Cecile Forgan 1, Elizabeth J. Cranfield 2, Jacque-line Saker 3, M. J. Cranfield (first inside) 4, A. R. Agg 5, A. W. Gentle (first Major inside) 6, P. J. Cranfield (cond.) 7, A. R. Boyd 8.

Horringer, Suffolk.—May 17, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marian Potter 1, Theresa R. Orriss 2, Sally E. V. Potter 3, B. E. Whiting (cond.) Amanda M. Richmond 5, F. J. Potter 6. Whitsunday Confirmation service. Also May 21, Whitsunday Confirmation service. Also May 21, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): B. R. Wells 1, Sally E. V. Potter 2, A. F. Ballam 3, C. R. Nunn 4, Amanda M. Richmond 5, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 6. Also May 28, 1260 Doubles (480 Rev. Canterbury, 780 Plain Bob): B. E. Whiting (50th quarter) 1, Amanda M. Richmond 2, A. F. Ballam 3, Sally E. V. Potter (first as cond.) 4, C. R. Nunn 5, F. J. Potter 6.

Huyton, Lancs. — June 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. D. Hawley 1, D. G. V. Ellison 2, A. Walsh 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For 17th anniversary of the Queen's coronation.

Ingham, Suffolk.-May 31, 1260 Doubles (St. Martin, St. Simon, Rev. Canterbury, Plain and Grandsire): Sally E. V. Potter 1, Amanda M. Richmond (most Doubles methods) 2, A. F. Ballam 3, C. R. Nunn 4, B. E. Whiting (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

Ipplepen, Devon.-June 2, 1260 Erin Triples: D. Lawson 1, T. Cullingworth 2, Valerie Stephens 3, R. F. Shepperd 4, W. S. Wayman 5, J. L. Head 6, D. J. Roperts (cond.) 7, B. Tuckett 8. First in method 6 and 8.

Keele, Staffs. — June 7, 1260 Doubles (six

Ann Lilley (first quarter) 1, P. W. Gay 2, M. Worthington & Leona Robinson 4, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 5, J. F. Hocking 6. By University of Keele Society, for Matins.

Lane End, Bucks,—May 24, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Smith 1, R. Meakes 2, C. Hagger 3, R. Hazell 4, C. Meakes (cond.) 5, T. Wright 6. By former pupils of G. J. J. Slater, ordained at Oxford this day. Also May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Smith 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, C. Meakes 4, C. Hagger (cond.) 5, R. Meakes 6. For Patronal Festival (Holy Trinity) Evensona.

Launceston, Cornwall.—June 6, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Callow (first quarter) 1, W. C. Boucher (cond.) 2, T. Hillman 3, D. Garvie 4, A. J. Sandy 5, T. Hicks (first quarter) 6. First quarter by Sunday band. For the birth of a daughter to ringer of 3.

Leatherhead, Surrey.-March 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Parr 1, Judith Robinson 2, Pauline Smith 3, A. H. Smith 4, D. Robinson 5, P. Ford 6, A. J. Smith (cond.) 7, R. Woodland 8. A 90th birthday compliment to A. H. Winch.

Lechlade, Glos.-May 23, 1260 P.B. Minor: Susan Chippendale (first quarter) 1, Bridget Hardisty (first Minor) 2, Janet Powell (first Minor) 3, Hugh N. Evans (cond.) 4, H. R. Hayden 5, W. Gearing 6. First quarter of Minor by a local band. For the Festival of the Holy Trinity; also birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

Long Ashton, Som.-May 18, 1344 8-Spliced Surprise Major: J. Brain 1, Heather Kippin 2, E. T. Lee 3, D. W. James 4, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 5, R. H. Youdale 6, S. Brown 7, P. J. England 8. First 8-spliced inside for 2 and 3.

Mildenhall, Suffolk.—May 24, 1260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): B. E. Whiting (cond.) 1, P. G. Goodwin 2, C. R. Nunn 3, Sally E. V. Potter 4, A. F. Ballam 5, Christine Eagle 6. For Evensong.

-May 24, 1296 Trinity Sunday Nailsea, Som.-T.B. Minor: C. Kortright 1, J. Maggs 2, P. Bridle 3, M. J. Horseman 4, T. Chapman 5, P. J. England (cond.) 6. Rung on Trinity Sunday.

Newland, Glos.-May 30, 540 Single Oxford, 720 P.B. Minor: Kathleen Marriott 1, Angela Newing 2, J. A. Long 3, Rev. P. Newing 4, L. C. Meadows 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung during the village summer fair.

North Cerney, Glos.—June 6, 1296 Beverley Surprise Minor: M. P. Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, Helen Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First in method for all. Also 1260 Double Oxford Minor: Ann Herbert 1, M. P. Taylor (first inside) 2, Hilda Taylor 3, Helen Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6

(cond.) 6.

North Wingfield, Derbys. — May 30, 1260
Grandsire Triples: Jane A. Smith 1, Mrs. D. A.
Davis 2, A. R. Queen 3, P. Webber 4, C. Davis
(first Grandsire Triples) 5, P. D. Taylor 6, D. A.
Davis (cond.) 7, R. Marczak 8. First Triples
for 1, 2, 4 and 8.

Polesworth, Warks.—May 17, 1260 Doubles 1 methods): S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, M. (11 methods): S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Family Communion. Also May 20, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Allsopp 6. For deanery Confirmation service. Also May 24, 1260 Doubles (two methods): S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, D. Hiorns 3, M. Allsopp 4, M. Quimby (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also May 24, 1260 Doubles (three methods): S. Allsopp 1 24, 1260 Doubles (three methods): S. Allsopp

A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, M. Quimby 4, D. Hiorns 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong. Rolvenden, Kent.—May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. Thomas 1, B. Johnson 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, J. Hemsley 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6.

Deacon 4, J. Hemsley 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6. For Whitsun. 50th together 4 and 5.
Rickmansworth, Herts. — May 30, 1260 P.B. Minor: I. D. Harris 1, Miss J. M. Knowles 2, Miss M. A. Sears 3, J. R. Southey 4, A. C. D. Mayes 5, D. M. Hibbert (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 3 and 6. For the opening of Rickmansworth

Yorks.--June 4, 1260 Doubles (600 Pl. Bob, 660 Grandsire): Patricia Wright (first quarter) 1, A. Dunn-Birch 2, R. Cater 3, J. P. Charlesworth 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, M. Washington (first quarter) 6.

St. Mary Bourne, Hants. — May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Tarrant 1, J. Tarrant 2, B. Oaks 3, R. Wimlett 4, J. Wimlett (cond.) 5, Rich 6. A farewell to Rev. W. Pack on his

Saham Toney, Norfolk.-May 30, 1260 P.B. Minor: V. Bowen 1, O. Needham 2, Miss J. Stebbings 3, C. Tovell 4, D. Parry 5, R. Harrop (cond.) 6. First quarter 3 and 5.

Sampford Arundel, Som. - May 28, Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Mrs. P. Bellamy 1, C. G. Barnes (cond.) 2, R. Coleman 3, Rev. M. J. Odlum 4, A. Amos 5, J. Bellamy

Sandon, Essex.-May 27, 1260 P.B. Minor: Yvonne Towler 1, Judi Harrison 2, Marilyn Freeman 3, K. W. Brown 4, J. L. Towler 5, R. J. Harrison (cond.) 6. For Corpus Christi; also a birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

Send, Surrey. — May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Smith 1, Jill May 2, Lesley Smith 3, D. A. R. May (cond.) 4, D. Munday 5, S. Strudwick 6. To mark the retirement of Rev. C. E. Silvester (25 years vicar).

Shirley, Warks. — May 31, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: G. D. Rushton (first T.B.) 1, Susie J. Titchener 2, V. H. Nash 3, R. J. Weekes 4, E. T. Lloyd 5, C. D. Baugh (cond.) 6. First in method 2, 4 and 6.

Shrewsbury, Salop.-May 16, at St. Marv's. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Vivien Bennett 1, A. E. G. Owen 2, P. J. Evans 3, R. H. Newton 4, F. Willcox (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Stacey Coleman. Also June 7, 1260 P.B. Minor: D. Smith 1, R. H. Newton 2, E. F. Willcox 3, Patricia C. Stocken 4, A. E. G. Owen 5, P. J. Evans (cond.) 5. For Evensong; also a 13th wedding anniversary compliment to Ernest and Sylvia Willcox.

Smarden, Kent. -- May 24, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: E. Clifton 1, Marion Kemp 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deadon 4, J. Hemsley 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Southwark, S.E. - June 7, at the Cathedral, 1264 P.B. Major: C. E. Bulleid 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, I. J. Whitear 4, M. J. Green 5, C. D. Collin (cond.) 6, A. J. Brown 7, B. J. Stone 8. On the back eight for "Sunday Evenings at Southwark."

Thornbury, Glos.-May 31, 1280 P.B. Major: Elizabeth Chapman 1, Angela Newing 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, P. Newing 4, S. Poole 5, D. A. Chapman 6, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 7, E. G. Mould 8. For the christening of Ruth Catherine, daughter of Christine and Edward Mould, god-daughter of the ringers of 1 and 3.

Trumpington, Cambs.-April 23, 1274 Pl. Bob Triples: R. A. Currell 1, Jean F. West 2, Pat Hurworth 3, R. I. West 4, E. J. Dicken 5, M. R. Kitson 6, G. K. Terris (comp. and cond.) 7, A. Kellock (first Triples) 8. First Plain Bob Triples by all.

Wantage, Berks.—May 24, 1260 P.B. Minor: R. Wood 1, Shirley Goble (first Minor inside) 2, H. Bishop 3, I. Stoter 4, H. White 5, J. White

Warminster, Wilts.-June 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Monica Scammell 1, Karen Starling 2, Mary Wynne 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, N. G. Knee (cond.) 5, Mrs. D. Hutchins 6, L. Hawkins 7, E. Norris 8. For civic service.

Warsop, Notts. — May 2, 1440 Sutton-cum-Lound Surprise Minor: H. T. Rooke 1, Sandra Ettles 2, F. Cooke 3, B. Birkett 4, R. Hancock Ettles 2, F. Cooke 3, B. Billett 4, II. Hallocks
5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. First in method.
Also May 7, 1320 Minor (720 Ascension Day
T.B., 600 Sookholme): Sandra Ettles 1, F. Cooke
2, R. Hancock 3, D. Chambers 4, H. T. Rooke B A. Richards (cond.) 6. First quarter in methods. Also May 17, 1260 Single Oxford and P.B. Minor: A. D. Rooke 1, I. Earl 2, Miss A. C. Rooke 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

Sutton-cum-Lound Surprise: -34-14-12-1236-12-16. 4ths I.e. 62534

Ascension Day Treble Bob: -34-16-12-16.34-12.3 2nds l.e. 65324

Wellington, Som. — May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Kingscote 1, Mrs. A. Stenning 2, C. Webber 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, F. Morris 5, I. G. Hughes 6, A. W. Stenning 7. For Trinity Sunday; also a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Stenning.

NEWINGTON BELLS REDEDICATED

Nearly 100 parishioners and ringers from S.E. England assembled at the Church of Mary, Newington-next-Sittingbourne, Kent, on Whit Sunday, for the rededication of the six bells rehung by John Taylor

Evensong was conducted by the vicar (Rev. P. W. Poole), the first lesson being read by Mr. E. A. Barnett, vice-president of the Central Council, and the rededicaof the Central Council, and the rededica-tion took place after the third collect. The Newington band, together with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. A. P. S. Berry (Kent C.A.), Mr. D. P. Leworthy (Roches-ter District) and Mr. A. Clayton (John Taylor and Co.) assembled at the foot of the tower. After prayer the vicar presented the key to Mr. E. A. Gilbert (captain). During the singing of "Ding Dong Merrily on High" the Newington band rang rounds.

The Vicar, in his address, emphasised the fact that the bells of Newington were ringing again was due entirely to the efforts of the local band.

After the service light refreshments were served in the school room and the captain thanked everybody for their support in raising funds for the restoration. Mr. E. A. Barnett congratulated the band and thanked them on behalf of all visitors. Ringing on the much improved ring took place under the direction of Mr. Laurie Mitchell until

LOST HIS TROUSERS AFTER TEN **MINUTES**

Mr. G. D. Armitage, during a short visit to England from Sweden, arranged a weekend of ringing. On May 16 a peal of Plain Bob Major was attempted on the rough-going bells at Lightcliffe, near Halifax, Yorkshire. The tenor weighs nearly a ton and the bells are hung in a two-tier wooden frame. The front six are not too bad, as they are hung on ball bearings. The tenors, however, were left on plain bearings and have a habit of drying up. This is what happened after only ten minutes of ringing. The tenor man had to contort himself so much in order to keep his bell up, even when hunting down, that his trousers fell down, bringing the ringing to a full stop.

On Whit Sunday the band went to Durham and rang on the new six at Shincliffe, and a quarter peal was rung at St. Oswald's, Durham.

Mr. Armitage adds the latter bells are to be melted down and recast into a light eight with a tenor of about five cwt. It is hoped that the reclaimed metal will meet the Another hope is to arouse local interest and get the bells rehung lower in the tower.

Inquiries can be made to Mr. Keiran Fitzsimons, 2 The Reeds, Durham Agricultural College, Houghall, Durham City, and many thanks are due to him for his help in getting the bells into some sort of order.

Whitwick, Leics.-May 5, 1264 P.B. Major: Helen J. Wright 1, J. A. Lord 2, J. Hawtin 3, D. Waldram 4, H. Moult 5, C. Lord 6, J. Rawson 7, R. Beniston (cond.) 8. For Confirmation. Also May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Beniston 1, May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Beniston 1, R. Beniston (cond.) 2, Helen J. Wright 3, J. A. Lord 4, H. Moult 5, C. Lord 6, J. Rawson 7, J. Hawtin 8. For Ringers' Sunday (Whit Sunday). Yatton, Som. — May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Lawrence 1, T. Hawkings (first inside) 2, D. Hawkings 3, P. J. England (cond.)

4, S. G. Smith 5, L. Lawrence 6.

Peals

WAREHAM WEEK-END SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

RINGWOOD, Hants, SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (184 cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Michael J. Dew

*2 Georgina C. M. Carter 3 Timothy F. Collins 4 Martin Major

Alan M. Barber (Conductor) George E. Bonham

7 David R. Saunderson †8 George E. Thoday

*First of Yorkshire inside. †400th tower for a peal.

WAREHAM, Dorset, Lady St. Mary.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. (15½ cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. J. Sedgley.
1 Georgina C. M. Carter
2 George E. Bonham
3 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

Timothy F. Collins Phillip R. Keough 6 Martin Major 7 David R. Saunderson 8 George E. Thoday

KINGSTON, Dorset, St. James. Sun., May 24, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (26³ cwt.) 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. Baldwin.

George E. Bonham

2 Martin Major 3 Graham W. Elmes 4 Alan M. Barber *5 Anthony R. Carter

6 David R. Saunderson

7 Timothy F. Collins 8 George E. Thoday (Conductor) *50th of Major.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset, St. Giles.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (151 cwt.) 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

1 Georgina C. M. Carter *†2 Christine M. Carter *3 David R. Saunderson

4 Anthony R. Carter 5 Alan M. Barber 6 John W. Blackwood

7 Graham W. Elmes ‡8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) *First of Superlative. †25th peal. ‡100th for the Guild.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

80th ANNIVERSARY PEALS (The association was founded on May 31, 1890 at Highbridge, Somerset).

MERRIOTT, Som, All Saints. Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (12 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (8 methods: Stedman, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Rev. St. Sebastian, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Minster Bob, Grandsire; 2 var., 8 spliced).

Frederick Welch *2 Barbara Dean
3 Alan W. Robinson
†4 Robert J. Dean
5 John Cornelius (Conductor)

6 Thomas J. Hill
•First attempt. †First of Doubles. First by a Crewkerne Branch band for 22 years.

EXFORD, Som, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (8 methods: 1 each of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clements, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob).

*1 Frederick C. Arscott 2 Brenda M. Bindon 3 John Cornelius

4 Adrian F. Arscott

*5 Leslie H. Arscott

6 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)

*Most Minor methods. At the master's

OFFICERS' PEAL

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, Som, St. Andrew. Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (22 cwt.) 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
1 A. H. Reed (Taunton Br. Sec.)
2 D. G. Yeo (Chew Br. Sec.)
3 J. S. Walton (Axbridge Br. Ch'man)
4 P. H. D. Jones (Frome Br. Sec.)

*5 P. J. Devrell (Bath Br. R.M.)

*6 K. E. Beale (Instructor)
*7 M. J. Stone (Bridgwater Br. Sec.) 8 J. H. Gilbert (Conductor, Gen. Sec.)

*First in the method.

SEAVINGTON, Somerset, St. Mary.

Sun., May 31, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (6 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (14 methods: Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. Union, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Minster Bob, All Saints, Rev. St. Sebastian, Rev. St. Bartholometer, Greatering 24 vers 12 certified. mew, Grandsire; 26 var., 12 spliced).

Brenda M. Bindon Arthur H. Reed

John Cornelius (Conductor)

4 Royston Shepherd 5 Raymond F. Arscott 6 Adrian F. Arscott

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ECKINGTON, Derbys, SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., May 9, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (163 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by A. Knights.

1 Susan E. Davis *2 Frances A. Garfield

3 Susan E. Banton *4 Richard Fletcher 5 John J. L. Gilbert

6 Timothy Wylie
7 Geoffrey Bridges
†8 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

*First on 8 bells. †75th for the association. For Ascensiontide.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire, All Saints.

Thur., May 28, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (18 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 736 Superlative, 704 London and Rutland, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 586 Bristol, 544 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work). Composed by N. J. Diserens.

David W. Parkin Robert M. Chambers

Timothy Wylie

4 Geoffrey Bridges
5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

A. Colin Banton 7 Dennis R. Carlisle 8 David W. Friend

To welcome Catherine, a third child for Pat and Gordon Halls.

GREAT LONGSTONE, Derbys, St. Giles. Mon., May 11, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (9 cwt.) 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.)
A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

2 Susan E. Davis 3 Susan E. Banton
4 Andrew R. Queen
5 Peter D. Taylor
6 Timothy Wyle

First in the method for all and for the association.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MORPETH, Northumberland, Watch Tower.

Wed., June 3, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.)

5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by W. Barton.

Adrian Dempster 2 Christine H. Telfer 3 George S. Deas 4 Andrew G. Craddock

Malcolm E. Johnson Stephen C. Wells

7 James Crowther 8 Eric N. Harrison (Conductor) First in method as conductor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

CHIGWELL, Essex, St. Mary-the-Less. Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (9 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

*1 Elizabeth A. Dunlop †2 Marion A. Cass

*3 Philip D. Austin 4 David A. Tovell

5 Geoffrey H. Walker (Conductor)
6 Robert A. Poole
*First peal. †First in the method. First as conductor. A compliment to the Rev.

W. E. Dickinson (vicar) on completing 25 years as a priest.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THORLEY, Herts, St. James.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents: Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clements, Plain Bob).

1 George Goodman 2 Richard F. Prime *3 Peter Glazebrook

4 Leonard Luck *5 Peter C. Warboys (Conductor) 6 Walter Hunt

*First in seven methods. 81st birthday compliment to Fred Bird.

ST PAULS WALDEN, Herts, All Saints. Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR, being one ex-

tent each of Wells, Ipswich, Norwich, Durham, Surfleet. Offley and Rossendale. 1 Joyce M. Clarke

2 David Redfearn *3 Kenneth J. Darvill *4 Keith J. Walpole 5 John R. Mayne

†6 Robert E. Hardy (Conductor)
*First of seven Surprise Minor. †100th for the association. On the occasion of St. Pauls Walden flower festival, in honour of the 70th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, a native of this parish.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr 21min. (32 cwt.) 5079 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Alexander Waddington

2 Christopher T. Osenton 3 Herbert E. Audsley

4 Frederick J. Cullum

5 Stanley Jenner 6 John W. Smith 7 Peter S. Muchlinski 8 Frank J. Matthews

9 Trevor A. Cross 10 Tony Skilton Rung non-conducted.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HEALEY, Rochdale, Lancs, Christ Church. Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (16 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Gillian Tompsett 2 John D. Watkin 3 Keith P. Tompsett

4 Michael H. Tompsett 5 John C. Sager (Conductor) 6 Richard S. Starkie

First on the bells by the present local band.

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (103 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(2 2160's and 1 720.)

1 John H. Fielden

*†2 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*3 Alan Capstick

*4 Nicholas M. Newby
5 John D. Nixon
6 Cyril Crossthwaite

*First of Cambridge Minor. †100th on tower bells. First of Surprise as conductor. †100th on 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Capstick.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (10½ cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1 Doreen Maclean

Amy M. Warnes Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

4 Stanley Walmsley 5 Hugh F. Pettifer

*6 John Bagnall *Has circled tower.

WALKDEN, Lancashire, St. Paul.

Sun., June 7, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (18 cwt.) 5184 EASINGWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Forster.
Joseph Thornley
Albert Greenhalgh
Peter Bellamy-Knights

4 William M. Taylor

5 William Birmingham, jun.
6 Dennis H. McCormick
7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
8 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)

First in the method for all and for the association. To mark the opening of St. Paul's, Walkden, C. of E. Crompton Street Junior School by the Duke of Sutherland the previous day.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., May 12, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)

5184 EASTWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by H. Poyner.

1 Ronald D. Hughes 2 Richard Clifton

3 Aithur E. Rowley 4 B. Stedman Payne

5 Frank Chambers 6 Alec R. Jones 7 G. Ronald Edwards

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor) First in the method by all and for the guild.

SWITHLAND, Leics, St. Leonard.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 44min. $(12\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Elaine Smith

*2 Jonathan A. Howard

*3 J. Anne Rickaby 4 Clive J. Mobbs 5 Malcolm D. Barsby

6 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor) *First peal.

LEICESTER, Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

Mon., May 18, 1970, 3hr 27min. (25 cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

*1 George W. Smith 2 Robert B. Smith

†3 John Harrold 4 Shirley Burton 5 Dennis Carlisle **Burley Morris**

7 Murray A. Coleman 8 Herrick B. Bowley (Conductor) 9 W. Arthur Riddington

110 William J. Root

*First peal. †First Yorkshire Royal. ‡300th peal. In memoriam Diana M. Frost.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Wed., May 27, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (6½ cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (2 methods: 2880 Yorkshire, 2208 Lincolnshire).
Composed by N. J. Pitstow.
Arranged by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Arthur E. Rowley 2 Richard Clifton

*3 Ronald D. Hughes 4 B. Stedman Payne

*5 Frank Chambers

*6 Alec R. Jones G. Ronald Edwards

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor) *First of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leics, All Saints. Sun., May 31, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (8 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE MINOR

Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)

2 Clive J. Mobbs *3 Shelagh Dennis

4 Hilary F. Watson-Walker

5 William A. Thow 6 Alec R. Jones

*First of Grandsire. First of Grandsire Minor by all.

WATILIP, Leics, Our Lady & St. Nicholas.

V.c.'., June 3, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (7¾ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents.)

1 John P. Colliss

2 David G. Massey (Conductor)

*3 Barry J. Fry 4 Clive J. Mobbs

of Hugglescote.

5 Alec R. Jones †6 Roger I. Kendrick *First of Surprise. †First of Minor in the method. In memoriam Horace O. Over,

ATHERSTONE, Warwickshire, St. Mary. Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (81 cwt.) **5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by G. Lindoff.

1 Eileen J. Goodall

2 Geoffrey N. Goodall 3 Beryl E. Cawser

5 Burley P. Morris 6 Roland H. Cook

7 K. Paul Gilliver

8 Robert B. Smith

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

FRISKNEY, Lincs, All Saints.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (12 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

Roy Stephenson

*2 Valerie M. Shaw *3 Ernest Pickering 4 Michael J. Belcher

5 Albert E. Flatters 6 Philip H. Reynolds (Conductor)

*First peal. First on the bells.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam, St. Bridget. Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (11 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (Rev. Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire).

*1 David Bounds

2 Thomas T. Yeomans 3 Paul W. Thomas (Conductor)

4 Raymond J. Mayle

†5 R. Mark Esbester

6 William T. Petty
*Most methods. †First peal. Most methods as conductor.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk, St. Mary.

Tues., May 19, 1970, 2hr. 45 min. (10 cwt.) **5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR** Composed by R. Baldwin.

George P. Adams

Hilary Adcock
Carole A. H. Patey

David G. Adams Richard J. W. Housden

John Illingworth

Robin Rogers 8 Peter Adcock (Conductor)

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

STONESFIELD, Oxon, St. James the Great. Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (2 Beverley, 2

Surfleet, 3 Cambridge). Terence J. Hester

G. John Collett

3 Peter Pearce
4 Brian W. Hall
5 D. Kay Adkins (Conductor)
6 Peter J. Heritage

For the Flower Festival.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos, St. Mary. Mon., June 1, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (8 cwt.) 5040 COLDSTREAM SURPRISE MINOR

1 Peter Pearce *2 Brian W. Hall *3 G. John Collett

4 Terence J. Hester
5 D. Kay Adkins (Conductor)
*6 Bertram J. Coggins

*First in the method.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

HINTON WALDRIST, Berks, St. Margaret. Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (63 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (3 extents each of Grandsire, New Bob, Shipways Place, Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin).

1 Lawrence J. Haines
2 Rodney A. Yeates
3 Shirley E. Jones
4 Roger H. Abbot
5 Colin J. E. Wyld (Conductor)
*6 Ian W. Davies

*First attempt. Rung by the officers of the O.U.S.C.R. (Original copy lost. Ed.)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

Sun., May 31, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (183 cwt.) 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Arranged by R. F. B. Speed. Stanley F. Webb Barry E. Saunders Raymond H. Vickers

Shirley Ruddlesden Roger W. Smith Patrick I. Chapman

Richard F. B. Speed (Conductor)

Alan A. Paul 9 Graham C. Paul 10 Barrie Hendry

In memoriam Diana Mary Frost.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ATCHAM, Salop, St. Eata.

Sat., Mar. 7, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2160 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and 720 Plain Bob).

Philip J. Evans Ernest F. Willcox

Frank Beech (Conductor)
Michael J. A. Orman
Reginald H. Newton

6 Neville R. Holland To welcome the Rev. G. S. Lloyd to the parish.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, Notts, St. Mary.

Tues., May 26, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (6 cwt.) 5040 **DOUBLES** (8 Rev. Canterbury, 24 Plain Bob and 10 Kennington).

Albert Simpson

*2 Peter E. Barber *3 John R. A. Yates 4 Trevor H. Kirkman

(Conductors) 5 David Oliver *6 Stephen Wood

*First attempt.

SUFFOLK GUILD

BENHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (6 extents St. Simon and St. Martin, 30 of Plain Bob).

*1 Michael Peters *2 Roger Peters

Michael Baldry Trevor Hughes

5 Peter S. Bedford (Conductor)

6 Harry Archer

*First in more than one method.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert. Fri., June 5, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (10 cwt.) 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR (1 2160 and four 720's.)

1 Walter W. Miller 2 Katharine M. Thorley 3 Muriel R. Page 4 J. Barry Pickup 5 Leslie G. Brett

6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor) To welcome Matthew J. S. Payne.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk, SS. Peter & Paul. Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (11½ cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Ruth K. Last Peter S. Bedford

Rev. Brian Redgers

Katharine M. Thorley John W. Blythe Adrian Knights

Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor) For the reopening of The Maltings at Snape by H.M. the Queen on the occasion of the 23rd Aldeburgh Festival of Music and the Arts.

NON-ASSOCIATION

LONDON, E, St. John the Baptist, Hackney.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr 43min. (164 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Arranged by John Pladdys.

Andrew R. F. Crowson N. Peter Mudge

t3 David Woodward

Anthony M. Faulkner

Carol Martin Philip R. Down David A. Town 6

8 John Pladdys (Conductor) *First peal. †First inside.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

PORTSMOUTH, Hants, Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 14 min. (25½ cwt.)

5007 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by C. W. Woolley.

*1 John R. Southey *2 Roger Baldwin

3 Susan E. Smith 4 Andrew C. D. Mayes

Frank Reed
John S. Croft
Christopher W. Woolley (Conductor)

8 George E. Evenden 9 Robert E. J. Dennis

10 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

*First of Stedman Caters.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs, St. Michael. Sat., May 30, 1970, 2 hr. 52min. (141 cwt.) 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (6 methods: 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 832 Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, 127 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Roger H. Hunt Morley P. Tobin M. Irene Brown

J. Clifford Skidmore

5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor) 6 Stephen W. Barton 7 Arthur C. Berry 8 Gerald C. Hemming

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

FAR HEADINGLEY, W. Yorks, St. Chad. Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (181 cwt.) YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR 5152 Composed by C. Starbuck.

A. Patrick Cannon
Norman V. Harding
Peter J. Wycherley
Cecil W. Pipe

5 Thomas J. Lock 6 Geoffrey R. Drew

R. Roger Savory (Conductor)

8 Ralph G. Edwards *1,250th peal.

(Leeds and District Branch)

THORNHILL, Yorks, St. Michael and All Angels.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (163 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 Killamarsh T.B., 2 each Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob).

*1 Dyson Scargill

Shirley Pygott
David S. Lockwood (Conductor)

4 Robert Pygott t5 G. Edward Arnott

†6 Herbert Wood

*First of Minor. †First beal. First by local band, and all are Sunday service ringers. For Whitsun.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, St. Peter.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 46min. $(7\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Christopher N. Grandidge

Suzanne J. Snack Margaret Warford

4 Robert Cater 5 Christopher Forster6 Ronald R. Warford

7 C. Barrie Dove 8 Ronald J. Snack (Conductor) First of Surprise Major as conductor.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.

Thur., May 14, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (15 in C.)

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS Arranged by Alan F. Scholfield.

1-2 John Gander

3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis

5-6 Alan F. Scholfield (Conductor) 7-8 Gerald Moorhouse

9-10 J. David Atkinson 11-12 Neil D. Lomas

MARPLE, Cheshire, 43 Leigh Avenue. Thur., June 4, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (15 in C.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by C. K. Lewis (1942).
1-2 C. Kenneth Lewis
3-4 J. David Atkinson
5-6 Alan F. Scholfield (Conductor)
*7-8 Michael Foulds

*First on eight handbells.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SHEFFIELD, Yorks, 194 Gleadless Com. Wed., May 13, 1970, 2hr. 4min. (14 in D.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by A. Knights.

1-2 Timothy Wylie 3-4 Geoffrey Bridges

*5-6 Michael J. Fellows

ESTIMATES

FREE

*7-8 A. Colin Banton (Conductor) *50th together.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

GRAVESEND, Kent, 13 Meadow Road.

Wed., June 3, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (15 in C.)
5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Arranged by C. T. Osenton.

1-2 Trevor A. Cross 3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski

5-6 Christopher T. Osenton (Conductor)

7-8 Edward J. Beer

9-10 Frank J. Matthews

11-12 Stuart Sandford

GILLINGHAM, Kent, 31 South Avenue.

Mon., Jun 8, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (10 in A.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1-2 Trevor A. Cross (Conductor) 3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski

5-6 Nicholas J. Chesson

7-8 Frank J. Matthews

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Tues., May 26, 1970, 1hr. 58min. (14 in D.) 5040 MINOR (1 Original and 2 each College, St. Clements College and Plain Bob).

1-2 Joseph Whalley *3-4 W. John Couperthwaite 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) *First in four methods in hand.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Fri., May 29, 1970, 1hr. 41min. (14 in D., 5040 MINOR (16 methods: Double, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse and Fulbeck; Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob; Hereward and Double Oxford; Plain Bob; Double Court and London; Single Court, College and Original; St. Clements College and Single Oxford).

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) To mark the 272nd anniversary of Stainton Congregational Church.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Sun., May 31, 1970, 1hr. 56min. (14 in D.) 5040 MINOR (eight methods: Single Oxford; Single Court; Reverse; Plain and Double; College; Original; St. Clements College).

1-2 Joseph Whalley

*3-4 W. John Couperthwaite 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) *First in eight methods in hand.

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HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Fri., June 5, 1970, 1hr. 39min. (14 in D.) 5040 HARMONDSWORTH ALLIANCE & LITTLE BOB MINOR (7 spliced extents).

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) First in this combination by all.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH **DIOCESAN GUILD**

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, 8 Gerald Road. Fri., May 8, 1970, 1hr. 39min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-2 Jean Dale

3 4 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 5-6 Daniel T. Matkin (Conductor)

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, 8 Gerald Road. Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (17 in A.) 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by M. J. Morris.

*1-2 John S. Croft
3-4 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay
5-6 Daniel T. Matkin (Conductor)

†7-8 William S. Croft
9-10 Kenneth S. B. Croft
*First on 10 in hand. †First on 10.
50th of Grandsire Caters as conductor on handbells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CLAPHAM COMMON, 60 Northside.

Sun., May 3, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (11 in G.) 5266 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (360-course block reduced.)

1-2 Len Goodall
3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning
5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor) *7-8 A. Keith P. Poole

*First on handbells.

CLAPHAM COMMON, 60 Northside.

Mon., May 4, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (11 in G.) 5376 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR 1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

5-6 Len Goodall

*7-8 Keith J. Walpole *First of Surprise on handbells. A farewell to Len Goodall, shortly leaving for Derbyshire.

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire, 80 Lambourne Drive.

Mon., May 11, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (11 in G.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR 1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning

3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

*5-6 Noel J. Diserens 7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves *First of Surprise on handbells.

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire, 80 Lambourne Drive.

Wed., May 13, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (13 in E.) 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

1-2 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning5-6 Keith J. Walpole

7-8 Robert H. Newton

On you grey stone that fronts the chancel door,

Worn smooth by busy feet, now seen no more.

Where oft we shot the marble through the ring. —"Pleasures of Memory."

MID-DEVON RINGERS' VISIT TO BELL FOUNDRY

When Inwardleigh bells were opened just before Christmas after rehanging by Mr. Arthur Fidler, Percy Aggett casually asked if it would be possible to visit Loughborough and look round the Bell Foundry. The possibility became a reality on May 15.

Soon after midnight on the Thursday (14th) the coach loaded up, and the rain, coming down in torrents, lasted until the coach reached Bristol, but spirits were far from damp. A steady run through the night, and by 9 a.m. all were enjoying a substantial breakfast at the Leicester Forest East Service area on the M.1. The weather had brightened and later became ideal for the tour. At 10.30 Loughborough was reached and the dream had materialised. Never had the visitors seen so many bells in various stages of treatment, and the highlight was to see the casting of four bells— an eyeopener for those whose occupations are far removed from foundry work.

lt was to be expected that the ring of bells in the Foundry tower would cause some amusement. Chaps who were used to a "bit of weight" found this light ring a bit fickle and they certainly made fun of the lads who pride themselves on their striking. To say that the workshops were combed is to put it mildly. They missed nothing and the organiser had many questions to answer.

A programme of ringing had been arranged for the Friday afternoon. Shepshed Church was the first visited and some good "peals" were rung on the back six. Perfection was not expected when the novices had a pull but no one complained. After a pleasant run through Charnwood Forest the six at Newtown Lindford were soon being raised and good striking brought out the best of this lively light ring. Jill Wilson's parents put on a splendid tea and full justice to it was done.

By 7 p.m. Markfield had been reached and again everything was in readiness. No time was wasted in raising the bells, but as there was a wedding rehearsal at 7.30 a visit was made to the local ringers' head-quarters (for some reason called The George). After further ringing the time came to say goodbye to "George" and return to two hotels in Loughborough and a well-earned rest.

Although departure time on Saturday was scheduled for 9 a.m., two of the South Tawton chaps caused the departure to be delayed a little, but they did manage a good breakfast!

Back on the M.1 and we were soon at Daventry, where the vicar and Pat Chapman were waiting to welcome the party. The ringers of the first "peal" excelled themselves; a grand rise, spot-on striking and a decent drop. This was something Pat had never heard. It brought out the beauty of these bells, even though only the back six were being rung. The learners were able to have a ring on the front six and they enjoyed it. Staverton Church was the next on the list and full justice was done to the fine six. The late Rev. E. S. Powell was responsible for this installation when he was vicar. Having been the incumbent of several Devon churches it was fitting that some "Devon" style ringing had been rung on the bells, even though Mr. Powell had been "scientific."

Lunch in Banbury was taken to the accompaniment of Banbury bells. A peal attempt was on so a little time was spent listening, and as no rude remarks were passed it says something for the striking. The final "official" call was at Devizes.

Ancient Society of College Youths

COUNTRY MEETING IN BRISTOL

The College Youths have long maintained a happy association with the ringers of Bristol, and this association was further strengthened on May 30, the date fixed for the College Youths' annual "country" meeting. The popularity of Bristol with members of the Society was clearly shown by the large numbers who attended, and this, combined with good weather, good bells and excellent arrangements, made the day as enjoyable as any such days the writer can remember.

The meeting had attracted its fair share of publicity; mention was made of it in an article in The Bristol Evening Post the previous week, and a representative of the B.B.C. came to Redcliffe to record the ringing and interview the master for a possible item in "Today in the South and West."

Members and friends started to arrive in the morning, and there was a good standard of ringing at Bath Abbey, Bristol Cathedral and St. James', Bristol. Owing to the unexpectedly large attendance the venue for lunch had to be changed at a fairly late stage in the process of organisation, but once everyone had located the Grand Spa Hotel, Clifton, there were certainly no complaints about the suitability of the place, its magnificent setting at the edge of the Gorge, or their meal, to which 75 members and friends sat down. They had come from many parts of the country, and there were members whose ages ranged from 15 to 75. Supporting the master of the College Youths (Mr. A. R. Kench) on the top table were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hobbs and some of the officers of the society and their wives.

After lunch there was a short business meeting, presided over by the master. Mr. Kench is, of course, well known in Bristol, he having spent three years there at the University, a time of which, as he said, he had happy memories and during which he had made lots of friends. Opening the meeting, he said how tremendously pleased he was that the society had been invited to Bristol, and he thanked Mr. Gray, chairman of the City of Bristol Branch, for the invitation on behalf of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and Mr. Hobbs, the secretary, who had made such excellent arrangements for the day

Replying, Mr. Gray said it was a pleasure to welcome the society on behalf of the Bristol ringers. "Almost all of you have been to Bristol before," he said, "so it is more a case of welcoming you back." He wondered whether it was the charms of Bristol or the pleasure of getting away from London that had been responsible for such an unusually large gathering, and went on: "I have always admired the College Youths

Here Mr. A. T. Weeks had arranged tea and the use of the six bells at St. James', Southbroom. Again excellent ringing, and the learners took advantage of trying this handy ring. By this time they were learning that by ringing at different churches their striking and bell handling could improve.

striking and bell handling could improve.

Reluctantly the last "fall" had to take place, and, after farewells, the coach headed for home. By some mischance the coach stopped near to two signs in Wellington—"Two Cups" and "Fish and Chips." Ken Wills, one of the Bow ringers, had the coach well in hand and by 12.30 Sunday morning we were back where we had started 40 hours earlier. Without delay, ringers were returning to Stoke Fleming, South Tawton, Belstone, Burrington, Down St. Mary and Chawleigh. A good time had been had by all, and the bells for Matins were rung as usual.

J. P. F.

for two things. One is their adherence to the continuity of their traditions. The other is that it is one of the societies which always puts ringing first and business next, as we in Bristol have tried to do." He felt sure the members would enjoy ringing the bells of Bristol.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. A. C. Rouse, the secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Members expressed their regret that he was unable to be with them at that meeting. The change of venue for lunch unfor-

The change of venue for lunch unfortunately meant that ringing was somewhat curtailed at SS. Philip and Jacob's, but full use was made of the glorious 12 at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, where the company was warmly welcomed by Mr. Hancock, and of the ten bells of Christ Church. The ringing throughout the day was of a good standard, the highlights perhaps being two well-struck courses of Stedman Cinques and a touch of Spliced Surprise Maximus at Redcliffe.

After the ringing the company forgathered in the Waggon and Horses, where splendid arrangements had been made for refreshments. Here for two hours or so old acquaintances were renewed and new acquaintances made, until at last it was time to face the long journey home after a really enjoyable day, for which the writer would like to add his thanks to all those responsible for its organisation. The society is also grateful to all incumbents and tower captains who placed their bells at the company's disposal.

W. T. C.

WAREHAM WANDERERS RETURN

Seven valiant ringers braved the Bank Holiday traffic on Friday, May 22, to arrive at Wareham, Dorset, for a week-end of peals. After an early breakfast on Saturday everyone set off in the best of spirits for Ringwood, where Yorkshire was scored. After lunch it was back to Wareham and during the glorious, hot afternoon a peal of Rutland was rung. Those needing something substantial set off for the Red Lion at Winfrith and returned for an early night.

After Sunday morning ringing at Wareham we went on to Morden to try to ring the rough five before staying to the service, where everyone was in good voice. After lunch all cars made their way to Kingston, high up in the Purbeck Hills, and were joined by the Elmes family. A band was left to ring successfully a peal of London on the glorious eight, while the female contingent departed to grab a local beach. All were reunited at the Scott Arms, Kingston, where the homemade wine was sampled.

Monday morning saw the convoy move to Cattistock and the best ringing of the weekend in Spliced Surprise took place; this came to a halt after an hour. Amends were made at Wimborne St. Giles in the afternoon with a peal of Superlative, while the rest went beachhunting. Afterwards, one last drink and diary checking before the long journey home. Thanks go to George for arranging the week-end, and to everyone who helped to make it a success.

"UNRINGABLE."

CAVERSFIELD, OXFORDSHIRE

Caversfield, in Oxfordshire, is well known in the annals of campanology. Its tiny church stands on historic ground, the site of a Romano-British fortification dating from the third century. In the churchyard are buried the warriors who died in those far-off days, including their chieftain, thought by one historian to be the Emperor Carassius. Alongside them are the war graves of the young men of the Royal Air Force who lost their lives defending the nearby aerodrome during the last war.

The nearby Manor House has had many owners of distinction. The Saxons built the first church to which the present tower was added in the late 10th or 11th century. At the time of the Norman Conquest the manor formed part of the estates of Tostig, brother of King Harold.

No doubt the tower housed a bell or bells from the first and during the occupa-tion of the manor by Hugh Gargate and his wife Sybilla they were either recast or augmented in number. Hugh was in possession of Caversfield Manor in 1199. Documentary evidence shows he was alive in 1216, but in 1219 his wife, Sybilla, is described as a widow.

The ancient method of making a bell was first to form the "core" or inner mould, and on this to construct a full-size clay model of the finished bell, complete with its moulding wires and inscription. The lettering was either formed in wax or clay and stuck on the model. When these were dry the "cope" or outer mould was formed over the model. Then the cope and model were lifted off the core, and the purpose of the moulding wires, the use of which has continued to the present day, was to key the model to the cope during this operation. The model was removed and the cope replaced over the core leaving a cavity be-tween the two. The cap, or canon mould, completed the sequence of operations, after which the moulds were lowered into a casting pit. A simple form of reverberatory

furnace sufficed to melt the alloy of copper and tin, which was run by gravity to the

Around one of the bells given by Hugh and Sybilla Gargate the early 13th century bell founder placed the inscription "+ IN HONORE DEI ET SANTI LAV-RENCLL." When the moulds were separated and the model bell removed he added another, scratching the letters into the cope above the sound bow. The latter reads: "HVQQART.SIBILLA.Q.VXOR EIVSH-TIM-PPANA.FECERVNT.ECPONI." Intended for "HVG(H) GARGAT(E) SIBILLA(VE) VXOR EIVS H(AEC) TIMP-PANA FECERVNT ECPONI." The founder did not realise that if he scratched the inscription the right way in the cope it would appear in reverse on the bell, and the lettering reads from right to left and all letters are reversed on the latter. Translated, the inscriptions read: "In honour of God and St. Lawrence." "Hugh Gargate and Sybilla his wife had these bells erected."

The other bell or bells given by the Gargates have been recast. There are now five in the ring, with a tenor weighing 4 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D flat, and the early 13th century bell, the oldest in England to which a definite date may be assigned, is mounted in a frame in the ringing chamber. It is taken as a criterion by most writers for dating early bells.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe has regularly rung here for the past 50 years. Interest in the old bell inspired him to study the art of campanology. During this time he has taught many beginners to handle a bell here, and as the population of the parish is under 100 it is with the knowledge that all his young pupils will leave after their education is finished. To maintain the bells for service ringing means that one must always be teaching. The ringing chamber is illus-

trated in the Central Council's Handbook for Beginners, and the illustrations in Mr. W. G. Wilson's Change Ringing were photographed here.

ST. MARY'S, BENHALL

Benhall (Suffolk) bellringers are making progress, for a year ago the tower was silent, but now the bells are rung for service every Sunday. Practice takes place every Thursday evening, and since January five quarter peals and three peals have been rung. Most of the credit for this goes to Peter Bedford (Aldeburgh), who is the North East District ringing master. Just over a year ago six of the present band had never rung a bell, whereas today only two cannot claim a quarter.

Peter has now taken over the re-formation of the Saxmundham band, which has a new leader (Andrew Ellis). Harry Archer, after many years of sterling work as tower captain, recently handed over his duties to Andrew at a meeting held in Saxmundham Parish Hall. Harry was presented with a tankard for services rendered, but will still carry on with the duties of steeplekeeper and tower correspondent. The ringers of Benhall wish the Saxmundham company every success in their future ringing.

"720" OUTING

On May 23 six members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild set out to attempt six different 720's in six different North-amptonshire's six-bell towers, each ringer to call a 720 from the tenor bell.

The details were as follows:-1.—Warmington, Cambridge

1.—Warmington, Cambridge Surprise Minor, conducted by C. E. Stokes.

2.—Kingscliffe, Morning Star T.B., conducted by B. E. Saunders.

3.—Wansford, Plain Bob Minor, conducted by R. A. Vickers.

4.—Glinton, Little Bob and Olney Alliance, conducted by G. C. Paul.

5.—Maxey, Disley Delight Minor, conducted by S. M. Ruddlesden.

6.—Stamford Baron, Willesden Delight Minor, conducted by A. A. Paul.

All 720's were successfully concluded and

All 720's were successfully concluded and the ringing throughout was generally well-R. A. V. struck and enjoyed by the band.



Our illustration shows the latest team, all aged between 10 and 12, who have been taught to ring during the past winter. They are (left to right): Barbara Mylott, treble; Susan Kinchin, second; Ritan Gibbons, third; Kelly, fourth; Deborah Longhurst, tenor. On the ladder leading to the next floor, where part of the Central Council's library is housed, is Marylin Newman, also one of the In the second photograph Mr. Sharpe is shown explaining the details of Hugh Gargate's bell.



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Editorial

"THE RINGING ISLE" A B.B.C. TV Programme

I was able to tell members of the Central Council at Ilkley of the programme, already filmed by the B.B.C., to be broadcast this summer. I can now give the Exercise further details.

As one of the B.B.C. religious programmes a film entitled "The Ringing Isle" will be shown on B.B.C.1 at 6.15 p.m. on August 2—in colour. I know many of our readers will be in the ringing chamber at this time and it is also, of course, an impossible time for the clergy, but there it is! We must accept that religious programmes are designed largely for those who do not — perhaps cannot — go to church on Sunday evenings.

The film deals with ringers, with bells and with the techniques of ringing, in that order of importance and interest. Parts of it were filmed in Bibury and Fairford, Gloucestershire, during the lovely spring weather. I cannot speak personally about that part. Perhaps someone from that area will give us the details. The remainder includes a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to see a bell cast, and visits to Harrow-on-the-Hill. Why there? Because the vicar and local ringers were good enough to put their bells and themselves at the disposal of the B.B.C. when the Rev. John Elphinstone-Fyffe (of the B.B.C.) accepted my suggestion that this was a most suitable tower for the film.

Shots were taken of individual ringers from Harrow and Ealing, of the ringing both in the bell chamber and the ringing room, and, if she will pardon me for writing this, perhaps the most amusing part, of my attempt to give the charming B.B.C. secretary her first lesson in handling a bell.

WILFRID G. WILSON.

After Frank Blagrove had conducted the peal of Stedman Triples at Windsor on May 23 it was found that the previous peal of Stedman on the bells was rung more than 60 years ago. This was on December 9, 1909, the band being: A. Andrews, C. T. Coles, L. Stilwell, E. Hancox, W. Welling, R. E. Stavert, Ernest Pye, Bertram Prewett (conductor). Len Stilwell rang in both peals.

Tony Aldous in The Times: "Politicians of all parties tend to make somewhat arrogant assumptions. Take that affair of the bells of St. Mary's, in Reading, for example. It has been widely assumed that, if only the bellringers locked inside the tower could have been told that Mr. Anthony Barber was trying to speak outside, they would have interrupted their three-hour peal. Why should they? If reports are correct, they lock themselves in there for an hour or two's campanology every Saturday evening. Mr. Barber comes once in a very blue moon. If he is ill-advised enough to speak outside their belfry, then his supporters can scarcely complain about ringing in their ears."

An Englishman thinks he is moral when he is only uncomfortable.

Belfry Gossip

A hearty welcome was extended to Mr. E. Barnett, sen., when he turned up at a Kent C.A. meeting recently. He gets around as much as possible and seems pretty fit following his accident last January.

Mr. William (Delight Series) Viggers, of 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot, asks all guild and association secretaries to send him the up-to-date details for inclusion in the 1971 Diary, which is now being revised. Please don't delay—do it now—says Bill V.

The Guildford Guild now has a peal of Spliced Surprise Royal (in four methods) among its records. This was rung at St. Mary's, Southampton, on June 13.

The Northern Branch secretary (Mr. C. Bird) informs us that the practice night at Drayton Parslow is Wednesday, not Tuesday, as printed in the 1969 Oxford Report.

New gold-sallied bell ropes await the Northampton Branch (Peterborough Guild) when they meet at Little Houghton in July. The tower has undergone a "face-lift" and the result is a smarter belfry, with the bells sounding a lot quieter.

The centenary year of the rebuilding of Croydon Parish Church is being celebrated on September 12 and is expected to be well supported. The organisers are prepared to issue routes into Croydon with ringing on the way and also get extra towers in the evening if intending visitors will give them some idea of numbers attending. Mr. K. Taber, 17, Birdhurst Drive, South Croydon, will be pleased to receive this information.

The young lady who rang the treble to the quarter of Grandsire Doubles in Dublin on May 30, Miss Beth Doyle, is an American student at Dublin University. Arriving last October on a one-year course, she found herself sharing a flat with a bell-ringer, who "roped" her into the University Guild. She spent a month away at Christmas, returning with one leg in plaster from a ski-ing holiday, but gamely climbed the 72 steps to the belfry, and spent a further two weeks away at Easter. Thus her quarter peal, scored a few weeks before returning to Ohio, crowns about six months' ringing. Her flatmate and tutor from Guildford, Surrey (Helen Hubert) took time off from final medical exams to bong the tenor.

Interesting points from peals recorded this week: Officers' peals by two associations; Stedman Caters non-conducted; a peal of Minor in seven methods, the initial letters of which spell "Windsor" and rung in honour of the Queen Mother's 70th birthday; a first for 22 years by a Bath and Wells branch; Surprise Major for the opening of a Church school; three "In Memoriam" peals and a handbell peal marking a Congregational Church anniversary; and Yorkshire Surprise Major for the Queen's visit to Aldeburgh.

Brethren from all parts of the country had a very enjoyable day's companionship on June 6. when Bill Theobald organised a visit to Whitechapel and for ringing at many London churches. Masonic bellingineers numbering between 30 and 40 finished the day with a dinner at the "Hole in the Wall." Southwark, when thanks were expressed to W. T. for the excellent arrangements he had made. Next year. Leicester is the venue for this annual function.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe was heard on radio in "Woman's Hour" on Tuesday, 16, talking about his favourite pastime—bells!

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lucas—our parttime office staff—are away on holiday for a fortnight, and whilst the Editor will do his best to cope, he asks correspondents to be patient, particularly with regard to subscriptions and changes of address.

Ringing her first touch of Minor before the service at Lechlade, Glos, Susan Chippendale (aged 15) rang it so well that she was asked to ring in a quarter after the service and rang throughout the whole time faultlessly.

First peal congratulations to Elizabeth Dunlop, Philip Austin, Barbara Dean, Valerie Shaw, Ernest Pickering, R. Mark Esbester, George W. Smith, J. Anne Rickaby, Jonathan Howard, Herbert Wood, G. Edward Arnott, Peter Barber, John Yates, Stephen Wood, Ian Davies and N. Peter Mudge.

Personal Records: A. Patrick Cannon (1,250th peal), William T. Root (300), Christine Carter (25).

New conductor: Geoffrey H. Walker (at Chigwell, Essex).

At Haslemere, Surrey, after many years of faithful service to the church—and the tower in particular—Mr. Fred Bowden has retired as captain. Mr. David Struckett has succeeded to the captaincy and has a new band of beginners who practise at 7 p.m. on Mondays, with the usual practice following. On Sundays they ring at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

A well-known ringer and loyal Cumberland, Mr. Stanley Ponting, who has been "moving around" the Godalming-Guildford area during the past few months, has now settled in the Haslemere district and all wish him well—and "good striking!"

An interesting letter from Ross Williams, secretary of St. Paul's Papanui Ringers, New Zealand, tells of the enthusiasm and hard work in the Cathedral and Fapanui towers by Mr. George Armitage, who with his wife is on holiday in England. (R.W. page 413.)

In a peal at Swithland, Leics, the youngsters ringing the front three bells are all pupils of Harry Payne, of Syston, Leics. After his father, Ernest F. Payne, was no longer able, through ill-health, to carry on as tower captain, Harry began the uphill struggle to teach a band, and he has been asking for some time if peal attempts might be arranged for some of his ringers, but was not aware that we had fixed up this one on his birthday! As soon as the peal was over we had to go and break the news, writes B. Stedman Payne, of Barrow-on-Soar.

Sending a newspaper cutting giving the will of Dr. Perkins, who left £8,000 for Westminster Abbey bells augmentation, a correspondent adds: "What a wonderful ten they may yet be—but a pity so few will have a chance of ringing them!"

Mr. William J. Dyke, sen., of Pennsylvania, U.S.A., sending a subscription for 12 months, tells us he rings (or plays) the bells the the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont. There are 11 bells in E flat. He adds, cryptically: "I wish that there were more bells, but there just ain't any more." [We welcome him among us and trust he will enjoy our journal.]

Obituary

WILLIAM HENRY HOOKWAY

Ringers a long way from North Devon have heard the name of West Down, and for the last 20 years it has never been far away from the top in six-bell ringing. For 65 years the name Hookway figured largely in its ringing records.

Early in the century the guild was very active in training method-ringing bands in all parts of the county, and in 1905 West Down had such a band, among whom was Bill Hookway, a lad of 16. When the band was re-formed in 1919 it abandoned change ringing (it had always been rather isolated in its corner of the county) and when it made its name after World War II it again had Bill Hookway as one of its most valuable members. Though he retired from the competition team six years ago, he was ringing almost up to the tago of 81.

Devonians, especially North Devonians, have for over 500 years been great travelers; if you'd met Bill Hookway in his 70's you might have taken him for a typical countryman, but he was a widely-travelled man. In 1912 he went to Australia to work as a miner, and after the first world war he went out again, this time sheepfarming. But, unlike many, he came back to West Down—between Exmoor and the sea—and to bellringing. With his fine build and excellent constitution (he survived an eye operation at the age of 80), a mind still active and full of fascinating memories, he was a man of whom West Down was justly proud. One need hardly say more.

J. G. M. S.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service in memory of Diana Frost was held on Sunday, May 17, at All Saints'. Leighton Buzzard.

The vicar (Canon Scammell), in a moving address, reminded us of Diana's great enthusiasm for life, and the selfless way in which she spared others the painful knowledge of her affliction. Her life amongst us we remembered with joy and affection, and that she lives on we know from the very foundation of our Christian faith.

The whole theme of the service was of life and thanksgiving. The hymns, "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." "Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost," "Ye holy Angels bright," "The strife is o'er" and Psalm 23 (Crimond), were accompanied on the organ by Alistair Smith, a young friend and former neighbour, and the lesson (Revelation, ch. 7) was read by Alfred Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association. The Rev. Leonard Lack assisted in the service, and the Rev. Norman Wadsworth, until recently assistant priest at Leighton Buzzard, was also present.

Before the service the bells were rung by the young local band, of which Diana was a member. Although rung open, a minor key prevailed, the tenor-having a broken clapper.

The large nave of the church was filled with relatives, colleagues, local friends and ringers from many associations, including the Bedfordshire Association, the College Youths, Hertford C.A., Ladies' Guild, University of London Society and Peter-

borough Guild.

Peals in memoriam were rung at Corby and Daventry. Northants. and at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City of London, where Diana was a regular ringer from 1960 to 1965. A peal of Spliced Surprise will be rung at Leighton Buzzard when the tenor is again in commission.

JOHN B. POWLESLAND

The death took place suddenly on May 27 at his home, 4, Burford Road, Salisbury, of Mr. John Powlesland, aged 64. Although in recent years he was not able to take part as much as he would have liked, ringing was one of his greatest joys. He was taught to ring at the age of 13 at Bovey Tracey, Devon, his home tower, and associated himself with ringing all his life. He will be remembered at Lytchett Matravers. Dorset, in the pre-war years, and at Shaftesbury, Dorset, after the war. He came to live at Salisbury some ten years ago. A perfect handler of a rope, he was a joy to watch, and always insisted on correct handling by his pupils.

John was employed at Salisbury Cathedral, and his smiling face and helpful ways will be very much missed, He leaves his wife, Gwendoline, and a sister.

The funeral service took place in Salisbury Cathedral on June 1, conducted by the Dean of Salisbury (the Very Rev. K. W. Haworth) and was attended by a large congregation. Burial was in Fordingbridge Cemetery. R. M.

Truro Guild.

"THE WEEKENDERS"

The Weekenders left Truro on May 29 for their annual ringing week-end. In the party were: Miss Barbara Duck, Messrs. George Riddy, Charles Linington, Philip Jeans, David Carder, Leonard Allen and Tom Howarth. The party was also joined by Mrs. Riddy, Mrs. Linington, Mrs. Allen and a friend, Miss Margaret den Heyer. Unfortunately Malcolm Witheridge was unable to join the party owing to sickness.

Thet first ring was at Buckland-in-the-Moor (8) on the Friday. After staying at an hotel in Teignmouth on Saturday the party visited Coffinswell (6), Kingkerswell (6), Ipplepen (8), Abbotswell (6), Wolborough (8) and Kingsteignton (8). The party returned to Teignmouth for dinner before leaving for Torquay to see a show. Sunday morning service ringing was at St. Michael's (8), Teignmouth.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents and the local ringers.

B. J. D.

TOWER CAPTAIN'S GIFTS

Recently a group of ringers and friends gathered in the Vicarage reading room. Scothern. Lincs, it being the tower captain's (Charles Cade's) 65th birthday. Charles, at the age of nine, was taught to ring by his father, who was tower captain before him, and the occasion marked 55 years as a ringer at Scothern. A birthday cake, made by one of the band, was presented to him, also a ringer's records book containing his peals, from 1922 to 1970 and the towers in which he has rung in 55 years, in addition a copy of Dove's Guide, the copy of The Ringing World recording his 50th peal for the Lincoln Guild and the first copy of a Ringing World subscription.

Charles thanked all who had contributed towards the gifts and compiled the records. commenting that he had been rather suspicious when questioned about his peals. had his old reports borrowed and the tower cleaning had not been finished. He now realised what had been happening.

A social evening followed, a quarter having been rung before the presentation.

A. C. A. H.

The Ladies' Guild.

WENT WEST

The South Wales District held a very enjoyable meeting at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Pembroke, on May 30.

This was the most westerly town that the Guild had visited, and was especially arranged to take place at the home tower of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rogers and their family, who always travel long distances to meetings in the eastern part of the district.

The bells themselves were worthy of the distance travelled, a 12 cwt. ring of eight (rumoured to be a middle six with an added treble and tenor!), altogether a very "individual" ring.

Pembroke town is clean, gay and bright, dominated by the great grey castle (founded in 1097) on an ideal, natural site. The castle itself was worthy of the day's visit—it had been the first keypoint in the English settlement of Wales and then a staging post to Ireland.

Several visitors from England attended the meeting, fortunately (and wisely!) being on holiday in the area and being blessed with glorious beaches and weather to match.

The service was conducted by the vicar (the Rev. R. C. Davies). Mrs. Betty Rogers read the lesson and her elder son, Simon, was the organist.

An "outsize" tea was waiting in the church hall, prepared and given by the vicar's wife and helpers, and Mr. Alan Paton thanked them for their generosity. Simon Rogers was also thanked for playing the organ.

New members elected were: The Misses Prudence Patterson (Pembroke), Stephanie Martin and Hillary Sage (St. David's Cathedral) and Rosemary Meyrick (Truro Cathedral).

Ringing generally was good and varied and a number of ladies hope to attend the A.G.M. at Leicester.

The place suggested for the next meeting was Aberdare, in October.

PRESENTATION

At a social held on May 15 the bellringers of St. Mary's, Scarborough, presented their retiring ringing master, William Fay, with an engraved silver tankard.

A buffet meal was prepared and the vicar (Rev. J. Keys Fraser) handed the gift to Mr. Fay, who thanked the ringers for the memento of his period as ringing master. Mr. Edwin King, the present ringing master, also spoke. An enjoyable social evening followed.

A FINE EXAMPLE

On the Feast of Title, prior to Festal Evensong, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor (already published) was rung at Holy Trinity, Drayton Parslow, North Bucks. The band included three Sunday service ringers.

During the octave a flower festival was held in the church and, as an added attraction, a bellringing demonstration was given on practice night.

An exhibition of "Visual Aids" in the nave enabled visitors to learn something of bellringing, and in the ringers' gallery the local band, assisted by visitors from Cheddington, demonstrated method ringing.

The week's activities included luncheons, wine and cheese party and a folk concert in the church, which realised £130 for this small parish and its church.

Four recruits joined the local band!

Notices

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HALLS. — To Gordon and Pat, a daughter, Catherine Anne, on May 28, 1970.—54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby. 9103

- To Michael and Valerie, of Bridg-STONE. water, on June 8, a daughter, Rebecca Valerie (at present in the Special Care Unit, Musgrove Hospital, Taunton).

STRACEY .- On June 14, to Gill and lan, of Duxford, Cambs, a daughter, Karolyn Jane.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

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KILGOUR—HODGE.—Liz and Mike are getting married at noon on July 11 at the United Church (the Tabernacle), Church Street, Trowbridge: sorry, no bells. All friends welcome at the church. Future address may temporarily still be Brayside, Meadow Way, Dorney Reach, Maidenhead. Please note 56 Bath Street, Abingdon, is 2071 being sold in August.

IN MEMORIAM

DOBBIE.-In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Maud Alice Dobbie, who died June 30, 1969, in Medway Hospital.-From Les and family.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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PURNELL. — Audrey and David Purnell and family have now moved to 3 Sutton Drive, Haworth Road, Cullingworth, Yorks. Telephone later. All ringing friends, as always, will be welcome.

READING.—As from June 21, Paul's address will be 87 Carlton Road, Whalley Range, Manchester 16. Tel.: 061-881 2850. 9099
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—Proverbs xvii, 6.

Would Mr. C. A. Eele, of 1 Grove Cottage, Sandford Lane, Hurst, Reading, please contact this office as his copy of The Ringing World has been returned marked "Not known."

MISCELLANEOUS

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY .- The following members have been elected as the Society's officers for the next academic year. President, Mr. N. Webber (St. John's); master, Mr. P. Rogers (Van Mildert); secretary, Miss G. Bidgood (St. Mary's); treasurer, Mr. D. Sullivan (Hatfield). 9116

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EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIA-TION.—Dunster Branch.—10-bell practice, Mine-head, Sat., June 27, 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B. 9105 AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIA-TION.—IIchester Branch.—Practice meetings, 9 p.m.: Drayton (8, 19 cwt.), July 4; Mudford (5, 17 cwt.), Aug. 1. Tidy tower competition, Aug. 15.—Mrs. M. M. Legget (West Coker 208).

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. -Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Keynsham, on Sat., July 4. Bells (8) 3.45 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 (names to R. M. Virgin, 13 St. Keyna Keyna Road, Keynsham). Meeting 6.30 p.m.-A. A.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Luton District.—Evening meeting, Husborne Crawley, June 27. Bells from 5 p.m. 9067

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Ely District. Evening meeting, Sat., July 4, Swavesey (6), 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Minor and York Surprise. 9113

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD .- Central Branch. —Evening meeting, Welton, Sat., July 4. Bells (6) from 6–9. All welcome.—G. R. P. 9061 LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

-Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice, Usk, on Bells 7.30-9 p.m. Double Nor-Fri., June 26. wich and Surprise methods.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice, St. Mary's, Staines, Fri., June 26, 7.45–9.15 p.m. Surprise

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Royal practice, Hillingdon, Mon., July 13, 8–
9.30 p.m.—C. H. Rogers, Dis. Sec. 9107
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and
District Branch. — Branch practice, Great Tew
(8), Oxford, Fri., July 3, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. Davie, Sec. OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Witney and

Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice, Standlake (6), Wed., July 1.—E. Venn. Branch Sec. 9130
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO
CESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, Portsmouth Cathedral, Thurs., July 2, 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Caters. 9032

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Leeds and District Branch and Western Branch.-Joint evening practice meeting, Guiseley (8), Sat., July 4, 6-8.30 p.m. Rounds, call-changes, Stedman and D.N.C.B.M. All ringers will be welcome. 9095

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

EAST DERBYSHIRE and WEST NOTTS AS-SOCIATION.—Meeting, Sat., June 27, at Ault Hucknall. Bells (5) 3-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Ernest Sollis, 4 Lime Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, NG17 4BS.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Farnham District.—Striking competition, Ash, Sat., June 27, commencing 3.30 p.m. Notifications for tea Mrs. A. Smart, Rathlin, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, please. Normal ringing after tea. — S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9052
HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—

A meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, Roughtown, 4–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Rigby, 95 Carrhill Road, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne. Tel.: Mossley 3197.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., June 27, Wadenhoe (6). Ringing 15.45, before service. Service 16.30, followed by picnic tea and meet-9096

g. Evening ringing till 20.45. 9096
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.— Andover District. — Quarterly meeting, Woolton Hill (6), Sat., June 27, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Pack, Long Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks. Spinney. Highclere (8) from 6.15.-M. S. Goss, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. Northern District. — Ringing meeting at St.
 Oswin's, Wylam, Sat., July 4. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Bolton, 21 Tynedale Close, Wylam.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - The next quarterly meeting will be at Fenny Compton on Sat., July 4. Service 4.30 and tea in the village at 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Brailes, 10-11 a.m.; Tysoe, 10.45-11.45; Butler's Marston, 11.30-12.30; Kineton, 2-2.30; Harbury, 2.30-3.30; Burton Dassett, 3.15-4.15; Fenny Compton (3), 4-4.30; Burton Dassett, 6.30-7.30; Ladbroke, 7-8; Napton, 8-9. Names for please, to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, near Leamington Spa (Tel.: Fenny Compton 387), by July 2.—H. M. W.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Association quarterly meeting, New Mills (8), July 4, Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Special knife and fork tea, cost 8s. 6d., at parish "Strawberry Fayre" from 4 p.m. onwards. Please send names to Mr. N. Holt, 23 Pingot Lane, New Mills, Stockport, SK12 4JH (Tel.: N.M. 2123) -F. Ross, Gen. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Striking competition finals, Rayne, Sat., July 4. Draw 1.45 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at St. Michael's Church Hall, Braintree, 5.45. Stedman competition 7 p.m., St. Michael's, Braintree. Numbers for tea to C. H. Gillingham, 69 Mount Road, Braintree, by Wed., July 1.

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD. - Next meeting, Marsden, July 4. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Scorthorpe, 45 Woods Avenue, Marsden. 9101

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey, July 4. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Meeting 4.15, followed by tea. Service 6 p.m. Further ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Woolley, 39 Titian Avenue, Bushey Heath. — A. C. D. Mayes,

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District. — Quarterly meeting, Tunbridge Wells, July 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., to-lowed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4 William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by not later than June 30. 9055 Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., fol-

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Kirkby Lonsdale, Sat., July 4. Bells available 2.30–5.30 p.m. only. 9115 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Wigan Branch.

—Meeting, Christ Church, Aughton (8), on Sat., July 4, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by evening Special method: Lincolnshire. All welringing. D'Aeth. 9106

Come.—C. D'Aeth. 9106
LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester
District.—Meeting, July 4, Lutterworth. Bells,
Bitteswell, 3-4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., Lutterworth, followed by tea and meeting in the
Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. W. H. Laughton, 7 St. Mary's Road, Lutterworth, Rugby, Warks, by Wed, July 1. Ringing at Lutterworth after meeting. Everyone very welcome. — Ron

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Eastern Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Lincolnshire District) .- A joint meeting will be held at Ingoldmells (6) on Sat., July 4. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Rev. C. I. Miller, The Rectory, Sea Lane, Ingoldmells, Skegness, by June 29.—R. Reynolds (Mrs.), Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Upavor (6), Sat., July 4. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30

p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.
Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Buckland, 4
Watson Close, Upavon, Pewsey, Wilts. 8703
SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.
Meeting, Evershot, Sat., July 4. Bells 3 p.m.
Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J.
Davis, The Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 9075

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. —Annual festival, Brecon, Sat., July 4. St. Mary's bells (8) available 2–3.30 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please, by June 27.

—J. A. Hoare, 6 Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, Glam, SAS, 8EI. Swansea, Glam, SA5 8EL.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION —A special meeting for advanced practice will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington (8, 18 cwt.), on Sat., July 11. Bells available 3-8 p.m., with tea break at 5 p.m. Methods: Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Surprise Major, etc. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. Cooke, 116 Eastborne Road, Darlington, by Wed., July 8.—K. Arthur, Ringing Master.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—July 11, Melbourn, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting. Meldreth afterwards.-J. S.

afterwards.—J.S.
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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.
—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, July 11, Ebbw
Vale. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea
and business. Names for tea, please, to Mrs.
Audrey Bruten, 8 Belle Vue, Garden City, Ebbw
Vale, Mon, by July 6.
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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham

SOUTHWELL DIÓCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham Festival, July 11. Ringing at All Saints (8), St. Mary (10), St. Peter (12), Aspley (8), Basford (8), Bulwell (8), Lenton (8), Wilford (5) and Wollaton (6), 1.30–2.15 p.m. A "rise and fall" contest at West Bridgford, starting at 2.45 p.m. Open to any teams of six ringers. Tea 5 p.m. Bookings for tea and further details from G. A. Dawson, 63 Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham, on receipt of s.a.e. Social gathering in evening. 9038 in evening.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch Striking contest with Beverley and District Society meeting, Sat., July 11, Patrington. Draw for contest 2 p.m. Bells available after contest to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. E. Crook, The Rectory, Patrington, Hull, HU12 ORE, by previous Wednesday. 9076

GLOUCESTER DIOCESAN YOUTH FESTIVAL

July 4-5.
1.45-5.30 p.m. on Saturday.
1-4.30 p.m. on Sunday.
Gloucester and Fristol Association exhibit in the
Cathedral Cloisters.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION (Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Branches)

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Numbers to E. J. Taylor, 43 Princes Road,
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To all Association and Guild secretaries.
Please send without delay your revised lists of Guild officers and dates of A.G.M.s and annual dinners, 1971, for insertion in the above which

must go to press shortly.

No reminders this year.

W. Viggers, 37 Highfield Gardens, Aldershot,

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 11. on Saturday, July 11.

Ringing: St. Chad's, 2-3 p.m.
St. Mary's, 3.15-4.30 p.m.
Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in St. Mary's Hall.
Ringing after tea: St. Mary's Hall.

St. Chad's, 8–9 p.m.

Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 4 Abbots

Place, Shrewsbury, by Thurs., July 9. 9086

CROYDON PARISH CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

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Service 6 p.m. Saffron Walden 6.45-8.30

(12-bell ringing guaranteed)

No special arrangements have been made for tea; there are cafés at Linton, Saffron Walden and Four Went Ways (junction of A11 and A604).—L. E. Pitstow, 3 Mount Pleasant Road, Saffron Walden, Essex. Tel.: 2074.

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GRAND SUMMER FESTIVAL June 30-July 5 Tower open to visiting ringers on Sat., July 4, 3-8 p.m.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS Quarterly meeting

HERTFORD Saturday, July 11 Bengeo (8), 2.45-4.15.

Tea 4.30 in Congregational Church Hall, Cowbridge, followed by meeting. All Saints (10), 6.45-8.15.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB (Farnborough, Kent 53666), by July 8.

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Work on the tower and bells will cost about £10,000. Any donations to this fund should be sent to the Ringing Master, J. G. Burton, 154 Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL

Elloe Deaneries, Saturday, June 27.

Towers available:-11.00-12.00 Donington (8) 11.00-12.00 Long Sutton (8) Gosberton (6) 12.00- 1.00 12.00— 1.00 1.45— 2.30 2.00— 3.00 Gedney (6) Spalding (8)

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3.00- 4.00 7.00- 9.00 Fulney (8) Moulton (6) Surfleet (12) 7.00- 8.00

7.30- 8.30 Deeping St. Nichclas (6) Holbeach (8) 7.30- 8.30

8.00- 9.00 8.00- 9.00 Bicker (8) Lutton (6) At MOULTON

4.15-5.00 Service 5.00-6.00 Tea 6.00-7.00 Handbell ringing

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in the St. Edburg's Parish Centre, Bicester, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, June 27

Service 6 p.m., Bicester Parish Church.

Names for tea, together with remittance (3s. 6d. per person) and s.a.e., to
Mr. C. Kinch, 3 The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7AN.

Towers available (all subject to cancellation and alteration of time, previous list cancelled):

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Caversfield (5)
Wootton (Woodstock) (6), Ludgershall (5)
Wootton Underwood (6)
Stratton Audley (5), Piddington (5)
Charlton-on-Otmoor (5), Launton (6) 10.30-11.30 10.45-11.45

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1970 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1970 A.G.M. will be held on July 4 at Basingstoke.

Arrangements are as follows:—
1.30 p.m. Executive committee meeting, All Saints' Hall.

A.G.M.

5.00 p.m.

Service, St. Michael's. Tea, St. Michael's Church Cottage. 5.45 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to Mr. J. J. I, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke (Tel.: 24718), by July 1.

Ringing arrangements:—

ROUTE 1. — Alton (10.15–11.00), Upton Grey (11.00–11.45), Ellisfield (11.30–12.15), ROUTE 2.—New Alresford (10.30–11.15), Old Alresford (11.00–11.45), Preston Candover (11.30-12.15).

ROUTE 3.—Laverstoke (10.30-11.15), Overton (11.00-11.45), Wootton St. Lawrence (11.30-

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—Meeting, Sat., July 10, Newdigate. Bells 3 p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. Evening ringing 6–8.30 p.m. Names for outing on Oct. 10 to C. A. Bassett, 3 Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Placese.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Chertsey District. — Practice meeting, Send, Sat., July 11, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring your own coffee. —P. A. Bird, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Sat., July 11, Langdale. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—T. F. Metcalfe. 9128
NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.

-Monthly practice meeting, Sat., July 11, Holt,

Monthly practice meeting, Sat., July 11, Holt, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bring own picnic tea. Ringing after tea at Holt, 5.15 to 6.30 p.m., then at Wiveton, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 9127 SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Meeting, Sat., July 4, Eyam (6), 3.30–5.30 p.m., and Baslow (6), 6.30–8.30 p.m. Please bring your own picnic tea.—R, Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 9126

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July 9. 9135
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Quarterly meeting, Barley, Sat.,
July 4. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.
Cups of tea and meeting at Barkway Vicarage.
Barkway (8) after meeting until 8.30 p.m. 9133
LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern
Branch.—Evening meeting, Morton, near Bourne,
Sat., July 11. Bells (6) 6–9 p.m. Special
method: Double Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec.
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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guils-borough Branch. — Meeting, Cottesbrooke, Sat., July 4. Please bring picnic tea. 9131

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All welcome.

LATE NOTICES

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bridgnorth Branch. — Evening meeting, worlds, Sec. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.—Joan Bennett, Hon. Sec. 9146 Branch. — Evening meeting, Worfield,

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., July 4, Stretton Grandison. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea important to J. Ward, Woofields Farm, Codding-Ledbury.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Daventry Branch. —Joint meeting with Coventry Guild, Burton Dassett (6), Sat., July 4. Service at Fenny Compton 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Farm, Fenny Compton, by Wed. previous. Regret no names, no tea.—I. Webb. Branch Sec. 9145

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Sat., July 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea. Bells 6-8 p.m.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec., 79 Blount Avenue, East Grinstead.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 4, at Solihull (12). Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.

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Edgar C. Shepherd, Richard Hadden, Leonard Tuffrey, John Pinfold, Herbert Spencer and Henry G. Fearn rang their first of Cambridge Maximus at Walsall. Frank B. Lufkin conducted William F.

Ward's first peal (Bob Major) at Rayleigh,

Essex.

In the leading article about covering bells, the writer stated: "A band is entitled to ring what it pleases in its own tower but the Exercise as a whole claims the right to decide what shall be called a peal. . .

Peter J. Staniforth rang his first peal of Yorkshire Royal at the Bell Foundry, in which Jill Poole also took part.

W. Eric Critchley conducted his first peal (Grandsire Doubles) from the treble, in which Lucy Mottishaw, Laura Mottishaw and Frank Reed rang their first peal.

Ringing 9-10, Philip A. Corby rang his first peal of Grandsire Caters at Enfield.

At Chaklala, Punjab, India, A. J. Adams, B. G. Key and S. Mason rang a quarter of Grandsire Doubles on handbells.

During May 164 peals were rung-151 on

tower bells, 13 on handbells.

50 YEARS AGO

June 25, 1920

A peal of D. Norwich at Cardington, Beds, was rung for two kings: King George V and Alfred King, of Luton. Miss Evelyn Steel rang the 3rd.

Basil Butler, aged 12. rang his first peal at Orlingbury, Northants, being Grandsire Doubles, which Thomas Butler conducted.

Cambridge University Guild rang the first spliced peal of Major ever rung—Plain and Little Bob Major. It was on handbells, composed and conducted by E. M. Atkins. The composition contained 117 courses, each consisting of one lead of P. Bob, one of Little Bob and one of P. Bob, with three courses of P. Bob added, giving the 120 course ends.

Cullompton Church new ring of ten bells were dedicated, the work having cost

£1,100.

The Ladies' Guild held successful meetings at Chiddingfold, Surrey (Southern District), and at Weston-super-Mare (Western District).

The College Youths passed a resolution protesting against the removal or closure of any London city churches.

THREE NEW BELLS STOLEN

Four of Gargrave (Yorks) bells mentioned last week (erroneously as Cargrave) as due for rehanging, were returned on Tuesday, 16th, and left in the churchyard. At 11.30 p.m. the vicar saw three of them (3rd, 4th and 6th) being rolled over the church wall on to a lorry, but by the time the alarm was raised the vehicle and bells had disappeared. Mr. Ronald H. Dove supplied this information from the Yorkshire Evening Post report.

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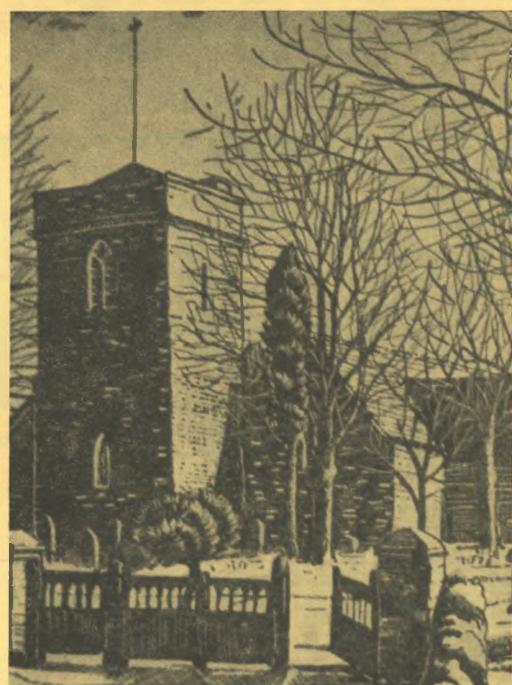
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Stratton
St. Margaret,
Swindon,
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Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts

JOHN BETJEMAN once wrote that "the churches of Wiltshire [in general] were never remarkable as architecture." The parish church of Stratton St. Margaret is no exception to this dictum.

As one comes round the bend in the small side road leading to the church from the old Ermin Street, along which the original Stratton grew and from which it got its name, one glimpses through the crowding trees only a rather squat and plain tower. Inside the church the largely 13th century structure has been extensively rebuilt and "restored" over the years—18th century pews, 19th century chancel, Victorian stained glass. Yet it gives a strong impression of light and of life, of being a church that is well cared for and well used. It could never become the sort of living museum that has been the fate of so many of our more noble and renowned country churches. It is essentially a parish church.

Looking at the bells in the low 18th century tower and retracing their history, this involvement of parishioners and church is encountered again and again. Here there have been no generous landed gentry to donate a grand, sonorous ring of bells: only a churchwarden here, a keen band of ringers there, enthusiastic schoolchildren during the Depression of the early 1930s—all combining over the years to give the church its present light ring of eight.

At the beginning of the present century there were only four bells—one of 1622, two of 1669 (inscribed with the royal arms by their founder in an outburst of post-Restoration fervour) and the tenor, inscribed 1846 but in fact cast 30 years before, soon after the end of the Napoleonic wars. There was a band of sorts to ring them for the church's festivals, but one suspects that the bells may not have been a particularly musical ring. According to local fancy, they used to ring

"One, two, three, four, Hang old Jim Day,"

Jim Day being the parish sexton of the time.

Then, in 1909, one of the churchwardens, Albert Barnes, died. In his will he left nearly £500 to the parish, of which £130 was specified as being for two new bells. On December 18 that year the two new Mears and Stainbank trebles were dedicated, the two opening 720s being rung by a band from neighbouring Swindon, conducted by Charles J. Gardner. Barely four years later came the first peal on the six—four Minor methods by the Sunday service band, with four first pealers and a "first as conductor."

The First World War saw the introduction of ladies into the belfry, and one, Nellie Moulden, daughter of Tom Moulden, the captain, soon afterwards rang in a peal on the six. By this time it seemed that all the male members of the church either rang the bells or sang in the choir, the "white collar" men gravitating to the choir and the "blue collar" to the ground floor belfry. Tom Moulden was a forgeman, George Lancaster, who had called that first peal, a groom, Jesse Tuckwell a blacksmith, Ted Holman the local postman and Horace Wiltshire a farmer.

By about 1930 the ringers felt that the time had come for the bells to be rehung and augmented to eight. Money was short and there were conflicting demands for what was available: for one thing the church rooms needed improvement. The

ringers were enthusiastic, however, and the vicar supported them. A parishioner, Mr. F. H. Cripps-Day, offered to pay for one of the new bells in memory of his wife, while the money for the other was slowly collected, penny by penny, shilling by shilling, by the local schoolchildren.

In 1931 the new trebles were delivered from Whitechapel and the old six variously recast and retuned. The treble, inscribed "The children gave me", was hauled into the tower by the Sunday School children (it now seemed prophetic that the dedication of the six in 1909 should have been attended by the local Boy Scouts and Church Lads' Brigade) and the new eight were dedicated by the Bishop of Bristol at Evensong on September 20. Today, 40 years later, the church rooms still await their improvements.

The first peal on the eight was rung on January 2, 1932, when W. Bertram Kynaston called Holt's Ten-part; Tom Moulden and George Lancaster were in the band, and so was Charles Gardner, who had called the first 720 on the old six 23 years before. In the October of that year the latter conducted the first peal of Major in the tower.

In all, Canon Felstead has recorded 87 peals at Stratton St. Margaret, of which only three were on the old six; nearly all have been since 1944. Most of the earlier peals were by ringers from Stratton and the neighbouring parishes, and in more recent times local branch peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major have been rung.

In 1965 and 1966 Anthony R. Peake and his band rang a number of peals of Spliced Surprise Major at Stratton in the course of their record-breaking series that terminated with the peal in 165 methods at Longney in the February of 1967, and since that time the bells have become increasingly popular with peal ringers.

In the meantime a local band has continued to man the bells Sunday by Sunday. At present, under the captaincy of Mr. Roger F. Fry, it consists of ten members, with a further six learners—a state that augurs well for the continued involvement of the bells in the life of the parish.

C. A. W.

THE BELLS
Treble. — Mears and Stainbank, 1931.
3-1-6 in F.

Second. — Mears and Stainbank, 1931. 3-3-2 in E. Third. — Mears and Stainbank, 1909.

Third. — Mears and Stainbank, 1909. 3-3-15 in D. Fourth — Mears and Stainbank 1909.

Fourth. — Mears and Stainbank, 1909. 4-1-20 in C.

Fifth. — Mears and Stainbank. 1931. (Originally by R. P., 1622.) 5-0-22 in B. Sixth. — Mears and Stainbank, 1931. (Originally by Neale, 1669.) 6-0-13 in

Seventh.—E. Neale (Burford), 1669. 7-1-12 in G. Tenor.—C. and G. Mears, 1816. 8-1-17 in F.

If only the good were clever,
And if only the clever were good,
The world would be better than ever
We thought that it possibly could.

But alas it is seldom or never
That both behave as they should,
The good are so harsh to the clever
And the clever so rude to the good.

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SERVICE CONDUCTED BY BRIDE'S FATHER

On June 6 two former ringers at Bradford Cathedral, Mr. Barry Schofield and Miss Susan Rhodes, were married at Christ Church, Skipton-in-Craven, Yorkshire.

Barry is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Schofield, of Tewkesbury, and Susan is the only daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. M. Rhodes, of Skipton.

Many ringing friends attended the service, which was conducted by the bride's father.

The couple are to make their home in Tewkesbury, where the bridegroom is an apprentice production engineer.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the bells of Holy Trinity Church, where Susan was a member of the local company during the period she lived in Skipton last year.

The local company and all ringers extend their best wishes for Barry and Susan for a happy and successful future. R.C.

Chester Diocesan Guild.

FESTIVAL & A.G.M. AT NANTWICH

Graham Turner, in his book The North Country, finds that the verbal velocity of the Liverpudlian is particularly remarkable; it follows that any society wishing the business of its A.G.M. to be conducted in record time should have a Scouse for master.

Such in fact was the good fortune of the Chester Diocesan Guild, who had converged by two ringing routes on the vaulted splendour of the ringing chamber of St. Mary's, Nantwich, Cheshire. The master of the guild, Mr. A. J. Martin, spraying words like machine gun bullets, opened the meeting with the information that his inner man had just been amply fortified to withstand the rigours of a lengthy meeting, and we could talk all night for all he cared, but he suggested that it would be better to cut the cackle to a minimum. Mr. Martin in fact performed such a successful cacklectomy that there was time to spare for ringing before the service.

The report secretary, Mr. C. K. Lewis, spoke on the year's activities. He paid tribute to the late secretary, Mr. H. O. Baker, and gave the membership of the guild as 569, representing 85 towers. 193 peals were rung, 128 on tower bells and 65 on handbells. Of particular interest are the first peals of Nantwich and Radnor Surprise Major for the guild, and the record peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus (in 75 methods). On handbells the guild scored its first of Kent Treble Bob Fourteen and Cambridge Surprise Royal, and also established records of spliced ringing—Surprise Maximus in 12 methods and Surprise Royal in 8 methods. The 16,128 of Superlative Surprise Major is still sub judice. Mr. Lewis modestly reported his 1,000th peal. (He is the second resident member to achieve this feat.) The guild has paid £1,000 to the Cathedral bell fund.

It has been decided that in future, facsimiles of peal reports from The Ringing World will no longer be included in the report. Reference to the appropriate issue of The Ringing World will be given instead, Mr. Basil Jones thanked Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for the hard work they had put in on producing the report.

INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mr. Martin, putting on his treasurer's hat and the mantle of Mr. Micawber, drew the attention of the meeting to the sorry state of the accounts, and the misery which lies ahead when expenditure exceeds income. A chastened meeting meekly approved an increase in the subscription to 5s. for ringing members, with no reduction for those on the far side of the generation gap. Nonresident life members will pay 7s. 6d. and the peal booking fee goes up to 1s. Disley tower was granted £30 towards the cost of rehanging.

Under the heading "Branch Reorganisation," maps of Cheshire were presented on which had been drawn circles enclosing each branch. They ranged in diameter from 5 to 23 miles. Under a suggested reorganisation each branch would lie within a circle 15 miles in diameter. This distance was revered by the Ancients and is known as the Golden Diameter. Branch reorganisation is a matter of some urgency since the Macclesfield Branch voted itself out of existence and the Grappenhall Branch has reported that it is in extremis. After discussion the matter was referred to the sub-committee.

Mr. Martin reported that the Bishop had revised the rules of the guild. These, with



OFF TO FIJI

Taking up a three-years appointment with the Government of Fiji for the development of a water supply is Mr. Alan Smith, of Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey. He flies from London's Heath Row, together with his wife, Pauline, Caroline, aged 8 (left), and Rachel, aged 9 (right), on July 13.

Alan learned to ring in 1945 and met Pauline (who started her ringing in her home town of Tewkesbury) when they were both at Bristol University. Whilst abroad and with no bells in Fiji, they intend ringing handbells (of which they have a small set) and to teach their daughters. Whilst out there they hope to visit New Zealand for a holiday and to have a ring at some of the towers.

Alan has been ringing master of the Leatherhead District for some while but has now relinquished that office. All their ringing friends will wish them a happy and successful three years.

some trepidation, had been amended by the sub-committee, accepted by the guild committee, and were ready to be printed, and the rules were adopted without discussion. Next year's Festival in to be held in

the Northwich Branch.

On the subject of a master's badge, which the last A.G.M. had authorised in memory of the late master, Mr. J. Worth, Mr. Martin said that even he was not going to ask the guild to subscribe to a badge while a considerable sum to the Cathedral bell fund was still outstanding. The subcommittee had suggested that the badge might be cast in bell metal at the same time as the Cathedral bells. This suggestion was accepted as being apposite and inexpensive.

For the election of officers, Mr. Martin resigned as master and was elected secretary/treasurer (a job he had been doing since Mr. Baker's death), and Mr. C. K. Lewis was elected master, while still carrying on as report secretary,

Mr. Lewis thanked the meeting for the honour and also Mr. Martin for having stepped down after only one year as master to take on his new office.

Mr. Elkins proposed thanks to the committee for its work and to all who had contributed to the arrangements.

The service was conducted by the rector of Nantwich and the sermon was preached by Canon D. Kershaw, of Littleborough. After tea, ringing continued at Nantwich, Acton and Crewe.

A. C. P. P.

FESTIVAL OF THE CITY OF LONDON

The Festival of the City of London is to be held this year from July 4 to July 17. The programme includes orchestral concerts, plays, poetry readings, exhibitions and other attractions. This Festival attracts visitors from many parts of the world.

At the request of the organisers, ringing will be featured in the programme of events, and the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths are collaborating in the ringing

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The College Youths will ring at St.
Giles', Cripplegate, on July 7, the Cumberlands will ring at the same church on July 8, and the two societies will join forces at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 9.

During the second week of the Festival the College Youths will ring at St. Maryle-Bow on July 14, the Cumberland Youths at St. Lawrence Jewry on July 15, and the two societies will ring together at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on July 16. On each day ringing will begin at 6 p.m.

There will be peal attempts at St. Maryles Bow and St. Michael's Genthillary.

There will be peal attempts at St. Mary-le-Bow and at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 11, and Mr. W. T. Cook has written an article about ringing which will appear in the Festival programme.

Mrs. Beamish, president of the Coventry Guild, informs us that a £10,000 legacy has been left to St. Giles' Parish Church, Exhall, Warwick, for the bells, and an augmentation from six to eight is one of the jobs anticipated.

Ilkley, May 26, 1970 CENTRAL COUNCIL **DELIBERATIONS**

SECTION IV A motion arising from the report of the joint committee on revision of Decisions that (A) In the Decision on Methods and Calls: (1) delete A3, restrictions on calls and renumber A4 as A3; (2) delete B, regular methods, and reletter C, D, E as B, C, D, and in the new D5 change E4 to D4; and (B) In the Decision on peal ringing (1) change Cl, spliced compositions, to read: "Compositions in more than one method shall be termed Spliced, when the methods are so joined that the leads of the methods remain intact, the changes of method being at the half-lead or lead-head but not both in the same composition.
Compositions in which the changes of method occur at both half-lead and leadhead shall be termed Spliced, provided all the methods in the composition are symmetrical about the half-lead, with no two of them differing only in the places made at the half-lead and/or the lead-head."

(2) Remove F, Technical Committees, from this Decision, but the four paragraphs

to stand as the terms of reference of these four committees, changing the last para-

graph to read:—
"The Methods Committee shall make recommendations on the construction of methods and calls and shall prepare such collections as may be required by the Council. It shall also consider all questions arising from the nomenclature used for any method, and the findings of the committee shall be published in The Ringing World.'

Mr. Dodds remarked that many would not know what they were voting on. Mr. E. A. Barnett queried whether conductors could put calls wherever they liked, and Mr. W. E. Critchley said he would hesitate to comment too strongly but would support Mr. Barnett's query.

Mr. D. E. Sibson spoke of dual bobs in peal of Kidderminster and also two

singles in Superlative.

Suggesting they refer again to the report of the sub-committee, Mr. C. K. Lewis said he did not wish to put obstacles in the way of experiment, but emphasised that it was not to be treated lightly.

Offering to consider the whole question again in the committee, Mr. J. Mayne said it was difficult for that body to decide what

course to take.

Messrs. Carlisle, Corby and Diserens made various observations, the latter remarking that people would ring just what they wanted to, but Mr. D. Beresford questioned how much of the composer's art was lost in a conglomeration of calls

Mr. S. Ivin stated that problems were created by the use of such calls, and Mr. Ayre said had he known of such irregular calls he would not have accepted peals of

Surprise with singles.

Upon being put to the meeting, Motion 9 b (A) was carried by 26-9 and 9 b (B) (1) also, but without opposition. 9 b (B) (2) was accepted without dissent, although threequarters of those present, not understanding the technicalities or implications, did not vote, it being obvious that many had no notion of what was being debated.

RECORD LENGTH PEALS
A further proposal by Mr. Sibson, seconded by Mr. S. Jenner that Section "D" of Decision "D" of the Central Council's Decisions be deleted and the following substituted:

D. Record Length Peals. The Record Length Peal in a method or group of methods on a given number of bells shall be the longest length recognised as a peal by the Council. For handbell peals, every ringer shall ring at least two bells. Tower bell and handbell records shall be kept separately

created more interest, however, for this was understood as revising the rules regarding long length records. It was pointed out that the present rules as laid down had not been complied with in regard to the long length of Superlative in September and the London Royal in January, but the Little Bob Major proposed attempt was postponed when it was found insufficient notice had been given. The question now asked was: Is

the Council prepared to enforce its rules?

Mr. R. B. Smith said that if paragraph 2 (b) of last year's minutes were deleted then he would agree that the Superlative was a record length, but nobody could

legally stop publication of the peal.

Mr. Beresford pointed out that The R.W. was the property of the Central Council and would publish what that body required. Record lengths were the property of the Exercise, handed down by tradition, and all would want to regard them as such. He asked the members to reject the motion and enforce the rules.

Mr. Mayne asked Mr. Smith if it mattered very much to him (Mr. Smith) what peal superseded the previous record, and Mr. Smith replied in the affirmative, adding that he was convinced the peal was rung, but that the Council should have dealt with the matter straight away.

Mr. Mayne then observed that his question had been answered, and Mr. Smith and all should realise the need for safeguarding such record attempts. He hoped the motion would be rejected.

After Rev. St. John Smith and Mr. W. Ayre had made observations, the motion was put by the chairman and heavily defeated, only about ten voting in its favour.

[To be continued]

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE **YEAR 1969**

The figures for peals rung in 1969 show an increase again, mainly by the activities of certain people and bands—the total (E. & O.E.) being 3,807, made up of 3,459 tower-, an increase of 332, and handbells 348, an increase to 555—an additional 12, with 83 first as conductor—giving +4 over 1968. We welcome all these but should be delighted to see a more substantial increase in this latter section.

There is a change in the table this year, with the Yorkshire Association well ahead — by 72 peals-as shown below.

The leading Associations and Guilds are as

	Tower		
	Bells	Handbells	Tot
Yorkshire A.	257	8	26
Chester D.G.	128	65	193
Leicester D.G.	168	20	188
Lancashire A.	155	26	18
Bath and Wells	176	-	170
Oxford D.G.	137	16	15
Kent County	137	15	15
Hertford County	87	60	14
Peterborough D.	142		143
These nine give	41.94%	of the total	١,
The whole breaks	down as	follows	

Tower Bells

	1908	1909		1900	1909	
Sixteen					3	+3
Fourteen					3	+3
Maximus	94	98	+4	18	30	+12
Cinques	51	60	+9	1	3	+2
Royal	219	231	+12	36	50	+14
Caters	92	96	+4	11	7	-4
Major	1,362	1,602	+240	120	131	+11
Triples	210	225	+15	4	2	- 2
Minor	815	860	+45	108	113	+5
Doubles	278	275	-3	36	6	-30
Minimus	6	12	+6		_	
	3.127	3 459	+332	334	348	+14

Missing from the peal columns are:—
British Rail, Cleveland and N. Yorks, Devon
Assoc., Dudley and Dist., E. Derby and W. Notts, Ladies' G., Scottish A., Sheffield and Dist., S. Derby and N. Leics.
For the Investiture of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales we noted 39 peals; for his 21st birthday

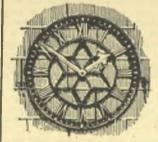
We are delighted with the smaller number of duplications this year.

It would seem that more advantage could be taken of these royal occasions. It is also ex-pected that some members with particular knowledge_of local circumstances, etc., may feel we not given all performances of special mention.

We consider the following performances are commendable and worthy of special

Tower bells. - Bath and Wells, increase in multi-method/variations, peals of Doubles; Chester G., 75 Spl. Surp. Maximus; Coventry G., 81, 63, 45 Spl. Surp. Minor; Hertford C., 11,520 Eardisland Delight; Lancashire A., 50 Spl. Surp. Maximus; Lincoln G., 117 T.B. Minor, 186, 157, 144, 135 m/v Doubles; R. Soc. Cumberland Youths, 9 peals S.S. Major on same day, ranging from 24 to 8 meth.; Southwell G., Spl. T.B. Minor in 210 (2), 198, 179, 155, 127 and 117 methods; Truro D.G. in exploration and progression in Doubles m/v; Winchester and P'mouth, 7,168 in 32 S. Surp. Major with all the work, and 223, 151 m/v Doubles; Yorkshire A., 128, 102 m/v Doubles.

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RINGING ABROAD

Miss Betty Tomlin, of Staplehurst, Kent, writes: "I have just returned from a visit to Zambia and thought the ringers in this country would be interested to know that the ringers in the photograph (all three from England and known to many people as tower bell ringers) rang hymn tunes and touches for live television from Lusaka which was broadcast all over Zambia. At a later date they recorded on tape a similar selection, from which parts are used for various wireless broadcasts, mainly in religious sections.

Jeff and Jean Lawrence go regularly each month to ring at Salisbury Cathedral in Rhodesia, about 320 miles away, where there is a keen band always pleased to see

The photograph shows Jean Lawrence, Margaret Nyahwa and Jeff Lawrence at the T.V. studio."

INGOLDMELLS, LINCS

A Tuesday evening in May saw the triumphal conclusion to the grand scheme to provide Ingoldmells, near Skegness, with a splendid and worthy ring of bells.

The church was well filled for the service of dedication, which was led by the rector (Rev. C. Miller), at which the Bishop of Lincoln preached and carried out the dedication. After the dedication the local ringers rang the opening rounds. They are to be congratulated on progressing so well in so short a time, largely with the help of Friskney ringers. Any ringer who finds himself in the area on a Sunday or Wednesday should not fail to call and encourage this young band.

After the service a sumptuous celebration dinner was held, at which various toasts were proposed. The Bishop spoke of the great enthusiasm of the people of Ingoldmells and their community spirit. Mr. John Freeman, master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and president of the Central Council, spoke of the beauty of Lincoln-shire bells. He mentioned the bells of Lincoln Cathedral, of Grantham and Deeping St. James, saying that the grand new Taylor ring at Ingoldmells was well in this class. All present were greatly impressed by the hopeing and typical this pressed by the hanging and tuning of this splendid ring of bells. A good number of ringers were present, and Messrs. Taylor were represented by Mr. A. Clayton.

Until recently the tower contained four bells and an ancient pre-Reformation sanctus bell. Of these bells the tenor was a fine bell cast by Taylor in 1913. Two of the other bells were by Wilkinson, a Lincoln founder, and the fourth bore no inscription whatever but was obviously not ancient. These bells formed 2, 3, 4 and 6 of a ring of six bells. The bell frame and the whole tower were in a terrible state of decay. The tower was repaired and it was decided to recast the three older bells, which were very poor toned, with additional metal into five bells to match the Taylor tenor. Each of the new bells bears the name of a Lincolnshire saint, and the inscription on the treble must be unique. The tenor inscription is part of the Litany of the Saints. The ancient sanctus bell has been retained in the new frame, which is designed so that the provision of two treble bells can be made at a future date. Details of bells:

Treble: GUTHLAC. This bell was cast

in the year during which man first set foot on the surface of the moon. The gift of Eric William Stow in his fourteenth

No. 2: GILBERT. The gift of Ethel Stow in memory of Robert Cawdron Stow. No. 3: HUGH. To the Glory of God. The gift of Hilda Harratt.

No. 4: HIGBALD. The gift of Alderman Harry Simpson, C.C.
No. 5: BOTOLPH. The gift of William Eric Cawdron Stow. Charles Irvine Miller— Rector.

No. 6: Te rogamus, Domine, ut Ecclesiam Tuam Sanctam regere et conservare at omnibus inimicis, digneris 13-2-26.

All the bells bear the Taylor foundry shield and the date of casting. The 4th and 5th have the inscriptions from the two inscribed old bells reproduced in facsimile. The pre-Reformation sanctus bell is decorated with fleur-de-lis and marked "Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi, Cathrina Vocata."

Gloucester and Bristol Association. **CROOME TROPHY**

The Cheltenham Branch held their qualifying competition for the Croome Trophy at Toddington on May 30, when the judges were again Mr. H. Scholfield (Tewkesbury) and Mr. G. Morris (Worcester). Their placings were: 1 Cheltenham (A) 52 faults, 2 Cheltenham (B) (84), 3 Leckhampton (A) 99, 4 Charlton Kings 171, 5 Leckhampton (B) 173. The treble ringers found this light bell very difficult, and one band was obliged to abandon their attempt.

At the business meeting a small com-At the business meeting a small committee was appointed to arrange the association annual meeting in Cheltenham next.

April. Mr. C. Burridge (Cheltenham) was elected assistant secretary as Mr. M. Maggs is working away from the county. The ringers listening were joined by visitors who had been to nearby Didbrook. Later. Toddington bells were available.

Later, Toddington bells were available, some 60 ringers attending in all. C. T. B.



When the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild held their dinner earlier in the year at Southampton the Bishops of Winchester and Southampton attended. Mr. Gordon Benfield proposed the toast of "The Church" and Canon Sanders (Overton) replied, whilst Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Worcestershire Association) gave that of "The Guild," to which Mr. Roger Savory (master) responded. The health of the visitors was in the hands of Mr. Kenneth Croft, Mr. David House replying.

During the evening a course of Kent Treble Bob Major on handbells was rung by (l. to r.) John, Kenneth, James and William Croft—father and three sons.

Letters

WHY RING?

Dear Sir, — I fully agree with Mr. Durance. Mr. Millward was, of course. quite wrong in his rejection of a potential good ringing recruit; indeed, one senses from Mr. Millward's own words that he, too, has doubts regarding his action.

This type of smug, self-satisfied, believebefore-you-ring dogma typifies a general, arrogant, narrow attitude regularly responsible for driving countless numbers of people away from the Anglican Church. As an excellent preacher remarked recently. one has to become part of the Christian fellowship before one can remotely begin to understand or believe in it.

In Liverpool, and I am sure throughout the country, there are many churches like my own where young persons are accepted into the church youth club quite regardless of their religious background or lack of it. There is no compulsion and they are not pressurised into joining the church, but of course many of them do so, some later becoming confirmed and regular communi-

No. sir, Mr. Millward I feel missed an excellent opportunity and, if at all possible. I would urge him to trace the young man forthwith and get him into the tower first. There is at least some basic Christian material to work on as obviously this man is not a hypocrite, humbug or insincere.

He, too, could ultimately become the ordained priest of a parish. Stranger things have happened. Remember St. Paul, once an avowed non-Christian, persecutor and reviler of our faith, who became one of the greatest Christian preachers and missionaries of all time!-Yours faithfully

TOM BUTLER. iverpool.

P.S. - Incidentally, the nearest secular ring of bells to Bucklev is at the Liverpool Municipal Buildings .-- T. B.

We have also received a letter from Mr. M. J. Lockey. of Maulden, Beds. enumerating a dozen duties he has, or does, carry out for the church, including being assistant organist for 25 years and official organist for Bedfordshire Association of Ringers; but states he is not (repeat not) a confirmed member of the Church of England as he does not agree 100% with its doctrines, although he attends services every Sunday.

THE FINAL WORD

Replying to the criticisms made about his attitude towards the unknown would-be ringer, Mr. D. H. B. Millward, the tower captain of Buckley, Flintshire, writes in ex-planation about the local rule: "That one must be confirmed or desirous of being confirmed before one can become a full member of the company."

"Our church company was formed at Easter, 1903, and it was Canon Drew who our tower rules, including the above. His successors have not thought fit to change the rule and I, as tower captain, had a duty to see it was obeyed.

"In reply to Mr. Durance, we of Buckley make no claim to 'being self-righteous and class apart.' We have never adopted such an attitude. If he (and others) had read my first letter correctly they would know that I didn't turn the man away. I pointed out our rule and he apologised for bothering us and left.

"Our present vicar had advised 'that in any future case of this nature I should refer the person to him for a chat first'.' [This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.]

CLAPHAM PARK

Dear Sir, -- It is unfortunate that you allowed the photograph and article of Clapham Park to be published, as it was quite clear to anyone who knew the church that what was written was the work of someone who knew nothing at all about the church or its history. I say this as one who organised the ringing there and was connected with the church for five years. The writer's unkind remarks about the building are not in keeping with the general feelings of the people in the area, and in-deed what he said has offended many of the parishioners and also many of the ringers who kept the bells going through a difficult period in the church's history during the past five years. Mr. Pladdys was not one of these, but if he had been he would have realised that the church does not deserve the insults that have been directed at it by him but rather sympathy.

I feel that the only thing that this article has achieved is to give the readers of The Ringing World a thoroughly bad impression of Clapham Park, which is certainly not justified, and in addition says nothing worthwhile about its unique bells—which is surely what ringers are more interested

I assure you when the bells go to their new home there will be an article written about them, which will explain more about these unusual bells and why they were considered to be the "best eight in South London."—Yours faithfully,

NIGEL THOMSON.

Wallington, Surrey.

[The fact that the church was demolished the same week as the article appeared proves that the "booking" of the cover by Mr. Pladdys (who paid the costs and did his own research) was quite timely, rather than unfortunate. Our readers may never have realised that Clapham Park existed. -Ed.]

STEEPLEAGE

Dear Sir, -I find Mr. Collis's letter about the legal aspects of steepleage collection very disturbing, as I would hate to think that many ringing Associations are inadvertently breaking canon law. Perhaps we can have assurances from all Societies that collect steepleage, or the like, that previous permission has been obtained and every-thing is above board. I cannot anticipate that any incumbent would object to such collections, especially as he will obviously receive a donation towards wear and tear on the bells.-Yours faithfully, (Miss) TESSA SAWKINS.

Chobham, Surrey.

PEAL WITHDRAWN
Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice that the peal of 12-Spliced Major rung on handbells at Harpenden on February 26, 1969, for the Hertford County Association is false. I wish therefore to withdraw the peal and the composition (Ringing World, 1969, page 436) and offer my apologies to the rest of the band.— Yours faithfully,
BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Whiteparish, Wilts.

"FOR GOD'S SAKE"

Dear Sir.—Perhaps the attitude that Mr. Millward takes is more widespread than he or many of us realise. Recently a conductor in this part of the country was heard to exhort a ringer to better striking by saying: "Pull the thing—for God's sake pull!" -Yours faithfully.

J. HENRY FIELDEN. Halifax, Yorks.

PITMAN'S PRINCIPLE?

Dear Sir, - Reference Mr. Wycherley's principle, Belmont Minor, I don't know how many years ago Mr. Wycherley produced these figures, but a course of this was rung by the Warsop (Notts) band in September, 1951, and one or two 720s in the same year. Two peal attempts were made but failed. I don't know where our tower captain obtained these figures but I understand they were produced by A. J., Pitman. When we ring it we call it Pitman's Principle.—Yours faithfully. GEO. CHALLANS.

Worksop, Notts.

"GOOD STRIKING" RECORD

Dear Sir. - I was interested to read the advance notice of the gramophone record of Good Striking soon to be on sale, but astonished to learn that no extract of closelead ringing was included.

If the intention is, as stated, for the record to be of use to "instructors and lecturers," one would have thought that the compilers would have wanted to make it as comprehensive as possible.

It should not have been difficult to include call-changes rung "cartwheel" fashion from Cornwall or Devon and some Treble Bob rung by, say, Roughtown, who not so long ago won the contest arranged by the Yorkshire Council, which included teams from all over Yorkshire. After all. in a record made specifically to illustrate good striking an attempt should have been made (indeed nothing less contemplated) to include only the best examples, in which case it may not have been necessary to apologise for them beforehand!

Perhaps when the record appears discs could be presented to certain ringers who, when ringing at a minor tower on one of the tours organised for the recent Central Council meeting, were, because of the appalling clatter they were making, called to stand by the ringing master appointed by the Yorkshire Association, a thoroughbred Yorkshireman, who at least knows good and can recognise bad striking when he hears it.—Yours faithfully.

HAROLD CHANT.

Wakefield, Yorks.

IMPROVING MEETINGS

Dear Sir. I heartily endorse Mr. Trevor A. Bevis's remarks re the attitude of experienced ringers, both at meetings and at practice evenings. They seem to be imbued with a "snob" attitude and spend far too long ringing (or attempting to ring . . .) Surprise methods or Treble Bob methods, while the poor "rabbits" sit around becoming more bored than ever. And when they do condescend to ring Plain Bob or Grand-sire they have to call bob and single every so often, thus confusing the learner all the more, instead of ringing a plain course. can quite understand why so many youngsters (and not-so-young also) become utterly frustrated and give up bellringing altogether. It is a great pity, when one considers the many towers that cannot raise a band to ring the bells.

Cut out the "holier than thou" attitude and the "clever" ringing of many, who after all were "rabbits" themselves once, and give the learners a fair chance and a reasonable amount of ringing time at meetings and things would. I am sure, be far better and happier, with a consequent lower loss of recruits to this fine old art.—Yours faithfully,

"A KEEN RABBIT."



An excellent photo, taken in St. Mary's belfry, Taunton, of members and friends who attended the South Western District meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers at Taunton.

The ringers are from Devon, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Bristol and Somerset, and include Mr. George Cousins (president), standing in the right foreground, and the chairman and master of the district (Mr. W. F. Scudamore), holding the centre bell rope to the left of the door.

Ringing in the afternoon was at Norton Fitzwarren and Taunton St. Mary's before the meeting, and for most a picnic tea at Cannonsgrove, the training and sports centre of the Somerset and Bath Constabulary, where the bar facilities were enjoyed.

P.Sgt. Scudamore (Gloucestershire) was re-elected master and P.C. G. Davis (Somerset) was again elected secretary.

Outing.

AN EARLY START

On May 25 ringers from St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, and Gaywood made an early start for their outing this year to Essex. The first tower was in the pretty village of Finchingfield, thence to Coggeshall, where we found that the tenor clapper had broken during ringing the previous evening and we had to be content with the top six. Twisting and turning along the narrow country roads we eventually found our next tower, at Terling (a light eight, much enjoyed). Here the village green was like a lawn, very well cared for.

After lunch at Chelmsford we rang on the light eight at Danbury and the triangular tower at Maldon. We were ready for tea, awaiting us at Colchester, and then Ardleigh was our next stop. East Bergholt ringers were waiting to give a demonstration on their bells, hung in a cage in the churchyard, and with a final ring on the six at Rougham, followed by well-earned refreshment at Bury St. Edmunds, another outing was almost over.

Our thanks to the incumbents for the use of their bells, and to all ringers who gave up their time to meet us. L. W. H.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE

A party of 35 from North Kent spent Spring Bank Holiday Monday on the traditional outing—this year to Essex and Suffolk. The first tower was at Goldhanger and the eight were enjoyed before moving on to a Taylor six at Tolleshunt D'Arcy. Some of the party were rather cautious because of the light bells but all was well once they got used to them. The break for lunch was at Colchester.

Our next stop was at East Bergholt (Suffolk), where with many other visitors we watched with amazement the locals ringing the bells (which are in a cage at ground level) by turning the bells by hand on the headstocks. The eight at Ardleigh were put to good use before moving on to the light six (4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb) at Shrub End, Colchester. On to Rayne, where a substantial meal was enjoyed and was also the last tower of the day. The 6½ cwt. six were tapped round very nicely for 40 minutes before leaving for home.

A combination of perfect weather, good

A combination of perfect weather, good bells, ample meals and good travelling made this one of the best outings; thanks were expressed to Mrs. Hazel Mitchell for her able organisation.

L. M.

Bath and Wells Association. SAME AGAIN

The Frome Branch striking competition was held on May 23 at Compton Dando, Somerset. It was a disappointment that only four towers entered this year, because the weather was good, an excellent meat tea had been organised by the local ladies, and it was a very pleasant occasion.

There were, in fact, seven teams in the competition and it soon became apparent to those listening that the treble and fourth required rather more expertise than the other bells for the 120 changes rung by each team.

Tea in the village hall followed and the judge, Mr. Chris Kippin (Long Ashton), then commented on the ringing and gave the results. Chilcompton followed up last year's success and took first and second places with 53 and 68 faults. Other teams taking part were Farmborough (76), Frome B and Midsomer Norton (89 each) and Frome A (99).

Thanks were expressed by Max Heymann to the Rev. W. H. Young, the ladies and Chris Kippin. M. H.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL
Leicester.—May 30, at St. John's, half peal
of Plain Bob Royal: R. Martin 1, Hazei J.
Nichols 2, J. Morley 3, B. J. Fry 4, J. P. Colliss
5, R. Chantler 6, H. Bray 7, C. J. Mobbs 8, G.
Slater 9, B. S. Payne (cond.) 10.

FOR THE 90th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SONNING DEANERY SOCIETY, OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Towers first affiliated to the Society in 1880 Arborfield, Berks. — May 27, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Sylvia A. Randle R. K. Rivers 2, Violet N. Castle 3, L. Hall 4, C. Castle (cond.) 5, N. C. Grabham (first quarter) 6.

Sonning, Berks. - May 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K. R. Britton (first quarter) 1, Dorothy A. Rivers 2, Mary S. Willis (first quarter) 3, D.

A. Rivers 2, Mary S. Willis (first quarter) 3, D. Bird 4, D. C. Willis 5, H. R. Smith 6, G. M. Harvey (cond.) 7, A. N. Willis 8.

Wokingham, Berks.—May 24, at All Saints', 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Wendy Burkey 1, Sheila Cameron 2, Christine Clark 3, Judith Atkinson 4, W. J. H. Parker 5, W. B. Burkey 6, B. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, W. Pearce 8.

Wokingham, Berks.—May 23, at St. Paul's, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Burkey 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Burkey 1, 1260 Grandsire

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Towers who later joined the Sonning Deanery Branch of the O.D.G.

Binfield, Berks. — May 29, 1259 Grandsire Doubles: D. Excell 1, Susan E. Rance (first in method) 2, Joan A. Rance 3, A. H. Long (first in method as cond.) 4, K. R. Davenport 5, R.

Easthampstead, Berks.—May 28, 1258 Erin Triples: Susan E. Rance 1, G. N. Scott 2, A. J. N. Rance 3, Joan A. Rance 4, C. W. Bailey 5, G. Scott 6, K. R. Davenport (cond.) 7, W. R. Churchill 8. First in method for all

Finchampstead, Berks.—June 2, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: W. Pearce 1, Mrs. W. M. White 2, Sheila Cameron 3, W. B. Burkey 4, R. Wood (first

quarter) 5, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 6.

Hurst, Berks. — May 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Eva G. Eele 1, Violet N. Castle (cond.) 2, Sylvia A. Randle 3, B. C. Castle 4, C. W. Mortimer 5, R. K. Rivers 6, C. A. Eele 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8.

Sandhurst, Berks.—May 27, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. W. Barlow 1, K. R. Davenport 2, Virginia M. Dales (first inside) 3, A. J. N. Rance 4, S. G. Scott (cond.) 5, H. Goodey 6.

Twyford, Berks. — May 30, 1260 Stedman Triples: Susan E. Rance 1, Suzanne Sargeant 2, G. N. Scott 3, Joan A. Rance 4, K. R. Davenport 5, H. Smith 6, A. J. N. Rance (cond.) 7, S. G. Scott 8.

Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks.—May 26, 1440 P.B. Minor: S. G. Scott 1, G. N. Scott (cond.) 2, Joan A. Rance 3, K. R. Davenport 4, E. N.

Thomas 5, A. J. N. Rance 6.

Warfield, Berks. — May 24, 1260 Grandsire
Triples: Joan E. Scott 1, Rosamund Murrell 2,
Roslyn Oliver (first Triples) 3, Suzanne Sargeant 4, S. G. Scott 5, G. N. Scott 6, K. R. 4, S. G. Scott 5, G. N. Scott 6, K. R. Davenport (cond.) 7, A. N. May 8. Also May 31, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Joan A. Rance (first Caters in method) 1, Suzanne Sargeant 2, G. N. Scott 3, Rosamund Murrell (first on ten) 4, Roslyn Oliver (first on ten) 5, F. C. Price (cond.) 6, S. G. Scott 7, K. R. Davenport 8, A. J. N. Rance (first Caters in method) 9, F. Oliver (first quarter) 10. First Caters 2, 3, 7, 8. Also June 9, 1260 P.B. Triples: G. W. Shepherd (first Triples) 1, F. C. Price (cond.) 2, Rosamund Murrell 3, Suzanne Sargeant 4, Joan A. Rance 5, K. R. Davenport 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, S. G. Scott 8.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION 80th ANNIVERSARY

Carhampton, Som.—June 7, 1280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Tuckett 1, F. Arscott 2, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 3, A. Chubb 4, R. Watts (cond.) 5, C. Fisher 6. Also for Evensong.

Nailsea, Som.—June 9, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. R. Short 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, J. Evered 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

Marston Magna, Som .- June 6, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, E. T. Rice 2, Mrs. D. Crocker 3, Mrs. L. Parker 4, C. Gratton 5, R. Parker (cond.) 6. Also a wedding anniversary

compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Gratton.

High Ham, Som.—June 9, 1260 P.B. Doubles:

Mrs. D. Crocker 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, C. Gratton
3, R. Parker (cond., 100th quarter) 4, F. A. K. Also a ruby wedding compliment to Prime 5. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hawker, parents of 2nd and 4th

Wilton, Som. — May 31, 1280 Cambridge Major: Mrs. B. Bindon 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, A. F. Arscott (first Cambridge) 3, A. Pendlebury 4, Mrs. D. Bishop 5, F. Avery 6, R. F. Arscott 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8.

THREE QUARTERS IN AN EVENING June 10, 1970

Burgh, Suffolk.-1260 P.B. Minor: R. J. Curl (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Elizabeth A. Bowyer (first inside) 2, L. J. Parry 3, H. W. Egglestone 4, L. P. Brain 5, S. J. Pettman (first as cond., aged 14) 6.

Otley, Suffolk.-1260 P.B. Minor: Diane Stilwell (first quarter, aged 14) 1, L. J. Parry 2, S. J. Pettman 3, L. P. Brain 4, Elizabeth A. Bowyer (first as cond.) 5, H. W. Egglestone 6. Ashbocking, Suffolk.—1260 P.B. Minor: Janet

M. Barnard (first quarter) 1, S. J. Pettman 2, Elizabeth A. Bowyer 3, L. P. Brain 4, L. J. Parry (first as cond.) 5, H. W. Egglestone 6.

Aldermaston, Berks.-May 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Stead 1, P. Corderoy 2, M. Till 3, D. Livingston 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5. Also June 4, 1320 P.B. Doubles: P. Corderoy 1, J. Hill (first as cond.) 2, M. Till 3, D. Livingston 4, W.

Balcombe, Sussex.—June 7, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Wood 1, E. Knapp 2, A. E. Laker 3, G. Ford 4, F. E. Godsmark 5, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 6, K. Trinick (cover) 8. For Evensong.

Bedford .- On June 7, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Jill K. Orme 1, J. Piron (first Royal, aged 11) 2, Avril Ivin 3, Kathleen A. Rivett 4, C. M. Orme 5, R. R. Churchill 6, R. L. Piron 7, Gibbs 8, K. H. Fleming 9, S. Ivin (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex.—June 9, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Edwards (first away from cover) 1, A. Cluer (first inside) 2, J. M. Swift 3, Audrey Eldridge 4, C. Verdon (cond.) 5, N. Dyer silver wedding compliment to Rev. and Mrs. D.

Cluer, parents of 2nd ringer. Biggin Hill, Kent.—June 14, 1250 P.B. and Cambridge Minor: D. J. Stocker 1, Julia Collinge 2, P. A. Butler 3, R. C. Kift 4, Mrs. B. Stocker 5, P. R. Butler (cond.) 6.

Blackmoor, Hants. - June 14, 1260 Doubles Grandsire, Pl. Bob): B. Stubbington 1, M. E. Cass 2, Mary Sutcliffe (cond.) 3, A. M. R. Gill 4, G. A. Cane 5, D. J. Cooper 6. For parish baptism service; also an engagement compliment to Jenny Quaife, of Bromley, and Brian Walton, of Liss.

Blewbury, Berks. — June 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. C. Corderoy 1, P. E. Corderoy 2, H. L. Bishop 3, E. J. Grace 4, L. F. Cox 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, C. Corderoy 7-8. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. R. J. Siderfin (former vicar). Also June 8, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. vicar). Also June 8, 1260 Stedman Triples: W.
F. Judge 1, C. P. Turner 2, J. E. Judge 3, E.
J. Grace 4, C. Corderoy 5, Claude Corderoy 6,
R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Bennett 8.
Bolsterstone, Yorks.—May 30, 1344 Pl. Bob
Major: D. Lyon 1, E. P. King 2, Miss M. Hatswell 3, C. Newton 4, D. Hunton 5, A. King 6,
M. King 7, N. Denovan (cond.) 8

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Bray, Co. Wicklow.-June 5, 1260 Plain Bob

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Brent Pelham, Herts.—June 14, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: G. C. Goodman (cond.) 1, J. Thorogood 2, L. G. Goodman 3, E. Evans 4, H. T. Flack 5, H. J. Trigg 6. For morning service. Bridgerule, Devon.—June 5, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Pearce 1, H. Stacey 2, Ann E. Davison 3, Christing Worth 4, L. Conduct 5, H.

Triples: R. G. Pearce 1, H. Stacey 2, Ann E. Davison 3, Christine Worth 4, J. Conduct 5, H. Trewin 6, B. Groves (cond.) 7, J. Sangwin 8. First in method 3, 4. For church fete.

Brinklow, Warks.—June 7, 1260 Doubles: S. Missen, sen. 1, Philippa Garrard 2, Betsy A. Mountford 3, B. Elliott 4, D. W. Mountford (cond.) 5, Olga Howes 6. For Parish Com-

Brixham, Devon.—June 10, 1260 P.B. Minor:
A. G. Thompson (first Minor) 1, R. J. Edden 2,
T. Cullingworth 3, W. S. Wayman 4, R. F.
Shepperd (cond.) 5, J. L. Bell (first Minor) 6.
For the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip.

Campton, Beds.—May 25, 1320 St. Simon's 8ob Doubles: A. Dilley 1, Mrs. Sheila Smith 2, Miss M. Simons 3, S. H. Ashton (cond.) 4, A. S. Smith 5. First in method 3, 4. To mark the 4.0th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. H. P. Hansen (rector); also forthcoming wedding compliment to ringer of 3rd.

Chetwynd, Salop .- June 13, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Bull 1, Jill Eddowes 2, Ann Sisley 3, E. C. Morrall (first as cond.) 4, R. E. Morris 5, A. Astley 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6. Also same day, 1440 P.B. Minor: Noeleen Mothershaw (first quarter) 1, Ann Sisley (first Minor) 2, P. Morris 3, E. C. Morrall 4, R. E. Morris (first Minor as cond.) 5, W. Bellerby (6).

Christchurch, New Zealand.—June 6, at the Cathedral, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Hainsworth 1, A. T. Summerell 2, P. J. Perry 3, R. J. Stevens 4, N. F. E. Reeve 5, R. H. Idle 6, R. Johnston (cond.) 7, J. H. G. Gardner 8. wedding compliment to Lynne Stevens and Ray

Compton Abbas, Dorset.-June 8, 1260 P.B. Doubles: C. J. Corry 1, Mrs. M. Godley 2, A. Corry 3, Miss K. Andrews 4, C. F. Longridge (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss L. F. Rideout, ringer for 20 years and chorister for over 5J years.

Corse, Glos. — June 14, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Helen Taylor 1, Hilda Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, E. J. Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, M. P. Taylor 6. Rung non-conducted (ten different extents). First non-conducted for all. For Evensong.

Croydon, Surrey.—June 7, at St. John's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies 1, G. Newman 2, G. Fisher 3, N. Steere (cond.) 4, N. Brown 5, F. Mitchell 6, K. Taber 7, M. Parry 8.

Deddington, Oxford.—May 10, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: O. J. Hemmings 1, M. W. Coleman sire Iriples: O. J. Hemmings 1, M. W. Coleman 2, W. F. Cowley 3, C. C. Clarke 4, W. Minnear 5, W. Ivings 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, J. K. Pratley 8. A silver wedding compilment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ivings.

Derby.—June 12, at the Cathedral, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Claire Saxton (first quarter) 1, I. Wilson 2, P. Warington 3, R. Saxton (first quarter) 4, A. Harper (first quarter) 5, G. Halls (cond.) 6.

Droitwich Spa, Worcs .- June 11, at St. Peter-Droitwich Spa, Worcs.—June 11, at St. Peter-de-Witton Church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Raxter 1, A. Ager 2, S. Bridge 3, P. Catter-mole (cond.) 4, M. G. Powell 5, F. W. Smith 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Dr. E. Shirley-Jones, alderman and thrice Mayor of Droitwich, for many years churchwarden and lay reader at this church.

East Dereham, Norfolk.—May 25, 1280 P.B. Major: D. Adams 1, G. Adams 2, H. Hazell 3, P. Charlesworth 4, A. Rowley 5, R. Martin 6, D. Bee (first on eight) 7, G. Thompson (comp. and cond.) 8.

Ecclesfield, Yorks. — May 26, 1264 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: S. Armeson 1, Jennifer M. Indge (first in methods) 2, Marianne Baker 3, Patricia North 4, C. Newton 5, I. North Baker 3, Patricia North 4, C. Newton 5, I. North 6, M. Turner 7, D. Nichols (cond.) 8. Also June 6, 1344 P.B. Major: P. Charlesworth 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, T. W. Senior 4, C. Newton 5, D. Nichols 6, M. Turner 7, N. Donovan (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memoriam C. F. Osborne, 40 years a member of Ecclesfield P.C.C.

Ecclesfield P.C.C.

Elveden, Suffolk.—June 11, 1280 Cambridge
S. Major: A. F. Ballam 1, Dorothy M. Durrant
2, R. Rose 3, P. Mayle 4, J. A. Mayle 5, A. G.
Feaver (cond.) 6, B. E. Whiting 7, M. J. Rose
8. First in method 3, 4 and 5.

Enfield, Middx.—May 31, 1440 P.B. Minor:
N. Holtam 1, D. J. Duggan 2, Margaret Pask 3,
R. Wood 4, H. Howson 5, P. Twigg (cond.) 6.
For the ordination of Roser Mason.

For the ordination of Roger Mason.
Fawley, Hants.—May 24, 1260 P.B. Doubles:

M. G. Wills 1, C. P. Smedley (first inside, first attempt) 2, L. D. Smith (cond.) 3, Catherine A. Roberts 4, Elizabeth A. Banks 5, L. V. Smith 6

For morning service.
Felsted, Essex.—June 6, 1320 P.B. Doubles:
D. York Moore 1, Rosamund York Moore (first inside) 2, L. York Moore 3, Patricia Hurworth (cond.) 4, J. Tipping 5, J. York Moore 6. A birthday compliment to Rosamund York Moore.

Gedling, Notts.-May 17, 1260 Doubles (two m/v): Miss S. Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, Miss S. M. O'Neill 3, P. R. Wild 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5, J. R. Anthony 6.

Goodrich, Herefords.—June 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Morgan 1, W. Reece (cond.) 2, R. Poston 3, J. Higgins 4, K. Watkins 5, H. Meek 6. For the annual British Legion parade.

Greasley, Notts. — May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Mary Beach 1, P. R. Bestwick (first inside) 2, T. M. Ford 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, Barbara Hooks 6. For

Great Witcombe, Glos. — June 13, 1260 Spliced Minor (six methods): M. P. Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, Hilda Taylor 3, Helen Taylor 4, J. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First spliced for all the family.

Harthill, Yorks.—June 6, 1260 Doubles (seven methods): Mrs. N. Huson 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, D. Hunton 3, L. Hallows 4, M. King (cond.) 5, K. Wigfield 6, T. Cairns 7, R. Grundy 8.

Hawkhurst, Kent.—May 17, 1260 P.B. Minor: Caroline West 1, L. Jarvis 2, Marion Kemp 3, A. H. Kemp 4, R. A. M. Newman 5, G. S. Waters (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Henley, Suffolk.—June 2, 1344 Glasgow S. Major: L. J. Parry 1, Margaret Egglestone 2, Rev. B. Redgers 3, Rev. L. R. Pizzey 4, D. Knox 5, A. R. Munnings 6, A. T. Beckwith 7, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 5th and tenor ringers.

Hillingdon, Middx. - June 7, St. at 1282 Hillingdon Surprise Royal: G. W. Critchley (cond.) 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, R. Myllys 3, M. J. Palmer 4, R. F. Prime 5, C. A. Critchley 6, R. K. Russ 7, A. R. G. Twinn 8, J. Hill 9, J. R. Mayne 10. For Evensong. First of "H.S.R." by 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8.

Hilton, Dorset .- June 3, 1260 Double Court Bob Minor: G. W. Elmes 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, M. J. Dew 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, S. I. Bamforth 5, T. F. Collins (cond.) 6. First in method by all.

Huntingdon. — May 17, at St. Mary's, 1260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): J. Burton 1, Jane K. A. Hough 2, J. Binge 3, J. R. Hough (cond.) 4, Elizabeth A. Burton 5, R. H For Whit Sunday and to mark the Redwood 6. retirement of Canon Alexander Morris, 32 years vicar of this parish.

Kensington, London.-June 7, at 29 Warwick Chambers, 1260 Bob Minor: Jean M. Berriman 1-2, Ruth Horwood 3-4, W. Willans (cond.) 5-6. A 21st birthday compliment to Christopher D.

Kessingland, Suffolk.-May 22, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Rosemarie Hudson (first quarter) 1, Christine Gorrod 2, P. Harrold 3, P. J. Gorrod 4, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5, D. C. Ely 6.

King's Lynn, Norfolk.-June 10, at St. Margaret's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Curston 1, R. Newson 2, W. W. Cousins 3, N. V. Harding P. Gagen 5, O. A. Needham 6, D. J. Allum 8. To mark the birthday of Gagen 7, G. Allum 8. To mark the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Lewknor, Oxon. — May 11, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): J. Moore 1, Paul Smith 2,

Peter Smith 3, R. Witney (cond.) 4, W. E. Fulker 5. First ever by an all-resident band. Half-muffled in memoriam Canon W. H. Henderson, former vicar.

Levtonstone, E. - June 7, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Christine Morton 1, Louise Slater 2, M. Waring 3, G. Walker 4, W. Theobald (cond.) 5, J. Andrews 6, C. Willmington 7, J. Slater 8. First in the method for 3 and 4.

Little Chart. Kent .- June 14, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Haley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Robbins 2, Frances Ruffle 3, Irene Ruffle 4, Rev. T. Robbins (cond.) 5, B. Haley 6.

Little Shelford, Cambs. — June 11, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): Jean Sanderson 1, R. A. Currell (most mixed Doubles inside) 2, Pat Hurworth (most mixed Doubles as cond.) 3, Marion Kemp 4, R. Newman 5, A. R. Kennedy 6.

London, W.C .- May 17, at St. Clement Danes', 1280 T.B. Major (Worcester var.): P. Sippitt 1, Joan M. Peacock 2, S. Penfold 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. E. Wright 5, J. Fowler 6, J. Stephenson 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Matins.

Long Melford, Suffolk.—June 7, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Sally E. V. Potter 1, J. Brett 2, A. J. Haines 3, Amanda M. Richmond (first inside) 4, P. Mayle 5, J. A. Mayle 6, W. A. Perry 7, M. J. Rose (first in method as cond.) 8.

Madeley, Staffs. — May 2, 1440 Kent T.B.: Christine M. Pepper 1, Margaret Wonham 2, Margaret Burton 3, J. M. Pepper 4, H. S. Wonham 5, J. G. Burton (cond.) 6. For 21st birthday celebrations of Madeley College of Education. Ringers of 1, 2 and 3 are past or present the state of sent students and wives of ringers of 4, 5 and 6.

Melbourn, Cambs.—June 6, 1296 Cambridge Minor: F. Harper (cond.) 1, Jean Sanderson Marion Kemp 3, A. Mynott (first Cambridge) R. Newman (first Cambridge) 5, J. Gipson 6.

M.ddieton, Lancs.-June 1, 1260 P.B. Minor: K. Miller 1, E. Rathmill (first quarter) 2, A. J Smethurst 3, J. G. Fenton 4, J. W. Rideout 5, L. Miller (first as cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to L. Miller and D. Morville. First quarter by Sunday service band.

Montacute, Som.—May 29, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: S.C. M. Eastment 1, Ex-S.C. T. Marks 2, Ex-S. Sgt. G. W. Rendell (cond.) 3, Ch. Insp. F. Sandy 4, G. W. Rendell 5, S.C. H. Greenham 6. Half-muffled by a representative band of the National Police Guild in memoriam Chief Supt. Leslie Long.

Moorside, Lancs.—June 7, 1260 P.B. Minor: E. Rathmill 1, J. P. Spencer 2, D. Howarth 3, M. Fenton (first quarter) 4, W. Pugh 5, L. Miller (cond.) 6. To mark the anniversary of Moorside Methodist Church.

Nantwich, Cheshire.—June 12, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: S. Newton 1, D. Allman 2, H. G. Smith 3, J. E. Brough (cond.) 4, F. Barnard 5, E. J. Boffey 6, F. Ollier 7, W. Smith 8. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Platt and to Mr. and Mrs. T. Sumner, both couples of Nantwich.

Naw Alresford, Hants.-June 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, A. Hoar 3, R. A. Reed 4, Jane Dando 5, J. Huggins 6, J. A. Dodd 7, A. Hoskins 8. In memoriam A. J. Pearson, rector 1949–70.

Newbold-on-Avon, Warks. — May 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Clarke 1, Carol A. Eveleigh 2, Joan M. Cheney 3, P. M. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, K. Rigby 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the deputy tower captain, G. Edgson.

Oxford. — May 24, at St. Cross, 1260 Bob Doubles: G. Gray 1, M. A. Thow 2, R. Jones (25th quarter in tower) 3, A. W. Kay 4, R. H. Abbott (cond.) 5, I. W. Davies 6. A farewell Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Lowe.

Penge, S.E.—June 6, 1260 P.B. Doubles: K. Gamm 1, Angela Cornish 2, S. H. Gay 3, C. Mundy 4, M. A. Gay (cond.) 5. For Confirmation.

Portsmouth, Hants.-June 7, at the Cathedral 1259 Grandsire Triples: Jean M. Berriman 1, Susan Mayell 2, Edna Jones 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, D. G. Mayell 5, A. Hicks 6, W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 7, A. A. J. Buswell memoriam Lily Gertrude Taylor.

Radlett, Herts.—June 14, at Ashmere, Harper Lane, 1260 P.B. Minor: Jean Simpson (first quarter) 1-2, J. R. Southey (cond.) 3-4, A. C. D.

Mayes 5-6. Rayleigh, Essex. — May 31, 1260 Grandsire and P.B. Doubles: Susan Griffen (first quarter) 1, Valerie Nash 2, F. May 3, P. Giles 4, A. House Sharp 6.

Redgrave, Suffolk. - May 30, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): A. Driver 1, N. Watson 2, D. G. Boast 3, T. G. Boast 4, H. Fuller (cond.) 5, S. Flatman 6. A 90th birthday compliment to treble ringer's mother.

Rotherham, Yorks. — April 12, 1260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal: S. Bradbury 1, Marianne Baker 2, C. Newton 3, Marie Hatswell 4, A. Holroyd 5, M. Turner 6, J. Coad 7, A. Beaumont 8, N. Donovan 9, D. Nichols (cond.) 10. Also May 31, 1250 Spliced Surprise Major (Yorkshire, Lincolnshire): A. Holroyd 1, Marianne Baker 2, Marie Hatswell 3, C. Newton 4, A. Beaumont 5, M. Turner 6, N. Donovan 7, D. Nichols (cond.) 8.

Shelley, Yorks.—June 11, 1440 Oxford T.B. Minor: P. Charlesworth 1, Frances A. Garfield (first as cond.) 2, Susan Banton 3, T. Tarbatt 4, Rev. N. Webb 5, H. Mann 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

Shrewsbury, Salop.—June 13, at St. Mary's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. G. Owen 1, Miss H. F. Pardoe 2, Miss P. C. Stocken 3, Mrs. Estevens 4, R. H. Newton 5, L. D. K. Roberts 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, E. F. Willcox 8. For

the Queen's birthday.
Skipton-in-Craven, Yorks.—June 6, 1264 Plain Bob Major: F. Alderson 1, J. Smith 2, S. R. Munday 3, A. W. Pallister 4, A. Stott 5, R. M. Harker 6, M. Hillary 7, R. Crabtree (first as cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2. A wedding com-pliment to Barry Schofield and Susan Rhodes (married at Christ Church, Skipton).

Stoke Abbott, Dorset.-June 10, 1260 Doubles (17 m/v): D. B. Ellery 1, Helen Haines 2, I. Calvert 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, R. Haines 5. First in 17 m/v for all the band. For the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol.-June 7, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Sally Royle (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Snawdon 2, Mary Crofts 3, Alison Brown 4, J. Collard 5, P. Gray (cond.)

Stratford-on-Avon, Warks. — June 14, 1260
Grandsire Triples: I. Barclay 1, M. Reed 2, Hazel
Mackenzie 3, A. J. Print 4, R. C. Chapman 5, C. R. Steed 6, J. L. Findon (cond.) 7, D. Bates

S:urton-le-Steeple, Notts.—May 30, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P. Bartle 1, H. Poyner (cond.) 2, Judith Knights 3, S. Knights 4, R. Fanthorpe 5, J. Temporal 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

Titchfield, Hants.-June 7, 1440 Double Court

Bob Minor: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, H. L. Hatfield 4, C. G. Bryant 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method by all. Todmorden, W. Yorks. — June 14, at Christ Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples: T. Boycott 1, J. Kershaw 2, D. Owen 3, C. Milthorp 4, Owen 5, C. Ashworth 6, G. Cheetham (cond.) D. Owen 3, C. Milthorp 4, B. D. Bateman 8. Half-muffled in memoriam John

Rowland, former ringer at Christ Church. Walkden, Lancs. — April 3, 1260 April 1260 April Day Doubles: J. Illingworth 1, R. Jolley 2, A. Critchley 3, A. Greenhalgh 4, J. E. Andrews (cond.) 5. First April Day for all.

Wareham, Dorset. - June 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Hill (first quarter) 1, Frances J. N. Brown 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, M. J. Dew 4, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 5, T. F. Collins 6. For Evensong.

Warsop, Notts.-June 8, 1440 Trent and Mer-Surprise Minor (720 of each method): Miss S. Ettles 1, B. Birkett 2, F. Cooke 3, B. A. Richards 4, R. Hancock 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) Rung for Evensong. A birthday compliment B. Birkett and Mrs. B. Cooke.

TRENT SURPRISE
-34-14-12-1236-14-36 6ths 65243 MERSEY SURPRISE

-34--14--12--1236---14---36 2nds Woodchurch, Cheshire.-May 24, 1320 P.B Doubles: M. Grant 1, J. Horrocks (first quarter) 2, P. Horrocks (first quarter) 3, J. Hyden (first Doubles as cond.) 4, Clarissa Caroe (first Doubles) 5, J. Courtney 6.

ST. PAUL'S SHADWELL, MDSX.

We recorded recently another quarter peal on the bells of St. Paul's, Shadwell, E. the third since restoration work carried out in 1968 and described in our issue of March 28 last year. Elizabeth Bangham is the first lady to take part in one of these quarters and it must be unique to be the first lady to ring a quarter on a London ring 150 years old. It is believed that ringing took place in 1918 but it is not known whether a quarter was rung. The only other account of any ringing of significance was a peal in 1900.

It is stressed that, because of the lack of certain fittings, ringing is restricted at present to special occasions and permission is not given to visiting bands.

25 YEARS AGO

From The Times (May 8, 1945). St. Paul's bells ringing for victory will wake echoes of many centuries—of Marl-borough's victories and the capture of Gib-raltar, of Trafalgar and other naval victories, and of feats of arms in many lands, down to the peace won by the men of 1914-18. Names recur in these campaigns which have become familiar again. British troops have marched and bivouacked not once or twice in the Low Countries, France and Germany, Austria and Italy, Egypt and Abyssinia, from India to Hong Kong. The voice of the bells calls from living London to its past and future. Something which needs no words is heard behind the dying sound.



1969 **ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

SAWSTON, Cambs, St. Mary the Virgin. ov. 14, 1969, 2hr. 50min. (13 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR Fri., Nov.

*1 K. Page *2 B. Page

*3 D. Richards I. Start

5 K. Churchman *6 M. R. Ling (Conductor)

*7 F. Harris *First peal. A 21st birthday peal for Prince Charles and commemorating one rung for for his birth (November 14, 1948). (This peal has now been recognised by the Central Council.)

1970

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

CORFE, Somerset, St. Nicholas.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (7 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents. 8 methods: 5040 MINOR (7 extents, 8 methods: Double Court, Kent/Oxford, St. Clements, Grandsire, Re Plain Bob). Childwall, Rev. Canterbury,

Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)

*2 Mrs. A. Durbin
3 Arthur H. Reed
4 Leslie H. Arscott
*5 Royston Shepherd

6 Adrian F. Arscott

*First in 8 methods. To mark the visit of the Duke of Cornwall to the West Country.

WRINGTON, Somerset, All Saints.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (37 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Adapted from R. W. Pipe.

Stuart I. Bamforth Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)

2 Robert E. J. Dennis (Co 3 Timothy F. Collins 4 Melvyn J. Hiller 5 Ross G. W. Robertson 6 Graham W. Elmes 7 Rev. Roger Keeley 8 Brian J. Woodruffe 9 Ralph G. Edwards 10 Ronald N. Marlow

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Sun., May 31, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (29 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 Version.)

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Martin Major

2 Linda Fleming
3 Jennifer M. Taylor
4 Anthony H. Smith
5 Frank W. Rivett
6 John W. Thorp

7 Robert L. Piron
8 James R. Taylor
9 Keith H. Fleming
10 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

EATON SOCON, Hunts, St. Mary.

Sat., June 6. 1970, 2hr. 46min. (13\frac{1}{4} cwt.) 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. Ivin.

1 Anthony H. Smith *2 David A. Hope

3 Charlotte M. Harris

4 Martin Major 5 C. Michael Orme

6 Keith H. Fleming
7 David R. Saunderson
8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

*First of London Surprise.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD BOWDON, Cheshire, Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3 hr. (18 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Catherine M. Kay

Paul Reading

3 Peter Broadbent

4 Herbert M. Heaton 5 Brian S. B. Kear

6 Peter Dyson

7 Ronald F. Andrew (Conductor) 8 Michael Foulds

First as conductor.

UPPINGTON, Shropshire, Holy Trinity.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

Gordon K. Green Peter Wilkinson

3 Harry W. Howard
4 Geoffrey A. Edwards
5 John R. Scott

6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor) 200th as conductor for the Chester Guild. First on the bells since 1925.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

LAMBETH, London, S.E., St. Mary.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (163 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1344 Rutland, 1248 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with

all the work). Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

James M. Hills *2 Jenny Starbuck

3 M. Louise Slater

†4 Christopher P. Starbuck (Conductor)

5 Norman Summerhayes 6 Derek E. Sibson

John R. Pratchett

8 Dennis Beresford *First of spliced. †First of spliced as conductor.

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (101 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

Jane Foster

*2 R. Jean Henderson

3 Susan E. Smith 4 James M. Hills

5 Clive M. Smith

6 Peter M. Wilkinson 7 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)

8 Dennis Beresford *First in the method.

GUILDFORD, Surrey, Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.

Sat., May 16, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (303 cwt.) 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 M. Louise Slater

2 Beryl R. Simpson

*3 Katharine J. Maundrell
*4 Jeremy D. Cheeseman
5 Frank Lewis
*6 Michael J. Church
*7 Christopher P. Starbuck 8 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)

*9 Tom Page

*10 James A. D. Woolford *First in the method. For the eighth anniversary of the Cathedral.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire, St. Alkmund.

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (17½ cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

Susan Moore

2 Denis R. Carlisle Timothy Wylie Arthur F. Hall

5 David Huddleston *6 David W. Parkin

7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)

8 Paul Rigby

*100th peal.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham, St. Brandon. Wed., June 10, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (13½ cwt.) 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

James Crowther

2 Philip Rodgers

Andrew G. Craddock George S. Deas

5 Malcolm E. Johnson 6 Stephen C. Wells Adrian Dempster

8 Eric N. Harrison (Conductor) First in method as conductor. First in

method by all except 4 and 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

EARLS COLNE, Essex, St. Andrew.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (14 cwt.) 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Peter G. Pitt Neil V. Avis

3 Peter Mayle 4 Yvonne A. Towler 5 David Sloman

6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

7 Walter Arnold 8 James L. Towler

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BENGEO, Herts, Holy Trinity.

Fri., June 5, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (8 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Carter's odd bob.)

1 Thomas J. Lock *2 Joyce M. Clarke

3 Christine M. Carter

4 Arthur Stracey
5 Anthony R. Carter
†6 Alastair M. F. Stracey
7 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
8 Jack S. Dear

*First of Stedman. †First peal. Half-muffled in memoriam A. H. White (a ringer at this church).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LITTLEBOURNE, Kent, St. Vincent.

Thurs., April 30, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 methods: Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Plain Bob).

1 Thomas F. G. Young

*2 Peter S. Philpott

3 Tony Skilton

*4 James Hedgcock

*5 John B. Keeler

*5 John B. Keeler

6 Geoffrey Davies (Conductor)

*First of seven Minor. To mark the rector's retirement.

HASTINGS, Sussex, St. Clement. Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 16min, (15 cwt.)

5184 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by Geoffrey Davies. Frederick J. Lambert

2 Edgar R. Rapley *3 James Hedgcock 4 David D. Smith

*5 Alan R. Baldock *6 Derek J. Carr

*7 Tony Skilton

8 Geoffrey Davies (Conductor) *First in method. First of Major on the new bells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, Lancs, St. John. Wed., June 10, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (21½ cwt.) 5024 PLOUGHLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. Lindoff. Margaret Crossthwaite

2 Cyril Crossthwaite 3 Donald G. Lawson 4 Peter Bellamy-Knights

5 Richard Palmer 6 John Ashcroft

7 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)
8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
First in the method for all and for the association.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHREPPS, Norfolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (5 methods: 1 St. Clements, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., 2 Plain Bob and Kent T.B.).

1 David Bee 2 Harold Hazell

3 Guy Slater

4. Philip Charlesworth

5 Raymond Martin 6 Arthur Rowley (Conductor)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

SHOREDITCH, London, E. St. Leonard. Thur., May 14, 1970, 3hr. 34min. (28½ cwt.) 5280 LAMBETH SURPRISE MAXIMUS

1 Angela M. Wright 2 Peter Beresford

3 Joan Beresford 4 Sheila M. Dobbie

5 Frank T. Blagrove 6 John R. Mayne

7 John R. Pratchett 8 Alan R. Patterson

9 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)

10 Dennis Beresford 11 Stanley Jenner

12 David E. House First in the method by all and for the association.

BENINGTON, Herts, St. Peter.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (12 cwt.) 5184 ILKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox.
G. William Critchley (Conductor)

2 Joan Beresford 3 Alick Cutler

4 Claudia A. Critchley

5 Norman Summerhayes 6 Ronald J. Sharp 7 Jack S. Dear 8 Dennis Beresford

First peal in the method.

ILKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR -58-16-12-38-34-58-14-58. 8ths place. l.e. 7856342. Corrigan No. 15 renamed.

LONDON, E.C., St. Olave, Hart Street. Fri., June 12, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (111 cwt.) 5120 SHEPPERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox. John R. Pratchett

Joan Beresford

3 James E. Andrews 4 Alan R. Patterson 5 G. William Critchley

6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
7 David E. House

8 Dennis Beresford

First in the method by all except 2 and 5.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., June 2, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (6½ cwt.) 5152 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. J. Parker.

1 G. Ronald Edwards

2 Richard Clifton 3 Ronald D. Hughes

4 B. Stedman Payne 5 Frank Chambers

6 Alec Jones

7 Arthur E. Rowley 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor) First in method by all.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (The Colegate Society)

NORWICH, Norfolk, St. George, Colegate. Thur., June 11, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (9 cwt.) 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR (1 2160 and 4 extents.) 1 Gordon K. Terris

2 Martin Cubitt 3 John Illingworth 4 David Cubitt

5 James B. Morley (Conductor) 6 Carole A. H. Patey First of Oxford T.B. Minor by all. welcome the Rev. David H. Clarke to the parish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berks, St. Michael and St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (6 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1 Suzanne O. Sargeant 2 Stanley G. Scott *3 Graham N. Scott

4 Joan A. Rance
5 Violet N. Castle
6 Bernard C. Castle
7 Kenneth R. Davenport (Conductor)

8 Arthur J. N. Rance
*First of Major. To commemorate the first peals rung for the Sonning Branch and for Sonning Deanery Society (formed in 1880).

READING, Berkshire, St. Mary. Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (253 cwt.)

5024 EASTWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by H. Poyner. (No. 3.) 1 Leonard Stilwell

2 William Birmingham
3 John R. Ketteringham
4 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)

5 Kenneth R. Davenport 6 Michael Hatchett

7 Edgar J. Smith 8 J. Alan Ainsworth First in the method by all and for the guild.

OXFORD, St. Ebbe.

Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (5 cwt.)
5024 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by H. Poyner. (No. 3.)
1 Charles Coles
2 D. Kov. Addison

2 D. Kay Adkins 3 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)

4 Shirley M. Drew
5 Ronald K. Russ
6 Peter J. Heritage
*7 Philip H. Tocock
8 Geoffrey R. Drew
*First in the method. To welcome the
Archbishop of Canterbury on his official
visit to the diocese.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire, St. Margaret.

Fri., June 12, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (Seven extents.)

1 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor) *2 P. Donald Naylor

3 Anita D. O'Brien 4 Harry Wells 5 Peter J. Heritage

6 Timothy G. Pett *First of Surprise (age 12 years).

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral. Thurs., May 28, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (31 cwt.) 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

John N. Lindon Beryl E. Cawser Norman J. Goodman

J. Edward Cawser Vernon Green

James Insley Stephen W. Barton

Terry R. Hampton 9 Maurice F. Edwards 10 George E. Fearn 11 Gerald C. Hemming 12 Peter Border (Conductor)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

CORBY, Northants, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (8 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Cambridge, Oxford T.B.,
Kent T.B., St. Clements, Single Oxford,
Double Oxford, Plain Bob).

Richard J. Cowley Stephen B. Bell

3 J. Malcolm Tyler 5 Malcolli Tylei 4 Murray A. Coleman 5 Barry R. Care 6 Alan J. Frost (Conductor)

In thanksgiving for the life of Diana Mary

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (19 cwt.)

5024 EWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by G. Lindoff.

1 Frederick Vickers
2 William J. Chester
3 Barry E. Saunders
4 Raymond A. Vickers
5 Christopher C. Stokes
6 Patrick I. Chapman
7 Alan A. Paul (Conductor)

7 Alan A. Paul (Conductor) 8 Graham C. Paul

First in the method by all and for the guild.

KING'S CLIFFE, Northants, All Saints.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Norwich Surprise, Oxford
T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise,
Double Oxford, St. Clements and Plain
Bob).

1 Stephen B. Bell 2 J. Malcolm Tyler

3 Murray A. Coleman 4 Barry R. Care 5 Richard J. Cowley 6 Raymond H. Daw

Rung silent and non-conducted. A wedding compliment to Barbara Jean Brown (daughter of the churchwarden and tower captain) and Roger Smitheringale.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants. St. Laurence.

June 13, 1970, 3hr. (12 cwt.). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Elizabeth Eady 2 Molly E. Care 3 Timothy W. Griffiths

Anne Henman

5 Barry R. Care (Conductor)
6 Raymond Henman
*First peal. A farewell to T. Griffiths.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset, St. Mary the Virgin.

May 29, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (73 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Durham, York, Surfleet, Cambridge).

*1 Michael J. Dew
2 Mary E. Elmes
3 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
4 Melvyn J. Hiller

*5 Stuart I. Bamforth 6 Graham W. Elmes *Most methods.

BERE REGIS, Dorset, St. John the Baptist.

Wed., June 10, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (18\frac{3}{4} cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, Thelwall,
Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clements,
Rev. Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob).

1 Mary E. Elmes

*2 Michael J. Dew
3 Stuart I. Bamforth
4 Ross G. W. Robertson
5 Graham W. Elmes
6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*Most methods inside.

*Most methods inside.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CLIVE, Shropshire, All Saints.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (25 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
1 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)
*2 Edward V. Rodenhurst

2 Edward V. Rodellital 3 Lucy Smith 4 Clive M. Smith 5 Reginald H. Newton 6 Ernest F. Wilcox

*Has now circled the tower to peals.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

BREWOOD, Staffs, St. Mary the Virgin and St. Chad.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (21 cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

*1 David Hawksworth 2 Phillip H. Johnson

3 Christopher J. Jones 4 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

5 Gerald Bowen 6 Michael Thompson

7 Barnabas G. Key 8 Ian Friend

*First Treble Bob. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key on their 50th wedding anniversary.

SUFFOLK GUILD

WORLINGWORTH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., June 7, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.) 5056 ISLAY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. Knights.

Walter W. Miller

2 Dorothy M. Durrant 3 Muriel R. Page 4 J. Martin Thorley

5 Alan G. Feaver 6 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

Adrian Knights

8 J. Barry Pickup First in the method by all and for the guild.

COTTON, Suffolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3 hr. (103 cwt.) 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1 Neil V. Avis
2 Alan R. Bridges
*3 Jane H. Peacock

4

W. Keith Whittell 5 David Sloman

6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

7 John L. Girt 8 Walter Arnold

*First inside.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WARNHAM, Sussex, St. Margaret.

Thur., May 21, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (14½ cwt.) 5120 BOGNOR SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stanley Jenner (from an idea

by Christopher P. Starbuck).

1 Geoffrey C. Rix 2 Edgar R. Rapley 3 David D. Smith

5 Starbuck 5 Starbuck 5 Starley G. Ponting 6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor) 7 George Francis

8 Tom Page First in the method by all and for the association. To mark the birth of a daughter to David and Jennifer Smith.

WESTBOURNE, Sussex, St. John the Rantist.

Fri., June 12, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (10½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by H. Hubbard.

*1 Eileen Jayne 2 John H. Hunt (Conductor)

2 John H. Hunt (Conductor)

*3 Cynthia F. M. Rolph

4 E. Winifred Keys

5 William F. J. Cope

6 Patrick M. Wills

*7 Neil R. Vollar

8 John F. A. Rolph

*First peal. Half-muffled in memoriam

Rev. John St. Maur Williams, M.C., M.A. (rector).

SURREY ASSOCIATION

BARNES, Surrey, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Mar. 28, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.)
5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by W. E. Critchley.
1 Edgar R. Rapley

2 Janet House

3 Christopher P. Starbuck

4 David D. Smith

5 Michael H. D. O'Callaghan 6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor) 7 Alan R. Patterson 8 David E. House

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

PORTSMOUTH, Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Sat., April 11, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (25½ cwt.)

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by E. C. Shepherd.

*1 Barry J. Fry *2 Jean Berriman

3 Alan A. J. Buswell *4 Anthony A. Nunn 5 Clive J. Bryant

*6 R. Brian Walton

7 David J. Forder (Conductor) 8 Richard H. Green 9 George E. Evenden

10 Arthur E. Hoodless *First on ten bells.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants, St. Mary, Portsea.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (17 cwt.) 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Ivin.

1 Edward W. Colley

*2 Stuart I. Bamforth

3 Katharine J. Maundrell

4 Richard Green

6 Richard H. Youdale
7 Graham W. Elmes
8 Timothy F. Collins

*First of Bristol.

TITCHFIELD, Hampshire, St. Peter.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (121 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob).

1 Christopher Renyard 2 William F. J. Cope 3 Ruth E. Halford 4 E. Winifred Keys 5 H. Lyndon Hatfield

6 John H. Hunt (Conductor)

Before putting your money into a going concern you want to know which way it's going.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

OMBERSLEY, Worcs, St. Andrew.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (161 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Thomas W. Lewis *2 Ronald W. Repton

David G. Franklin Leslie F. Smith 5 John J. Stanier

6 John Clements (Conductor)

*First of Minor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire, All Saints.

Sun., May 24, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (34\frac{3}{2} cwt.) 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Edgar R. Rapley Joan Beresford

3 John R. Mayne
4 W. Eric Critchley
5 J. Henry Fielden
*6 Howard W. Egglestone
7 George W. Pipe

8 Derek E. Sibson *9 Stanley Jenner

10 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

*First in the method. First in the method for the association.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (7½ cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. Craven.

Wilfred Williams

2 Jacqueline S. King
3 Shirley M. Drew
4 Claudia A. Critchley
5 G. William Critchley (Conductor)

6 Gordon Benfield 7 Eric J. Hitchins 8 David King

GUISELEY, Yorkshire, St. Oswald. Mon., May 25, 1970, 3hr. (16³/₄ cwt.) 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. Baldwin. John R. Mayne

Joan Beresford 3 Edgar R. Rapley 4 Lawrence R. Pizzey

5 Tom Page 6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)

7 Howard W. Egglestone

8 Dennis Beresford

HEPTONSTALL, Yorks, St. Thomas. ., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (18 cwt.) 5024 SUPERALATIVE S. MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

1 Maurice Hillary 2 Iris M. E. Lemare

3 David Smith †4 Andrew R. Naylor 5 Ronald Crabtree

Arthur Rogers

7 W. Eric Critchley
8 J. Henry Fielden (Conductor)
*First of Treble Bob. †First of Superlative.

SPROTBOROUGH, Yorks, St. Mary the . Virgin.

Wed., May 27, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (8 cwt.)
5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods: 736 Superlative, 704 London and
Rutland, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire and
Pudsey, 576 Bristol, 544 Yorkshire, with
120 changes of method and all the work).
Composed by N. J. Diserens.

Joan Beresford

2 Edgar R. Rapley3 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)

Christopher H. Rogers

Cyril A. Wratten Derek E. Sibson Dennis Beresford

8 John R. Mayne

WHIXLEY, Yorkshire, The Ascension. Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (5½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

Anne M. Robinson †2 Robert J. Atkinson *3 C. Ann Steed

C. Ann Steed 4 Richard H. Roberts
5 J. Crawford Allen

6 John Robinson (Conductor)

*First peal. †First inside.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, 10 Eden Dr. Thur., May 28, 1970, 2hr. 24min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1-2 David Atkinson 3-4 Neil D. Lomas

5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

7-8 John Gander 9-10 Peter Broadbent

BUERTON, Cheshire, 4 Windmill Close. Thur., June 4, 1970, 1hr. 40min. (18 in G). 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-2 Geoffrey A. Edwards 3-4 John R. Scott

5-6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(St. Albans Cathedral Society)

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road. Mon., June 1, 1970, 2hr. 23mins. (16 in B.) 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*1-2 Katherine S. Hardy

3-4 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
*5-6 Robert E. Hardy
†7-8 Michael D. Frost
*First of Oxford T.B. Major on handbells. †First in the method. An engagement compliment to Kenneth J. Darvill (master of the St. Peter's Society) and Angela M. Wilton.

Self-control is essential to good manners.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

MANCHESTER, In the grounds, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 1hr. 56min. (14 in D.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (4 related extents and 3 different.)

*1-2 Ronald S. Barclay †3-4 William M. Taylor 5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.) *First on handbells. †25th for the guild. First open-air peal by all.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BLOFIELD, Norfolk, 4 Pound Lane. Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (16 in B.) 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. S. Wilde.

*1-2 Martin Cubitt

3-4 James B. Morley (Conductor) 5-6 Kenneth L. Brown 7-8 H. William Barrett *First of Major on handbells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITEPARISH, Wiltshire, Anchorsholme. Sat., June 6, 1970, 1 hr. 52min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1-2 Brian J. Woodruffe

*3-4 Graham W. Elmes *5-6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) *First on handbells.

WHITEPARISH, Wilts, All Saints' Vestry. Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (16 in B.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Arranged by Brian J. Woodruffe.

1-2 Rev. Roger Keeley
3-4 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)
*5-6 Graham W. Elmes
*7-8 Timothy F. Collins

*First of Major on handbells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Sheffield and District Society)

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, All Saints' Belfry. Sun., June 7, 1970, 2hr. 30 min. (15 in C.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by G. H. Cross.

1-2 Marie Hatswell 3-4 Neil Donovan

5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor) *7-8 David Nichols

*First handbell peal.

(Sheffield and District Society) ROTHERHAM, Yorks, All Saints' Belfry.

Mon., June 8, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lewis. 1-2 Malcolm S. Turner

*3-4 M. Alec Beaumont

5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

7-8 David Nichols *First handbell peal.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

WILLIAM SHEPHERD

An Appreciation.

Another link with the generation of Another link with the generation of ringers who were prominent at the turn of this century was broken when, as briefly reported in The Ringing World, William Shepherd, of Addlestone, Surrey, died recently. A fine ringer of tremendous enthusiasm and physique in his "heyday," he made his mark in the ringing Exercise when many great men were seemingly overshadowed by such names as J. Washbrook, william Pye and his brothers, Bert Langdon, James Pettit, W. T. Cockerill, Bob Newton, Alf Pulling, Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon Coleridge, Fred Holden, George N. Price and many others. He rang peals with them all, both on tower- and handbells.

To anyone with a knowledge of ringing history, Bill's progress when he arrived in the London area from his beloved home county of Devon could only be described as remarkable. No doubt, with a famous father already established in ringing circles (Ferris Shepherd) and two good ringers as brothers, he had a good introduction. He rang his first peal in August, 1900—Grandrang his first peal in August, 1900—Grand-sire Triples conducted by his father—at Withycombe Raleigh, Devon. January, 1901, saw him in London ringing two peals conducted by Thomas Langdon, for the Waterloo Society, the one on January 25 being half-muffled for the passing of Queen Victoria. On September 7 of that year he Victoria. On September 7 of that year he rang his first peal of Stedman, Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for the College Youths. The ringers were: James Pettit 1, Ferris John Shepherd 2, William Shepherd 3, Herbert Harman 4, Herbert Langdon 5, Challis Winney 6, Thomas Langdon 7, Thomas Taffender 8, W. T. Cockerill 9, Walter Prime tenor. A footnote says it was an 18th hirthday compliment to William an 18th birthday compliment to William Shepherd. He must have acquitted himself well in this peal as he was invited to ring yet another peal of Stedman Caters at the same tower a fortnight later with many of those same famous ringers taking part, this time with two ringers called Thomas Langdon-one a member of the Cumberlands.

William went home to Exeter for his first peal as conductor-Grandsire Triples at Heavitree on September 10, 1902. This peal was a 19th birthday compliment to him. In the same year he rang the Heavitree tenor to Bob Major.

In 1904-5-6 he rang several peals with James Washbrook in Ireland. It was in 1906 that Alfred Pulling's name appears in his peal book and on February 2, 1907, Alfred conducted 7,392 Double Norwich Court Bob Major with William ringing the 7th and Rev. G. F. Coleridge the 2nd. In August of that year he rang the treble to Superlative, and included in the band were William Pye, Isaac Shade, James Hunt, Bertram Brewett, James George, Ernest

Boneface and John Lamb.

It would appear that he conducted his first peal on handbells—Grandsire Triples from 3-4, his brother, Arthur Ferris Shepherd, not quite 17 years of age, ringing his 20th peal on 7-8. This was at Hersham, Surrey, a parish and church to which later he gave devoted service. By this time he had joined the Middlesex Association, ringing peals in which the names of William Pye, Bertram Prewett, C. T. Coles, James George and other worthies figured fre-

quently.

Early in 1909 came the first peal on handbells by the Surrey Association, Stedman Triples, conducted by Clement Glenn, William Shepherd ringing 5-6. In September of that year peals for the All Saints', Fulham, Society, with James Driver, Cornelius Charge, Louis Attwater and others were rung and in October a peal of Stedman Caters in hand conducted by James Driver.

February, 1910, saw the Shepherd family peal on handbells, Father ringing his first peal on handbells on 1-2; William conducted from 5-6. This was Grandsire Triples. The footnote claims it as the first peal on handbells by the Devonshire Guild. The following month, on March 7, came a peal of Stedman Caters in hand by Bertram Prewett 1-2, William Pye (conductor) 3-4, William Shepherd 5-6, George E. Pye 7-8, W. J. Hudds 9-10.

On April 18 came a peal of Stedman Cinques in hand by the same band, the extra pair being rung by Ernest Pye. Arthur King, C. T. Coles, R. E. Stewart and William Lawrence were umpires here.

In May a "deeply-muffled" peal in the same method was rung at Cripplegate with the "Pye band" for the passing of King Edward VII. The band included John H. Cheesman, Reuben Sanders and Harry Flanders

In July, William and his brother, Arthur Ferris, rang Grandsire Triples in hand at Basingstoke, Hampshire, Henry White ringing 1-2, and his daughter, Miss R. Alice White, 7-8. This seemed to start a friendship which was to last for 60 years, because only in recent times letters were being exchanged between Alice, who was Canada, and William, the contents of these being mostly about ringers and ringing. In this year he rang 29 peals, of which 11

were on handbells.

50 PEALS TOGETHER

In 1911, ringing 24 peals, he rang less on tower bells, but in hand 13 were scored. One which he conducted in August was with Miss Elsie Bennett, who rang 1-2 (her first peal)—Frank Hairs was umpire! In November Frank Bennett conducted Bob Major in hand on 5-6, his daughter ringing 1-2 and Frank Hairs 7-8, William being on 3-4. Later, in December, Arthur Ferris and William rang what was their 50th together.

The year 1912 saw William achieving what must have been a tremendous feat in those days of 54 peals in the year-44 being on handbells. It was about this time that the famous handbell peal under Alf Pulling was making history, and on June 1, 14,031 Stedman Caters was rung by: Arthur F. Shepherd 1-2, Alfred Pulling 3-4, William Shepherd 5-6, James Hunt 7-8, Frank Blondell 9-10. Seven hours three minutes

was the time.
In July, 8099 Grandsire Caters was scored at New Cross and conducted by William from 3-4, and this was a record length which stood until 1953, when the Bournemouth folk rang 13,139.

On August 5 a peal, of which William often spoke, was rung—5040 Stedman Triples in hand in two hours! At that time the speed which the Guildford people were ringing peals was in question, and if the writer's memory is not at fault, the ringer of 7-8 was a culprit. I was invited to take part, and check that, in particular, open handstroke leads were being kept! A footnote states that six umpires verified the time. Willoughby E. Maulden was the name of the ringer of 7-8.

On the last day of August came a crowning achievement, when the longest peal on handbells, 19,738 Stedman Caters was rung in 9 hours and 32 minutes, and William rang 5-6. He would account on occasion the happenings on the day when this peal was rung. Apparently a late start for some reason really prevented them from ringing a peal of 22,220 which had been planned and

it was quite amusing to hear how, during the progress of the peal, an argument developed between Alf Pulling, who was calling from 3-4, and Jim Hunt, ringing 7-8, as to when the bells should be called round and it was only when Jim Hunt threatened to put his bells on the floor that Alf agreed to call the shorter length. The bells on which this peal was rung are a beautiful set of 12 in B flat which then belonged to Jim and now hang in the belfry of St. James', Taunton, as a memorial to him.

Not content with his Saturday's effort. William called another peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells the Monday after.

In November, with his brother on 7-8 and George and Ernest Pye on 1-2 and 3-4 respectively, William rang 5-6 to Kent Royal—this was conducted by Alf Grimes on 9-10. On Monday, December 2, William conducted Stedman Cinques from 5-6 with the same band except (his brother being absent) Bertram Prewett rang 1-2 and Jim Hunt 9-10. A footnote to this peal recalls that William was summoned by telephone to take part in this an hour before the start!

In March, 1913, a long peal in this method (6063) was rung by almost the same band, this time Jim Hunt being absent; William Pye rang 9-10. A footnote claimed this as the longest peal in the method yet rung in hand.

A "William" peal of Stedman Triples came in August and was rung at Sunbury. William conducted this, and in December he and his brother rang Bob Major with John D. Matthews on 5-6 and Mrs. Elsie Matthews on 7-8.

It was natural that in 1914 only 17 peals were recorded by him, the First Great War intervening, and in the next four years only two tower bell peals were rung by him and a total of 28 in hand during this time. Sixteen peals on tower bells and two in hand were recorded in 1919. He continued with a few peals each year until 1947, when he rang his last peal at Hersham, noted as a birthday peal for Princests Elizabeth.

Altogether he rang 311 peals and conducted 120 of them; of these, 133 were in hand, of which he conducted 71. He kept wonderful records in detail. These show that he rang peals for 16 different associations and societies with almost every ringer of note in his day. One item among these records that he started ringing in 1893 at the age of 10 and had rung 200 peals by the time he was 28. At the end of his books are recorded several quarter peals rung in London by his old friends for his 82nd to 86th birthdays.

Jack Euston, who usually arranged these compliments was among the ringers who attended the funeral at Woking, where a large congregation heard the Rev. Ian Hanmel Cooke, vicar of Addlestone, refer to William as a well-known and loved Christian man. Mr. W. J. Tucker, a past-president of the local branch of the British Legion, read the lesson and gave his personal appreciation, mentioning William's loyal and devoted service to the church as chorister and ringer, to his country as a distinguished soldier, and to various voluntary organisations where, as he said, William Shepherd gave up his leisure time in service to those less fortunate than himself.

He voiced the sympathy of us all with Mrs. Shepherd, his loving and devoted partner, and concluded with words which will be echoed by all who knew William well:-"Let us go on to our tomorrows and remember with proud thanksgiving his Life and Work."

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Bellfounders' Gift Page

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Editorial

SERVICE RECOGNISED

The report of the presentation of a cheque, etc., to the retired Editor brought to mind many memories of the struggle for survival of The Ringing World in earlier days. Mr. White's account is fairly accurate, but it should be pointed out that the 1951 Committee did not cut his salary—which at that time was £5 per week. Mr. White voluntarily relinquished £1 per week on the understanding that the Committee would relieve him of the duty of providing

the weekly leading article.

When the 1951 Committee was elected. there had been a loss on the previous year's working, and it was only by a lucky chance that a few copies of Trollope's History of the College Youths were discovered amongst the effects which had been taken over when the Council acquired ownership. The sale of these books just put the balance about level—but when the new Committee took over there was nothing in the kitty. It was plain that economies had to be effected. so the convener and Frank Hairs went to Guildford to interview Mr. White and the directors of the Woodbridge Press to discuss production economies. As both the convener and Frank had considerable practical experience in printing technique, they were able to suggest a few alterations in typesetting, etc., which would help to reduce costs. Every penny which could be saved was saved. Advertisement rates were revised and increased, but only a small number of illustrations could be provided in the paper. At the time it was realised that an increase in circulation was of vital importance, and everything possible

FINANCIAL POSITION
Harold Poole was violently opposed to this, but the Committee could see no alternative. This decision caused the only harsh words that had ever been exchanged between the convener and Harold.

to make a terrific effort to keep the price at 4d., as it was clear that if we increased

the price there would be a drop in circula-

that the vicious circle of rising costs made

it necessary to increase the price to 6d.

tion. Two years of hard, continuous struggle followed, and it then became inevitable

We were determined

was done to obtain it.

For several years the financial position was so uncertain that the members of the Committee had to defray all their personal expenses—travelling postages etc.

expenses—travelling, postages, etc.
The matter of providing leading and other articles was a real problem, and from the start the Committee were greatly helped hy that wonderfully good exponent of Edgar Shepherd, who has carried out his promise to help right up to the present day. His writin been of the highest order. His writings have always phest order. Joe Dyke made useful contributions, and he was a very wise and co-operative committee Frank Hairs was also a valuable and loyal member, and his advice was always practical and helpful. Between us and with the help of many kind well-wishers, we weathered the storm, and with careful management The Ringing World should now go forward to fresh triumphs, and its future under the new committee and enterprising editor seems to be assured. We extend every good wish that their efforts will be successful. JAFUS.

Belfry Gossip

The sympathy of the whole Exercise will be extended to Derek and Jane Sibson in the loss they have sustained by the death from leukæmia of their younger son, Richard Kenneth.

We are informed by Mr. Marcus C. W. Sherwood that in Manchester University Guild's 100 peals (Ringing World, page 283) the record should have read: Maximus (1), Royal (5), Caters (3) and Major (53). Surprise has been rung "at all stages."

"That very enthusiastic ringer, conductor, organiser and live wire of the guild," writes a correspondent, "rang his 100th peal for the Suffolk Guild, in which he has only resided for a little over two years." The place, Wilby; the method, Cambridge Surprise Major; the ringer, J. Martin Thorley.

We should have known better. The peal on May I for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association was rung at Caerffili, and the method was also spelt the same way: Caerffili. (Our proof reader is not Welsh.)

Leslie Dobbie, of 30 New Bridge Avenue, Milton Regis, Kent, would appreciate a companion between 40 and 50 years of age to join him in his bellringing outings and other interests, as he is finding life lonely since becoming a widower.

Peals and quarter peals are now printed strictly in sequence of receiving them at our office (except when re-writing is necessary or insufficient information is supplied) and we advise any correspondents who find their contribution not appearing within 21 days of sending to send it again with a-covering letter stating it is a duplicate.

James Jones, of Alveley, died on Monday, June 8, aged 86. He had been a regular ringer in the Alveley tower for over 60 years. Call changes have been the tradition for many years at Alveley, and so half-muffled call changes were rung at his funeral.

The ringers concerned in the peal at Cranford rang it as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kasameyer, who were married at All Saints' Church. Peterborough, New Hampshire, U.S.A., the previous day. Mrs. Kasameyer (nee Janet Nichols) is a great-niece of W. H. Coles and cousin of F. C. Price.

The first Festival of Flowers to be held at St. Margaret's, Rainham, Kent, was held from June 12 to 15. The opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor of Gillingham, and the tower was open, some 500 people visiting the belfry. The sum of £47 was raised from these visits for church funds, so writes Mr. F. L. Cheal, who thanks all the ringers and others who helped to make it a successful festival.

The peal at King's Cliffe, Northants, is believed to be the first there for almost 40 years (the last was Grandsire Doubles on January 24, 1931), and was rung silent and non-conducted. Those who are familiar with the tower will understand why is was rung unconducted, for, with the bells immediately overhead, and only a thin floor between, the noise in the ringing chamber is almost overwhelming. The band therefore furnished themselves with quantities of cotton wool, firmly packed in the ears! The result was a very respectable peal.

First peal congratulations to Anne M. Robinson, C. Ann Steed, Alastair M. F. Stracey, Elizabeth Eady, Eileen Jayne, Cynthia F. M. Rolph, Neil R. Voller. Personal Record: David W. Parkin (100 peals). New conductor: Ronald Andrew.

Mr. Arthur Fidler has completed the rehanging of the six bells of Sampford Courtenay (tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.) and has now taken down the six at Drewsteignton, which are to be tuned, turned and hung with new fittings in a new frame. He is also rehanging four bells at Clyst St. Mary.

We apologise to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Tomlinson for having printed their new home address in our advertisement columns before they were (in fact) married. Brian wrote pointing out the error of our ways and said: "We may live in a permissive society but Mary and I are not now living at 14 Blenheim Drive, etc.—not just yet." The advertisement was billed to appear on July 10 but, always trying to be ahead, it appeared on June 12. Our very best wishes to the (now) newlyweds.—Ed.)

At Earlsheaton, Yorks, on June 7, the band who rang a peal of Little Bob Major associate the name of Hemingway Dronsfield, a local ringer in his 90th year.

At Harthill, Yorks, on June 6, by special invitation, the Wentworth ringers (with one exception) rang a quarter prior to the annual summer meeting and service of the Sheffield Diocesan Lay Readers.

The Rev. A. J. Pearson, rector of New Alresford, Hants, who was always happy and willing to have his bells rung, died suddenly in his church on Sunday. May 31. A half-muffled quarter attempt later that evening was unfortunately lost five minutes from the end.

Eleven-years-old Jeremy Piron rang a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Bedford on June 7, his father. Robert L., ringing the 7th. The treble is a 6 cwt. bell, so Jeremy's effort is all the more praiseworthy. He hopes to ring a full peal of Cambridge Royal before long.

Fifty quarter peals together is the record of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Mavell and their daughter, Susan, of Portsmouth.

On May 22, students and staff at Lowestoft Grammar School joined to ring a quarter of Doubles, firstly to see if they could manage it, and secondly to wish good luck to various ringers who were taking G.C.E. "O" level exams. (We hope they all pass.—Fd)

A family non-conducted quarter of Stedman Doubles by the Taylors of Corse, Glos, would have also been a silent one except for one word hissed across the belfry— "Lead!" Better luck next time.

Colin and Daphne Verdon celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary, and Beshill ringers wish to associate them with a quarter recently accomplished. During the past year they have both worked very hard to raise the standard at Beshill with the result that the locals can now ring Grandsire the best results for over 15 years. (Why not make a peal attempt?—Ed.)

Albury (Herts) have had an unfortunate accident with their treble bell. The stay was broken and fell in the frame, and as the bell swung down it caught on it and cracked the cast iron headstock through the centre. A new headstock is being supplied by Messrs. Taylor and it is hoped it will not be long before the bell is refitted.

BELLS STOLEN—AND FOUND

As briefly reported last week, a most audacious bell theft occurred at St. Andrew's Church, Gargrave, near Skipton, Yorkshire, containing a ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.).

The bells were sent to the foundry for retuning, the cost being the gift of a local lady. Five bells were returned on June 15 and unloaded in the churchyard. One of these, an original pre-Reformation bell

(1521) was among those stolen.

Late in the night of June 16 the vicar (Rev. K. H. Cook) looked out of the Vicarage window and was surprised to see men stealing the bells from the churchyard.

"They were loading them on to a lorry," he said. "By the time I had called the police and pulled on some clothes the thieves had driven off." Three bells had been stolen and it is estimated that they will cost £2,000 to replace.

Gargrave Church has suffered previously from thieving and vandalism. Lead has been stripped from the church roof and bronze taken from a memorial in the

churchyard.

MEN IN CUSTODY

We have since learned from Mr. A. Stott, of Holy Trinity, Skipton, that the smashed bells were found in a scrapyard in Huddersfield and that four men were accused of the theft at Court on Monday, 22nd. They were remanded in custody until July 1.

QUITE SOMETHING!

On May 9 on the coach going to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild A.G.M. at Bridport a quarter peal of 1344 Plain Bob Major was rung "lapped" by the following:

Stuart Hale 1-2 places (first on working pair, first on handbells); Timothy Jones 3-4 places (conductor, first on handbells as conductor); Margaret Bowman 5-6 places (first on handbells); Peta Lloyd 7-8 places (first on working pair, first on handbells).

(first on working pair, first on handbells). First of "lapping" and of Major by all the band. First on handbells and of Major by pupils of Marlborough Grammar School.

The band would be interested to know if this is the first recorded quarter peal rung by "lapping" on a coach!

A GREAT YARMOUTH J.P.

Mr. Peter G. W. Newstead, of Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth, who is employed by British Rail, has been made a Justice of the Peace. He is secretary of St. Nicholas ringers, having been for ten years (from 1953) a branch secretary of Norwich Diocesan Association, and is now a vice-president.

In his other church activities Peter has served as a sidesman, deputy people's warden, secretary of the P.C.C. and is at present secretary of St. Nicholas Church Committee. He is a busy man!

NEW VICE-CAPTAIN

The secretary of St. Mary-at-Finchley ringers tells us that the photograph of the ringers at St. Mary-at-Finchley recently published is already out of date and they have said goodbye to the vice-captain. Richard Bateman, as he and his wife have moved out of the area to live. At a special meeting and by a unanimous vote, the new vice-captain is now 17-years-old Christopher Fuller.

If Moses had been a committee the Israelites would still be in Egypt.

MEADOWS' MARVELS IN DORSET

On Monday, May 18, a very fine day, the following left Corse at 7 a.m. for this year's tour: Wendy and Les Meadows (the organisers, from Churcham), Jack Long and Lena (Lydney), Jack Webb and Anne Butcher (Ross-on-Wye), Ray Brewer and Beryl (Llangarron), Charles Biggs (Stoke Lacey), Cecil Cox (Much Marcle), Derek Price (Welland), David Huddleston (Henbury), Brian Danby (Nether Heyford) and Geraldine Mitchell (Corse).

We arrived at Frome at 9.30 and the local bell and clock restoration fund received our support. At Sutton Veney the children were enjoying a morning break next to the church. Faulty map-reading made arrival at Tisbury 30 minutes late and the rhododendrons in the churchyard at Semley (like the bells) were much appreciated. Following our first picnic lunch came Gillingham, but, because of a funeral, ringing began later than planned. The ground-floor ring at Sturminster Newton had a broken stay but did not prevent a good ring or admiration of the splendid east window. We were now near our base, with only Piddletrenthide and the eight of Dorchester to visit.

The first tower visited on Tuesday was at Litton Cheney, where, after climbing numerous steps, we had a drop of about six feet into the ringing room. On through the hills to Loders, where the flowers and handmade kneelers were greatly admired. The tenor clapper was broken but we rang the front five. Yet again more lovely flowers decorated the church at Bradpole. After lunch, travelling to the swaying tower of Whitchurch Canonicorum, we encountered goats on the roadside. A Mothers' Union service at Thorncombe meant a late start to ringing, and then on to the six at Netherbury. Trouble with the bus delayed us but we were told we could still visit Maiden Newton, even though later than schedule.

At Puddletown on Wednesday we found a most interesting church with a fine Norman font. This was followed by Bere Regis, where the church (which figures in Thomas Hardy's Tess of the D'Urbervilles) has an extremely fine roof given by Cardinal Morton in 1475. Here also is a set of iron hooks dating back to about 1600. that were used for pulling down thatch in the event of fire. From here we travelled to Lytchett Matravers and to Lytchett Minster, where Egyptian silver on the main doors make them rather unusual. One bell is rung part way up the stairs and "striking" is somewhat different!

Following lunch. Wareham was visited and the six-sided lead font admired, and next came the eight at Swanage. The massive church at Kingston gives a feeling of security and the impression that it will last for ever. Leaving Kingston and the fine view of Corfe Castle, our last tower was at Wool, where we were met by the vicar (one-time curate at St. Barnabas', Tuffley, Gloucester).

Frampton, with its long draught, was the first tower on Thursday. From here we travelled to Leigh and Yetminster, and at Thornford it was lunch-time. The first tower of the afternoon. Milborne Port, was likened to a little cathedral. At Bishop's Caundle the vicar met us and the day's ringing finished at Haselbury Bryan and Buckland Newton.

Milborne, with a tree growing from the tower, began Friday's visit. At Blandford we were informed that the second and tenor were without stays, but, with

The Ladies' Guild.
PLEASANT ATMOSPHERE

The last time the Central District of the Ladies' Guild attempted to hold a meeting at Penn and Beaconsfield the snow put a stop to it, but, nothing daunted, the members tried again on May 30. This time the sun shone, and those who were waiting a turn to ring were able to admire the lovely blossom in the churchyard at Penn. A variety of methods was rung on the six, and on the eight at Beaconsfield. Plans were discussed for another ringing week-end next spring on the lines of the past two very successful ones. The company was refreshed with cups of tea before the evening ringing. The help of a number of gentlemen was much appreciated, both in the towers and in the kitchen. A very pleasant atmosphere prevailed throughout. G. C. R.

A YOUNG IDEA

Several pupils from a nearby junior school recently paid a visit to the tower of St. Mary's, Eastbourne. They were accompanied by a teacher, who recorded on tape the sound of the bells being raised, and the ringers going through their normal practice night routine.

Questions and answers, and preliminary instruction in handling were also taped. Less gentle instruction concerning a touch of Little Bob Major which threatened to go wrong came over loud and clear! The schoolchildren will use the tape as a basis on which to lecture the remainder of the class.

Southwell Guild.

CRAWFORD CUP

The Crawford Cup round of the Newark District was held on May 16 at Barnby-in-the-Willows. Three teams entered and the ringing was of a good standard. Tea was served by the local ladies in the school hall.

At the business meeting which followed, the chairman (Mr. F. W. Midwinter) welcomed the judges—Ruth Blackshaw and Maurice W. Harrison. The results were: 1 Balderton (23 faults), 2 Newark (40½), 3 Coddington (56½).

Two new members from Balderton were elected. Ringing continued during the evening, and members from the Bingham District joined in.

Next meeting: Sutton-on-Trent in July. M. E. S.

help, one stay was replaced and ringing commenced on the front six. At Wimborne St. Giles we were met by Fred Price (Southbourne) who came with us to Cranborne. After Wimborne Minster Mr. Price led the way to his tower at Poole, set in dismal surroundings but the church is light and beautiful. We then travelled on to Corfe Mullen and to Sturminster Marshall the last tower of the dev

shall, the last tower of the day.

Saturday, the last day of the tour, arrived, and Richard Danby and Malcolm Chown (Nether Heyford) joined us at Melbury Osmond. This was followed by Bradford Abbas, but at Trent we were not able to ring because of local affairs. At Queen Camel the mellow bells were very much enjoyed, and then Castle Cary, followed by Bruton, where the ringing room was one of the cleanest we have visited. The bells at Evercreech were most enjoyable, for they sound like the gentle plucking of a harp, and the day closed at Midsomer Norton.

Sincere thanks go to the organisers and also to the incumbents and local ringers (especially those who met us). It was a most pleasant week.

Notices

SCALE OF CHARGES

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DEATHS

SIBSON. - On June 24, 1970, Richard Kenneth, aged 31 years, younger son of Jane and Derek Sibson.

VANN.—Olive, beloved wife of W. J. Vann, 6, Plexfield Road, Bilton, passed peacefully away in hospital on June 18, 1970, after a long illness cheerfully borne. Funeral service was at ness cheerfully borne. Funeral service was at St. Mark's Church, Bilton, Rugby, on Thursday, June 25, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation. 9149

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SPENCER.—New address of R. W. Spencer and family is 37 Bourneside, Bedford, where were hope old friends will call to see us.

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; shaken together and running over . . . For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."—St. Luke vi, 38.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C., July 14, 8.15 p.m. Practices: July 14, St. Mary-le-Bow; July 21, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 28, St. Andrew's, Hol-born; August 4, Southwark Cathedral. St. Mary-Be-Bow at 6 p.m., others at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A.
Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12
(01-673 2720).

DUXFORD "AT HOME," July 4 and 5. Features and displays from 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's

Church bells: Sat., 4-6 p.m.; Sun., 3-5 p.m. 9044

CARLISLE AND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL will close on Fri., July 3. Final thanksgiving service in the Cathedral 2.30 p.m. Former staff, pupils, parents willing to ring please contact Mrs.
Henson at the School. 9157
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION TIES—

as displayed at A.G.M., now available in limited supply (green, maroon or blue). Members who ordered at A.G.M. (who will have priority) and others wishing to purchase should send name and address, colour of choice (second choice, if any) and £1 to D. L. Gullick, 13 Weston Road, Stevenage, Herts.
MALVERN LINK.

WORCESTERSHIRE Ringers' service at 6.30 p.m., Sun., July 19.
Preacher, Rev. Albert Webb. Ringing 5.30-6.25 and after service. All ringers and friends very welcome. 9148

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Sun., July 12, St. Mary's Parish Church Ringers' Service for Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30–6.30 p.m. and after the service. Light refreshments available. All ringers welcome. 8978

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EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. - Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Keynsham, on Sat., July 4. Bells (8) 3.45 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45 (names to R. M. Virgin, 13 St. Keyna Road, Keynsham). Meeting 6.30 p.m.-A. A. 9088

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Ely District. Evening meeting, Sat., July 4, Swavesey (6), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Minor and York Surprise.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and District Branch. — Branch practice, Great Tew (8), Oxford, Fri., July 3, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. Davie, 9129 Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- S.W. District .--Fvening meeting, Chigwell, Sat., July 11. Ringing 6.30-8.30. This month's week-day practice at Leyton on 30th.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Mon. July 6, 7 p.m.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY .- Meeting, Wath, Sat., July 4. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., then meeting and evening ringing.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. - Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stogursey, on Sat., July 4. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to M. J. Stone, 25 Lyndale Avenue, Bridgwater.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be at Fenny Compton on Sat., July 4. Service 4.30 and tea in the village at 5 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Brailes, 10-11 a.m.; Tysoe, 10.45-11.45; Butler's Marston, 11.30-12.30; Kineton, 2-2.30; Harbury, 2.30-3.30; Burton Dassett, 3.15-4.15; Fenny Compton (3), 4-4.30; Burton Dassett, 6.30-7.30; Ladbroke, 7-8; Napton, 8-9. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, near Learnington Spa (Tel.: Fenny Compton 387).—H. M. W. 9051

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Monthly ringing meeting, Sat., July 4, Hensingham (8), Bells available 2.45. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Everyone very welcome.— D. T. Sim, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Striking competition finals, Rayne, Sat., July 4. Draw 1.45 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at St. Michael's Church Hall, Braintree, 5.45. Stedman competition 7 p.m., St. Michael's, Braintree. Numbers for tea to C. H. Gillingham, 69 Mount Road, Braintree. 9100

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Northern District. - Quarterly meeting, Barley, Sat., Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea and meeting at Barkway Vicarage. Barkway (8) after meeting until 8.30 p.m. 9133

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Bushey, July 4. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Meeting 4.15, followed by tea. Service 6 p.m. Further ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Woolley, 39 Titian Avenue, Bushey Heath.—A. C. D. Mayes, Dis.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District. — Quarterly meeting, Tunbridge Wells, July 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4 William Street, Tunbridge

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Sat., July 4. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea at 5, followed by business meeting and further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Visiting ringers welcome.-Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 9164

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.-Ringing meeting to be held in the Saffron Walden area, Sat., July 4. Meet at All Saints', Ashdon, 1.30 p.m. Towers include the 12 at Ashdon, 1.30 p.m. Towers include the 12 at Saffron Walden, 3 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible to P. Shonk, 58 Raeburn Road, Sidcup, Kent (Tel. 01-850 1014). 9163

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Reedham, Sat., July 4. Bells (5) from 6.30 p.m. (Branch com-mittee meeting will also be held.)—N. C., Sec.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Howden, July 4. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. E. A. Newham, 31 Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, before July 1.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT .- Meeting, Sat., July 4, Eyam (6), 3.30-5.30 p.m., and Baslow (6), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please bring your own picnic tea.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 9126

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.-Practice meeting at Turner's Hill (8). Sat., July 4. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bells 6 to 8 p.m.-Jean Osbon, Sec., 79 Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. 9147

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting, Sat., July 10, Newdigate. Bells 3
p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. Evening
ringing 6–8.30 p.m. Names for outing on Oct.
10 to C. A. Bassett, 3 Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, please.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.-July 11, Melbourn, 3 p.m. 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting. Meldretn afterwards.-J. S. 9109

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. -North Cotswold Branch.—Meeting, Bourtonon-the-Water (8), July 11, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Bells 6.15-8.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to L. Dowdeswell, The Lodge, Maugersbury Park, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos,

GUILDFORD GUILD. - Chertsey District. -Practice meeting, Send, Sat., July 11, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring your own coffee.—P. A. Bird,

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .ern District.—Redbourn (6), July 11. District striking contest 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Upen ringing after tea. Names for tea to G. Reading, Esq., 57 Hempstead Road, Red-

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Rochdale Branch.—Meeting, Sat., July 11, at Todmorden Unitarian Church (8) in the afternoon (3-5 p.m.) and Cross Stone Church in the evening. Please make own tea arrangements. Business 6.15 p.m. at Cross Stone.—G. Cheetham. 9152

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, St. Laurence, Chorley, Sat., July 11. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing until 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Special methods: Wembley S. Major and Grandsire Triples.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. - Southern Branch.—Evening meeting, Morton, near Bourne, Sat., July 11. Bells (6) 6-9 p.m. Special method: Double Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9134

LIANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. -Monmouth Branch.-Meeting, July 11, Ebbw Vale. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Audrey Bruten, 8 Belle Vue, Garden City, Ebbw Vale, Mon, by July 6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Meeting at Tutbury and Hanbury, July 11. Bells (6), Tutbury, 3-4.15 p.m. Hanbury: Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells (8) afterwards. 9118

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester
Branch. — Meeting, Wool, July 11. Bells (6)
2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr.
L. G. N. Williams, 47 Spring Street, Wool, Wareham, by Wednesday previous.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD .- July meeting now rearranged to be at Ordsall on Sat., 11th. (E. Markham not available.) Usual arrangements; book teas by contacting the secre-(address as in Diary). 9169

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District.—Meeting, Shelford, July 11. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, by Wednesday previous.—R. Blackshaw.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD .--Nottingham Festival, July 11. Ringing at All Saints (8), St. Mary (10), St. Peter (12), Aspley (8), Basford (8), Bulwell (8), Lenton (8), Wilford (5) and Wollaton (6), 1.30-2.15 p.m. A "rise and fall" Contest at West Bridgford, starting at 2.45 p.m. Open to any teams of six ringers. Tea 5 p.m. Bookings for tea and further details from G. Dawson, 63 Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham, on receipt of s.a.e. Social gathering in evening.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, Sat., July 11. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the Scotch

11. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the Scotch Tea Rooms, The Avenue. Meeting follows, and a Suffolk Guild committee meeting after the district meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. 9166 SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.— Striking competition at Wisborough Green (6), Sat., July 11, 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Please notify for tea Patrick Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis, Sussex, by Wednesday prior to meeting. prior to meeting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. —Striking contest with Beverley and District Society meeting, Sat., July 11, Patrington. Draw for contest 2 p.m. Bells available after contest to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. M. E. Crook, The Rectory, Patrington, Hull, HU12 ORE, by previous Wednesday.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Harwich (8), July 18. Ringing 3 p.m. (stop for wedding 3.30–4 p.m., approx.). Service 4.15

p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Felgate, 25 Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich. 9165
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — Meeting at Saltwood, Sat., July 18.
Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify D. Gower, Perth Cottage, Saltwood, Hythe, by Thurs., July 16.
—A. P. S. B. 9162

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., July 18, at Lutton. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Porter, 12 Exeter Drive, Spalding, Lincs (Tel.: 4462), by previous Wednesday. 9085

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION (Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Branches)

OPEN RINGING DAY, July 4. Upton St. Leonards (8) 10.30-11.15 Barnwood (8) 11.15-12.00 12.00-12.45 Brockworth (6) Eckington (8) Tewkesbury (12) Kemerton (6) 10.15-11.15 11.30-12.15 12.00-12.45 Cheltenham (12) 2.00- 2.45 Cheltenham (12) 2.00- 2.45
Prestbury (8) 2.45- 3.30
Bishop's Cleeve (8) 3.15- 4.00
Charlton Kings (8) 4.15- 4.50
Leckhampton (8) 6.00- 7.00
Badgeworth (6) 7.15- 8.00
Substantial meat tea (6s.) at Leckhampton Parish Hall, Church Road, 5 p.m.
Handbells and bell frame exhibits.
Numbers to E. J. Taylor, 43 Princes Road,
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RINGERS' DIARY, 1971

To all Association and Guild secretaries. Please send without delay your revised lists of Guild officers and dates of A.G.M.s and annual dinners, 1971, for insertion in the above which must go to press shortly.

No reminders this year.
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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS Quarterly meeting

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Saturday, July 11 Bengeo (8), 2.45-4.15.

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Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB (Farnborough, Kent 53666), by July 8. 9053

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 4, at Solihull (12). Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.

Open ringing till 8 p.m.
Names for tea to R. J. Tibbetts (Hon. Sec.), Tel.: 021-356 4509. 9142

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to be held at Shrewsbury at Shrewsbury
on Saturday, July 11.
Ringing: St. Chad's, 2-3 p.m.
St. Mary's, 3.15-4.30 p.m.
Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m., followed by
tea in St. Mary's Hall.
Ringing after tea: St. Mary's until 8 p.m.
St. Chad's, 8-9 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 4 Abbots
Place, Shrewsbury, by Thurs., July 9. 9086

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(for service)
Saturday, July 4
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Middlesex C.A. quarter peal, 1 p.m.
General ringing (if required) from 2.30 p.m.
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FLOWER FESTIVAL

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Bells (8) available 2-5 p.m. All welcome.

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FOR SALE

The following handbells for sale—willing to split. Offers invited. Six Mears: 26 F, 25 G, 24 A, 23 B flat, 23 B, 20 E; 29 Taylor's: 22 C—4 G sharp. For further details apply to P. J. Staniforth, 150 Narborough Road South, Leicester. Tel. No.: Leicester 823140.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Chesterfield District.—Ringing meeting, Killamarsh, on Sat., July 11. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Eckington (8) available 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2 Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield. 9175 ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—

Business meeting, Fobbing, Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea early, please, to Mr. H. Smith, 4 Gordon Road, Corringham, Stanfordle-Hope. Further ringing after meeting. All are 9179

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Ross District.—Evening meeting, Upton Bishop, July 4. Bells (6) available 6.30-9 p.m.—J. J. Webb.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Headcorn, on Sat., July 11. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names to Mrs. Y. A. Perrin, 35 Rushford Close, Headcorn. — C. A. Tester, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION —Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Cromhall (6) and Tortworth (6), Sat., July 4. Cromhall 3 – 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Tortworth after tea.—G. Minors, Hon. Sec. 9181 GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cranham (6), Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Brimpsfield (4) available after tea. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Evening 8-bell practice, Wotton-under-Edge (8), Tues., July 7, 7.30 p.m. Methods: Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major.—G. Minors. — 9182 PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peter-

borough Branch.—Summer meeting, July 11, at Ufford (4), 2.45–3.30 only. Maxey (6) 3.15–Service 4.15 p.m. and evening. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough, by Wed., July 8.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—
Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, Blackmoor, on Sat., July 11. Bells 3 p.m.
Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Youth Club at Vicarage. Bells until 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by July 5, please. — C. E. Bassett. Tel.: Locks Heath 9180

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will take place during Evensong on SUNDAY, JULY 12, at 6 p.m.

Ringing after service until 9 p.m. All welcome.

BRISTOL, HENBURY AND BRENTRY FESTIVAL, 1970

Ringing Day, Saturday, July 11 RINGING ARRANGEMENTS:

1. St. Mary's, Henbury (8)

OPEN RINGING: 3-5 p.m.
6-8 p.m.

QUARTER PEALS: Applications invited for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

10 a.m. Thornbury band. 12 noon Bristol City Branch.

2 p.m. Easthampstead, Berks.

5 p.m. Henbury. 2. Other towers available:

Thornbury (8), Alveston (6). Olveston (8), Almondsbury (8). 11-12.

12- 1. Clifton, Emmanuel (8), Westbury-on-Trym (6).

6- 7. Filton (6).

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At the Oxford Diocesan Guild A.G.M. at Bicester last Saturday Miss Marie R. Cross, the retiring hon. gen. secretary, was presented with a cheque for £125 in recognition of her 13 years' service to the Guild.

The Ladies' Guild at their annual meeting at Leicester last Saturday decided to continue on the same basis as previously and to hold their next A.G.M. at Chepstow.

Mr. W. Butler, of Thatcham, was appointed hon, gen, secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at its A.G.M. at Bicester on Saturday.

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The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing The Ringing World:—

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for June 29, 1945

Mr. J. E. Bailey, of Dartford, replying to a suggestion that the Central Council draw up a list of ideal speeds according to the weight of the tenor, said "No!".

proposed ringing competition Blandford, Dorset, was not favoured by members of the Salisbury Guild, who decided to arrange a ringers' festival in its

First peals were recorded for Harry Pearson (at Church, Lancs), Patricia Smee (Epsom), Stanley Darmon and Sidney Matthews (Sawston), Roland Smith and Alan Behagg (Kibworth), Harold Punt (Pinner), Miss E. Crawley-Bolney (Bradford-on-Ayon) and Albert E. Davies (Kingsland).

The leader discounted call-changes (stoney ringing) as vastly inferior to change-

Writing from S.E.A. Command, N. Chaddock gave a full description of the bells of St. Patrick's, Bangalore.

A meeting of the College Youths at Southgate was at the express invitation of the Middlesex County Association.

50 YEARS AGO July 2, 1920

The leader spoke of the investigation of 6-bell methods being completed, and that the exploration of 8-bell methods was being started, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob being combined under the name of Worcester.

At All Saints', Loughborough, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung and included four ringers from Leicester, no opportunity being available for 10-bell ringing for them in their own town.

At Minehead, Henry Louis Arscott and Francis George Arscott rang their first peal

— Grandsire Triples—and were elected
members of the Bath and Wells Association

At Tyldesley, Lancs, five members of the Allred family took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples.

Miss Dorothy Willett (aged 13) and Miss Alice Stokes (aged 14) rang their first quarter at Portishead, Somerset.

A letter from Wm. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, Devon, explained the patent adjustable bearings which they were fitting and how they were superior to ball and roller bearings.

A brief statement was made about the possibility of a strike in the printing trade because the Union had demanded a 20s. a week rise and had only been offered 10s.

A peal board was unveiled at Corston. Bath, in which a father, mother and son had taken part, viz.: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wilkins and Arthur E. Wilkins.

AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

Page 295. K.C.A., Preston.—10 methods: 2 St. Remiglus, 3 St. Osmund, 4 each Stedman, Winchendon Place, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, 5 each Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, 7 Grandsire.

Page 296. Bristol S. Max., Birmingham. Conducted by P. Border, arr. R. W. Pipe.
Page 359. Hook Norton: the ringer of the 4th was Tony Natt and not Andrew Hayden.

Page 361. Hough-on-the-Hill, Grandsire Doubles: transpose ringers of 4 and 5.
Page 438. St. Martin's Guild: Edgbaston and Inveraray peals, Clifford A. Barron in each

COMPOSITIONS **5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL**

Arranged by RICHARD F. B. SPEED

23456	M	41/2	H
42356 63254 43265 32546		_	3 2

Repeated.

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Rung at Daventry, Northants, on May 31, 1970, conducted by R. F. B. Speed.

5184 ILKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR By DENNIS KNOX

23456	H	M	W
34256	2		
45623		1	2
26354		1	1
32654	1		
54326		2	1
23645		1	1

Repeat twice. Rung at Benington, Herts, on June 6, 1970.

5120 BOGNOR SURPRISE MAJOR

By STANLEY JENNER (from an idea by Christopher P. Starbuck).

23456	W	S5/S4	M	H	
42356					
26354		х		_	
53624		x			
32654		X			
56234		x			
63254		x	_	_	
23564		x		2	
52364	3				
24365		ж		-)	
63425		x	_		
32465		x			
64235		х			A
43265		х	_	_	
23645		x	_	2	

23456

Contains 122 combination roll-ups. First rung at Warnham, Sussex, on May 19, 1970.

1274 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES By GORDON K. TERRIS

2345	W	In	H
5243			3
3542	_		3
3425	_		2
3452	-	1	3
3524 2435	-		2
2345			S

First rung at Trumpington, Cambs, on April 23, 1970, conducted by the composer.

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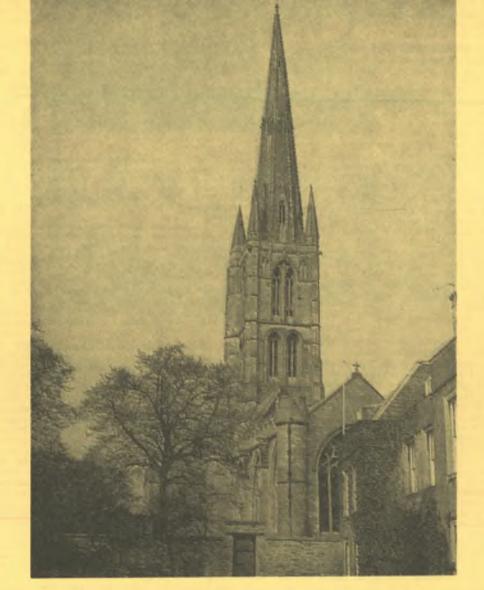
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There is an old jingle that goes thus:-"Stop Traveller, this wondrous sign

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Grantham now two rarities are thine, A lofty steeple and a living sign.'

The "living sign" is the Beehive Inn in Castlegate and the lofty steeple, that of St. Wulfram's, a landmark for all who travel on the Great North Road and railway. spire when completed in the early 14th century was, with the exception of St. Paul's the tallest in the land. Now standing 281 feet high the tower has indeed a rarity unto itself. The finest ring of ten bells for their weight in the world.

According to Street's "Notes on Granit appears that in 1640 the bells, then five in number, were rehung and the chimes were repaired. In the records of Rosse gives a bell at Belvoir towards a sixth bell . . . (1652)." In 1752 the front four bells of the six were recast and two trebles added to make eight, by Thomas Eayre, of Kettering.

THREE MEN ON TENOR

The first peal, of Grandsire Triples, was rung on the bells on Easter Sunday, April 22, 1764.

In 1775 the then treble, seventh and tenor were recast and two trebles added to make ring of ten by Pack and Chapman, of Whitechapel.

The first peal on the ten, Grandsire Caters, was rung by the Sherwood Youths on September 19, 1775, conducted by W. D. Crofts, who had W. Bradley on the ninth with him. There were three men on the tenor! St. Wulfram's possessed a change-ringing band until 1881, as can be seen on one of the peal boards:-

"Grantham Society of Change Ringers. On March 28th, 1881, this society, having been established 100 years, a centenary festival was resolved upon by the members and in celebration of the event a full and complete peal of Grandsire Triples consisting of 5040 changes, was most excellently rung on these bells which occupied 3 hours and 5 minutes by the following band.

In 1888, when the bells were rehung in an iron A-frame mounted on Danzig oak beams, change-ringing gradually died out and nothing else but "stoney" was rung until 1910, when a new band was formed under the auspices of the Guild master, Rev. H. Law James.

Change-ringing continued until forbidden by the outbreak of war in 1939. After a silence of seven years the tower and top of the steeple were repaired and a completely recast ring by Taylor's was dedicated in 1947. The bells have never stopped ringing since. The present society of change-ringers, some 24 strong, with several learners following on, ensures that all ten are rung for morning and evening services on Sundays. It is a mainly young and lively band, which should ensure that changeringing in Grantham will continue for many years to come.

Our past members are too numerous to mention but they cover many parts of the United Kingdom and other parts of the world, and to them we send our best wishes.

Practice night is Tuesday at 7.30 and visitors are very welcome.

PEALS ON THE BELLS

There have been 83 peals on the bells, 58 of which have been rung since they were last rehung in 1947. The most popular methods are Grandsire Caters (17) and Cambridge Royal (10).

Leading pealers include our present steeplekeeper, Denis A. Frith, who has circled the tower three times, and the president of the Central Council, Mr. John Freeman, who rang in the first peal on the recast bells and has rung in some seven

We have for many years been limited to four peal attempts per year, and it is our custom to allow visiting bands the pleasure of three of them while the local band attempts at Christmastide. We are booked for a few years to come and we are sure to welcome the Sherwood Youths again in 1975

INSCRIPTIONS ON THE BELLS Treble. - Pack and Chapman of London fecit 1775.

2nd.—If you have a judicious ear you'll own my voice is sweet and clear. Chapman fecit 1775. Pack and

3rd.—Pack and Chapman of London fecit 1775. 4th. - Gloria Deo Soli. Gloria Patri, Filio, Spiritui Sanco. Tho Eayre Kettering fecit.

5th.—Coelorum Christe Placeat Tibi Rex Sonus iste Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei. T.E. 1752 6th.—Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei. Gloria Patri Filio and Spiritui Santo. T. Eayre fecit 1752. 7th.—Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei. Coelorum Christe Placeat Tibi Rex Sonus Iste. T. Eavre fecit 1752.

8th.—In Dei Gloriam in Eccelesiae Commodum Gloria, Patri, Filio et Spiritui Santo. Anno Dom 1752.

9th.—Ye Ringers All who Prize Your Health and Happiness Be Merry, Sober, Wise and You'll the same possess. Re-cast in 1775. Richd Easton Vicar Jno Calcraft and Jno Hardy, Churchwardens. Pack and Chapman of London fecit.

Tenor.--Weight 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp. of London fecit. Mears Rev. William Potchett Vicar. John Brooks, Robt Storr Churchwardens 1818.

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A four-line stanza with which to end is to be found on a peal board of 1775 and with it a prayer for the future that these glorious bells will continue to ring for many years to the glory of God:

"These Sabbath bells shall still arise And sound their notes to yonder skies, The living to worship God they'll call; And to the grave they'll summon all."

Norwich Association.

ABBEY RINGING DAY

Saturday, June 13, was a lucky day for Wymondham Abbey Ringing Day and was enjoyed by all. The combined efforts of Messrs. H. Tooke, T. E. Spight and local ringers helped in the success of the venture.

The party from St. Albans was welcomed

and ringing was up to a good standard.

The secretary (Mr. C. Bird), in the temporary absence of the chairman (Mr. G. Sayer), thanked the vicar (Rev. J. G. Tanstey, Thomas), for inviting the ringer for ley Thomas) for inviting the ringers, for conducting the service and his interesting address, the organist, the verger and local ringers. and also the ladies for preparing and serving the free tea.

Ringing continued after tea. and the ringers adjourned to the Green Dragon and rang methods on the landlord's recently-acquired set of handbells. C. B.

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St. David's Guild.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting was held at St. David's Cathedral on June 13, when ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. Tea, provided by the ladies (who were thanked by Mr. D. P. Griffiths), was served in the Cathedral Hall, and Cathedral Evensong followed, conducted by the Dean (Rev. T. E. Jenkins) with Mr. P. Boorman at the

The retiring master (Rev. R. W. Thomas) was unable to be present, he having moved out of the diocese, and his report for the past year was read by the Dean, who presided over the business meeting. In the report the need was stressed to keep a balanced outlook in the belfry. Over-emphasis, it said, on method ringing led to lack of interest by beginners, and, similarly, over-emphasis on beginners led to lack of interest by method ringers. He wished the guild and the new master every success in the future.

The ringing master reported a decline in the number of peals and quarters rung during the year, but was pleased to note that a peal and quarter peal were successfully rung to mark the investiture of the Prince of Wales.

The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Master, P. C. Rogers; ringing master, A. F. Walters; secretary, Prytherch; treasurer, D. P. Griffit auditor, M. E. Lewis. Griffiths;

It was decided to hold a dinner at the Ivy Bush Hotel, Carmarthen, in October, to mark the 25th anniversary of the guild, and to hold a raffle to help guild funds and to be drawn at the dinner.

The meeting stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. Taylor (Llanstephan), who had died a fortnight previously.

An appeal for anecdotes and other items of interest for the booklet to be published in September was made by the editor, Mr. P. Griffiths.

The venues for meetings in 1971 were chosen and various other matters dis-

After the meeting ringing was resumed until 9 o'clock.

of The Ringing World, who was present by invitation, also expressed his thanks to the Ladies' Guild for their hospitality and

wished them every success in their efforts

to instil new life into its affairs. He pro-

mised editorial coverage for future activi-

ties and in turn appealed for new subscri-

A willing band of young and attractive

ladies had prepared a ham salad tea (which

bers to the R.W.

THE MIXTURE AS BEFORE

LADIES' GUILD DECIDES TO "CARRY ON"

During the last two years no special efforts have been made to recruit new members to the Ladies' Guild because of the uncertainty of its continuance, but at the annual general meeting at Leicester on June 27 it was unanimously decided that there is a place in the Exercise for such a body and that efforts be made to interest lady ringers, to encourage them to join and to take part in the functions arranged by the various districts of the Ladies' Guild.

During the meeting members from districts represented gave brief reports of the state of affairs in their particular areas, and from these it appeared that in certain rural parts, particularly in S. Wales, the Guild is well supported at its meetings, but in the cities and larger towns the reverse is the case. Some places did well with weekday evening practices, whilst others preferred Saturday afternoon meetings. It was pointed out that this was not a new situation and, in fact, it had always been obvious that the pattern of things varied according to the different areas, but it was not detrimental to the life of the Guild. Rather, the reverse was the case, for such variations made it more interesting for those attending.

The Central District (led by Mrs. Sandra Poyner), which organised this year's A.G.M., was somewhat disappointed that only 70 ringers (about 55 of whom were Guild members) supported the function, but those who did attend were well rewarded for the arrangements for the committee meeting on the Friday evening and the full day's ringing and social evening on the Saturday were most enjoyable. Although some of this was in the nature of an experiment the members agreed that similar arrangements be made next year, when it is hoped to visit the South Wales District in the Chepstow area.

Mrs. E. Palfrey (president) presided at the business meeting (which opened with prayer), supported by Miss D. E. Colgate (retiring hon. secretary) and Miss J. Beresford (retiring hon. treasurer). The meeting remembered in silence four members who had died since the last meeting, viz.: Mrs. Heath (Chippenham), Mrs. Frances Carter (Frome), Mrs. Diana Frost (Leighton Buzzard) and Mrs. Olive Vann (Rugby).

Following the reading of the various apologies received the item "Future of the Guild" was discussed, and a considerable debate followed. At no time, however, was it suggested that the Ladies' Guild, as such should cease to function. Indeed the enthusiasm from one or two area organisers was so infectious that there was little doubt that when the proposal made by Mrs. Richardson (Surfleet) was put that "the Ladies' Guild continues on similar lines as in the past" there were no hands raised against it.

This point having been agreed, various suggestions were made for recruitment, for meetings and practices, and for encouraging the ladies to take a greater interest in the affairs of their own Guild.

NEW SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Mrs. Palfrey was unanimously re-elected president for a third year, and this was greeted with applause. Miss Colgate, who has carried out the arduous duties of hon. secretary for 19 years, retired from that office in spite of much pleading from members for her to continue, and after it had been stated that Mrs. Jacqueline King had been proposed "in writing," this energetic and enthusiastic lady was elected as the new hon. secretary, although not promising to



A R.W. photo taken at Leicester of Ladies' Guild officers, past, present and future. They are (l. to r.): Miss D. E. Colgate (retiring hon. secretary), Miss J. Beresford (retiring hon. treasurer), Mrs. E. Palfrey (president), Mrs. J. King (hon. secretary elect) and Mrs. E. Chapman (hon.

treasurer elect).

do more than one year's service in that capacity. There seemed no doubt in the minds of those present that in spite of denials about her ability to carry out the duties, Mrs. King will prove very efficient at it.

Miss Joan Beresford, who has served the Ladies' Guild for 12 years as its treasurer, also retired, and some difficulty was experienced in finding a successor but eventually Mrs. Chapman agreed to take over this part of the organisation.

After Mrs. Shirley Slade had been reelected hon, auditor a vote of thanks to the retiring officers was extended and was received with acclamation.

INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Miss Beresford, presenting the accounts for the past year, gave a very comprehensive statement on the Guild affairs. She said that there had been a loss of £13 14s. Id. on the year's working, mainly accounted for by a fall in subscriptions which, it was interesting to note, were in total about half of what they were in 1959. Miss Beresford gave details of the badges sold and in stock, of the cost of advertising and of increased postage. Finally she said that the paid-up membership was 178 adult, 52 junior and 15 life—a total of 245, and that she felt the subscriptions should be increased: adults from 3s. to 5s., junior 1s. to 2s. and life £2 2s. to £5 5s.

The accounts were adopted and a discussion followed on the suggestion of increasing the subscriptions. It was decided unanimously that the adult and junior amounts be increased as proposed, but for the life subscription Mrs. J. King voted against it, stating that she felt it was too large an increase.

Thanks were extended to all who had helped organise the meeting, and the editor preceded the business meeting), to which full justice was done, and before the social evening started the ladies rejoined the men who had been doing their best in the nearby tower to drown the voices of the ladies' deliberations in the St. Margaret's vestry. Evensong was sung at 4.30, the vicar (Rev. D. J. Nudds) conducting; Mr. R. Hughes, general secretary of the Leicester Guild, was at the organ and Mrs. Palfrey read the lesson.

The towers at which ringing took place were Aylestone, South Wigston, Wigston Magna, Birstall, Anstey, Leicester Cathedral and St. Margaret's.

SOCIAL EVENING

A capacity for enjoying themselves was evinced by the Leicester ringers on June 27 when, in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild A.G.M., a social evening was spent at The Blackbirds Hotel. The several visitors who attended (some by special invitation) found themselves joining in wholeheartedly with the games, competitions and dancing (very old and very new), and the high spirits and energy of the young people present were transmitted to those who sometimes feel they are "past it," with the result that the whole evening was one long round of enjoyment—if at times somewhat noisy!

The M.C. was Mr. John Bramley, who was ably assisted by Jim Poyner and a team of willing helpers, and at the end of the evening the president of the Ladies' Guild (Mrs. Palfrey) and Mrs. Jill Staniforth both expressed appreciation to all who had

helped in the arrangements.

During an interval a buffet was disposed of and the president drew numbers from a hat for prizes in a lottery, which had been given by several well-wishers. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent. Ilkley, May 26, 1970.

CENTRAL COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

SECTION V

There appeared to be a feeling of relaxation among those present when Item 10 on the agenda was announced. This involved the acceptance of the various reports of committees which had already been printed and circulated and little discussion on each was apparently anticipated.

The first report, that of the Literature and Press Committee, was accepted after Mr. Edgar Shepherd had asked if "Overtones" was still appearing and Mr. Sharpe had confirmed that it was.

Item 10 (b), the report of the Biographies Committee, was approved without comment and was followed by that of The Ringing World Committee.

Mr. Wilfrid Wilson expressed sincere thanks to the members and past members of The Ringing World Committee and apologised to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for having omitted his name in the report, as he had helped considerably in the legal side of the affairs of the committee. Mr. Wilson also stated he had not yet found the time to answer certain letters addressed to him as convener, but hoped to do so very soon.

The Ringing World was this year publishing an illustrated calendar, a "Year to View" on each monthly page and also View" on each monthly page, and also space for weddings, meetings and other relevant data. Sample sheets were cir-culated to those present and it was stated that the calendar would retail at 6s. including postage. Orders were being taken during the meeting.

The cost of producing The Ringing World had been kept to a minimum, but it was feared that there would of necessity be a rise in the price next year due to increased wages and higher paper costs.

Following a question by Mr. Hartless as to whether there ought not to be a charge of 1s. per name in the peal reports, Mr. Wilson said it would cost more to collect the shillings than was worth while, and the committee were very reluctant to introduce such charges. He expressed thanks to Messrs. D. Beresford and G. Pipe for help given in the past to The Ringing World.

Mr. Dodds said if charges for peals were introduced there would be no guarantee that all peals would be sent to The Ringing World for publication. It was essential that all peals were printed, or records would not be complete.

Mr. Reynolds stated that the Lancashire Association made a charge of 1s. per rope, 6d. going to the association and 6d. to The Ringing World, the full amount being sent once a year.

That the peal layout was all right for recording, was Mr. Roper's comment, but the quarter peal format was awkward. Mr. Mason suggested that uniformity was essential.

Mr. Wilson said that the technical questions asked could be answered by the Editor, and asked the permission of the chairman for Mr. Denyer to speak, which was granted.

Thanking the Council for accepting him as an honorary member, Mr. Denyer en-deavoured to explain the technical details of production, and appealed to those pre-sent to make every effort to increase the circulation of the paper, to help the printers by sending in good copy, written on one

side of the paper only, and not to delay in sending in reports and advertisements. Many correspondents did not supply full details, which caused considerable holdup and unnecessary expense. The editorial department was often blamed for late publication of items of news, peals and quarter peals, when in point of fact many reports were late—some very late—in being sub-mitted. He thanked the many ringers who had advised, helped and encouraged him in his task, and asked for patience and cooperation in the future.

Mr. Ayre asked that proper alphabetical order be adhered to in the peal reports. Considerable merriment was caused by a quick retort by Canon Felstead that such an arrangement would ruin his records and asked that they remain as now printed.

PEALS COLLECTION REPORT

Mr. W. E. Critchley proposed and Mr. R. F. B. Speed seconded that the Peals Collection Report be approved, and this was carried without comment.

The Overseas Report, when proposed and seconded, brought a query from Mr. G. W. Pipe about the condition of ropes in Rhodesia, where there was considerable ringing activity. He asked if there was any way of getting round" rules and cutting red tape to supply ropes to Rhodesia. Mr. Frank Blagrove offered to advise on the matter.

The report was then adopted.

(To be continued.)

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE **YEAR 1969**

(Continued from page 512)

Handbells .- The friendly rivalry between the Handbells.—The friendly rivalry between the Chester G. and Hertford County bands, with the Chester G. achieving Kent T.B. 14, S. Surp. Max. in 3, 4, 6, 10 and 12 methods and S.S. Royal in 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 methods. The Hertford C. band rang two peals of Kent T.B.16, 1 Little B. 16 and 4, 6, 8, 10 S.S. Max.; Leicester D.G. the Cambridge sequence on one day. Middlesex C., two peals Kent T.B. 14; Hertford C., 32 S. Surp. Major; N. American G., peals of Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Major. The coldest—we expect— Bob Minor, north of the Arctic Circle, for the Durham and Newcastle A.

Not included in the Analysis:-Basingstoke-Winchester and P'mouth: Erin

Caters—no cover.

Basingstoke—Winchester and P'mouth: Minimus on handbells.

(Note. - Handbell peals are in parentheses and

are included in the total.)

A. Soc. College Youths. — Max 17, Cinques 9, Royal 3, Major 12, Triples 1, Total 42.

ANZAB.—Caters 1, Triples 1, Minor (2). Total

4 (2) Bath and Wells.—Cinq. 1, Royal 4, Caters 2, Major 52, Triples 10, Minor 62½, Doubles 45½. Total 176.

Bedfordshire. — Royal 5, Caters 1, Major 12, Triples 2, Minor 17. Total 37.

Beverley and Dist.—Max. 1, Royal 1, Major 3, Minor 2. Total 7.

Cambridge Univ.—Cinq. 1, Royal 1 (2), Caters 2 (1), Major 16 (3), Triples 2. Total 28 (6).

Chester D.G. — Fourteen (1), Max. 4 (16), Cinques 1, Royal 5 (21), Caters 4 (1), Major 65 (10). Triples 2. Total 28 (6).

65 (19), Trip. 7, Minor 34 (5), Doubles 8 (2).

Total 193 (65).
Cleveland and N. Yorks.—Nil.
Coventry D.G.—Royal 3, Caters 2 (1), Major 28, Trip. 3, Minor 27, Doubles 6. Total 70

Cumb. and North W'land.—Minor 3. Total 3. Derby Dio. Assn.—Royal 13 (3), Caters 1, Maj. 32 (4), Trip. 2, Minor 21 (14), Doubles 3. Total 93 (21).

of Devonshire.-Max. 1, Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 29, Trip. 10, Minor 11, Doubles 3. Total 57. Devonshire A .- Nil.

Dudley and District.-Nil.

Durham and N'castle.—Max. 1, Cinq., 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 34, Minor 3 (2). Total

E. Derby and W. Notts .- Nil.

E. Grinstead and Dis.-Major 1. Total 1.

Ely Dio.-Cing. 1, Royal 1, Major 34, Trip. 1, Minor 14. Total 51.

Essex Assoc.—Max. 4, Cinq. 4, Royal 4, Caters 2, Major 58, Trip. 4, Minor 27, Doubles 3. Total 106.

Gloucester and Bristol.—Max. 3, Cinq. 2, Royal 7, Caters 1, Major 25 (7), Trip. 6, Minor 9 (2), Doubles 6. Total 68 (9).

Guildford D.—Max. 1, Royal 6, Major 64 (2), Triples 3, Minor 14, Doubles 3. Total 93 (2).

Hereford G .- Caters 3, Major 10 (2), Triples 4, Minor 15, Doubles 4. Total 38 (2).

ortford C.—Sixteen (3), Max. (13), Cinq. (1), Royal 5 (12), Caters 2 (1), Major 54 (29), Triples 5, Minor 19 (1), Doubles 2. Total Hertford C .--147 (60).

Irish Assoc.—Major (2), Doubles (1). Total 3 (3).

(3).
Kent County.—Max. 6, Cinq. 1, Royal 2 (4),
Caters 4 (1), Major 71 (4), Trip. 12, Minor
37 (6), Doubles 4. Total 152 (15).
Ladies' Guild.—Nil.
Lancashire A. — Max. 4, Cinq. 3, Royal 10,
Caters 4, Major 77, Trip. 8, Minor 42 (26),
Doubles 4, Minimus 3. Total 181 (26).
Leicester D.G.—Max. 4 (1), Cinq. 2 (2), Royal
28 (1), Caters 3, Major 87 (12), Trip. 7 (1),
Minor 35 (2), Doubles 2 (1). Total 188 (20).
Lincoln D.G.—Max. 5, Cinq. 6, Royal 4 (1),
Caters 3, Major 13 (11), Trip. 2, Minor 51

Minor 35 (2), Doubles 2 (1). Total 188 (20). Lincoln D.G.—Max. 5, Cinq. 6, Royal 4 (1), Caters 3, Major 13 (11), Trip. 2, Minor 51 (2), Doubles 18. Total 116 (14). Llandaff and M'mouth.—Max. 1, Cinq. 2, Royal 6, Caters 9, Major 25 (1), Trip. 6, Minor 10, Doubles 11. Total 71 (1). London County.—Royal 6 (1), Caters 1, Major (4), Minor (1). Total 13 (6). Middlesex. C.—Fourteen (2), Max. 1, Royal 4, Caters 3, Major 33 (1), Trip. 5, Minor 4. Total 53 (3). Middland Counties.—Royal 1, Caters 3, Major 31,

Total 53 (3).
Midland Counties.—Royal 1, Caters 3, Major 31,
Trip. 5. Total 40.
National Police G.—Minor 1, Doubles 1. Total 2.
North Staffs A.—Royal 2, Major 11, Trip. 1,
Minor 2, Doubles 2. Total 18.
North Wales.—Caters 1, Major 4. Total 5.
Norwich D.—Max. 2, Cinq. 1, Royal 4, Caters
1, Major 20, Trip. 1, Minor 32 (1), Doubles
5. Total 67 (1).

Oxford D.G.—Max. 3, Cinq. 1, Royal 6 (2), Caters 5, Major 67 (4), Trip. 28, Minor 21 (10), Doubles 6, Total 153 (16). Oxford Society.— Cinq. 1, Caters 3, Major 1, Trip. 1, Total 6.

Oxford Univ.-Major 4 (1), Minor 1. Total 5

Peterborough D.G.—Max. 2, Royal 13, Caters 2, Major 45, Trip. 2, Minor 61, Doubles 17. Total 142. David's D.G.-Major 5, Minor 3, Doubles 2

St. David's D.G.—Major 5, Minor 3, Doubles 2 (1). Total 11 (1).

St. Martin's G.—Max. 18, Cinq. 1, Royal 14, Major 38, Trip. 4, Minor 1. Total 76.

Salisbury D.G.—Max. 1, Cinques 1, Royal 3, Major 44, Trip. 6, Minor 30 (2), Doubles 5, Minimus 1. Total 93 (2).

Scottish A .- Nil. Sheffield and Dist .- Nil.

Shropshire A. — Caters 2, Major 2, Triples 1, Doubles 3. Total 8.

Doubles 3. Total 8.
South Derby and North Leics.—Nil.
Soc. Royal Cumb. Youths.—Max. 9, Cinq. 2,
Royal 6, Major 32, Trip. 1.—Total 50.
Soc. Sherwood Youths.—Cinq. 1, Royal 2 (1),
Major 3, Minor 1. Total 8 (1).
Southwell D.G. — Max. 1, Cinq. 2, Royal 2,
Caters 2, Major 12, Trip. 6, Minor 76½ (1),
Doubles 35½, Minimus 3. Total 141 (1).
Stafford Archy. — Max 2, Cinq. 1, Royal 4,
Caters 6, Major 23, Trip. 9, Minor 16,
Doubles 1. Total 62.
Suffolk G. — Royal 10, Major 65, Trip. 1,

Suffolk G. — Royal 10, Major 65, Trip. 1, Minor 38, Doubles 10. Total 124. Surrey Assoc.—Cinq. 3, Royal 1 (1), Caters 4,

Major 26 (1), Trip. 3, Minor 5 (11), Doubles 2. Total 57 (13).

Sussex County.—Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 29, Trip. 10, Minor 17, Doubles 3, Total 63.
Swansea and Brecon.—Major 3 (1), Trip. 2, Minor (3), Doubles 1, Minimus 1, Total 11

Truro Dioc.—Caters 1, Major 9, Trip. 9, Minor 7, Doubles 24, Minimus 1. Total 51. Universities A.—Major 2 (5), Minor 2 (2). Total

Univ. of Bristol.—Cinq. 2, Caters 2, Major 2, Trip. 1, Minor 6. Total 13. Univ. of London.—Major 1, Minor 4 (5). Total 10 (5).

Univ. of Manchester. — Major 6 (2), Trip. 1, Minor 1 (5). Total 15 (7). Winch. and Portsmouth. — Max. 1, Cinq. 2, Royal 7, Caters 7, Major 42 (3), Trip. 6 (1), Minor 18 (1), Doubles 21 (1), Minimus 1. Total 111

(6).
Worcs. and Dist. — Max. 3, Cinq. 1, Royal 2, Caters 2 (1), Major 41, Trip. 16, Minor 15, Doubles 6, Minimus 2. Total 89 (1). Yorkshire Assoc. — Max. 2, Cinq. 5, Royal 26 (1), Caters 4 (1), Major 168 (4), Trip. 5, Minor 38 (2), Doubles 7. Total 263 (8). Other Societies, etc. — Max. 1, Cinq. 2, Royal 5, Major 31 (9), Trip. 5, Minor 6 (7), Doubles 1. Total 67 (16).

Total 67 (16). Grand total: 3,807 (348).

Methods in which 10 or more peals were rung are as follows (including issue of R.W. dated March 6, 1970):

Maximus Cambridge, 43 Minor. Over 30 methods 11. Yorkshire, 17 Minor. 15-30 methods 29.

Cinques Stedman, 56 Minor. 11 methods 12

Cambridge, 65 Minor. 10 methods 14. London, 36 Minor. 8 methods 18. Yorkshire, 45 Minor. 7 methods 192. Plain, 48 Minor. 6 methods 31

Grandsire, 52 Minor. 5 methods 51. Stedman, 43 Minor. 4 methods 74.

Major lajor

Spliced Surp. over 12, 29 Minor. 3 meth. 64½.

Ditto 12, 11 Minor. 2 methods 60.

Ditto 11, 10 Minor. 1 method 381.

Ditto 10, 11 Minor.

Ditto 9, 12 Doubles 40 m/v and over 39.

Ditto 8, 42 Doubles 15-39 m/v 22.

Ditto 6, 10 Doubles 14 m/v 11.

Ditto 5, 11 Doubles 7 m/v 22.

Ditto 4, 46 Doubles 6 m/v 12.

Bristol, 66 Doubles 5 m/v 13.

Cambridge 148 Doubles 4 m/v 17.

Cambridge, 148 Doubles 4 m/v 17. Lincolnshire, 70 Doubles 3 m/v 17½. London, 98 Doubles 2 m/v 24. Glasgow, 13 Doubles 1 m/v 85. Pudsey 26. Rutland 105.

Superlative 29 Yorkshire 192. Kent T.B. 47. Oxford T.B. 16 D. Norwich 52. Plain Bob 320. Little Bob 17.

Triples Grandsire 133 Stedman 66. Plain Bob 17.

W. AYRE (Convener) K. W. H. FELSTEAD H. L. ROPER F. B. LUFKIN

Central Council.

REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDANCE

The numbers attending this year's Council meeting were the same as in 1969-170, with 31 absentees. Forty-six associations were represented in full, 11 in part, and six were not represented at all. There were eight life members present (two absentees) and 15 honorary members (seven absentees).

Those attending were:—
Life members: E. A. Barnett (vice-president),
V. Bottomley (hon. secretary and treasurer), J.
Freeman (president), F. W. Perrens, F. Sharpe,
E. C. Shepherd, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, T. W. White.

Hon, members: Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Mrs. J. E. Bottomley, F. E. Collins, J. L. Garner-Hayward, D. Hughes, S. J. Ivin, C. K. Lewis, J. R. Mayne, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, R. B. Smith, R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor.



Ringing World A photo taken outside the Troutbeck Hotel, Ilkley, of four West Country ringers who attended the Central Council meeting. Mr. A. J. Davidson stands at the back, and the others are A. Locke, Ann Pearce and F. M. Bowers.

College Youths: W. T. Cook, J. S. Mason, R. B. Meadows, W. Williams.

A. and N.Z.A.-P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells .- J. H. Gilbert, E. Naylor, A. H Read

Beds.-J. H. Edwards, K. H. Fleming.

Beverley.-R. Ducker.

Camb. University.—C. M. P. Johnson, B. D. Threlfall.

Chester.—H. C. Lonyon, D. Mottershead. Coventry. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, H. M. Windsor.

and N. Westmorland. - R. W. D. Wetenhall.
Derby.—D. R. Carlisle, G. A. Halls, Rev. R.

D. St. John Smith.

Devon.-B. E. Bartlett. Durham and Newcastle. - K. Arthur, D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead.—K. Game. Ely.—J. G. Gipson, H. S. Peacock. Essex.—J. Armstrong, F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G Snowden.

Glos. and Bristol.-A. L. Barry, A. R. Peake, R. Taylor, C. A. Wratten.
Guildford Dio.—D. A. R. May, T. Page, P. G.

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Guild of Devon Ringers.—Fr. P. Angold, D. R. Bould, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.
Hereford Dio.—P. Hughes, J. F. I. Turney, A. T. Wingate, P. J. H. Wycherley.
Herts.—W. Ayre, B. M. Barker, R. G. Bell,

G. Dodds.

Irish. - P. W. Brown, F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody. Kent.—P. A. Corby, S. Jenner, 1. H. Oram,

A. Tester.

Ladies.—Miss J. Beresford, Miss D. E. Col-gate, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth. Lancs.— N. Bennett, C. Crossthwaite, J. P. Partington, F. Reynolds.

Leicester Dio .- D. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J.

Lancester Dio.—D. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth, B. G. Warwick.
Lincs Dio.—J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. L. Millhouse, P. Reynolds.
Llandaff and Mon.—Mrs. D. J. King, T. M.

Roderick.

London County.—H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, G. W. Shanks, W. G. Wilson.
Middx.—F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Critchley, T. J. Lock, C. H. Rogers.

Nat. Police Guild .- N. A. Bagworth. North Staffs.— R. S. Anderson, C. S. Ryles. North Wales.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock, Norwich.—P. M. Adcock, H. W. Barrett, M. Cubitt, N. V. Harding.

Oxford Dio .- W. Butler, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price, P. Walker.

Oxford Society.-F. A. H. Wilkins. Oxford University.—J. E. Camp, D. J. Roaf. Peterborough Dlo.—E. Billings, J. H. Bluff,

B. Hendry. Railway Guild.—E. J. Franklin. St. David's.—J. Prytherch. St. Martin's.—G. E. Fearn, R. W. Pipe. Salisbury .- J. T. Barrett, E. J. Hitchins, G. S.

Sheffield and Dist.-J. Seager. Society Royal Cumberlands.—J. P. Baines, D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbis, D. E. Sibson.

Society Sherwood Youths.—G. A. Dawson. South Derbyshire.—J. E. Collins.

Southwell.-J. D. Clarke, W. L. Exton, R. B. Mills, H. Poyner.

Staffs .- C. F. W. Eyre, M. W. Fairey, C. M. Smith.

Suffolk.-T. N. J. Bailey, H. W. Egglestone, W. Pipe, Rev. L. R. Pizzey. Surrey.—A. P. Cannon, S. F. W. Kimber, C.

Mew.

Sussex.—J. R. Norris, R. W. R. Percy. Truro.—W. C. Boucher, F. M. Bowers, A. J. Davidson, A. Locke.

Universities Assn.—Rev. M. Melville. University of London.-A. J. Frost.

University of Manchester .- M. C. W. Sherwood.

Winchester and Ports.-A. V. Davis, Canon Windnester and Ports.—A. V. Davis, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, J. Hartless, R. R. Savory. Worcs. and District.—B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham, W. B. Cartwright. Yorks.—M. Chaddock, W. E. Critchley, D. S. Johnson, W. F. Moreton.

ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER

A native of Leicester, where he learned to ring, Mr. Norman S. Bagworth, of Wimbledon, has written to the vicar of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, stating that the ring of ten bells there has a nationwide reputation as one of the finest rings in the country, and all ringers would be much concerned if St. John's Church was declared redundant and demolished. The back eight bells were cast in 1902 at a time when the Loughborough Foundry was producing bells as fine as at any time in its history.

"If the whole ring of ten bells at St. John's is to be moved, may I make the suggestion that it be installed in the tower of St. Peter's, which, to the best of my knowledge, is not intended for demolition. and which is quite suitable for a ring of bells. Perhaps even St. John's frame could be used. The transfer of the bells would be a comparatively inexpensive item compared with the cost of an equally good ring of bells, and it would be an everlasting preservation of these fine bells, their original donation (by Mr. Bunning, and the two trebles by Mr. William Willson) and the wholehearted appreciation of ringers everywhere."

Copies of this letter have been sent to the Diocesan Chancellor and the ringing master of St. John's (Mr. Sydney Harrison).

Letters

WHAT IS CHANGE RINGING?

Dear Sir,—At the 1969 Central Council meeting in St. Albans new decisions were made on definitions and requirements for methods and calls. During the discussion of the sub-committee's proposal prior to the vote I demonstrated to members of that committee that the wording of (E) A. 1 & 2 did not exclude jumping changes. No alteration was made at St. Albans, but I had the impression that the sub-committee would consider and advance a more rigorous definition in its further deliberations.

At this year's meeting in Ilkley, Messrs. Camp, Barnett and Roaf took up the point again since no proposal for a revision of this section had been put forward by the sub-committee. However, although it is clear that the wording does now permit jumps as well as exchanges of pairs of adjacent bells in moving from one row to the next (and this could apply to calls as well as methods), the Council did not seem to consider it necessary to modify its decision since no new proposal or amendment was put forward.

The Exercise should realise that the laissez faire with which the Central Council now brims over has reached the fundamental rules by which rows are generated. Some of the basic constraints on bell movements in change ringing which we were taught early in our ringing careers are no longer deemed inviolable.

The chances of jumping-type methods finding favour do not seem high at present, but we should all be aware that the door is open if we wish to use jumping calls to achieve certain results.

E.g., a special bob (firsts and thirds) at end of first lead of Bob Major.

First lead end 13254768.

Plain coursing order 5324687. Second lead head 15237486. New coursing order 2534687.

Yours faithfully, JAMES R. TAYLOR. Backwell, Bristol.

NOT IN SURREY (?)

Dear Sir,-I have just read your Belfry Gossip in last week's R.W. (I do the quarter peal analysis before I read my copy) and notice your correspondent's remarks about quarter peals of Cinques rung at St. John's, Croydon. These have indeed been credited to this tower but not to Surrey, as no doubt your correspondent will now realise from recent articles in The Ringing World that Croydon is one of these unfortunate towers that according to "Dove" are in Greater London (sorry—Surrey!).—Yours faithfully, ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Denmead, Hants.

EAST PENNARD BELLS

Dear Sir,-I see from the report of the Bath and Wells A.G.M. that "occasional ringing" is to take place on the bells of East Pennard Church. It will be safe to assume, no doubt, that all those members of the Bath and Wells who have been so eager to criticise the band which rang these bells on January 24 for the first time since 1912 will have the courage of their conviction that it is not wise to do so and will therefore not be taking part in any of the ringing that takes place.—Yours faithfully, MICHAEL J. UPHILL.

London, S.W.

GOSPEL OAK

Dear Sir,—I read with interest in the R.W. (June 26) the letter from R. Newman regarding St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W., commending the efforts of Mr. Walter Knight to raise a band for resuming ringing

at this tower (R.W., June 5).

My father, Arthur Harwin, and myself were also regular members of the band (along with Dick Newman) over 40 years ago, with well-known ringers of that day whose names will refresh the memory of Dick Newman-Frank Smith, his daughter, Kitty, R. Bevan, T. Bevan, E. Bonfield, F. Bonfield, A. Bonfield, W. J. Norton, Ernie Young, Ernie Chapman, Tom Bannister and other frequent visitors to the tower.

Best wishes to Walter Knight: may he succeed in his efforts and to see his reward in the R.W. quarter peals.—Yours faith-

W. J. HARWIN.

Chedgrave, Norfolk

THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

Dear Sir,-We were disappointed to read in the final paragraph of the report of the Overseas Committee (Ringing World 3086, 1970, page 472), that the North American Guild is regarded by the committee merely as a "title of convenience." We have every reason to believe that, on the contrary, the N.A.G. is an integral part of the North American ringing scene. One has to live in America, and participate in the ringing, in order to appreciate this point.-Yours faithfully,

> GEOFFREY DAVIES ELIZABETH F. DAVIES.

Canterbury, Kent.

YOUNG ENTHUSIASTS

Comments from Mr. Howard Egglestone. ringing master of the Suffolk Guild, are of more than passing interest. Sending us

some "copy," he writes:-

"The quarters have all got a story of some effort behind them! The Glasgow was rung by a South East District band at the third attempt. The first time we met it took all evening to ring a course, the second we struggled to within two leads of the quarter before breaking down, but the third time a good quarter was rung at

the first attempt.

"I am particularly proud of the three quarters rung on the same evening. Having several learners coming to the quarter peal stage all together and several youngsters waiting to try to call a quarter, I decided to kill several birds with one stone by attempting three quarters all at once at three different towers. The five inside ringers were the same for all three quarters. and three of them took turns in calling one each (all their first as conductor). The three different treble ringers were all attempting their first quarter.

"Of course, we decided to meet on one of the hottest evenings in June! Burgh, where one rings in the porch, wasn't too bad with the outside door open. Otley, however, with a large west window and the sun pouring in, was a different story. Considering that blisters were beginning to be felt and the temperature was very high the youngsters showed great deter-mination to ring the quarter. With a stop for coca colas (and plasters) between towers a good quarter was rung at Ashbocking in the cool of the evening.

"All the band except Stephen Pettman are Henley ringers. The average age of the band (excepting one—I spoilt it!) was around 16."

THE ILKLEY MEETING

Dear Sir,-In reply to Mr. Pipe's letter (R.W., page 494), the Central Council should alter its rules before complaining about the "infantile" naming of newly-rung methods.

As I understand it, the band who first ring a new method have the right to name it. Cannot Mr. Pipe trust eight good ringers (for they must be of a good standard to ring these methods) to name a method as

they think reasonable?

Council members appear to watch the "Magic Roundabout" or they wouldn't know anything about "Mr. Rusty." Must every method named after something on television be condemned as "infantile"?
Would they prefer "24 Hours Delight Major" in the R.W., just to look grown-up?

The Council make the rules and the Surprise ringers have so far kept to them. If some members do not like the names given they should press for the Council to name 'sensibly" methods not yet rung. - Yours faithfully,

PETER L. R. HAYWARD.

Woodborough, Notts.

ORIGINAL MINOR

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Thompson's request (R.W., page 393), the callings of Original Minor we use are as follows:

(1) 720

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135642		_	_
154263	_		-
146532		_	
163425	·		
132546	_	-	
124653	_	_	
145362			_
156234		_	*
163542			
134256	-	_	-

5 x repeated. S at * in 3rd and 6th parts.

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123456	(2	154326	C
123430		142563	
164500	1	126354	
164532	b a		a
124635	е	165243	
143256		154632	
145263	f	152364	e d
156432		126435	a
163245	a	163542	a
134652		123645	е
145326		134256	
152463			
126345	a		
	2 x	repeated.	

treble passes from 2nd into 3rds, except in courses marked "e"; also when she passes from 3rds into 2nds, except in courses marked "f." In every course a bob is made when the

"a"-a bob is made when treble leads.
"b"-a bob causes the treble to dodge in

5-6 down.
"c"-a bob causes the treble to dodge in 5-6 up.

"d"-the treble makes the bob.

These callings were supplied to me by Mr. C. K. Lewis; there is also a 720 given by Simon Humphrey (R.W., 1969, p. 880). -Yours faithfully,

KEVIN M. PRICE. Crosthwaite, Westmorland.

Every noble life leaves the fibre of itself interwoven in the work of the world. JOHN RUSKIN.

Devon Association

KINGSTEIGNTON AGAIN

Only seven 8-bell bands came to Revelstoke (the church is in the village of Noss Mayo on the Yealm estuary but retains the parish's ancient name) for the Devon 8-bell competition in April, and the weight was strongly on the South Devon side, with only Appledore and North Tawton (which isn't all that far north) to keep the North Devon flag flying. Appledore has a young band, comparatively new to competition ringing, so it was very heartening to see them, and maybe we shall be hearing of Pilton again now that their bells are rehung.

Once again it was Kingsteignton who won, with 42 faults, and once again it was North Tawton who pushed them with 48½. Buckland-in-the-Moor followed with 59½ and Plympton St. Mary with 72½. Tavistock, Appledore and the normally methodringing band from Withycombe Raleigh

brought up the rear.

THE SIX-BELL

No fewer than 17 bands converged on lde, near Exeter, for the South Devon half of the 6-bell competition and kept the bells going until well into the evening. Ide is one of those fortunate villages which, having access only by lanes, remain real villages even within a mile of a city boundary: thatched houses, a brook running through the village and an exceptionally attractive feature of a row of cottages fronting on to a little causeway beside the stream. church was rebuilt in the early 19th century, wide and open with its single-span roof, but the tower remains from the former church. The bells are a six by Warner, a little hard in tone but well enough going for a band which can make allowance for small vagaries, as Plymstock undoubtedly could, for they came home with a first-class peal of 14½. Stoke Gabriel, West Alvington "A" and Dunsford came next, with Kenn and West Alvington "B" to make up the six for St. Petrox, Dartmouth, in the final.

Widecombe for much of their peal sounded like getting into the top six, but—maybe they were missing Bill Miners—they spoilt it with a miscall and lost a good many marks before they could get sorted out. The fact that they still came in on 50½ gives an idea of the quality of the rest of their ringing. "Also rans" were S. Brent, Bickington, E. Portlemouth, Stoke Fleming, Plymstock "B", Loddiswell, Diptford, Broadhempston, Dartington and E. Allington, and it looks as if Plymstock may give the North Devon fellows a good run in

the final.

The North Devon end of the competition was rung off at Black Torrington, which is another attractive village in very different country—the wide (and rather wet) open spaces of the district between Hatherleigh and Holsworthy. The bells, a Pennington six, have not been in very good shape lately and obviously taxed even the best of the bands which met, 12 in number, to ring them. Predictably, West Down and Swymbridge and Down St. Mary topped the list, West Down clear ahead on 21½ and Down St. Mary just pipped by half a fault for second place on 30 to Swymbridge's 29½. South Tawton and Kentisbeare tied on 43 for fourth place—a good piece of ringing by S. Tawton, who have been having some intensive training from Tom Wright. Ide, Plymtree, Yarnscombe, Bishop's Tawton, Spreyton, Burrington and Alwington came along behind.

West Down are obviously right back in form after a patchy time last year.

J. G. M. S.



ST. MARY'S, HORSELL, SURREY

After a silence of many months, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Horsell, are ringing again. Some young boys and girls are being trained by Mr. E. R. Warner (Woking), who has been a ringer at various churches for over 50 years, and is a founder member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. Mr. Warner

has had invaluable assistance from Patricia Laycock and David Smith.

The young people are very enthusiastic and have already reached the stage at which they can ring rounds and call changes.

The photograph above was taken in the ringing room at Horsell Church just before the vicar, Canon J. J. Cresswell, (in the photograph) left Horsell to become rector of Busbridge, Godalming.

NINETY YEARS AFTER

If some of our predecessors of, say, 90 years ago, could step into our belfries to-day, what would be their reaction? How would they feel once they had accustomed themselves to the mini-skirts and the "withit" jargon of our young people? Whatever criticisms they may have (even of the female presence!) they would (or should) be gratified to see that the ringing examples they set have continued and developed into a friendly, mixed and competent society of ringers.

We know of their undoubted abilities in the ringing chamber, and discipline, in their eyes, would no doubt appear wanting (in some instances to be deplorable), but enthusiasm and co-operation between branch and towers would, as shown recently in the Sonning Deanery, stand up to any test.

The occasion could itself be called a "test"... a test of the strength of our Sunday service bands, the towers within a branch. The "test piece"—a quarter peal in every tower in the branch to mark the 90th anniversary of the Sonning Deanery Society of Change Ringers. A small, practical mark of esteem and respect to the members and officers who have passed on to us the knowledge, skills and aptitudes of ringing.

During the last week of May and the first in June the bells of the 13 towers of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang out, all but one quarter peal succeeding. This branch is little different from most . . . a few weak towers, several strong, tenors varying from six to 20 cwt., ringers' ages from ten to 80 (plus), a membership of about 130 and a nucleus of a couple of dozen "regulars." Most branches could no doubt programme a similar event, many with more success; but here the effort was made. Co-operation between the weak and strong, young and old, was put to the test and all members have been made aware of, or reminded of,

the 1880 Society, which later became the Sonning Deanery Branch.

The first meeting at Wokingham on May 22, 1880, resolved "That the bellringers of the Deanery be incorporated into a Society for the encouragement of change ringing and the cultivation of Order, Moral Tone and Reverence in belfries . . . " John Walker, Esq., M.P., and the Rev. J. F. Llewelyn (chairman and secretary respectively), both ambitious men and the first of many officers whose names are well-known today throughout the Exercise: Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon Gilbert Thurlow; a small nucleus from which has sprung a large territorial body (made up of bands from town and country) of Sunday service ringers, several of whom indulge in peal ringing.

Responsibility, borne by branch officers continuing the work of these predecessors, was on this occasion shared by almost every member capable of ringing a quarter, and it is hoped that the numerous "firsts" will encourage many to take an active part (perhaps in other branches, too!). By coincidence the fourth at Wokingham (St. Paul) was rung without a stay and the fourth at Warfield without a slider (it had been damaged by a clapper falling out earlier).

In the Erin Triples the 117 calls had to be repeated after two bells had "switched" at the first attempt. These minor occurrences proved the only "sensational" items to report. Good ringing, like good weather, is not interesting reading but an acknowledgment from a body that it is alive; that it prospers after 90 years augurs well for the future of the Sonning Deanery.

The organiser would like to take this opportunity to thank all incumbents, tower captains and secretaries for their assistance and use of their bells for this anniversary "ring-in," and may it also be put on record that for the majority the quarter peals will be remembered for the social contact and for the sheer fun of it.

S.G.S.

Quarter Peals

80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION (Axbridge Branch)

Banwell, Som.-May 20, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Brenda Sheppard 1, B. Mills 2, G. Hebden 3, Susan Stott 4, C. Fields 5, W. Rice 6,

R. Rice 7, J. Sheppard (cond.) 8. First Surprise Major 2, 4 and 5.

Winford, Som. -- May 21, 1292 Spliced S. Minor (three methods): J. Trimm 1, C. Field 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, Susan Stott 4, A. Perry 5, J. Sheppard (cond.) 6. First spliced 1, 2 and 4. Loxton, Som. — June 2, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Angela Bromwich 1, K. Baker 2, W. Rice (cond.) 3, J. Barrett (first inside) 4, R. Rice 5, R. Gardner 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

Locking, Som.—1260 Doubles (five methods): Kelby 1, Marjorie Legg 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs (cond.) 4, G. Prescott 5, H. Button 6, Warle, Som.-1260 Doubles (five methods): B. Lovell 1, S. Lewis 2, H. Hooper 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs (cond.) 5, W. Kingsbury 6.

(Other Districts)

Clevedon, Som.—May 19, at St. Andrew's, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: N. S. James (first on working bell) 1, Helen Kirkpatrick 2, V. H. James 3, W. H. Tinkling 4, S. E. James 5, D.

James (cond.) 6, E. Bond 7. Clevedon, Som.—June 16, at All Saints', 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: N. S. James 1, S. Edwards 2, Helen Kirkpatrick 3, B. Goodliffe 4, D. W. James (cond.) 5. Also for the Clevedon Festival

Publow, Som. — May 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. K. Cobb 1, K. Cobb 2, J. Milton 3, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 4, N. J. Cameron 5,

Wright 6. Also for festival of flowers. Evercreech, Som.—June 5, 1440 London S. Royal (No. 3): V. Savage 1, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 2, G. W. Massey 3, P. H. D. Jones 4, H. Sanger D. Mackay 6, E. Naylor 7, R. E. Beck 8, A. Beck 9, E. J. Chivers 10. First of London Royal 5 and 7.

Wells, Som .- June 7, at the Cathedral, 1263 Stedman Caters: D. G. Massey 1, D. C. Hawkins 2, Susan Moore 3, Vivienne Rigby 4, G. Hebden R. W. Rice 6, S. G. Smith 7, P. J. England 8, D. J. Orledge (cond.) 9, J. Brain 10. First Stedman Caters 2 and 3.

-June 12, at St. James', 1440 Bristol S. Royal: Susan Moore 1, Heather Kippin 2, S. Brown 3, Diana Bridle 4, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 5, J. Brain 6, D. G. Orledge 7, P. J. England 8, J. R. Taylor 9, P. Bridle 10. First Bristol Royal 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8.

HALF PEAL

Quebec, Canada.-May 31, at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, 2528 P.B. Major: Beryl W. Baldwin 1, A. Macdonald 2, D. R. Ingram 3, D. M. Sawyer 4, J. Owen 5, R. S. Dirksen 6, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 7, M. C. Faulkes 8. By the North American Guild at their spring meeting.

DATE TOUCH

Biggin Hill, Kent.—June 21 (the longest day), 1970 Pl. Bob and Cambridge S. Minor: D. J. Stocker 1, Mrs. G. Collinge (longest length) 2, C. J. Mundy 3, Penny Kift 4, Julia Collinge 5, R. Butler (cond.) 6. First date touch for all.

Appleton, Berks. — May 30, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Patricia Hibbert 1, B. R. White (cond.) 2, Clare Dolphin 3, Julie Udall 4, F. Udall 5 N. H. Leslie 6, D. A. Leslie 7, E. Gower 8, F. White 9, R. F. Overington 10.

Ashtead, Surrey.-May 31, 1280 P.B. Major: A. W. Gordon (first on eight) 1, Jacqueline Wolfe (first inside) 2, Felicity S. Hamilton 3, Gillian M. Laver 4, G. Bromley 5, J. V. A. Stedman 6, J. A. Laver 7, N. Thomson (cond.)

Basildon, Essex.-April 28, 1344 P.B. Major: G. Mason 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, G. I. Lucas (first Major in hand as cond.) 5-6, P. A. Cammiade 7-8. First Major for all and for Barstable School Society. All aged 14.

Batheaston, Som.—May 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. C. Cannon (cond.) 1, Kay Whittaker 2, Felicity A. Benford 3, B. Sarll 4, R. L. Coles 5, P. J. Devrell 6. On the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Joyce's departure for New Zealand. Mrs. Joyce is the conductor's sister.

Benhall, Suffolk. — May 31, 1260 Doubles (four methods): M. Peters 1, S. Bedford 2, T. Hughes 3, M. Baldry 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. For the Benhall Women's Fellowmethods): M. Baldry 1, D. Josephson 2, M. Peters 3, A. Knights 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. To welcome H.M. the Queen on her visit to Snape for the Aldeburgh Festival.

Billingshurst, Sussex.—June 16, 1260 Sted-man Triples: E. F. Fosberry 1, R. Picton 2, H. F. Wood 3, I. M. Davies 4, H. Franklin 5, G. C. Rix 6, D. D. Smith (cond.) 7, Monika Langer For Evensong.

Brighton, Sussex.—May 31, 1440 P.B. Minor (handbells): Susan E. M. Davis 1-2, A. W. Bond 3-4, P. D. Hepburn (cond.) 5-6. 21st birthday compliments to Miss C. Mackie and C. McKay.

Buckerell, Devon.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Stamp 1, D. Travers (first inside) 2, F. Stamp 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Pike 6

Caerleon, Mon. — May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary E. Owen 1, F. Greedy 2, R. E. G. Williamson 3, P. R. Mason 4, M. Esbester (cond.) 5, E. Jane Williams 6. For Whitsun.

Carlton Colville, Suffolk.-June 10, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: Christine P. Gorrod 1, J. B. Gorrod (circled tower to quarters) 2, P. (cond.) 3, P. G. Tovell 4, M. Seuneke 5. Halfmuffled in memoriam Ethel Chipperfield.

Chalford, Glos.-June 21, 1440 T.B. Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): Helen Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, M. P. Taylor (first inside) 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. For the flower festival, and to mark the birth of Mei Mei Rogers, grand-daughter of the vicar.

Clodock, Herefords. - May 27, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 1, Rosemary E. White 2, M. V. Powell 3, J. G. Perry 4, J. F. L. Turney 5, F. J. Keddie 6.

Cockington, Devon.-June 19, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. F. Shepperd 1, Rev. P. C. F. Wooster (cond.) 2, W. S. Wayman 3, A. H. Long 4, T. Cullingworth 5, R. J. Edden 6. To celebrate the birth of Helen Ruth, second daughter to the conductor and Mrs. Wooster.

Coventry, Warks.—June 11, at 2 Friars Road, 1230 P.B. Major: G. S. Hall 1-2, S. C. Walters (cond.) 3-4, C. Sweeney 5-6, R. D. Baker 7-8.

First In hand for 1-2 and 7-8.

Crayford, Kent.-June 14, 1260 Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Caroline Down (first attempt, aged 10) 1, Olive Barnett 2, Jill Dunmall 3, R. Down 4, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 5, M. Bignell 6, W. E. Bond 7, Anne Tremain 8.

Desborough, Northants.—June 8, 1380 Grand-sire and P.B. Doubles: J. Burrell (first quarter) 1, D. J. Thorne 2, B. E. Yeomans (first as cond.) 3, E. A. Storey 4, M. A. Coleman 5, Mrs. A. Loake 6.

Doncaster, Yorks.—June 11, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: W. Johnson 1, E. Cooper 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Wagstaff 4, A. Jackson 5, E. Padgett 6, P. Bruce 7, F. A. Jackson 8. Also June 14, 1250 Rutland S. Major: W. Johnson 1, A. Jackson 2, E. Cooper 3, H. Wagstaff 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, E. Padgett 6, E. Jackson 7, R. A. Smith 8.
Downton, Wilts.—June 8, 1260 Oxford Bob

Triples: J. Mussell 1, L. Page 2, N. O. Skelton G. M. Brewin 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) A. T. Collins 6, R. N. Marlow 7, C. Churchill 8. Easthampstead, Berks.—June 14, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: C. W. Bailey 1, K. R. Davenport 2, Susan E. Rance (first T.B. Major) 3, A. J. N.

Rance 4, Joan A. Rance 5, G. N. Scott (first T.B. Major) 6, E. N. Thomas 7, S. G. Scott (first Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Edgbaston, Warks.-June 14, 1260 Stedman Slow Course Doubles: D. J. Rankin 1, T. H. O. Lewis 2, J. S. Hopwood 3, B. Dye 4, A. Kings-coate 5, R. A. Bradley (cond.) 6. To congratuto welcome back M. Thow. Also June 21, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Gwynneth James 1, P. W. Dickinson 2, T. H. O. Lewis 3, R. A. Bradley 4, J. R. White 5, J. S. Hopwood (cond.) 6. For longest day.

Everton, Liverpool.-June 21, 1280 Plain and Little Bob Major: Helen Gilbert 1, Gillian Simms 2, Susan D. Cowan 3, Patricia A. Jenkins 4, A. J. Macefield 5, M. J. Corry 6, B. Wakefield

A. J. Macerield S, M. J. Corry G, B. Wakeled 7, G. C. Sparling (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Gedling, Notts.—June 21, 1440 Minor (three methods): J. Dawson 1, Lynda M. Deebank 2, Susan M. O'Neill 3, P. R. Wild 4, H. G. Wells (cond.) 5, J. R. Rigby 6. For Father's Day.

Goring-on-Thames, Berks.—June 18, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: Judy Brough 1, Eve Hodgson (first in method inside) 2, Rosemary Morris 3, W. Rich 4, J. Hodgson 5, R. Hancock (first inside in method) 6, W. Irvine 7, A. Beaumont (cond.)

Hammerwood, Sussex .-- June 15, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Jane Osbon 1, Jean Osbon 2, Judy Weekes 3, M. P. Howard 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5. First on five 1, 2 and 3.

Harpenden, Herts.—May 31, 1280 P.B. Major: Mary A. Coburn 1, Sheila Brown 2, Brenda Redfearn 3, Catherine M. Bew 4, L. G. Coburn 5, R. D. R. Brown 6, D. Redfearn 7, M. J. Bew (cond.) 8. By four married couples for Evensong, a thanksgiving service for marriage; also a silver wedding compliment to the rector (Rev. Graham) and his wife.

Heene, Worthing, Sussex.-May 17, 1264 PI Bob Major: Elizabeth Grigg (first on eight) 1, D. A. Smith 2, C. J. Champion 3, R. P. C. Chappell 5, H. D. Butler 6, H. C. Weaver 7. Cox (first Major as cond.) 8. For Whitsun.

Hemel Hempstead, Herts. - May 24, 1260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): Jane L. Richards Theresa Wright 2, M. A. Jackson 3, Jacky M. Neal 4, M. A. Gilbey 5, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 6, G. J. Parsons cover. 21st birthday compliment to Jacky Neal, also birthday compliments to Judy Edwards and Henry Crawley.

Hendon, Middx. - June 7, 1296 Cambridge Minor: Dianne Gazeley 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, D. J. Gazeley (first Surprise inside) 3, J. H. W. Smith 4, Ruth M. Foreman 5, B. C. Watson (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion. Valed 14, 1260 P.B. Minor: B. Livings 1, Doro-thea M. Robotham 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, D. J. Gazeley 4, Ruth M. Foreman 5, B. C. Watson (cond.) 6. For Parish Communion; also a comthe new Mayor of the London pliment to borough of Barnet. Also June 14, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: D. J. Gazeley 1, Dianne borough of Daniel.

Diagnet D. J. Gazeley 1, Dianne bridge S. Major: D. J. Gazeley 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, E. Edmondson 3, Dorothea M. Robotham 4, A. F. Warren 5, F. Reed 6, Ruth M. Foreman (cond.) 7, B. C. Watson 8. For

Honiley, Warks. — June 14, 1260 Doubles (four methods): C. Sweeney 1, Penny Coomber 2, Diana Meredith 3, G. S. Hall 4, S. C. Walters (cond.) 5. For Evensong by Coventry Colleges Guild

Hope, Flintshire. - June 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Allen (aged 14, first quarter) 1, P Downer 2, Dr. E. Valma Woodcock 3, Bowley 4, E. M. Jones (cond.) 5, J. H. Jones 6. To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales.

Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.-May 24, 1440 P.B. Minor (handbells): J. N. Lambert 1-2, Anne E. Lambert 3-4, P. D. Hepburn (cond.) 5-6. First in hand for 1-2 and 3-4.

Kingswood, Surrey.-June 14, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: Vivienne Boustred (first T.B.) 1, Barbara Minnion 2, Bernard Hawkins 3, E. W. Taylor 4, E. Godfrey (cond.) 5, A. G. Clark 6. First of Kent 2, 3, 4 and 6. To welcome Jennifer Jane

Lewisham, S.E.-April 5, at St. Marv's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Oliver (first Triples) 1, Jennie Starbuck 2, C. P. Starbuck 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, D. Gebbett 5, S. Nichols 6, D. G. H. Hollis (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. Also May 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Oliver 1, D. Gebbett 2, Miss F. Cannon 3, A. Long 4, J. Machell 5, S. Nichols 6, D. G. H. Hollis (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8 Also May 31, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain): Ann Oliver (first Minor) 1, J. Hollis (first inside) Jennie Starbuck 3, C. P. Starbuck 4, D Gebbett 5, D. Hollis (cond.) 6. Also June 7, 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (four methods): C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 1, Jennie Starbuck 2, Rose-mary Cotton 3, A. Long 4, D. Gebbett 5, D. Hollis 6, R. A. Duke 7, R. Talbot 8. All for

Quarter Peals

Langdon Hills, Essex.—June 21, 1320 Doubles (five methods): Janice Manterfield 1, S. Clarke (first in more than one method inside) 2, K. Lucas 3, G. Lucas (cond.) 4, S. Stott 5, W. White 6.

London, N. — May 25, St. Mary's, Finchley, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Fuller (first quarter) 1, Dorothea Rowbottham 2, B. Watson 3, M. Carter 4, Ruth Foreman 5, A. Warren 6. To mark the treble ringer's election as vice-captain.

Montacute, Som.—May 29, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. T. Eastment 1, T. E. Marks 2, Gilbert W. Rendell (cond.) 3, F. Sandy 4, Gordon W. Rendell 5, H. G. Greenham 6. By National Police Guild in memoriam Mr. Leslie Long, Superintendent of Police.

Newbold-on-Avon, Warks. — June 18, 1260 Stedman Doubles: J. G. Edgson 1, J. Frodsham 2, P. M. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Joan M. Cheney 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Sqn.-Ldr. E. P. S. Booker, P.C.C. member, church worker and a prominent sportsman. Also June 21, 1260 St. Botolph's Doubles: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, W. C. Budd 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Joan M. Cheney 6. For Wakes Sunday Evensong (Patronal Festival of St. Botolph).

Nettleham, Lincs.— May 24, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: C. Nicoll 1, Miss L. Redden (first Inside) 2, Mrs. M. Parker 3, D. Booth 4, W. Booth (cond.) 5, Miss R. Redden 6. For Evensong. Also June 14, 1260 P.B. Minor: Miss R. Wilson 1, A. Sinden 2, D. Booth (first inside) 3, C. Nicoll 4, W. Booth 5, G. R. Parker (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

North Stoneham, Hants.—June 8, 1280 P.B. Major: R. Le Marechal 1, Betty J. Daysh 2, I. M. McCallion 3, G. Cooper 4, B. J. Fry 5, P. Page 6, J. P. Colliss (first Major as cond.) 7, W. Willans 8.

Ockley, Surrey. — June 17, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Marilyn A. Reay 1, A. Vere Hodge 2, R. C. Backhurst 3, E. J. Futcher 4, N. Carter (cond.) 5, B. Underwood 6. For Confirmation service.

Odcombe, Som. — May 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Eastment 1, Gilbert W. Rendell 2, T. E. Marks 3, D. W. Irwin 4, F. T. Sandy (cond.) 5, H. G. Greenham 6. Half-muffled by National Police Guild in memoriam Mr. Norman F. Hunt, retired inspector of special constables for the Borough of Yeovil.

Perry Barr, Birmingham.—May 7, 1260 Minor (720 Double Court, 540 Plain): Janet M. Aston 1, F. J. Keddie 2, J. F. I. Turney 3, J. G. Perry 4, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 5, M. Androlia 6. Also May 31, 1260 P.B. Minor: Alison Turney 1, Janet M. Aston 2, J. G. Perry 3, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 4, J. F. I. Turney 5, F. J. Keddie 6. For first celebration of the Eucharist by Rev. S. Gedge. Also June 10, 1260 P.B. Minor: Janet M. Aston 1, F. J. Keddie 2, J. G. Perry 3, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 4, J. F. I. Turney 5, P. L. D. McEvilly 6. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Birmingham.

Polesworth, Warks.—May 31, 1260 Doubles (three m/v): S. Allsopp 1, M. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, R. Knight 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong. Also June 7, 1320 St. Osmund Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby (cond.) 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also June 7, 1320 St. Simon Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, R. Knight 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp (cond.) 4, D. Hiorns 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Evensong. Also June 13, 1320 Doubles (four methods): Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Allsopp 6. For opening of garden party. Also June 13, 1320 Doubles (two methods): S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns (cond.) 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6. At close of garden party. Also June 14, 1320 Blackburn Place Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby (cond.) 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also June 14, 1320 Shipway's Place Bob Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, A. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, A. Allsopp 6.

Petworth, Sussex.—June 21, 1260 Stedman Triples: C. Fynes 1, Juliet Fynes 2, E. F. Fosberry 3, M. Etheridge 4, G. C. Rix 5, H. Franklin 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, R. Heasman 8. For morning service.

For morning service.

Stanwick, Northants. — June 8, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. D. Sansom 1, Ann E. Smith 2, E. Whitemore 3, J. Underwood 4, T. G. Smith 5, J. E. Skerritt (cond.) 6.

Stourbridge, Worcs.—May 31, at St. Thomas's Church, May 31, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. I. Brown 1, Mrs. F. L. Smith 2, R. Smith 3, M. P. Tobin 4, J. Warr 5, G. Westwood 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, P. J. Brown 8. By local band for Evensong.

Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx.—June 21, 1280 Oxford T.B. Major: A. J. Hampton 1, D. Brock 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, Caroline Bagworth 4, M. J. Bangham 5, R. Bettley-Cooke 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 8. Swansea, Glam.—June 21, 1440 P.B. Minor:

Swansea, Glam.—June 21, 1440 P.B. Minor: Anne McFenton 1, Susan Jackson 2, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 3, B. M. Boardman 4, M. Ryon (first quarter) 5, M. Fishwick 6. For Evensong.

Tewkesbury, Glos. — June 18, at the Abbey, 1440 P.B. Minor: Barbara Wotton (aged 14, first quarter) 1, Ann Hill 2, M. E. Stracey 3, J. Attwood, sen. 4, H. B. Schofield (cond.) 5, H. E. Blacker 6. A birthday compliment to Barbara Wotton.

Trowbridge, Wilts.—June 15, 1251 Stedman Cinques: Margaret James 1, S. Brown 2, Heather Kippin 3, G. Hebden (first on 12) 4, M. J. Horseman 5, W. S. Rice 6, R. W. Rice 7, J. Brain 8, D. J. Orledge (first Stedman Cinques) 9, P. J. England 10, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 11, E. T. Lee 12.

Truro, Cornwall.—June 21, at the Cathedral, 1320 P.B. Minor: Kathryne R. Pearce 1, Janet S. Evans 2, T. E. Howarth 3, R. P. Pearce 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, A. J. Davidson 6. To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the western towers and bells on June 21, 1910.

Upwey, Dorset.—May 25, 1260 P.B. Minor: C. H. Smart 1, P. Cull 2, C. Cull (first inside) 3, J. Culley 4, E. Adams 5, D. Cull (cond.) 6. Watford, Herts.—June 21, 1260 P.B. Royal: Ruby Fardon 1, Elizabeth Byrne 2, Jill Laud (first Royal inside) 3, R. A. Fardon 4, R. Sadowska (first on ten) 5, W. G. Paul 6, S. J. Laud 7, R.

Hoyal inside) 3, R. A. Fardon 4, R. Sadowska (first on ten) 5, W. G. Paul 6, S. J. Laud 7, R. D. Bell 8, R. G. Bell (cond.) 9, A. C. D. Mayes 10. For Matins; also to mark the end of the ministry of Rev. John Downward (vicar), leaving for St. Michael's Church, St. Albans.

Westham, Sussex.—June 14, at Linden Cot-

tage, 1260 P.B. Minor: Ann Smith 1-2, I. Smith 3-4, A. Baldock (first on handbells as cond.) 5-6. Weston, Bath, Som.—June 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. V. Wiltshire I, A. J. Coombs 2, J. Maggs 3, H. J. Coombs 4, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 5, W. G. Chalkland (first quarter) 6, M. Messer 7, Miss R. Loader 8. To mark the ordination of A. J. Davis (lay

Woodford, Northants.—June 21, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: L. Stapleton 1, Miss J. A. Green 2, D. J. Attley 3, F. E. Coales 4, V. A. Headland 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. First since rehanging. For Evensong.

Widford, Herts.—June 8, 1440 P.B. Minor: W. Hunt 1, A. Westwood (first inside) 2, P. C. Warboys 3, L. Luck 4, K. Westwood 5, R. F. Prime (cond.) 6.

Wymondham, Leics.—June 16, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. T. P. Thorpe 1, Mrs. R. Cooper 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, C. E. Cooper 4, R. Preston 5, R. H. Cook 6. In memoriam Rev. W. F. G. Mitchell (rector 1966–1970).

MEMORIES

"When I was 14 I was apprenticed to a North London firm for three years and continued with the firm for a further three years. Then I went to a firm in Whitechapel, where I used to ring at St. Mary's; I wonder how many people remember the tower keeper, Ned Wallage! I also used to ring at All Saints', Poplar, which I found hard work, especially as on the 7th or 9th the sally used to shoot across rather sharply. Good luck to The Ringing World I remember Mr. Goldsmith very well," writes Phil Avey of Clacton.



TOWER CAPTAIN WEDS

The wedding took place at Bathampton on May 23 of Miss P. Gouly (tower captain at Bathampton) and Mr. R. Weeks (a ringer at Bathford).

The local ringers attended the ceremony and later in the day were to have attempted a peal but unfortunately the team was one short. A quarter of Doubles was substituted.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Derby District bellringers had a quarter peal tour on Saturday, June 27, three bands of ringers circulating round towers in the East Derbyshire area, Swanwick, Tibshelf. Clay Cross and Blackwell.

Derby Cathedral raised £48 for the Cathedral restoration appeal by opening the tower to the general public. Only £32 is now required to achieve the target of £1,000 which Derbyshire ringers promised to raise.

A band of ringers from Derby went to Blackburn on Saturday, June 20, to ring a peal to mark the wedding of Brian A. Tomlinson (of Derby and Blackburn Cathedral) and Miss Smith (sister of Norman Smith, the well-known composer).



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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Mon., June 15, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (29 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Linda Fleming 2 Martin Major

Anthony H. Smith

4 C. Michael Orme
*5 Robert R. Churchill
6 Edgar T. Skipsey

7 Robert L. Piron *8 David R. Saunderson 9 Keith H. Fleming

10 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

*First of Surprise Royal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire, St. Chad.

Sun., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (114 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents, viz.: Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Rev. Canterbury, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

*1 Harry W. Howard

2 Edward V. Rodenhurst

3 John R. Scott

†4 Geoffrey A. Edwards
5 Roland W. Morant
6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor) *Circled the tower. †250th peal.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire, St. Giles.

Mon., June 15, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (63/4 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. I. Rowson.

1 S. Clarke Walters 2 R. David Baker

3 Hazel A. Mackenzie 4 John F. Thorne 5 Derek H. Walters

6 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)

7 Kenneth J. Hesketh 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BLACKBURN, Lancs, Cathedral of St. Mary.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 25min. $(25\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

*1 Andrew Queen

†2 Robert M. Chambers

3 Geoffrey Bridges 4 Clive A. Thrower 5 David W. Parkin 6 Harold Taylor

Gordon A. Halls Malcolm P. Phipps

9 A. Colin Banton
10 David W. Friend (Conductor)
*First on ten. †First of Royal. A wedding compliment to Brian Tomlinson and Mary Smith, married this day.

EASTWOOD, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (19 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (768 London, 1824 Bristol, 1440 Cambridge, 1056 Superlative, with 98 changes of method).

Composed by H. Cashmore.

Jack Chadwick

Geoffrey Paul 3 Denis R. Carlisle

4 Rev. Fred Ross 5 Clive Thrower

6 David W. Parkin
7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)

8 David W. Friend

DARLEY DALE, Derbys, St. Helen.

Thur., June 18, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (15 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.) 1 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith 2 Arthur Hall

Andrew Queen Rev. Frederick Ross

Timothy Wylie

6 Daniel Hird 7 David W. Friend (Conductor) *8 Paul J. Flavell

*First peal.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

UGBOROUGH, Devon, St. Peter.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (19 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. N. Longridge.

John N. Longridge (Conductor)

Stephen G. Peirce

3 Colin L. Barr 4 John A. Foster

5 Alan N. Frost

John L. Anderson

7 D. Roy Bould

8 Frank D. Mack

WHITCHURCH, Devon, St. Andrew.

Mon., June 15, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (13 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Diccon G. Pearce 2 Stephen G. Peirce

3 John F. Steere

4 George E. Mudge 5 Alan N. Frost

6 Peter L. Bill (Conductor)
A compliment to John and Julia Steere on the birth of a daughter, Caroline Julia.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MORPETH, Northumberland, Watch Tower.

Wed., June 17, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.) **5088 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.
Christine H. Telfer

2 Christopher J. Sharp 3 Malcolm E. Johnson

4 Philip Rodgers

Finilia Rougers
George S. Deas
Adrian Dempster
Stephen C. Wells
Eric N. Harrison (Conductor) First in method by all and for the associaCONSETT, Co. Durham, Christ Church.

Wed., June 17, 1970, 3hr. (16 cwt.)

5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Knight.

Kenneth Arthur

2 George S. Deas

3 Christine H. Telfer 4 Nicholas J. Webber

James Crowther

7 Stephen C. Wells (Conductor) 8 Malcolm E. Johnson

Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. L. Armstrong (vicar 1959-65), died May 17, 1970.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (10¾ cwt.) 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. J. Cox.

1 Bryan F. Sims
2 Jennifer M. Whittell
*3 Georgina C. M. Carter

4 Donald F. Murfet 5 Neville F. Whittell

6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor) †7 Geoffrey A. Lucas †8 George E. Thoday

*First in method inside. †100th together.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10¾ cwt.) 5056 HUDDERSFIELD S. MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights. Allen Twyman

2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
3 Donald F. Murfet
4 Geoffrey Pearson
5 Philip J. Rothera
*6 Peter G. Brown
7 John G. Gipson

John G. Gipson 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh

*250th peal. First in method by all and for the association. To honour the septenary celebrations of Sir Roger de Trumpington.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (21½ cwt.) 5140 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL (4 methods: 1560 Rutland, 1200 Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, and 1080 Cambridge, with

98 changes of method). Composed by A. R. Peake.

*1 Colin J. Butler

2 Beryl R. Simpson

*3 Christopher I. Rowson *4 Alan D. Elsmore

*5 Rowan S. Bradley
*6 W. John Couperthwaite

Stanley G. Ponting

*8 Tom Page *†9 Michael J. Church (Conductor)

‡10 Geoffrey K. Dodd *First peal of Spliced S. Royal. †150th peal. †First of 4-Spliced S Royal. First of Spliced S. Royal for the guild.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GROSMONT, Mon, St. Nicholas.

Thur., May 28, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (4 methods: Ipswich Surprise (2), Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise (2), Plain Bob)

1 Rosemary E. White 2 John G. Perry 3 Michael V. Powell

4 F. John Keddie 5 John F. I. Turney

6 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

REDBOURN, Herts, St. Mary.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 extents Cambridge Surprise, 1 extent each Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clements and Plain Bob).

1 R. E. Sheppard (Conductor)

2 Jacqueline M. Neal

3 C. Valerie Mills

4 A. V. Good

G. Austin 6 S. J. Crawley

*First in more than one method. 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

RAINHAM, Kent, St. Margaret.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (18½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part.)

John Clark

2 Francis J. Cheal

3 Christopher T. Osenton 4 Neville A. Crane 5 David P. Leworthy

6 Rev. Stanley M. Evans

Trevor A. Cross (Conductor)

8 Kenneth B. Williamson For Rainham Flower Festival. welcome Rev. J. E. F. Rawlings. Also to

CUDHAM, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (101 cwt.) 5088 NORTON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 Doris E. Colgate 2 Margaret E. Oram

Arthur S. Richards
Ian H. Oram (Conductor)

5 David Featherstone

6 David C. Brookes
7 Ralph Bird

8 Tony Lewis

First in the method for all and for the association.

LONDON, E.C., St. Lawrence Jewry.

Sun., June 21, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (25 cwt.) **5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by J. Pladdys.

Valerie J. Howard 2 Jennifer A. Dunning 3 Judith M. Corby

4 Richard Hayes
5 A. Keith P. Poole

6 David A. Town 7 John A. Howard

8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, Notts, St. John the Rantist.

Sun., June 7, 1970, 3 hr. (16 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part.)

1 Roger N. Scholes
*2 Hilary F. Watson-Walker

*3 Shelagh Dennis

*4 Elizabeth M. Barber

*5 David J. Smith
*6 Richard M. Wilson
7 Roland H. Cook (Conductor)
8 William A. Thow *First in the method. An engagement com-pliment to Richard Martin and Susan

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.

Tues., June 16, 1970, 2hr. 26min. $(6\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Johnson's variation.)

Frank Chambers

Courts.

Richard J. Clifton

Hazel J. Nichols

*4 E. Guy Slater
5 Ronald D. Hughes
6 G. Ronald Edwards

7 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

8 Roland Beniston

*First in the method.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Lines, St. Andrew.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (133 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, Double Bob. Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., St.

Clements, Plain Bob).

1 Edwin T. Chapman

*2 George H. Camplin 3 Michael J. Belcher

Cecil Wade

Harold Barsley

6 Alan G. Payne (Conductor)
*First in 7 methods. To mark the birth of
Matthew J. S. Payne.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

MANCHESTER, Lancs, Cathedral of Virgin Mary, SS. George and Denys.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (273 cwt.)

5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.
*1 Hamish M. McNaughton

†‡2 Lynda M. Deebank 3 William Birmingham, jun.

4 Paul Reading
5 Margaret L. Ellwood
6 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights

*7 William M. Taylor 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor) 89 Christopher L. D. Munday

†10 Godfrey L. Foat

*First on ten tower bells and of Caters. †First on ten. ‡25th peal. \$First of Caters. For the forthcoming marriage of Brian A.

WORSLEY, Lancs, St. Mark.

Fri., June 12, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (24 cwt.)

5000 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.

Hamish M. McNaughton 2 Patricia James

*3 Ronald S. Barclay 4 Lynda M. Deebank

5 S. Nicholas Harrop 6 Geoffrey L. Foat 7 William M. Taylor

8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)

*First of Major in method. Birthday compliment to Claudia A. Sherwood (sister of conductor).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

CRANFORD, Middlesex, St. Dunstan.

Sun., June 14, 1970, 2hr. 36min. $(7\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Linda P. Moore

*2 Elizabeth D. Gardner

3 Peter A. Ruch

4 Frank C. Price (Conductor) 5 Peter J. Woodgyer

6 William H. Coles

*First peal.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

QUIDENHAM, Norfolk St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by W. Barton.

2 Frank Sutton
3 Frank C. J. Arnold
4 Katharine M. Thorley
*5 Thomas G. Boast
6 Thomas E. Spight

7 Harry B. Fuller 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*First of Major.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

MOULTON, Northants, SS. Peter & Paul. Tues., June 16, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (16 cwt.)

5088 UMBALA SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by M. A. Coleman.

Christopher G. Chiplin

2 Barry R. Care

3 J. Malcolm Tyler 4 Brian R. Danby

5 Eric Billings

Alan J. Marks

7 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor) 8 Richard J. Cowley

A compliment to the vicar (Rev. F. R. Cattell), appointed Canon Residentiary of Peterborough Cathedral.

First on ten. ‡25th peal. §First of Caters. For the forthcoming marriage of Brian A. Tomlinson (past president) and Mary Smith. Group B. b d. (Comp. R.W., page 348.)

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

WANSFORD, Northants, St. Mary, Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (33 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clements, Plain).

1 Bernard Branston Alfred Waller Frank Sismey

4 Len Brighton

5 Gilbert Cowlin *6 Roy W. Spencer (Conductor)

*Circled tower. A farewell to Rev. W. H. Stanger (former rector) on his retirement, also to the tenor ringer, leaving the district.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRUTON, Somerset, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (25\frac{3}{2} cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (6 methods: 2 extents St Osmund, St. Martin, St. Simon, 12 extents Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob).

1 Allain B. Rogerson

Ann Toomer Michael J. Stanley

4 Maurice A. New 5 Allan G. Keen (Conductor) 6 Stephen E. Mitchener

First in six methods as conductor.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire, St. Martin. Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (15 cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Timothy F. Collins Mary E. Elmes

3 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor) 4 Ross G. W. Robertson

Graham W. Elmes 6 William T. Perrins 7 Geoffrey K. Dodd 8 A. Patrick Cannon

SALISBURY, Wiltshire, St. Thomas. Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 37min. (27 cwt.) **5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Robert E. J. Dennis 2 Rev. Roger Keeley 3 William T. Perrins 4 Graham W. Elmes

Brian J. Woodruffe

7 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
8 A. Patrick Cannon

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

BARTON-IN-FABIS, Notts, St. George. Wed., June 10, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (111 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (1 Single Oxford, 1 St. Clements, 1 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

1 Rosemary J. Willey

Joan Carter

3 Derek Stainsby 4 Peter L. R. Hayward 5 Melvyn A. Rose (Conductor)

6 Brian J. Bull

A farewell to Andrew King, of Radcliffeon-Trent, leaving the district.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts, St. Wilfrid. May 30, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (13 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 Plain Bob, 4 Oxford Bob).

Anne Vessey Ruth Blackshaw Paul F. Curtis F. William Midwinter

5 W. Gordon Marsh (Conductor)

6 Maurice W. Harrison

81st birthday compliment to Mrs. E. E. Blackshaw.

LANGAR, Notts, St. Andrew.

Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (123 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (30 methods: St. Simon, Braywood, Rugby, St. Martin, Welford, Slapton, St. Osmund, Longworth, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, Fundenhall, Longford, Winchendon, Thornborough, Haddiscoe, St. Remigius, Harpley, Plain, Boxford, Candlesby, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton, Raveningham, All Saints, Munster, Huntley, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian, Grandsire

and Antelope, with 36 variations).

1 Ruth Blackshaw

2 George A. Dawson (Conductor)
3 Peter L. R. Hayward
4 Maurice W. Harrison
5 H. Geoffrey Wells.
First on the bells from the new ringing chamber. To commemorate the inaugural meeting of the Bingham Deanery Synod this day at Radcliffe-on-Trent.

NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter with St. James. Tues., June 16, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (193 cwt.) 5184 MORLAND ALLIANCE ROYAL

Composed by S. Humphrey. Peter L. R. Hayward

Susan M. O'Neill

William L. Exton Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

David J. Marshall George A. Dawson Edmund Shuttleworth

8 David Stainsby

9 John R. Leeming
10 Richard A. G. Inglis
First in the method. Half-muffled in memory
of Harold Little, 47 years a member of the
congregation and choir at this church, died June 13.

MORLAND ALLIANCE ROYAL -10—12—30—14—50—16—70—18—90 B.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

WALSALL, Staffs, St. Matthew.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (26 cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by R. A. G. Inglis.

Donald G. Clift

Katherine J. Maundrell

* A Heather A. Kippin

* Richard H. Youdale

5 Philip N. Tubbs

6 Frank L. Harris (Conductor)

7 David J. Llewellyn

8 Gwilym Salmon 9 Michael J. Best 10 Edward J. Chivers

11 Robert C. Kippin
12 Richard A. G. Inglis

*25th of Stedman Cinques.

SUFFOLK GUILD

WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (15 cwt.) 5022 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

1 Walter W. Miller

*2 Jennifer M. Whittell

3 Georgina C. M. Carter

4 Mary E. Elmes

5 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

6 Donald F. Murfet 7 Neville F. Whittell 8 George E. Thoday *First in the method.

BARKING, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (111 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 methods: London S., Norwich S., Ipswich S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Plain Bob).

1 David J. H. Barber 2 Georgina C. M. Carter 3 Jennifer M. Whittell 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

5 Neville F. Whittell 6 Maurice J. Rose

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

RUDGWICK, Sussex, Holy Trinity.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (14 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1 Graham R. Wills

2 Bronwen Davies
3 Peggy Taylor
*4 Colin Chappell
5 Timothy D. W. Banner
6 Roy M. Cox (Conductor) *First inside.

LODSWORTH, Sussex, St. Peter.

Fri., May 29, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Caroline L. Jones Christopher Fynes M. Iain Davey 4 Henry D. Butler

5 Graham R. Hills 6 Roy M. Cox (Conductor)

BRIGHTON, Sussex, St. Nicholas-of-Myra.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (18 cwt.) 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by E. C. Shepherd.

1 Geoffrey Davies 2 Jennifer A. Dunning *3 Ann Smith

4 David A. Town 5 John Pladdys Tony Skilton

Thomas M. Barlow

8 Alan R. Baldock (Conductor) 19 Ian V. J. Smith 10 James Hedgcock

*First on ten. †First of Grandsire Caters.

WESTHAM, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin. Sun., June 21, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). *I Gillian R. Eldridge

*2 Jane A. Mason 3 Ann Smith

5 Alan R. Baldock (Conductor)
6 Ian V. J. Smith
rst of Minor. †First peal. F

*First of Minor. †First peal. For the parish flower festival.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

WARNFORD, Hants, St. Mary.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (13 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 each Cambridge, Oxford and Kent T.B. and 4 Plain Bob).

*1 Jennifer L. Quaife
2 John P. Colliss

E. Winifred Keys Clive G. Bryant

5 R. William Willans
6 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)

*25th peal. A farewell to William Willans, leaving the district.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

KINGSWINFORD, Staffs, St. Mary.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (101 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.
Arranged by Henry Johnson.
J. Clifford Skidmore

M. Irene Brown C. Frederick Jukes

4 R. Arthur Peakman
5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

6 Peter J. Brown

A. Bryan Ellsmore 8 Martin D. Fellows

*First of Surprise.

BROMSGROVE, Worcs, St. John the Baptist.

t., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (18 cwt.) 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 version.) Sat.

Composed by W. E. Critchlev.

Peter J. Brown M. Irene Brown

3 Morley P. Tobin 4 J. Clifford Skidmore

5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor) 6 Michael G. J. Elson *7 Arthur C. Berry

*8 Ian Friend

9 Gerald C. Hemming 10 Martin D. Fellows *First of London Royal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EARLSHEATON, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Sun., June 7, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (13 cwt.) **5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Composed by S. H. Wood. Pamela A. Lockwood

Patricia North Margaret White

*4 Robert Cater Michael Johnson

Wilfrid F. Moreton David S. Lockwood

8 Ian North (Conductor) *First in the method.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire, Holy Trinity.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (151 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

1 Patricia North

*2 Valerie M. Gill 3 Margaret White

4 Ian North

5 Suzanne J. Snack 6 E. Guy Cox 7 Ronald J. Snack

8 Robin Brown (Conductor)

*First in method. First in method as conductor

Handbells

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive. Mon., June 15, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (15 in C.) 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (16 methods: 960 Londinium and Newgate, 240 Belfast, Cambridge, Clifton, Ealing, Fulham, Leatherhead, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Wembley, Wigston, Worcester, York and Yorkshire, with 109 changes of method).

Composed by J. R. Mayne. 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor) 5-6 Roger Baldwin *7-8 Gerald Penney 9-10 Julia A. Fellows *11-12 Frank C. Price

*First of Surprise Maximus in 16 methods.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

GILLINGHAM, Kent, 31 South Avenue.

Mon., June 15, 1970, 2hr. 7min. (10 in A.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis. 1-2 Trevor A. Cross (Conductor) 3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski

5-6 Nicholas J. Chesson 7-8 Christopher T. Osenton

GILLINGHAM, Kent, 31 South Avenue.

Mon., June 22, 1970, 2hr. 7min. (10 in A.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by Peter S. Muchlinski.

1-2 Trevor A. Cross (Conductor)

3-4 Christopher T. Osenton *5-6 Nicholas J. Chesson 7-8 Peter S. Muchlinski

*50th peal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

NETTLEHAM, Lincs, Iona, Sudbrooke Ln.

Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15 in C.) 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by C. W. Roberts. *1-2 Geoffrey R. Parker *3-4 Margaret A. Parker

5-6 John Freeman (Conductor)

7-8 George E. Feirn 9-10 Jack L. Millhouse

*First in the method in hand.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

MANCHESTER, In the grounds, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 1hr. 48min. (14 in D.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR C.C.C. Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 27, and W.M.T. No. 1.

*1-2 Godfrey L. Foat 3-4 William M. Taylor 5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.) *First handbell peal.

MANCHESTER, Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.
Thur., June 11, 1970, 1hr. 48min. (14 in D.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*1-2 S. Nicholas Harrop 3-4 William M. Taylor 5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.) *First on handbells and first of Minor. For the Feast of St. Barnabas.

MANCHESTER, Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

Wed., June 17, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (14 in D.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

(7 extents.) 1-2 Christopher L. D. Munday

3-4 William M. Taylor
5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
First of Treble Bob on handbells by all and for the guild. For the Feast of St. Alban, and to mark the end of the University's

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.

Sun., May 10, 1970, 1hr. 49min. 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

session.

*1-2 Susanne Sargeant *3-4 Frank C. Price (Conductor) †5-6 N. David Lane

*50th together. †First T.B. Minor, completing Kent from Minor to Maximus in hand.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt,

Sun., May 31, 1970, 2hr. 9min.
5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by J. Reeves.
1-2 Christopher I. Rowson

3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport 5-6 Frank C. Price (Conductor) 7-8 N. David Lane

WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.

Sun., June 7, 1970, 2hr. 27min. 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by F. C. Price.
1-2 Christopher I. Rowson
3-4 Kenneth R. Davenport
5-6 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
7-8 N. David Lane

9-10 Susanne Sargeant

Singles in 7-8. A birthday compliment to Susanne Sargeant.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt,

Fri., June 19, 1970, 3hr. 22min. 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB FOURTEEN

*1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning *3-4 Christopher I. Rowson

†5-6 Frank C. Price (Conductor) *7-8 Noel J. Diserens

†9-10 Bernard F. L. Groves *11-12 Kenneth R. Davenport

*13-14 N. David Lane *First of Fourteen. †Completes Minor to Sixteen as conductor in the method. Completes Minor to Sixteen in the method. First of Fourteen for the guild.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts, The Old Vicarage.

Sun., May 24, 1970, 1hr. 49min. (12 in F.) 5040 MINOR (Double Bob and Plain Bob; Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; Plain Bob).

*1-2 Mary C. Poyner *3-4 Paul N. Mounsey 5-6 Harry Poyner (Conductor) *First in hand in three methods.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

OSSETT, Yorkshire, 33, Kingsway Close. Sun., June 14, 1970, 1hr. 34min. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (6 methods: 1 each Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars, Kent, 2 of Plain Bob).

1-2 Margaret White 3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

CROFT RINGERS

ating at St. Michael's, Croft, Leics, and the photo reproduced here

shows them a few weeks ago at one of their practice nights. They are:

Back row (l. to r.), Fred Watson (acting tower captain), Adrian Dowers Gregory Butler, William

Killer and Garry Morriss. Front row, Bruce Morgan, Ricky Morriss

and David Laing.

A young band is oper-

EXAMPLE OF A SUFFOLK VILLAGE

Behind the rehallowing of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Kersey, Suffolk, by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on June 5 is a wonderful story of achievement in this village, which has a population of 400. The bells were last rung for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee and there are people still living in the village who remember that occasion in 1897.

Five years ago a committee of "Friends of the Fabric and Bells of St. Mary's Church" decided to restore the bells. In 1967 the bells were taken to John Taylor's of Loughborough, where the tenor was recast and the other five retuned. By September, 1968, the Friends had raised the £3,000 necessary. Alas! a quinquennial inspection found the tower in a poor condition, and without major repairs it would be impossible to ring the bells. The minimum estimate for church restoration was £20,000—£13,000 on the tower and £7,000 for the remainder.

In January, 1969, an appeal for £20,000 was launched. The result was fantastic and by March sufficient money was promised to start on the tower. This has been completed and, it is hoped, paid for after a flower festival at the end of August. Stage II appeal for the rest of the church has now been launched.

THIS GREAT DAY

Commenting in the service on "this great day for all the friends of the parish," Canon Thurlow said it was one of the finest tales that could be told in this faithless age, when so many people would say "We can't do it, we haven't the money." Others might have said even worse things: "What a waste! It should have gone to feed the hungry."

"To those who say such hypocritical words," continued the Canon, "I would make two replies: (1) This is just not true.
The truth is that those who give will give to both—the hungry and the bells, and others won't give to either; it isn't true that £100 to the bells means £100 less to the hungry; (2) Words like these were spoken by Judas, who said: 'What a waste of precious ointment; its price should have been given to the poor.'

"The purpose of all this effort was to proclaim the Kingdom of God. The news that life was not a matter of chance; we live because the universe is the work of a divine spirit, who is good, is great and all around us. In finding Him we find a worthy reason for living and spending life in service to other people.

"Finding Him makes all the difference to our lives, and this is what you who ring Kersey bells can do in the hearts of people, lonely, despairing, worried. Your ringing can tell them that life has a purpose and that life is worth living."

The oldest bell, the third, was cast in 1576 by Stephen Tonni, of Bury, the tenor (which has been recast) by Miles Graye in 1638, the fifth by John Hodson in 1662, and the fourth by Christopher Hodson in 1689. Thomas Gardiner, of Sudbury, cast the treble and second in 1716.

Taking part in the service were the vicar (the Rev. C. R. W. Goddard) and the Archdeacon of Ipswich.

Light refreshments were served after the service to the congregation and visiting ringers in the village hall.

"If there be good in that I wrought Thy hand compelled it, Master, Thine-Where I have failed to meet Thy thought I know, through Thee, the blame was mine."



IN LINCOLNSHIRE Once again the Huntingdon District was fortunate in its choice of date for the annual tour, taken this year in Lincolnshire on June 5.

Ely Association.

Our first call was at Billingborough, where there is a lightish ring of eight and a fine example of an old village cross in its Silk Willoughby (well known in centre peal circles) was found to be worthy of its reputation of possessing a good six. After a satisfying lunch in Sleaford we visited Ewerby but did not do justice to the ten; nevertheless, it was an enjoyable experience. On to Rustington, where the church is one of the few without a spire, being flat on top, no pinnacles or battlements, but, inside, the church was beautifully clean.

Tea was partaken at the Prattinden Arms. and at Tattershall our attention was somewhat divided between the lovely church with its heavy ring of six and the mediæval castle. At our last tower, Heckington, we found a very fine eight.

We are very grateful to Paul Wells for making the arrangements and to all incumbents, tower captains and others who helped make a successful day's outing for us.

Kent C.A.

MR. E. BARNETT RETURNS

The venue of the spring quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Downe, the quiet Kentish village recently made famous by the epic voyage of Robin Knox Johnston.

During the afternoon the association were made very welcome by the local ringers, and many viewed the stained glass window in the sanctuary which commemorates Mr. Knox Johnston's non-stop voyage round the world. The incumbent (Rev. J. Harrison) conducted the service and after tea took the chair at the business meeting. The highlight was the return of Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) who has made a fine re-covery from a broken leg which he sustained in the icy weather earlier in the year.

Seven new members were elected, one each from Bromley, Chelsfield and Eynsford, and four from Chislehurst. A report of the annual meeting at Folkestone was given by Tony Lewis and a lively discussion took place on the proposition that a peal booking fee be inaugurated.

Afterwards ringing was resumed at the neighbouring village of Cudham. P. M. F.

MRS. S. KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN'S 500 PEALS TOWER BELLS

R.F.B

Doubles.—Grandsire 1

Minor.—Plain Bob 5 (cond. 1), Oxford T.B. 2-7 methods 5.

Surprise Minor .- Cambridge 3, London 2, 7-14 methods 4.

Triples.—Stedman 14, Grandsire 5, Plain Bob Erin 1, 3 methods 1.

Major. - Plain Bob 16, Double Norwich 9, Grandsire 1, Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1, Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 17, London 17, Bristol 15, Yorkshire 15, Rutland 5, Superlative 5, Painswick 4, Glasgow 3, Aldenham 2, Lincoln-shire 2, Double Glasgow 2, Pudsey 2, Warwick shire 2, one each of Belfast, Braunstone, Chartwell, Dorchester, Dorset, Ealing, Eastbourne, E. Coker, Erdington, Fawsley, Fordham, Gains-borough, Hatfield, Haymarket, Gloucester, Ixworth, Knightsbridge, Langley, Lyme, Bushey, Melbourne, New Cambridge, Ospringe, Overseale, Piccadilly, Premier, Quinbury, Raunds, Rugby, Southgate, Southwell, Uxbridge, Vermont,

Watford, Wembley, Whitehall, Whalley, Yoxford.

Spliced Surprise Major: 2 methods 3, 3 6 methods 1, 4 methods 9, 5 methods 3, 6 methods 4, 8 methods 5, 9 methods 4, 10 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 24 methods 1, 25 methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 4, Stedman 2.
Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Rickmansworth Bob 2. Surprise Royal. — Yorkshire 6, Cambridge 4, Bristol 2, London 2, one each of Clyde, Clifton, Fulham, Lindsey, Ludgate, Warfield and Spliced 3 methods.

Surprise Maximus.—Cambridge 3, Bristol 2. Yorkshire 2, Littleport Little 1, Newgate 1.

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Stedman 1.
Minor.— Plain Bob 6, Double Oxford 1,
Double Court 1, Kent T.B. 1, Killamarsh Treble Bob 1, 2-45 methods 22.

Surprise Minor. — Cambridge 4, London 4, Primrose 1, 4-31 methods 12.

Triples.—Grandsire 1.

Major. - Plain Bob 9, Kent T.B. 2, Double Norwich 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent and

Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—London 9, Bristol 3, Cambridge 3, Glasgow 2, one each of Ealing, Eastcote, Gloucester, Lincolnshire, Minsmere, Nettle-den, Pudsey, Rutland, Tring, Wembley, York den, Pudsey, and Yorkshire.

Spliced Surprise Major. — 4 methods 6, 5 methods 2, 6 methods 4, 7 methods 1, 8 methods 7, 9 methods 2, 10 methods 5, 11-20 methods 27, 21-32 methods 14.

Caters.—Grandsire 2.
Royal.—Kent T.B. 2, Oxford T.B. 1, Kent and Oxford T.B. 1, Little Bob 1.
Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 3, London 3,

York 3, Westminster 1.

Spliced Surprise Royal. — 3 methods 1, 4
methods 2, 5 methods 2, 6 methods 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1.

Maximus.—Kent T.B. 5, Oxford T.B. 2, Plain Bob 2, Kent and Oxford T.B. 1, Little Bob 1.

Surprise Maximus.—York 3, Westminster 1. Spliced Surprise Maximus.—4 methods 2, methods 1, 8 methods 1, 10 methods 4, 12

methods 3, 14 methods 1, 16 methods 1.
Fourteen.—Kent T.B. 2, Little Bob 1.
Sixteen.—Kent T.B. 4, Little Bob 1. Total (handbells) 226. Grand total 500.

Total (tower bells) 274.

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Editorial

SERVING OTHERS

The Ringing World has recently reported a number of guild and branch A.G.M.s and the term "the officers were re-elected en bloc" has occurred in many of the accounts recorded. There have, however, been several cases where a senior officer -master, secretary or treasurer-has not sought re-election and retired, sometimes after years of service in one capacity or another. Usually a hearty vote of thanks is recorded in the minutes for posterity to read, although seldom, if at any time, have old minute books been on display for such a purpose. Occasionally a presentation is made to the retiring officer "for services rendered" or a vice-presidency is conferred to honour him.

The vast majority of ringers, however, will not take an office, even in their own tower, and there are many who criticise and find fault. Fortunately, these are a a small minority, and not worthy of comment. Generally the main body gives support and encouragement to those elected and do appreciate what is done on their behalf. The considerable amount of time spent, the inconvenience and disruption of home affairs, and the expenses incurred (and seldom recoverable) and the many disappointments after all these sacrifices can be heartbreaking to an officer. And yet, fortunately, there are always those to be found who will "have a go" for the good of the Exercise and as a service to others.

We should all express our thanks to these hard-working individuals, and the best way to do this, we suggest, is by loyally supporting their efforts and assisting when called upon to do so. In this way each and every one of us will be sharing in the future success of the Ringing Exercise and ensuring that the generation of ringers who follow us will still have the solid foundation our own fathers and grandfathers helped to lay.

Obituary

MR. JOHN W. FAITHFULL

As we go to press we learn of the death in a Hampshire hospital on June 23 of Mr. John Walter Faithfull, of St. Mary's, Southampton, who was in his 73rd year. A report and appreciation will appear in

our next issue.

MR. BERT MITCHELL

Older Sussex ringers will remember Mr. Bert Mitchell, who died at Guildford re-cently, aged 77. Born at West Grinstead. he rang at St. George's Church there, and among his contemporaries were Harry Turrell (deceased), Bert Coote (Steyning) and Bert Haycock (Brighton).

For many years he had lived in Guildford and was associated with St. John's Church, Stoke - next - Guildford, where he was a sidesman. The ringing boxes in the tower are his handiwork, and his crafts-manship was revealed in repairs to the church, including the main doors.

Belfry Gossip

The sponsored peal of Plain Bob Major at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester, on Easter Monday, raised £36 towards the repair fund.

First peal congratulations to Paul Flavell, P. Moore, Elizabeth Gardner, Donald Ramsay.

Personal Records: Geoffrey A. Edwards (250 peals), Peter G. Brown (250), Michael J. Church (150), Lynda Deebank (25), Jennifer Quaife (25), Nicholas J. Chesson

Two new methods this week: Umbala Surprise Major at Moulton, Northants, and Morland Alliance Royal at Notting-

For the next six months Mr. Simon Humphrey will be in the U.S.A., in Maryland and working in Washington. We hope he will enjoy his stay out there and have the occasional "pull.

Trevor A. Cross conducted his 50th peal (Bob Major in hand), as reported on page

Cleator Moor, we are informed by several correspondents, is in Cumberland and not Westmorland as we printed on page 477.

Mesdames Howard, Dunning and Corby are the first ladies to take part in a peal

on the bells of St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C.
We were mixed up in decimalisation when we gave our write-up on George Elphick's new book "Sussex Bells and Belfries." The post publication price is Belfries." The post publication price is £5.5, i.e., £5 10s. (or five bob more than we said!).

At a meeting of the Leatherhed District of the Guildford Guild on June 20 at Stoke D'Abernon a hymn specially written for the occasion was sung. The composer, Mr. Bernard Ash, one-time local captain, is in hospital at present. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

Long service. — Mr. A. D. Barker has

been hon, treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for 34 years, in the same office for the East Berks and South Bucks Branch for 46 years.

An order for a new single bell for Holy Trinity, Stroud, Glos, has been placed with Taylor's, of Loughborough. On the advice of local ringers it is to bear the simple and beautiful inscription once used by the Rudhalls: Peace and Good Neighbourhood.

74 next birthday, Mr. Edward V. Rodenhurst is one of the most respected of members of the Shropshire Association, and he has now circled the tower at Clive (25 cwt.) with a peal of Plain Bob Minor, taking 3½ hours. No doubt he will start on the second circle shortly.

The quarter peal at Cockington, Devon, to celebrate the birth of the conductor's daughter was also rung on the wedding anniversary of the conductor, who recently "slipped a disc" and rang while still encased in a plaster jacket!

The first peal of Fourteen for the Oxford Diocesan Guild was rung at Crowthorne, Berks, on June 19. The method: Kent Treble Bob; the conductor: Mr. Frank C.

Is a pancake bell flat? asks a correspon-

A past president of the Manchester University Guild, Mr. Brian A. Tomlinson, was married to Miss M. Smith on June 20. Peals to mark the occasion were rung at Blackburn and Manchester Cathedrals.

Four married couples took part in ring-

ing at Evensong at Harpenden on June 15, the service being a thanksgiving for marriage. It was also the silver wedding anniversary of the rector and Mrs. P. Graham.

Barstable School Society of Change

Ringers, Basildon, Essex, have a keen band of 14-year-olds who have rung the first quarter of Major (in hand) for the Society.

Disestablishment of the Church of Wales came after a political battle 60 years ago. The anniversary of this victory was commemorated by a quarter peal at Hope, Flintshire, on June 8.

Sunday evening quarter peals are a feature at St. Mary's, Lewisham. That this month was of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods.

"Apologies for delay in sending receipt, due to a change of secs, [sex?]"-from a correspondent.

A remarkable coincidence (some called it a fiddle!) was seen at the social function held at Leicester. A draw organised to help expenses was made for about a dozen prizes, and the first three to come out of the hat were collected by three ladies all sitting at one small table, and each had a different coloured ticket!

Incidentally, the M.C. (Mr. John Bramley) who worked so hard and successfully to keep the party going is obviously a conductor in a noisy belfry, for his strident voice was always able to rise above and control the din made by the revellers.

STUDENTS HELP

That enthusiastic young man Marcus C. W. Sherwood sends us the following news: "Our much used bells at Sacred Trinity, Salford, are going to receive a slight overhaul while we are away in the long vac. Since the end of exams we've been labouring day and night (students are used to that!) to remove pulley blocks, wheels and a clapper. The pulleys are now so worn that the ropes get caught in the grooves, a couple of wheels are rapidly losing their rims and the 7th clapper is—dare I say it? clapped out. So Taylors will do their stuff on this lot, and we hope to have them replaced and all working well for the arrival of our freshers next session. If you like I'll produce a two and a half column report on the operation, with photos, and an ode to the clapper!" (Just a short report will suffice.—Ed.)

A RINGING BISHOP

The Very Rev. J. D. Wakeling, M.A., M.C., Archdeacon of West Ham, has been appointed Bishop designate of Southwell, Notts. He was ordained at Barwell Parish Church in 1947 by the late Bishop Willis, and served his curacy there under Canon H. V. Williams.

A hockey Blue at Cambridge and a very fine cricketer, Denis Wakeling was taught to ring by Richard Belton at Barwell and was treasurer of the local society of ringers. During a visit to Barwell for the Children's Festival the Archdeacon expressed his appreciation at being persuaded to learn to ring because of the fellowship he had ex-T. C. B. perienced in many belfries.

North Wales Association.

RULES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS REVISED

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Machynlleth on Saturday, May 30. Over 40 ringers and their wives from the Wrexham area made the long and delightful journey by coach calling at Bala and Dolgellau. Some very good touches were rung at Dolgellau be-fore continuing on to Machynlleth to join the local ringers.

The service in St. Peter's, attended by a large congregation, was conducted by the rector (Rev. A. Leslie Evans), assisted by the Rural Dean and the Rev. A. L. Cooke, president of the association. The address was given by the Lord Bishop of Bangor (Rt. Rev. Dr. G. O. Williams), who welcomed the members and said how impressed he was, when he entered the church, by the number of young ringers present.

Tea prepared by the locals followed in the church hall, and among the guests was the chairman of the Machynlleth Council (Cclr. J. D. Holt) and Mrs. Holt. Mr. D. H. B. Millward (Buckley) expressed thanks to all (especially the ladies) who had assisted in making the occasion so enjoyable.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

At the business meeting, with the president in the chair, and supported by the ringing master (Mr. F. R. Evans), the revision of the association rules was the most important item on the agenda.

The new rules, suggested by a committee appointed for that purpose, were dealt with at length, and, after certain amendments made regarding decimalisation. were approved. The annual subscription of ringing members is to be 20 new pence, associate and junior members 10 new pence, paid on January 1, and non-resident lifemembers 25 new pence. A proposal to increase the peal booking fee to five new pence was also carried. The balance sheet was adopted and a credit balance of £73 18s. 6d. considered satisfactory.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. A. L. Cooke, M.A.; ringing master, Mr. F. R. Evans; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Cathrall; auditor, Mr. J. M. Capper; peal recorder, Mr. G. H. Randles; district secretaries—Wrexham area, Dr. E. V. Woodcock; Bangor area, Rev. C. Evans; district instructors. Warsham area Evans; district instructors—Wrexham area, Mr. D. H. B. Millward; Bangor area, Mr. H. L. Fearn.

It was proposed to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Gresford in September, and the annual meeting in 1971 at Llangollen.

Dr. E. V. Woodcock, the Central Council representative, gave her report of the Central Council meeting at Ilkley. The secretary reported that he had received a letter from the Gloucester and Bristol Association asking for support in the case of the Stinchcombe bells, and this received sympathetic consideration.

Lancashire Association.

PRESTON'S NEWS MEDIUM

For the last 18 months the Preston Branch has produced an attractive news letter to keep towers informed of activities. The branch now includes Scorton, where the ringers at the A.G.M. opted to join Preston. There is always a cordial welcome for the ringers in this picturesque village. Mr. D. G. Lawson (branch secretary), who is behind this enterprise, has carpet squares available for small towers. He makes one stipulation—that the carpets are collected!

KERSEY, SUFFOLK

60 Years to Restore the Bells Friday, May 8, was a great day for the parish of Kersey in Suffolk. It saw the parish of Kersey in Suffolk. It saw the final achievement of 60 years' efforts to get the bells rehung. The church was tightly packed for the service of dedication. which was performed by Canon G. Thur-low, past president of the Central Council, who also preached the sermon. He spoke of those who might think that the restoration of bells was a waste of money in the present uncertain age. He pointed out that all the bells in the tower had been cast at uncertain periods of history, when the same accusation could have been levelled. Mary Magdalene had been accused of extravagance but had been supported by Our Lord. Canon Thurlow said that it was invariably those who complained most about waste of money who never gave anything to any object or person. Those who gave liberally of what they had for bells were generally to be found in the ranks of those who gave to such objects as Christian Aid.

After the service the bells were rung to a touch of Cambridge Minor by the following representative band:-

Treble Rev. L. R. Pizzey (gen. sec., Suffolk Guild), 2 A. T. Beckwith (vice-president, Suffolk Guild), 3 Canon G. Thurlow (past president of the Central Council), 4 R. Clouston (technical adviser, Suffolk 4 R. Clouston (technical adviser, Suffolk Guild), 5 A. Clayton (John Taylor and Co.), tenor H. W. Egglestone (ringing master, Suffolk Guild).

The bells have been entirely rehung lower in the tower, the cracked tenor bell has been recast; the retuning of the older bells has effected a vast improvement.

In his sermon Canon Thurlow mentioned that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were producing better bells than in any previous age and the splicing of the new tenor bell, as well as the whole installation, is well up to the high standard expected of this firm.

THE BELLS
Treble: Founder, T. Gardiner of Sudbury; date, 1716; diam., 2ft. 5½in.; weight, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. 2: T. Gardiner; 1716; 2ft. 7½in.; 5-2-19. 3: S. Tonne of Bury St. Edmunds; 1576; 2ft. 8½in.; 6-0-21. 4: C. Hodson of London; 1680; 3ft. ½in.; 8-0-14. 5: J. Hodson of London; 1662; 3ft. 3\frac{1}{2}in.; 9-1-4. Tenor: Taylor of Loughborough; 1969; 3ft. 7\frac{1}{2}in.; 14-2-2.

Life is the flower of which love is the VICTOR HUGO.

Sussex County Association.

JOINT STOOLBALL MATCH

The Northern District played the East Grinstead and District Guild at stoolball on June 6 at West Grinstead. A very enjoyable match commenced at about 3.30 p.m. with Colin Osbon opening the batting for Sussex. It was arranged for each side to have an equal number of overs. At the interval Sussex had scored 117. Vernon Standing opened the batting for the guild. Two overs from the close of play things looked desperate with the guild having scored only just under 100 runs. With loud cheers from the touchline the last two men hit at everything and at the final count up it was found that the guild had scored 116 runs, just one less than Sussex.

After a picnic tea the rector of West Grinstead conducted a short service and at the end said a prayer and pronounced the Blessing at the grave of R. Knatchbull-Hugessen, first secretary of the Kent County Association (1880–1889) and rector of West Grinstead 1889-1909. Two ringers from Kent and two from Sussex then rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside.

Ringing took place until 9 p.m. R. J. E.

Yorkshire Association.

RE-ROPED AND CLEANED UP

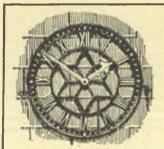
Two towers in the suburbs of Leeds at which meetings are not normally held were made available for the last meeting of the Leeds and District Branch on May

St. Matthew, Holbeck, and St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church, Holbeck, are two eight-bell towers which have no local band. Through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Snack and party from Chapel Allerton the bells were re-roped before the meeting with an astortment of ropes, some with Yorkshire ends and some without, borrowed from many towers. They had the unpleasant task of removing the masses of dead and decaying debris from the belfries and of sweeping out the ringing chambers.

Around 40 members and visitors took advantage of the towers, the bells being found to go easily and to be pleasant sounding, and throughout the day some well-struck ringing was produced.

Next full meeting: July, at Tadcaster.

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ENGAGEMENT

ELSE — THORNTON. — The engagement has been announced of Janet M. H. Thornton to Peter K. Else, both of West Bridgford, Notts.

BIRTHS

HAYNES.—To Jane and Frank, on June 25, 1970, a daughter, Rosemary Laura, a sister for Frances, William and Stephen. 9195

HOLLAND.—To Pauline and David, at Carlton Lodge, Harrogate, on June 23, a son, Matthew, brother for Timothy and Jonathan. 9189

SILVER WEDDING

JOPLING—MILLER.—Tom to Dorothy on July 7, 1945, in Durham Cathedral by Rev. Canon A. M. Ramsey. Present address 8 Willow Tree Avenue, Shincliffe, Durham. 9198

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WHITE.—Michael and Bridget, and of course Stephen, Karen and Rachel, will have moved as from July 14 from Malvern Link, Worcestershire, to Avalon, 51 The Avenue, Great Dunmow, Essex. No telephone at present but ringing friends are always welcome and without notice.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

BELLRINGER requires flat or bedsitter in London area, beginning late July.—David Ely, 1 South Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 9206

PERSONAL

"Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."—St. Matthew x, 31.

MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C., July 14, 8.15 p.m. Practices: July 14, St. Mary-le-Bow; July 21, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 28, St. Andrew's, Holborn; August 4, Southwark Cathedral. St. Mary-le-Bow at 6 p.m., others at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 (01-673 2720).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION TIES—as displayed at A.G.M., now available in limited supply (green, marcon or blue). Members who ordered at A.G.M. (who will have priority) and others wishing to purchase should send name and address, colour of choice (second choice, if any) and £1 to D. L. Gullick, 13 Weston Road, Stevenage, Herts.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.— Ringers' service at 6.30 p.m., Sun., July 19. Preacher, Rev. Albert Webb. Ringing 5.30–6.25 and after service. All ringers and friends very welcome.

QUARTER PEAL WEEK, Northumberland/Durham, August 1-9. Please apply to Jean Berriman, 59 High Street, Old Portsmouth, Hants, for details.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HERTFORD.—There will be no further ringing at St. Andrew's Church, Hertford, owing to the sixth and seventh headstocks becoming cracked and resulting in bearing failure. Would our visitors please note that all Sunday service ringing and Tuesday evening practices will take place at nearby All Saints' Church (10) until further notice.—B. J. W. Foley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Following the decision at the A.G.M. in May to revise and clarify the rules, members are asked to forward suggestions, in writing, please, to Mr. C. F. Mew, 32 Wymond Street, S.W.15, as soon as possible, for consideration by the sub-committee.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Sun., July 12, St. Mary's Parlsh Church Ringers' Service for Evensong, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30-6.30 p.m. and after the service. Light refreshments available. All ringers welcome.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.— Isle of Wight District.—Ringers' Sunday, July 19, Brighstone. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Ringing for service. Names to Anne Guy, The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater, I.O.W. 9207

Ringing Towers.—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringing Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57 Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

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EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting, Dundry (6), July 18. Bells available 6 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Chigwell, Sat., July 11. Ringing 6.30-8.30. This month's week-day practice at Leyton on 30th. 9167

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice, Knebworth, on Tues., July 14, 7.30–9 p.m. 9132

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice, Corston, near Bath, on Frl., July 17, 7.30 p.m. Members are asked to support this as much as possible. All friends welcome.—B. J. 9188

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saddington, July 18. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting after service.—L. W. Allen. 9196

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Surprise practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Mon., July 13, 6-8 p.m. All welcome. 9208

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. & W. District.—Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Mon., July 13, 8–9.30 p.m. Evening practice, St. Mary's, Staines, Fri., July 24, 7.45–9.15 p.m.—C. H. Rogers, Dis. Sec. 9107

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.— Evening practice meeting, Gnosall, near Stafford, Sat., July 18. Bells (6) available 6.30—8.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 9203

SUFFOLK GUILD. — S.W. District. — Surprise Major practice, Long Melford, Wed., July 15, 7.30–8.30 p.m. 9213

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chester-field District.—Ringing meeting, Killamarsh, on Sat., July 11. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Eckington (8) available 7–8.30 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to Mr. A. Parr, 2 Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—July 11, Melbourn, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting. Meldreth afterwards.—J. S.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Chertsey District. — Practice meeting, Send, Sat., July 11, 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Bring your own coffee.—P. A. Bird, Hon. Sec. 9123

Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourn (6), July 11. District striking contest 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Open ringing after tea. Names for tea to G. Reading, Esq., 57 Hempstead Road, Red-9136

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidatone District.—Quarterly meeting, Headcorn, on Sat., July 11. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names to Mrs. Y. A. Perrin, 35 Rushford Close, Headcorn.—C. A. Tester, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9172

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch.—Evening meeting, Morton, near Bourne, Sat., July 11. Bells (6) 6–9 p.m. Special method: Double Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Meeting at Tutbury and Hanbury, July 11. Bells (6), Tutbury, 3-4.15 p.m. Hanbury: Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells (8) afterwards. 9118

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Sat., July 11, ringing at Pytchley (5), for flower festival, 3–5 p.m. Evening practice, Desborough (8), 7–9 p.m. All welcome.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Summer meeting, July 11, at Ufford (4), 2.45–3.30 only. Maxey (6) 3.15–Service 4.15 p.m. and evening. Names for tea to R. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough. 9176

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District. — Meeting, Shelford, July 11. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton. — R. Blackshaw. 9140

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, Sat., July 11. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. at the Scotch Tea Rooms, The Avenue. Meeting follows, and a Suffolk Guild committee meeting after the district meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. 9166

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Striking competition at Wisborough Green (6), Sat., July 11, 2.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Please notify for tea Patrick Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis, Sussex, by Wednesday prior to meeting.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch. — Summer quarterly meeting, Waverton (6), July 18. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to M. Speed, 1 Abbotts Road, Waverton. 9192

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Harwich (8), July 18. Ringing 3 p.m. (stop for wedding 3.30-4 p.m., approx.). Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Felgate, 25 Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.— Business meeting, Fobbing, Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea early, please, to Mr. H. Smith, 4 Gordon Road, Corringham, Stanfordle-Hope. Further ringing after meeting. All are welcome. 9179

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Sat., July 18, Anstey. Bells (6) 3-4 p.m. Service at Brent Pelham 4.15. Tea and business meeting at The Bury 5. Ringing at Brent Pelham (6) 7-9 p.m. Special methods: Ipswich and Double Oxford. Names for tea essential to Mrs. L. Goodman, The Bury, Brent Pelham, Buntingford, Herts.— K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 9199

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Meeting, Sat., July 18: Datchworth (6), 3-4.15 p.m., and Tewin (6), from 4 p.m. Service at Tewin 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Tewin to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise Minor. Names for tea to Miss Jean Digby, 13 Cannons Meadow, Tewin (Tel. 693), by Wed., July 15.—S. E. James, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — Meeting at Saltwood, Sat., July 18. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify D. Gower, Perth Cottage, Saltwood, Hythe, by Thurs., July 16. —A. P. S. B. 9162

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Minster, Sat., July 18. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Leworthy, 20 Marian Avenue, Minster, Sheppey (Tel.: Minster 2579).
—D. P. L. 9209

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. -- Manchester Branch.-Half-yearly meeting, St. Mark's, Worsley (10), Sat., July 18. Ringing 4-5 p.m. and after the meeting. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Miss A. Chapman, 8 Duchy Avenue, Worsley, Manchester, by July 15. No name, no tea. Everyone welcome.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ellos Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., July 18, at Lutton. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Porter, 12 Exeter Drive, Spalding, Lincs (Tel.: 4462), by previous Wednesday.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. The branch striking contest will take place early in the evening. — Geo. L. A. Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough (Tel.: 26231

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - N. and E. District.—Meeting, Sat., July 18, Monken Hadley. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by picnic tea. Barnet bells available 6—8.15 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9212

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. John's, Bourne-mouth (8), July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Poole (10) available 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Mitchell, 107 Kinson Road, Wallisdown, Bournemouth, by Wed., July 15. 9178

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Beginners' meeting, July 18, St. Margaret-the-Queen (8), Buxted. Ringing 4-7 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. --- Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, on July 25, Godalming. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. H. V. Debenham, Hazel Bank, Busbridge Lane, Godalming, by July 21.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Mansfield District.-Meeting, July 25. Ringing at Teversal (5) 2.30–4.30 p.m.; Sutton-in-Ashfield (8) 6–8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 9173

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO-CESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, July 25, All Saints', Catherington. Bells 2.30-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Village Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at SS. Peter and Paul, Hambledon, only. From 2.30 till 3 the ringing will consist of rais-WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOing and lowering in peal. Special methods: St. Clement's and Surfleet. Names for tea to Mr. J. Brown, The Laurels, White Dirt Lane, Cathering-ton, Portsmouth, by the previous Wednesday, please 9218

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS .-The A.G.M. will be held at Kettering, Northants, on Sat., Sept. 26. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. at Rothwell House Hotel, Rothwell. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. at Kettering Police Station. Ringing arrangements from the secretary, A. Pearce, 197 Wythenshawe Road, Manchester, 23. The cost of the lunch will be 15s. 9193

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, July 11. Ringing: St. Chad's, 2-3 p.m. St. Mary's, 3.15-4.30 p.m.

Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in St. Mary's Hall.
Ringing after tea: St. Mary's until 8 p.m.

St. Chad's, 8-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. F. Willcox, 4 Abbots Place, Shrewsbury.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS Quarterly meeting

> HERTFORD Saturday, July 11 Bengeo (8), 2.45-4.15.

Tea 4.30 in Congregational Church Hall, Cowbridge, followed by meeting. All Saints (10), 6.45-8.15.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Learnington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB (Farnborough,

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Saturday, July 18

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Please send money with request for tickets by the previous Monday, July 13, stating hot/cold lunch. — C. Chennell-White, Shalford, 38 Bolle Road, Alton, Hants. 9216

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July 24, 25 and 26.

The bells of All Saints Church will be available from 2.30 to 6.30 on Sunday, July 26.

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Light teas will be available. Individual ringers welcome.

Please let me know about any organised parties. B. D. Threlfall, The Granary, 13 Royston Road, Harston, Cambridge. Tel. Harston 650.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Queen's Head Hotel, High Street, Maidstone, Kent September 26, 6 p.m. for 6.30. Tickets (26s.) from district secretaries up to September 12 Alan P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7 Church Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent. 9161

EASTON, HANTS

Sunday, June 7, dawned a perfect summer's morning and no more perfect setting for a dedication on so lovely a day could be found than the green Itchen valley with its small villages and chattering water so beloved of anglers.

Easton Church is a largely Norman building still retaining its original apse and fine chancel arch. The tower is at the west end surmounted by a large wooden bell-cote. Until recently the church's ancient three bells hung precariously in this wooden portion. The bells have now been entirely rehung by John Taylor and Co., with three trebles to make a pleasing ring of six rung from the ground floor. The new bell frame is mounted lower in the stronger stone part of the tower. The founders were faced with a formidable task, as the three old bells were not only tonally unpleasant but the harmonics were wildly out of tune. Combined with this the fourth is a particularly narrow and long bell, creating obvious difficulties for any bell hanger. It says a lot for Taylors' ability that they have managed to produce so pleasing a ring with so little good material to work on in the way of old bells. At the service of dedication the bells were handed over to the Archdeacon of Win-chester by Mr. A. Clayton, representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

THE BELLS

Treble: Founder, Taylor; date, 1969; diam., 1ft. 11½in.; 2: Taylor; 1969; 2ft. ½in. 3: Taylor; 1968; 2ft. 2in. 4: Unknown; ancient; 2ft. 3½in. 5: R. Landen; c. 1450. 2ft. 6½in. Tenor: R. Beconsall, 1614; 2ft. 9½in.; weight 6 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

The name of the present rector, Rev. P. Dodwell, has been attached to the bell frame in the form of a hellmetal plate.

frame in the form of a bellmetal plate.

Hertford County Association

WATFORD DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

Initiated by the district committee, the competition got away to a good start on June 13, when South Mimms was the venue on a glorious summer day (almost too hot for ringing). Mr. John Mayne was the adjudicator and the duties of starter were undertaken by Mr. Robert Hardy.

The contestants rang 240 changes in a method of their own choice (or a similar length in call-changes) and Watford, called upon to start, chose Plain Bob Minor.

Then followed Aldenham (Grandsire Rickmansworth (Plain Bob Doubles), Doubles), Bushey (Plain Bob Minor) and a combined band from Bushey Heath and Stanmore (Plain Bob Minor).

Tea was taken in the Littlebury Hall in Watford, where Mrs. Mayes, the vicar's wife, and Mrs. Mary Bartholomew had prepared the meal.

All awaited the judgment of Mr. Mayne on this - to most of the company - novel occasion. He explained in detail how he had set about his task; it was most interesting and lucid. The placings were: 1 Bushey, Bushey Heath-Stanmore, 3 Watford, with Aldenham and Rickmansworth a tie.

A cup, to be competed for annually, was presented by Mr. Rex Agg (president of the Hertford County Association) to Miss Anne Thompson, who received it on behalf of the Bushey band.

The venture was voted a great success and was concluded with an hour's ringing on the ten at St. Mary's. R. G. B.

Some of the tea hostesses photographed by the R.W. at the Ladies' Guild meeting at Leicester on June 27. In the group: Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Jelley, Mrs. Bramley, Ann Bramley, Shirley Preston, Dorothy Mason, G. Hare, Jill Bramley and Sandra Poyner, B. Morley and Mrs.

Staniforth.



LATE NOTICES

RIRTHS

JOHNSON. — To Frederick Neil and Susan (nee Chaddock), on June 28, at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, the gift of a daughter, a first grandchild for Elsie and Norman.

ROGERS. - To Janet and Robin, a daughter, Nicola (sister for Simon), born at Cantley, Norwich, on July 2, 1970.

TYLER — FENTON. — The marriage of John Tyler and Margaret Fenton took place at All Hallows' Church, South Cerney, Glos, on July 4,

NEW TELEPHONE

DREW.—Geoffrey and Shirley Drew are now 9222 on the 'phone-Bredon 646.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, July 18. Ringing arrangements: Wolston (4), 3.15-3.45 p.m.; Bilton (6), 3.30-4.30; Rugby (8), 6.15-7.45 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.-D. Mountford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Evening meeting, Leighton Bromswold, Sat., July 18. Bells (5) 6–8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.45 p.m. in the tower.-M. J. Dyer 9224

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - N.W. District. -Meeting will be held at Hatfield Heath (6), Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and ringing. -G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet,

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION · Chippenham Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Alderton, Sat., July 18. Bells (5) available from

Alderton, Sat., July 18. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea (bring your own picnic, please) 4.30. Service 6 p.m. at Shipton Moyne, followed by ringing (six bells). 9223 HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., July 18, at St. Peter's, St. Albans, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mrs. J. Dodds, 18 Sandfield Road, St. Albans, Herts.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 9229 9229

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD .- Melton District.—Full meeting at Great Dalby, Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Bonshor, White Cottage, Great Dalby, near Melton Mowbray, by July 16, please. -S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice meetings will be held at Arborfield on July 18 and Binfield on Aug. 15 from 6-9 p.m. 9221

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Culworth Branch. Meeting, Croughton, July 18. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to F. Chambers, Parkway Garage, Croughton (Tel.: Croughton 253). 9231 SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Joint meeting, Calne / Marlborough Branches at Calne, Sat., July 11. Names for tea to E. L. Buckeridge, West Hill, Calne, Witts.

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RINGERS' DIARY, 1971 To all Association and Guild secretaries.

Please send without delay your revised lists of Guild officers and dates of A.G.M.s and annual dinners, 1971, for insertion in the above which

must go to press shortly.

No reminders this year.

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St. Peter's, Derby, band won this year's Horsley Cup competition on June 6. Derby Cathedral were beaten into second place by half a point. Mr. H. Rook (Warsop) was the judge.

REMANDED ON BAIL

Mr. Andrew Stott, of Skipton, informs us that the three men accused of the theft of the three bells from Gargrave, Yorkshire (and reported in our columns), were remanded on bail of 50 each and one similar surety, and were also told to report daily to the police.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for July 6, 1945

The death was announced of Mrs. Robert Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey, who was a founder member of the Ladies' Guild and who had covered over 100,000 miles, with her husband, on a tandem and rung in 400 towers. Mr. and Mrs. Whittington were the first husband and wife to ring in a tower bell peal.

Mr. B. T. Jeanes (Bridgwater) wrote disagreeing with an opinion that it was a good thing for change-ringers to ring with stoney bands as the latter rang at a lower compass than the former.

The leading article gave advice to bands who might be contemplating augmentations and suggested that in many cases this could cause trouble by ruining the company or by excessive noise to the public around. It would be far better to overhaul the ring and maybe increase the weight rather than just add two trebles. Light rings of eight are not always effective and a light 12 are nearly always a failure.

W. Eric Critchley, Leslie Woodhead and Ernest Short rang their first peal of Major Plain Bob—at Campsall, Yorks.

At Epsom, Surrey, in a peal of Grandsire Triples, Elizabeth M. Pett and Richard F. B. Speed rang their first peal, whilst Philip M. J. Gray, Geoffrey Dodds and Denis N. Layton their first of Triples, the latter conducting his first peal.

A peal recorded as having been rung at St. Woolos', Newport, seemed to have been a "practical joke," although for no especial purpose. "One is apt to wonder how many more unbalanced people are in the ringing fraternity," wrote a correspondent.

A handbell peal at Enfield was Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and had 56 changes of method. The ringers: Eric Dench, Mrs. J. Thomas, John Thomas and Charles Roberts (conductor).

50 YEARS AGO

July 9, 1920

"... men in 6-bell towers should be encouraged to become proficient on higher numbers of bells, . . it should be recog-nised that eight-, ten- or 12-bell ringing is not the be-all and end-all of ringing.

Following a meeting of the London County Association touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung on Mr. A. D.

Barker's new set of handbells.

A list of 19 city churches threatened with closure was printed and gave details of the

A meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Midland District) was held at Erdington, between 30 and 40 attending. Mrs. Preston presided over the business meeting. The Western District held a meeting at Portbury, and it was the first time these bells had been rung by six ladies.

The first peal of Stedman on the bells of Samlesbury (Lancs) parish church was of especial interest as many previous attempts had been lost owing to the excessive noise

in the ringing chamber.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Royston was the first on the augmented eight. Wil-

liam B. Manning was the conductor.
A Northants "peal week" recorded four tower bell peals and one on handbells, E. M. Atkins conducting all except one of Double Norwich.

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

В	M	W	23456
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	-	2S	64235
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	-	-	46253
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	-	-	34256

Repeated twice.

Rung at Cox Green, Maidenhead, Berks, on May 11, 1970, conducted by C. I. Rowson.

5439 STEDMAN CATERS By C. W. WOOLLEY

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Reduced to 5007 by omitting bracketed bobs

in two parts.
Rung at Portsmouth Cathedral June 6, 1970.

1260 BOB TRIPLES D. WILLIAM WILLANS

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In	4ths	Н	23456
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Repeat five times.

1260 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES By WILLIAM WILLANS

23456

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-	(-)	35264
-	S	26345
-	S	34256

Repeat five times. Single for (-) in 3rd and 6th parts. Contains Queens, Tittums and Whittington's.

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

M	W	H	23456	
3 S *			52436 36425 62435 42356	

Twice repeated, omitting 3M in last part and substituting 2S at *.

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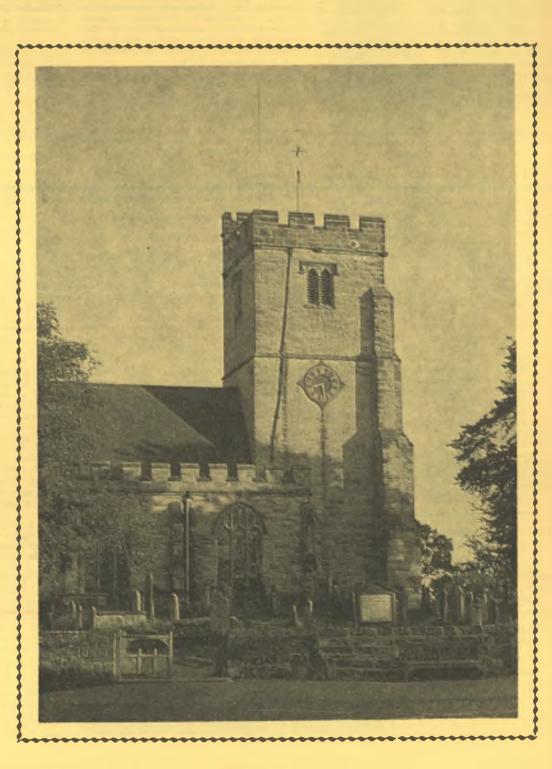
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St. Laurence, Hawkhurst, Kent

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St. Laurence. Hawkhurst. Kent

By STEPHEN P. PIPER

THIS CHURCH is built of local sandstone and there is some evidence of there having been a small church on this site in Saxon times. However, the earliest reference to the church in records is c. 1100.

The church was considerably enlarged in the mid-14th century and various changes were made in the Perpendicular style in the mid-15th century.

A WAR VICTIM

In August, 1944, a German VI bomb fell in the churchyard, grievously damaging the church. Most of the tiles were blown off and the windows blown in. Helped by the woodworm-ravaged state of the roof timbers, part of the roof collapsed. Fortunately the tower and bells were undamaged and the latter were still rung although no services were held.

Through the generosity of the parish, aided by a grant of £40,000, the church was repaired at a cost of £53,000 and was reconsecrated in 1957.

The great east window is noted for its beautiful tracery which forms a curvilinear design of "Decorated Style," c. 1350, and has been described as one of the finest pieces of this architecture in the country.

THE BELLS

Looking now to the bells, the earliest bell of which we have founders' records is dated 1612, but it would seem that there were at least two bells hung for church service as early as the mid-14th century; seven items on record point to this. There are various charges for work on the bells, also dated A.D. 1551: "Paid to Glazier for mending of the bell-house window 13/4.

The ring (E flat) is made up as follows:-

Treble. — 6-1-25. Cast 1847 by J. & G. Mears. Inscr.: Holiness unto the Lord Second. — 6-3-27. Cast 1847 by J. & G. econd. — 6-3-27. Cast 1847 by J. & G. Mears. Inscr.: Holiness unto the Lord Third -7-0-25. Cast 1734 by R. Phelps.

Instr.: Richard Phelps made me.
Fourth.—8-1-8. Cast 1633 by J. Wilmer.
Instr.: John Wilmer made me.
Fifth.—9-2-14. Cast 1613 by J. Hatch.

Inscr.: Joseph Hatch made me. Recast

1904 by Mears & Stainbank.
Sixth.—11-1-16. Cast 1617 by J. Hatch.
Inscr.: Joseph Hatch made me.
Seventh.—15-1-17. Cast 1612 by J. Hatch.

Inscr.: Joseph Hatch made me. Recast 1847 by J. & G. Mears.
Tenor.—23-0-19. Cast 1824 by T. Mears.
Inscr.: Thomas Mears made me.

There is also a small undated sanctus or passing bell, known locally as the (its name implies its dull sound).

It is believed that when the two trebles were added, given by the vicar in 1847, the hostelry across the road had to change its name from The Six Bells to The Eight Bells.

The fifth in the present ring was recast and the bells rehung in a new frame in 1904. Then in 1965 the bells were again ouarter turned and rehung on ball bearings, together with other minor work.

The tower was once affiliated to the Hastings Guild, but as our membership increased in strength the Guild was renamed as the Hawkhurst and District Guild. This flourished for many years with regular meetings, but due to lack of interest the Guild has waned rather.

As for the ringers, the younger element in the belfry has grown in the last few years and the junior membership is now approaching that of the senior ringers. The regular band now numbers about 15.

I will finish with a verse by an irate local professor, whose studies, he claimed, were disturbed by the bells many years ago.

Disturbers of the human peace, Whose chimes are always ringing;

I wish the ropes were round your necks, And you were from them swinging.

ST. NEOTS WIN AGAIN

In the Huntingdon District striking competition held recently at Holywell, near St. Ives, St. Neots ringers, who make a habit of collecting ringing trophies, yet again won for the third year in succession (and the fourth in the five-year history of the competition). The trophy now rests alongside the Diocesan trophy they won last year (for the second time in three years).

The team was: Treble Phillip S. George, 2 Timothy W. Griffiths, 3 Ian P. Sawford, 4 William A R Chamberlain, 5 Christopher D. Corby, tenor George E. Bonham (captain and conductor). The band rang 240 St. Clements Bob Minor, and their captain was The judges pleased with the team's efforts. were from Bedfordshire, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire, and a good omen for the future was the many youngsters taking part in the competition.

The placings were: St. Neots (A) 137 faults; All Saints', Huntingdon 181; Kimbolton 203; Eynesbury 226; St. Neots (B)

Staying at the same hotel at likley for the C.C. meeting were (back row) Cyril Wratten, Peter Wycherley and Frank Reynolds; (front row) Mrs. Reynolds, Leslie Barry, Mrs. Wycherley. [R.W. photo.



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Suffolk Guild STRIKING COMPETITION

A musical Gillett six, a lovely summer's day in the heart of Constable country, Higham (St. Mary) was the wise choice for this year's striking competition.

The three judges, no mean exponents of good striking and particular authorities on 6-bell ringing, were Joe Roast, Pat Saltmarsh and Dennis Symonds, and they commented on the general good standard of the afternoon's ringing.

A competition seems to have the right blend of challenge and festivity, and this year was no exception. Eleven teams entered, the ringing master (Howard Egglestone) expressing a wish that where possible these should be Sunday service bands. There is always a little apprehension when a team has won the shield for two consecutive years as Bramford had done. "Can they do it a third time?" (and if so, do they keep the shield?). Bramford must certainly have started hot favourites, with probably Grundisburgh and Lavenham well in the running.

Well, as we all know, anything can happen under the tense moments of competition, which all adds to the spice of the event. It did! But early on Lavenham set such a splendid standard that it was hard to imagine their being beaten, and it was indeed a happy Lavenham team that heard the declaration of being winners.

After the service a really top-class homemade tea by the Stratford and Higham ladies was enjoyed and the judges were introduced, Pat Saltmarsh their spokesman.

Results were as follows: 1 Lavenham (35 faults), 2 Bramford "A" (42), 3 Grundisburgh (47), 4 Central District (73), 5 Henley (74), 6 Clare (78) 7 Horringer (83), 8 Central District (98), 9 South East District (113), 10 Bramford "B" (128), 11 Rougham

After presenting the shield to the Lavenham captain, Maurice Symonds, the vicar, Rev. J. H. H. Griffin, placed Higham and Stratford St. Mary bells at our disposal until 9 p.m. G. W. P. Oxford Guild Festival

MISS CROSS RETIRES AS SECRETARY

APPRECIATION CHEQUE OF £125

A change in procedure of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was the holding of the annual meeting at the Church Centre, Bicester, on June 27. The autumn meeting is to be held at Christ Church, Oxford. The occasion marked the retirement of Miss Marie R. Cross as hon. secretary, an office she has held for 13 years. Her successor is Mr. W. Butler, of Thatcham.

The Guild showed its appreciation of Miss Cross's work with a cheque for £125. The presentation was made by the master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) who was supported by the deputy master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker).

The master said he had known Miss Cross longer than most people as he first met her at High Wycombe in 1932, and they had been working together in Guild affairs ever since. The Guild desired to express its gratitude to her for her work and enthusiasm, so willingly given, during the past 13 years as hon. secretary and to offer good wishes to her for the future. Many towers and individual members had contributed to this little gift which amounted to £125 and they hoped Miss Cross would find some suitable use for it.

Thanking the Guild for the cheque, Miss

Thanking the Guild for the cheque, Miss Cross said she heard that something was in the wind, but this had not come from the

girls in her own tower.

GREAT COMRADESHIP

She was appointed general secretary 13 years ago after a period as hon. librarian of the Guild and a branch secretary. The thing that stood out during that period was the great comradeship of the members and its officers, something they had not always seen in the past. That did not mean that there had not been differences, but when once a decision was taken that divergence of opinion was forgotten, and the members proceeded in a true bond of partnership.

Another thing was the devotion of the officers both at branch and Guild level. In two years time she would have been a member for 50 years and only once could she recall when the Guild had to step in and help out a branch. She asked the members to let Mr. Butler develop the Guild as a living body in the way he

thought it should.

THREE SUGGESTIONS

There were three suggestions she would like to make regarding the office of secretary. The first was that he should have a float of say £20 for expenses and not have to wait to the end of the year before claiming from the treasurer. In these days only 60 circulars could be sent through the post for £1. When she was appointed it was 240. The second was the provision of a duplicator. It cost £27 to duplicate the rules. The third was that the certificates of membership should be prepared by someone else other than the secretary. (The election of 322 new members was ratified at the meeting.)

at the meeting.)

Concluding, Miss Cross thanked the officers and members for all they had done for her. She had received an invitation to visit the States next year, and she would like to spend the money on that visit. "I wish the Guild well," said Miss Cross and received tremendous applause when she sat down,

The master in his welcome to the gathering, mentioned Mr. Jim Marriott of Launton, who was 86 last Easter Day and rang three 720s, a marvellous effort for a man of his age. The bells of Stanford-in-the-Vale (formerly St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford) would be dedicated on Sunday, July 12, by the Bishop of Oxford. The service was at 6 p.m. and ringing would follow until 9 p.m.

AUGMENTATION

Mr. Brian Eastwood presented the report of the sub-committee regarding funds for augmentations. They recommended: (1) that the restoration fund be used to provide the funds for augmentations. (2) The alteration of new rule 11b to read, "the fund shall be used for the purpose of making grants towards the restoration and augmentation of bells or their gear (excluding ropes) within the. Diocese and for such purposes only." (3) P.C.C.s should be recircularised giving details of the restoration and augmentation fund and if the Guild was agreeable to this, the committee would undertake the necessary work involved.

The only opinion against the proposal came from the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) who maintained that the £800 in the restoration fund from the Jenkyn bequest could only be used for restoration

work

Mr. W. Butler, who had inspected the wills of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and his wife, maintained that this procedure was in order. The sub-committee's recommendations were then adopted.

REPORTS ACCEPTED

The officers' reports as printed were accepted and from these the following points were made.

The master's: The ringing of quarter peals had much to commend it. A quarter peal was long enough to provide excellent practice in striking and not so long as to tax the patience of nearby householders. He called attention to the notable achievement of the South Oxon Branch in ringing a quarter peal in each tower in the branch to mark the end of the decade and ten years of progress in the branch. Fifty-four ringers were involved in ringing these 20 quarters out of a branch membership of 84 and 31 "firsts" were achieved. A notable innovation was the holding of a ringing festival in the Chipping Norton Branch and ringing the bells in the 14 towers on the same day.

Deputy master's: Inspected and reported on the condition of bells, their gear and towers in 20 churches in the diocese during the year. He was revising The Church Bells of Berkshire, which was being reprinted.

Hon. general secretary's: During 1968-69 235 new members were elected and certificates issued, yet membership had fallen from 1,735 to 1,715. The obituary list was



MR. W. BUTLER, newly-elected hon. secretary.

very long and included Mr. R. J. F. Gilling, J.P., secretary of the Vale of White Horse branch from 1945 to 1954; Mr. G. Hearns, Checkendon, who saw the augmentation of the bells brought to fruition. Mrs. E. D. Catherall (nee Blencowe), of St. Laurence's, Reading; Mr. B. D. Costar (Standlake); Mr. M. Rosier (Peasemore), Mr. A. Burton (Twyford). These are those of whom the preacher wrote in Ecclesiastes—people whose loyalty and devoted service to their parishes will be their memorial. Peals had dropped from the record number of 212 achieved in 1967 to 137 in 1968 and 151 in 1969. Mr. A. R. Pink and his band added nine new methods in 1968–69 to the Guild's list of firsts.

Hon. general treasurer's: The general funds of the guild amount to £2,369, of which £1,936 was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £44 2s. had been received from P.C.C.'s The St. Peter-in-the-East Fund had reached a total of £245 16s. 2d. After meeting expenses, the balance of £165 had been paid to the Church of St. Denys, Stanford-in-the-Vale, to help meet the cost of installing the bells.

The hon. librarian offers a supply of attractive books and pamphlets for a display table for any tower holding an open evening or for any member giving a talk.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Canon C. Elliot Wigg was elected master and Mr. Frederick Sharpe deputy master. Mr. A. D. Barker was elected hon. treasurer, Rev. E. Wood librarian, and Mr. P. Walker editor of the report. Messrs. H. Oglesby and J. Baldwin were re-elected stewards, and Miss Cross's offer to serve in this capacity was gladly accepted. To the general committee were elected Mrs. A. D. Barker, Miss D. Fletcher, Miss D. J. Pollard, Messrs. A. Diserens, P. Walker and F. A. White. In recognition of her long service to the guild Mrs. A. D. Barker was elected a vice-president.

NEW SECRETARY

A ballot took place for the hon, secretaryship and Mr. W. Butler (Thatcham) was (Continued overleaf) Ilkley, May 26, 1970

CENTRAL COUNCIL **DELIBERATIONS**

SECTION VI

Continuing the discussion and acceptance of the reports of various committees (Item 10), the Sunday Service and Education Committee convener, Mr. N. Chaddock, spoke of the making of a gramophone record, illustrating good striking on 5, 6, 8 and 10 bells. He gave the costs involved in its production as up to £124 for 99 discs the number necessary to avoid paying purchase tax. He suggested the cost would be 35s. each record and that the ringers who had helped in the making of the record should be given a free disc. might be a profit of £20, but this was doubtful. When possible it was intended to advertise it in the R.W. so that individuals and towers could order the record.

Mr. Speed said 99 records were not many and asked what would be the purchase tax if another pressing were made.

Mr. Chaddock replied that 99 was the original number agreed, and the churches concerned granted the use of their bells on the understanding it was a non-profit mak-ing business. If more discs were cut it would be necessary to have the further approval of the churches involved.

Mr. C. Pipe asked who chose the bells

to be recorded and why.

Mr. Chaddock answered that it was the towers with attractive bells and which were available for recording on Sunday after-

The Council approved the necessary expenditure for the record.

SUNDAY SERVICE SURVEY?

On the educational side of the report Mr. Butler pointed out that there was no report from the southern part of the country. He suggested courses should be arranged for tower captains and also a possible Sunday service ringing survey organised.

Mr. Davis asked if the record to be made would be suitable for broadcasting, and if so would it be construed as the Central Council encouraging it for service use.

After Mr. Chaddock had replied that it was not suitable for broadcasting, the Rev. St. John Smith suggested that for theological colleges the Guild of Clerical Ringers might liaise with the committee.

The Inveraray bells restoration was mentioned and Rev. J. Scott testified to the work and co-operation between Mr. Chaddock and his team and Mrs. Noble, who

was behind the project.

Among other suggestions made were a prize for film making, that articles on rope splicing be included in future issues of the committee's publication and that Mr. Butler be added to the committee, he to undertake the Sunday service survey.

Following agreement to this, and that Mr. Chaddock would consider the suggestions made, the report was approved.

PEALS ANALYSIS

Two points brought forward from this report were the peal of Erin Caters on the nine bells at Basingstoke and the peal of

Minor, with a cover, at Sawston, Cambs. Canon Felstead said he hoped the peal of Erin Caters would be accepted, and when Mr. Warwick asked if the musical implications had been considered he replied

that they had. a very full measure during her 13 years as secretary. When he joined the guild everything was much simpler. Life today was far more organised in order that they could carry on and it was the same with the guild. They should think of those responsible for

this organisation, and especially at this time

for Miss Cross's successor, and pray for him.

Miss Mary Cross (photographed by Miss Terry Riggs) with Mr. Tom White.

The song that nerves a nation's heart is ALERED TENNYSON. in itself a deed.

Mr. R. Savory (master of the Guild of which Basingstoke is part) said he had taken part in the peal himself and it was quite musical. He also hoped the peal would be accepted by the Council.

Mr. Crossthwaite said that the Winchester peal had not been accepted and asked if the convener had included the peal of

Minor at Sawston. Mr. Ayre replied that it had not been

printed in the R.W. peal columns, there-fore it was not in the analysis.

The chairman asked why the band had rung Erin Caters at Basingstoke, to which Mr. Savory replied that the local ringers

wanted to ring a peal in their own tower. Mr. Savory proposed and Mr. Blagrove seconded that the Erin Caters be included, and this was agreed, four voting against the motion.

Mr. F. E. Collins asked if this would legalise all other 9-bell peals at Basingstoke

and received a negative reply.

Mr. C. Crossthwaite proposed that the peal of Minor with cover at Sawston which had five first pealers in it and which was rung to celebrate the Prince of Wales' 21st birthday (on the anniversary of a peal rung on the day of his birth) be accepted. Mr. Peacock seconded and this also was carried, six voting against.

Mr. Dodds asked for the exclusion of the peal of Spliced Major rung for the Herts Association as it was false, and Mr. Threlfall asked the convener to bring doubtful peals to the Council to decide on

acceptance or otherwise.

Mr. Ayre replied that he had been let down too many times in the past.

Mr. Mew asked whether long lengths which were not accepted as records qualified as peals, and Mr. Lufkin said that the committee must work to rules and not offer opinions.

Mr. Corby expressed the sympathy of all on the withdrawal of the multi-Maximus effort, which was an outstanding performance but had been proved false.

The report was adopted. (To be continued)

Derby Diocesan Association.

The results of the final at Horsley on June 6th are as follows:—1 St. Peter's, Derby (Oxford T.B.) 207 points; 2 Derby Cathedral (Cambridge) 206; 3 Sawley (Little Bob) 177; 4 Chesterfield (Grandsire Doubles) 174; 5 Stanton-by-Dale (Cambridge) 159; 6 Sandiacre (Oxford T.B.) 156; 7 Breadsall (Bob Doubles) 143; 8 Old Whittington (Cambridge) (fired out). Judge,

earlier in the year, in which 21 teams com-

This is the first time that St. Peter's have won the cup; on several previous occasions they have been narrowly beaten into second place by the Cathedral. The favourites, Old Whittington, delighted listeners by firing out, just as they did in 1969.

The same scoring system was used as in previous years: 200 changes rung being marked with a maximum of one fault, the score being obtained by subtracting the number of faults from 240 and adding a bonus of 2½ per cent. for Doubles, 5 per cent. for Plain Minor, 7½ per cent. for Treble Bob Minor, and no bonus for call changes. The bonus system has only a marginal effect on the results-it has never changed the winning team-but provides an incentive towards more advanced ringing. D. J. M.

(Oxford Guild continued)

elected; Mr. A. J. Rance (Easthampstead) was the other candidate. In thanking the members for their confidence in him, Mr. Butler promised to do his best.

Mr. Rance congratulated Mr. Butler on his election.

Regarding the report, Mr. Walker said it had been agreed to print a report each year. He suggested to the meeting certain deletions, which were accepted.

Mr. A. Diserens proposed that a contribution of £5 5s. be made to The Ringing World. Thanking the guild, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson said that the increase in costs of printing and paper would present difficulties for the committee. He called attention to the ringing feature by the B.B.C. on August 2 at 6.15 p.m.

vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. C. Kinch, who was responsible for the arrangements for the meeting, and incumbents and steeplekeepers of towers.

1885 MEETING RECALLED

The service in St. Edburg's Church followed tea and was conducted by the rector, Canon W. H. Treble. The deputy mas-ter read the lesson and the address was given by the master, who said that on June 6, 1885, the fifth annual meeting of the Oxford Guild was held in that church, and the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, captain of Keble College, Oxford, came and preached the sermon. He took as his text St. Luke xii, 48: "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask for more."

The master applied his text to Miss Cross, who, he said, had been a good servant of the church and the guild. They had expected much of her and she had given them HORSLEY CUP CONTEST, 1970

H. Rooke. The entrants were the winners and run-ners-up of the four district contests held

York Colleges Guild ACTIVITIES OF THE INAUGURAL **TERMS**

Many ringing students coming to York in past years have been disappointed to find the absence of any ringing society attached to the University and St. John's College, and with this in mind a group got together to make a determined effort to start what it is hoped will grow into a flourishing

organisation.

The immediate problem was the acquisition of a tower to use as a base. Over the past 50 years York has lost six rings of bells, and now there are only two in the city, one of these the Minster (13, 59 cwt.). The alternative is the Arts Centre (formerly St. John's, Micklegate) (6, 9 cwt.), which is somewhat peculiar. Before ringing, tables and stools have to be moved as ringing takes place in part of the licensed bar. Tim Haunton, the manager, readily agreed for us to use the bells, but evening ringing was out. During these hours the sanctity of the ringing chamber is given over to revellers (wine, women, and no doubt the occasional song!).

Our first meeting was in January and the rest of the spring term saw ringing on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. Twice a month the Guild rang for Evensong at Huntington, at a tower three miles out of York, and the term finished with a very successful ringing tour to six towers in and

around the Vale of Pickering.

The summer term saw the Guild moving in wider circles. Due to a festival, the Arts Centre has been unavailable for the whole of the second half of the term, but ringing took place regularly on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons. The Dean of York gave permission for the Guild to ring the Minster bells for Evensong on two occasions. Huntington was visited on occasional Sunday afternoons and on three occasions Wednesday afternoon outings to Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Nunburnholme and Whixley proved popular.

In two terms the Guild has rung together on 30 occasions, ringing being varied and two quarter peals being achieved, whilst a peal of Cambridge Minor was also at-

tempted but lost.

Numbers are small, and our sincere thanks to all who have given help, without whom much of what has been achieved would not have been possible. Thanks also to Tim Haunton, who has made the Arts Centre available.

With this behind us we look to the future. Fortunately we are not losing any who began the venture, and the beginning of a new academic year will (we hope) bring us recruits in abundance. We eagerly await their arrival.

DAVID E. POTTER.

St. John's College, York.

DEFINITIONS REWRITTEN

Acquaintance (noun), one with whom you have rung for three hours and don't know his name until the report is published in The Ringing World.

Conscientious (adi.), said of a ringer who, when unable to come himself, sends a substitute who is a better ringer than himself.

Little minds are too much wounded by little things; great minds see all and are not even hurt.

FRANCOIS DE LA ROCHEFOUCAULD.

Obituary

MR. J. W. FAITHFULL

St. Mary's Church, Southampton, has lost a devoted servant by the death in a Hampshire hospital of Mr. John Walter Faithfull, aged 72 years, on June 23. His service embraced 50 years in the capacities of chorister, ringer, sidesman and church councillor, but his love was the "Bells of St. Mary's" and ringing. He was captain of the ringers for more than 30 years until his stroke in 1961.

Born on November 26, 1897, he joined the ringers of St. Mary's in 1915 and, like many of his contemporaries, was called up for military service, during which he lost his left arm. Despite his loss he returned to St. Mary's, and in October, 1920, rang his first peal at North Stoneham — Bob Major, conducted by Mr. George Williams, who was his tutor and rang in every one of his first 55 peals.

His ringing friends were too numerous to mention, but notable was his friendship with Mr. George Pullinger, who lost his right arm during World War I. Together with Harry Balaam, the third one-armed ringer of that era, they took part in a peal of Bob Major at East Tytherley on September 18, 1935, conducted by George Williams

A memorable day in John's life was September 19, 1934, when he conducted his first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, the first peal on the bells after they had been augmented to ten by the gift of two trustees through the Barron Bell Trust in January.

It was a sad day in 1941 when the church and bells were destroyed by enemy action, but with a thankful heart he rejoiced in 1948 when the bells, recast and rehung by Taylors, were rededicated. The first peal on the new bells—treble ten on July 28, 1948—was conducted by C. H. Kippin. John and his son. Roy, stood in the peal, which was rung on one of the hottest days known. with the temperature in the 90s.

The Faithfulls still carry on the ringing at St. Mary's. Roy met his wife, Betty, when she was a pupil of his father. They have now left Southampton. Another brother, John R. Faithfull, remains and became captain of ringers, but suffered a tragic accident when returning from a ringing outing in June, 1965. Ringing with him in the belfry are his wife, Margaret, and his children, Paul and Karen.

The funeral service at St. Mary's Church. Southampton, on June 26, was conducted by Rev. D. J. L. Agassey and the lesson was read by a ringing friend of long standing, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Rural Dean Southampton.

The bells were rung half-muffled by a representative band, which included Mr. M. Butler (captain of St. Mary's), Mr. R. Savory, Mr. A. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Miss Joy Butler, Mr. J. Hartless, Mr. and Mrs. K. Croft and Mr. W. Croft.

BILL HOOKWAY-An Appreciation

My first meeting with Bill Hookway was in 1953 when, with two of his distant relatives, Jack and Jim Phillips, of St. Paul's Cathedral, I went to ring "Scientific" at West Down, a village in those days where "method" ringers feared to tread unless with a "cast iron" band. Seated in a corner of the tower on our arrival was this rather fierce-looking and very critical man, who scared us even before we started. After we had completed a very presentable 120

of Stedman he vehemently criticised it as being too fast altogether, and next time to ring it slower! Quite naturally, I wondered what right he had to criticise ringing of which he knew nothing! How wrong I was.

Bill had learnt "method" at the age of 14 at Ilfracombe and in 1918 had rung a peal at St. Mary's, Southampton, to celebrate the end of the war. He was particularly proud of his membership certificate to the Devon Guild and never tired of telling me that he had gained it by ringing 120 of Doubles on an inside bell, not on the treble "like you gained yours, my lad"!

Over the years he helped the incomparable West Down band to win many competitions, often ringing any bell from 2nd to tenor-a most unusual feat. Call-change ringers always ring the same bell for competitions. In 1965 he retired completely from the ringing scene, refusing the many pleas to judge competitions all over the county. He would have been absolutely fair and first-class as a judge but, as he said, "West Down enter most competitions, and as my son, Ivor, two nephews, Mervyn and Les Phillips, and son-in-law, Len Smale, still ring, I might be accused of favouritism!"

For his ready help, kindly and constructive criticism, Bill will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.

THE REV. W. F. G. MITCHELL

Following an illness which lasted 12 months, the Rev. William F. G. Mitchell, former rector of Wymondham, Norfolk, died recently at the age of 59. During his ministry he served at Chelmsford Cathedral, During his as a naval chaplain, prison chaplain at Parkhurst, Isle of Wight, and then at Wymondham, and was extremely popular and was referred to by the rector of Saxby at the funeral service as a gentle, courageous and dedicated man, and the large congregation from the surrounding neighbourhood testified to the affection in which he was held. The committal was at Loughborough, Leics.

Only a few months before his death he was married at St. Mary's, Melton, Leics, and it was then thought he was on his way to complete recovery of health.

On the evening of the funeral a quarter peal, half-muffled, was rung on the parish church bells.

Bath and Wells Association.

DUNSTER DEANERY

The summer quarterly meeting of the Dunster Deanery was held on June 13 at All Saints', Selworthy, where the bells are always a joy to ring. The glorious weather and the superb setting of Selworthy left nothing more to make a perfect day. Only 18 ringers attended, the smallest number for many years. The service touch was All Saints Doubles, and the Rev. J. F. W. M. Bowen took the service, when the lessons were read by the tower captain (Mr. F. Arscott) and the ringing master (Mr. W. Nurcombe).

In the Rectory garden there were two tables laid out for tea, and at the business meeting a vote of thanks to the ladies was accorded. Three new members received certificates and were welcomed to the branch. It was announced that learners' practices had been stopped for the summer but were to start again in the autumn. Branch practices and the autumn quarterly meeting were arranged. Ringing continued until 9 p.m., including some beautiful call changes by ringers from Devon. P. G. T.

Letters

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to comment on Mr. G. W. Pipe's letter (page 494) concerning certain aspects of the Ilkley Central Council meeting and state a few facts which Mr. Pipe omitted from his

At Ilkley the Council experienced one of the rare occasions when it was necessary, to comply with certain rules, for the representatives to indicate their acceptance (or otherwise) of a peal which did not comply to the letter with the general regulations governing such performances. I refer to the nine-bell peal rung at Basingstoke last year. Such performances must have separate consideration by the Council. If it considers there are good reasons for the peal not complying entirely with the general regulations it can accept the peal.

At All Saints', Basingstoke, there are special circumstances, as this tower contains only nine bells and all are in a true diatonic scale, equivalent to the back nine of a ring

of ten.

Mr. Pipe writes, erroneously I consider, that the matter of the Basingstoke peal was not satisfactorily resolved at Ilkley. missed that part of the proceedings I would inform him that the Council did vote on the proposition, as it was bound to do, and to use Mr. Pipe's own words—"by a majority vote in Council which represents the Exercise" the peal was accepted.

Regarding the "fiction" which Mr. Pipe

has written about the passive submission of the Peals Analysis Committee to "persistent outside pressures," nothing could be farther from the truth. It was a member of this committee who first rose to ask the Council's acceptance of the Basingstoke peal and I gave my support to that request

The acceptance of a peal rung at Sawston is different. Sawston has an eight-bell tower and so should have peals rung on all eight. All Saints'. Basingstoke, is a nine-bell tower and should be allowed to have peals rung on all nine. To talk about ringing the back 11 at Winchester to Cinques is ridiculous, and to suggest that the Council would accept such peals is, in my opinion, an insult to their intelligence. And what intelligence has to do with a university education I fail to comprehend.

The Council, I feel certain, will not per-"opening of floodgates" tolerate bulldozers for peals of 4999 changes. Some will recall the cold reception given to a suggestion for lowering peal lengths from a minimum of 5000 to 4000 changes.

It is a pity many good points raised in Mr. Pine's letter got lost amid accompanying hysterics.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER SAVORY.

Fawley, Southampton.

SUNDAY SERVICE EFFORTS

Dear Sir,-What a delightful treat! (See Ringing World, page 476.) Hats off to the ringers at Waltham Abbey, Essex. I am one of the ringers at St. Catherine's, Hats off to Montacute, Somerset—a village directly linked via the legend of the "Black Shining Cross" with Waltham Abbev. I read, more than once, "For Matins," "For Evensong."
Surely these are true "Sunday Service" ringers and their best efforts are tributes to Him—which is as it should be.—Yours faith-

M. M. LEGGET (Mrs.).

West Coker, Somerset.

BLIND JACK METCALFE

Dear Sir,-Bells lend themselves to many unusual uses and it may interest your readers to learn of the strange way Blind Jack Metcalf, of Knaresborough, used handbells to help him win a race.

Jack had overheard two men deciding to race their horses. He was interested in sport and was a very good rider despite being blind, so he joined in. They decided on a circular track, one mile in circumference and each man had to ride his own horse three times round the track.

Most of the wagers were against Jack, for being blind everyone thought he would find

difficulty in negotiating the track.

On the eve of the race Jack gathered together 10 or 12 of his friends and equipped them each with a handbell borrowed from the local guild of handbell ringers.

Just before the start the men spread out round the edge of the course in order of pitch, the lowest nearest the starting post. As the shout of "Off!" went up from the starter, the first ringer, some 150 yards down the course, started ringing wildly. Jack then "homed in" on the sound, and as he passed the first ringer the next one started. this way Jack made his horse keep to the track and finished ahead of the others, who had been somewhat troubled by the noise.

This event occurred about 1738, when Jack was 21, and is typical of the way he used his ingenuity and skill to overcome his

blindness.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL SMITH. Beverley, Yorkshire.

GOSPEL OAK

Dear Sir,-I do thank my old friend Reg Newman for remembering me at St. Marthis, Gospel Oak, over 40 years ago. I shall always remember with gratitude the warm, friendly welcome we always got at St. Martin's. It was a privilege to ring with the fine ringers mentioned. I, too, wish Mr. Knight every success in getting this fine six going again.—Yours faithfully, REG V. JOHNSON.

Cuckfield, Sussex.

ST. STEPHEN'S, CLAPHAM PARK

Dear Sir,—I was very sorry to learn that my article on St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, has caused offence to Nigel Thomson and his local ringers. Perhaps it may be some consolation to him that the views I expressed were only personal opinions, to which everyone is entitled. No doubt any-one else sufficiently interested would already have drawn their own conclusions about the church building and its history.

One inexcusable omission in the article was a reference to the magnificent work by Nigel and his band in keeping the bells going over the last few years. I am sure that without their effort and enthusiasm these lovely bells would long ago have become silent. Perhaps in the near future the band will "adopt" another of the many forgotten London towers. In any case, London ringers owe them a good deal.

I look forward with great interest to reading more about the history of Clapham Park bells.—Yours faithfully,
JOHN PLADDYS.

London, S.E.

Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark. So may there be no sadness of farewell When I embark. From that dark bourne of time and space The flood shall bear me far. I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crossed the bar.—Tennyson.

ILKLEY, 1970

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to read in your report of the Central Council's deliberations on the recommendations of the joint committee on revision of decisions (July 3) that "three-quarters of those present, not understanding the technicalities or implications, did not vote, it being obvious that many had no notion of what was being debated." I hope I am not alone in think-ing that reports of Central Council meetings should be objective accounts of what took place, and free from editorial interpretation of members' reasons for voting or failing to vote

I was even more astonished to find no mention of the effect of the abolition of the decision on regular methods. As Dr. Roaf and I pointed out at the meeting, there is now no decision which requires that a bell moves only one place up or down at a time. Decision A1, which defines a method by the places made between successive rows in the plain course, does not prevent "jumping places": if, for example, seconds and thirds places are made between rows, the bells in firsts and fourths places would exchange positions. Whatever one's views on the desirability of this situation, it is most important that ringers should not be left in ignorance of what the Council has decided.

The committee was put in some embarrassment at the meeting on this point. am sorry about this, but, as I have already explained to Mr. Sibson, neither Dr. Roaf nor I had realised the implications of abolishing the decision on regular methods until the meeting itself.—Yours faithfully, JOHN CAMP.

Oxford.

NOT SIMPSON OR HEMONY

How right your correspondent, W. Box (on page 434 of The Ringing World), is in saying that "no English bells were in tune with themselves or anything else for that matter," or rather if they were in tune it was more by accident than judgment. However, he is slightly in error when he says the Hemonys first produced scientifically tuned bells. I have always understood that they were the men with the commercial ability who put into practice the findings of their predecessor, Pieter van den Gehye. Neither van den Gehye nor Hemony bells can be said to be the "equal by and large of modern bells." Anybody listening to even a recording of Hemony's bells will hear how poor are the bass bells and ex-cruciatingly out of tune are the treble bells. Ringers owe the present-day tonal beauty of bells not to Canon Simpson or the Hemonys. Present-day tuning was developed first in the Taylor foundry at Loughborough quite without any knowledge of the Hemonys. Canon Simpson encountered the Taylors at a stage where they had already almost reached complete success, and his part in the discovery was one of encouragement and confirmation. Taylors have always called the modern system of tuning the "Taylor true-harmonic principle," and such it indeed is. This system has gradually been taken over in part by other founders, who for obvious commercial reasons could not continue to use its true name, "The Taylor true-haruse its true name, "The Taylor true-har-monic Principle." Hence Gillett and Johnston's use of the phrase "Simpson 5-Tone Principle," which has ever since caused such confusion and diverted from the Taylor family their true position as the discoverers and developers of the modern true-harmonic system of tuning.

RINGING IS ALIVE AND DOING WELL IN OUEBEC

Members of the North American Guild of Change Ringers had been looking forward all year to the spring meeting in Quebec, ably organised by Bill Jackson. To our immense joy two towers had been located in this one city—a unique abun-

dance for this side!

In February Bill Jackson attended a business conference in Quebec, and it "just happened" that between meetings he was able to contact local ringers and authorities, investigate the state of the bells, arrange for permission to ring at both towers along with free accommodation at the church hall—no small task! The week-end of May 29-31 was chosen since it was thought to be the American Memorial Day week-end—unfortunately our Canadian friends had underestimated the American system, for we celebrate no less than four different "memorial days," depending upon one's home State.

Despite this complexity, the turnout for the week-end was good—23 attended of whom 18 were ringers, travelling from Washington D.C. (782 miles!) from States along the east coast, from Toronto. were joined and very warmly received by the local band at the Anglican Cathedral, under the direction of Christopher Wilson. This band is coming along very nicely, although there are no local, experienced ringers. Unfortunately there is no band at the second tower, St. Matthew's, and we wished that we had had more time to stir up interest and to instruct beginners.

An advance party, composed of John Owen and David Ingram, arrived early on Friday to go to work with a spanner, a few ropes and some oil. Soon others were popping into the foreign-flavoured city, and luckily, as we were hesitatingly phrasing "Ou est la Cathedrale?", some more familiar accents were heard coming around the narrow street, thus beginning the happy

We all bounced out of bed early on Saturday, or, that is, "bounced" off the floor, to put in a bit more work before the general ringing at the Cathedral began at 10.30.
Once we remembered to give a bit of a Once we remembered to give a bit of a pull, the bells went well (a Mears 8 with 16 cwt. tenor in F). After two hours of general ringing and a bit of lunch we turned to the St. Matthew's bells; their lovely mellow tone made up for the universe of the state of the st expected jumps in the ropes and the bare light bulb dangling in the centre of the

ringing chamber, making a dodge with the person opposite a bit dazzling. These bells were cast by Warner's and are of unknown weight, certainly a bit more than the 8 cwt. reported in "Dove's."! The local inhabitants seemed to enjoy our music although the bells are exceedingly loud in the street. At one point, when the bells were set up, an elderly lady rushed up, full of concern that the bells had stopped. "Oh, you must ring more!" We received some exclamations in French which then became, "You enjoy yourself? Good, good." We then asked our listener if he enjoyed our bells. "Oh yes, I enjoy. I like. Very good!"

At 3 p.m. a peal attempt began at the Cathedral. When the rest of us finished at St. Matthew's we thoroughly enjoyed walking back into the old city, listening to the bells pealing away so well. We found an outdoor cafe within earshot and sat in the sun, sipping some liquid refreshment-what could be more delightful?—until the bells stopped. Upon hearing that two bells had been swapped over, a local church member asked in great consternation, "Oh, dear, you mean they got their ropes tangled?"

However, soon, to make amends, handbells were tapping away a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, successfully com-pleted by Bill Jackson, Derek Sawyer, Rick Dirksen and John Owen. At the end Rick was asked if he had rung much Kent on handbells. "No, that was my first touch"! We were then treated to a very nice supper by the members of the Cathedral Guild, and we very much enjoyed the relaxed evening, talking away, ringing handbells (even some tunes).

On Sunday we were soon up for service ringing at both churches. A lovely quarter peal of Cambridge was nearing completion at St. Matthew's when an enthusiastic church member came up to the ringing chamber and inadvertently turned the lights off—quite a disappointment to all. success was finally met with a half peal of Bob Major at the Cathedral in the afternoon. Others of us continued ringing at St. Matthew's, doing a bit of teaching as well. We all met again for tea, thoughtfully provided by the ladies of St. Matthew's, but all too soon our party had to

The great success of the week-end was due to the excellent advance work and arrangements of Bill Jackson and the warm reception and hospitality of the Quebec ringers, headed by Chris Wilson Many thanks.

J. P. H.

The band which rang a half peal in Quebec, Canada, and hosts. First row: Beryl Baldwin, the Very Rev. Allen Goodings, Christopher Wilson, Helen Faulkes, Martin Faulkes. Second row: Rick Dirksen, Bill Jackson, David Ingram, John Baldwin, Alan Macdonald. Third row: John Owen, Derek Sawyer.



Guildford Guild.

SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING NEW The Caertsey District was entrusted with organising the Guild Summer Festival on June 6, and the officers (all new since the last four-year turn) explored various possibilities such as a coach-tour-like outing or treasure nunt with clues to the next tower. The final decision was a central tower where people could join in a mystery tour at any stage. Three tours—by car, bicycle and on 100t-were devised, and these were competitive with each other.

We could not publish the programme beforehand, or the ideas, although the latter were circulated to guild towers. The ringing plans drawn up were complicated by a rush of weddings and the secretary was driven to make re-arrangements many times. Of course you can't have a competition without prizes, so there has to be

an entry fee.

At last all was ready. Would there be the hoped-for adventurous crowd from all over the country to try something new?

No. What about the rest of the guild—surely they would try? Ah! yes, a few.

But what's this? The Chertsey District members turned up in greater numbers than for their usual meetings, despite marghely and wedding demands. shals and wedding demands.

Thus the competitions were on. Fierce rivalry held sway between a Volkswagen minibus, a Triumph 2,000 and a Suzuki motorcycle, but they all were finally beaten by the unseen dogged walkers. Great ingenuity was shown in that out of a planned maximum of 300 points the results were:— Four walkers (Hazel Pady, Stella Woods, Jane Hartt, David Woods, from Hersham) 312 points; two Farnham (car, T. C. Norris, E. T. Futcher) 310; Andrew Pearman and crew 298.

The winners shared a £2 gift voucher, while the first car was presented with a bellringer car badge, and the second with a ringer's tie. The draw, by programme num-ber, to give non-serious competitors a chance, was for a miniature bell rope, and

was won by Mrs. C. Webb.
Was it a success? Everyone who took part seemed to enjoy it, but where were the steady stream of normal visitors joining in as the day progressed? (There was a tremendous gap from about 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Perhaps our pre-publicity was not good enough. It could not have been the ls. or 2s. entry fee, could it? Maybe ringers do not know what sponsor forms are. We sent out 360 to try to raise money for the new Belfry Repair Fund. Only about 10 were used, and yet this is the most powerful fund-raising activity known in recent years—one Surrey band raised over £100 with seven people on a one-hour swim. Ah! well, it's another district's turn next

year-wonder what they will do? D. P. RINGING IN THE 1970's

In a message in the Northampton Branch News Letter, Mr. Dennis E. C. Isaacs, J.P. (vice-president), writes: "A feature of our meetings, especially of late, has been the influx of youngsters, and I often think they must view we older ones with mixed feelings—hardly a laugh or a smile as they nervously take the rope. What a difference it would make if we smiled and just said: 'Don't worry.'

"To foster interest in our art, and so discover the make-up of our ringing friends. I am convinced we must get together more. We should find that the atmosphere so induced would automatically lead to better ringing, better relationship, better service to our church and tower and the enjoyment we would get in doing this service.

Quarter Peals

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION 80th ANNIVERSARY

Abbot's Leigh, Som.—May 31, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire Doubles): N. Newton (first quarter) 1, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 2, N. Coombs 3, G. Skelly 4, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, G. Moore

Bath, Som.—June 6, at SS. Michael and Paul, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain and Stedman): M. J. C. Cannon 1, A. Adams 2, P. Devrell 3, E. H. Goater 4, B. Sarll 5, H. J. Coombs 6.

Bathford, Som. — June 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Parker 1, F. C. Mogford 2, A. Cannings 3, A. J. Coombs 4, R. Perry (cond.) 5, H. J. Coombs 6.

Bleadon, Som.—June 10, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): J. Chaplin 1, S. Lewis 2, B. Mills 3, C. Field 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, D. Gould (lirst quarter) 6.

Churchill, Som.—June 2, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Lynette Brennan 1, B. Dodds 2, J. Chaplin 3, C. Avery 4, J. S. Walton (cond.) 5, W. Warren 6.

Compton Dando, Som.—June 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Orman 1, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 2, J. Parker 3, A. J. Coombs 4, H. J. Coombs 5, R. Perry 6.

Easton-in-Gordano, Som. — June 11, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Miss B. Cox 1, V. James 2, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 3, G. Skelly 4, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, I. Crichton (first quarter) 6.

Newton St. Loe, Som.—June 3, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Hawkins 1, H. J. Coombs 2, F. C. Mogford 3, R. Perry 4, A. J. Coombs 5, P. Devrell (cond.) 6.

Portbury, Som.—May 29, 1260 Doubles (three methods): L. Potter 1, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 2, V. James 3, G. Skelly 4, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6.

Queen Charlton, Som.—May 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Blacker 1, A. J. Coombs 2, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 3, H. J. Coombs 4, R. Virgin

Radstock, Som.—May 31, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Pomeroy 1, H. Hawkins 2, R. J. Moore 3, R. E. Weaver 4, A. Comer 5, Sue Moore (first as cond.) 6.

Weston, Bath, Som.—June 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. Wiltshire 1, A. J. Coombs 2, J. Maggs 3, H. J. Coombs 4, P. Devrell 5, W. Chalklen 6, M. Messer 7, Miss R. Loader 8.

Addington, Surrey. — May 24, 1320 Trinity Sunday T.B. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Louise Powell 3, Penny Cocks 4, Wendy Wallace 5, I. J. D. Wiltshire 6.

Babbacombe, Devon. — June 20, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. Simmonds 1, T. Cullingworth 2, Valerie Stephens 3, R. J. Edden 4, W. S. Wayman 5, J. L. Read 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, B. Tuckett (first in method) 8. A wedding compliment to Sandra Hawkins and Valentine Buckland.

Barlborough, Derbys. — May 27, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: J. Leary 1, J. D. Arkwell 2, A. Queen 3, A. Else 4, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 5, D. Hird 6. First Surprise 1, 2, 6. An 18th birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

Barstable, Essex.—May 5, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P. A. Cammiade (cond.) 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, K. J. Bradley 5-6. Also May 11, 1344 Pl. Bob Major: G. Mason 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, G. G. Lucas (cond.) 5-6, P. A. Cammiade 7-8. Also May 18, 1260 Doubles (five methods): G. Mason (cond.) 1-2, A. G. Gibbs 3-4, K. Bradley (most methods) 5-6. All by Barstable School Society.

Beckford, Worcs. — June 10, 1320 Hexham Surprise Minor: W. A. Farmer 1, Valerie Willard 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6.

Bicker, Lincs. — June 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Allan 1, N. Fovargue 2, Anne D. J. Dawson 3, G. Short 4, G. R. Dawson 5, C. Wander (cond.) 6, A. H. Bennett 7, H. Harper 8. To celebrate Mr. Albert Bennett's 60 years as a change-ringer.

Bournemouth, Hants.—June 21, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: L. Boyce 1, Mrs. C. Boyce 2, W. C. Shute 3, Miss K. Fletcher 4, D. Boyce 5, H. Pitman 6, M. Lawson 7, M. J. Dew (first Major as cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2, 5, 7. For Matins.

Brading, I.O.W. — June 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. Squibb 1, J. Stock (first quarter) 2, A. Russell (first as cond.) 3, T. F. East 4, Vivienne Ball (first quarter) 5, Ann Duff 6, E. Duff 7, I. Russell (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

Brigstock, Northants.—June 25, 1320 Pl. Bob Doubles: P. J. Loxston (first attempt) 1, W. R. Butcher 2, T. Chastka 3, J. J. Bailey 4, M. Hawkins (cond.) 5. 21st birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

Burford, Oxon. — June 27, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. J. Dixon 1, B. W. Hall 2, T. J. Hester 3, P. Pearce 4, G. J. Collett 5, L. Edwards 6, D. K. Adkins (cond.) - 7, T. W. Timms 8. For Patronal Festival.

Canterbury, Kent.—June 22, at St. Stephen's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Cheshire 1, D. L. Cawley 2, Ruth Niblett 3, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 4, G. Davies 5, L. Huckstep 6, D. G. Mitchell 7, B. G. Kedge 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Jack Phillips, ringer at this church.

Clerkenwell, London.—April 19, 1520 Pl. Bob Major: D. Gough 1, Jennifer Dunning 2, Carol Martin 3, Rosemary Cotton 4, D. Woodward 5, R. Talbot 6, D. Town 7, M. Wycherley (cond.) 8. Also May 10, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: D. Woodward 1, Jennifer Dunning 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, Carol Martin 4, R. Talbot (cond.) 5, D. Town 6, S. Darvill 7, J. Euston 8. Also May 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Josephine Patterson 1, Carol Martin 2, D. Gough 3, Jennifer Dunning 4, M. Wycherley 5, D. Town 6, S. Darvill (cond.) 7, D. Woodward 8. For the baptism of James Dickon Wycherley. Also May 31, 1296 Little Bob Major: D. Gough 1, Margaret Byrne 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, Carol Martin 4, D. Town 5, D. Woodward 6, M. Wycherley 7, S. Darvill (cond.) 8. To welcome the new curate. Also June 14, 1280 St. Clement's Bob Major: Margaret Byrne 1, Jennifer Dunning 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, D. Woodward 4, M. Wycherley 5, P. Down 6, D. Town 7, R. Talbot (cond.) 8.

Cotton, Suffolk.—June 8, 1260 Bob Minor: A. Lockwood 1, F. Sterry 2, L. Forster 3, A. Cook 4, T. Lockwood (cond.) 5, V. Lockwood 6. Halfmuffled in memoriam Mr. J. Williams.

Crowcombe, Som.—June 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, E. Webber 2, C. Lock 3, P. Watts 4, R. J. Somerfield (cond.) 5, A. Welsher 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Jennings, of this parish.

Croydon, Surrey. — June 24, at St. John's, 1295 Grandsire Caters: K. Taber (cond.) 1, Stella Bianco 2, E. Razzell 3, F. Newman 4, N. Brown 5, K. Game 6, I. M. Parry 7, F. E. Mitchell 8, A. J. Brown 9, P. Humphries 10. For Patronal Festival.

Danbury, Essex.—June 13, 1264 P.B. Major: Susan Spurgeon 1, Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, J. Clarke 4, P. J. Came 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6, T. Spurgeon 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. Also June 21, 1260 P.B. Minor: Caroline Phillips (first quarter) 1, E. W. Roast 2, P. J. Came 3, T. Spurgeon 4, E. G. Roast 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6.

Doncaster, Yorks.—June 21, 1280 Bristol 5. Major: A. Jackson 1, Sheila Bruce 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. J. Padgett 5, R. A. Smith 6, P. Bruce 7, F. J. Jackson 8.

Easingwold, Yorks.—June 20, 1296 Stedman Triples: Janice M. Faithfull 1, A. T. Winter 2, R. L. Underwood 3, J. R. N. Lebon 4, M. J. Pickup 5, B. R. M. Johnson 6, D. Barton 7, Jennifer Field 8.

East Grinstead, Sussex.—June 23, 1456 P.B. Major (handbells): Louise Smith 1-2, L. R. H. Smith 3-4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5-6, J. D. Weaver 7-8. First on handbells for all except conductor.

Eccleshall, Staffs.—June 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Daphne Appleby 1, S. G. Pick 2, N. R. I. White 3, R. Riley 4, J. P. Burton 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6, J. Humphreys 7, S. W. Illidge 8.

Egham, Surrey. — May 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Cheesewright 1, Mavis I. White 2, I. Summerhayes 3, Catherine A. Elliott 4, A. D. Flood (cond.) 5, N. Summerhayes 6. Feering, Essex.—June 13, 1264 P.B. Major: C. Turner 1, P. Dodd 2, M. Hunter 3, J. Green 4, R. Pye 5, C. Barker 6, C. Burton 7, F. Roper (cond.) 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. Henry Nicholls (of Feering); also a wedding anniversary compliment to treble ringer and a birthday compliment to ringer of 6.

Finchampstead, Berks.—June 20, 1440 Minor (Cambridge, Pl. Bob): B. C. Castle 1, Joan A. Rance 2, Violet N. Castle 3, K. R. Davenport (cond.) 4, S. G. Scott 5, A. J. N. Rance 6. A wedding compliment to Ellis and Sue Thomas, married at Llanda: Cathedral this day.

Finchingfield, Essex.—June 4, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: R. Threadgold 1, P. Wood 2, M. Hunter 3, J. Green 4, P. Perkins 5, C. Hardy 6, E. Roper 7, F. Roper (cond.) 8. Muffled in memoriam L. Suckling, hon. member of Essex Association and 47 years local church organist.

Foot's Cray, Kent.—April 18, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Lewis (cond.) 1, C. J. Mundy 2, S. Gay 3, Julia Collinge 4, C. Lucas 5.

Grantham, Lincs. — June 7, 1259 Grandsire Caters: A. Rooke (aged 11, first Caters) 1, D. Frith 2, V. Evans 3, F. Pinchbeck (100th quarter on the bells) 4, P. Slight 5, P. Hill 6, D. Rooke 7, R. Woods 8, B. Buttery (cond.) 9, L. Squires 10.

Halstead, Essex. — June 14, 1280 Kent T.B Major: E. Brown 1, A. J. Haynes 2, P. Mayle 3, R. Martin 4, J. A. Mayle 5, R. Rippingale 6, W Perry 7, T. Bird (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Harrow Weald, Middx.—June 28, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. K. Hart 1, Miss D. M. Robotham 2, L. White 3, G. R. Goodship 4, H. G. Hart 5, J. Smith 6, F. Reed (cond.) 7, C. Brundritt 8. For evening service.

Hereford.—June 24, at the Cathedral, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Teresa Maybury (first quarter) 1, P. J. Wycherley 2, T. E. Wood 3, N. R. Mattingley 4, M. C. Sherwood (cond.) 5, R. G. Powell 6.

Hursley, Hants.—June 23, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Le Marechal 1, B. J. Fry 2, I. M. McCallion 3, D. R. Fallick 4, C. Noakes 5, J. P. Colliss 6, W. Willans (comp., first in method as cond.) 7, R. H. Green 8. First in method 2, 3, 5 and 7.

Isleworth, Middx. — June 14, 1299 Stedman Caters: Marie Boniface (first in method) 1, Gwendoline Meyer 2, Olive Rogers 3, P. Felton 4, M. Stacey 5, D. Town 6, F. Bishop 7, C. Meyer 8, H. Rogers (cond.) 9, C. Richards 10. For Evensong.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. — May 24, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P. A. Hawtin (first quarter) 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, C. E. Bulleid 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, B. J. Stone (cond.) 5, C. D. Collin 6. For Holy Communion; also a farewell to Bishop Gilpin on retirement. Also 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. A. Hawtin (first Triples) 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Katharine Salvage 3, C. E. Bulleid 4, Lesley A. Hawes 5, C. D. Collin 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, P. T. Selwood 8. Both for Evensong.

Kirby Wiske, N. Yorks. — June 24, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Pl. Bob): J. Dent (first quarter) 1, Marian Town 2, M. Calvert 3, A. Bashforth 4, P. Town (cond.) 5, H. Osborne 6. For Patronal Festival.

Langar, Notts.—June 21, 1260 Doubles (21 m/v): Elizabeth Dawson 1, Lynda M. Deebank 2, J. R. Rigby 3, H. G. Wells 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5.

Lincoln.—June 14, at St. Giles', 1260 Stedman Triples: Vivienne West 1, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 2, Susan A. Faul 3, I. M. Minns 4, P. A. Sharp 5, G. R. Parker 6, D. Phillipson 7, E. J. Parkin 8. First Stedman 1, 3. For civic service.

London, E.—June 21, at St. Botolph-without-Aldgate, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. D. Flood 1, Mary Knight 2, Shirley M. Drew 3, R. H. Hunt 4, C. Hims 5, C. R. Harris 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, G. R. Drew 8. For Holy Communion: also a birthday compliment to Mr. P. A. Corby.

Long Clawson, Leics.—June 26, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. H. Cook 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, W. Clamp 3, H. Clayton 4, O. Homewood (cond.) 5. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tinsley.

Lutton, Lincs.—June 28, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. W. Campling 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling 4, P. G. Butler 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 6. For morning service.

Maxey, Peterborough.-April 12, 1260 P. Bob Minor: A. Spencer 1, Liz Munsey 2, J. R. Charlton 3, D. J. W. Gadd 4, D. P. Murduck 5, R. H. Daw (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Susan Aveyard (tower captain).

Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire.-June 21, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. Broadbent 1, J. D. Broadbent 2, B. F. Trueman 3, P. Boucher 4, R. F. Andrew 5, M. Foulds (cond.) 6.

Nailsea, Som. — June 23, 1260 Doubles: D. Willis 1, C. Kortwright 2, R. Boultbee 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, L. Childs 6. For the homecoming of S.S. "Great Britain," to be docked at Avonmouth.

Newport, Salop. — April 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Wiggin 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Jennifer M. Beech 3, K. Daniels 4, F. Beech 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, N. R. Holland 8. A wedding compliment to lan Friend and Margaret Gwilt.

Northfleet, Kent. - April 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Sisley (first Triples) 1, F. J. Matthews T. C. R. Lewis 3, R. J. Thompson 4, E. C.
uart 5, R. M. Thompson (cond.) 6, T. V. Stuart 5, R. M. Thompson (cond.) 6, T. V. Barnard 7, D. Wilkinson 8. A compliment to Miss N. A. Snelling and Mr. F. E. Martin, who recently retired from the P.C.C. after 32 and 33 years' service respectively. Also May 31, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Thompson (first of Triples) 1, S. Sandford 2, Lynn Seton 3, F. J. Matthews 4, R. J. Thompson 5, T. C. R. Lewis 6, R. M. Thompson (cond.) 7, D. Wilkinson 8. For civic service.

Northill, Beds. — May 26, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): C. Goodwin 1, Mary Mann 2, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 3, A. S. Smith 4, C. D. Mann 5, L. Norman 6.

North Ockendon, Essex. - May 31, 1260 Doubles (three methods): S. Halliwell 1, Miss P. Halliwell 2, T. Sharpe 3, D. Sloman 4, M. Hailett (cond.) 5, G. Eve 6. To commemorate the 900th anniversary of the dedication of Ockendon Church, the Bishop of Barking attending the service.

Ormskirk, Lancs. — June 23, at the Vicarage, 1260 P.B. Minor: J. P. Richardson (first in hand) 1-2, M. E. Snape 3-4, Celia D'Aeth (cond.) 5-6.

Ottershaw, Surrey.-May 19, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Fellows 1, Wendy Gilbert 2, R. L. Pashley 3, J. M. Warinton 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, P. V. W. Feast 6. First Minor 1, 2. For the consecration of the new vestry.

Papanui, New Zealand.—June 20, 1440 P.B. Minor: Mary Spence 1, Gillian Spence 2, R. Stevens 3, Jillian Richardson 4, R. Williams 5, Williams (brother of 5th), leaving for England.

Patshull, Staffs.—June 14, 1260 Doubles (32)

m/v): S. W. Illidge 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, S. G. Pick 3, P. R. Johnson 4, H. G. Wells (cond.) 5. Most m/v. by all except conductor.

Peterborough.—March 29, at St. John's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Liz Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, Pamela Blackith 3, W. R. Barker 4, J. M. Tyler 5, J. E. David 6, R. H. Daw (cond.) 7, J. R. Charlton 8. For morning service; also a farewell to Canon L. E. W. and Mrs. Bosley after 32

Portsmouth, Hants.—June 22, at the Cathedral, 1260 Fortune Doubles: Edna Jones 1, Jean M. Berriman 2, B. J. Fry 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, W. Willans (125th quarter, cond.) 5, F. G. Edwards 6. Birthday compliments to Tower Taylor and Albert York-Bramble.

Rougham, Suffolk.—May 21, 1260 Cambridge and Pl. Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, D. Tamberlain 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. For civic service.

Rowley Regis, Worcs.—June 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Roberts (first quarter) 1, M. Green 2, Miss M. Tromans 3, R. Dunn 4, D. Chiswell 5, C. Cooksey 6, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 7, G. Chiswell 8. First Grandsire Triples inside 2, 5. Half-muffled in memoriam J. Phillips, some-

time local church ringer.

Ryton, Salop. — June 14, 1260 Grandsire

Doubles: H. G. Wells 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, S.
G. Pick 3, S. W. Illidge 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.)

Sidcup, Kent.-June 20, 1260 P.B. Doubles: M. Sims 1, C. Sims 2, Elizabeth Newberry 3, M. Hansford 4, T. Lewis (cond.) 5, D. Ketley 6. A wedding compliment to Barry Moloney and Margaret Esler, both of the Sunday service band.

Sandy, Beds .- June 16, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Karen Baker 1, R. Mander 2, E. Skipsy 3, D. Goss (cond.) 4, C. Corby 5, M. Mander 6. Halfmuffled in memoriam Rev. L. G. Colls, rector of Sandy 1953-63, died June 11.

Sawley, Derbys. - June 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Mrs. S. Marshall 2, Mrs. L. Hopkin 3, D. Marshall (cond.) 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, R. Newsum 8. For Confirmation.

Skipton-in-Craven, Yorks. — June 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Smith 1, M. Hillary 2, C. W. Lawson 3, A. Stott 4, R. M. Harker 5, R. Crabtree 6, M. F. D. Burton (cond.) 7, F. Alderson 8. For jubilee of the Bradford Diocese.

South Cadbury, Som .- June 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Miles (first quarter) 1, K. L. Laver 2, R. Raymond 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, F. L. Andrews 5, T. Mead 6. A golden wedding compliment to Major Martin (churchwarden) and Mrs. Martin.

Stafford - March 1, 1312 4-Spliced Surprise Major: Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Margaret A. Swain 3, Jennifer M. Beech Reech 5, R. J. Warrilow 6, N. R. Holland 7, E. R. Fairbrother (cond.) 8. Also May 2, 1344 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. R. Wiggin 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, R. K. Mowforth 3, Jennifer M. Beech 4, C. S. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, R. J. Warrilow 8. Also June 7, 1260 Erin Triples: K. Daniels 1, Jennifer M. Beech 2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, E. R. Fairbrother 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, A. E. Garbett 6, F. Beech (cond.) 7, N. R. Holland 8.

Stansted, Essex. — May 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. T. Dixon 1, H. W. Watts 2, D. J. Cheeseman 3, D. Hutley 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. R. Holman (first quarter) 6. For the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Stockton, Salop .- June 13, 1320 Doubles (11 m/v): S. W. Illidge 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, S. G. Pick (cond.) 3, P. R. Johnson 4, H. G. Wells 5, A. Bennett 6. A wedding day compliment to Gillian Evans (local ringer) and Stewart Clarke.

Stretton Grandison, Herefords .-- June 5, 1260 P.B. Doubles: L. Meadows 1, Wendy Meadows 2, E. C. Biggs 3, W. Walters (first inside) 4, L. J. Walters (cond.) 5, D. Price 6. A birthday compliment to W. Walters.

Suckley, Worcs.—June 13, 1260 Doubles: I. Bellamy 1, N. C. R. Cronin (first inside) 2, W. Davis (cond.) 3, N. F. Bellamy 4, C. J. Pickford 5. For village fete.

Tackley, Oxon.-June 20, 1440 P.B. Minor: D. Patching 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, N. Bridges 3, A. E. Hicks 4, P. J. Heritage 5, E. R Venn (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Alan Jones (Tackley ringer) and Miss Elaine Collis, married at Shipton-on-Cherwell whilst the ringing was in progress.

Herefords. - June 20. 1380 Whithourne Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): E. C. Biggs 1, J. Randford 2, L. J. Walters (cond.) 3, N. C. R. Cronin 4, C. J. Pickford 5. For Patronal Festival. Tuddenham St. Martin, Suffolk. — June 1, 1260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Pl. Bob): A. Dilley 1, D. Buxton 2, D. Girling 3, R. Crookes 4, J. Girt 5, J. Blythe (cond.) 6. Also June 3, 1440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise, Pl. Bob): K. Nunn 1, D. Buxton 2, A. Dilley 3, A. Bridges 4, J. Girt 5, J. Blythe (cond.) 6. A farewell to the priestin charge and a valence to the conduction of the conduction Tuddenham St. Martin, Suffolk. - June 1 the priest-in-charge and a welcome to his suc-

Weaverham, Cheshire. — May 24, 1260 P.B. Minor: D. A. Carter 1, Rosemary Wilkinson 2, Pamela Hough 3, Rosemarie E. Hornby 4, P. Wilkinson (first as cond.) 5, P. G. Walters 6. First quarter 1, 4, 6. In memoriam William Hornby, late tower captain.

Witney, Oxon.—June 14, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: W. H. Clarke 1, C. Longmore 2, P. Pearce 3, P. D. Beedie 4, G. J. Collett 5, T. J. Hester 6, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 7, B. J. Coggins 8. For service of rededication; also a compliment to Miss V. Lewis and Mr. D. Chandler on their engagement.

Yalding, Kent. - June 27, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): P. A. Everest 1, M. Hollyman 2, P. R. Everest 3, R. Sherlock 4, R. Everest (cond.) 5, E. Rogers 6. For Yalding and Laddingford Festival.

Yate, Glos. — April 25, 1440 P.B. Minor: Angela M. Wright 1-2, P. Hepburn 3-4, B. G. North (cond.) 5-6. An engagement compliment to Mary Lambert and John Norris, of Hurstpier-

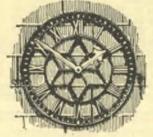
IN THE COTSWOLDS

On June 6 ringers from Marlborough, Aldbourne, Chiseldon and Swindon set off on an outing to the Cotswolds and arrived at Hook Norton, where real justice was done to the fine Taylor eight (20 cwt.). Then a short trip to the village of Churchill, where the light eight (10 cwt.) go very well. The tower is a two-thirds replica of Magdalen College, Oxford.

On to Kingham, which has another light Taylor eight (12 cwt.), of exceptional tone.

Lunch was then taken before proceeding to Stow-on-the-Wold, and the heavy eight (27 cwt.) were rung up in peal after considerable effort (with two on the tenor). On to Bourton-on-the-Water with a pleasant eight (12 cwt.) before tea, after which we took the opportunity of looking round this attractive, picture-book village.

At our next tower, Little Barrington, we maintained a good, brisk rate of striking on the six (8 cwt.) and at Burford, with its beautiful wool church and graceful spire and its delightful eight (17³/₄ cwt.), the best ringing of the day was achieved on this "Gillett masterpiece." The best touch of the day was at Bampton, where we soon managed the difficult eight (25 cwt.). R. G.



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CLAYBROOKE, Leics, St. Peter.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (13\(\frac{3}{4}\) cwt.)
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
(Dexter's variation of Thurstans'.)
1 Robert B. Smith

2 David F. Moore 3 Alec R. Jones Alfred Ballard

5 Burley P. Morris 6 Peter J. Staniforth

7 A. James Poynor (Conductor) 8 Russell S. Morris

First by a resident Leicestershire band for the society.

CROYDON, Surrey, St. John the Baptist. Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 39min. (37 cwt.)
5009 STEDMAN CINQUES
Composed by M. V. Chilcott.
1 Rev. Brooke K. Lunn

Wilfred Williams

Rodney B. Meadows Andrew N. Stubbs

David E. Rothera William T. Cook Antony R. Kench

9 Michael V. Chilcott (Conductor)
10 Alan R. Patterson
11 Michael P. Moreton
12 Philip A. F. Chalk

By past and present officers of the society for the church centenary celebrations (at the invitation of the vicar and church-

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Beds, All Saints.

Sun., June 21, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (24 cwt.) 5056 SPI ICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London. Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge. Superlative, Yorkshire. Lincolnshire, Pudsev, 142 method). changes of

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Graham C. Paul
2 Patrick I. Chapman
3 Barry E. Saunders
4 Alan A. Paul
5 Roger W. Smith

6 Barrie Hendry

Richard F. B. Speed (Conductor)

8 Alan J. Frost

In memoriam Diana Mary Frost.

ST. AI RANS. Herts. Abbey and Cathedral of St. Alhan.

Tune 27 1970 3hr. 22min. (234 cwt.) TOPKSHIRE S. MAXIMIIS

1 Tudor P Edwards (Conductor)

? George E. Thoday

3 John S. Mason 4 Keith W. Brown

5 Peter G. Brown
6 David E. Rothera
7 Andrew W. R. Wilby
8 Philin J. Rothera

*Q Venneth I Hesketh

10 David F House 11 Genroe W. Pine

12 Rainh G. Edwards *500th neal. To mark the Patronal Festival.

Derhyshire Association.—Derby. St. Peter, Jan. 1. 1970, in 2 hr. 48min.. 5056 Yorkshire Surprise Major (tenor 144 cwt.): John Bell 1. Susan Davies 2. Brian Schofield 3. Sidney Hough 4. Timothy Wylie 5. Michael Platt 6. John Nelson (Conductor) 7. Geoffrey R. Gardner 8. (Composed by S. J. Ivin.)

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

WELLS, Som, St. Andrew's Cathedral. Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (561 cwt.) 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Arranged by R. E. J. Dennis. John N. Longridge

William T. Perrins

Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor) Ronald N. Marlow

Eric Naylor

Graham W. Elmes

7 D. Ray Bould 8 Robert E. Beck 9 Brian J. Woodruffe 10 Timothy F. Collins

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

RUNCORN, Cheshire, All Saints.

Thur., May 21, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (15 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

William Allman, jun.

*2 Linda Jones

3 William Allman 4 John E. Bibby 5 John Outram

William E. Allman Douglas Lowe

8 John R. Bibby (Conductor) *First inside.

STOCKPORT, Cheshire, St. George.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 31min. (293 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by J. A. Trollope. Margaret Booth

2 Joyce Gardner 3 Sidney Hough

4 Kenneth Davenport

*5 John Bell 6 Eric Roughley

Timothy Wylie John Robinson

9 Geoffrey R. Gardner (Conductor)

10 Denis Mottershead
*First peal of Royal. To mark the 750th
anniversary of the granting of the Charter to Stockport.

(Wirral Branch) ECCLESTON, near Chester, St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 32min. (27 cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Middleton's.)

John Hyden

Charles F. Pocock

Charles B. Pemberton Ernest T. Carvell

5 Robert Peers

6 Eric J. Gilbert
7 Geoffrey C. Sparling
8 Jeffrey J. Fox (Conductor)

A 25th wedding anniversary compliment for Mr. Alexander Martin (guild secretary).

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity. Tues., June 23, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (11 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. Smith.

1 John G. Gipson 2 Richard L. Underwood

3 James M. Hills 4 Allen Twyman

5 Geoffrey Pearson6 Donald F. Murfet7 Kenneth J. Hesketh

8 Philip J. Rothera (Conductor)

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11 cwt.)

5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 Donald F. Murfet 2 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)

3 Susan Rothera

4 Anthony H. Smith

5 Allen Twyman 6 Alan M. Barber 7 John G. Gipson

8 Philip J. Rothera

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

PEBMARSH, Essex, St. John the Baptist. Fri., June 19, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (84 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*1 Robert Bennett

†2 Christine J. Towler Peter J. Sawyer Yvonne A. Towler

5 Walter Arnold

6 James L. Towler (Conductor)

*First peal. †First inside.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERCHURCH, Herefordshire, St. Peter. Sun., May 31, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (93 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Single Double Oxford, St. Oxford).

1 Reginald G. Powell 2 Frederick R. Harris

*3 Elizabeth Wycherley 4 Austin T. Wingate 5 Michael V. Powell

6 Norman R. Mattingley (Conductor)

*First in more than one method.

EARDISLAND Herefordshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (12½ cwt.)

5600 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR (27-course block, slightly reduced.)

1 Leslie Evans

2 Robert A. Hatcher
*3 John F. I. Turney
†4 Valerie M. Edge
5 Peter J. Wycherley (Conductor)
6 Frederick R. Harris

John C. Eisel

8 Norman R. Mattingley

*50th for the guild. †First of Surprise Major inside. Longest peal of Major for the guild.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Herts, St. James the Apostle. Thur., June 4, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (12 cwt.) 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1344 Superlative, 1312 Bristol, 1280 London, 1216 Cambridge, 113 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.
1 Christopher W. Woolley
2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3 John R. Southey

44 Andrew C. D. Mayes
5 David A. Carpenter
6 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)

7 Martyn L. J. Jordan 8 Robert E. Hardy

*First of spliced.

BALDOCK, Herts, St. Mary the Virgin.

Wed., April 15, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (263 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Philip A. Mehew (Conductor)

2 Martin Major

3 Keith R. Webb
4 Jack S. Dear
5 Roy V. Webb
6 Trevor W. Groom
7 Stephen J. Bedford
8 David R. Saunderson
For Christian Aid Week, also a birthday compliment to the conductor's mother.

TRING, Herts, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (24 cwt.) 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Arranged by A. R. Kench.

1 Howard Collings 2 Theresa Wright 3 Jane L. Richards 4 Michael A. Jackson 6 Peter W. Harper 7 Francis M. Byrne 8 Stephen J. Crawley (Conductor)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SPELDHURST, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., May 3, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (13 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1 Judith M. Corby 2 Valerie J. Howard 3 Nicholas J. Chesson

4 Richard Hayes (Conductor) 5 Peter R. Butler

6 David Featherstone 7 John A. Howard 8 Peter S. Muchlinski

Half-muffled in memoriam Canon G. W. Nightingale (rector).

FARNINGHAM, Kent, SS. Peter & Paul. Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (93 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 Kent T.B., 2 Cambridge Surprise, 4 Plain Bob). 1 Christopher S. Sims 2 Jennifer L. Quaife

3 Christine M. Webb Christopher J. Mundy

5 R. Brian Walton

6 Tony Lewis (Conductor)
21st birthday compliment to Jennifer Quaife, and also an engagement compliment to her and R. Brian Walton.

BENENDEN, Kent, St. George.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (19 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

Richard Hayes Valerie J. Howard Judith M. Corby

4 John Pladdys

5 Roderick Lebon 6 Nicholas J. Chesson 7 John A. Howard 8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)

WOULDHAM, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (113 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*2 Nicholas W. Jackson
3 Nevillle A. Crane
4 Rhian N. Bagshaw
5 Peter M. Bradford
6 Peter S. Muchlinski (Conductor)

*First peal.

SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (16½ cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, York-shire and Lincolnshire, 142 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Philip A. Corby 2 Judith M. Corby 3 Margaret E. Oram

4 Christopher T. Osenton 5 Trevor A. Cross 6 Ian H. Oram (Conductor)

7 Martin L. Howe 8 Simon A. B. Wigg 200th of Surprise as conductor.

FAIRWARP, Sussex, Christ Church.

Sun., June 28, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (15½ cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. Pladdys.

Geoffrey D. Armitage Judith M. Corby Valerie J. Howard

Nicholas J. Chesson Peter D. J. Beal John A. Howard David Featherstone

8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

STRETFORD, Lancashire, St. Matthew. Sun., May 17, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (113 cwt.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by J. Nicholl.

Giles B. Thompson William Birmingham, jun. *3 Peter Dyson

*4 Paul Boucher 5 Peter J. Hawcock

6 Wyn Pugh
7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
8 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights (Cond.)
*First of T.B. To commemorate the centenary of the bells and to mark 100 years'

ringing by the Birchall family.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire, St. Mary.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (15 cwt.) 5024 ST. CLEMENTS COLLEGE BOB M. Composed by G. Freebrey.

William Birmingham, jun.

*2 Peter Watson

*3 Geoffrey O. Sanders 4 Giles B. Thompson

*5 Peter Dyson *6 Paul Boucher

†7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood *8 Peter Bellamy-Knights (Conductor) *First in method. †150th peal. For the Radcliffe Carnival and to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Nicola Deryn, to the wife of the ringer of the 2nd.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Mon., June 22, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (6½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by E. M. Atkins.

1 G. Ronald Edwards

2 Richard M. Wilson 3 Roger N. Scholes *4 Peter W. Brown

*†5 Monica M. Jelley (Conductor) ‡6 Elizabeth M. Barber

7 David F. Moore 8 John M. Jelley *First of Plain Bob Major. †100th peal. ‡First of Major inside. First as conductor. LEICESTER, St. Margaret.

Sun., June 21, 1970, 3hr. 35min. (323 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Arranged by P. Border.

Martin Green

2 Peter J. Staniforth
3 Rupert A. Clarke
4 David F. Moore
5 Malcolm E. Wade

6 Basil Jones 7 John Bramley Alan Cattell

Alan F. Scholfield 10 Roland H. Cook 11 Robert B. Smith

12 R. Kingsley Mason (Conductor) A wedding compliment to A. Maxwell Lindsey and Elaine Grewcock, married at Leicester the previous day.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

SURFLEET, Lincs, St. Laurence.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (12 cwt.) 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Composed by J. Reeves. Vaughan P. Evans

2 Denis A. Frith (Conductor) 3 Peter L. R. Heywood *4 Frederick W. Pinchbeck

*5 Peter A. Slight *6 John G. Hall *7 Philip H. Reynolds *8 Melvyn Rose

*9 Robert Preston *10 John H. Parker *11 Owen Homewood *12 Brian Buttery

*First of Maximus. First of Maximus as conductor.

GRIMSBY, Lincs, St. James.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (18 cwt.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL Composed by D. A. Frith.

John H. Parker

*2 Roger Hippisley †3 Owen Homewood †4 John G. Hall

Jack Bray †6 Frank Kennington Melvyn Rose

†8 Vaughan P. Evans 9 Peter A. Slight

10 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)
*First on 10. †First of T.B. Royal. 22nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parker, and to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Payne on the birth of a son.

LINCOLN, in St. Hugh's Tower.

Wed., June 24, 1970, 3hr. 32min. (23\frac{3}{2} cwt.)
5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Composed by C. H. Hattersley.
1 Harold F. Gibson

2 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
3 Gillian Radley

*4 Kathleen Fox *5 E. John Parkin

6 Geoffrey R. Parker
7 Phillip C. Pitchford
8 Walter Tomlinson
9 Peter A. Sharp
10 John Walden
11 David Phillipson
12 H. William Barrett

12 H. William Barrett *First of Cinques.

Lancashire Association. Radcliffe.

Lancashire Association. — Radeliffe, Lancs, St. Mary, Feb. 28, 1970, in 2hr. 51 min, 5088 Bristol Surprise Major (tenor 15 cwt.): John Bell 1, John Nelson (conductor) 2, Sidney Hough 3, Eric Roughley 4, Denis Mottershead 5, Timothy Wylie 6, Geoffrey R. Gardner 7, Neil D. Lomas 8. (Composed by S. I. Ivin)

by S. J. Ivin.)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD HILLINGDON, Middlesex, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (21½ cwt.) 5040 HILLINGDON SURPRISE ROYAL

1 Ruby M. Myllys 2 Michael J. Palmer *3 Frederick W. Goodfellow 4 Claudia A. Critchley

5 G. William Critchley (Conductor)

*6 Richard F. Prime
*7 Ronald K. Russ
*8 Albert R. G. Twinn
*9 Christopher H. Rogers
*10 Frank T. Blagrove

*First in method. Rung during Flower Festival.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., June 23, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (6½ cwt.) 5056 TURRAMURRA S. MAJOR
Composed by A. J. Pitman.
1 Arthur E. Rowley

*2 Richard Clifton

†3 Ronald D. Hughes *†4 B. Stedman Payne

5 Frank Chambers †6 Alec Jones G. Ronald Edwards

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor) *100th together. †First in method.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (The Mancroft Guild)

NORWICH, Norfolk, St. Peter Mancroft. Sun., June 14, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (37¾ cwt.) 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by A. M. Tyler.

*1 Tom R. Roast †2 Susan B. Baker

3 James B. Morley 4 George Sayer

5 Richard J. W. Housden 6 Carole A. H. Patey 7 David Heighton (Conductor)

8 David Cubitt 9 Clifford Bird 10 Martin Cubitt

*25th peal. †First on more than six bells. A welcome to the Very Rev. Alan Webster, installed as Dean of Norwich the previous day.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD PETERBOROUGH, St. John the Baptist.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (27 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by B. Annable. J. Russell Charlton

J. Malcolm Tyler 3 Denby P. Murduck 4 John E. David

5 Frank T. Boyall 6 Roy W. Spencer 7 G. William Shanks

8 Raymond H. Daw (Conductor)
*First of Major. First of Bob Major as
conductor. A farewell to Canon L. E. W. Bosley, who retired after 32 years in Peterborough, and Mrs. Bosley, and who left at Easter.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY KINGHAM, Oxon, St. Andrew.

Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (12 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Arranged by C. I. Rowson.

Roger H. Abbott Rodney A. Yeates *3 David Cooper

4 Richard H. Johnston 5 Stephen K. Thompson

6 Lawrence J. Haines 7 John E. Camp (Conductor)

8 Jeremy R. Pratt *First peal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thur., June 11, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (10 cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. Baldwin.

Muriel Reay Peter Border

3 Kenneth J. Hesketh 4 J. Edward Cawser

5 Stephen W. Barton 6 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
7 Norman J. Goodman

8 George E. Fearn

BIRMINGHAM, St. Nicolas, King's Norton. Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (17 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. W. Pipe. (No. 2.) 1 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)

Muriel Reay

3 Maurice F. Edwards 4 Derek H. Walters

5 Richard J. Tibbetts 6 Arthur V. Pearson

Stephen W. Barton Norman J. Goodman 9 Charles A. S. Webb 10 George E. Fearn

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thur., June 18, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (31 cwt.) 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

(8ths place calls.) Composed by Peter Border.

1 Norman J. Goodman

2 J. Edward Cawser 3 Richard J. Tibbetts 4 Roderick W. Pipe

Stephen W. Barton Terry R. Hampton

7 Maurice F. Edwards 8 George E. Fearn

9 Kenneth J. Hesketh 10 Peter Border (Conductor)

NOTTINGHAM, St. Mary.

June 20, 1970, 3hr. 35min. (36 cwt.) 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 version.)

Composed by Peter Border.

1 Roderick W. Pipe

2 Muriel Reay

3 Arthur V. Pearson 4 Maurice F. Edwards

5 Ian D. Thompson

6 Richard J. Tibbetts
7 Geoffrey W. Randall
8 Ernest J. Gower

9 Kenneth J. Hesketh

10 Peter Border (Conductor)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD BABWORTH, Notts, All Saints. Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Munden, Hexham, Chester, Berwick, London, Rossendale, York).

1 Susan M. O'Neill

2 R. Brian Mills 3 Harry Poyner 4 Peter Church

5 George A. Dawson 6 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

SOUTH SCARLE, Notts, St. Helen.
Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12 cwt.)
5040 SPLICED DOUBLES (92 methods:
New Grandsire, Grandsire, St. Simon, Source Specific St. Science St minster, Chesham, Knapton, Blackburn, Broughton, Lyng, St. Hilary, Ockham, Intwood, Dragon, Strelley, New, Itchingfield, Forncett, Huntspill, Oakley, Ellingham, St. Vedast, Chipstead, Bedingham, Blaisdon, Screveton, Maltby, Cardiganshire, Caernar-conshire, Chewesse, Dephielschire, Elizateria, Chewesteria, vonshire, Chevasse, Denbighshire, Flint-shire, Callender, Glamorgan, Merioneth-shire, Montgomeryshire, Radnorshire, Plain, Boxford, Candlesby, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton, Raveningham, Shipway, Tandridge, Colnbrook, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Bedfordshire, Poyle, All Saints, Berkshire, Runemede, Rev. St. Sebastian, Bristol, Colne, Minster, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Wainfleet, Cheshire, Cornwall).

1 Paul F. Curtis

*2 Decek L. Tyroge

*2 Derek J. Tysoe 3 George A. Dawson 4 R. Brian Mills

5 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

*Most methods to a peal.

BALDERTON, Notts, St. Giles.
Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (8 cwt.)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1 F. William Midwinter *2 Anne Vessey

3 Paul Raithby +4 James W. Raithby

5 Frederick G. Hooper 6 Colin W. Reed (Conductor)

7 Paul F. Curtis

†8 Derek J. Tysoe
*First on 8. †First of Plain Bob Major and
has rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus (even numbers).

SUFFOLK GUILD

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary. Sun., June 14, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (16 cwt.) 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Walter W. Miller

*2 Dorothy M. Durrant

3 Muriel R. Page 4 Leslie G. Brett *5 Alan G. Feaver

6 J. Martin Thorley

*7 Adrian Knights 8 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)

*First in the method.

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BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, Essex, St. Andrew. Thur., June 18, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (8 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR extents.) *1 Norman M. Watson

2 Dorothy M. Durrant 3 John A. Mayle 4 Peter Mayle

5 Walter A. Perry 6 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor) First of Cambridge Minor by all. Birthday compliment to 3rd.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Tues., June 23, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (8 cwt.) 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 576 Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 384 London, Rutland and Uxbridge, 132 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Leslie G. Brett J. Martin Thorley 3 Dennis Knox

3 Dennis Kilox

*4 J. Barry Pickup

5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe

†6 Cecil W. Pipe

7 Alan J. Munnings

8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

00th peal. †750th peal. Most Surprise *400th peal. Major methods yet rung to a peal by a resident guild band.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

STOKE D'ABERNON, Surrey, St. Mary. Sat, May 30, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (4 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

40 extents (10 callings) and one 240.

*1 C. E. Bulleid

†2 Lesley A. Hawes †3 C. D. Collin (Conductor)

4 R. J. Stewart †5 I. J. D. Whitear *6 N. M. Gower

*First attempt. †First of Doubles. First as conductor. For 90th anniversary Surrey Association.

ADDINGTON, Surrey, St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (6\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Primrose, Hull, Norwich, Annable's London, Ipswich, Bourne and Cambridge).

1 Eric G. H. Godfrey (Conductor)

*2 Penny H. Cocks
3 Louise G. Powell
4 Carol E. Rodgers
5 Wendy J. Wallace

6 Ian Wiltshire

*First peal. First of 7-Surprise by Sunday service band. For the 90th anniversary of the Surrey Association.

PUTNEY, S.W. St. Mary the Virgin.

Sun., June 21, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (15 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (Pritchard's)

Geoffrey R. Drew Mary Knight

3 Shirley M. Drew 4 Roger H. Hunt

5 Christopher R. Harris

6 Christopher Hims 7 Michael J. Uphill (Conductor)

8 Alan D. Flood

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THAKEHAM, Sussex, St. Mary.

Tues., June 23, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents.)

*1 James H. Lilley

†2 Patrick M. Wills †3 Ruth E. Halford

†4 Christopher G. Renyard

5 E. Winifred Keys
6 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)
*First on six. †First of Surprise.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall, St. Anta and All Saints.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. Howlett.

Minnie I. Foskett

2 Canon A. S. Roberts 3 Thomas E. Howarth

4 Sydney Foskett 5 W. Reginald Curtis

6 Anthony Locke 7 F. Malcolm Bowers

8 Anthony J. Davidson (Conductor) To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the western towers and bells of Truro Cathedral on June 21, 1910.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

GT. COMBERTON, Worcs, St. Michael.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 methods: Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

Valerie Willard

Roger H. Hunt Shirley M. Drew

*4 Eric Styler 5 Christopher Hims

6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor) *First in more than one method.

CROOME d'ABITOT, Worcs, St. James.

Sun., June 14, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (9 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Jim Richins

Shirley M. Drew 3 Christopher Pickford

4 Roger H. Hunt

5 Christopher Hims 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor) First on the bells since 1896.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WHITBY, Yorkshire, St. Mary. Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (19 cwt.)

5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by J. H. Fielden.

Alan M. Glover Iris M. E. Lemare

3 Maris C. Stephenson

4 W. Eric Critchley
5 John D. D. Chaddock
6 Ian G. Campbell

Ronald Ducker Norman Chaddock

9 Ronald R. Warford 10 J. Henry Fielden (Conductor)

*First on 10.

Handbells

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road.

Mon., June 15, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (12 in F.) 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (5 methods: 2496 Plain Bob, 1440 Double Bob, 576 Little Bob, 288 Wellington Little Court, 216 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 299 changes of method)

Arranged by C. A. Wratten.

*1-2 Martyn Hawkes
3-4 Valerie Willard
5-6 Hugh N. Evans
7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor) *First in five methods in hand.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., June 1, 1970, 2hr. 13 min. (15 in C.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
*3-4 Julia A. Fellows

5-6 Roger Baldwin (Conductor) 7-8 John R. Mayne

*First of Major in the method on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 114 Park Street Lane. Wed., June 24, 1970, 2hr 24min. (15 in C.) 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor) 5-6 Roger Baldwin

7-8 Christopher W. Woolley
In memoriam Richard Sibson, who died the same afternoon, aged three years. R.I.P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SHORNE, Kent, 14 Warren View.

Wed., June 17, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (15 in C.) 5184 SPLICED PLAIN MAXIMUS (4608 Plain Bob and 576 Gainsborough

Little Bob).
Arranged by C. T. Osenton.
1-2 Trevor A. Cross
3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski

5-6 Christopher T. Osenton (Conductor)

7-8 Edward J. Beer 9-10 Frank J. Matthews

11-12 Stuart Sandford
First of Spliced Maximus by all, in the county and for the association.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GLENFIELD, Leics, 22 Groby Road.

Tues. June 9, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (15 in C.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part.)

1-2 John B. Bramley

3-4 John M. Jelley 5-6 Alfred Ballard (Conductor)

*7-8 Martin Major

*First of Triples on handbells.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE



DOUBLE **JUBILEE** DAVE SLOAN (left) AND NELSON SLOAN

Christchurch Star

A DOUBLE JUBILEE

Dave and Nelson Sloan are brothers who became members of New Zealand's Christ-church Cathedral Society of Bellringers in 1919. Their uncle, the Cathedral verger, introduced them to the tower, and they learned much of the ringing of towerand handbells from George Claydon. Both are still active ringers and regularly attend on Sundays, Dave usually being seen on the 32 cwt. tenor.

Nelson was the society's secretary for over 20 years and served as master in 1936–38, 1939–40 and 1943–46; he has also been South Island secretary of the Australian and New Zealand Association. The highlights of his many years of ringing came during his trip to England in 1959, when he made many new friends, rang at Westminster Abbey and became a College Youth.

The important golden jubilee of the Sloan brothers' membership of the society was celebrated at a social gathering attended by many past and present ringers. They were presented with inscribed doorbells by the society's patron, the Bishop of Christchurch, and in their replies gave a number of interesting anecdotes concerning their 50 years' service to the Cathedral. On a later occasion the Dean of Christchurch made another presentation to them on behalf of the Cathedral Chapter. These important events were recorded by the local newspaper, and Nelson was interviewed during a ten-minute television programme about the Cathedral bells.

GLENFIELD, Leics, 22 Groby Road. Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (15 in C.) 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Arranged by R. B. Smith.

-2 Julia A. Fellows

3-4 Jill Staniforth

5-6 Peter J. Staniforth •7-8 John R. Mayne 9-10 David F. Moore

11-12 Robert B. Smith (Conductor) *First of Stedman Cinques on handbells.

GLENFIELD, Leics, 22 Groby Road. Tues., June 16, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (15 in C.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. M. Jelley.

1-2 David F. Moore
3-4 Robert B. Smith
5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor)
*7-8 John B. Bramley

*First of Yorkshire on handbells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

GRANTHAM, Lines, 18 Cliffe Road.

Sun., June 21, 1970, 1 hr. 48min. (12 in E.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

-2 Peter A. Slight

3-4 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

5-6 Brian Buttery

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada, 50 Ravensbourne Crescent.

Tues., June 16, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (12 in F.) 5280 KENT AND OXFORD T.B. MAJOR (Worcester variation.)

Composed by H. W. Wilde. 1-2 Derek M. Sawyer (Conductor)

3-4 William H. Jackson

5-6 David R. Ingram

7-8 John Owen

First in the variation by the band and in North America.

CHURCH REBUILT BECAUSE BELLS AND TOWER WERE THERE

A successful joint meeting was held by London County as hosts and the Middlesex County Associations in brilliant weather on June 13.

Ringing, with some 60 participants, took place at Isleworth, St. Mary's, Ealing, and

Christ Church, Ealing.
The first ringers' service in the new church at Isleworth was conducted by the vicar (Rev. D. Hayward) and the lesson was read by Mrs. Olive Rogers, master of the host Association. In place of the traditional address the vicar delighted the congregation with the history of the church, which goes back to Roman days. No fewer than three churches had at different times abutted on the east side of the existing tower. In the last two years the new church, to a very modern and extremely functional design (by Mr. Michael Blee, of Sussex), had been built. Considerable thought had been given about not rebuilding, with pressure from the diocese in this direction, but one of the principal factors which influenced the final decision to rebuild was the presence of the fine old 14th century tower and the musical ring of ten bells.

On the first text page of the appeal leaslet for the new church we read ... the inscription on the seventh bell reads: 'Our voices shall with joyful sound make hills and valleys echo round and so they do regularly week by week as worship is offered here as it has been for so many

centuries."

Tea was provided by local ladies in Isleworth Parish Hall (some half a mile from the church) and the vicar told the ringers "Next time you come your tea and meeting can be right here within the church complex. This summer we hope to complete the associated secular rooms, one of which is a parish room for tea and meetings and

CANDIDATE DEPARTED

On June 13, a bright, fine day, a party of 40, including many from Sussex University, departed from St. Peter's, Brighton,

for the annual outing.

St. Mary the Virgin's (8), Shalford, the first tower, was reached in good time, and after three-quarters of an hour's enjoyable ringing the party continued through countryside brilliant with rhododendrons to Reading, the main stop of the day. We were fortunate here to ring on both the 12 at St. Laurence's and the 8 at St. Mary's, the latter recently attaining national fame when a political candidate had to abandon a campaign meeting due to a peal attempt. The luckless gentleman was there again on our arrival and once more swiftly departed to the merry sound of bells!

In steadily rising temperatures we left for All Saints', Odiham (6), the only ground-floor ring of the day. We managed to arrive punctually at Farnham to ring at the Parish Church of S. Andrew (8) and were greeted by Mr. Roy Collins, who with the the local band, had kindly given up Saturday afternoon to provide tea at a nearby hall. After a vote of thanks to our hosts we drove to St. Mary's, Pet-worth (8), the last tower of the day. A broken rope slightly marred an otherwise enjoyable excursion, and during some expert splicing the remainder of the party sought liquid refreshment.

sought inquid refreshment.

Our thanks are due to Ian Vaughan for his planning and hard work, and to all who helped to make a successful day.

A. S. E.

adjacent to it will be a well-equipped kitchen."

Ringing masters for the three towers which were open and catering for all tastes from call-changes to Spliced Surprise were Mrs. Olive Rogers, Tom Lock and Frank Blagrove.

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Editorial

RULES

Should rules drawn up for, and approved by Gui'ds, Societies and Associations be strictly observed by the members, or are there special occasions when one of these rules may be waived?

At an annual meeting held this month a proposal was made for a lady member to receive honorary life membership because, it was stated, she had served the ringing Exercise in general and the Guild in particular for over 50 years. It was pointed out, however, that no written record of membership 50 years earlier could be established and the matter therefore would be referred back to the executive committee for investigation and possible recommendation in a year's time.

Deprecating this decision, a speaker emphasised that the lady's husband enjoyed honorary membership for 50 years' service and it was generally agreed that the lady herself was a member before her husband. The chairman, however, stated that rules are rules and they must abide by them.

Ironically, later in the proceedings, when an objection was voiced to the reading out at district A.G.M.s of the names of members who had not paid their subscriptions (according to the rules), officers and individuals present stated that this rule in most instances, if not all, was not carried out and names were not, therefore, read,

It is said that rules are made for the guidance of wise men and the obedience of fools, and we suggest that if, in special circumstances, a proposal made at an A.G.M. is acceptable to the majority present, even to the extent of waiving the rule or rules, the members of the guild should have the right to accept it, but the minutes recorded should state the special circumstances which allowed it.

5040 SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir, -- I thank Mr. R. Dennis for pointing out the error in my letter of May 8; being no "scoop" or expert letter writer I fell into a trap.

What I should have stated was that the two 5,040s of Surprise Maximus rung at Ipswich in the very early '30s were the first "ever."—Yours faithfully,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich, Suffolk.

UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES

Dear Sir,—As I read the recent numerous letters from ringers who are concerned for the principles underlying the ringing of bells, and who ring and teach beginners only when inspired by the highest motives, I am worried by the tone of their letters. I am sure it is not consistent with the advice of St. Paul, to be found in his first letter to the Corinthians, and particularly Chapter 13, verses 4 to 7.

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Belfry Gossip

A tub in the village stream at Kersey, Suffolk, has produced £180 for the restoration of bells, tower and church. The sum of £16,000 has been raised by this village of 400 people, with another £7,000 to find.

Back in March the Barstable School of Change Ringers rang on handbells their first 1260 Plain Bob Triples: Gary Mason 1-2, Anthony Gibbs 3-4, Gordon Lucas (conductor) 5-6, Paul Cammiade 7-8. This we received late in June, and we wonder why three months have elapsed before sending it to The Ringing World!!

The Editor acknowledges receipt of the following annual reports: Oxford Guild, Sussex County Association, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

First peal congratulations to Robert Bennett, Nicholas W. Jackson, David Cooper, C. E. Bulleid, N. M. Gower.

New conductors: Monica M. Jelley and C. D. Collin.

Personal records: Kenneth J. Hesketh (500 peals), Marcus C. W. Sherwood (150), Monica M. Jelley (100), Tom R. Roast (25), J. Barry Pickup (400), Cecil W. Pipe (750).

For the fifth year in succession Addington, Surrey, band scored a quarter peal on Trinity Sunday. The method was Trinity Sunday.

To celebrate his 60 years as a change ringer Mr. Albert Bennett took part in a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Bicker, Lincs.

Where is the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helen? We have received the copy of a peal which was rung there without the name of the place, association or address of sender. The signature is Rosemary A. Hartley.

In a peal at Wells Cathedral recently Tim Collins was a last-minute (literally!) stand-in for the tenor, and made a fine job of it. I think that at 19 years 1 month he must surely be the youngest person ever to have rung a bell of this weight to a peal, writes Robert Dennis. [Anyone better this?—Ed.]

Mr. Edward Tinsley, a ringer at Long Clawson, Leics, for over 60 years, celebrated his diamond wedding on June 26, when a quarter of Doubles was rung in the church. For many years he and his wife cleaned the church and for 18 years he daily climbed the steel ladder to wind the church clock. "His record deserves a quarter," writes Mr. J. H. Cook

The Northern District of Hertford Association met at Sandon in glorious sunshine for its monthly meeting on June 6. Various Doubles methods were rung before the company moved on to Wallington to be joined by visitors from several parts of the county and a variety of methods were rung.

The latest peal in Canada was thought to be an excellent way to welcome Bill Jackson back to peal ringing following his very speedy recovery from an operation, and now it is intended to follow through the Kent and Oxford variations, as they form an interesting and musical sector of ringing which do not appear to have been really explored for several years, writes Derek Sawyer, from Ontario, Canada.

Very good reasons for ringing a peal at Carbis Bay, Cornwall, were the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the western towers and bells of Truro Cathedral (a quarter was also rung at Paul for the same reason) and a welcome return to peal ringing by Mrs. Minnie Foskett after three years' absence for health reasons.

For the Surrey Association's 90th anniversary, the incidence of the Bank Holiday week-end resulted in a small number of successful quarter peals, and attempts at Coulsdon, Battersea (2) and Kingswood came to grief. Peal attempts at Putney, Wimbledon and Kingswood were unsuccessful. At Kingswood the clapper fell out of the five after two hours' ringing, and at Wimbledon the clock hammer fouled a bell after a similar length of time.

With the quarter at Grantham on June 7 Mr. Frederick Pinchbeck has now rung 100 quarters on the bells, his first being in 1947. These are: Royal 21, Caters 40, Major 13, Triples 19, Minor 4, Doubles 3. All at Grantham would like to congratulate Fred on his achievement and look forward to seeing a footnote to a quarter "200th on the bells."

P. A. S.

Saltley Carillon, Parkfield Road, Birmingham 8. Ringers in the area can hear lunch time recitals most Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1.45 p.m. and Sundays 11.15 a.m. to 12 noon. Sunday evening recitals, 2nd and 4th Sundays, until September inc, 6.40-7.30 p.m. Visitors welcome.

Mr. Neville Gower has scored his first peal (at Stoke D'Abernon) following his arrival from Australia.

The B.B.C. colour film to be shown on Sunday, August 2, has been edited and "made ready." Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson spent some time on July 7 in the "cutting room" and he says the production, in his opinion, is excellent.

The 900th anniversary celebrations at Alton, Hants, this coming weekend will provide plenty of ringing for all, and the organisers, who have worked hard in the preparation, hope for fine weather.

In the decision on peal ringing change (C1), spliced compositions, passed by the C.C. at Ilkley, this should read: "Compositions in more than one method in which the changes of method occur at the half-lead and/or the lead-head shall be called spliced. In the case of compositions containing changes of method at both half-lead and lead-head, all the methods shall be symmetrical about the half-lead, with no two of them differing only in the places made at the half-lead and/or the lead-head."—So writes Mr. F. T. Blagrove.

FRED DUKES INJURED

"The car was completely wrecked and it is wonderful that he escaped with a chest injury and multiple bruises and abrasions, from which he is recovering. He is detained in hospital."—So writes Mrs. Rita Dukes from Meadow Cottage, Whitecross, Drogheda. Co. Louth, Ireland, and asks us to say that Irish Bell News, of which Fred is editor, will be delayed. All will wish him a speedy and complete recovery, and no doubt letters would be welcomed by him.

Worcester.

Peterborough Guild.

RETIRING MASTER ON "TYPES OF **RINGERS**"

The guild's annual general meeting was held at Woodford, Northants, in the Thrapston Branch. The attendance was approximately 105, and members and visitors made good use of the bells that were open for ringing from mid-morning until the late evening.

The guild's form of service was held in the parish church and conducted by the rector of Woodford, Rev. L. E. P. Casabianca, who gave the address.

Tea followed, and at the business meeting the president, Rev. E. G. Orland, was in the chair. Certain minor amendments to the printed annual report were noted and the report was then unanimously adopted.

TWO TYPES OF RINGERS
The master, Mr. J. H. Bluff, stated that during 50 years as a member of the Exercise he had met different types of ringers. He would mention two—"the ever faithfuls," who enjoy ringing and turn up regularly and promptly whether for service ringing or practice. Secondly, those who profess to be ringers, but usually turn up late or stay away for no genuine purpose, knowing full well the team would be short-This was the worse type of dishanded. loyalty with which ringers had to contend. No guild or association could prosper without the loyalty of its members.

The Bishop of London said recently that the clergy should be very grateful for bellringers and thank them for all the skill and energy they devoted to the art, because the voice of the clergy could only be heard by those people within the walls of the building, but the voice of the bells was heard over a wide area by many. "Therefore, let us keep the clergy and people ringing-conscious—not to gain glory, but to remind people that bellringing is a very human and skilful art, showing the values often lacking in other spheres today."

During the year a number of new and outstanding peals had been rung and he congratulated all who had taken part in them. But success in these days could not be counted entirely by the number of peals rung but rather by the number of churches where the bells were rung regularly for

Sunday service.

The general secretary in his report stated that 1969 had been a year of mixed for-Foremost on the success side had been the record number of 143 peals and the introduction of the guild newsletter. However, to offset these successes was a reduction of 120 fully paid-up members and the unfortunate cancellation of the annual dinner through lack of support. Most branches had reported reasonably successful years, and the guild annual meeting and summer festival were very well supported.

The financial state of the guild could only

be regarded as reasonable despite an increase of approximately £15 in the General Fund balance. Increased costs could be expected in 1970, although the recent revision of subscription rates would help to reduce their effect. The balance in the Bell Restoration Fund (£1,084) continued to rise and the beneficiary effects of re-investing this capital would be fully realised in 1970



MR. J. M. TYLER, THE NEW MASTER

A NEW MASTER

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. E. G. Orland (re-elected); master, Mr. J. M. Tyler; secretary/treasurer, Mr. E. Billings (re-elected); peal secretary, Mr. E. Garrett (re-elected); auditor, Mr. R. J. Danby.

Mr. J. H. Bluff retired after five years as master, and after Mr. Tyler's election as master he invested the new master with his badge of office. Special thanks were accorded to Mr. Bluff for his work for the

The meeting approved the following grants from the Bell Restoration Fund: Castor, £50 (cost of work £400); Polebrook, £225 (cost of work £1,670). A special grant of £20 was also approved for the Gloucester and Bristol Association's Special Appeal Fund for Stinchcombe bells.



MR, J. H. BLUFF, RETIRING MASTER

Regrettably, the 1969 annual dinner had had to be cancelled, and no dinner has been arranged for 1970, but it was agreed to hold a dinner in 1971 and then every third year, as this would coincide with the guild's golden jubilee year in 1974.

It was agreed to hold the 1971 annual general meeting at Uppingham in the Rut-

land Branch.

The 1970 summer festival would be held in September at Castor in the Peterborough Branch, and full details would be circulated

at a later date.

Members approved an amendment to Guild Rule III, which had the effect of removing the auditor from the guild committee. This change, it was strongly pointed out, did not reflect on the integrity of past holders of this office. The guild treasurer, on behalf of the committee, presents accounts to the members, and it is only right that the person who audits these accounts on the members' behalf should not be a member of the committee that is presenting the accounts.

CATHEDRAL BELLS

The subject of the Cathedral's bells was raised again by the reading of a statement from Mr. P. I. Chapman. No discussion took place on the statement, but it was agreed to circulate copies of the statement together with relevant correspondence between Mr. Chapman and the Dean to branch secretaries to enable the subject to be fully aired at branch meetings. This would provoke a more meaningful discussion at next year's committee and annual general meetings.

Mr. R. Daw proposed the omnibus vote of thanks to all those who had been concerned in any way in making the very successful arrangements for the meeting. motion was seconded by Mr. G. F. Roome and appreciation shown in the usual manner.

The president then closed the meeting, and members dispersed to continue their ringing activities in the available towers.

[The lateness of this report is regretted, the original letter containing the copy being lost in the post.-Ed.]

THEFT OF A VERY HISTORICAL BELL

The latest theft, that of the early 13th century bell from Chaldon Church in Surrey, has reduced to only two or three the number of inscribed bells of this period still remaining in England.

With a scrap value of only £50 to £60. 750 years of history has in all probability

been destroyed forever.

The bell, which hung in the church porch high over the door, has recently been protected with a cage of steel bars bolted to the roof trusses and built into the wall, but sufficient of these were ripped out to get the bell down, and the thieves not only took away all the steelwork which they had removed but tidily swept up the plaster they had dislodged.

This bell was also famed as being the oldest in Surrey. It was dedicated to St. Paul and its companion bell. dedicated to St. Peter, was lost in the 18th century.

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PENFOLD. — To Patrick and Peggy (nee Butcher), on June 29, 1970, at the R.A.F. Hospital, Wegberg, Germany, the gift of a son, Andrew Paul, a brother for Kerry Lynn.

ENGAGEMENT

BAILEY—CLARKE.— The engagement is announced between Trevor N. J. Bailey, younger son of Mr. and the late Mrs. C. B. Bailey, of Beccles, and Patricia M. Clarke, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Clarke, of Ipswich. 9262

ELSMORE—COLLINS.—The engagement is announced between Alan D. Elsmore and Judith M. Collins, both of Farnham, Surrey. 9253

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LLEWELLYN.—The address of David, Penny and family is now Surrenden, 68 Llantrisant Road, Llandaff, Cardiff. Tel.: Cardiff 565682. All ringing friends welcome.

SPREADBURY. — Alan, Sheila, Helen and Andrew have moved to 18 Eastern Road, Wood Green, London, N.22. Telephone: 01-889 1354.

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PERSONAL

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. -Ephesians iii, 7.

MISCELLANEOUS

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.— Ringers' service at 6.30 p.m., Sun., July 19. Preacher, Rev. Albert Webb. Ringing 5.30–6.25 and after service. All ringers and friends very welcome.

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NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK, Flower Festival Sat., Aug. 1. Bells available 3-6 p.m. 9235

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. Striking competition to be held on Sat., Sept. 19, draw 2.15 p.m. (tower to be announced later). Teams entering that have not already advised me in writing please do so within seven days of this notice. Further details later.—C. M. S.,

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIA-TION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meetings at Luccombe (6) on July 18 at 7 p.m. and at Minehead (10) on Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.-E. R. T. B 9257

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Evening meeting, Leighton Bromswold, Sat., July 18. Bells (5) 6-8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.45 p.m. in the tower.-M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTON (8), Sat., July
-Cirencester Branch.—Fairford (8), Sat., July

5.30 p.m.-J. Pearse, Branch Sec. OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Monthly practice, Monks Risborough, Sat., July 18, 6.30–8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 9248

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY .-Evening practice meeting, Gnosall, near Stafford, Sat., July 18. Bells (6) available 6.30-8.30 p.m. Anyone welcome.-C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 9203

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD .-Winchester District.—Practice meeting on Sat., July 18, 7-8.30 p.m., Twyford (8). 9247

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Coventry Archdeaconry.-Monthly meeting, July 18. Ringing arrangements: Wolston (4), 3.15-3.45 p.m (6), 3.30-4.30; Rugby (8), 6.15-7.45 Bilton p.m. Own arrangements for tea.-D. Mountford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - N.W. District. — Meeting will be held at Hatfield Heath (6), Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and ringing. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet Harlow

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Harwich (8), July 18. Ringing 3 p.m. (stop for wedding 3.30–4 p.m., approx.). Service 4.15 Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Felgate, 25 Una Road, Parkeston, Harwich.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- Southern District .-Business meeting, Fobbing, Sat., July 18. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea early, please, to Mr. Smith, 4 Gordon Road, Corringham, Stanfordle-Hope. Further ringing after meeting. All are

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - St. Albans District.-Meeting, Sat., July 18, at St. Peter's, St. Albans, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names to Mrs. J. Dodds, 18 Sandfield Road, St. Albans, Herts.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .--Bishop's Stortford District.-Meeting, Sat., July 18, Anstey. Bells (6) 3-4 p.m. Service at Brent Pelham 4.15. Tea and business meeting at The Bury 5. Ringing at Brent Pelham (6) 7-9 p.m. Special methods: Ipswich and Double Oxford. Names for tea essential to Mrs. L. Goodman, The Bury, Brent Pelham, Buntingford, Herts.-K. Westwood, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.— Meeting, Sat., July 18: Datchworth (6), 3-4.15 p.m., and Tewin (6), from 4 p.m. Service at Tewin 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Tewin to 9 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise Minor. Names for tea to Miss Jean Digby, 13 Cannons Meadow, Tewin (Tel. 693).—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 9214 9214

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Minster, Sat., July 18. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Leworthy, 20 Marian Avenue, Minster, Sheppey (Tel.: Minster 2579). —D P I 9209

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — N. and E. District.—Meeting, Sat., July 18, Monken Hadley. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by picnic tea. Barnet bells available 6-8.15 p.m.-E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. - Striking competition, Putney, July 18. Draw and competition ringing commences 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. A. Mew, 32 Wymond Street, S.W.15 (Tel.: 01-788 0733).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Beginners' meeting, July 18, St. Margaret-the-Queen (8), Buxted. Ringing 4–7 p.m. 9186

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIA-TION. — Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Henstridge (6), July 25, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9246

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Leighton Buzzard, on July 25. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Business in belfry at 5. Short service at 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Acton, July 25. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by July 22.—W. Kerr. Moreton Road, Crewe.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—
Meeting, Conisbrough, Sat., July 25. Bells (8)
from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea only.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, on July 25, Godal-ming. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. H. V. Debenham, Hazel Bank, Busbridge Lane, Godalming, by July 21.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Farningham, July 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43 Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wed., July 22. 9259

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Southern Branch.-Meeting, Sat., July 25, Pulham Market, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to F. C. Arnold, 6 The Turnpike, Bunwell, Norwich, by Wed., July 22.—F. C. A., Pranch, Sca. Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD. - Central District. - Quarterly meeting, Cotton (8), Sat., July 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. M. Franks, Taylers Green, Bacton, Cotton Stowmarket.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Mansfield District.— Meeting, July 25. Ringing at Teversal (5) 2.30– 4.30 p.m.; Sutton-in-Ashfield (8) 6–8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 9173

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. -- Eastern Division.—Practice meeting to be held at South-over, Lewes (10), on July 25. Bells 3-4.30 and 6-8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, by previous Wed .-- C. 9256 Baldock, Div. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO-CESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, July 25, All Saints', Catherington. Bells 2.30—4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Village Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at SS. Peter and Paul, Hambledon, only. From 2.30 till 3 the ringing will consist of rais-ing and lowering in peal. Special methods: St. Clement's and Surflest Names for tea to Mt. J. Clement's and Surfleet. Names for tea to Mr. J. Brown, The Laurels, White Dirt Lane, Catherington, Portsmouth, by the previous Wednesday,

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER

Queen's Head Hotel, High Street, Maidstone, Kent September 26, 6 p.m. for 6.30. Tickets (26s.) from district secretaries up to September 12 Alan P. S. Berry, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7 Church

Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Leeds and District Branch)

Meeting on Saturday, July 25, at Tadcaster.

Bells available:— Tadcaster (8), 3–5 p.m. Aberford (4), 6.30–7 p.m. Barwick-in-Elmet (6), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Cups of tea at Tadcaster at 5 p.m. Special methods:-D.N.C.B.M. and Superlative.

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HARSTON FLOWER FESTIVAL July 24, 25 and 26.

The bells of All Saints Church will be available from 2.30 to 6.30 on Sunday, July 26.

Evensong 6.30 p.m.

Light teas will be available. Individual ringers welcome.

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LINCOLN GUILD FESTIVAL

This year it was the turn of the Elloe Deaneries Branch to play host to the guild for the annual summer festival, which was held at Moulton on June 27. Most of the towers in the branch were open to the many visitors and guild members.

After the service, which was conducted by the Vicar of Moulton (Rev. S. Cory), over 110 sat down to a most enjoyable strawberry tea in the village hall. The winner of the "church search" competition, organised by Mr. Porter, was Vivienne West, of Lincoln.

Ringing continued in various towers until nine o'clock.



Unloading three of the bells are (l, to r.) H. Parks, A. Leary and T. Baker, with the [Photo: Morning Telegraph, Sheffield. lorry driver.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL BELLS DEDICATED

The old 12 bells of the Cathedral were rung for the last time on March 3, 1968. The following week work commenced, on a minor scale, to put the bells in better order, but it was discovered that time had taken a much greater toll than was at first apparent and that a major operation would be advisable. The ringers held a meeting, considered a number of schemes and finally recommended the Cathedral authorities if possible to install a new frame, recast the bells, the 12 with a tenor 34\frac{1}{4} cwt. in D flat, treble 5\frac{1}{2} cwt. and with a flat 6th, making a light octave, tenor 14½ cwt., this being the heaviest ring that could be hung on one level.

An order was placed with the Whitechapel Foundry and a Sheffield firm of builders co-operated with the foundry for construction work and repairs to the tower.

On June 13 this year (on the Queen's official birthday) the bells were ready for a try-out and all went well. Sunday service ringing was resumed next morning and was followed by a service of dedication in the

The bells were rung for the usual 45 minutes before Evensong, and after the second collect the choir and clergy processed to the forecourt on the south side, followed by the congregation. One verse of "Now thank we all our God" was sung and the provost (Very Rev. I. D. Neill) proclaimed: "In the faith of Jesus Christ we bless these bells now set in the tower of this Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, at Sheffield, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy followed by other words appropriate for this occasion. During the last verse of the hymn the choir, clergy and congregation returned to their places and the bells were rung in well-struck rounds. Evensong then continued and later the bells were rung until 9 p.m.

We still have "Tom Tinker," cast 1589 by Godfrey Heathcote, of Chesterfield, and items referring to bells in the records of 1557-63; also records of two peals rung on the eight bells (tenor 33 cwt.) in 1764. Some of these were recast and made into ten in 1799; one peal on these is recorded, but they must have been a failure as in 1805 Thomas Mears recast most of them and produced the grand old ten which did such yeoman service, two trebles being added in 1868. The Y.A.C.R. records 126 peals rung on these bells.

They are now all gone and we have the new ring, beautiful in tone, nice to handle, the "go" excellent, on a massive, durable frame, good for many years - a credit to their founders and a glory to the Cathedral. Quite a lot of work in the belfry remains to be done but which is being dealt with. Our thanks go to the Cathedral authorities for carrying the responsibility for such a comprehensive task, to the good people who have donated the money, to the Whitechapel Foundry and the builders who have done an excellent job, not forgetting Messrs. Parks, Leary and Baker, the bell-

hangers, and all others concerned.

To have witnessed what was at the end of the war a rather gloomy church transformed into a cathedral of light and beauty and now crowned with this fine ring of bells has indeed been a great experience.

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REEVES .- To Bob and Diana a son, Graham, July 4, 1970 .- Wayside, Mollington, Ban-

CHANGE OF ADDRESS
STARBUCK. — Chris and Jennie have now moved to 8 Saxon Road, Selhurst, London, S.E.25. 9267

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION .- Axbridge BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axoridge
Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Worle, July 25.
Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and
meeting afterwards.—M. Legg. 9266
BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.— Crewkerne Branch.—Practice meeting, North Perrott,
Sat., July 18. Ringing 7–9 p.m.—R. J. D. 9263
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

—Annual cricket match, Tanfield, Sat., July 18. Meet at Oakey's Field (near Stanley) 2 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6 p.m. Ringing after service. Names for tea to Mr. K. W. Cheesman, Chapel House, Gibside, Burnopfield, Newcastle upon Tyne.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wisbech

District.—Meeting, Shouldham, July 25. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—D. Feek, Dis. Sec. 92

Bring own food, cups of tea provided.—D. A.
Feek, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley
District.—Monthly meeting, Sat., July 25, Congerstone. Bells (6) 3–4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 at
Market Bosworth. Tea at 5 p.m., Bosworth
Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. R. Proudman, 20 Market Place, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton, by Wed. previous.—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 9265
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.

-Meeting on Sat., July 25, at Bispham Parish Church, Blackpool. Bells (8) 3.30-6 p.m. 9269 CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD .- Wirral Branch. —Bidston, July 18. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birken-

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, EDGMOND, Newport, Shropshire.—Ringers' service, Sunday, July 19. Evensong 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 9276

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- East Berks and South Bucks Branch.-Meeting, Windsor (8), on Sat., July 25, 2.30 till 5 p.m., and Slough (10) from 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements (available near Windsor Church).-A. L. Pearson. 9272

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch)

A joint meeting with the BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT and the SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES

will be held at
Thrybergh (6), 15.00-16.30,
Wath-on-Dearne (8), 18.30 onwards,
on Saturday, August 1.

Tea, followed by a short business meeting, will be held at Wath-on-Dearne at 17.00, and those requiring teas should notify A. Colin Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US (Tel.: Gleadless Common, Shahlerd, 573 390557), by the previous Thursday (July 30). Everyone is cordially invited.

DEVON BELLRINGING CHAMPION-SHIPS

On a lovely day in June the Devon Association championships were held at St. Petrox Church, Dartmouth, and the beautiful surroundings and the River Dart were enjoyed as much as the excellent company and good striking by those who attended.

Before the competition, the ringers held their festival service, conducted by the vicar, the Rev. Harvey R. Phillips.

Faults were as follows: West Down 13. West Alvington 15, Plymstock 182, Down St. Mary 23½, Swimbridge 24½, Kentisbeare 30, Kenn 32, South Tawton 37½, Stoke Gabriel 383, Dunsford 40.

The judges were Messrs. Arthur Topper, H. Fidler, R. Elliot and Courtney Thorn. The adjudicator was Mr. G. Philps.

LAVENHAM (SUFFOLK) ANNIVERSARY

On June 20, upwards of 70 ringers from Norfolk, Essex, Suffolk, Cambs, Lincs, Notts and Herts visited Lavenham and rang on the bells methods ranging from Plain Bob to Bristol Surprise, and with rounds This annual event has been for learners. carried out since the augmentation of the two treble bells in 1811 (except for the war M. T. S.

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One moment's success pays the failure

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for July 13, 1945

The leading article wrote of a "silly hoax" perpetrated when someone sent in a fictitious peal report and the writer pointed out it was not possible to check every item sent and in any case to do so would only be casting an unmerited slur on innocent and deserving bands.

A peal of Victoria Little Court Bob

Major was rung at Hethersett, Norfolk, conducted by Nolan Golden—the first in

the method by the band,

Betty Spice, John Spice, Wilfrid Moreton and Michael Moreton rang a handbell peal of Bob Major, the first-named scoring her 100th peal.

Mr. Joshua B. Booth collapsed and died whilst ringing the tenor at Felkirk, Yorks.

He was 57

George W. Slack wrote saying that in a noisy tower he had lightly muffled the bells and the effect was most pleasing.

Because of poor postal deliveries readers were complaining that they did not get their R.W. on time and sometimes not at all. [Times haven't changed.-Ed.]

A meeting was held at Ilkley, Yorks, where the bells had recently been recast

and rehung.

Sgt. P. Tocock, who was leaving for the Far East, was presented with a wallet and cheque in recognition of his services as ringing master of the Dorchester Branch, Salisbury Guild.

50 YEARS AGO July 16, 1920

The first peal (Grandsire Caters) on the bells of Cullompton, Devon, was rung by the Devonshire Guild (St. Sidwell's, Exeter, Branch) and was conducted by Edwin Shepherd.

Mr. Harold J. Poole rang the 4th for his first peal — Stedman Triples — at Stoney Stanton, Leics, and was elected a member of the Midland Counties Association before

the start of the peal.

The first peal of seven 720s in nine Surprise methods was rung at Edenham, Lincolnshire, conducted by J. W. Lake. The methods were Ipswich and Cambridge. Cunecastre and London, York, Wells, Dur-Cambridge. ham, Surfleet and Beverley.

At the summer meeting of St. Martin's Guild a new ring of 12 handbells was "opened" with three courses of Stedman Cinques: A. Paddon Smith 1-2, A. Walker 3-4, J. E. Groves 5-6, T. Russam 7-8, J. F. Smallwood 9-10, Morris J. Morris 11-12. The star turn, however, was a course of Bob Minor in which the 7-years-old son of Mr. Laslin (Percy O.) rang 5-6.
The Society for the Archdeaconry of

Stafford at their annual meeting at Lichfield raised their subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. but refused to accept a proposal for a 6d.

a head peal booking fee.

An advertisement announced the unveiling of a tablet in Easton Neston Church, Towcester, to the late James Slarke and at the meeting afterwards it was hoped to restart the Towcester Association.

Mr. Ernest Morris wrote about 6-bell towers in the Leicester area and said they were sadly neglected by ringers in towers where there were eight, ten and 12 bells. A controversy between Fred Dexter and Ernest Morris occupied several half columns for a number of weeks about the matter.

Mrs. A. D. Barker was the first lady to ring at St. Paul's Cathedral. The company was one short at a practice and she rang the fifth to Stedman Triples.

COMPOSITIONS

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Rung at Earls Barton, Northants, April 12, 1970.

5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

(Four methods.)

By ANTHONY R. PEAKE 23456 M W H Methods

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By F. C. PRICE B M H 234567890

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THE CHURCH of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, has been described as one of the most beautiful parish churches in the world; it is lovely whether viewed from a distance or close at hand

No trace remains of the 7th century Saxon monastery established at Stratford. It is believed that in Norman times a church occupied the site of the monastery, but of this there is no certainty. About 1210 the original north and south transepts were built. Between 1280 and 1330 the north and south aisles, the tower and the piers of the nave were constructed, and the period from 1480 to 1520 saw the addition of the chancel, the clerestory, the west window and the north porch. In the chancel, in front of the high altar, lie the remains of William Shakespeare and his family.

The early 13th century transepts and the upper part of the tower are the earliest features of the church. There are remains in the east and west walls of the north transept (now the vestry) of narrow arches which apparently opened into the 12th or 13th century aisles to the north of the nave

and former chancel.

The porch is a late 15th century addition and has an upper chamber, or parvis, which is approached from inside the church. The porch ceiling is vaulted in white stone, which has suffered serious mutilation. On the west and east sides there are stone seats which were probably used for parish meetings. There are remains of holy water stoups in the north angles. The outer entrance is fitted with a pair of 17th century doors; the inner doors, which are massive and of fine workmanship, were made and hung in 1480. On the outside of the west wall there are incisions in the stone, thought by some to be bullet marks, but more probably made by 18th century archers sharpening their arrows in the stone when shocting in the churchyard after Sunday morning services.

After the Reformation the interior of the church suffered many changes, chiefly in the direction of increased simplicity. The rood and chantry chapels were abolished, many carvings mutilated and glass destroyed. The original wooden spire, erected in 1675, was replaced with the present stone one in 1763.

At the moment there is extensive restoration work in hand and there has been a world-wide appeal for funds. But this great church is not a museum of the past; it is still a parish church and constantly in use. Here Christians worship continues after nearly 800 years, here the sacraments are administered, here countless people come to pray and to meditate, and here people come in sorrow and in joy. The church stands as a bulwark of the Christian faith and witness to the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

THE BELLS

The original six bells were the work of Henry and Matthew Bagley and cast between the years 1683 and 1742. Two trebles were added in 1887 to celebrate Queen Victoria's jubilee, thus making a ring of eight. The whole ring was melted down in 1948 and the tower now contains a fine ten from the foundry at Loughborough.

The first peal on the bells was one of Bob Major by the St. Martin's Guild at the beginning of this century. Peal boards in the belfry commemorate a peal of Grandsire Triples by the St. Martin's Guild in 1904, conducted by Harry Withers, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by the

Yorkshire Association, conducted by James Cotterill, in 1907. The Rev. F. E. Robinson also conducted a peal of Stedman Triples here in 1907. No more were rung until 1946, when a peal was rung by a local band, to be followed by many more by ringers from many parts of the country.

Through the years the bells had been rung twice every Sunday by a faithful, but a "stoney" band. It was not until after the First World War, when V. B. (Jack) Hunt moved into the district and joined the band with several new recruits, that changeringing started. After doing most of the hard work in those early days, Jack was elected captain in 1937, a post which he held until 1967, when his commitments as churchwarden made him feel that he must relinquish the office. It was primarily due to his efforts that in 1948 the existing eight bells were removed, recast, augmented and rehung, to be recognised as the best ring of ten for their weight in the country. After a period of 30 years under one leadership there has been a change, and the tower now has a complement of some 20 members and Sunday by Sunday, and on practice nights, Caters and Royal can be regularly heard.

INSCRIPTIONS AND WEIGHT OF THE EXISTING RING

	W	eigh	t
	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Treble. — "Dick Stokes-Roberts, Lt., Grenadier Guards,			
MC., Italy, 1944 — Aged			
21—1948."	5	1	2
2.—"The Ringers' Bell" 1948,			
V. B. Hunt, Captain. 3. — "Peace, cast 1887, re-	5	1	10
cast 1948."	5	1	6
4.—"Cast 1887, recast 1948."	5	3	14
5. — "H. Bagley made me,			
1742, recast 1948."	6	3	8
6. — "Matthew Bagley made me, 1683. Recast 1948."	8	0	16
7"1733, recast 1887, re-	0	0	10
cast 1948."	10	0	23
8.—"1733, recast 1887, re-			
cast 1948." 9.—"1683, recast 1948, Noel	11	3	1
Prentice, Vicar, Ashley			
Clayton, George Lea,			
Gerald Price, Harry Tomp-			
kins, Churchwardens." Tenor. — "1717, recast 1948.	14	2	2
'The Faithful Dead, 1939-			
1945'.''	19	0	2
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Total weight:	92	1	0

KEEN RABBIT

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the comments of a "Keen Rabbit" in the July 3rd edition or The Ringing World. As a fellow rabbit myself I do have a certain amount of sympathy with his views, but I am left with the impression that this person is suffering from an oversize chip on the shoulder. If he finds ringing so intolerable in his local tower why doesn't he show some enterprise and find a tower where he will be helped in improving his ringing?

As the "Keen Rabbit" is so fed up with

As the "Keen Rabbit" is so fed up with his present ringing, could he send his name to The Ringing World and I am sure that some kind and (I pray) tolerant tower captain will make this ringer welcome. May I add that I am most grateful for all the help I have received in various towers from the "holier than thou" ringers. — Yours faithfully.

JAMES T. SHEPARD. Bermondsey, London.

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OVER 50 YEARS A RINGER



Arthur H. Smith was born at Lamberhurst, Kent, in 1902, and it was there that he learned to ring during the first world war. Under the tutelage of Albert Relfe he soon became a regular member of the local Treble Bob and Surprise Minor band. He rang his first peal in 1920 and during the next ten years rang nearly 50 more, all in Kent, in a variety of methods. Moving to Leatherhead, Surrey, in 1929, he joined the local band, to which he still belongs. Becoming secretary of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild in 1930, he held the post for 30 years, and during this period was a regular member of the local Surprise band led by Albert Harman. They rang the first peal in a number of Major and Royal methods.

On relinquishing the post of district secretary in 1960 Arthur was made a vice-president of the Guild, being the fourth member of the Leatherhead band to be so honoured. His son, Alan, was master of the Leatherhead District until very recently, when he took up a post in Fiji. Arthur's peal total is 173, of which he has conducted 12.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild

FRIENDLY WELCOME AT BASINGSTOKE

BUT POOR ATTENDANCE

A full programme of ringing in churches on routes leading to the town, an interesting business meeting, well conducted, with a fair proportion of those present taking part, a bright church service with good singing, the address by the rector although over 15 minutes that seemed only like five, a home-made tea, plentiful and well served by local ladies, followed by more ringing at several other churches until all had had their fill; such was the pattern — as in many other areas — when the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild held their A.G.M. at Basingstoke on July 4. Although better support should have been forthcoming from the large guild membership, the 60-70 who did turn up found the friendly atmosphere (always forthcoming from Basingstoke ringers) most convivial, the striking generally good and altogether a well worth while event.

An Executive Committee meeting in All Saints' Hall held before the main business of the day overran the hour allotted, but this gave those waiting the opportunity to see the carnival procession, which Basingstoke had arranged, it seemed, especially for the occasion!

The master (Mr. Roger Savory) presided at the meeting, accompanied by the hon. secretary (Mr. David Forder), the acting hon. treasurer (Mr. Kenneth Croft) and the Editor of The Ringing World (Mr. Charles Denyer. A welcome to the last named and also to other visitors was given by Mr. Savory, and among the apologies received were those from Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. A. York-Bramble.

The company remembered in silence Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Messrs. F. Attrill, F. Gosling, S. Carey, S. Blake, J. W. Faithfull, A. Jackson and Mesdames W. Tate, G. M. Hunt and R. May, who had died during the year.

Following the lengthy minutes, the secretary read a letter from Mr. John Hunt regarding peal ringing and the guild rules, and this will now be dealt with in committee with a view to a proposition being made at the 1971 A.G.M.

THE ACCOUNTS

Before the accounts were presented, the chairman spoke of the work of the late treasurer (Mr. Tom Francis) and said that with Mr. Kenneth Croft's co-operation and the Executive Committee's agreement (and the appropriate rule) Mr. Croft would assume the duties of hon. treasurer until next year's triennial election, but as the secretary had done both offices since Mr. Francis' death Mr. Forder would present the accounts for 1969.

These showed that the balance of £319 15s. 10d. had been reduced to £198 5s. 4d., but as printing the triennial reports had cost £252 the loss was not what it appeared to be. The question of a modified—possibly annual—report replacing the larger one was being studied. Mr. Francis, it was pointed out, had prepared the accounts—one of his last acts for the guild.

The treasurer's statement of accounts were received without comment.

Mr. D. Matkin, presenting the peal recorder's report, which had been previously circulated, said he felt the guild had acquitted itself well and the report was very satisfactory. Total peals rung were 105, plus six handbell peals. (The peal of Minimus recorded had not been accepted by the Central Council, although the Erin Caters on the Basingstoke nine bells had!)

The master pointed out that because the Erin Caters had been approved it did not follow that any other similar peals, or of Major with a cover bell, would be accepted. Congratulations were extended to Katherine Maundrell (leading peal ringer—34), to



and Wells "Stinchcombe Bells Appeal" was discussed and the committee had recommended that £5 be sent when the work is put in hand. Mr. F. E. Collins made a proposition, stating that this was a test case which should be supported. Canon Paton-Bradbury seconded. The proposition was carried, no contrary votes being recorded.

GUILD DINNER REPORT

The guild dinner is to be fixed for the last Saturday in April each year, and when Mr. Jackson said that the photo and three-line report which appeared in The Ringing World was not really good enough, the Editor pointed out that he had been unable to attend himself and had asked for a report

The master (Mr. Roger Savory) wearing the badge of his office and accompanied by (left to right): Mr. C. Ossler, Mrs. M. Croft, Mr. D. Forder (hon. sec.), Mr. K. Croft (hon. treas.), Mr. J. Chesterman and Miss D Smith. [R.W. photo.

Geoffrey Dodd (leading conductor—21) and. North Stoneham, where 17 peals had been rung.

Apologising for not having submitted a report last year, Mr. M. J. Butler (librarian) stated that the late Mr. Tony Jackson's mother had handed Tony's collection of ringing books to the guild library, and appreciation of this gift was expressed.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

A comprehensive report of the Central Council's meeting at Ilkley was given by Mr. A. V. Davis and by Mr. Hartless. The members learned that it was a long and interesting meeting with much improved organisation and arrangements, and a real Yorkshire welcome. Both gentlemen were applauded for their explanation of what took place.

Giving his comments on the year's work as he had seen it, the hon. secretary spoke of the tragic deaths of Tom and Margaret Francis; the former had been treasurer and had served the guild and other associations well, and Margaret had been secretary of the old Southampton District. A memorial to them, erected by their family in North Stoneham belfry, would be dedicated in August.

Restoration work had been completed in Bishop's Waltham, and they had a new ringing tower with a ring of six at Easton. The second annual dinner was a highly successful event, as was the striking competi-

tion, won by Eling.

The secretary then gave details of work in the various districts, which generally were satisfactory, but a close watch is to be kept on membership, so that there will be no decline.

Although no guild applications had been received for restoration grants, the Bath

to be sent. When nothing had been received he had asked the guild master, at Ilkley, to do something about it. Unfortunately it was another three weeks before the report arrived, and this was much too late for full publication. He hoped to be present himself next year and would see that a report did appear on time.

The guild striking competition is also now a definite date—the third Saturday in May each year, and the same sub-committee were given authority to organise the event.

According to a rota system in operation, the A.G.M. in 1971 is to be held on the first Saturday in July at Ryde, I.O.W., it being stated by Mr. Bailey that a keen young band there would welcome the guild.

A considerable discussion took place when the election of life honorary members was proposed. Any member with 50 years' membership of the guild is elected to life membership, and in the case of Messrs. H. A. Nobes, F. Barron, T. Taylor and R. Smith this was agreed. However, when one lady's name was mentioned, it was pointed out that although it was believed that she qualified, there was no recorded proof in the 1920 report. The Executive Committee would discuss the matter and make a proposal next year. When Canon Sanders protested (and others supported him), the master pointed out that the rules stated that this was the proper procedure and they must abide by the rules. It was no good making rules if they did not abide by them OTHER BUSINESS

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When "other business" was announced, Canon Paton-Bradbury rose and objected to the practice which, according to the rules, necessitated the names of non-paid-up members being read out at the annual district meetings. He was supported by Canon Sanders and several other members.

(Continued overleaf)

Ilkley, May 26, 1970.

CENTRAL COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

SECTION VI

RECORDS COMMITTEE

When the Records Committee report was proposed for acceptance by Mr. Blagrove, Mr. Lewis seconded and queried the names given to some methods. He suggested that "Mr." be dropped from "Mr. Rusty" as a method name.

Mr. Blagrove said the naming of a new method was the prerogative of the band ringing it, but Mr. G. W. Pipe said the names should be chosen sensibly—not

childishly.

Mr. Seagrave suggested that the Council should have the power to rename a method—it it had not already that power. Mr. Mayne replied that the Council could claim powers to rename a method.

This report was also adopted.

Mr. Cyril Wratten asked the whereabouts of three manuscripts: (a) James Barham's peal book, (b) any papers left by Henry Davis, and (c) Parnell manuscripts, and, if anyone knew about them, to communicate with him.

OTHER COMMITTEES

The Towers and Belfries Committee report was accepted, Mr. Sharpe expressing thanks to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for his help in legal matters, and others who had assisted in many ways.

Considerable discussion took place on the report of the Broadcasting Committee, acceptance of which was proposed by Mr. H. N. Pitstow, seconded by Canon A. G. G.

Thurlow.

Mr. W. G. Wilson spoke of a colour film being made by the B.B.C. and Mr. Pipe mentioned the poor recording made of the

Elstow (Beds) bells.

Among comments and suggestions made during the discussion were that the B.B.C. would not be intimidated; that Leicester ringers were asked to record Stedman Cinques for the B.B.C. but nobody came near the belfry; that the Council should give more support to the committee and the new Publicity Committee; that the B.B.C.

were to make a record of bells for sale to church authorities and ringers, but that they (the B.B.C.) would choose the towers and bells; that the towers chosen were to be given a free disc, and that there was no copyright to the recordings.

At the close of this debate Mr. Chaddock asked Mr. Wilson if a copy of the colour film being made could be obtained, and Mr. Wilson assured him that every endeavour would be made to that end.

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Item 10 (K) was the report of the Methods Committee, and its acceptance was proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, with Mr. S. Ivin seconding.

Great difficulty appeared to be experienced by a good percentage of the Council to understand (or follow) the debate which ensued. Mr. Jelley stated that in 1959 a precedent was set when two methods of the same name, one of Major, the other Royal, were rung, the extension not being orthodox, and the band were asked to change the name of one of them, and this was done.

TRIVIALITIES

The methods discussed now were Leatherhead and Kegworth, and Messrs. Mayne, Blagrove, Seager, Speed, Barnett, Beresford and Dodds all took part in cross-talk of technical method construction. This resulted in Mr. P. A. Corby remarking that the behaviour of certain people was becoming increasingly worrying, apart from the considerable time being spent on trivialities.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, following up this cue, promptly proposed that the Council move on to the next business, which re-

ceived general approval.

The Methods Committee's report was

adopted, three voting against.

For the final report, about the general interest film, Mr. Bottomley said that the cost of this was increasing, and it was not right to put the Council's money at risk. However, the name of a contact at the B.B.C. had been passed on by John Betjeman, and with this information the report was accepted.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD—continued.

It was stated by Mr. A. V. Davis that he had yet to attend a meeting where this had happened, as the district officers allowed much more latitude despite the rules. Others present also agreed that the rule in this case was not enforced.—No action was taken.

It was announced that Canon Felstead would be leaving St. Michael's, Southampton, later in the year to become master of St. Cross, and a message of congratulation and good wishes is to be sent to him from the guild.

RINGING WORLD SUPPORT

Mr. A. V. Davis proposed that £10 be sent to The Ringing World funds. He felt it necessary, he said, to do all possible to support and encourage the paper, and now that they had a new editor and a new look it was even more necessary to give help.

it was even more necessary to give help. Mr. D. Matkin seconded, but Mr. F. E. Collins spoke against the motion and said it was not right to use guild moneys in this way. "Raise the price to 2s.," he said.

After the motion had been approved by 41 to 6, the Editor asked permission to speak, which was granted.

Mr. Denyer said he did not control The Ringing World. This was done by a committee (under the Central Council), who worked hard to keep it going. He pointed out that the paper was owned by the Central Council, and that as the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was affiliated to that body, the paper virtually belonged in part to all those members present. As such they should support The Ringing World wholeheartedly.

Regarding the price, this probably would have to go up next year, although he, personally, hoped to keep it down. So many letters came in at "renewal" time from the old subscribers who could not now afford The Ringing World because of rising costs elsewhere and they had to economise; The Ringing World subscription was one of these economies. He appealed to all members of the guild and to ringers everywhere to go on supporting The Ringing World and to help to increase the circulation.

[Judging from the applause at this point it appeared that more support will be forthcoming.]

A final word from the master included thanks to all who had helped to organise the day's activities and a reminder that at next year's triennial elections neither he nor the secretary would be seeking re-election.

The guild's service was conducted by the rector of Basingstoke in St. Michael's Church at 5 p.m., and tea was served afterwards in the church hall.

VISITING COVENTRY

For the Central Council meeting in 1971 it was announced that the Coventry Association would be the hosts, but no actual centre had yet been chosen. Mrs. Beamish (master) stated that an announcement on the headquarters chosen would be given in due course.

The Spring Bank Holiday week-end is again to be the dates for the Council's assembly. When asked where the Council would like to meet in 1972, it was asked if London was a possibility. Exploratory inquiries are to be made as regards this suggestion. Canon Thurlow suggested the Council might consider returning to the real Whitsun week-end for its meeting so as to avoid holiday traffic and accommodation problems.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

When the chairman announced this final item on the agenda, the Rev. J. Scott invited the Council to visit Devon in 1974, which would be the centenary year of the Devon Association.

The gathering expressed disappointment when it was voiced that for the first time ever a member who was a Benedictine monk (a Roman Catholic), Father P. Angold, and who had been unable to be welcomed last year, had been present at the Council's discussions but had not been formally welcomed as a new member. However, it was found that the Reverend Father had just left the meeting and could not, once more, be introduced.

Mrs. Staniforth asked that the official welcome by the civic dignitaries be arranged in future as for this year—on the Monday evening—leaving Tuesday free for the business meeting.

Thanks to Mr. Garner-Hayward for his services in connection with the Central Council publications were expressed on the proposition of Mr. W. F. Moreton, and Mr. Cartwright called on the assembly to show its appreciation to Mr. John Freeman (president) for his tolerance, skill and judgment and capable handling of the meeting. This brought tremendous applause, and was fully justified.

The Rev. St. John Smith proposed thanks to the Council's Yorkshire hosts, and Mr. Walter Ayre spoke appreciatively of the excellent organisation of the Monday Dales tour.

The hon. secretary announced the attendance as 170—the same as in 1969, made up as follows: 46 associations fully represented, 120; 11 partly represented, 27 (16 absent); six not represented (six absent); eight life members (two absent); 15 honorary members (seven absent). Total: 170 present; 31 absent.

Summing up, the president said it had been a long but happy and very useful meeting, and thanked the officers for their services. He also thanked the members of the sub-committees for the work they had done for the Exercise in general and the Central Council in particular. He was very proud to be president of such a body and looked forward to continued support from the members.

(Concluded.)

Once to every man and nation Comes the moment to decide In the fight twixt truth and falsehood, For the good or evil side. Then it is the brave man chooses While the coward stands aside, Doubting in his abject spirit Till his Lord is crucified.—Tennyson.

REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE **EOR 1969**

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D.A., 5152 Taunton S. Maj. Middlesex C.A. 5056 Wareham S. Maj. Salisbury D.G. 5088 Medway S. Maj. Kent C.A. 5184 Glamorgan S. Maj. Greater London A. 5056 Mr. Rusty S. Maj. Worcs & Dists. A. 14

5056 Bromyard S. Maj. Worcs & Dists. A. 5040 Isleworth S. Royal. London C.A. 5120 Hunger Hill S. Major. Lancashire A. 5152 Clent S. Maj. Worcs and Dists. A. 5040 Warfield S. Royal. Oxford D.G. 5184 Spilsby S. Major. Middlesex C.A. 5040 Slough Bob Royal. Middlesex C.A. 19 26. August

5152 Little Bushey S. Maj. Hertford C.A. 5120 Littleport Little Surprise Maximus. Soc. of Royal Cumberland Youths. 5024 Xennapod S. Major. Peterborough 12.

16. D.G.

5056 Byron S. Major. Middlesex C.A. 5184 Lewisham S. Major. Soc. of Royal Cumberland Youths.

23. 5184 Bedwardine S. Major. Worcs and Dists. A.

5056 Lathkill S. Major. Derby D.A. September

5152 Ixworth S. Major. Hertford C.A. 5040 Thirston S. Royal. Peterborough D.G.

5024 Quethiock S. Major. Peterborough D.G.

5042 Evesham S. Maximus. Worcs & Dists. 5152 Tuffley S. Major. Worcs & Dists. A.

5040 Kedleston S. Royal. Derby D.A. 5040 Ewerby S. Royal. London C.A. 5184 Rushden S. Major. Peterborough D.G. November

5056 Aswarby S. Major. Surrey A 5184 East Coker S. Major. Bath & Wells D.A.

Sussex County Association.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL VISITED

On May 30, members of the Northern Division and friends set off on an outing in fine weather, Guildford Cathedral being the central attraction, but on the way Cranleigh and Holy Trinity, Guildford, were visited. At the latter church we were met by Mr. White, who made us very welcome. There were not many visitors at the Cathedral when we arrived, and some of us went to the top of the tower to enjoy the view. All ringers had a pull on the magnificent bells, but I fear we did not do them justice. We had lunch in a High Street restaurant, after which we made our way to the towers at Chiddingfold and Haslemere for the afternoon. After a tea of scones, raspberry iam and cream we went on to Petworth where one bell was without a stay, but this did not mar our enjoyment. Our last did not mar our enjoyment. Our last tower was at Billingshurst and, although a bit tired, everything went well.

It was a good day, and we owe our thanks to Mrs. Osbon (secretary), to the ringing masters and to incumbents and local ringers G. T. J. who made us welcome.

November

5152 Chalfont S. Major. Middlesex C.A. 5040 Wembley S. Maximus. St. Martin's 20.

5152 Moorgate Delight Maj. Ancient Soc. of College Youths.

5152 Higham Ferrers S. Major. Peter-22.

borough D.G.
5024 Nempnett Thrubwell S. Major. Bath
and Wells D.A.
5136 Barford S. Maximus. St. Martin's

Guild.

December

5056 Papanui S. Major. Midland C.G. 5184 Alford Delight Major. Surrey A. 5056 Pershore S. Major. Worcs & Dists. A. 5088 Daisy Hill S. Major. Lancashire A. 26

5088 Artaxerxes S. Major. Worcs & Dists.

March 1. 5040 50-Spliced Surprise Maximus. Lancashire A.

7168 32-Spliced Surprise Major (all the work). Winchester and Portsmouth D.G. May 25. 6728 Little Bob Major. Oxford Soc. July 5. 11,520 Eardisland Delight Major. Hertford C.A.

New methods and performances on Hand-B. bells

5124 Wheathampstead Little College Mar. 14. Bob Major. Hertford C.A. 5056 Kent T.B. Sixteen. Hertford C.A. 5040 Little Bob Sixteen. Hertford April 25 Oct. 27

5088 8-Spliced Surp. Major (all the work). Hertford C.A. Jan. 14.

CA

Feb. 20. 5040 2-Spliced Surprise Maximus. Chester D.G. Feb. 24 5120 32-Spliced S. Major. Hertford

C.A. April 3. 5000 8-Spliced Pl. Royal.

C.A. 5040 3-Spliced July 10. Surprise Maximus.

Chester D.G. July 24. 5184 Surprise Maximus.

Chester D.G Aug. 21. 5040 8-Spliced Surp. Royal. Chester D.G

5088 6-Spliced Sept. 4. Surprise Maximus. Chester D.G.

Oct. 6. 5040 8-Spliced Surprise Maximus. Hertford C.A

Oct. 9. 5040 10-Spliced Surprise Maximus. Chester D.G. Oct. 30. 5040 12-Spliced Surprise Maximus.

Chester D.G. F. T. BLAGROVE (Convener)

G. DODDS

J. R. MAYNE

D. E. SIBSON C. A. WRATTEN

About four miles from the ringers' Mecca (Loughborough) stands the little village of Walton. This small village with its little brick church tower, holds an honoured and often forgotten place in the history of change-ringing in North Leicestershire. At the turn of the last century the rector of Walton for 45 years was Rev. M. B. Bird. When he came to Walton he found a 3-bell tower. He was himself a keen change-ringer and to his consternation discovered that change-ringing was largely unknown in North Leicestershire. He soon struck up a friendship with John Taylor and in 1896 the three bells were rehung in a new cast iron frame with the addition of treble and tenor. It was only later dis-covered that Mr. Taylor had given the treble as an anonymous gift. The Rev. M. B. Bird developed a good change-ringing band and the enthusiasm of his band spread change-ringing throughout North Leicestershire. When Mr. Bird died he directed that he should be buried as near as possible to the bells he knew so well. His grave lies just by the tower door.

WALTON-LE-WOLDS, LEICS

Since 1896 no work has been undertaken on the bells whatever. As was only to be expected, the various frictional parts of the installation were showing signs of wear and the bells have now been rehung on ball bearings and everything generally refur-bished. The frame itself has been ably Payne, who is hoping to train a local band here. Mr. Payne is doing excellent work by reviving interest in "dead" towers in

Leicestershire.

At the service of rededication on Trinity Sunday the ring of bells was once again set apart for the praise and glory of God by the rector. The ringers present took a part in leading the prayers, and Mr. A. Clayton, representing the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., gave a brief talk on the history of the bells and the work which had been undertaken. He pointed out that the Loughborough Foundry was successor to the Nottingham Foundry and could therefore claim 314 years of association with Walton. Walton lies in the Lough-borough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and it was regrettable that no district officers were present and only one district ringer. This lack was, however, well met by the presence of a good number of ringers from the rest of Leicestershire and the presence of the general secretary of the Guild, Mr. R. Hughes.

The bells were rung after the service and all present were well pleased with their im-

proved handling.

THE BELLS

Treble.—Taylor, 1896. 2.—George Oldfield, of Nottingham, 1656.

3.—Taylor, 1853 4.—Briant, of Hertford, 1807.

Tenor.—Taylor, 1896.

Durham and Newcastle Association. **EVENTS CLASHED**

The A.G.M. of the Southern District was held at Heighington on June 27, but due to clashing with other church activities the meeting was not very well attended. lack of numbers, however, enabled those present to practise various methods, some regular, some irregular, and an enjoyable time was spent by all.

A satisfying tea was provided by the

wives of the Heighington ringers.

The officers elected at the meeting were: Mr. K. Lawson (chairman), Mr. T. Cooke (ringing master) and Mr. F. Hodgson (sec-

Letters

SERVING OTHERS

Dear Sir,—Although the basis of your Editorial of July 10 is true, the reason for it gives food for thought. How many members are reluctant to be nominated, and indeed are not nominated for office because to be so would appear ungracious and perhaps hurtful to the current holder? How many might not, in fact, have worked harder and proved to be better if given the chance? None can know, for they have never had the opportunity.

In a close-knit, friendly society, there will always be this reluctance to cause hurt to others. How much easier it would be if all officers resigned after three, or, at most, five years and refused renomination. Somebody else would come forward—as happens anyway when death, ill-health or a move occurs. The new holder might be worse or no better than his predecessor, or he might be much better! At least his capabilities will be known, and a useful proof of experience will build up.

The Services probably have more experience than any other organisation in training, leadership, administration and morale. They post officers and men every three or four years, partly to gain ex-perience, but primarily to ensure a regular influx of new ideas and new enthusiasms. One wonders how much progress in all aspects of the Exercise is stultified, because officers hang on to office too long, thus denying others the opportunity to introduce and try out new ideas.—Yours faithfully, Galmpton, Devon. G. J. L. READ.

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—Whilst one understands the feelings of local ringers at St. John's, Leicester, and, indeed, of ringers through-out the country, at the prospect of the de-molition of the church, I am surprised that the future of the bells should be considered a major issue when weighing up the "pros and cons."

The decision to demolish a church is a very serious one that is not taken lightly by the ecclesiastical authorities. Surely the questions at issue behind such a decision rise far above such comparative trivialities as the beauty of the bells, the organ or any other item of the church furniture.

On the other hand, speaking as a ringer, I heartly commend the St. John's ringers in their fight to keep their church openmay their lovely bells ring out for a long time to come.—Yours faithfully,
London, S.E. JOHN PLADDYS.

ORIGINAL MINOR

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see the compositions for 720's of Original Minor

(Ringing World, page 534).

At the risk of being accused of petty-mindedness, could I make the observation that No. 1 consists simply of bobbed and plained leads of sixths place Single Oxford Minor. No. 2 consists of half a dozen or so basic Plain, Little and Alliance methods, spliced at the half-lead.

Working on a similar principle one could almost claim a 720 of Plain Bob as being "Original," with all bobs made at the treble

lead.

It has certainly shattered the delightful vision previously held by many of us of Original being a wild medley of calls. No doubt it was such a vision that prompted a correspondent to ask for the figures of a 720.—Yours faithfully,

Crowborough, Sx. PETER MARSHALL.

THE REVISED DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—Whilst agreeing with some of the sentiment behind George Pipe's letter, I must point out that some of his statements are not correct.

'Well you might as well ring what you like" was the position adopted by the Central Council in 1955, when all restrictions on methods and calls used in peals were removed. This let in methods with plain courses of two leads, eight consecutive blows in one place, containing some leads different from others, more hunt bells than working bells and even false in the Also calls which altered the plain course. path of the treble, left the bells in the same course, altered the length of a lead or were such that the bobbed lead had no resemblance to the plain lead. It also gave the silly situation that the longest peal in a method, recognised by the Council, was not necessarily the record.

In the revised Decisions, the Joint Committee and the Council have brought back restrictions on the construction of methods and calls. In the Decisions on Methods and Calls, paragraph A gives these restrictions, and in the Decision on Peals paragraph A requires that the methods and calls used in all peals must conform to these restrictions. Also a practical sanction against peals not conforming to the simple conditions for record peals was introduced.

At Ilkley, one member of the committee proposed that the conditions for record peals be removed, but the rest of the committee and the Council overwhelmingly rejected the motion. Before their reports were adopted by the Council the conveners of both the Peals Analysis and Records Committees stated that the long length of Superlative was not included in their re-Superlative was not included in their reports. Surely this is more than rejection by implication.

The choice of strange names appears to have started with the silly craze of "completing the alphabet." But surely the name of Mr. Rusty, Dougal, Florence and Zebedee is wholly innocent compared with the deliberate use of place names of an alcoholic or anatomical connotation?

Jumping changes are not part of change ringing. Is it really necessary for the Decisions to include definitions of change ringing, truth, rounds, tower bells or even the differences between consist and contain? 4999 Jumping Caters chimed at Hounds-ditch Warehouse would be precluded on at least three counts.

Having brought back restrictions on the construction of methods acceptable for peals, the Joint Committee could find no valid need or use to divide these acceptable methods into regular and irregular methods. Indeed, at St. Albans many speakers stressed the need for recommendation and guidance in the construction of methods. Hence the recommendation to the Council to drop "regular methods" and to widen the terms of reference of the Methods Committee. Recommendations for different types of methods on different numbers of bells can be of much more use than a general overall definition of a regular method. It will of course be necessary for the Records Committee to record all acceptable methods rung in recognised peals.

Likewise with calls. Having brought back restrictions on their construction, it is difficult to define worthwhile restrictions on their number and placing in a method.

WHO TOOK THE ROPES?

Dear Sir, — The bells of St. Mary's Church, Rotherhithe, were to have been rung for the evening service on Sunday, July 5, 1970, a special service to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the sailing of the "Mayflower," but the occasion passed with the bells remaining silent, for someone had removed the ropes from the tower.

The congregation was disappointed, the rector was upset and also bewildered and, from a ringing point of view, the ringers

had a wasted journey.

The rector was unaware that the ropes had been taken away until the Sunday band reported them missing. All he knew was that a peal attempt had failed the previous day, when one rope broke.

Does anyone know what happened to the ropes, two of which were on loan from the writer's tower—St. Leonard's, Streatham?— Yours faithfully,

EDWARD J. ADAMS.

Streatham, S.W.

MEMORIAL TO TOM & MARGARET **FRANCIS**

Dear Sir,—At the thanksgiving service for Tom and Margaret Francis I announced that a fund was to be opened to provide a memorial to these two well-liked and respected people. The exact form which the memorial will take depends naturally on the extent of the response to the appeal for A suggestion has been made this purpose. that it should be associated with St. Martin-in-the-Fields, with which Tom and Mar-garet were so long connected, and probably take the form of an article of furniture in the belfry. The vicar of St. Martin's has indicated his full approval if this proposal should be adopted.

I shall be pleased to receive donations, which will of course be acknowledged, and it is hoped ringers and friends from all over the country will respond generously to this appeal so that a fitting memorial may be provided.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK E. SIBSON,

Hon. Secretary,
St. Martin-in-the-Fields Ringers.

15 Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, Putney, London, S.W.15.

The worst example of a conglomeration and mixture of calls in the 1955 to 1969 derestricted period appears to be the new compositions for Cambridge Royal.

The paragraph which "let in" the peals at Basingstoke and Sawston was not put in under pressure from sensationalists, rebels and cranks; it was put in at the suggestion of two senior and most respected members of the Council, so that the Council should debate separately all peals not complying with the Decisions. It is easily possible that such debate could go the other way and lead to a tightening of conditions.

Far from lowering their standards or capitulating before a silly fringe, the Joint Committee have recommended a tightening up of standards, and the Council has endorsed their recommendations for new restrictions on the construction of methods and calls, and the continued standard of conditions for peals. Individually or collectively, the members of the technical committees will, I am sure, do their utmost to maintain the good sense, standards and taste in ringing.—Yours faithfully,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor, Berks.

Quarter Peals

FOR THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Compton Bishop, Som.—June 18, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: R. Rice 1, H. Hooper (first of Surprise) 2, Susan Stott 3, Brenda Sheppard 4,

C. Field 5, J. Sheppard (cond.) 6.
Frome, Som. — May 17, 1260 Grandsire
Triples: K. Baker 1, Eunice D. Overend 2, D. G. Massey (cond.) 3, M. J. Winterbourne 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, G. W. Massey 6, R. I. Kendrick 7, H. Vennell 8.

Radstock, Som. — May 31, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Linda R. Pomeroy 1, M. J. Pomeroy 2, H. Hawkins 3, P. J. Fowler 4, G. R.

Pomeroy (cond.) 5, R. J. Comer 6.

Whatley, Som .--June 5, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: Eunice D. Overend 1, M. J. Winterbourne (first Surprise) 2, D. J. Orledge 3, Clare Higby 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, D. G. Massey (cond.) 6. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Michael J. Winterbourne.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

Exeter, Devon.—June 7, at St. Mark's, 1259 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Barker 1, Linda V. Cull 2, J. L. Anderson 3, P. Cotton 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, R. J. Fox (first quarter) 6. Also June 14, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Susan M. Howe (first quarter) 1, J. L. Anderson 2, Maureen P. Gardner 3, D. J. Atkins 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, M. R. Barker 6. Also June 28, 1260 Doubles (eight methods): Maureen P. Gardner 1, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 2, Linda V. Cull 3, K. A. Hughes 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, M. R. Barker 6. Whimple, Devon.—June 8, 1260 Doubles (600

Grandsire, 660 Pl. Bob): Marlene J. Button (first quarter) 1, Linda V. Cull 2, G. P. Smerdon 3, K. A. Hughes 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, J. K.

Wilkinson (first quarter) 6.

Dartmouth, Devon.—June 22, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 1, C. Ricketts 2, Linda V. Cull 3, D. J. Atkins 4, K. A. Hughes 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

(All by members and local ringers) Nottingham.-May 13, Room I 19, Derby Hall, 1260 P.B. Minor: Rosamund M. Rawlings 1-2, P. N. Mackley 3-4, E. Shuttleworth (first as cond. in hand) 5-6. By N.U.S.C.R. members.

Beeston, Notts.—June 7, 1260 P.B. Triples:

Eleanor A. Bowden (first quarter) 1, Margaret H. Mees (first quarter) 2, Stephanie E. Boddy 3, Shuttleworth (cond.) 4, J. M. Rice 5, A. M. Boulton (first inside) 6, P. E. Jones 7, Beryl M. Shuttleworth 8. For Evensong; also a birthday compliment to Elizabeth Burrows, a local ringer.

Wollaton, Notts. - June 7, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob): Claire Smart (first quarter) 1, Hilary K. Derham (first in two methods) 2, G. D. Welch 3, R. M. Day 4, Rosamund M. Raw-lings (cond.) 5, P. N. Mackley 6. For Evensong.

Nottingham. — June 14, at St. Mary's, 1296 Erin Caters: Hilary K. Derham 1, Rosamund M. Rawlings 2, J. M. Rice 3, P. N. Mackley 4, S. Humphrey (cond.) 5, R. M. Day 6, P. J. Bagshaw 7, E. Shuttleworth 8, D. Stainsby 9, W. Nichols 10. First of Erin for all, and for the Society. For Evensong; also a wedding compliment to Peter Mackley and Ros Rawlings, past master and secretary respectively of the Society.

South Wilford, Notts .- June 16, 1260 Doubles (six methods): P. J. Bagshaw 1, Stephanie E. Boddy (first in more than one method) 2, P.

Mackley (cond.) 3, J. M. Rice 4, R. M. Day 5. Nottingham.—June 29, Room I 13, Derby Hall, 1260 P.B. Minor: Hilary K. Derham (first in hand) 1-2, P. N. Mackley (first as cond. in hand to Minor) 3-4, Rosamund M. Rawlings 5-6. To mark the attainment of degrees by third year members of the Society.

OTHER QUARTERS

Addington, Surrey.-June 28, 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Sheila Wilthew (first T.B.) 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, Louise Powell 3, A. Hobbs 4, I. Wiltshire 5, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 6. For

Apsley End, Herts. — July 2, 1440 Surprise Minor (seven methods): C. Farrow 1, A. V. Good 2, R. E. J. Sheppard 3, S. D. Chandler 4, K. Sheppard 5, F. M. Byrne (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

Arlecdon, Cumb.—July 5, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Mrs. U. Moss (first attempt) 1, J. E. Brown 2, Miss V. Bell 3, W. Seward 4, Mrs. M. Dodd (cond.) 5, F. Richardson 6. For Evensong. Also July 6, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Mrs. U. Moss 1, Mrs. E. Haile (first Doubles) 2, Mrs. R. Cowen (first Doubles) 3, Miss V. Bell 4, Mrs. M. Dodd (cond.) 5. First quarter by all-ladies' band for Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association.

Ashford, Kent.-July 4, 1280 Cambridge S Major: M. M. Jones 1, B. Davies 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, N. J. Davies 4, B. Cox 5, R. Swift 6, M. Lancefield (cond.) 7, D. Manger 8. For the Patronal Festival and 500th anniversary of the

Atcham, Salop.-June 28, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): N. J. Rose (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Stevens 2, K. W. Brice 3, A. J. Molinoli 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, B. Jarman

Axbridge, Som. — June 24, 1296 Annable's Axbridge, Som. — June 24, 1296 Annable's Lo. E. T. Lee 3, P. J. England (cond.) 4, S. Brown 5, J. Brain 6. First by all. For Patronal

Festival.

Barnby Don, Yorks .- June 19, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lunn 1, Mrs. M. Lunn (first quarter) 2, J. Thorley 3, E. Thorley 4, R. Stevenson (cond.) 5, E. Padgett 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Frank Lamb, of the local band.

Batheaston, Som .- June 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Smyth (first quarter) 1, Beatrice M. W. Dobbie 2, Kay Whittaker 3, P. J. Devrell 4, P. M. Giles 5, M. J. C. Cannon 6, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8. For the Patronal Festival; also 21st anniversary of Preb. R. A. Evans' induction as rector of Batheaston; with-

St. Catherine.

Benington, Herts.—June 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. C. Robinson 1, B. J. Harris (cond.) 2, R. Spicer 3, P. C. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, C. A. Critchley 6, G. W. Critchley 7, A. E. Jones 8. For Evensong at the Patronal Flower Festival.

Bexhill - on - Sea, Sussex. - 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Edwards 1, Audrey Eldridge 2, A. Cluer 3, J. M. Swift 4, C. E. Verdon (cond.) 5, Dyer 6. For the Bexhill Festival of Music.

Bilton, Warks .- June 30, 1260 Grandsire and Bilton, Warks.—June 30, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: A. M. Bulteel 1, W. E, Burnell 2, M. D. Fiander (cond.) 3, D. G. Welch 4, T. J. Frodsham 5, L. A. Whewall 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Jack Phillips, local church ringer for seven years.

Bishop's Stortford, Herts. - June 10, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, K. Westwood 3, R. Prime 4, P. Warboys 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. Hutley For Friends of St. Michael's A.G.M.

Black Notley, Essex.—June 20, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, H. W. Watts 2, D. S. Cheeseman 3, W. Hunt 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5.

FIVE QUARTER PEALS IN A DAY Saturday, June 27

Blackwell, Derbys. - 1260 P.B. Minor: S. Walklate 1, Susan Davis 2, A. Harper 3, G. Hughes 4, P. Marriot 5, C. Thrower (cond.) 6; also 1260 P.B. Minor: J. Armitage 1, L. Greasley 2, M. Astridge 3, P. Warrington 4, D. Friend 5, F. Rogers (cond.) 6.

Tibshelf, Derbys. — 1260 P.B. Minor: R. Chambers (cond.) 1, A. F. Hall 2, L. Greasley 3, D. Camm 4, G. Roobottom 5, D. Friend 6; also 1260 Cambridge S. Minor: J. Wilson 1, S. Davis G. Paul 3, D. Parkin 4, G. Hughes 5, C. Thrower (cond.) 6.

Clay Cross, Derbys. — 1260 St. Clement's Minor: D. Friend (cond.) 1, S. Davis 2, L. Greasley 3, D. Camm 4, G. Hughes 5, C. Thrower 6.

Brent Pelham, Herts.-May 1, 1296 Camb. S. Minor: Lilian Goodman 1, G. Goodman 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Glazebrook 4, W. Hunt 5, L. Luck (cond.) 6.

Broadchalke, Wilts. — June 27, 1296 Cambridge Minor: P. Cull 1, S. I. Bamforth 2, D. L. Cull 3, I. Calvert 4, M. J. Hiller 5, R. Haines (cond.) 6.

Bromfield, Salop.—June 12, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. Thompson 1, D. Ferguson 2, G. Fletcher 3, H. Lewis 4, N. Cullum 5, P. Keene (cond.) 6.

Buckfastleigh, Devon.-July 1, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: A. G. Thompson (first Major) 1, A. S. Carter 2, G. J. L. Read 3, W. S. Wayman 4, D. P. Angold 5, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 6, R. J. Edden 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

Burgh-le-Marsh, Lines -- June 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Ling 1, P. A. Sharp 2, G. R. Parker 3, H. Bennett 4, M. J. Belcher 5, H. Barsley 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, V. Waite To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. V. Waite.

Carhampton, Som.-June 24, 1260 Doubles (St. John the Baptist and four other methods): Miss P. Tuckett 1, F. Arscott 2, R. Watts 3, B. Chubb 4, E. Tyndale-Biscoe (cond.) 5, G. Fisher 6. For Patronal Festival.

Carlton Colville, Suffolk. - June 29, Doubles (St. Martin, St. Simon, Pl. Bob): Christine Gorrod 1, P. J. Gorrod (cond.) 2, P. G. Tovell 3, M. Davies 4, J. B. Gorrod 5. First in three methods by all except 5. For Patronal Festival of St. Peter.

Caversham, Berks.—June 28, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: H. E. Mitchell 1, Miss A. Osborne 2, D. J. Beaumont 3, S. Osborne 4, J. H. J. Mudd 5, R. T. Harris (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, For May Day Week.

Checkendon, Oxon.-March 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Tull 1, Lucy Hearns 2, A. Grey 3, Carol Tull (cond.) 4, I. Judd 5, S. Franklin 6, W. Irving 7, G. Wickens 8.

Chesham, Bucks.-June 21, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Brenda A. Godfrey (first quarter) 1, J. Woolley 2, P. G. Badcock 3, H. C. Jones 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5, E. C. Hoar 6. For Even-

Chigwell, Essex. - June 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Beldom 1, G. H. Walker 2, Leslie C. Tibbitts 3, J. Cronquist (first inside) 4, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 5, P. D. Austin 6. Also June 28, 1260 P.B. Minor: J. E. Murfitt 1, Leslie C. Tibbitts 2, Margaret Chappell (first P.B. Minor inside) 3, Marion A. Cass 4, P. D. Austin 5, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 6.

Chinnor, Oxon. - June 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Wright (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 2, G. Judge 3, Miss C. Baker 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, P. Wilkinson 6. A wedding compliment to Andrea Rose Clarke (grand-

daughter of Mr. W. Clarke, former tower captain) and Philip M. Moakes.

Chippenham, Wilts.—June 21, at St. Andrew's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Benford 1, A. J. Cox 2, Mrs. J. Carey 3, I. Carey (first as cond., aged 12) 4, W. Cole 5, D. Carey 6, M. E. Stracey 7, E. Green 8. For Evensong, and for Chippenham "At Home" Week.

Chippenham, Wilts.-June 28, at St. Paul's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: I. Carey 1, M. E. Stracey 2, D. Carey 3, A. J. Cox 4, P. Stevens (first inside) 5, H. Fell 6, W. Page (cond.) 7, P. Fletcher (first on eight) 8. For Evensong, and for Chippenham "At Home" Week.
Chipping, Lancs.—June 20, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): B. Maudsley 1, Dorothy M.

Maudsley 2, K. M. Price (cond.) 3, J. M. Ascroft 4, A. Capstick 5, P. Mackie 6.

Clavering, Essex.—July 3, 1440 P.B. Minor: A. Westwood 1, R. F. Prime 2, D. R. Hutley 3, P. Glazebrook 4, A. Richardson 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6.

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Colchester, Essex. — June 7, at St. Peter's, 1280 Winchester S. Major: W. J. Brunt 1, Yvonne Towler 2, E. P. Duffield 3, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 4, A. R. Andrews 5, E. Davey 6, N. Avis 7, J. Towler 8. For Evensong. Also June 28, 1280 Christchurch S. Major: Vivienne Cross 1, 1280 Christophysical S. Major: Vivienne Chri Yvonne Towler 2, E. P. Duffield 3, N. Avis 4, A. R. Andrews 5, E. E. Davey 6, J. Towler 7, Millatt (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival.

First touches in three methods by all.

Crofton, Yorks.—June 23, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Alison Child 1, R. A. Beresford 2, Rosamund M. Brown 3, J. J. Durham 4, A. M. Glover (first as cond.) 5, D. Tattershall (first

quarter) 6.

Dean Prior, Devon .- June 30, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Geraldine French (first Minor) 1, Rev. P. Dowling 2, R. J. Edden 3, G. J. L. Read 4, Rev. Angold 5, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 6.

P. Angold S. F. Cullingworth (cond.) 6.
Deddington, Oxon.—June 21, 1260 Pl. Bob
Triples: Miss B. Ivings 1, W. F. Cowley 2, M.
W. Coleman 3, G. C. Clarke 4, W. Minnear 5,
W. Ivings 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, O. J.
Hemmings 8. For the 100th birthday of Miss

Downton, Wilts.—June 29, 1280 Bristol S. Major: J. Mussell 1, G. M. Brewin 2, A. T. Collins 3, N. O. Skelton (first in method) 4, L. A. Page (first in method) 5, Rev. R. Keeley 6, B. J. Woodruffe 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

East Dereham, Norfolk.-June 20, 1280 Rutland S. Major: D. G. Adams 1, Hilary Adcock 2, G. K. Terris 3, G. P. Adams 4, J. B. Morley (cond.) 5, J. Illingworth 6, K. S. Hohl 7, M. Cubitt 8. First in method 3, 5. For the Flower Festival.

Edgmond, Shropshire.—June 21, 1260 P.B. Doubles: R. Bull 1, Jill Eddowes 2, M. Turner 3, E. C. Morrall (cond.) 4, W. Bellerby 5, H. Nichols (first quarter) 6. For College Sunday. Barber (first away from cover) 1, Jill Eddowes Also June 28, 1260 Doubles (three m/v): (first in more than one method) 2, G. E. Morrall 3, E. C. Morrall 4, R. E. Morris (cond.) 5, H. Nichols 6. For Patronal Festival and clipping service.

Edinburgh.-June 27, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob): Barbara rownhill 1, Jean Smith 2, Patricia Homfray 3, Kate Branson (cond.) 4, W. A. Walker 5, I. Laing 6. First quarter 1, 3. A compliment to Rt. Rev. C. Rodger (provost), consecrated Bishop of Manchester on June 24.

Egham, Surrey. — June 28, 1260 Stedman Triples: S. R. Elliott 1, Miss C. A. Elliott 2, I. Summerhayes 3, Mrs. J. Parsons 4, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 5, C. M. White 6, A. D. Flood 7, G. R. Tickner 8. For Magna Charta, the Patronal Festival and the civic service to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the present church.

Farmborough, Som.—June 28, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. Maggs 1, Susan Willis 2, Janet Parker 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, R. Perry 5, J. Coombs 6. For Matins; also an engagement compliment to Tim Marshall (rector's son) and Margaret Wright, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

Farnham, Essex.—June 30, 1440 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 720 Kent T.B.): D. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, R. F. Prime 3, W. Hunt 4, T. Camp 5, A. Richardson 6.

Ford End, Essex. - June 20, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): D. S. Cheeseman 1, W. Hunt (cond.) 2, D. R. Hutley 3, H. W. Watts 4, A. Richardson 5, C. S. Smith 6. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to tower captain C. S

Gedling, Notts .- June 27, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Miss S. Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, G. A. Dawson 3, J. R. Rigby (cond., 25th quarter) 4, P. R. Wild 5, R. Adey 6. For the opening of the annual garden fete.

Glaston, Rutland.--June 21, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Cynthia E. Barnett 1, R. J. Chantler 2, Diane Spencer (first quarter) 3, J. C. Hudson 4, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 5. For family service.

Gotham, Notts.-July 5, 1440 Doubles (three methods): S. Wood (first quarter) 1, J. R. A. Yates 2, A. Simpson 3, R. A. Metcalf 4, T. H. Kirkman (cond.) 5. For Sunday School festival.

Grimston, Norfolk. — July 1, 1260 Doubles (April Day, Pl. Bob, Grandsire): R. M. Ragsdell 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling (cond.) 3, P. G. Butler 4, G. R. G. Butler 5, P. W. Campling 6.

Guiseley, Yorks.-June 23, 1344 Spliced S. Major (24 methods): A. M. Glover 1, M. G. Dodson 2, R. A. Beresford 3, J. J. Durham 4, C. Forster 5, J. G. Rose 6, G. J. Jones 7, J. P. Ottaway 8.

Haddenham, Bucks.-July 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Hazel Baker (first Triples) 1, Jane M. Danson (first Triples inside) 2, Julie Tyler (first in method) 3, Anna K. Ingram 4, Christine Baker 5, A. D. Tyler 6, R. T. Corker (cond.) 7, E. F. Putt 8.

Hardwicke, Glos.—July 2, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): Miss J. Page 1, Miss P. Buckland 2, Miss J. Pillinger 3, R. J. Page (cond.) 4, M. N. Amphlett 5, E. Cribley 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Alec Howell, a friend and fellow ringer.

Hempsted, Glos. - July 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jonathan Taylor (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. M. Taylor 2, I. M. Taylor (cond.) 3, A. Gazey 4, J. Whiting 5, A. E. Taylor 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. L. Thomas.

Henley, Suffolk.-June 28, 1260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 St. Clement's): Margaret Egglestone 1, Elizabeth A. Bowyer 2, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 3, L. J. Parry 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, R. C. Groom 6. By the local band for the Patronal

Hensingham, Cumb.-June 27, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: S. Richardson 1, J. E. Brown 2, D. T. Sım 3, Vera C. Bell 4, R. W. D. Wetenhall 5, H. F. Pettifer 6, A. Capstick 7, K. M. Price (cond.) To celebrate the 57th anniversary of the lay-

ing of the foundation stone of the local church.

Hessle, E. Yorks.—June 11, 1300 Plain and
Little Bob Minor: G. P. Horton 1, J. C. Hope 2, Gardiner 3, A. Hessey 4, R. H. Sharp 5, H. R. Horton (cond.) 6. For St. Barnabas Day. Hintlesham, Suffork.—June 17, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: T. J. Lockwood (first quarter, aged 12) 1. Mrs. Margaret Egglestone 2, Mrs. Winifred Lockwood 3, H. W. Egglestone 4, E. J. Lockwood 5, I. J. Lockwood (tirst as cond., aged 14) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. J. R. H. Clayton (rector).

Hoddesdon, Herts.—June 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Stockwell 1, R. C. Upton 2, J. C. King 3, D. Clarke 4, H. L. Horder (cond.) 5, Monk 6. Half-muffled in memoriam William Mumford, 50 years a local ringer, interred this day.

Holloway, London.—May 10, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Triplow (first Triples) 1, Doreen Triples: Diana Triplow (first Triples) 1, Doreen A. Mayhew 2, K. J. Triplow 3, K. R. Tompsett 4, P. Norman 5, A. Turner (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, F. Akers 8. Also May 17, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Pl. Bob): Susan E. Shaw 1, K. J. Triplow 2, K. R. Tompsett 3, P. Norman 4, R. D. Bing 5, M. Wycherley (cond.) 6. Both for evening prayer. Horsham, Sussex.—June 21, 1280 P.B. Major:

G. Fox (cond.) 1, E. Rapley 2, R. Verrall 3, C. Longhurst 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, S. R. Pocock (tirst Major) 6, J. Smith 7, M. Heed 8. A farewell to Gordon Smith, who preached the sermon at Evensong, and a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Rose.

Hose, Leics.—July 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Karen French 1, Mrs. D. A. Day 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, J. R. Ward 4, A. French 5. First in-side 4, 5. For the Framland Society.

Hughenden, Bucks.-June 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Craig (first quarter, aged 11) 1, D. A. Cornwall 2, A. R. Blaby 3, Meryl Kennedy 4, R. H. Newton 5, R. Biggs 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, A. Newton 8.

Hunslet, Yorks. — June 25, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gillian R. Cleaver 1, Rosamund M. Brown 2, J. P. Ottaway 3, M. L. J. Rollason 4, J. J. Durham 5, G. J. Jones 6, C. Forster (cond.) 7, M. G. Dodson 8. First in method 1, 2, 4, 6

Langdon Hills, Essex .- June 28, 1280 Doubles (seven methods): Eleanor Clems (first on tower bells) 1, Janice Manterfield (most methods inside) 2, G. Lucas (cond., 50th on the bells) 3, K. Lucas 4, S. D. Stott 5, W. White 6.

Langdon Hills, Essex .- July 5, 1280 Doubles (six methods): S. Day (first quarter) 1, Janice Manterfield 2, S. Clarke 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White 6. For Confirmation service.

Laughton, Sussex .- June 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cull 1, Mary Thorpe 2, J. E. Baker 3, R. R. Kennard (cond.) 4, D. Thorpe 5, Sir Walter Scott (first quarter) 6. A 65th birthday compliment to J. E. Baker, over 50 years a ringer at Chiddingly.

Lea, Lincs .- July 5, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Rose (cond.) 1, Janet Bull 2, D. Arrand 3, J. Selby 4, S. Selby 5, B. Bull 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Annie Hudson, aged 82, died July 2.

Leckhampton, Glos .- June 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. H. Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, R. Webb (first inside) 3, Margaret Manby 4, Helen Taylor 5, H. Read 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, A. J. Newman 8. For Patronal Festival; also a farewell to Margaret Manby.

London, E.C. - June 28, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 1264 Bob Major: W. A. Theobald (cond.) 1, Nancy J. Lewis (first quarter) 2, Linda J. West

1, Nancy J. Lewis (first quarter) 2, Linca J. West (first Bob Major) 3, W. A. Hughes 4, A. Cuthbert 5, A. S. Baker 6, R. Brown 7, R. Hunt 8.

Longwood, Yorks.—May 24, 1320 T.B. Minor (Trinity Sunday, Killamarsh): A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis (cond.) 5, I. Roberts 6. For the Feast of the Trinity, and to welcome the members of the Central Council to Yorkshire. Also June 29, 1320 Spliced Surprise Minor (Rossendale and Stamford, Lightfoot and Wearmouth), by the same band. For the Feast of St. Peter; also to mark the birth of a daughter to Lawrence and Judith Tehh

Lydney, Glos.-July 5, 1260 mixed Doubles (three methods): J. Long 1, R. Hume 2, R. Philpott 3, D. Townsend 4, M. Rice 5, R. Betterton 6. Conducted by 1, 2, 3. One method each. Most methods in a quarter 2, 4 and 6.

Market Weighton, E. Yorks.—June 28, 1260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: I. Peacock 1, P. Carpenter 2, Elsie Chaddock 3, R. East 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. To mark the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Susan Johnson (nee Chaddock) this day, a first grandchild for Elsie and Norman.

Marston, Oxon. — May 31, 1260 St. Simon's Doubles: Miss H. E. McGowan 1, C. Smith 2, R. H. Jones 3, I. M. M. O'Reilly (first in method) 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5.

Nazeing, Essex. - June 21, 1260 Grandsire Miss S. Jaikins (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Peacock 2, B. Burton (cond.) 3, C. Sams 4, R. G. Seymour 5, A. Peacock 6. First Grandsire Doubles 1, 2, 5. A compliment to the conductor on completing 50 years as a bellringer.

Northenden, Manchester. — June 28, 1320 Doubles (11 methods): P. A. Sidwell 1, P. Boucher 2, P. Dyson 3, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 4, W. Birmingham, jun. (first as cond.) 5, P. C. Ferguson (first quarter) 6. Most methods for all.

North Muskham, Notts .- July 4, 1260 Grand-North Muskham, Notts.—July 4, 1200 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Midwinter (first quarter, aged 13) 1, P. Raithby 2, Margaret E. Snyder (cond.) 3, J. W. Raithby 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, A. E. Chilton 6. Rung following the wedding of Dianne Constance and Malcolm Peet.

Norton-in-Hales, Salop.—June 17, 1264 P.B. Major: Wendy Tyler 1, T. White 2, H. F. White 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 7, S. J. Hughes 8. By ringers from Market Drayton. First quarter on the eight since restoration.

Ormskirk, Lancs.-July 5, 1260 Bob Triples: J. Dilworth 1, E. Ashcroft 2, J. McKee 3, John Dilworth 4, C. Tough 5, M. Snape 6, J. Richardson (first as cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8. For Sunday School anniversary; also a farewell compliment to ringer of 5th.

Paul, Cornwall.—June 21, 1260 P.B. Minor: R. Diane Carter 1, Mrs. M. I. Foskett 2, S. Foskett 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers 5, W. R. Curtis 6. For Evensong; also to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the west front and bells of Truro Cathedral.

Plymouth, Devon.—May 31, at St. Andrew's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. R. Barker 1, D. R. Bould 2, A. N. Frost 3, A. W. Myers 4, G. E. Mudge 5, N. Mallett 6, J. N. Langridge (cond.) 7, C. P. York 8.

Portsmouth, Hants.—July 5, at the Cathedral, 1260 Doubles (three methods): A. Hoodless 1. Mrs. Edna Jones 2, Jean Berriman 3, A. A. Buswell 4, M. E. Cass (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

Quatt, Salop.-June 27, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Daphne J. Jennings (first quarter) 1, M. P. Tobin (cond.) 2, M. Irene Brown 3, C. W. Cooper 4, M. D. Fellows 5, P. J. Brown 6.

Quorn, Leics.-June 28, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day): Maureen Clulow 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, N. Green (first inside) 3, D. L. Alderton 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, Janois Barlow 6. To mark the retirement of Miss M. E. Sawdon from the post of headmistress of the Rawlins School, Quorn.

Radlett, Herts.-June 21, 1260 Bob Minor: C. Oakesmonger (first quarter) 1, B. J. McDowell (first quarter) 2, Lynne Woodward 3, D. Major 4, Alice M. Talbot-Ponsonby 5, Rev. A. Talbot-Ponsonby (first as cond.) 6. For the first Evensong of St. Alban.

Rampisham, Dorset.-June 29, 1260 Doubles (29 m/v): D. B. Ellery 1, I. Calvert 2, Helen Haines 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, R. Haines 5. First in 29 m/v for all. For St. Peter's Day.

Ringwood, Hants.-June 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Parsons (first quarter) Truscott (first quarter inside) 2, D. Collins 3, S. G. Walker 4, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 5, D. G. Andrews 6, F. E. Collins 7, E. J. Whitfield 8.

Romsey Abbey, Hants. — May 9, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: R. S. Parratt (first Major) 1, Jane E. Dando 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, I. H. Trueman E. Dando 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, I. H. (first Kent) 6, D. J. Forder 7, L. A. Tremeer (first Kent) Major as cond.) 8. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the liberation of the Channel Islands.

Royston, Yorks.—July 2, 1260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Roselyn Corby 1, R. Cater 2, A. Dunn-Birch 3, D. G. Scourfield 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, M. Washington 6.

Ruddington, Notts.—June 23, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. K. Walsh (first quarter away from cover) 1, H. Geoffrey Wells 2, Joan Carter 3, Elizabeth J. Dawson 4, T. H. Kirkman 5, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 6. A silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Walsh, parents of the treble ringer.

St. Albans, Herts.—June 26, at St. Michael's, 1264 P.B. Major: F. Kirk 1, Elizabeth Byrne 2, Jill A. Laud 3, S. J. Laud 4, D. R. Bell 5, W. J. Arnold 6, R. G. Bell 7, A. C. D. Mayes (cond.) 8. For the induction as vicar at St. Michael's of Rev. J. G. Downward.

Sapcote, Leics.-May 17, 1440 Spliced Surprise Minor (eight methods): Alison Butterfield 1, N. W. Harvey 2, L. Watkins 3, B. L. Burrows 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. The last ring on the bells before work commenced on the upstairs ringing room and augmentation to eight.

Shrewsbury, Salop.—June 21, at St. Chad's, 1504 P.B. Major: Mrs. E. F. Willcox 1, Mrs. E. R. Fairbrother 2, Mrs. F. Beech 3, Mrs. R. E. Stevens 4, E. F. Willcox 5, E. R. Fairbrother 6, F. Beech 7, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 8. Four wives and husbands! For Evensong.

Shrewsbury, Salop.—At St. Mary's, 1296 P.B. Caters: D. V. Smith 1, I. Friend 2, Vivien Bennett 3, Patricia C. Stocken 4, R. H. Newton 5, A. E. G. Owen 6, L. D. K. Roberts 7, C. T. Collins 8, P. J. Evans (cond.) 9, J. A. Crum 10. For Evensona.

For Evensong.

Sibsey, Lincs. — June 8, 1260 Grandsire
Triples: T. Cummins 1, W. B. Dawson 2, H.
Barsley 3, A. E. Flatters 4, G. Flatters 5, W. E.
Clarke 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, S. Johnson
8. A birthday compliment to T. Cummins.
South Normanton, Derbys. — June 15, 1440
T.B. Minor (two methods): R. Mewes 1, D. Bradley (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Brown 3, F. Bradley 4,
K. Hemm 5, A. E. Wheeler 6. Birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd

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Sprotborough, Yorks.—June 28, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: Barbara Mayman 1, E. Short (father) 2. J. Laughton 3, Joyce Laidlaw (sister) 4, C. Toyne (cond.) 5. N. Cowell 6, Susan Laidlaw (niece) 7, Irena Royston 8. First Triples by local band. In memoriam Geoffrey Short, member of local band and of Inverness Cathedral.

Stansted, Essex. — June 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Cheeseman 1, H. W. Watts 2, A. Dixson (first quarter inside) 3, D. R. Hutley 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. R. Holman 6.

Stanwell, Middx.—June 8, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Miss D. J. Perryman 1, S. R. Elliott 2, M. G. Lane 3, M. S. Loveday 4, C. H. Rogers 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6. A welcome to Rev. R. Macklin on his induction.

Stapleford, Cambs.—June 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Kellock (first quarter away from cover) 1, R. I. West (first in method as cond.) 2, Jean F. West 3, M. R. Kitson (first in method) 4, S. C. Hopkins (first in method) 5, J. Bates 6. Steeple Ashton, Wilts.—July 4, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Susan Willis 1, Helen Kirkpatrick 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, J. Maggs 4, R. Smith 5, B. Goodliffe 6.

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Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.—June 28, 1260 Pl. Bob Royal: A. J. Print 1, A. Borland 2, M. Reed 3, I. Barclay 4, R. C. Chapman 5, G. J. Hemming 5, F. C. Lyne 7, R. M. Andrews 8, C. R. Steed 9, J. L. Findon (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal by all except 6, 7 and 9. For Evensong.

Streatley. Berks.—July 6, 1260 P.B. Minor: G. W. Judd 1, Carol N. J. Tull 2, A. J. Carpenter 3, W. J. Irving 4, I. G. Judd 5, D. Taylor (cond.) 6. First Minor 2, 4. For the Patronal Festival, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Carpenter on the birth of a daughter (Geraldine Stratford-on-Avon, Warks .- June 28, 1260 Pl.

Carpenter on the birth of a daughter (Geraldine

Stroud, Glos.—July 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Cantor 1, F. Garland 2, N. Martin 3, T. Witt (cond.) 4, T. Pritchard 5, R. Cornock 6, M. Ashby 7, L. Martin 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Alex Harwell.

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Peals

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

BATHWICK, Bath, Som, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (19½ cwt.) **5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR** Composed by N. Smith.

Ronald G. Beck 2 Peter J. England

3 George W. Massey (Conductor) 4 Peter J. W. Hardwick

5 Philip H. D. Jones 6 Roy W. Rice 7 Walter S. Rice

8 David G. Massey

A thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the Rev. J. G. Rowe, rector 1963-70.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (29 cwt.) **5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

*2 Linda Fleming

*3 Charlotte M. Harris

*4 Martin Major 5 Anthony H. Smith

*6 David R. Saunderson 7 Robert L. Piron

*8 Edgar T. Skipsey 9 C. Michael Orme

10 Keith H. Fleming

*First of Stedman Caters.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY (Yorkshire Association)

YORK, Institute of Architectural Studies. Sun., June 14, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (9 cwt.) **5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

extent York, 6 Cambridge.)

1 Ronald Ducker

*2 Keith Gatman 3 David Potter

†4 Maris C. Stephenson †5 Roderick R. Horton

6 Ian G. Campbell (Conductor)

*First of Surprise. †50th of Surprise. ‡25th peal. 18th birthday compliment to R. R. Horton.

HEDON, E. Yorkshire, St. Augustine.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (17 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Roderick R. Horton (Conductor)

*2 Ronald Ducker

Maris C. Stephenson

†4 Keith Gatman ‡5 Clive W. Templeton

6 John Brook

John R. Ridley

8 Ian G. Campbell

*Has circled the tower. †First on 8. ‡First peal. First as conductor.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (6 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B., 5 Plain Bob). 1 Gordon K. Green 2 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

*3 Peter Wilkinson 4 Harry W. Howard *5 Paul Maddock

6 A. Doreen Edwards
*First of 2 Minor. Fully muffled in memoriam Reginald W. Worrall, of Hartford.

HOPE BOWDLER, Shropshire, St. Andrew.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Rev. Canterbury, 1 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

1 Gordon K. Green *2 Geoffrey A. Edwards

3 A. Doreen Edwards 4 Edward V. Rodenhurst

†5 Paul Maddock

*6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
*250th together. †First 3 Minor. The conductor's 50th different tenor for a peal.

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STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (11\(\frac{1}{2}\) cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (11 methods: Bourne, Ipswich, York and Durham, Cambridge and Primrose, London and Wells, Beverley and Surfleet, Norwich).

1 Susan M. Dutton

Nora Carlisle

3 Joyce Chadwick 4 Thomas W. Dutton

5 Denis R. Carlisle

6 John V. Chadwick (Conductor)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (11 cwt.) 5376 MELDRETH SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Jenner. Georgina C. M. Carter Donald F. Murfet

3 Allen Twyman

4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor) 5 David R. Saunderson

6 John G. Gipson 7 Geoffrey A. Lucas

8 Jack S. Dear

First peal in the method.

MELDRETH SURPRISE MAJOR **—58—16—12—16—14—3458—34—18.** l.h.c. f.c.h. B.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

HUTTON, Essex, All Saints.

Sat., June 27, 1970. (7 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (3 extents Grandsire, April Day, Rev. Canterbury, St. Martin, 14 Plain Bob, 6 All Saints).

1 C. E. Hill 2 J. J. Wallett (Conductor)

*3 P. J. Tyler-Maggs 4 W. T. Hill

5 R. G. Jones

*First peal.

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COLCHESTER, Essex, St. Peter.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (214 cwt.) 5152 NORTHILL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

H. J. Millatt (Conductor)

Yvonne Towler

3 E. P. Duffield 4 W. Arnold 5 N. Avis

6 E. E. Davey 7 J. Towler

8 G. W. Pipe
First in the method by all and for the association. For St. Peter's Day.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex, The Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (38½ cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by R. E. J. Dennis.

Jean F. Woolford

2 Katherine J. Maundrell

Ann M. Tubbs John R. Pratchett 5 Gwilym Salmon

6 Frank L. Harris (Conductor)

Michael J. Best John Hartless

9 Richard H. Youdale 10 Philip N. Tubbs 11 Edward J. Chivers 12 James A. D. Woolford

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

STONE, Gloucestershire, All Saints.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (14 extents Antelope, Grandsire and Plain Bob).

*1 Sally A. Gifford 2 William F. Scudamore (Conductor) 3 Graham G. C. Minors

4 Keith W. Scudamore

5 Henry Taysom
6 Jane M. Scudamore
First peal. A birthday compliment to Richard Minors (grandson of the vicar).

STRATTON ST, MARGARET, Wilts, St. Margaret of Antioch.

Fri., July 3, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (81 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 960 London and Rutland, 576 Superlative, 448 Bristol, 384 each of Cam-Yorkshire and 192 Cray, with 147 changes of method).

Arranged by Anthony R. Peake.

1 Lewis W. Cobb

*2 Anita D. O'Brien

*3 W. Bertram Kynaston

*4 Peter J. Heritage 5 Timothy G. Pett 6 Maurice A. New

7 Brian Bladon

8 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor) *First of Major in ten methods. To cele-brate the birth of a daughter (Jennifer Lesley) to Pauline and Gordon Land.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

GREAT HORMEAD, Herts, St. Nicholas. Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (13 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents: 2 Kent T.B., 2

St. Clements, 3 Plain Bob). Roy Hornby

*2 Edward Willitt 3 Peter Glazebrook

4 Brian Foley
5 Peter Warboys (Conductor)

6 Richard F. Prime

*First peal.

ELMDON, Essex, St. Nicholas.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 45min. ($10\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 extent Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B., St. Clements and Plain Bob).

Douglas Hutley

Kenneth Westwood 3 Peter Glazebrook

4 Leonard Luck 5 Albert Richardson

6 Walter Hunt (Conductor)

ST. IPPOLYTS, Herts, St. Ippolyts.

Tues., June 30, 1970, 2hr. 49mins. (123 cwt.) Oxford T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob).

*1 Jacqueline Saker

†2 Cecile Forgan

3 Alan J. Boyd A. Rex Agg 5 Trevor Groom

†6 Peter J. Cranfield (Conductor)
*First peal. †First of Minor and first in four methods. A farewell to Jacqueline Saker, leaving the district.

BUSHEY, Herts, St. James.

Thur., July 2, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12 cwt.) 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by C. W. Woolley.

Sara K. D. Woolley

2 Elsie K. Hart *3 Anne E. Thompson

* Andrew C, D. Mayes

*6 John R. Southey

7 Christopher W. Woolley (Conductor)

8 David A. Carpenter *First of Double Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent, St. John the Baptist. Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (15 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Heywood's variation.)

1 Frederick J. Cullum 2 Arthur G. Mason

3 Christopher T. Osenton (Conductor) 4 Herbert E. Audsley

Trevor A. Cross Roland T. Wakefield Peter S. Muchlinski

8 Thomas W. Blewitt

ELTHAM, London, S.E., St. John the Baptist.

Wed., July 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (10\frac{3}{2} cwt.)
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. H. Hattersley.
1 Frederick J. Cullum (Conductor)

2 Tony Lewis
3 Arthur G. Mason
4 Michael H. O'Callaghan
5 Margaret E. Oram

6 Ian H. Oram 7 Herbert E. Audsley

8 Alfred J. House
For the visit of H.M. the Queen to Eltham Palace for the 50th anniversary of the Royal Army Educational Corps.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C., St. Lawrence, Jewry.

Sun., July 5, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (25 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Adapted from C. Starbuck. Barnabas G. Key

Derek J. Carr

3 Tony Skilton 4 James Hedgcock

5 Peter J. Heritage 6 Alan D. Flood 7 Peter S. Muchlinski

8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

END OF TERM PEALS

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald,

Thur., June 18, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire, 864 each Superlative and Yorkshire, with 85 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Alison Child

2 John J. Durham 3 Rosamund M. Brown *4 Gillian R. Cleaver 5 Graham J. Jones

6 Jonathan G. Rose 7 John P. Ottaway

8 Christopher Forster (Conductor)
*First of spliced. First of "5 all the work"
by all and for the society. 21st birthday
compliment to Pattie Clapham and Robert Beresford.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Mon., June 22, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (42 cwt.)

5008 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS Composed by C. Forster.

1 Philip J. Crossthwaite *2 Elizabeth J. Campbell *3 Gillian R. Cleaver

*4 Alison Child

5 Rosamund M. Brown †6 Jonathan G. Rose

7 Graham J. Jones 8 Michael G. Dodson 9 John P. Ottaway

10 Christopher Forster (Conductor) 11 John J. Durham

12 Robert A. Beresford
*First on 12. †First of Maximus. 12 as conductor. First of Little Bob Maximus by all. First on 12 for the society.

FELKIRK, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Wed., June 24, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (5 methods: 2 Plain Bob, Kent T.B.; 1 Cambridge S., Norwich S. and St. Clements).

1 Jonathan G. Rose *2 J. Crawford Allen 3 Rosamund M. Brown

4 Christopher Forster 5 Alan M. Glover

6 John P. Ottaway (Conductor)

*Most methods. Wedding compliment to Christopher Ottaway and Christine Neville.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire, St. James.

Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (111cwt.) 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 methods: 192 Ashtead, Bilsborrow, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Double Dublin, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ips-wich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 161 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith. Gillian R. Cleaver

2 Robert A. Beresford *3 Michael G. Dodson

4 John J. Durham 5 Christopher Forster (Conductor) *6 Jonathan G. Rose

*7 Graham J. Jones *8 John P. Ottaway

*First of 27-spliced. Most methods as conductor.

"I've a grand memory for forgetting." -Robert Louis Stevenson.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER, Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

Mon., June 22, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (25 cwt.) **5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS** Arranged by S. Ivin.

1 Peter J. Staniforth

2 Murray A. Coleman 3 Robert B. Smith

4 Martin Green
5 Jack P. Kesterton
*6 Burley P. Morris
†7 Dennis R. Carlisle
8 Derek Tranter

9 Basil Jones

10 Herrick B. Bowley (Conductor)

11 E. Alan Jacques 12 William J. Root

*First Yorkshire Maximus †First Maximus.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (6½ cwt.)

5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Arranged by C. J. Mobbs.

G. Ronald Edwards

2 William A. Thow 3 Peter W. Brown 4 Hilary F. Watson-Walker

5 Stephen B. Bell

*6 David J. Smith
7 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)
8 Clive J. Mobbs
*First of Major 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Margaret Robson and an 87th birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Barnett.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., June 30, 1970, 2hr. 30min. $(6\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$

5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Thorp.

1 Richard J. Clifton

2 Arthur E. Rowley 3 Frank Chambers *4 Roger I. Kendrick

5 G. Ronald Edwards

†6 Alec R. Jones 7 John W. Rawson

8 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor) *First of Kent. †First of Kent Major. 35th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rawson

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Fri., July 3, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.) **5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Arranged by R. N. Scholes. G. Ronald Edwards

2 Clive J. Mobb.3 Hilary F. Watson-Walker

Elizabeth M. Barber 5 Peter W. Brown

6 William A. Thow 7 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor) 8 Jonathan P. O. Barry

A farewell to Elizabeth M. Barber, also a compliment to Jonathan Barry on his honours degree.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NASH, Monmouthshire, St. Mary.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents in 4 methods: Oxford T.B., Cambridge, Kent T.B., Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Cambridge).

1 Paul A. Williams

2 R. Mark Esbester

3 Peter N. Chambers

4 Andrew W. E. Bainham

5 Michael R. Meadows

6 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

MARSHFIELD, Mon, St. Mary the Virgin.

Fri., June 12, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (11 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (9 methods: 576 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincoln-shire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 136 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 R. Mark Esbester 2 James Clatworthy

3 Paul A. Williams 4 Tudor P. Edwards 5 Peter C. Randall

6 Nicholas W. H. Simon 7 Michael R. Meadows

8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

LEOMINSTER, Herefordshire, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (23 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
(No. 3 version.)

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1 Peter G. Brown

*2 Josephine A. Brown

3 Tudor P. Edwards

4 Charles P. Quartley

5 David E. Rothera

*6 Keith W. Brown

7 Peter S. Bennett

8 John H. Fielden (Conductor)

9 Kenneth I. Hesketh

9 Kenneth J. Hesketh 10 Philip J. Rothera *First of London Royal.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3 hr. $(16\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ **5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by J. Carter.
*1 David Woodward, Jun. Steward

2 Alan R. Patterson, Sen. Steward 3 Deborah Bishop, Asst. Sec.

4 Veronica E. Dupré, Trustee
5 G. William Shanks, C.C. Rep.
6 C. Montagu Meyer, Past Master
7 A. S. Bishop, Trustee
8 Wilfrid G. Wilson (Con.), Hon. Treas.
9 Harold W. Rogers, Past Master
10 John H. Lott, Asst. Sec.

*First peal.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints.

Wed., July 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (161 cwt.) 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE S. ROYAL Arranged by Gerald Penney.

John R. Ketteringham 2 Christine M. Carter 3 Eric Edmondson

4 Joyce M. Clarke 5 David C. Brown 6 Peter H. Mackie

7 Alan D. Flood

8 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

*9 Anthony R. Carter
10 Harold W. Rogers
*100th tower bell peal. First of Royal in the method by all except the tenor ringer.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW WEALD, Middx, All Saints. Thur., June 25, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (74 cwt.)

5024 ZENNOR SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

John Smith

2 Elsie K. Hart 3 Ruth M. Foreman

4 Claudia A. Critchley

5 H. George Hart 6 G. William Critchley (Conductor) Frank Reed

8 Thomas J. Lock

First in method by all except tenor ringer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

DORCHESTER, Oxon, SS. Peter & Paul. Sun., June 14, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (16 cwt.)
5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (23
methods: 224 Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge,
Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin,
Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire,
Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland,
Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford,
Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160
changes of method and all the work)

changes of method and all the work). Composed by N. Smith.

1 Christopher I. Rowson

2 Beryl R. Simpson

3 Brian Bladon

4 Timothy G. Pett (Conductor) 5 W. John Couperthwaite

6 Michael J. Church 7 James R. Taylor 8 Noel J. Diserens

HUGHENDEN, Bucks, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (15 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (2688 Cambridge, 2368 Yorkshire, with changes of method).

Arranged by N. Smith. 1 Robert H. Newton (Conductor)

*2 Arthur Newton

*3 Joyce I. Cornwall
4 Sydney M. Bailey
5 Roland Biggs *6 Derek Francis †7 Percy Newton 8 David A. Cornwall

*First of spliced. †200th peal. First in more than one method as conductor. For Flower Festival and Fete.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon, St. Mary.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (16½ cwt.) 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton. *1 Christopher Hims

Alan R. Pink (Conductor)

3 Edgar J. Smith *4 Ronald K. Russ 5 Martyn Hawkes *6 Peter J. Heritage 7 Michael Hatchett 8 Geoffrey R. Drew

*First in the method. For the wedding of Michael E. J. Appleton and Audrey B. Wyatt.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, St. Martin.

Tues., June 23, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (37 cwt.)

5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by R. W. Pipe.

George E. Fearn

2 James Insley 3 Norman J. Goodman 4 Richard J. Tibbetts

5 Vernon Green
6 Arthur V. Pearson
7 Stephen W. Barton
8 Terry R. Hampton

9 Roderick W. Pipe 10 Maurice F. Edwards

11 Peter Border (Conductor)

12 Clifford A. Barron farewell to Canon Bryan Green, B.D., D.D., rector of St. Martin's for 21 years.

The best doctors in the world are Doctor Diet, Dr. Quiet and Doctor Merryman.— Dean Swift.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

GT. YARMOUTH, Norfolk, St. Nicholas. Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (30½ cwt.) 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Stanley M. Ruddlesden

- 2 J. Malcolm Tyler3 Edward C. Buckby
- 4 Denby P. Murduck 5 Barry R. Care
- 6 John G. Mitchell 7 Brian R. Danby 8 Alan J. Marks
- 9 Eric Billings 10 Raymond H. Daw
- 11 Richard J. Cowley
 12 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor) First of Maximus for all except 7 and 12. First of Plain Bob Maximus for the Guild.

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

Sun., June 28, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (18\(\frac{3}{2}\) cwt.) 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

1 Christopher C. Stokes

2 Patrick I. Chapman

3 Roger W. Smith

4 Shirley E. Ruddlesden

5 Graham C. Paul

6 Malcolm J. V. Chown

7 Barry F. Saunders

7 Barry E. Saunders 8 Alan A. Paul 9 Barrie Hendry

10 Richard F. B. Speed (Conductor)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD GRANBY, Notts, All Saints.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 2hr 40min. (13 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

1 David W. Flower *†2 Anthony A. Boden ‡3 Nicholas E. Green

*4 Susan M. O'Neill (Conductor) 5 Peter L. R. Hayward (Conductor)
First of Bob Doubles. †First inside.
‡First peal. Birthday compliment to Michael Flower and Peter L. R. Hayward.

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts, SS. Peter and Paul.

Thur., July 2, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents, 9 methods: St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford Bob, Rotherslade, Nicholaston and Plain Bob).

Harold Denman

2 Peter L. R. Hayward 3 Mary C. Poyner

4 Ernest Preston

5 Paul N. Mounsey (Conductor)

6 George A. Dawson Rung as part of the "Mayflower" celebra-

WOODBOROUGH, Notts, St. Swithun.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (9 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

*1 Joan Carter

2 David W. Flower †3 Anthony A. Boden 4 Peter L. R. Hayward

Conducted jointly by all.
*First of Minimus. †First of Minimus inside. For Woodborough Festival.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

PENN, Staffs, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Heywood's variation.)

Gerald Bowen Philip R. Johnson

3 John A. Roden 4 E. Marion Key

5 Cyril Griffiths 6 Leslie Smith

7 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor) 8 David Hawksworth

A wedding compliment to Gordon Griffiths (of the local company) and Patricia Cart-

LILLESHALL, Salop, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (9 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

(42 extents, 15 callings.)
*1 Gerald Bowen

2 E. Marion Key *3 Leslie Smith

4 Barnabas G. Key
*5 Alfred W. Glazzard
*6 Peter J. Key (Conductor)

*First Stedman Doubles. For the Flower Festival, part of the church's 1,300th anniversary celebrations.

SUFFOLK GUILD

(The Bramford Company) HIGHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Tues., June 23, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 extent Single Oxford, Rev. Canterbury, St. Clements, Double Oxford, 3 extents Plain Bob).

1 Bryan R. C. Crouch *2 James P. F. W. Hollins

*3 Kelvin Dakin

*4 Roy W. Lockwood 5 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

6 Roger L. K. Whittell (Conductor)
*First in 5 methods inside. To mark the birth of a son (Sean) to Richard and Jennifer Mayes.

PALGRAVE, Suffolk, St. Peter.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (8 cwt.) 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. J. Sedgley. 1 Walter W. Miller

*2 Katharine M. Thorley

3 Muriel R. Page 4 J. Barry Pickup 5 Leslie G. Brett

6 Adrian Knights Roger D. Bailey

8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor) *First in method.

BLO-NORTON, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(2 different 2160 blocks and 1 720.) Katharine M. Thorley Leslie G. Brett

J. Martin Thorley

4 Roger D. Bailey (conductor) 5 Frank C. J. Arnold

6 J. Barry Pickup

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SHIPLEY, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin. Tues., June 30, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Michael LeClere 2 Ruth E. Halford

3 E. Winifred Keys 4 Christopher Renyard 5 Patrick M. Wills

6 Philip Stevens (Conductor)

*First peal.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

LELANT, Cornwall, St. Uny.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (15 callings).

1 Marion L. Lidgey (Conductor)

2 Harry Miles 3 Timothy J. Bell

4 F. Malcolm Bowers

5 Anthony J. Davidson 6 Canon A. S. Roberts First on six as conductor.

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY

KEELE, Staffs, St. John the Baptist. Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (8 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (10 Grandsire, 4 St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, 3 each of Eynsham, St. Leonard, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day and 1 of Old Bob).

*1 Margaret Jones

2 Philip W. Gay
3 Michael R. Worthington
4 Leona C. Robinson
5 Michael J. Robinson (Conductor)

*6 John F. Hocking *First peal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire, All Saints.

Sun., May 31, 1970, 3 hr. (12 cwt.) **5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES** Composed by H. Hubbard.

*1 Michael Holbrook *2 Philip G. Taylor

†3 J. Jeffrey Hill 4 Lynette Holbrook

*5 R. Brian Walton *6 Peter L. Furniss

7 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

Howard E. J. Smith *First on 9. †First of Bob Triples.

BISHOPSTOKE, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (93 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

1 Roy Le Marechal

2 Barry J. Fry 3 John S. Croft 4 Philip Stevens

5 Ian M. McCallion 6 John P. Colliss

7 R. Brian Walton (Conductor) 8 Richard Green In memoriam John W. Faithfull.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

DODDERHILL, Droitwich Spa, Worcs, St. Augustine of Canterbury.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (18½ cwt.) 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by W. Barton.

Walter H. Raxter

M. Irene Brown Morley P. Tobin

Clifford Skidmore 5 Martin G. Powell

6 A. Bryan Ellsmore 7 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor) 8 Martin D. Fellows

A welcome home to the SS. "Great Britain."

BRIDGNORTH, Salop, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sun., June 28, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8½ cwt.) 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. Smith.

Alan Jones

2 M. Irene Brown 3 Morley P. Tobin 4 Peter J. Brown

† Felci J. Blown † Roger H. Hunt 6 Reginald H. Newton † Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor) 8 Michael J. Fellows *First in method. †375th peal. A farewell to the vicar (Rev. George Abell), leaving for Australia.

EASTWOOD, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (191 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Margaret Swain J. Clifford Skidmore

3 Morley P. Tobin 4 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor) 5 Michael G. J. Elson

6 Robert Edwards
7 Gerald C. Hemming
8 Martin D. Fellows

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle.

Mon., May 18, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (11 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (14 methods: 448 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, 192 Cornwall and Cray, with 130 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith. Alan M. Glover

*2 A. Pattie Clapham *3 Graham J. Jones 4 Gerald Parsons

5 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) *6 Peter H. Gardner

John Robinson

8 Ronald R. Warford *First of 14-spliced. A birthday compliment to Miss Laura Grindrod.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

May 23, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (17 cwt.) **5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by D. Knox.

Alan M. Glover Rosamund M. Brown Shirley M. Drew John P. Ottaway

5 Christopher J. Easton

6 Peter H. Gardner 7 Geoffrey R. Drew 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (17 cwt.) 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. M. Jelley.

1 Alan M. Glover 2 Peter J. Wycherley 3 Christopher J. Easton John Robinson

Christopher M. Movley 6 Geoffrey R. Drew 7 Peter H. Gardner

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Thur., May 28, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (17 cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

1 Charles F. W. Eyre

*2 David G. Kealey
3 Alan M. Glover

Christopher J. Easton Graham J. Jones

6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

7 Barnabas G. Key 8 Christopher Forster

*First of Surprise Major inside.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Mon., June 8, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (7 cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Ç. I. Rowson.

1 Ronald H. Dove 2 Ronald R. Warford

C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

E. C. Gareth Higgs 5 Ronald Crabtree 6 Graham J. Jones 7 Alan M. Glover 8 Peter H. Gardner

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (224 cwt.) 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 methods: 192 Ashtead, Bottesford, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Delaford, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 161 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

Arranged by P. M. Wilkinson.

Graham J. Jones

2 Robert A. Beresford 3 John J. Durham

4 Christopher Forster 5 Ronald R. Warford 6 Peter H. Gardner John Robinson

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) First time this arrangement has been rung.

GISBURN, West Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (9 cwt.) 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

1 Amy M. Warnes
2 Alan Capstick

*3 Andrea E. Smith 4 A. William Pallister

5 Andrew Stott 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*First peal. First of Minor in the method by all.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

June 27, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (17 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox. 1 Robert A. Beresford *2 Gillian R. Cleaver

3 Rosamund M. Brown

4 Graham J. Jones *5 Jonathan G. Rose 6 Michael G. Dodson 7 John J. Durham

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) *First of Bristol Surprise Major.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Sun., June 28, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (25½ cwt.) 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by C. W. Roberts.

William Barton

2 Maurice J. Thurmott

3 Jane Thurmott *4 Christopher M. Movley 5 William E. Court

6 Frederick A. Munday *7 Stephen R. Munday

8 W. Eric Critchley
9 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

10 Maurice Hillary

*First in the method. For the diocesan jubilee celebrations.

Handbells

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne, 11 Sanderson Road.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 1hr. 50min. (12 in F.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1-2 Adrian Dempster
3-4 Colin C. Monson
5-6 Andrew G. Craddock (Conductor)

*First on handbells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold. Fri., June 12, 1970, 1hr. 43min. (14 in D.)

040 WORDSLEY ALLIANCE AN CRAYFORD LITTLE C.B. MINOR AND

(Seven spliced extents.)

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

First in the methods by all.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Fri., June 26, 1970, 1hr. 55min. (14 in D.) 5760 MINOR (21 methods, 8 extents: Horsmonden and Cumberland; Ennerdale and Killarney; Double Oxford, St. Clement's College and Hereward; Yaxley and Harmondsworth Alliance and Little Bob; Plain and Single Oxford; Double Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck and Reverse; London and Double Court; Single Court, College and Original).

1-2 Joseph Whalley

First in 21 methods by all.

3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

SWINDON VILLAGE, Gloucestershire, 56 Quat Goose Lane.

Tues., June 30, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (11 in G.) 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (6 methods: 1920 Plain Bob, 1440 Double Bob, 576 each Reverse Bob and Little Bob, 288
Wellington L.C., 216 Gainsborough L.B.,
with 299 changes of method).

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten.

1-2 Martyn Hawkes

3-4 Valerie Willard 5-6 Hugh N. Evans 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

*First in six methods in hand.

QUARTER PEALS—continued

Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset.-July 6, 1272 Rev. Canterbury Pl. Bob Minimus: Judith A. Robertson 1, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 2, M. W. C. Lawson 3, M. J. Dew (first Minimus) 4. First of Minimus in the method by all. For the induction of Rev. D. W. Shaw to the united benefice of the Tarrant Valley.

Thetford, Norfolk.— June 17, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. G. Feaver 1, N. M. Watson (first in method) 2, B. E. Whiting 3, R. Rose 4, P. Mayle 5, J. A. Mayle 6, H. B. Fuller (first inside) 7, M. J. Rose (cond.) 8.

Twineham, Sussex.—June 28, 1260 Doubles

(three methods): Ainslie M. Reeve (first quarter) 1, D. Kirkcaldy 2, J. N. Lambert 3, J. Kirkcaldy 4, P. D. Hepburn (cond.) 5. First in three methods for all. For Patronal Festival, and for dedication of the Cyril Clutterbuck memorial

Wareham, Dorset.-June 28, 1280 P.B. Major: G. W. Elmes 1, Marion E. Howitt 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, H. Faulkner 5, T. F. Collins 6, P. R. Keough 7, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 8. A compliment to Elizabeth Jane Faulkner (daughter of 5th) and Frank McLaren, married the previous day at Wallington, Surrey, Warwick.—June 28, at St. Mary's, 1260 P.B.

Doubles: Mary Thornton 1, Frances Dodds 2, R. A. Sheasby (cond.) 3, Kate Moir (first in method) 4, Mrs. J. B. Thornton 5, J. B. Thornton 6. First attempt 1, 5, 6. 1, 4, 5 and 6 are regular Sunday service ringers. A farewell to the vicar (Canon O. C. McDowall-Morgan) on his retirement.

Wheatley, Oxon.-June 14, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss M. A. Long 1, Miss H. E. McGowan 2, K. J. Harris 3, C. Smith 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5.

For the Wheatley Flower Festival.

Wimborne St. Giles, Dorset.—June 20, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Kathleen E. Fletcher 1, H. A. Mitchell 2, B. J. Fry (first Surprise and 50th quarter) 3, Mary Elmes (100th quarter) 4, J. Hartless 5, C. W. Powell 6, M. J. Hiller 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

HANDBELLS—continued.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

STONEY STANTON, Leics, Long Leys.

Wed., July 1, 1970, 1hr. 54min. (15 in C.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

1-2 John Vernon 3-4 John Morris

5-6 Alfred Ballard

7-8 Michael Vernon (Conductor)
For the birth of Charlotte Elizabeth, third daughter of Michael and Dorothy Vernon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire, The Glebelands.

Fri., July 3, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (17 in A.) 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by A. Wilson.

1-2 George E. Feirn

*3-4 Michael W. Crowder

5-6 Jack Bray

†7-8 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
*First of Oxford Treble Bob in hand. †1,400th peal.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

REEPHAM, Norfolk, 29 Sunbarn Road.

Thur., July 2, 1970, 2hr.

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

(7 extents, 3 different callings.)

1-2 Eric Durrant 3-4 Kenneth L. Brown (Conductor)

5-6 Walter J. Ford To celebrate Walter Ford's 50 years' membership of the Norwich Association and 50 years as a ringer at Reepham and Salle. Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks.—June 25, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. Charlesworth 1, Margaret Smalley 2, Smalley 3, D. G. Scourfield 4, M. King 5, R. Corby (cond.) 6.

Westbourne, Sussex. - June 28, 1296 Little Bob Major: Denise Ramshaw 1, Eileen Javne 2, Ruth Halford 3, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 4, N. George 5, E. Treagus 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, R. Dennis 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8. A compliment to Rev. R. E. Dennis (Vicar of Bootle, Lancs), father of R. E. J. Dennis, on completing 35 years in the ministry.

Woodborough, Notts.-May 1, 1272 Erin Minimus: Joan Carter 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. R. Wild Rus: Joan Carter 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. R. Wild 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Birthday compli-ment to Kathleen Jamson. Also May 8, 1272 Rev. Erin Minimus: A. A. Boden 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. R. Wild 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Birthday compliment to Christina Sinfield. Also Birthday compliment to Christina Sinfield. Also May 10, 1272 Minimus (11 m/v): Patricia M. Hayward 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Half-muffled in memoriam C. G. Wardle, church and parish councillor, died earlier in the day, aged 63 years. Also May 17, 1272 Minimus (Kent and Rev. Bob var.): D. W. Flower 1, G. P. Butler 2, H. G. Wells (cond.) 3, P. L. R. Hayward (arr.) 4. Also May 22, 1264 Rev. St. Nicholas Minimus: A. 22, 1264 Rev. St. Nicholas Minimus: A. A. Boden 1, P. R. Wild 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also May 23, 1260 Minimus (three methods): Sarah E. Boden 1, D. W. Flower 2, A. A. Boden 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Wedding compliment to Margaret R. Andrew and Colin E. Paul. Also May 24, 1352 Minimus (58 m/v): G. P. Butler 1, D. W. Flower 2, H. G. Wells (cond.) 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Halfmuffled in memoriam Mabel Archer, died May 20. Also May 29, 1260 Minimus (five m/v): Sarah E. Boden 1, D. W. Flower 2, A. A. Boden 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond., 50th on the bell) 4. Wedding compliment to Jean Ward. Also June 7, 1272 Minimus (Rev. Cant. and Single Court): Lynne Hoskins 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, Lynne Hoskins 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also June 8, 1272 Minimus (ditto): G. P. Butler 1, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. R. Wild 4. Halfmuffled in memoriam R. Hall, and to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Charles Dickens. Also June 12, 1272 Minimus (seven methods): P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 1, A. A. Boden 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. R. Wild 4. Half-muffled in memoriam A. V. Frost, died June 10. Also June 13, 1344 Minimus (four m/v): Jennifer R. Lush 1, A. A. Boden 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Wedding compliment to Judith Wright. Also June 14, 1440 Pl. Bob Minimus: Jenniter R. Lush 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3. P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4 Half-muffled in memoriam R. B. Hall. Also June 28, 1270 Minimus (seven m/v): Lynne Hoskins 1, Patricia M. Hayward (cond.) 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Birthday compliment to tenor ringer.

Wool, Dorset.—July 1, 1260 Kent and Pl. Bob Minor: S. I. Bamforth 1, C. Cull (first in two methods) 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, T. F. Collins (cond.) 4, G. W. Elmes 5, M. J. Hiller 6.

Hertfordshire Association.

AN ANNUAL EVENT?

The Northern District held its first striking competition at Aston on June 20. The judge took up his vantage point, the six bands drew for order of ringing, and the tension mounted as each team in turn went up the tower to exercise its skill in 240 changes.

Tea was taken in the village school and the president of the association (Mr. A. R. Agg) welcomed the judge, Mr. A. E. Rushton (president of the Bedford Association). He thanked Peter Cranfield for organising the competition which, being well supported, it is hoped to make an an-

Mr. Rushton proceeded to give his comments and marks for each team, which were: 1 Hitchin (Plain Bob Minor, 112 faults), 2 Sandon (call changes, 186), 3 Benington (call changes, 216), 4 St. Ippolyts (Plain Bob Minor, 218), 5 Baldock (Original Doubles, 243), 6 Actor (call changes, 243), 6 Actor (call changes, 243), 6 Actor (call changes, 243), 6 Actor (call changes) Doubles, 243), 6 Aston (call changes, 250).

Hitchin were presented with the trophy, and Peter Cranfield thanked Mr. Rushton for his very helpful remarks, Mr. L. Izzard for the use of Aston bells, and the Aston ladies for the splendid tea.

The District also met at its two most easterly towers on July 4, when it visited Barley and Barkway. Ringing took place at Barley before the rector (Rev. A. S. Lockett) welcomed the gathering and conducted a shortened form of Evensong.

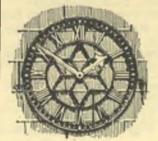
Members then went to Barkway, where tea and the business meeting were held in the vicarage. The president (Mr. A. R. Agg) took the chair, and it was announced that the district dinner would be held at the Three Horseshoes, Norton, in October, and that the next evening meeting would be at Walkern and Ardeley.

Bands were invited to enter for the Kimpton Cup in September in view of the success of the district striking competition.

Miss B. Harris suggested that a donation should be made to Great Wymondley in view of the state of the ropes, or that other towers should pass on old ropes.

The vicar (Rev. P. D. Kingston) and Mrs. Kingston were thanked for the use of the room, and the ladies for providing tea.

M. M. R.



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Editorial

WILLIAM PYE CENTENARY

To many younger ringers the name of William Pye is just a legend, but to the not-so-young who were privileged to meet and perhaps fortunate enough to ring with this remarkable man the experience will never be forgotten.

August 11 this year is the centenary of William Pye's birth, and it has been suggested that peals and quarter peals might be rung to honour the occasion. A well-known and respected member of the Central Council has offered to write an article on the career and achievements of William Pye, and this will be included in the issue of August 7. Any special ringing carried out during the following month will be under a separate heading, if contributors will indicate that this was the purpose for the effort.

The East Anglian Daily Times carried a letter recently, with illustrations, telling of an alarm bell associated with the Dickens era which is still hanging over furniture premises and formerly part of a school block depicted in the early editions of Mr. Pickwick's night adventure.

Nancy Lewis, who comes from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, was one of the first young ladies to be taught to handle a bell by Mr. William Theobald when installing the bells over there. Now she has rung the 2nd to a quarter of Bob Major over here after only three plain courses in the method.

A page from the Estates Gazette, sent to us from Mr. Macadam, of Barcombe, Sussex, depicts an architect's model of an £18m. development scheme in Melbourne, Australia, for a six-storey podium block backed by a 53-storey tower block which would completely dwarf the Cathedral and could compromise any ringing which might take place there. Building is scheduled to start in 1971.

Mr. Claude Rush, of Felixstowe, tells us that after spending £36,000 on restoring St. Peter's Church tower, Sudbury, the Parochial Church Council of St. Gregory's with St. Peter's has decided to close St. Peter's Church down and continue with St. Gregory's only. The eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.) are at the foundry and may be rehung "dead," whilst at the other churches, St. Gregory's (8, 16 cwt.) and All Saints' (8, 26 cwt.), the bells are unringable. A very sad state of affairs generally, he concludes.

About the New Secretary.

The Oxford Guild's new secretary, Mr. W. Butler, whose photo appeared last week, was introduced to ringing when his sister married a ringer, who started him in 1945 at Clewer. His first peal was in 1947 (Bob Minor) at Clewer, and he has rung about 200 in most standard methods, conducting about half of them.

He was secretary of East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for nine years, ringing master of the Newbury Branch for some years, represents the Guild on the Central Council 1957-60, 1966— and recently was elected on the Sunday Service and Education Committee.

Belfry Gossip

St. Paul's, Maitland, N.S.W., celebrated the centenary of the installation of its bells by a ringing weekend last May.

Personal Records: Gerald C. Hemming (375 peals), Jack L. Millhouse (1,400), Percy Newton (200), Roderick R. Horton (25).

New method this week is Meldreth S. Major at Meldreth, Cambs, for Ely Diocesan Association.

The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal on 12 bells was achieved at Leicester Cathedral on June 20 when 105 were scored, Neil Bennett conducting.

We were just too late to correct a printer's error in last week's issue. The caption on page 552 gave Miss Mary Cross when, of course, the name so well known to ringers is MARIE! (Sorry!)

First peal congratulations to P. J. Tyler-Maggs, Clive W. Templeton, Sally A. Gifford, Edward Willitt, Jacqueline Saker, Michael LeClere, Margaret Jones, John F. Hocking, Nicholas E. Green, Andrea E. Smith and David Woodward.

Mrs. D. E. Beamish corrects a recent paragraph and says that the £10,000 legacy at Exhall was left to beautify the churchyard. No mention was made of the bells. However, the ringers can always hope!

The youngest band in the Guildford Guild to ring a peal had an average age of 15 years 7 months and rang 5040 Doubles at Send, Surrey, conducted by 16-years-old Eddy Futcher. The editor's nephew, 12-years-old Timothy Denyer, rang the treble—his first attempt for a peal.

A photo received of Michael E. Brown standing beside a bell frame which he and Des Butterfield have made is of considerable interest but the print is not sharp enough for reproduction in the R.W.

We are going through a period of lost quarters, writes Mike Scowen from Ringwood, Victoria, in sending us a report of the ANZAB festival. He says they attempt one a week and haven't scored one since the beginning of May. ["If at first . . ., etc."—Ed.]

Whether 'tis better to remain thirsty or to sully one's delicate palate with some unknown liquid is a question asked by a reader when on a ringers' tour. [It has never been a problem to ringers in our area.—Ed.]

1066 and all that. "Norman service ringing" will take place, said a leaflet advertising an open day for the public to learn more of their bells, their tower and their ringers. Nevertheless over 100 signed the visitors' book at Kingswood, Surrey, and William the Conqueror was not among them.

David Cooper, of Gnosall, Staffs, has obtained a first-class degree in maths in this year's finals at Oxford University and awarded a junior maths prize. David rang his first peal (P.B. Major) with O.U.S.C.R. in June at Kingham, Oxon.

In place of the normal district meeting in Derby on June 27 nine quarter peals were attempted, aimed to provide quarters for ringers who lacked the opportunity in their own tower. Five were successful, but the practical experience at the other four must have proved beneficial to those taking part. (Congratulations to the organisers.)

"I'm sorry that it hasn't been typed but my handwriting is the lesser of two evils," quotes E. C. (a correspondent). [If all our ccpy was as well written our editing would be halved.—Ed.]

Our leader of a few weeks ago asking for "other hobbies" resulted in just two replies. Michael Swales, of Dunstable, tells us he is interested in church organs and keeps a record of various details—maker, age, specification, etc.; and Richard Cann, of Solihull, is interested in phillumeny (collecting of matchbox labels and booklets). He is hon. secretary/treasurer of the West and Mid'and Match Label Society.

The local company at St. George's, Doncaster, has continued to make progress this year by ringing a quarter peal in each of the standard eight Surprise Major methods and a peal of Bristol, the latter being the first peal of Surprise for Sheila Bruce. The band hope to ring at least a quarter peal in all the eight methods spliced before the end of the year.

"Our grateful thanks to all who so hospitably received us and made us welcome ... the memory of your friendly welcome and excellent bells will remain with us for a long time," is the way A. E. R. concluded a brief report of an outing and which is typical of what ringers wish to express after a pleasant trip.

Under the heading "A Composers' Conundrum" a ringer asks: Could any of our expert composers compose a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples which if transposed four times would include all the 5.040 changes? The same question might be asked also for peals of Plain Bob Major with eight transpositions for the extent. These nine peals of 5,040 changes could be called by a collective name and numbered 1 to 9 as could the five quarters of Grandsire.

A programme of peals, quarters and other special arrangements is planned for May 15 next year, when the Leicester Guild celebrates the 25th anniversary of its formation. A service is to be held in Leicester Cathedral, at which the Lord Bishop of Leicester will preach and at which, it is hoped, representative clergy will be present. The Bishops of Derby and Southwell and the Vicar of Burton-on-Trent have been invited and a dinner will be held in the evening to round off the celebrations.

When we receive letters of criticism and complaints (as any newspaper does) we are inclined to forget that many readers enjoy our efforts. This one is particularly cheering: "May I say how very much I enjoy reading your excellent paper every week—I go through it 'with a toothcomb'. Anything to do with campanology fascinates me immensely and I love ringing, having visited no less than 138 different towers since I started in April, 1968." [Thank you, G.E.—Ed.]

A long and, unfortunately, out-of-date report of an outing in April, headed "Bing's Ring" has been received and gives details of the churches visited and ringing enjoyed. Huntingfield, Heveningham, Badingham, Peasenhall, Framlingham, Yoxford, Bramfield, Halesworth, Wissett, Bungay, Beccles, Barsham, Southwold-on-Sea and Westhaston were included during the weekend tour.



RINGERS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, STRATFORD-ON-AVON

Special mention must be made of the five ringers in the front row, for between them they account for more than 165 years of regular service ringing at Stratford, unbroken except for the war years. They are (I, to r.) Reg Chapman (34 years), Bert Print (35), Fred Lyne (35), George Ingram (25), Jim

Steed (37). The others (l. to r.): Sally Eborall, I. Barclay, Geraldine Lea, M. Reed, Rosamond Cope, Jean Smith, Jill Ri'ey, Hazel Mackenzie, J. L. Findon, D. White, Pamela Hyde, Clare Whitmore, F. Cope, A. Borland, D. Bates.

(Stratford Church is our front cover illustration.)

Lancashire Association.

GARDEN PARTY

The weather let us down very badly this year and our garden party had to move indoors. The amusements were soon set up, however, in the spacious schoolroom next to the church, and games, competitions and

ringing were enjoyed.

The Rev. M. C. C. Melville paid us a visit and was "roped in" to judge the "six-in-line" handbell competition. This took the place of our usual six-a-side cricket match and proved to be just as hilarious. The judge summed up in like vein (obviously overawed by his surroundings) and we thank him for his patience. Unfortunately the changes were not too well struck.

Lincoln Guild.

THE TAYLOR SHIELD

The seventh annual striking competition of the Southern Branch was held at Horbling (6) on June 20. The afternoon started with a service conducted by the Rev. R. H. Moseley, and was followed by the six teams ringing as follows: Grantham (B) 72 faults. Bourne 63, Grantham (A) 27. faults, Bourne 63, Grantham (A) 27. Silk Willoughby (rang out), Stamford 45, Billingborough 92.

The winning team was: H. Leslie Squires 1, Mrs. Hazel Ketteringham 2, Peter A. Hill 3, Vaughan P. Evans 4, Brian Buttery 5, Peter A. Slight (conductor) 6.

Grantham (A) and Stamford will represent the branch in the guild competition to be held at Waddington in September.

The judges were Messrs. P. Reynolds (Swineshead) and H. Barsley (Algarkirk). Tea was provided by Mrs. Moseley and ladies of the Horbling M.U. on the Vicarage lawn, after which ringing took place with friends and visitors from Horncastle. Kent County Association.

SEETHING WITH ACTIVITY

As usual, the past five months in the Maidstone District have been seething with activity — beginners' practices, advanced practices, quarterly and by-meetings, a football match and a striking competition.

On the whole, the attendance at beginners' practices, held in groups of three. could be a lot better. However, those that have attended seem to benefit from having an experienced band round them whilst they ton Monchelsea, Staplehurst, Headcorn, Boxley, and last but not least to those at Hollingbourne for so graciously accepting an invasion of "foreigners" on their practice nights.

Advanced practices, held on the first Tuesday in every month, at Aylesford, Leeds, Linton, Maidstone or West Malling, have been reasonably successful, but once again attendance could be better.

Attempts to arrange a district social for February failed, but a return football match between Ashford and Maidstone eventually materialised at the ringing festival held at Aylesford on May 30. In spite of the ball spending more time in the adjoining rub-bish tip, and in spite of Maidstone's careful selection of referee, Ashford won.

The striking competition this year was held at Wateringbury. Six bands entered and were placed as follows: 1 Maidstone All Saints' (A), 2 Wateringbury, 3 Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, Maidstone St. Michael and Water Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B) and Maidstone All Saints' (B) a Maidstone St. Michael's and West Malling.

The district outing, originally planned for Bedfordshire in July, has been changed be-cause of the introduction of driving restrictions and is now to be to the South Downs.

Bath and Wells Association GOODWILL MESSAGE

On June 6, a perfect June day, the Ilchester Branch held its quarterly meeting at the lovely Parish Church of St. Andrew. Trent. The village many years ago was handed over to Dorset, but the church remains in the diocese of Bath and Wells.

Ringers and friends were welcomed by the rector (Rev. T. C. P. Brook), who read the belfry office and conducted the Guild service. The rector conveyed a message of goodwill from Lord Fisher of Lambeth, who regretted being unable to attend, and gave a simple and moving address. The organist was Miss Brooks and the tower master Mr. H. Brooks.

At the business meeting in the church. under the chairmanship of Mr. Gilbert Rendell, the branch was pleased to receive Rev. T. C. P. Brook as an associate member. (Ilchester is well on the way to having its own "clerical" team!) Other ringing members elected were as follows: Mr. Mervyn Clark (Langport), Miss P. J. Stephens (Odcombe), Mr. Colin J. Baker (Montacute), Miss Maxine Trott (Somerton). Miss Anna Penny (Stoke-sub-Hamdon). Messrs. H. W. Pearce, Nigel Grinter. Paul Grinter, Kevin Beale and Mrs. Audrey Cole and Miss M. J. Wilburn (South Petherton), Misses Wendy Leach, Sandra Parker, Janet Bradford, Ruth Palmer and Hilary Thorne (Tintinhull).

The company stood in silence, remembering W. Sweet (Norton-sub-Hamdon) and E. Lucas (Kingsdon), who had died.

The pleasant, good-going six (tenor 18 cwt.) were put to good use during the afternoon and evening, under the direction of the assistant ringing master (Mr. Jim Taylor).

Thanks are extended to all responsible for their courtesy and kindness.

M. M. L.

Notices.

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RIRTH

COX .- At 1.56 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, at 42 Cedar Close, Worthing, Sussex, a daughter, Janine Theresa (8 lb. 12 oz.), a sister for Peter Alan

DEATH

HOBDEN.—On July 9, 1970, Harold S. Hobden, of Little London, Sussex. Fondly remembered by the many ringers he taught at Eastbourne. An appreciation will be published.

PERSONAL

"Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."—Psalm xvi,

MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Aldershot Tower: Sunday service ringing at Aldershot Tower has been cancelled for Aug. 16, 23 and 30. Similarly, Thursday evening practices have been cancelled for Aug. and 27.-S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Tower Sec. 9281

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER will be held at the Ashdown Forest Hotel, Forest Row, on Sat., Nov. 7, and not Oct. 17 as previously stated. Tickets and further information will be available from divisional secretaries at a later date.

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EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. - Sat., Aug. 8, Fulbourn (8), 6 p.m. onwards.---J. S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—District practice, Great Totham, Fri., July 31, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. H., Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. -Cheltenham Branch.-Monthly practice meeting, Tues., July 28, Dumbleton (6), from 7.30

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston trict.—An evening meeting will be held at Thurcaston on Mon., July 27. Ringing 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 9238

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District. — Evening meeting, Groby, Sat., Aug. 1. Ringing 6-8.30 p.m. Everyone very welcome. 9241 Ron Hughes.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Evening practice meeting, Fri., July 31, Usk. Bells 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Surprise. 9270

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - S. and W. District.—Evening practices: Staines, St. Mary's, Fri., July 24, 7.45-9.15 p.m.; Chiswick, Wed., Aug. 12, 7.30-9 p.m.—C. H. R. 9293

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Surprise practice meeting, St. Mary's, Petworth (8), on Wed., Aug. 5, 8–9 p.m. 9242

SUFFOLK GUILD .- North West District .- Induction of new rector, Rev. J. E. Ruttford, at Walsham-le-Willows (6) on Friday evening, Aug. 7. Service 7.30. Ringing from 6.30 before and after service. Ringers welcome.—A. F. B. 9291

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD .-Christchurch and Southampton District.—Special practice in standard methods at All Saints' Milford-on-Sea, Hants, on Wed., 7.15 - 9 p.m. Visitors welcome. — Gilian Davis, Dis. Sec.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIA-TION. — Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Henstridge (6), July 25, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9257

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Worle, July 25 Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.-M. Legg.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wisbech District.—Meeting, Shouldham, July 25. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.-D. Feek, Dis. Sec. 9261

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, on July 25, Godalming. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. V. Debenham, Hazel Bank, Busbridge Lane,

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Windsor (8), on Sat., July 25, 2.30 till 5 p.m., and Slough (10) from 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements (available near Windsor Church).-A. L. Pearson. 9272

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Mansfield District.— Meeting, July 25. Ringing at Teversal (5) 2.30-4.30 p.m.; Sutton-in-Ashfield (8) 6-8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 9173

SUFFOLK GUILD. -- Central District.-- Quarterly meeting, Cotton (8), Sat., July 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. M. Franks, Taylers Green, Bacton, Stowmarket.

AND PORTSMOUTH WINCHESTER WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, July 25, All Saints', Catherington. Bells 2.30—4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Village Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at SS. Peter and Paul, Hambledon, only. From 2.30 till 3 the ringing will consist of raising and lowering in peal. Special methods: St. ing and lowering in peal. Special methods: 9138 Clement's and Surfleet.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Wootton (6), Sat., Aug. 1. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting and evening ringing. Everyone welcome. 9254

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Aug. Great Woolford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa (phone: Harbury 504). Evening ringing at Long Compton. Bells (6) 7-8.30 p.m.—R. A. S. 9234

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.— Meeting, Belchamp St. Paul (6), Sat., Aug. 1. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business and further ringing. Numbers for tea to C. H. Gillingham, 69 Mount Road, Braintree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Elmore (6), on Aug. 1, 3 p.m. Service at Longney, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Gould, 139 Deans Way, Gloucester, by July 29. Longney (8) available after meeting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. -- Farnham District.—Meeting, Hawley, Sat., Aug. 1. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Jennings, 74 Chapel Lane, Farnborough, by previous Wed., please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9282

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Heversham on Sat., Aug. 1.
Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Craketrees, Whinfell, Kendal. 9290

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Sat., Aug. 1, Cranford (6), 3—4.45 p.m. Tea and short business meeting at Heston Church Hall (adjoining church) 5. Heston bells (8) 6.30—8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. R. 9292

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Aug. 1, Mayfield (6). Bells available 3–5 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Ellastone (6) available 6.45–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Clowes, Town End Farm, Upper Mayfield, near bourne, by Wed., July 29. 9300

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Guilsborough Branch.-Meeting, Haselbech, Sat., Aug Please bring picnic tea.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Sat., Aug. 1. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. R. J. Carey, High Street, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, York, YO4 4EN, by July 29.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9273

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Withyham (8).

Aug. 1. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6. Picnic tea.

Meeting 6 in belfry. Ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 9295

HARSTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

July 24, 25 and 26.

The bells of All Saints Church will be available from 2.30 to 6.30 on Sunday, July 26.

Evensong 6.30 p.m.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Southern Branch)

A joint meeting with the BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT and the SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES

will be held at Thrybergh (6), 15.00-16.30, Wath-on-Dearne (8), 18.30 onwards, on Saturday, August 1.

Tea, followed by a short business meeting, will be held at Wath-on-Dearne at 17.00, and those requiring teas should notify A. Colin Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US (Tel.: 390557), by the previous Thursday (July Everyone is cordially invited.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

CROSTHWAITE, KESWICK, FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, MUSIC and DRAMA July 30 to August 2

Joint branch ringing meeting on Sat., Aug. 1 Bells available throughout the day except for short periods for prayers in church.

Refreshments available in school adjoining J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec.

URANGWOT-10

This puzzle attracted only about half as many entries as No. 9 and almost all of them were correct. Male entries made up two-thirds of the total. Of the correct entries the first drawn out of the hat came from Anthony J. Davidson, Tyneholme. Barrack Lane, Truro, Cornwall.

There are 10 ways of choosing sets of 3 things from 5 where order does not matter. Thus there will be 10 × 10 or 100 possibilities for a band of 3 boys and 3 girls as laid down by the Vicar. The bans on K and M together and A and D together remove 3 combinations from each side to leave 7×7. There was also the specific exclusion of the JKN combination for the

B refused if N in and L refused if C in. If these are examined in all 4 arrangements.

- (i) B out N in with L out C in
- (ii) ditto with L in C out (iii) B in N out with L out C in
- (iv) ditto with L in C out

it is found that (i) gives CDE JMN and ACE JMN as compatible so far and (iv) gives BDE JKL. Taking into account that K must be in if both C and D are in and also that if N is not in E is out we are left with ACE and JMN as the only completely compatible band.

BUTLEIGH, SOMERSET

7s. 6d. in the Bell Fund

A few years ago the bell fund of Butleigh Church only contained 7s. 6d. All hope of restoring the bells must have seemed impossible and yet now, just a few years later, a full restoration has been completed. The restored ring, completely rehung in a new frame and fittings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was rededicated by the Bishop of Taunton on Wednesday, June 10. The church was well filled for the service, during which the Bishop took in hand, for the blessing of the bells, two ropes hung from the internal window of the ringing room of the central-towered church.

After the service refreshments were provided for all the ringers present by the liberality of the Vicar of Butleigh.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have been associated with Butleigh since 1857 (see list below) and must be proud of this final crowning achievement. It is hoped that the sound of the bells will soon be modified in the ringing chamber to put the finishing touches on this excellent ring of six bells.

THE BELLS

Treble: Founder, Taylor; date, 1873; diam. 2ft. 10¾in.; weight, 8cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. 2: Austen (?); 1619; 2ft. 10½in.; 7-1-8. 3: Taylor; 1876: 3ft. 1½in.; 8-3-4. 4: Taylor; 1857; 3ft. 4¾in.; 11-3-17. 5: Purdue; 1694; 3ft. 7½in.; 14-0-19. Tenor: Taylor; 1907; 4ft. ½in.; 19-3-5.

Bath and Wells Association. A MEMORIAL SUGGESTED

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Easton-in-Gordano on June 20, and after the service, conducted by the Rector (Rev. J. Ramsey), a buffet tea was served by members of the local band and their wives to some 30 members and friends.

New members elected were Mr. and Mrs. J. Powell (Publow), Mr. N. Newton, Miss J. Newton and Miss H. Bell (Long Ashton) and Mr. J. Mounty, Mr. I. Crighton and Mr. I. Ramsey (Easton-in-Gordano).

A sub-committee consisting of Mr. T. G. Phillips, Mr. W. Kingscott, together with the secretary (Mr. D. G. Yeo), was set up to consider the form of a memorial to the late ringing master and chairman, Mr. H. W. Knight, and to report back in due course. The chairman gave an account of the annual meeting held at Bath, and also reported that five quarter peals had so far been rung in the branch to mark the 80th anniversary of the association. Further ringing followed the meeting.

Middlesex Association. A POOR START

The monthly meeting of the N. and E. District at Pinner on June 20 was held in glorious summer weather, and visitors were present from Epsom, Watford, Melbourn (Cambs), Tunbridge Wells, Hever (Kent) and Bedford. The attendance was poor in the early afternoon, Mrs. Hart (master) finding it difficult to maintain continuity of ringing. Numbers improved somewhat after tea and upwards of 50 ringers took part in the ringing during the meeting.

It was pleasing to welcome members of the St. John at Hackney band who made the rather long journey, and to see the progress they have made over the last few months.

Tea preceded the service, which was conducted by the vicar (Rev. D. Ritchie), who took part in the ringing. A short business meeting followed, at which Miss Ann Duffell and Peter H. Mackie were elected ringing members, and the provisional belfry election of Mrs. Alice M. Talbot Ponsonby (Radlett) as a non-resident member was ratified.

Thanks were accorded to Don Knights and Ken Sanders for local arrangements and to Mrs. Bardsley and her helpers for providing an excellent tea. Ringing continued but was brought to a premature close by an unfortunate mishap to the 7th bell. E. H. K.

Bedfordshire Association.

LADIES TO REPRESENT DISTRICT

It was a glorious, sunny afternoon for the annual striking contest of the Biggleswade District held at Tempsford on June 20, when six teams entered. The final placings were: 1 Henlow (combined), 2 Stotfold, Biggleswade (B), 4 Biggleswade (A), 5 Maulden, 6 Ampthill.

Tea was served in the Stuart Memorial Hall by Mrs. R. Houghton and helpers, after which the judges, Mr. C. M. Orme and Mr. R. Piron (both from the Bedford District) gave the results and commented on the afternoon's ringing. Mr. R. Piron presented the cup to Mr. B. Sims (of the Henlow combined team).

Stotfold and Biggleswade (B), all ladies, represent the district at the Bedfordshire Association contest, as the Henlow combined team was not a complete Sunday service band

Later, further ringing continued with Mr

C. D. Mann as ringing master.

The arrangements for the contest were M. L. M. made by Mr. M. Major.

Salisbury Guild.

ON A SUMMER'S DAY

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Iwerne Minster on June 13, a lovely summer's day. The bells were kept moving from 3 until 4.30, when the guild office was conducted by the chairman (Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore) and the than (Rev. R. A. Wells, vice-chairman). The lesson was read by Mr. J. Ralph, a veteran from Gillingham, and the organist was Mr. D. Greenway (also a ringer). Prayers were said for Miss Lottie Ride-out, vice-captain at Compton Abbas, a guild member, who had died the previous week. Later the chairman paid tribute to her work.

Tea was provided by the ladies of Iwerne Minster in the Vicarage room, and was enjoyed by 35 members and friends representing 15 towers within the branch and three outside it. Mr. C. Longridge reported on the guild A.G.M. and also on the progress of arrangements for the branch outsing in September. outing in September.

New members elected were: Mrs. Hayward (Compton Abbas), Messrs. Lillie (Zeals), M. Turpin, M. Coombes, C. Dudderidge, P. R. Extance, N. Warren and C. T. Wells (Marnhull), the last five being junior members.

After the meeting there was ringing at Blandford and at Shroton.

Herts County Association. A ROPE WAS MISSING

The Eastern District journeyed into Lincolnshire on June 13 for the annual outing, arranged by the district secretary (Mr. Stanley James). The first tower was at Edenham, where Ernie Newsham took charge, and we then moved on to the large Fen village of Billingborough, where David Harris supervised at the very attractive church with an equally fine ring of eight

After lunch we went to Heydon, where unfortunately the tenor rope was missing which prevented us from ringing. Next was the magnificent ring of ten at Grantham and the party then moved on to Barrowby (6), overlooking the Vale of Belvoir, the ringing being under the guidance of John Kemp.

Tea had been prepared in the church hall by local ladies, who were thanked. This was followed by handbell ringing.

We arrived in Hertford at approximately 9.50 p.m., and thanks were expressed to Stanley James for making the arrangements.

OH, DEAR!!

Mr. G. D. Armitage, of Harrogate, Yorkshire, writes correcting our report on page 496 "Lost his trousers, etc." He says the peal attempt at Lightcliffe lasted one hour and ten minutes, and the St. Matthew's bells there are to be recast into a "mini-ring."
(It is hoped to have the work done this autumn.)

The bells of St. Oswald's, Durham, are not to be melted down, five of them being by Christopher Hodson, 1694 (the 2nd is a recast by Gillett and Co., 1881). It is at St. Oswald's that it is hoped to arouse local interest to have the bells hung on a metal

frame lower in the tower.
[Mr. Armitage says he has been embarrassed by our incorrect report, but on our part the information was written on both sides of three octavo sheets and the pages not numbered, and this partly caused the mix-up when rewritten.

We again ask all correspondents please to write on one side of the paper only, each sheet numbered. Rewriting will not then be necessary.]

[&]quot;Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, then do that with all thy might.'

WEDDING

The marriage took place at Clitheroe Parish Church, Lancs, on July 4 of Mr. John Pilkington and Miss Shirley Wash-brook. The bride wore a full-length dress of Milano satin cut on semi-princess line, shoulder-length veil (embroidered with bells) and with bandeau of lace and pearls. She carried a bouquet of yellow tea roses. She was attended by four bridesmaids, and the best man was Mr. Ian N. Goldthorpe. John was tower captain at Blackburn Cathedral until this year, and he is ringing master of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association and also leader of Blackburn Cathedral team of handbell ringers. Shirley was also, until this year, tower captain at Clitheroe. Local ringers rang before and after the service. John and Shirley will live at Whalley, Lancs



LATE NOTICES

LING. - To Michael and Olga, on July 4, a daughter, Megan Ruth, a sister for Andrew and

Miriam. 9307
MID-DEVON. — Bed, breakfast and dinner.
Good centre for touring. Mrs. A. Fidler, "Highcroft", Bow, Crediton. Also 4-berth caravan at
Sandymouth Bay, near Bude. — Vacancies September. Bow 379.
ALDRINGTON (HOVE), ST. LEONARD'S. —
Practice night changed to Thursday, 7.45 p.m.,
until further notice, tower being redecorated.
All visitors welcome. —R. Morris. 9308
DEVON GUILD. — N. and N.W. Branch. —
Summer meeting, Stratton (Cornwall), Sat., Aug.
B. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.
—Evening meeting, Wicken, Sat., Aug. 1. Bells
(5) from 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: Winchendon Place and New Bob. 9303

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Sat., Aug. 1, at Walkern (6), 5.30–7 p.m.; Ardeley (6), 7–8.30
p.m. Everyone welcome. 9306

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Newchurch Parish, Culcheth, Sat., July 25. Tower open for ringing 3–8 p.m.
Bells (8). Cups of tea provided. Special methods: Bob Major and Superlative. All welcome.—Pauline Tallis, Branch Sec. 9316

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Aug. 1, at Hilperton. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Mr. H. Hoskins, 107, Church Street, Hilperton, Trowbridge, Wilts.

9305 ST. PETER'S, HENFIELD .- There will be no further practice meetings until the first Wednes-day in September, 1970. 9315

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On Sunday, August 2nd, at 9.45,
dedication of two new trebles.
Thanksgiving Evensong at 6.30.
Bells available after Evensong—visitors welcome.
Peal attempt, August 5th, 6.30.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

(Northampton Branch)
On Saturday, October 3rd, 1970
FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ON HANDBELLS and

and
GRAND BAZAAR
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Teams wishing to take part should contact Mr.
B. R. Care, 12, Parade Bank, Moulton.
Proceeds from this event for the P.D.G. Bell
Restoration Fund. All welcome.

The photo on page 550 last week gave the lady on the right as Mrs. Wycherley when it should have said Mrs. Wratten. (Keith Foot (aged 6½) has written to say it is his Aunti Margery, which of course it is, Keith!)

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for July 20, 1945

A date touch of Grandsire Triples (1945 changes) was rung at St. Peter's, Bourne-mouth, in which Miss Mary Davis rang the 3rd, J. V. Davis the tenor and A. V. Davis conducted from the 7th.

Reuters reported that Sub-Lieut, A. R. Pink showed the Duke of Gloucester how to ring handbells when the latter visited the battleship "Duke of York."

"I consider it better to ring call-changes with respectable striking than to attempt change-ringing and produce jangling" (letter from Denis A. Bayles).

At Isleworth a quarter of Bob Minor was rung for Evensong by Miss S. Harris, Mrs. O. L. Rogers, Miss K. Brooks, A. F. Thirst (cond.), G. Dodds and H. W. Rogers.

Redvers F. Elkington conducted a peal of D. Norwich at Aldershot and next day a peal of Stedman at Alton.

At Helmingham, Suffolk, T. W. Last conducted Cambridge Major, Leslie G. Brett ringing the 2nd and Ronald Bullen the 6th

Rivalry is a great incentive to progress and there is no doubt that the rivalry between bands and societies was an important factor in the life and development of the Exercise.—Leader.

A joint meeting of the College Youths and Middlesex Association was held at Southgate, and Mr. J. F. Smallwood congratulated Mr. C. T. Coles on having brought about such a meeting.

Firsts in the method (Double Norwich) were scored by Denis Layton, E. S. John Hatcher and Vernon Benning at Bexley. Kent, Mr. P. A. Corby conducting.

50 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1920

The Dean of Wells upset the Bath and Wells Association by refusing to allow a simple tablet bearing 54 names of ringers killed in the Great War to be placed in the Cathedral. The Dean insisted on a more ambitious and expensive memorial—a statue in one of the niches. It was decided to place the tablet in Bath Abbey instead of Wells Cathedral.

Geoffrey Milton, aged 13, rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Chester, the conductor being Robert Sperring.

At Selly Oak in a peal of Kent T.B. Major William B. Cartwright rang his first peal in the method, the conductor being Samuel Grove.

Frederick J. Bowley, jun. (aged 11), rang the treble for a peal of Grandsire Doubles. conducted by his father. He is believed to be the youngest peal ringer in the country.

A handbell peal of Bob Minor at Reepham, Norfolk, was rung by six ringers. each ringing one bell.

Northam, Devon, bells were dedicated after augmentation to eight; a new ring of eight at Heathfield, Sussex, was also dedicated as were two new bells at North Mymms, Herts.

The Hereford Guild festival at Leominster heard that the new districts which had been formed a year previously had proved a great success.

At a mid-week meeting of the Middlesex County Association at Northaw over 20 attended, which was considered very satisfactory. Unfortunately, because of illness near the church, ringing was stopped after two short touches had been rung.

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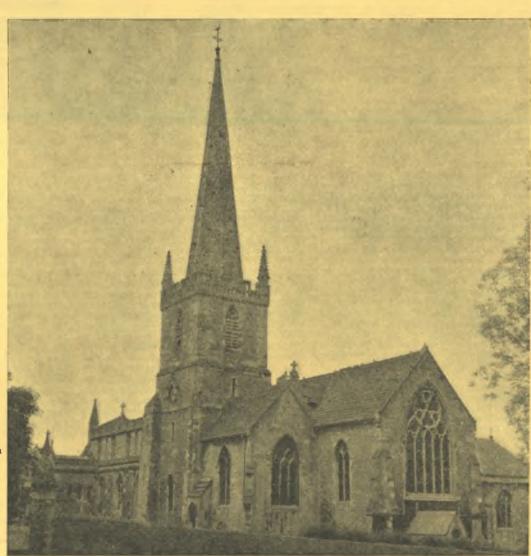
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St. John-the-Baptist, Frome,

Somerset.

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St. John-the-Baptist, Frome, Som.

THERE ARE four churches in Frome and St. John's is the one with the steeple, halfway up the hill which takes holiday traffic out southward. The town itself has grown around the church which was founded as a mission station (in Selwood Forest) by St. Aldhelm, abbot of Malmesbury, sometime between 675 and 695. The monks chose the site because of the abundant supply of pure water which breaks out as springs from the hillside and one of these (now piped) runs west of the church and then (openly) down the centre of Cheap Street towards the Market Place.

Of this church, which lasted for 500 years, only a single stone can be identified. by a pair of entwined dragons carved on its side. This was built into an earlier squint in the base of the tower in the 19th century, when an arch was cut through the

northern, inward-facing, wall.

A doorway and the curve of a window remain from the 12th century rebuilding,

leading now from the Baptistry to the Lady Chapel, but then from the churchyard. The lower-part of the tower and the east end of the nave date from the 13th century. An abrupt change of style shows where the western half of the nave was added a century later. Similarly, the upper part of the spiral staircase is anti-clockwise while the lower part is clockwise and shows where the tower was made higher, with a spire, in the 15th century.

By the 18th century the springs under the church were causing trouble, and the building seemed in danger of slipping down the hill. Nothing was done till the second half of the 19th century when, under Vicar Bennett, nearly the whole church (but not the tower) was pulled down and rebuilt in

similar style but on a stronger foundation.

The churchwardens' accounts, beginning in 1567, show there were five bells but none of these remain, although the metal may be the same. The 4th and 5th are dated 1624, the earliest known remaining bells made by John Lott, of Warminster. The 5th was recast once, but the 4th (the old fore-bell) was recast no fewer than four times in those 57 years. Three unsuccessful attempts were by the Purdue family (plain "Purdye" in 1586), William Purdye the Younger in 1597, at Frome, and Richard Purdie in 1616, at Edington, when he was probably doing work for the Priory. The sum of 20s. 6d. was paid for "4 days expenses for ourselves and our cattel when the Treble was carried to casting". The distance travelled by the ox-team over the hilly, muddy road was five miles per day.

John Lott used very much the same de-coration as the Purdue family—flat sheet-metal lettering, a bell between his initials as trade-mark and the running vine, and even a copy of the big Prince-of-Wales feathers device with CP on it (Carolus Princeps, not GP for George Purdue, as is suggested in "Church Bells of Wiltshire"). It is possible he learned his craft from the

Purdues.

The fourth proclaims proudly "I am hee for John Lott made mee", and the tenor is his bell, too, dated 1662. He had two attempts at recasting it, the second one lasting ten times longer than the first. Its weight, by tradition, was 36 cwts, and there was great consternation amongst the ringers when Gillett and Johnston, rehanging the bells in 1937, estimated it to weigh only 31 cwts. Some weight must have been lost with the removal of the canons. Nowadays it is considered by size and note (C

sharp) to be nearer 30 cwts. The 7th, recast by John Lott with the other two in 1632, was cast again by Robert Wells, of Aldebourne, in 1792.

A bell given to augment the five in 1684 A bell given to augment the five in 1004 does not record the founder, but it could have been made by Lewis Cockey, the father (or uncle) of William Cockey, living in Frome at that time. The "Church Bells of Wiltshire" gives Lewis Cockey as a Bristol founder on the strength of an entry in the Yatton churchwardens' accounts, but he could be another with the same name. The L C bell at Farleigh Hungerford, in 1681, is quite different in style from the others and was made by the old waist-bell method. Lewis Cockey's L (bell) C trademark and style of lettering suggest he may have learned from John Lott. The 1684 bell had to be recast by William Bilbie, of Chewstoke, in 1788 (after William Cockey's death)

The two trebles, made by William Cockey, were added in 1724, the gift of an unknown donor. It is thought that a new wooden frame was installed in the mid-19th century, and it is this frame which is causing the trouble now. Though the timbers are sound the joints have worked loose and the nuts on the metal ties which were added later in an attempt to steady it have rusted solid. Wedges driven in between the upper part of the frame and the tower fortunately seem to have done no damage and are ineffective. This movement of the frame makes the bells unpredictable when ringing. particularly in dry weather, and in wet weather the stiffening ropes do not fall as expected after a complicated journey through guides and chutes.

There was a clock in 1567, when records begin, and some of its wheels are probably incorporated in the present clock (restored by Singer of Frome in 1868). In 1637 there was some sort of a chime and in 1760 the 113th Psalm from Ripon's selection was played. After two additions to the tunes. the present carillon was installed by Gillett and Johnston in 1922. Both clock and carillon are in working order but they do not operate as the wiring to the hammers has become unsafe. During a practice in 1963 a wire holding the clock-hammer broke as the clock struck. The bell hit the hammer through the wheel of the 5th, ripping half of it away. Inspection showed other wires ready to break and springs so weak that the hammers were resting on the The unsafe parts were dismantled and the clock and chimes silenced till money could be raised for an overhaul. As the frame also needed attention it seemed best to leave matters until new hammers could be fixed to the new frame. Frome ringers have launched an appeal for £4,000 for the rehanging of the bells in a steel frame and for the restoration of the clock and chimes.

Although the bells are not the easiest to ring, there have been 27 peals on them. The first was Stedman Triples in 1890 with the Rev. F. E. Robinson as conductor. There were seven peals of triples before 1937 when the bells were rehung on ballbearings and for all but two, two men always rang the tenor. The stalwarts were J. H. Shepherd (in 1907), after rehanging by Lewellyns and James, and S. J. Hector of Trowbridge (in 1919). The tenor was first turned in by A. P. Cannon (to Double Norwich) on New Year's Eve, 1938, Nolan Golden conducting, and 15 years later J. T. Dyke conducted a peal of Cambridge with

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E. J. Chivers on the tenor. Since then there have been 19 other peals, 11 with the tenor turned in, but no-one has attempted it twice. Of the 15 conductors George Massey has

nine to his credit and has rung in 12 peals. In the total of 27 peals, 11 have been of major, 16 of triples and 136 ringers have taken part. The fastest peal (triples) was rung on Boxing Day, 1956 (3 hours 2 mins.). the slowest (also triples) six months later (3 hours 27 mins.), the bells being half-muffled in memory of W. Flower, ringer at St. John's for 53 years.

The last peal with two on the tenor (1930) included W. H. Mills, who rang for the relief of Ladysmith and Mafeking, and now at 88 still rings regularly for service.

The bells were kept ringing during the First World War and were fired when peace was declared. They were kept ringing for the Second World War (until stopped) and the ringers practised jangling them as airraid alarm. Until the Second World War the Curfew was rung each night at 8 p.m. and the bells used to be rung only on the first Sunday of each month and for festi-vals. Later this was increased to first and third Sundays and then to every Sunday, and always for evensong. Now service ringing is at 8.15 a.m. for family Eucharist Now service (at 9 a.m.) and for evensong only on festival occasions.

To raise £4,000 is the formidable task that the ringers have accepted, for the Church has many other problems. In addition to skittles at the fete and an open day and exhibition in the tower, Orchardleigh Park and Gardens will be open to the public on Bank Holiday Monday (August 31st) and it is hoped to have Frank Mack's very light ring of six available. There will be a handbell concert and community singing evening on September 19th and Christmas cards (depicting a very fine pen-and-ink drawing of the Church) will shortly be on sale, price 9d. Please watch the "Ringing World" for all details.

Donations to the Bell Fund should be sent to the secretary, R. Baker, 5, Cranmore View, Frome, or direct to the Westminster Bank, Market Place, Frome.

(Bell inscriptions on page 607.)

900 YEARS OF WORSHIP

ALTON (HAMPSHIRE) RINGERS JOIN IN CELEBRATIONS

Four years after the Norman Conquest a church was built in Alton (Hampshire) and dedicated to St. Lawrence. Nine-hundred years later - in 1970 - celebrations are taking place in this delightful country town with its melodious ring of eight (tenor 18 cwt.) and socials, concerts, recitals, musical festivals with visiting societies, and son et lumière have been or are taking place. A great deal of organisation and hard work has had to be done, and the local ringers, under their captain (Mr. Rex Corke) and hon, secretary/treasurer (Mr. Clive Chennell-White), have played a part—a very large part -in all the activities.

The Rev. D. L. Couper (Vicar of Alton), Mr. Rex Corke (captain), Mr. Clive Chennell-White (secretary), Mrs. Gladys Munsey (Peterborough), Rev. P. W. Gallup (Buriton) and Mr. John Euston (St. Margaret's, Westminster). [R.W. photo.



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Special ringing, quarter-peals, interchange of bands with towers in the area, have been organised and successes reported in the R.W. The culmination of these ringing festivities was on July 18 with a programme (well advertised and circulated) arranged to suit the many visitors expected from a wide area. Lunch was booked at a local hotel mear the church and tea laid on. Tickets were printed to enable numbers to be estimated, and the organist and choirmaster volunteered to play and for his full choir to attend to lead the singing. The preacher at the service (Rev. P. W. Gallup) travelled up from Buriton (Petersfield), the Vicar (Rev. D. L. Couper) conducting the service. which was bright and interesting.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

The fact that ringers generally are unpredictable, particularly in supporting meetings, practices and festivals, has often been stated, and this was emphasised in no small degree on this occasion. Whilst it is believed that ringing did take place at many of the churches whose incumbents had lbaned their bells for given periods, only five sat down to lunch (including three local ringers), 15 attended the service (two being in the choir and four locals) whilst 12 sat down to tea (four locals, the Vicar, the preacher and six visitors).

To say that the Alton ringers were disappointed is an understatement. Any church celebrating an anniversary expects to be supported locally, for it is a special event for parishioners. Alton has no cause to complain on this count, but it was rather a "let-down" for bellringing.

However, at tea, a delightful meal with a great variety of edibles. Mr. Corke welcomed the visitors, particularly Mrs. Gladys Munsey who had travelled down especially for the occasion from Peterborough, and Mr. Jack Euston, of St. Margaret's, West-minster. He also thanked all who had helped in any way to organise and take part in the arrangements, and commiserated with Mr. Chennell-White on the disappointing support after so much hard work.

The Vicar spoke of the excellent work of his own ringers and invited those present to attend son et lumière during September

The Rev. P. W. Gallup, who is the district chairman for Alton and Petersfield area, in his address emphasised the part bellringers play in the worship of God, quoting from the Book of the Revelations "And they rest not day nor night, singing Holy, holy, holy". The worship of God goes on all over the world at all times, he said, and bellringers take a part - an important part—in that worship. It was not the 18 cwts. of bell metal that gave praise but the spirit of the ringer, each holding a rope, which in a unique way added a little to the worship of the world's Creator.

1971 CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING: LEAMINGTON SPA

The general secretary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild has sent us the following information:-

"At last I can let you know that the Central Council meeting will be held at Leamington Spa in 1971. We have arranged for the headquarters to be the Regent Hotel, and to have the Civic Reception in the Royal Pump Rooms, Leamington, with the meeting in the Town Hall.

"We made three attempts to secure a headquarters for the Council. The first was all arranged some 12 months ago, but when we arrived at Ilkley Mr. Perrens produced a telegram, received the day before, saying that the arrangements could not be carried out by the hotel concerned. We set out on a hotel hunt on the day we returned to Coventry, and tried again with another hotel in a different town, only to be told, when we wrote to confirm our verbal arrangements, that they "could not cope." The third try, in Leamington, produced very satisfactory results, and we look forward to the best-ever Central Council meeting in 1071." ing in 1971."

[Thank you, Coventry.—Ed.]

AN ABBEY OCCASION

To many who visit Westminster Abbey, the memories taken away are marred by the jostling masses of tourists straining to catch snatches of history from their guides above the sounds of shuffling feet and the murmur of many tongues.

To the privileged few who were invited there on the evening of Tuesday, July 7, the scene was very different. The Dean and Chapter had graciously decided to commemorate the 400th year of the White-chapel Bell Founday and their chapel Bell Foundry and their own association with the foundry since 1583. To this end the foundry staff and members of the Abbey ringers, with their wives, assembled in the cloisters and were led into Henry VII's Chapel, where at 6.30 p.m. a service of thanksgiving and Holy Communion was conducted by the Dean, assisted by two Minor Canons.

After this moving service in a most historic setting, the Dean and Dr. Carpenter acted as guides and took the company on a tour of the Abbey. Seeing the building in the stillness of a summer evening, bereft of the multitudes, and with the westering sun streaming through the great windows was an experience none will forget.

After listening with rapt attention to the fascinating narratives given by the Dean and Dr. Carpenter, the party retired to St. Katharine's Chapel garden, where cool and nourishing refreshments were laid before

A set of ten handbells was presented to the Dean by the brothers Hughes, and after thanking the foundry for the gift the Dean called on Mr. Pitstow, who arranged bands for a touch of Grandsire Caters and three leads of Kent Major. The ringers also entertained the company with some tune-ringing and as the echo of the bells and the lengthening shadows of the setting sun drifted across the lawn, there was borne in on the minds of all present the realisation that they had been participants in a rare occasion, delightfully English and exclusively "Abbey."

FIFTY PEALS AT BARNES

Some interesting facts concerning peals at Barnes have emerged. The bells were augmented to eight in 1887 by the addition of five new bells. The three old bells were dated 1575, 1616 and 1667, and the 1575 one was cast by Mott of the Whitechapel Foundry and is the fifth of the present ring.
The first peal Plain Bob Major (conducted by W. T. Elsom) was not rung until December 12, 1903, and the 25th 63 years later, on March 5, 1967. However, the next 25 took only three years, the 50th peal being rung on May 23 this year! The increase is mainly due to the enthusiasm and support of the present rector (Rev. Basil Whitnorth).

The first peal of Surprise was Bristol on December 27, 1910, conducted by William Pye, and it took 56 years for the next, Cambridge, conducted by Robin Leale. Altogether 26 methods have been rung on the bells to peals, Plain Bob Major being the most popular (with nine), closely followed by Yorkshire (with eight). Included in the total are 14 different Surprise, two of Delight methods, and the record length of Lincolnshire

The leading association is Surrey (with 18), followed by London County (with 11) and Middlesex (with 10). Other associations which have rung neals at Barnes are the Ancient Order of College Youths. Royal Cumberland Youths. University of London, Kent. All Saints', Fulham, and St. Mary Abbots Societies.

A SHORT TRIP TO SCOTLAND

There are really only three requirements for a ringing trip to Scotland—reliable cars, reliable ropes (minimum 10) and at least 13 willing ringers. The result was that in early summer these three ingredients were found proceeding from various parts of Somerset en route for Edinburgh and a week's tour of Scotland.

Our first stop was at Leyland to ring for a wedding, but they had forgotten us, and we reflected rather sadly on local memories before making tracks for the heavy eight at Lancaster Priory, where springy ropes made handling tricky. We stayed overnight at Penrith, after first visiting Great Salkeld, our only six of the week.

An invitation to ring at Penrith's early service on Sunday was eagerly accepted before we reverted to the programme and rang at Harraby, near Carlisle, for Matins. With motorway-type roads, the journey to Edinburgh was accomplished without incident, and we signed in at our H.Q. for the week. The party was cordially welcomed at Fettes College by Mr. Cole Hamilton, the second master. The lightest five in the U.K. proved quite a test to aspiring treble ringers and seasoned tenor ringers alike, but creditable 120's were rung before a sensitive lower in peal. Evensong ringing was at Leith, and those who stayed to the service were treated to a ringers' sermon (not to mention coffee at the Rectory afterwards).

DUNDEE'S TWO TOWERS

Dundee was our goal on Monday, and after journeying through Fife via the Forth and Tay bridges we arrived at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul and spent a pleasant hour on the bells. A complaint from a nearby office was received in the record time of five minutes, but the messenger departed somewhat reassured when told we were staying only for a short time. Despite all efforts and copious correspondence, permission to ring at the Old Steeple was not forthcoming, but Ron Short's persistence finally achieved success, and at 2 o'clock the municipal guardians arrived with the key and we were able to enjoy a good hour's ringing on what must un-doubtedly be one of the best maintained eights in Scotland. We left the city and visited Perth on the way home.

Tuesday saw the cars heading westward to Argyll and we arrived at Cairndow to a very warm welcome by Mrs. Noble (wife of the M.P. for the county), who showed us round the gardens and woods of the estate. As the chairman of the recentlyformed Friends of Inveraray Bells, her en-thusiasm is unbounded, and the attractive brochure with its coloured frontispiece that has been produced is ringing publicity at its best. We drove to the town for lunch. and afterwards fitted ropes, paying tribute to the hard work which Norman Chaddock and his team had done. Ringing included Caters and Royal, Double Norwich on the back eight, and finished with a memorable fall on the eight. Amongst the visitors who watched was the present heir to the Duke of Argyll, the Marquis of Lorne, and we were delighted to hear of his strong support for the bells and for the work being done at the tower.

DUNBLANE PRAISED

Wednesday was a "towergrab," with no fewer than four towers on the programme! At Alloa Harry Glover and two of his lady ringers joined us, and we were grateful to the locals for giving up their weekly practice to allow us to ring. There are inevitable complaints if the normal quota is exceeded. Dunblane Cathedral was next,

and inquiries about the weatherbeaten qualities of the nave pillars revealed that the building was roofless for 300 years, but was restored in the 19th century. Despite the dark belfry (and a degree of odd-struckness) the 24 cwt. eight have a fine tone. The Cathedral contains some of the best wood carving in the British Isles, which visitors should not miss.

In Edinburgh we were welcomed at the Cathedral by Miss Benson, and if the catwalk did not appeal to everyone, the belfry interior must be unique for its collection of old prints and plaster casts of bells, not to mention the telephone. Sad to relate, the fall was marred by a clapper breaking on the 5th. Good ringing was enjoyed at St. Cuthberts, where Mr. R. S. Wilson, the Scottish general secretary met us, and joined us for a course of Cambridge. We enjoyed the best of both worlds here for those not ringing were able to sit out on the roof in the warm sunshine and admire the views of the castle and the city around

Thursday took us to Inverness, the most northerly eight in the British Isles. Earlier talk of driving up had been abandoned in favour of the railway, and it was pleasant to enjoy the relaxation of a ride through the mountains, with views of the snow-capped Cairngorms and Grampians and marvel at the tenacity of the engineers who drove the line through to Inverness in those far off days. St. Andrew's Cathedral is situated alongside the River Ness, and we found this Warner eight a little difficult to strike well but it was good to hear that these bells are kept ringing by a local band, considering their isolated position.

Friday saw the party at Glasgow Cathedral, where we met Magnus Peterson, who was a great help in planning the tour. The bells are an extremely good Taylor ten, of early 20th century vintage, and those waiting on the stairs were well placed to hear a good touch of Grandsire Caters. Our other tower was at Paisley but the acoustics made hearing difficult; the tape recording told a very different story and proved them a fine mellow eight.

We left Edinburgh on Saturday morning, enjoying splendid motoring and a feast of scenery over Cheviot and Pennine. The 200 miles to York slid away and although the Minster is again in splints, the bells are happily still ringable. Harold Walker guided us through the scaffolding to the ringing chamber, to enable some of us to ring on our heaviest 12 (apart from Exeter).

East Grinstead and District Guild.

A VARIED PROGRAMME

The meeting on July 11 was advertised as being at Newdigate, and as members raised the bells the incumbent arrived and asked us to stop as he was holding an old people's party, which included a display of country dancing and they were unable to hear the music because of the bells! He also explained that he had been in the parish for only one week, and his pre-decessor had not informed him of the meeting. With the use of his phone the vice-chairman arranged that we might have the use of Rusper bells, and a note having been left for latecomers we moved over there. We were met by a local ringer, who told us that he was going to start teaching local girls at 7 p.m.

However, after some ringing, members had tea at a fete on the Rectory lawn, and the business meeting was held in the recreation ground. One new member was elected. A collection was made for the rope fund, and the chairman announced that the meeting in August would be held at Speldhurst, and at the September meeting we would join the Croydon festival. Provisional arrangements have been made to hold the November meeting at East Grinstead.

A game of cricket followed, using an old branch as a bat, and, later, members adjourned to the Star nearby, where dominoes, shove-ha'penny, darts and bar billiards were played.

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The ten at Pontefract followed, and here Brig. Young made a presentation to Ron Short on behalf of the party, thanking him for his hard work in arranging the trip, which Ron acknowledged with his customary modesty. Doncaster was our last tower of the day, and after an overnight stop at Chesterfield the tour ended with service ringing at Ruddington (a recently rehung Taylor eight) just outside Nottingham.

It remains only to say thank you, Scotland, for your warm welcome and hospitality and your excellent hells

the party: Ron Short, Eddie Dibble and Cecil Clarke (Bridgwater), John Brain. Stuart Brown, Len Derrick and Geoff and Eleanor Marchant (Chew Branch), R. Perry (Farmborough), Brig Young (Wiveliscombe), Mike Bartlett, Chris and Sheila Jenkins (Wells) and Geoff Pullin (on loan to Kent)

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Obituary

ALEC HOWELL

On June 25 the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was robbed of one of its best-loved brother ringers by the death, at the early age of 58, Alec Howell.

Alec was born in Woodchester and learned to ring at St. Mary's Church at a very early age, which is remarkable, for he lost his sight when he was seven.

He was a fine ringer and a good conductor, and in 1958 conducted a touch for the B.B.C. programme "Christmas Bells." He also conducted peals and quarters.

A welcome attraction to the annual Randwick handbell festival, he played a small carillon which he built himself.

Alec moved to Stonehouse and became tower captain at St. Cyr's. It was here that he was laid to rest when the funeral took place on June 30, and four of his brother ringers acted as bearers.

The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. Lionel Ford), who paid tribute to and gave thanks for the life of Alec Howell, making special mention of the large congregation, which showed how greatly he was esteemed.

The vicar spoke of how Alec made light of his affliction of blindness and what an inspiration he was to all who knew him.

Alec Howell was laid gently and reverently to rest in the shadow of the church to which he was devoted and within the sound of the bells that he loved. Of the many beautiful wreaths, one is worthy of mention. Bell-shaped, it was from the young ringers of St. Cyr's, whom he taught so well and who thought so highly of him.

Half-muffled quarter peals were rung at St. Cyr's, Stonehouse, and St. Lawrence's, Stroud, and the bells of St. John the Baptist, Randwick, and St. Mary's, Woodchester, were also rung.
"May God grant him peace eternal, and

may Light perpetual shine upon him.'

MRS. ROSE E. MAY

The funeral of Mrs. Rose E. May, for many years secretary and treasurer of the Liss, Hampshire, ringers, took place on July 6 at St. Mary's, Liss. The service was conducted by the rector (Rev. N. Barnett). During the interment of the ashes Liss handbell team rang hymn tunes, and open ringing on the tower bells followed, Liss ringers and representatives of other local towers taking part in a quarter of Doubles.

Although never reaching great heights in the art, Mrs. May was an example in her devotion to her church and to her duties as a member of the Sunday service band. Her popularity in the village life was shown in the number of people attending the funeral service. May she rest in peace. D. M. H.

MR. R. W. WORRALL

Members of the Northwich Branch and other members of the Chester Diocesan Guild were greatly saddened by the untimely death of Mr. R. W. Worrall, tower captain at Hartford. He died suddenly at his home on June 20, and the funeral service took place at Hartford on June 24. The six bells were rung half-muffled by his friends from surrounding towers.

Reg Worrall was born in the shadow of Great Budworth Church and it was natural that he should take up ringing. He Swansea and Brecon Guild.

A LADY MASTER

Between 40 and 50 attended the 42nd annual festival at Brecon on July 4, and the majority of members were from the Southern District. Ringing arrangements included Llanfeigan, St. David's, Llanfaes, and St. Mary's, Brecon, and the service, which was fully choral, was held in the Cathedral. Attending the service at the same time were members of the West Wales Organists' Association, who were holding their meeting in Brecon the same day. The preacher was the Rev. David P. Davies, of Lampeter, who based his sermon on "One Part of a Whole" (a combination of parts). The Bishop, Dr. J. A. Thomas, pronounced the Blessing.

Tea was kindly provided by the Dean (Dr. D. W. W. Jacob) in the schoolroom.

The business meeting followed, and the Bishop, who presided, thanked the Dean for providing the tea. The hon. secretary, in his report, said it was not a happy one, and then gave a list of towers that were still silent. Something must be done in this matter, he said, and monthly practices should be organised in each of these towers, for missionary work is certainly the answer. The annual ringing competition was cancelled because of lack of interest, and this was a blow to the guild's progress, as in the past the competition proved beneficial.

Mr. C. N. Wedgwood, the newly-elected hon. secretary (Northern District) was doing his best to organise and create more in-terest. On a more cheerful note, the Southern District was improving both in membership and ringing.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Miss Susan Jackson, a very capable ringer and instructor, was elected master, and the other officers were all re-elected. The annual report was discussed, but the printing was left until it was known how many copies would be required. The 1971 annual festival will be held in Swansea, the date to be given later. Miss Jackson proposed the affiliation of the Swansea University Guild to the Swansea and Brecon Guild, and this was agreed unanimously.

The hon, secretary was instructed to send a letter to Mr. W. J. Thomas expressing the members' best wishes for a speedy recovery from his recent illness. The meeting closed with prayer. J. A. H.

started to ring in 1923 at the age of 17 and was taught by the late John Holden; from then on ringing became his only serious hobby.

Before the last war Reg was a member of a group of enthusiasts, which included among others Albert Booth, Harry Howard and Harry Parker. They were anxious to increase their ringing skill and cycled to as many meetings as they could. In 1951 Reg became tower captain at Hartford and was chairman of the branch from 1952 to 1954. He spent most of his working life in Local Government and brought his professional skills to the service of the branch as secretary and treasurer from 1958 to 1963. leaving immaculate accounts and minutes as a memorial to his period in that office. He had rung well over 100 peals but only 99 for the Chester Guild. It was his ambition to ring a peal of London Surprise Major as his 100th peal for the guild.

Reg was a skilful ringer, and for this he will be sorely missed in a small branch, but he will also be remembered as a very kindly man who would suddenly produce gifts of sweets for children, or flowers for a sick friend, and for his devotion to his invalid To her and their son, Raymond, we offer our sympathy in their grief.

Leicester Guild.

SUMMER QUARTERLY MEETING

The summer quarterly meeting of the Leicester Guild was held at Bottesford on June 20. Towers open were at Long Towers open were at Long Clawson, Hose, Harby, Granby, Orston and Bottesford, a programme which took ringers through the beautiful Vale of Belvoir in excellent summer weather.

After the service at Bottesford tea was provided in the village hall by the Melton

District ladies.

Mr. John Bramley (president) welcomed the company, which included visitors from London, Dublin, Kettering, Nottingham and Peterborough.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of two members, Mr. Horace Over (Hugglescote) and Mrs. Joyce Wright (Groby).
The election of 18 ringing members and

13 non-resident life members was confirmed and ten certificates of membership were presented.

Arrangements for the dinner in September were announced, as was the festival on May 15 next year to mark the breaking up of the old Midland Counties Association.

A letter had been sent to the Bishop of Leicester, expressing the concern of the guild for the future of the bells of St. John the Divine, Leicester, and requesting that the guild be kept informed of any developments.

The date of the guild striking competition was given out and will be held at Countesthorpe. The next quarterly meeting will be held in the Loughborough district in October.

Mr. Brian Warwick (C.C. representative) gave a brief report on the meeting at Ilkley.

Mr. Paul Taylor spoke of his visit to Australia and told of the excellent hospitality he had enjoyed there. He then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all who had worked so hard to make the meeting such a success.

Mr. Warwick informed the meeting that a suggestion had been made that Bottesford be transferred to the Southwell Guild be-cause more support came from "over the border." The matter had been fully dis-cussed and it had been decided that this tower should remain in the Leicester Guild, although co-operation between bordering towers of neighbouring guilds was a very

good thing.

Further ringing took place under Mr. Roland Cook until 8.30 p.m. R. D. H.

Salisbury Guild DAY'S RINGING PLANNED

On July 4, a fine and pleasant afternoon, the quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Evershot, home tower of the ringing master (Mr. H. D. W. Bishop), who took charge of the ringing. The guild service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. P. J. Helyer) and the organist was Mr. D. Ellery.

A most welcome tea was prepared and given by the local ringers and their wives in the village hall. The chairman (Mr. C. W. Powell) presided at the business meeting, and the members expressed appreciation to the hon. secretary and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis) for all the arrangements and catering for the guild festival and also to the ladies who helped.

The next meeting is at Lyme Regis in Sentember, and plans for a day's ringing

were put in hand for October.

Two new members from Lyme Regis were elected, and 14 methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. J. D.

A "HAPPENING" AT KINGSWOOD

Sunday, July 5, was Belfry "Open Day" at Kingswood, Surrey, and the tower was open to interested parishioners so that they had the opportunity to meet the ringers, to see the "works" and to find out what bellringing is all about! Ringing started at 8.45 a.m. for Sung Eucharist, followed by normal ringing at 10.30 a.m., a ringersfamily service taking the place of Matins. It was attended by the Guides and their captain, Miss Janet Jesson (who is also a ringer), read the lesson.

A large number of Sunday School members were present and provided a band of six to illustrate on handbells some of the noises emanating Sunday by Sunday from the belfry. Demonstrated were rounds, the belfry. Demonstrated were rounds, Queens, Whittingtons and Tittums, and (at very short notice) plain hunting! The captain of the tower (Mr. Bernard Hawkins) gave a short accompanying explanation. The vicar (Rev. E. G. Ashford) concentrated his address on the message of the bells and said that the message depended solely (or soully) on the person on the end of the rone.

Displayed in church were posters on aspects of ringing (including the Surrey Association), bellcasting, The Ringing World, Dove, and Kingswood Outing, 1970. Ringing An excellent one on being a beginner was by the latest recruit, Alan Veness. Throughout the day parties of parishioners and their families were escorted up the tower, given a short explanation of the mechanics of bell-handling, and use was made of the tower bells and a delightful model (loaned by Peter Ford, of Leatherhead), which it was possible to ring. Further showings were of call changes and change ringing, followed by ascent to the bell chamber and to the top of the tower.

Over 100 signed the visitors' book and we were pleased to welcome four ringers from the Southampton area and one from Toddington (Beds). A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was brought round for Evensong and a final tour took place afterwards. I can only conclude that the day was an enormous success and goes to prove how interested the "natives" are when given the opportunity. The most common comment was to remark how very much more was involved than had been imagined.

Out of the day we gained a large amount of interest and goodwill (and a learner or two?) and we say: "Go to it everybody! The public are itching to be educated and you might even gain some ringers!" B. H.

Bath and Wells Association.

HEARTY CO-OPERATION

On July 4 the Ilchester Branch held their monthly practice meeting at St. Catherine's, Drayton.

Despite holidays, local fetes and outings, there was a good attendance, and especially was it pleasing to have such an excellent turn-out of Drayton ringers, led by their tower master (Mr. John Stone). Ringing at this tower has revived enormously, and the Sunday service band ring at least once every Sunday.

The branch ringing master (Mr. Gordon Rendell) was in charge, and the pleasant ground-floor 8 (22 cwt.) was put to good use during the evening in a variety of methods, call changes and rounds.

The members are grateful to the Sequestrators for permission to use the bells, also to the tower master and the Drayton ringers for their hearty co-operation in making such a pleasant evening possible. M. M. L.

Letters

UNFORTUNATE OCCURRENCE, IF TRUE

Dear Sir, — As people's warden for the parish of Preston, Brighton, I feel it my duty to write concerning a disgraceful epi-sode at St. Peter's Church, Preston, on a recent Saturday.

I am informed by the Vicar that three young men swung St. Peter's bells "full circle", expressly against his wishes. They had been told that the tower and bells were unsuitable for this, but proceeded to endanger themselves and the church fabric after a parishioner had allowed them entry.

Some years ago the Diocesan Architect had advised against ringing "full circle" owing to the dangerous state of the stone-

I am informed that such insolent and dangerous behaviour is not uncommon in this part of the country and therefore would like to use your columns to bring this matter to a wider attention. — Yours faithfully,

L. S. GRENFELL.

Brighton, Sussex.

AN ALLEGATION

Dear Sir,—I refer to a letter by Mr. R. H. Dove on page 170 (March 6) of The Ringing World.

He suggests that the appointment of honorary members of the Central Council is a question of patronage rather than merit that they are not democratically elected.

This is strong language, and I am surprised that no-one has written to denyor confirm-this allegation. Can I assume that this allegation is correct?

Incidentally, I should be very interested to learn why Mr. Dove has not been made a member of the Council. After all, every serious ringer must use his Guide at some time or other. Isn't it time that Mr. Dove's labour of love was recognised by the Exercise through honorary membership of the Council?—Yours faithfully,
G. D. ARMITAGE.

Harrogate, Yorks.

GOSPEL OAK

Dear Sir,-May I thank your correspondents, Messrs. Newman and Harwin, for their continued interest in the bells of Gospel Oak, and for their kinds words of encouragement.

But it would be wrong of me to accept this praise personally, as I live near the church and generally attend morning service there anyway. No, the real thanks for keeping these bells ringing should go to those people who travel several miles, usually by public transport (not the easiest way of getting about London on a Sunday morning), often after ringing at their home towers—people like Keith and Diana Trip-low, David and Dianne Gazeley, Roger Tompsett and Susan Shaw.

As the almost total redevelopment of the Gospel Oak area proceeds, it is to be hoped that one of the few "constants" hoped that one of the few "constants" during this period of radical social change will continue to be the sound of Gospel Oak bells. And let us hope that when the community settles down again a local band may be formed to continue the tradition so ably started by the people mentioned by your correspondents.—Yours faithfully, WALTER KNIGHT.

London, N.W.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter on page 290 of your issue No. 3,077 dated April 19, 1970, we have now completed the second quarter of 1970, and your readers may be interested in the following figures. These are again based on 12 issues, commencing with April 3, 1970, and ending with June 26. 1970, but omitting the issue of June 19. 1970, as this did not include a "Gratefully Acknowledged" column.

Totals Donations Published Acknowledged Peals 668 128 (£29 5s. 9d.) H.B. Peals 134 1 (10s. 0d.) Quarter Peals 1079 634 (£134 12s. 9d.)

Thus 19.16 per cent. of published peals and 58.75 per cent. of published quarter peals sent included donations towards. The Ringing World production costs, and it is encouraging to note that these show a slight

increase over the previous figures.

The total subscribed during the second quarter amounts to £202 5s. 6d. and is made up as follows:-

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Peals account for 14.478 per cent. of this total, quarter peals 66.56 per cent., and personal donors 18.712 per cent. overall figure is lower for this quarter than the previous one and, based on an average week's figures, would probably still have fallen short of the final total, even including the issue for June 19, 1970.

I am again showing the breakdown taking an average of all peals (tower- and handbell) and quarter peals basing on six alternatively eight bells, with a 6d. contribution from each ringer.

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I believe readers will be able to draw their own conclusions from these figures, especially when compared with those pre-viously published. I still feel that a small contribution from a lot of people would help put The Ringing World finances on a sure

Since my last letter was published Governments have changed, but you will recall that there was, and may be still is, a threat of increased postal charges. Furthermore, there has been unrest in the printing industry, and printing costs could rise by as much as 15 to 20 per cent. before the year is out. These two items alone would make serious inroads into any funds What would this mean? now available. Firstly an increase in the price of The Ringing World, which would no doubt have a secondary effect in reducing circulation, the very item that The Ringing World Committee are anxious to increase.

Need I say more? Please continue with your donations, the larger the better, and let us see if, during the current quarter, we can improve on past performances and really indicate to The Ringing World Committee our support for all that The Ringing World means to us.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD J. CANN.

Solihull, Warwicks.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Dear Sir. -- Mr. House (Ringing World, page 343) claims that the meetings held by guilds and associations along traditional lines serve no useful purpose and implies that they could well be discontinued. He is, of course, overlooking one basic fact, that these meetings are the backbone of our guilds and associations, and to take this course of action would without doubt be to sound their death knell as we know them today. No one would deny the good that can be achieved by additional organised practices held on week-day evenings, thus allowing beginners to take advantage of the additional facilities provided, but I would disagree with him that the successful organisation of such practices is as easy as he would have us believe. The tuition of inexperienced bands in their own tower by a team supplied by the guild or association involved is again not so easy to organise, mainly because a large number of would-be instructors can only give one evening a week to ringing, which is rightly spent in their own tower. Even in cases where such organisation is possible, great care must be exercised with the often delicate feelings of the local band, if these are to go smoothly and the bells continue to be rung on Sundays, which is the prime object of the

To return to meetings, regrettably a large proportion of Mr. House's admittedly cynical remarks are nevertheless true at many of our guild and association meetings. A beginner attending perhaps his or her first meeting generally feels that there is very much a cold "them and us" atmosphere. A simple method is called for and a band comprising 75 per cent. beginners catches hold. The ringing master makes no effort to correct this, with the inevitable result. Surprise is then called for and the so-called experts ring a touch, only to disappear again without trace. The answer clearly lies with the ringing master. Obviously the person holding this office must have the personality to welcome the ringers into the tower, particularly the nervous beginners, quickly putting them at their ease. He must ensure that a good distribution of ringing to meet all needs is met as far as possible. That a touch in a simple method is not overloaded with beginners, asking some to stand down and detailing more experienced ringers, who rarely have any objection to ring when required. ensure that those who have been attempting Grandsire for upwards of 20 years with no visible personal effort to improve and thus avoid wasting others people's time do not hog the available time, and generally to conduct the proceedings in an efficient and agreeable manner. After all, the ringing master is the principal officer that many ringers come into contact with, and to them he is the guild or association.

How then do we elect a person to this important post? Only too often the position is considered as the junior post in the officers' team. This results in an up-and-coming youngster, who may well be a capable ringer although this is by no means an essential requirement, who has no idea of how to organise and manage other ringers, being elected with the all too familiar result. Indeed this attitude is almost sponsored by many guilds and association, including my own, by making the post a supernumerary one with no place on the general committee.

More thought by our guilds and associations as to their aims and objects will convince them that to abandon meetings would be contrary to their function for the simple

ORIGINAL MINOR

Dear Sir,—The publication by Mr. K. Price of the compositions used by his band for Original Minor (Ringing World, page 534) raises several interesting points.

I am sure that Mr. Price and all other interested people will have noticed that Extent No. 1 is identical in all respects except the instructions given by the conductor with Extent No. 94 of Single Court in the 1961 edition of the Minor Methods Collection. Any extent of Single Court Minor can in fact be produced by ringing Original, and this raises a question concerning the specification of the contents of touches. I think it is true in general that if a touch contains a plain lead of all the methods rung it is possible to tell, by listening to the ringing, exactly what methods have been rung, although in some cases one might not be sure how much of each method had been rung (e.g. in a touch of Spliced Single Court and Single Oxford Minor). Ignoring for the moment the particular problems of Doubles ringing and irregular methods, there is only one situation where the above statement is not true, and this is when either or both of Single Court and Original Minor are rung.

When Mr. S. Humphrey published the report of the first peal of Original Minor to be rung on tower bells there was a footnote to the effect that Single Court was not rung, which presumably meant that anyone listening to the ringing would have been in no doubt that the band was ringing Original. But can we say this of some of Mr. Price's peals, which have included a peal of Original, peals including Original and Single Court in separate extents, and peals including an extent of Spliced Original and Single Court? I would suggest that the peals in which both methods were rung should have both methods counted only if, to a listener, it was absolutely certain that Original was being rung when the band thought they were ringing it.

I would hasten to assure Mr. Price and his band that this is in no way intended as a criticism of their peals. I have been aware of this anomaly in the rules for some time and these peals provide an appropriate example of the ambiguity which can arise.

Finally, a brief reference to Doubles. All parts of Grandsire Doubles except singles can be produced in ringing, Original, and Reverse St. Bartholomew has now, in spite of its plain lead being a Grandsire single, been accepted as a regular method. So there is really no such method as Grandsire Doubles; what we ring is simply Soliced Reverse St. Bartholomew and Original (Grandsire variation), but of course, iust like those who continue to use April Day as the name of a variation although they are ringing spliced, those who wish to, and I am sure we are in the majority, will continue to use the time-honoured name.—Yours faithfully,

Keele, Staffs. PHILIP GAY.

reason that it would be tackling the problem from the wrong direction. What they may well conclude is that far more of their and indeed the Central Council's efforts should be directed at a ringing in the tower level and less on agendas and activities that have little meaning to the majority of ringers in general.

In conclusion it would appear that David and Janet House may well have had some unhappy meeting experiences in a land of cocoa drinking ringers.—Yours faithfully, C. A. TESTER.

Maidstone, Kent.

KEEN RABBIT

Dear Sir,—"A Keen Rabbit" must not despair. He has come up against one of the facts of bellringing life, and that is that the one who needs the most practice, the learner, gets the least.

The one who can only ring rounds is fortunate to get two goes an evening. When he can ring plain hunt he can grab a rope for the rounds as well. Arriving at the plain course he comes in three or four times an evening, and so on.

We are all learners at one stage or another, and at a meeting everybody likes to have an attempt at something near the borders of his capacity, and the experienced ringer "attempting to ring..." Chowbent Surprise will have spent some considerable time previously learning the method. Of necessity, few of us get as much ringing as we would like at a branch meeting.

If "A Keen Rabbit" wishes to progress more quickly I would suggest that he gathers together three or four other ringers of similar attainment, and with one or two ringers a little further on in experience spend a Saturday afternoon ringing plain courses of Plain Bob. His branch secretary would, I have no doubt, give him assistance in the organisation of such a practice.

There are villages on the Derbyshire-Cheshire border where the inhabitants, as they pursue their daily avocations, are known to whistle plain courses of Plain Bob Minor. With variations in the last lead. And syncopated. They love it,—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR WHITING.

Burnage, Manchester.

A WARNING!

Dear Sir,—While browsing through some old magazines I came across this little article in "A. Webb's Parish Almanack, Tettenhall, 1888," which might serve as a warning to anybody who wishes to get rid of any bells:

"King Henry VIII looked upon church bells only as so much metal that could be melted down and sold, hence in the wholesale destruction and distribution of church property in his reign countless bells disappeared, to be sold as mere metal. curious coincidences attend this appropriation. The King himself suffered greatly from marital and ministerial troubles after the dissolution of the monasteries. Ships attempting to carry bells across the seas foundered in several havens, as at Lynn and Yarmouth. Fourteen of the Jersey bells, on being wrecked at the entrance of the harbour of St. Malo, gave rise to a local saying to the effect that when the wind blows the drowned bells are ringing to haunt the sailors. A certain Bishop of Bangor, too, who sold the bells of his sethedral was stricked with his drown when cathedral, was stricken with blindness when he went to see them shipped, and Sir Miles Partridee, who won the Jesus bells of St. Paul's Cathedral from King Henry at dice, was not long afterwards hanged on Tower Hill."-Yours faithfully.

CHRISTINE TEBBOT.

If you were busy being kind,
Before you knew it you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That someone was unkind to you.

ANONYMOUS.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

Nunburnholme, E. Yorks.—July 8, 720 Double Court, Cambridge, Pl. Bob, 360 St. Clement's: R. East 1, D. Smith 2, Elsie Chaddock 3, I. Peacock 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) To mark the birth of a daughter to Mrs. F Johnson (nee Susan Chaddock).

FOR 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATH AND

WELLS ASSOCIATION
Ash, Som.—June 13, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: G. H. Baldam (cond.) 1, H. C. Clark 2, D. Lesley J. Parker 3, E. T. P. Fleld 4, M. J. Medley 5, R. Parker 6. First of Kent for 2, 3 and 6. East Coker, Som.—June 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Medley 1, D. Lesley J. Parker (first of G.T.) 2, G. H. Baldam 3, G. W. Rendell, sen 4, R. Parker 5, G. W. Rendell, jun. 6, M. J. Medley (first of G.T. as cond.) 7, H. C. Clark (first on eight) 8. Also a 93rd birthday compliment for Mr. Arthur Mead. Evercreech, Som.—June 20, 1260 Grandsire

Triples: I. Woodborne (first quarter) Stead 2, Susan A. Mayell 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, J. H. Kingsnorth 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6, G. H. Baldam 7, I. Whitehead 8.

FOUR-IN-A-DAY ON TOUR

(Saturday, July 4) Shenstone, Staffs.—1440 Kent T.B. Minor: J. P. Burton 1, Miss S. McGonigle 2, P. R. Johnson Miss D. M. Appleby 4, N. R. I. White 5, R. Riley (cond.) 6.

Lullington, Derbys. - 1260 Minor (St. Clement's and P.B.): Miss D. M. Appleby 1, Miss S. McGonigle 2, Miss L. Wilkinson 3, S. G. Pick 4, N. R. I. White 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.)

King's Bromley, Staffs .- 1440 Cambridge S Minor: Miss S. McGonigle 1, N. R. I. White 2, Miss C. M. Humphreys 3, Miss D. M. Appleby 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs. — 1440 Single Ox-

ford Minor: P. R. Johnson 1, Miss C. M. Humph-J. L. Humphreys 3, N. R. I. White 4, S G. Pick 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6.

Addington, Surrey.—July 5, 1320 Norfolk S. inor: A. Hobbs 1, Louise Powell 2, Carol Rodgers 3, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 4, Wendy Wal-lace 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong. Also July 6, 1320 Doubles (three methods): Sheila Wilthew 1, A. Hobbs 2, Louise Powell 3, I. Wilt-shire 4, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5. First of

Doubles 1, 3 and 4.
Aldbourne, Wilts. — July 12, 1260 Grandsire
Triples: Frances Craig 1, G. A. Newman 2, T.
R. Jones 3, Margaret Bowman (first Triples) 4, Heather L. Rouse 5, Ann Toomer (first Triples as

Heather L. House 5, Ann Toomer (first Triples as cond.) 6, A. G. Keen 7, M. H. Rouse 8.
Alloa, Clacks.—July 12, 1260 Bob Doubles:
Kathleen Aitchison 1, Betty Wilson (first Inside)
2, Linda Robson 3, R. Aitchison 4, H. Glover (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6. For morning service.
Balcombe, Sussex.—July 5, 1260 Bob Minor:
S. Wood 1, E. S. Laker 2, E. Knapp 3, A. E. Laker 4, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 5, S. Allen 6.
For Evensong and a welcome to Peter Edward

For Evensong and a welcome to Peter Edward Johnson Laker, born June 25, son of 2nd ringer and grandson of 4th and 5th ringers.

Bath, Som.-July 5 (SS. Michael with Paul), 1260 Bob Minor: Miss H. M. Mitchell 1,

F. Benford 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 6.

Benhall, Suffolk.—July 4, 1272 Bob Minimus:
M. Baldry 1, M. J. Peters 2, R. P. Peters 3, T. Hughes 4. 21st wedding compliments to Joan

Hughes 4. 21st weading compliments and Roger Peters.

Bentley, Hants. — July 9, 1260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): R. Collins 1, R. Backhurst 2, P. J. Rowe 3, E. J. Wells 4, M. Kirk 5, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 6. For 800th anniversary

Bilton, Warks.—June 23, 1260 Bob Minor: T. J. Frodsham 1, D. Welch 2, W. E. Burnell 3, P. M. Edgson 4, J. G. Edgson 5, M. D. Fiander (cond.) 6.

Newbold-on-Avon, Warks. — June 25, 1260 Stedman Doubles: A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 1, J. G. Edgson 2, P. M. Edgson 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, C. M. Povey 5, K. Rigby 6.

Both were rung open, in memoriam Mrs. Olive Vann, faithful member of St. Andrew's, Rugby, and latterly of Bilton, bands.

Braintree, Essex.—July 6, 1280 Spliced Surprise Major (four methods): Jennifer M. Mill-Jennifer M. Syder 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, J. Warner 6, P. G. Brown (cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8. A birth-day compliment to Albert Wiffen on his 73rd

Birch - in - Rusholme, Manchester. - July 12, 1440 Bob Minor: Oneta M. Wilson 1, P. Watson A. Sidwell 3, I. E. Margaret Manby 4, A. Ward (cond.) 5, P. Boucher 6, P. Ferguson cover. For the 124th anniversary of the consecration of the church, during a procession of witness of Congregational, Methodist, Baptist and Mormon churches.

Bolsover, Derby.—July 11, 1260 Bob Minor: Sandra Bladon 1, Susan Bagguley 2, D. Cooper 3, L. Coe 4, N. Bagguley 5, R. M. Chambers (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 5. For openair combined C. of E. and Methodist service.

Brighton, Sussex.—July 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Mercer 1, R. I. Vaughan (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell 3, T. G. Williams 4, A. W. Bond 5, Ann S. Evans 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. Mitchell.

Brill, Bucks.-June 27, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. M. Ingram 1, R. E. Sadowski (cond.) 2, Mrs. A. K. Ingram 3, M. G. Ingram 4, R. C. Ingram 5, V. J. Sadowski 6. A family quarter for Brill flower festival.

Buriton, Hants. — July 4, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Maureen Tipper 1, K. Sansom 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Hughes 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, R. Cross 6. In memoriam Mrs. Rose E. May, a Liss Sunday service ringer.

Canterbury, Kent. - (St. Stephen's), July 4, 1260 Bob Minor: Joan Baker (first quarter) 1, Frances Pollard 2, Ruth Niblett 3, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 4, L. Huckstep 5, D. G. Mitchell 6. For Canterbury Diocesan Eucharist and Youth Pil-

Castleacre, Norfolk.—July 6, 1440 Minor (720 Cambridge, 720 Plain Bob): W. J. Houghton 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, L. W. Houghton 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6. In memoriam F. G. Moy, sidesman at this church.

Cheadle, Cheshire.—May 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Benson 1, G. Gardiner 2, J. Bell 3, A. Cairns 4, J. Barker 5, L. Watkins 6, C. Bell (cond.) 7, W. Cook 8. A wedding compliment to Miss J. Adlard, a ringer at this church, and Mr. G. Allsager.

Chesterfield, Derbys. — July 5, 1296 Bob Caters: P. Roper 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, B. A. Richards 3, H. T. Rooke 4, A. Queen 5, J. D. Arkwell 6, D. Hird 7, P. Taylor 8, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 9, P. Flavell (first on ten) 10. First Bob Caters for all. A welcome to Michael Paul Phipps (born June 4, 1970).

Church Eaton, Staffs. — July 6, 1260 Bob Minor: Sheila Moulton 1, Valerie Keay (first of Minor inside) 2, G. Keay 3, D. Cooper 4, R. Greenaway 5, G. Friend (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to 5th.

Coalbrookedale, Salop .- July 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. I. Friend 1, A. S. Bayley 2, I. Friend 3, R. H. Newton 4, L. D. K. Roberts 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6, E. F. Willcox 7, W. E. Norcott 8. In memoriam Robert Evans.

Compton Dando, Som.—July 10, 1440 Bob Minor: H. Coombs 1, Miss J. Parker 2, Miss S. Willis 3, F. C. Mogtord 4, R. Perry 5, A. Coombs (cond.) 6.

Cossington, Som. — July 11, 12 Doubles: Angela Burt (first attempt) 1, 1260 Bob (first attempt) 2, M. Fackrell 3, J. P. Hill 4, G. Nabb (cond.) 5, M. Krajniewski 6. By an under-21 band from the Bridgwater Branch.

Doncaster, Yorks.—July 9, 1250 Superlative S. Major: W. Johnson 1, E. Cooper 2, E. J. Padgett 3, A. W. Jackson 4, W. E. Critchley 5, F. J. Jackson 6, P. Bruce 7, R. A. Smith 8. Also July 12, 1250 Spliced Major (four methods): W. E. Critchley (cond.) 1, Sheila Bruce 2, A. W. Jackson 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. Padgett 5, P. Bruce 6, R. A. Smith 7, F. J. Jackson 8.

Ealing, Middx. — July 5 (St. Mary's), 1260 Stedman Triples: Dr. Sybil Aldridge 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Susan Davis 3, H. W. Rogers 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, P. N. Felton 6, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

Edenbridge, Kent.—June 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. F. Kemp (first quarter) 1, Miss F. Wyman 2, P. R. Everest 3, Pauline Sutton 4, E. J. Jenner 5, R. J. Everest 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, R. P. Sherlock 8. Also July 3, 1260 Bob Triples: E. C. Leigh 1, J. M. Hollyman 2, P. R. Everest 3, M. C. May 4, R. J. Everest 5, E. J. Jenner 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, H. W. Evans 8. For Flower Festival. Both rung to celebrate 850 years of the Church in Edenbridge.

Gnosall, Staffs.—July 5, 1260 Bob Doubles Jane Burnell (first quarter) 1, G. Friend 2, D G. Keay (cond.) 4, R. Greenaway 5, Cooper 3, Dyke 6. For the Diamond Jubilee of Guide movement.

Greasley, Notts.—July 5, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. R. Bestwick 1, Barbara Hooks 2, Margaret A. Eyre 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, T. M. Ford 5, D. J. Beach 6. Evensong. Also July 11, 1260 St. Simon's Doubles: P. Mary Beach 1, Barbara Hooks 2, D. Coulson 3, Helen M. Simpson (cond.) 4, D. J. Beach 5, T. M. Ford 6. Birthday compliment to

5, 1260 Bob Great Totham. Essex. - July Minor: Mrs. J. Skinner (first P.B.) 1, B. Keeble 2, F. Shynn 3, W. Mills 4, D. Knewstub 5, J. Shynn (cond.) 6. For morning service, also birthday compliment to treble!

Harwell, Berks. - June 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Wells 1, S. J. Wells 2, D. Jordan 3, H. E. Wells 4, T. G. Pett (cond.) 5, W. L. Gilks 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8. For the 90th birthday of Miss E. E. Aldridge.

Hatherop, Glos.—July 11, 1260 St. Clement's Minor: Ann Herbert 1, M. P. Taylor 2, Helen Taylor 3, Clare Taylor 4, A. Ewins (first in method) 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

Hendon, Middx. - June 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Gazeley 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Elisabeth R. Spry 3, Dorothea M. Robotham 4, Ruth M. Foreman 5, W. G. Knight 6, B. C. Watson (cond.) 7, B. Livings 8. For Parish Communion. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Annie Gazelev.

Henfield, Sussex .- 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, F. E. Cruttenden 2, D. A. Cruttenden 3, D. J. Parsons 4, C. Shepherd 5, S. Allen 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. F. Packham 8. For St. Peter's Day 1,200th thanksgiving service.

Hurstplerpoint, Sussex. — May 7, 1344 Bob Major: J. N. Lambert 1, Pamela M. E. Middleton (first Major inside) 2, H. W. Brown 3, Anne E. Lambert 4, D. Kirkcaldy 5, J. Kirkcaldy 6, P. D. Hepburn 7, J. R. Norris (cond.) 8. A farewell compliment to Rev. E. Craig, leaving for Cobham. Also May 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Kirkcaldy (circled tower to quarter peals) 1, D. Kirkcaldy 2, Maureen Kirkcaldy 3, S. W. Brown 4, Anne E. Lambert 5, J. R. Norris 6, H. W. Brown (first Triples as cond.) 7, J. N. Lambert 8. An engagement compliment to John Norris and Mary Lambert, of the local band.

Huyton, Lancs. — June 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: L. A. Torr 1, A. Walsh 2, D. W. Pea-cock 3, J. Dunbavin 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. A compliment to Bavarian

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Islip, Oxon.—July 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Maunder 1, P. Timms 2, Jane Danson (first as cond.) 3, W. Haynes 4, M. Smith (first inside) 5, C. H. Kinch 6. For Evensong and to welcome the new rector, Rev. D. Westcott.

Kettering, Northants.—June 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Robinson 1, Miss E. Tingle 2, D. Bowen 3, L. Toesland 4, S. Robinson 5, J. Mitchell 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, D. Witchell 8. Also June 12, 1264 Bob Major: Miss V. Hall 1, Miss E. Hall 2, Miss E. Tingle 3, D. Witchell 4, L. Toesland 5, S. Robinson 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, J. Mitchell 8. A birthday compliment to 3rd.

Kingston - on - Soar, Notts. — July 12, 1260 Minor (seven methods): P. R. Wild 1, E. Dawson 2, L. M. Deebank 3, H. G. Wells 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, J. R. Rigby 6.

Kingston, Surrey. — July 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Katharine Salvage 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, C. E. Bulleid 4, C. D. Collin 5, R. J. Collis 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, J. Knipe 8. For Evensong.

Kingswood, Surrey.—July 5, 1260 Bob Minor: Janet Jesson (first quarter) 1, Barbara Minnion 2, D. Mealor (first away from tenor) 3, B. Hawkins 4, E. W. Taylor 5, C. Daws (cond.) 6. For Belfry Open Day.

Lamberhurst, Kent. — June 13, 1260 Bob Minor: Karol J. Ashby 1, D. Featherstone 2, W. H. Dobbie 3, A. J. Leeves 4, E. R. G. West 5, S. Jenner (cond.) 6.

Leytonstone, E.11. — July 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Willmington 1, Louise Slater 2, Christine Morton 3, M. Balkwill (first inside) 4, W. Theobald 5, J. Slater 6, G. Walker (cond.) 7, M. Waring 8. For Baptism Service.

Liss, Hants. — July 6, 1320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Cristina Bowles (first quarter) 1, B. S. Gambrill 2, K. Sansom 3, T. S Bowles 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, R. J. Lintott 6. In memoriam Mrs. Rose E. May, of Liss.

Little Aston, Staffs.—July 5, 1440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): J. Budd (first quarter, aged 11) 1, C. Duckett 2, R. G. Paxton 3, R. Duckett 4, J. Paxton 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Llandaff Cathedral. — May 10, 1344 Bob Major: Anne Cooke 1, Mary E. Pryor 2, F. Bailey 3, N. A. James 4, W. H. Harford 5, N. W. H. Simon 6, J. M. Laken 7, S. Fenwick (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Machen, Mon. — June 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Bale 1, G. Hughes 2, L. James 3, F. Reade 4, I. Davies (cond.) 5, V. Jones 6. For Lower Machen Festival Evensong.

Manchester Cathedral. — July 5, 1260 Bob Royal: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 3, W. Birmingham 4, A. Ward (cond.) 5, P. Dyson 6, D. G. Manby 7, P. Boucher 8, R. F. Eccles 9, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 10. A wedding compliment to Margaret Fenton and Johy Tyler, married at South Cerney, Glos.

New Alresford, Hants.—July 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Lynds (first Triples) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, A. Hoar 3, M. Lynds (first Triples inside) 4, Jane Dando 5, J. Huggins 6, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 7, A. Hoskins 8. For Evensong.

Northaw, Herts.—June 28, 1260 Bob Minor: Jill Carter 1, W. Hall (first quarter) 2, Mags Crosydill (first inside) 3, A. Ellis 4, R. Ellis 5, Brian Greenwood (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Northfleet, Kent. — July 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Dawn T. Howe (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Thompson (first in method) 2, R. J. Thompson 3, T. Lewis 4, F. Matthews (cond.) 5, R. M. Thompson 6. A farewell to Dawn Howe, leaving for Quebec.

Norton, Herts.—July 9, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: R. H. Vigor 1, Miss C. Forgan 2, T. Freer 3, J. Seager 4, P. J. Cranfield 5, B. J. Willett 6, R. Trebilcock 7, J. S. Dear (cond.) 8. First of Kent for 3 and 6.

Pershore, Worcs.—June 29 (the Abbey), 1264
Bob Major: H. Plumb 1, R. Harris 2, Rev. A.
Webb 3, W. J. Newman 4, J. Attwood, jun. 5,
A. C. Berry (cond.) 6, J. E. Newman 7, P.
Harris 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. F. C.
Champion, interred this day at Wick. Also June
28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Richings 1,
A. C. Berry (cond.) 2, Mrs. S. M. Drew 3, C.
T. Burridge 4, I. Lloyd 5, G. R. Drew 6, W. A.
Farmer 7, P. D. Warren 8. For Pershore Festival.

Polesworth, Warks. — June 21, 1260 Bob Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, Jane Myatt (first inside) 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. Also June 28, 1260 Bob Doubles: A. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby (cond.) 2, S. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6. Also July 5, 1260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, R. Knight 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp (cond.) 4, D. Hiorns 5, T. Oxford 6. All for Family Communion.

Portsmouth (St. Mary's). — July 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Duguid 1, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. Rolph 3, E. Treagus 4, L. D. Duguid 5, N. George (first Triples) 6, W. F. J. Cope 7, M. Siddorn 8. For "Old People's Service", also 33rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Siddorn.

Queenborough, Kent. — July 5, 1260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Croal 1, W. A. Wood 2, Marian Cundiff (first quarter) 3, Rosemary Underdown 4, P. King (cond.) 5, Miss S. Kimmings 6. For a Civic Service.

Radlett, Herts. — July 12, 1260 Bob Minor: Rosemary A. Howard (aged 13, first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Forster 2, Frances Dodds (first a cond.) 3, Dawn Owen (first Minor) 4, Joyce M. Clarke (first P.B. Minor) 5, R. A. Sheasby 6.

Rayleigh, Essex.—June 28, 1280 Bob Major: A. J. House 1, C. J. Belcham 2, P. Giles 3, F. C. May 4, M. J. Hallett 5, T. Sharp 6, R. A. Ward 7, D. E. Belcham (cond.) 8. For the christening of Andrew David Belcham, the band included grandfather (2nd), father (8th) and godfather (7th). Also July 5, 1296 T.B. Minor (720 Kent, 576 Cambridge): Miss P. Halliwell 1, F. C. May 2, P. Sadler 3, J. Laken 4, T. Sharp 5, D. E. Belcham (cond.) 6.

Redmarley D'Abitot, Glos.—July 4, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Stevens 1, Miss P. Stocken 2, R. H. Newton 3, M. J. A. Orman 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, E. F. Willcox 6. Rung during the School Fete, at which "Miss Gloucester" opened the new school swimming bath.

Rickmansworth, Herts. — June 28, 1260 Bob Doubles: Joan Hibbert 1, A. Bradbury (first inside) 2, Margaret Sears 3, D. Hibbert 4, H Bradbury (cond.) 5, J. Hibbert 6. Half-muffled in memoriam A. C. Cooley who worshipped here.

Salisbury, Wilts.—(St. Thomas), July 7, 1282 Superlative Surprise Major: H. Rumens 1, Rev. R. Keeley 2, N. O. Skelton 3, A. T. Collins 4, L. A. Page 5, R. T. Jones 6, R. N. Marlow 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. To commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Shaftesbury, Dorset. — (St. James), July 4, 1260 Doubles (three methods): W. C. Shute 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, A. E. Woods 3, C. W. Tidwell (cond.) 4, R. J. Mears (first in three methods) 5.

Shrewsbury, Salop.—(St. Chad), July 5, 1328 Bob Major: D. Smith 1, Miss V. Bennett 2, Mrs. E. Stevens 3, F. Hector Bennett 4, P. J. Evans 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6, R. H. Newton 7, E. F. Willcox 8. For Red Cross Service.

Solihull, Warks. — July 5, 1342 Grandsire Cinques: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, D. H. Walters 4, V. Green 5, M. F. Edwards 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, E. J. Cole 8, G. E. Fearn 9, E. T. Lloyd 10, R. J. Cann 11, A. Crabtree 12. For evening service.

Stourton, Wilts. — July 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: K. L. Laver (cond.) 1, F. L. Andrews 2, H. G. White 3, H. G. Doel 4, W. J. Tiley 5, H. F. Creed 6. Birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Davls.

Sutton - cum - Lound, Notts. — July 5, 1260 Singles: R. J. Morton (first quarter) 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe 3.

Tonbridge, Kent. — June 13, 1280 Glasgow Surprise Major: Ann Jenner 1, Margaret E. Oram 2, D. C. Brookes 3, E. F. Bryant 4, D. Featherstone 5, 1. H. Oram (cond.) 6, W. H. Dobbie 7, S. Jenner 8. First in method 3, 4, 5.

Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Leics.—July 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Anne Cooke 1, Katherine M. Cooke 2, Harold T. Bonshor 3, Alan French 4, Charles E. Cooper (cond.) 5, John Smith 6. First guarter 1, 2 and 6.

Warbleton, Sussex.—July 1, 1272 Kent T.B. Ann Smith 1, F. J. Lambert 2, G. Beeney 3, Rev. J. Greene 4, D. R. Reed 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6.

Warnham, Sussex. — July 5, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss C. Dawson 1, Miss E. Watts (first as cond.) 2, N. Carter 3, B. Pink 4, G. Francis 5, M. Davies 6. For Evensong. Washington, D.C.—June 29, at 4929 Hillbrook Lane, 1260 P.B. Minor: Ann Gardner 1-2, Marjorie Batchelor 3-4, Penny Moriarty (cond.) 5-6. First as conductor. First on the bells. Thanks to Mr. Richard Roeckline for the use of his bells.

West Bridgford, Notts.—June 28, 1260 Bob Doubles: Judith Wall 1, W. Ratcliffe 2, Janet Crossland 3, D. Gryles 4, P. Beacroft (first inside and as cond.) 5, R. Renshaw 6. An engagement compliment to Peter Else (tower captain) and Janet Thomson (secretary).

Willingdon, Sussex.—June 30, 1260 Bob Doubles: T. Randall (first quarter) 1, N. M. Chapman (first inside) 2, D. I. Ramsay 3, I. J. Rees 4, T. M. Barlow (cond.) 5, R. Cater 6. For the feast of St. Peter.

Woodford, Northants.—July 12, 1260 Spliced St. Clement's and Plain Bob: L. Stapleton 1, V. A. Headland 2, D. J. Attley 3, W. J. Whitmore 4, A. Idle 5, F. E. Crosier (cond). 6. For Festal Evensong.

Woodlesford, Yorks. — July 4, 1440 Oxford T.B. Minor: G. D. Johnson 1, R. Cater 2, G. Hancock 3, E. G. Cox 4, P. Carbutt 5, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 6. For the centenary of All Saints' Church and bells.

Worcester. — (All Saints'), July 9, 1260
Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Barbara E.
Douglass 1, Jane E. Hills 2, Judith Rhodes 3,
C. J. Pickford (cond.) 4, N. C. R. Cronin 5, M.
R. C. Hughes 6. To mark the end of the school
year (and of G.C.E. exams, in which all have
been involved).

Youlgreave, Derbys. — June 24, 1344 Bob Major: J. Leary (first on eight) 1, A. Else 2, C. Davis 3, P. Rose 4, J. D. Arkwell 5, P. Taylor 6, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 7, D. Hird 8. To mark the centenary of the installation of the clock and bells; also a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

DEDICATION QUARTER PEAL

On June 28 at a service at SS. Peter and Paul, S. Petherton, Som, the new heating system and also the restoration of the belfry were dedicated by the Rural Dean of Crewkerne (Rev. W. T. Taylor) and Rev. J. H. Jelly (vicar).

The ringing chamber has been extensively improved and redecorated and has a new ceiling, panelling, fluorescent lighting, etc. The local ringers have worked hard cleaning, painting, installing panelling and laying carpeting. Special thanks are due to the vicar, the tower master (Mr. R. C. Beale), Mr. Gordon Glyde (correspondent), the lady ringers and others who assisted

The vicar encouraged the ringers and thanks go also to those in and around the village (of all denominations!) who gave during the ringers' house-to-house collection.

There was a good attendance of ringers for the morning service, including officers of Ilchester Branch (to which this tower belongs), and later a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung for the dedication. It was also the 14th wedding anniversary of the captain (Mr. R. C. Beale), a 9th birthday compliment to Keven Beale (his son and a ringer at this church) and a welcome to the grandson of Mr. F. Welch. Those taking part were Mrs. A. Medley 1, R. C. Beale 2, R. Beale 3, F. Welch 4, W. H. Pearce 5, R. A. Welch 6, M. J. Medley 7, W. E. Turner (cond.) 8.

BELLRINGERS' DIARY

Mr. W. H. Viggers of 37 Highfield Gardens still requires revised information from 45 Association secretaries and from 12 University Associations to complete the revision of his Diary copy, which is due to go to the printers by the second week in August. So, do it now, or your officers will go in as last year!

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE **YOUTHS**

LONDON, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, E.C. Sat., July 11, 1970, 3hr. 44min. (42 cwt.) 5086 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Composed by R. W. Pipe. G. William Critchley

James R. Taylor Brian Bladon

5 John N. Stubbs
5 John N. Diserens
6 David C. Brown
7 David P. Hilling (Conductor)

John M. Jellev 9 D. John Hunt

9 D. John Hunt
10 Noel J. Diserens
11 David E. House
12 Michael P. Moreton
First of Bristol Surprise Maximus in the
City: Rung in connection with the City of London Festival.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

BATHEASTON, Som, St. John the Baptist. Sat., May 16, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (13 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR methods: 1280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1440 Yorkshire, 1120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work). Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Victor Savage 2 Norman G. N. Knee 3 Peter J. W. Hardwick 4 George W. Massey

5 Adrian P. Beck 6 Robert E. Beck

7 Roger I. Kendrick 8 David G. Massey (Conductor)

For the marriage of Peta C. A. Cannon to Donald C. Joyce, which took place earlier the same day.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAZEL GROVE, Cheshire, St. Thomas, Norbury.

Mon., June 1, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (14 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 142 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

Mandi McCallion

2 Christopher L. D. Munday 3 Margaret P. Booth 4 Neil Bennett (Conductor)

5 Marcus C. W. Sherwood 6 Raymond J. Ballard

7 Richard S. Starkie

8 Jeffrey Brannan

HAZEL GROVE, Cheshire, St. Thomas, Norbury.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (14 cwt.) 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

1 Richard S. Starkie

*2 Mandi McCallion

3 Margaret P. Booth 4 Raymond J. Ballard 5 Giles B. Thompson

6 Neil Bennett

7 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor)

8 Ian M. Holland

*50th peal.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire, St. Wilfrid.

Mon., July 6, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 D. Andrew Carter

*2 Pamela Hough 3 Paul Maddock

*4 P. Graham Walters
*5 J. Robert Jervis
6 Harry W. Howard (Conductor)
*First attempt. Average age of 1 to 5 17 vears.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD CHEWTON MENDIP, Somerset,

St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (24 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. Craven.

Ian F. Garvie

2 Hubert E. Ashley 3 Frank W. Perrens 4 George Pluckrose 5 Alan J. Boyd

6 L. Michael Callow

Geoffrey Pratt (Conductor)

8 James R. Taylor

SHIRLEY, Warwicks, St. James.

July 6, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (64 cwt.) 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by E. A. Barnett

2 John K. Foot 2 John F. Thorne 3 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor) 4 Derek H. Walters

Feter C. Randall
Charles P. Quartley
Kenneth J. Hesketh
Geoffrey W. Randall

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION WEST HALLAM, Derbys, St. Wilfred.

Thur., July 9, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (94 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1 Denis R. Carlisle *2 Andrew Queen

2 Andrew Queen
3 Arthur F. Hall
4 David W. Parkin
5 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith
6 Timothy Wylie
7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
8 Robert Chambers

*First of Surprise Major.

NORTHAMPTON, St. Giles.

Sat., July 11, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (24 cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by John Carter.

1 David W. Friend (Conductor)
2 Susan Davies

2 Susan Davies
3 Jennifer Beech
4 Timothy Wylie
5 Gordon A. Halls
6 Clive A. Thrower
7 Derek G. Astridge
8 David W. Parkin
9 Frank Beech

10 Ian Wilson

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex, All Saints. Sat., July 11, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (15 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Composed by G. Lewis.

1 Brian J. Vaughan

Katharine M. Thorley

3 Muriel R. Page 4 Leslie G. Brett 5 Frank B. Lufkin

Adrian Knights Walter Arnold

8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

THORINGTON, Essex, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sun., June 21, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Plain Bob).

1 Eileen S. Button

2 A. George Button *3 Neville F. Whittell

*4 Jennifer H. Whittell †5 Rachel J. R. Orman 6 George N. Orman (Conductor) *50th together. †Has circled tower. For Flower Festival.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex, St. Mary.

Sun., July 5, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (18 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by G. B. Thompson.

Bernard C. Sadler

2 Josephine A. Brown *3 Stephen G. Halliwell *4 Peter G. Giles

*5 David Sloman

6 Keith W. Brown 7 Michael J. Hallett

8 Alfred J. House 9 Philip J. Rothera

10 Peter G. Brown (Conductor) *First of Surprise Royal. First of Royal as conductor.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SEND, Surrey, St. Mary.

Thur., July 2, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (103 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (16 extents Grandsire, 26 Plain Bob).

*1 Timothy Denyer (aged 12) †2 Jennifer Sharpe

3 Lesley Smith 14 Anne Collins 5 Edward Futcher (Conductor)

*6 Ian Hiscock
*First attempt. †First inside.
Doubles. First as conductor. ‡First of To mark the 22nd anniversary of the dedication of the six bells. Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal for the guild. (Average age 15 years 7 months.)

NEWDIGATE, Surrey, St. Peter.

Sat., July 11, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (8 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Jacqueline W. Wolfe

†2 Frances Mulvey 3 David D. Smith 4 Michael J. Mulvey 5 Martin L. Haigh

6 Tony Skilton (Conductor)

*First attempt. †First of Bob Minor on tower bells. First on the new bells. A welcome to the rector (Rev. D. Parker), also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts, St. Stephen.

Tues., July 7, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (8 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (York, Durham, Beverley, London, Wells, Norwich and Cambridge).

1 Valerie Urban

*2 Rosemary Urban 3 Elizabeth Forster

*4 Alison Macfarlane

5 Steven D. Chandler
6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
*First of 7-Surprise Minor. A wedding compliment to Peter T. Dale (former cap-

tain) and Barbara Bush, married at Sidcup. Kent, on July 4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
EDENBRIDGE, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.
Sat., July 4, 1970, 3hr. 55min. (14 cwt.)
7168 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Stanley Jenner.

John E. Warner Margaret E. Oram

3 Brian E. Jeffrey Michael H. O'Callaghan

5 Ian H. Oram 6 Edward J. Jenner 7 Walter H. Dobbie

8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor) Arranged as part of the town's celebrations to mark the 850th anniversary of the first mention of a church on this site.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Wed., May 27, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (25\frac{1}{4} cwt.) 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAXIMUS

1 Derek Butterworth Frank Osbaldiston Margaret P. Booth

Basil Jones Neil Bennett (Conductor)

6 C. Kenneth Lewis 7 Alan F. Scholfield 8 J. Barry Pickup 9 Richard J. Parker

10 Jeffrey Brannan 11 Richard S. Starkie 12 Ian M. Holland

LEICESTER, Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 40min. (25 cwt.)
5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
(105 methods: 48 Albanian, Aldenham, Apsley,
Ashton, Barford, Bedford, Belfast, Belgrave,
Belvoir, Birmingham, Blackley, Brigstow, Bristol,
Buckfast, Buckinghamshire, Cambridge, Christchurch, Cirencester, Clerkenwell, Clifton, Conisbrough, Cornwall, Cotswold, Deansgate, Dodford,
Dorking, Double Dublin, Dunsmore, Ealing,
Eldon, Elkington, Essex, Evesham, Feering, Gartree, Goscote, Halifax, Hampshire, Indiana, Jedburgh, Jersey, Kidderminster, Lambeth, Langley,
Leicestershire, Leominster, Litbourne, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Londinium, Lutterworth, Manchester, Manitoba, Mellor, Metropolis, Moorgate,
New Durham, Newgate, New Gloucester, Oldham, Oxfordshire, Painswick, Pennine, Pontefract, Preston, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Quex, Reading,
Redcliffe, Redfield, Ribbleton, Rochester, Saskat-Sat., June 20, 1970, 3hr. 40min. (25 cwt.) fract, Preston, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Quex, Reading, Redcliffe, Redfield, Ribbleton, Rochester, Saskatchewan, Shropshire, Solihull, Southwark, Southwell, Stoneygate, Stoodley, Strathclyde, Superlative, Swindon, Timaru, Trafalgar, Trowbridge, Twickenham, Utah, Verulam, Warwickshire, Welford, Wembley, Wensleydale, Westminster, Wesham, Wigston, Winchester, Worcestershire, Worsley, Wycombe, Xenia, Yarmouth, York, Yorkshire, Zelah; 104 changes of method).

Composed by Derek Ogden, Neil Bennett and John H. Fielden.

Christine Andrew Richard S. Starkie

3 Frank Osbaldiston 4 John H. Fielden C. Kenneth Lewis

6 Bernard F. L. Groves

7 Derek Butterworth 8 Cyril Crossthwaite 9 Neil Bennett (Conductor)

10 Robert B. Smith 11 Brian Harris

12 Jeffrey Brannan This is the largest number of methods yet rung in a peal on 12 bells.

For new methods see page 608.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CLAYBROOKE, Leics, St. Peter.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (13\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. Nichol.

1 John A. Bayliss
*2 Andrew S. Hayden
*3 Tony R. Natt
4 Brian L. Burrows (Conductor)

5 John Watkins 6 Robin A. Gilliver †6 K. Paul Gilliver

8 A. James Poynor *First in the method. †175th peal. wedding compliment to Martin and Jane Campbell-Kelly.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leics, St. Peter.

Fri., July 10, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (103 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR (21 methods, 7 extents: Carlisle and Northum-berland; Chester and Munden; London, Wells and Cunecastre; Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Bourne and Hull; Westminster and Allendale; York, Durham, Beverley and Surfleet; Berwick and Hexham).

1 Andrew S. Hayden 2 Lawrence Watkins

3 John Watkins

4 Robin A. Gilliver
5 Brian L. Burrows (Conductor)

6 K. Paul Gilliver

21st birthday compliment to Robin A. Gilliver.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

WINTERTON, Lines, All Saints.

Mon., June 22, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 SPLICED MINOR (14 methods: One extent Lytham and Thelwall, London Bob and Double Oxford, College and St. Clements, Wavertree and Childwall, Single Oxford and Single Court, Double Bob and Reverse Bob, Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure, with 168 changes of method).

1 Peter Saunders 2 Roger Hippisley 3 Jack Bray

*4 Melvyn A. Rose 5 Richard Hall

6 John G. Hall (Conductor)

*First of 14-spliced.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WHITCHURCH, Cardiff, Glam, St. Mary.

Thur., July 9, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (15 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (1 extent Stedman Slow Course, April Day, 5 extents Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman). 1 Susan Redmond (13)

Paul W. Thomas

Stephen Fenwick (Conductor)

4 Gwendoline Bidgood 5 Richard Hall

6 William H. Harford

*First peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

WILLESDEN, Middlesex, St. Mary.

Thur., July 2, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (93 cwt.)

5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John L. Morris. Dorothea M. Robotham

Joan Beresford 3 Claudia A. Critchley

4 Alice Cutler *5 Brian Watson

6 G. William Critchley (Conductor)

7 Frank Reed 8 John Hill *First in method.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

GORING-ON-THAMES, Oxon, St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Sat., July 11, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (81 cwt.) 5184 EASINGWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Christopher Forster.

1 William Birmingham, jun.

2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor) 3 Walter G. Knight

4 Leonard Stilwell

William Birmingham Valerie Willard Michael Hatchett 8 D. Kay Adkins

First in the method by all (except the treble) and for the guild. To mark the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Thomas à Becket.

OXFORD SOCIETY

WITNEY, Oxon, St. Mary.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (17 cwt.) **5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES** (Heywood's.)

1 John W. T. Hibbert,

2 Brian R. White (Conductor)

3 Norman H. Leslie

*4 David C. Woodward

5 Dennis A. Leslie

6 Frederick A. H. Wilkins

7 John H. Napper

8 Francis A. White

*First of Stedman. A birthday compliment to F. A. H. Wilkins.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

APPLETON, Berks, St. Laurence.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (143 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Stephen K. Thompson Andrew N. Stubbs

Lawrence J. Haines

Peter H. Mackie 5 G. Robert Mordaunt

6 Richard H. Johnston 7 Colin J. E. Wyld

Jeremy R. Pratt (Conductor) Roger M. Heyworth

10 John E. Camp

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

WEEKLEY, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Fri., July 3, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (8 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SPECIAL ALLIANCE
AND LITTLE COURT (2 extents Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, 1 Benington, each spliced with Bastow Little Court).

Sally K. Diamond

2 Barry R. Care 3 Murray A. Coleman 4 Richard J. Cowley

J. Malcolm Tyler (Conductor)

6 Stephen B. Bell

First by all and for the guild. For the wedding anniversary of Murray and Mary Coleman, and with best wishes to Richard Cowley, shortly leaving to join the Police

IRTHINGBOROUGH, Northants, St. Peter. Sat., July 11, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (10 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire, 864 Superlative, Y shire, 85 changes, all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1 John G. Mitchell

2 J. Malcolm Tyler

*3 Brian R. Danby
*4 Stephen B. Bell
*5 Alan J. Marks
6 Edward C. Buckby
7 Barry R. Care

8 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor) *First of spliced.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, St. Martin.

July 7, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (37 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Maurice F. Edwards 2 George E. Fearn 3 Norman J. Goodman

Vernon Green
Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
Christopher M. P. Johnson
Stephen W. Barton
John G. Gipson

9 James W. Belshaw 10 Kenneth J. Hesketh 11 Philip J. Rothera 12 Peter Border

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Sat., July 11, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (31 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. Baldwin.

1 John N. Lindon 2 Iris M. E. Lemare

Muriel Reay
Arthur V. Pearson
Norman J. Goodman
Terry R. Hampton

Maurice F. Edwards 8 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
9 James W. Belshaw

10 George E. Fearn

Following the marriage of David John Taylor (head verger) and Brenda Margaret Bland.

EDGBASTON, Birmingham, St. Bartholomew.

Wed., July 8, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (10 cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 Stephen W. Barton *2 Joyce J. Barton

*3 F. John Keddie 4 J. Edward Cawser 5 Arthur V. Pearson

A. Bryan Ellsmore

7 Maurice F. Edwards 8 Michael J. Fellows Conductor) *First in the method.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHIRTON, Wiltshire, St. John.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (9 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Katherine Jones Philip S. Gaisford

3 Dennis A. Powney 4 Ruth Jones

5 Frederick W. Box 6 Robert J. Purnell (Conductor)

To celebrate the 800th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ASTON INGHAM, Herefordshire, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (5½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 extent Cambridge Surprise,

2 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob). Reginald H. Newton

2 Barbara Luckes

3 Elizabeth Stevens

4 Michael J. A. Orman 5 Ernest F. Willcox 6 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)

BERRINGTON, Shropshire, All Saints.

Sat., July 11, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (13\frac{1}{4} cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Elizabeth Stevens *2 Vivian B. Bennett

3 Jennifer M. Beech 4 Ruth A. E. Fairbrother

5 Edward R. Fairbrother 6 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)

†7 Frank Beech 8 Ernest F. Willcox *First peal. †100th peal.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

LOWDHAM, Notts, St. Mary.

Tues., July 7, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (9 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (3 methods: 14 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 14 Grandsire and 14 Plain Bob).

*1 Edward J. Berridge

2 William L. Exton (Conductor) 3 Sydney Adams

4 Maurice W. Harrison

5 R. Brian Mills

*First peal.

At the completion of Lowdham Festival Week, especially arranged to mark the 800th anniversary of the founding of this church.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LODSWORTH, Sussex, St. Peter. Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Michael L. Leclere Ruth E. Halford

3 Christopher G. Renyard

*4 Geoffrey F. Durrant

5 E. Winifred Keys (Conductor)

6 M. Iain Davey *First inside.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. ENDELLION, Cornwall, St. Endellienta. Sat., July 11, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (8\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (10 methods: St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Simon, Eynesbury, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Newark, Antelone and Wallston. Antelope and Wollaton. 60 variations).
*1 Wilfred C. Boucher

2 Robert Peel Pearce

3 Anthony J. Davidson (Conductor)

*4 Gordon H. Baldam

*5 Thomas E. Howarth

*6 Robert J. Perry. *Most methods/variations.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (St. Peter's Guild)

PETERSFIELD, Hants, St. Peter.

Sun., June 28, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (15 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lewis.

*1 Carol Stacev

2 Keith Sansom

3 Christopher Renyard

†4 Kenneth A. Tipper *5 Ronald G. Tipper 6 Andrew P. Reeves 7 Patrick M. Wills

8 Philip Stevens (Conductor) A farewell *First on 8. †First of Major. to Canon J. S. Long (moving to Cambridge).

WHITCHURCH, Hampshire, All Hallows.

Fri., July 3, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (14 cwt.) 5184 WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (3328 Portsmouth, 1856 Winchester, 116 changes of

method).
Composed by William T. Perrins.
1 Katherine J. Maundrell

2 Timothy F. Collins 3 Graham W. Elmes 4 Richard A. G. Inglis

5 Geoffrey K. Dodd 6 Richard H. Youdale

7 Edward W. Colley
8 William T. Perrins (Conductor)
On the eve of the guild's A.G.M. at Basingstoke.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire, St. Mary. Sat., July 11, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (21½ cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

1 Kenneth S. B. Croft *2 Christopher S. M. Nokes

3 Richard H. Green 4 David J. Forder (Conductor) *5 John S. Croft

6 George E. Evenden
7 John Hartless

John Hartless

8 Maurice J. Butler 9 John H. Hunt 10 Ronald N. Marlow *First in method.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

MIDDLE LITTLETON, Worcestershire. St. Nicholas.

Tues., July 7, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (12 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods: London, Berwick, Hexham, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge).

*1 Christopher Hims 2 Shirley M. Drew 3 Hugh N. Evans

*4 Roger H. Hunt 5 John Clements

6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

*First 7-Surprise.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SOWERBY, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (16 cwt.) 5040 ST. SIMONS BOB TRIPLES Arranged by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

Patricia North

*2 Margaret White *3 Pamela A, Lockwood *4 Delwyn B. Tidball *5 George Hancock

*6 Philip Charlesworth Ian North (Conductor)

8 Douglas Barker *First in the method.

CAMPSALL, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (113 cwt.)

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by W. E. Critchley.

James Thorley *2 Sheila Bruce

3 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor) †4 Alan W. Jackson †5 Ernest J. Padgett

†6 Peter Bruce

7 Roger A. Smith
8 Frederick J. Jackson
*First of Surprise. †First in the method.

WRAGBY, Yorks, St. Michael & Our Lady. Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (103 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (28 methods: Wath, Pontefract, Carisbrooke and Donottar; Killamarsh, Kent, Trinity Sunday and Pontefract; Felkirk, Havercroft, Barnsley and South Kirkby, College Bob IV, Newdigate, Old Oxford and Willesden; Wragby, Charlwood, Oxford and Willesden; Wragby, Charlwood,
Neasden and St. Albans; College Exercise,
Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Norbury;
London Scholars, Oxford, Capel, Sandal and
Kingston).

1 Delwyn B. Tidball
2 Margaret White

3 Patricia North 4 David S. Lockwood

5 Robin Brown

6 Ian North (Conductor)

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire, 52 Wellington Road.

Thur., June 25, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Arranged by Alan F. Scholfield. 1-2 J. David Atkinson

*3-4 Peter Broadbent 5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis

7-8 Alan F. Scholfield (Conductor) 9-10 John Gander

*First on an inside pair.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

COVENTRY, Warwicks, 68 Warwick Av. Mon., May 18, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (16 in B.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL Composed by J. Carter.

1-2 Frank W. Perrens 3-4 S. Clarke Walters

5-6 Geoffrey Pratt (Conductor)

7-8 Ernest Sibley 9-10 Hubert G. Summers

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SHEFFIELD, Yorks, 194 Gleadless Com. Sun., June 21, 1970, 1hr. 36min. (10 in A.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents.)

1-2 Geoffrey Bridges *3-4 Keith J. Walpole

5-6 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

*First of Surprise Minor and first of Cambridge in hand.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MIDDLESBROUGH, Teesside, 29 Farley Drive, Acklam.

Sun., July 12, 1970, 1hr. 44min. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (4 methods: 2 extents Single Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clements and 1 of Plain Bob).

1-2 Margaret Lawson

3-4 Enid Lawson

5-6 Kenneth Lawson (Conductor)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 114 Park Street Lane. Mon., July 6, 1970, 2hr. 2min. (13 in E) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.) *1-2 Frank C. Price

*3-4 Julia A. Fellows 5-6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

*First of Cambridge Minor on handbells. The ringer of 3-4 has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus on both towerand handbells.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road. Tues., June 30, 1970, 2 hr. 57min. (15 in C.) **5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS** Composed by Sam Wood.

1-2 David F. Moore

3-4 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor) 5-6 John M. Jelley

7-8 Alfred Ballard

9-10 Robert B. Smith *11-12 John B. Bramley

*First of Kent T.B. Maximus on handbells.

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road. Tues., July 7, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (15 in C.)

5019 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by F. H. Dexter.

1-2 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

*3-4 Jill Staniforth *5-6 Peter J. Staniforth

7-8 Alfred Ballard *9-10 Gerald Moorhouse *11-12 J. David Atkinson

*First of Stedman Cinques on handbells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

WINTERTON, Lincs, Wicken, Westwinds Estate.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (17 in A.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis. *1-2 Peter Saunders

3-4 Roger Hippisley

5-6 C. Aubrey Harrison 7-8 John G. Hall (Conductor) *First of Major in hand.

WINTERTON, Lincs, Wicken, Westwinds Estate.

Mon., July 6, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (17 in A.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1-2 Peter Saunders 3-4 John G. Hall

5-6 C. Aubrey Harrison7-8 Roger Hippisley (Conductor)

First as conductor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WHITEPARISH. Wiltshire, Anchorsholme. Mon., July 13, 1970, 1hr. 57min. (14 in D.) 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR 1-2 A. Terence Collins

3-4 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)

*5-6 Rev. Roger Keeley

*First of Treble Bob on handbells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Sheffield and District Society)

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, in All Saints' Belfry.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 42min. 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Arranged by Stuart Armeson. 1-2 Marie Hatswell

3-4 M. Alec Beaumont

5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor) 7-8 Neil Donovan

9-10 Malcolm S. Turner

First of Royal in hand by all.

(Sheffield and District Society) ROTHERHAM, Yorks, in All Saints' Belfry.

Thur., June 18, 1970, 2hr. 30min. 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

1-2 Marie Hatswell 3-4 M. Alec Beaumont

5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

7-8 Neil Donovan

9-10 Malcolm S. Turner

(Sheffield and District Society)

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, in All Saints' Belfry.

Fri., June 19, 1970, 2hr. 17min. 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Vernon Bottomley.

1-2 Marie Hatswell

3-4 M. Alec Beaumont 5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

7-8 Neil Donovan

WAKEFIELD, Yorks, 5 Copley Lane, Robin Hood.

Sun., July 12, 1970, 2hr. 7min. (17 in A.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (48-course block reduced.) 1-2 Stella M. Brown

3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Robin Brown (Conductor)

7-8 Ian North

LANGAR (NOTTS) CHURCH BELLS

Early in 1970 a band of ringers from Wolverhampton on a ringing outing found Langar bells in an unringable state due to missing ropes and stays. A letter to the vicar resulted in him contacting Mr. M. W. Harrison in order to get the necessary repairs started. A working party was set up and found the installation in a poor state. The bells are in a wooden frame on ball bearings (rehung 1939) in the central tower. The louvres were open to the atmosphere, there being only some broken mesh in the windows. The clappers were all loose, as were two bells on their metal headstocks. These troubles were righted, the louvres being blocked by heavy gauge clear polythene sheeting nailed upon frames put up, and this served a dual purpose—excluding both birds and the weather, and is recommended. The clappers were removed, regreased, wire brushed and painted and replaced and tightened.

It was at this point that some consideration was given to the ringing of the bells. They are a ground-floor ring with 30 feet of loose rope, rung from the crossing of the church. Installation of rope guides was impossible without obscuring the view. However the upstairs floor (of concrete) was about 13 feet below the bell frame, which had no floor, and after consultation with the church authorities, permission was obtained to put a new floor in the bottom of the bell frame. The timber was kindly donated by Maurice Harrison, but before laying the floor the whole of the bell frame and supporting timbers were given two coats of preservative. Two trapdoors were made in the floor, a large one below the tenor and a small one for access to the

bells and clock.

The rope circle upstairs was found to be unsatisfactory, the treble and second ropes being about nine inches apart and six inches from the wall. Both were lifted and turned to bring the wheels further into the centre of the ringing chamber. The wheel on the third also had to be turned. The ropes on 1 and 2 now fall in line with one of the 14in. deep main beams, and an augur had to be borrowed from Messrs. J. Taylor to do this job. A catwalk was built across the roof to prevent undue strain and, as a finishing touch, lights were installed in the

new belfry and on the stairs.

Those taking part were Jack Dawson, Geoff Wells, Peter Hayward, David Flower, Maurice Harrison, Brian Mills, Liz and George Dawson. To many others who have helped at various times thanks are also due. As a result of donations by various people and money-raising by the Bingham District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, the effort has cost the church nothing, and it is to be hoped that a tower which previously was unsafe for any but experienced ringers will now be available to train a local band.

ERNIE AMBROSE JOINED IN

The day fixed for the Lavenham ringers' outing was June 27, and with wives, friends and ringers from the district they visited Bungay, Beccles, Pakefield, Southwold and Leiston and a variety of methods was rung. Lunch was at the King's Head, Beccles, and tea at the Dutch Barn, Southwold. It pleased everyone to have in their company the grand old man of Sudbury, Mr. Ernie Ambrose, who despite his 92 years ascended the towers and took part in the ringing. Home was reached at 10 p.m., when a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Arthur Haynes, the organiser.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.
FOURTEEN TEAMS ENTER

The Farnham District striking competition was held at Ash on June 27, when a representative cross-section met on a rather blustery afternoon, and this was not the only problem for the judge (Mr. C. H. Kippin), who had also to contend with diesel trains and low-flying aircraft, which

at times shut out the sound of the bells.
Fourteen teams took part, eleven tower teams and three mixed (who were not competing). Later all sat down to tea in the church hall.

The ringing master (Mr. T. Page) introduced Mr. Kippin, who gave the results with remarks about each team. Most of the bands, he said, appeared competent, but those with probationers could not expect to produce perfect ringing but should not be discouraged.

Farnborough ("A" team) were the winners, followed by Ash ("A") and Aldershot.

Mr. Kippin was thanked for adjudicating, and Mr. J. Dodds thanked the Ash ringers for acting as hosts.

A. E.

MARPLE'S BELLS

The fine old ring of six was cast by Rudhalls of Gloucester and hung in the Parish Church of Stockport in 1731, where they remained until the church was taken down in 1810. For some years the bells were stowed away, partly in the hearse house and partly in an old mill. The successors of Rudhalls, having contracted for a new ring in 1816, offered £400 for the old ring of six, but owing to their sweet tone a strong desire prevailed that the bells should be retained in the parish, and as Marple Church had been rebuilt with a tower the Stockport Parish Church authorities resolved that Marple should have the preference of purchase at the price offered by Rudhalls.

An appeal was made to the inhabitants of Marple not to suffer the bells to be conveyed from amongst them for ever. As a result several local gentlemen guaranteed the amount and concluded the bargain. The same day (April 29) a dray was sent for the tenor and treble and two carts for the remaining four. On June 30, 1816, they were opened, and the day kept as a gala day. They were rehung in the early part of 1886 by Taylors and re-opened on Easter Sunday by the Hayfield ringers. It is strange to note that there is no record of a peal having been rung on them.

The church is on an eminence which commands an extensive view of the bold, swelling hills of Derbyshire and of the more fertile vales of Cheshire, and no situation could be better adapted to give the full effect of the uncommonly fine tone of the bells.

"How Marple obtained its fine bells"—from a report printed in The Ringing World, July 9, 1920.

72 YEARS A RINGER

The Western Morning News of July 3 reported that recently many tributes have been paid to Mr. Richard Grylls Collacott at Bradworthy Parish Church (Devon).

An illuminated scroll, presented by the vicar (Rev. H. T. Lingham Lees), was from the bellringers of Bradworthy and the Tamar Valley Guild "in appreciation of 65 years of devoted service as bellringer at Bradworthy, and over 25 years as captain."

A certificate of merit in appreciation of 63 years as a guild ringer was presented to Mr. Collacott, a man "skilled in the art of bellringing." He retired last year at the age of 85, having completed in all about 72 years as a ringer.

PAUL TAYLOR IN AUSTRALIA

(From Ringing Towers.)

Among her many official duties on her Royal Tour of New Zealand and Australia, H.M. the Queen opened the carillon in the new tower at Lake Burley Griffen, Canberra. This, it will be remembered, was built with money given to the Australian Government by its counterpart in the U.K. There is obviously little point in commenting again on the lack of a ring of swinging bells in the project, suffice it now to say that a ring was originally envisaged and that its absence is due mainly to delay on the part of the Australian authorities.

If we did not get a new ring, the opening of the carillon at least brought us a visit from the founder, Paul Taylor, and his charming wife, Merle. They arrived in Perth, where Paul inspected the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral. Next stop was Adelaide, where a very good practice night at the Cathedral was highlighted by a well-struck course of Cambridge Major, the first for some little time.

The following day was spent with visits to St. Cuthbert's, Prospect, where a new ring is to be installed, and to the Town Hall. Here Hervey Bagot and Richard Jolly rang the bells for Paul's inspection. While he was looking over the bells a couple of photographers arrived, beautifully dressed. This is a mistake in the Town Hall belfry, which bears the marks of 105 years of occupation by feathered creatures. One of the photographers managed to get himself stuck in a corner of the belfry, and generally a good time was had by all.

The Taylors' next few days were spent between Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra, with little time spent in any place at any one time. Monday night at Sydney was spent at St. Andrew's Cathedral practice, and afterwards with lower captain Bill Rowe. On the following night Paul met a large group of Sydney ringers at that well-known ringing centre, Enid Roberts' flat. This was a most enjoyable evening, listening to Paul Taylor's stories of ringing, bells and ringers. Wednesday was spent at the Sydney University carillon. On the next day I was able to lunch with the Taylors in Sydney before taking them for Paul to look over the bells at Christ Church, St. Laurence, at Railway Square.

Next stop was to be New Zealand, and then home.

The Adelaide Advertiser published a report on Mr. Taylor's visit to the Town Hall. Mr. Taylor's verdict, after dusting off the grime and pigeon feathers he had collected was "Not very good." The bells should be melted down, remodelled and recast, he said. "I could make them sound beautiful . . . like those at St. Peter's Cathedral, the finest ring in the Southern Hemisphere."

Concluding, he said that his firm did not make the Town Hall bells, but did make those at the Cathedral. It would cost the city about \$5,000 to have the ring of eight recast, and about half as much to just repair the bearings, headstocks and other mechanism. "It is a bad thing when a town hall cannot keep its bells in order. You have one of the few town hall rings in the world. Sooner or later one of two things, or both, will happen. The bellringers will pack up in disgust, because they will be exhausted by the physical strain of ringing or the worn working parts will break and the headstocks will split."

Mr. Taylor afterwards went to St. Cuthbert's Church, Prospect, to discuss proposals for installing bells there.

Editorial

LONDON, E.1

HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is here and many ringers from various parts of the country will be visiting new areas and doing a little tower-grabbing. In some cases the method ringer will be hoping for a pull with his brother ringers who ring call-changes, but it is doubtful if the latter will, in similar circumstances, be courageous enough to join a "scientific" band.

Whatever your ringing capability, however, if circumstances allow, we ask you to go along to your nearest church with a ring of bells, find out the times of Sunday ring and be prepared to take a rope, even

if it is only for rounds.

Nothing sounds more depressing than three or four bells being chimed when four or five might be rung. The complaint that "most of our band are on holiday" or "we always stop ringing during August" are frequently heard, whereas if a visiting ringer or ringers to that particular town or village had contacted the incumbent or one of the local band the bells could have been kept ringing, even in lesser numbers. In this way, and with forethought and cooperation, the Exercise will be carrying out its main function, which is the ringing of the bells for the church services.

RINGING ON T.V.

The Rev. John Elphinstone Fyffe, of the B.B.C., has been able to arrange that the B.B.C. I programme "The Ringing Isle", to be shown at 6.15 p.m. on Sunday, August 2. will be repeated at 12.55 p.m. (lunch time) on Monday, August 10. This will enable many people with Sunday duties to see the programme. Please let your incumbent (and others) know. W. G. W.

BRAIN-TEASER

Our band recently rang a splendid peal of Cambridge Major, in spite of our three odd-struck bells, and in our tower that's hard and thirsty work. In the "Stay and Slider" afterwards they quenched their thirst in the traditional way. Each man drank as many pints as the number of the bell he rang, plus an additional number depending on his age. The two in their twenties drank one extra, the two in their thirties two extra, the two in their forties three extra and the two in their fifties four extra. On top of all this, anyone who rang an odd-struck bell was entitled to an extra pint and the conductor to two extra.

I asked Charlie on the following morning who had rung each bell, but all he could

tell me was:-

He drank most (exactly twice as much as Fred). George drank nine pints, the ringer of the second six pints, and the tenor ringer ten pints. The ringer of the third drank least. George rang between Harry and Alf. Our veteran, Don, rang the treble. Fred rang an odd-struck bell. Bert rang a heavier bell than Ernie. The conductor was not on the fourth. The number of pints that Harry drank was half the sum of the numbers of the odd-struck bells. Everyone drank a different number of pints.

Of course, I know the age of our ringers, so I had no trouble working it all out, but can you, if I tell you that George is twice as old as Harry?

Answer next week.

Belfry Gossip

Personal Records: Frank Beech (100 peals). Mandi McCallion (50), K. Paul Gilliver (175).

New Conductors: Roger Hippisley (handbells), Edward Futcher.

The band who rang the peal at Chirton, Wilts, on July 4th, were entertained by the Vicar and local ringers afterwards and are grateful to them for their generosity.

It is encouraging to read of youngsters ringing in peals, and this week we record a peal where the average age of the band was 15-7 years and another where 5 of the 6 averaged 17 years.

The 750th anniversary of the granting of the Charter to Stockport was marked by a peal at St. George's, but this was especially arranged and unfortunately further peals are barred, for the time being, at any rate.

To ring a quarter after less than 18 months is quite an achievement for a man over his half century in years, writes a correspondent (a young one, no doubt), but "turned 50" is not old when you reach that "mature age", as we all find out in time!

The first peal of Bristol S. Maximus to be rung in the City of London was rung at St. Mary-le-Bow on July 11, and simultaneously Cambridge S. Maximus was rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, in connection with the City of London Festival.

First Peal congratulations to Vivian B. Bennett, Edward J. Berridge, D. Andrew Carter, Pamela Hough, P. Graham Walters, J. Robert Jervis, Timothy Denyer (12), Ian Hiscock, Jacqueline W. Wolfe, Susan Redmond (13).

Yorkshire Surprise Royal was rung to a peal at Southampton, Hants, on July 11, as a thanksgiving for the life of John W. Faithfull, who was captain there for 30 years.

On the eve of the A.G.M. members of the Winchester and Portsmouth D. Guild rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Major named after their Guild at Whitchurch, Hants

Your old friend (and ours) Mr. Tom White celebrated his 76th birthday on July 22 and is now in good health. Each Sunday he visits his mother (at Woking), who is in her 101st year.

We were glad to welcome to our office on July 21 Mr. and Mrs. Denis Bayles, of Chester-le-Street, Durham, who were on holiday in Hampshire. Denis is a valuable member of the R.W. Committee.

News from America is that Marjorie Batchelor is going to Smith College and will be invaluable to other ringers there. Bill Theobald is hoping to go over himself in September and to help out during his stay.

Miss Doris Weiss, of Chicago, who wrote so appreciatively of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lock's help whilst she was in England, has returned some photographs of church towers which we loaned her, and she adds: "We miss England and its bells greatly."

When the Leatherhead (Surrey) ringers held their annual outing they visited Basingstoke and rang at both churches and after lunching in the town went on to Bramley, Stratfield Mortimer and Yateley. An early return was made, arriving at 7.30 p.m.

Quite a relief to Worcester Schools Society is the end of G.C.E. exams and, to celebrate, three of the G.S. for Girls and three of Kings School got together and rang a quarter of Doubles. (What a wonderful relaxation is bellringing!)

When Marborough (Wilts) Grammar School had its annual commemoration service at St. Mary's, Marlborough, the school ringers were able to ring a variety of methods including, for the first time, Grandsire and Plain Bob Triples — quite something for a "school" band.

The first quarter peal for Eastbourne Grammar School Society by one past and five present pupils was rung to welcome back Mr. J. Harrisson, a master at the school for 39 years, after a serious illness, and as a farewell to Mr. G. D. Buckwell, leaving the school after three years.

Mrs. E. M. Mitchell's 80th birthday was not allowed to pass un-noticed, and peals and quarter peals were attempted. One, at St. Peter's, Brighton, of Grandsire Doubles, was difficult to arrange as so many regulars are away on vacation, but no doubt the effort is appreciated by Mrs. Mitchell.

The Wiffin family were known in the Exercise for many years, and to mark the 73rd birthday of Albert, the only remaining active ringer, the Braintree ringers, with Albert Wiffin on the tenor, rang a quarter to mark the occasion.

A hundred or more ringers attended the Truro Festival, and five towers were available and well used during various hours of the day. The only visible damage was one broken rope — which happened in "extra time"—the tower being open till 8 p.m. and the rope broke at 8.20! (In protest, no doubt!)

The quarter rung at Brill (Bucks) on June 27th was the first family quarter—Mr. R. C. Ingram and Mrs. E. Ingram coming from Birmingham and Mr. R. and Mr. V. Sadowski from Cheltenham to make up the band. The quarter was rung on the first day of the flower festival at Brill.

The boys of King Alfred's School, Wantage, rang the bells of the Parish Church, Wantage, for the end of term service on July 10. It is hoped to ring a peal in the near future, the ringers being either members of staff or former pupils.

Mrs. Gladys Munsey, who travelled all the way down to Alton, Hants, from Peterborough, for the 900th anniversary of the church, was able to claim several new towers (and two new counties) for her collection. She had to leave her home very early to make the long journey and returned on the 11.45 p.m. train to reach home during the early hours of Sunday. All very worthwhile, she said, but she could not understand why others living in a 20-30 miles radius of Alton did not make the effort.

One reason offered by a ringer 10 miles from Alton was that 6s. 6d. for high tea was too expensive. Several ringers were taking a picnic tea, it is understood, but did that necessitate non-attendance at the church service? The ringers at Alton are a keen Sunday service band, loyally supporting their church and going around to other village towers to help keep the bells going.

Face flatterer and backbiter are the same.—Tennyson.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS By ROBIN BROWN

ON January 31, 1970, after 14 months of discussions and negotiations, the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was formally dissolved and immediately reborn as the Leeds and District Branch of the Yorkshire Association. Thus ended an 81-year period in which the Society and the Association had coexisted, sometimes on amicable terms and sometimes on anything but! Certainly there can be little doubt that fraction within the Association helped to give rise to the District Society. Conversations the writer has had with old ringers who knew the founder members have inevitably come round to the subject of rivalries, and an entry in the minute book for September, 1890, echoes this: on the Association's move to introduce prize ringing on church bells it was resolved "that the Yorkshire Association be left to manage its own business" and added, in a different hand (probably that of Bob Binns), "if it ever could"! Evidence of clashes appears throughout the Society's history. Even in the 1960s the formation of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies was feared by some to be an insidious "takeover bid" by the Association! And in 1968, when the idea of the present merger was first mooted, there was strong opposition from a small group. It seems auspicious for the new branch, however, that differences of opinion were so reconciled that the final motion to fuse with the Association was carried unanimously.

After an exploratory meeting the previous Sunday the Leeds and District Society came into being on March 30, 1889, with Tom Lockwood, of Leeds, as its president. The inaugural meeting, which was held in the Old Nag's Head Inn opposite their church, was called "at the instigation of the Leeds Parish Church company." Towers represented were Bramley, Headingley St. Chad's, Holbeck, Leeds, Pudsey and Rothwell, and of these Headingley, Pudsey and Rothwell maintained a continuous association with the Society until its dissolution.

By May, 1889, membership had topped 60, but early the following year only six or eight ringers were attending the meetings. Interest was revived; August saw over 40 members at Armley and by mid-1891 the Society was flourishing. Nevertheless, these early vicissitudes foreshadowed the pattern of the Society's history. By 1903 there were 120 members; in 1938 249; in 1957 255 (although only 104 were paid up). At the time of dissolution there were exactly a hundred paid up members. In contrast, the years 1923-5, 1948 and the mid-1960s were very bleak periods. In 1924-5, indeed, the Society had no officers, apart from the secretary, and must have been very near to folding up.

The original district was an area with a six-mile radius from Leeds City Square, but a provision for selecting towers outside this area led to a rapid spread of activities. Otley was visited in 1891 and Harrogate in 1892. Both became regular towers and, in a different direction, Shipley held regular meetings from 1901 onwards. The 1904 (June) invitation meeting was held at Hull! In January, 1893, it was agreed that each member be allowed sixpence as expenses for the Otley meeting. Fears about the possible repercussions of such a decision led to a motion preventing any backdating of expenses and finally to a rescinding of the rule in January, 1894.

Meetings were held on the last Saturday in every month, although the December meeting was almost always transferred to early January and was eventually dropped. Ringing in the early days was generally by companies, Rule IX providing the "steward in charge" with power "to call on any member of the committee present, to make out any company who are unable to make up a full set." Long touches were the order of the day: 720s were common and one or two date touches were rung! In November, 1891, prior to general ringing, a peal was attempted at the meeting tower (Pudsey) and this established a custom which, in spite of some opposition and various interruptions, was not finally abolished until September, 1927. It is difficult to see how, under these circumstances, the original object of the Society, "to mutually assist each other in the advancement of the Art of change-ringing," could ever be realised, and thus not surprising to find the following minuted in 1902: a long discussion "as to whether the Society . . . had ever carried out the object for which it was formed, but too much personality being introduced. the Chairman was obliged to apply the closure."

On the credit side, the meetings seem to have been a great success in another respect. For many years the business meetings were invariably held in a pub and were followed by long and much-enjoyed social sessions, with handbell ringing, both changes and tunes, and vocal contributions among the regular features.

In 1894 the Society became affiliated to the Central Council and was regularly represented until 1921 when it "temporarily" withdrew its membership. In fact it was never represented again: when the Council approached the Society in 1927 a motion to reaffiliate was defeated.

Traditionally the Society seems to have been strongly opposed to striking competitions of any kind. Its reaction to a Yorkshire Association proposal in 1890 has already been mentioned and a proposal that it should introduce its own contest was defeated in 1907. When, in 1966, the writer proposed that the Society support a joint council striking contest, his motion received only two votes; yet exactly a year later the same motion was accepted and as a result the Society organised its own competition in both 1968 and 1969. So successful was the venture that it is to continue as an annual event in the new branch. A pewter tankard, as a trophy, has been presented to Mr. and Mrs. R. Cater. There seems a light irony in the fact that in the 1969 joint council contest the Leeds Society came second, beaten only by the Halifax District experts from Roughtown.

The golden jubilee of the Society in 1939 was celebrated with a service in Leeds Parish Church, followed by a "hotpot" supper, for which members paid 1s. 9d. each; 120 members attended, at least four of them being founder members. A peal of Bob Major, composed by the first president, was rung at Burley by past and present officers, being conducted by William Barton, of Pudsey, who 32 years later also conducted the final peal for the Society at St. Chad's, Far Headingley having by that time been a member for 56 years.

In spite of its varied fortunes, the Leeds and District Society may fairly be said to have played, eventually, a leading role in

"PULL THE OTHER ONE"

Under this heading in a local newspaper a householder put all sorts of reasons forward for a rate reduction, but it was refused. The article said: "The bells of St. Mary's, Oldswinford, ring out loud and clear—but they are too loud and peal for too long."

A 26-year-old accounting analyst, Mr. A. Telford, was asking for a reduction in the rate assessment on his three-storey house in Chawn Park Drive. The church was 250 yards away from his house but the bells often drowned the television.

"I think they are so monotonous," he said. "It is the same thing over and over again and they go on for hours at a time. I think some of them might be cracked."

He agreed that he felt the view of the church outweighed nuisance from the bells. Mr. Telford, who also spoke for three neighbours, claimed that the church spire caused "ghosting" on the TV picture.

The chairman said the panel felt that the

The chairman said the panel felt that the objection to the church could hardly have been made seriously.

If allowance were made to every property within 250 yards of a church, it would affect the large proportion of homes in the country.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

During a recent peal of Eastwood S. Major at St. Mary's, Reading, the ringers heard a chorus of young people loudly bellowing below and feared that they were "after their blood." When they descended the stairs they discovered a Conservative election meeting at the base of the tower and the speaker being subjected to rough verbal treatment. Trying to overcome both the hostile audience and the bells ringing overhead must have been quite a problem. Later that evening (June 6) some of the band heard their efforts on the TV news during an election round-up, and the incident was repeated immediately after the election. One, at least, of the ringers concerned enjoyed a second hearing. W. B.

the advancement of ringing in the area. has had its due share of both highly talented and colourful ringers. Yet first and foremost in its ranks stands one who qualified at neither extreme but who, by long and unstinting dedication to his task, brought the Society from the verge of extinction into the most flourishing state it has known. Harry Lofthouse, of Armley, became secretary of the Society in 1923, when times were so hard that it was unable to purchase new membership cards without pleading for payment of subscriptions. When he relinquished the post, exactly 30 years later, there were 230 members, of whom 163 were fully paid up, and the balance sheet (on an annual subscription of sixpence) showed assets of over £23. From taking office he went seven years before he missed a meeting and in his 30 years as secretary missed only 12 times altogether. In May, 1937, he organised what was believed to be the "first service of its kind ever held"—a ringers' Communion service. He was made a vice-president in 1954 and was president from 1955-57. He died in 1960. There was no secret or complex formula for Harry's success: he was a perfect gentleman. Perhaps the greatest tribute to his work was implicit in the fact that by 1953 the Society had come to be known affectionately as "Lofty's L. and D."

(To be concluded)

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BIRTHS

HARDY. - To Katherine (née Maylott) and Bob, on July 17, 1970, a daughter, Anne Melinda, at St. Albans City Hospital. 9319

LAND.—On June 30, to Gordon and Pauline (née Lansley), at Keynsham Maternity Unit, Bristol, God's gift of a daughter, Jennifer Lesley.

Excellent speech becometh not a fool; much less do lying lips a prince. (Proverbs XVII: 17)

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MISCELLANEOUS

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—Owing to state of frame and tower, Sunday ringing, 9.15-10 a.m. ONLY. No Monday practices until Sept. 7th. Belfry Repair contributions to E. J. Taylor, 43, Prince's Road, Cheltenham.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Preliminary notice. Striking competition will be held on October 24th at Ripponden.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Aldershot Tower: Sunday service ringing at Aldershot Tower has been cancelled for Aug. 16, 23 and 30. Similarly, Thursday evening practices have been cancelled for Aug. and 27 .-- S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Tower Sec. 9281

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Sat., Aug. 8, Fulbourn (8), 6 p.m onwards.—J. S. 9286

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.
—Evening meeting, Wicken, Sat., Aug. 1. Bells
(5) from 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: Winchendon Place and New Bob. 9303

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Sat., Aug. 1, at Walkern (6), 5.30-7 p.m.; Ardeley (6), 7-8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — Evening meeting at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Note.—There will be no ringing at Whitworth on this day.-G. Cheetham. 9321

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD .- Syston District.—An evening meeting will be held at Queniborough on Saturday, August 8th. Ringing from 6 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. A business meeting will be held in church at 7 p.m. 9277

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIA-TION.— Monmouth Branch.— Evening practice meeting, Fri., July 31, Usk. Bells 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Surprise. 9270

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .tice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), Mon. Aug. 3, 7 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD .- North West District .- Induction of new rector, Rev. J. E. Ruttford, at Walsham-le-Willows (6) on Friday evening, Aug. Service 7.30. Ringing from 6.30 before and after service. Ringers welcome.-A. F. B. 9291

WINCHESTER and PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, SS. Peter and Paul, Hambledon, Friday, August 7th, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. 9275

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Warwick Archdeaconry.-Monthly meeting, Sat., Aug. Great Woolford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa (phone: Harbury 504). Evening ringing at Long Compton. Bells (6) 7-8.30 p.m.—R. A. S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.— Meeting, Belchamp St. Paul (6), Sat., Aug. 1.
Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business and further ringing.
Numbers for tea to C. H. Gillingham, 69 Mount Road, Braintree. 9280

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, - Farnham District.—Meeting, Hawley, Sat., Aug. 1. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Jennings, 74 Chapel Lane, Farnborough, by previous Wed., please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9282

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch. -Meeting at St. James', Poolstock, Wigan (8), Saturday, August 1st, at 3 p.m. Service, tea at 5, followed by business meeting and evening ringing. Special methods: Grandsire Triples, Superlative Surprise. All very welcome.— C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Sat., Aug. 1, Cranford (6), 3-4.45 p.m. Tea and short business meeting at Heston Church Hall (adjoining church) 5. Heston bells (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. R. 9292

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Withyham (8).

Aug. 1. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6. Picnic tea.

Meeting 6 in belfry. Ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec.

DEVON GUILD. — N. and N.W. Branch.— Summer meeting, Stratton (Cornwall), Sat., Aug. 8. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names, please, to Mr. R. Pearce, by Mon., Aug. 3, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworth (Tel.: Bridgerule 210). 930

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD .-Meeting, August 8, at Speldhurst (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Evening ringing from 6.30.—M. A. Large (Hon. 9318

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. Stroud Branch. - Meeting, Eastington/Stonehouse, Sat., August 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Eastington. Names for tea to P. Birt, "Lynholme", Rack Hill, Chalford, Stroud, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting of Manchester and Rossendale Branches on August 15 at All Saints', Stand (Whitefield), from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by evening from 3 p.m. lea at 5, followed by evening ringing at St. Mary's, Radcliffe. Names for tea to Mr. G. O. Sanders, 7 Mountbatten Close, Unsworth, Bury, BL9 8PU, no later than Mon., August 10.—P. Dyson, Rossendale Sec. 9311

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint Preston and Wigan Branch meeting on Sat., August 15th, at Tarleton (8). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Further ringing after business meeting. Cups of tea but please bring own food. Special methods: Ealing S.M. and St. Clement's Bob Triples.—C. D'Aeth, D. G. Lawson, Branch Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Furness Lake District Branch. - Meeting at Cartmel on Sat., Aug. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Nelson, "South View", Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.-T. F. Metcalfe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenry Branch.—Meeting at Newnham (6) on Sat.,
August 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service
4.30. Ringing at Badby (6) 7 onwards. Names
for tea to Mr. P. Box, "Boxmoor", Newnham, not later than Wednesday .- I. Webb.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bingham District.—August 8th, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nether Broughton 3 to 4. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, "St. Ouens", Whatton, by Wed. previous. 9327

SUFFOLK GUILD. - North East District. -SUFFOLK GUILD. — North East District. — Quarterly meeting at Fressingfield on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. E. Etheridge, Willow House, Fressingfield, Diss, Norfolk, by Wednesday, August 5th.—T. N. J. B. 9333 SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 8th. Fittleworth (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Petworth (8) 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Please make own

arrangements for tea.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

BENHALL ST. MARY'S, SUFFOLK

August 29th, 30th and 31st. Festival Service, 6.30 p.m., Sunday, 30th. Bells open daily, 2-9 p.m.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS (Northampton Branch)

On Saturday, October 3rd, 1970 FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ON HANDBELLS and

GRAND BAZAAR

to be held at

Moulton School, Northants. Teams wishing to take part should contact Mr. B. R. Care, 12 Parade Bank, Moulton. Proceeds from this event for the P.D.G. Bell Restoration Fund. All welcome.

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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH NORTHFLEET, KENT

Saturday, August 15th ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION OF TWO TREBLES IN 1920 AND

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Service 4.15 p.m. (Conducted by the Rev. Stanley Evans)
Ringing from 2.30 p.m. and during the evening Light refreshments available.

ALL WELCOME.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch)

A joint meeting with the BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT and the SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES

will be held at Thrybergh (6), 15.00-16.30, Wath-on-Dearne (8), 18.30 onwards, on Saturday, August 1.

Tea, followed by a short business meeting, will be held at Wath-on-Dearne at 17.00, and those requiring teas should notify A. Colin Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US {Tel.: 390557), by the previous Thursday (July 30). Everyone is cordially invited. 9274 Everyone is cordially invited.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

CROSTHWAITE, KESWICK,
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, MUSIC and DRAMA
July 30 to August 2

Joint branch ringing meeting on Sat., Aug. 1. Bells available throughout the day except for short periods for prayers in church. Refreshments available in school adjoining.

J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 9240

9th ANZAB RINGING FESTIVAL

The entry in the Ringer's Diary for June 13, 1970, states "Anzac Festival Starts, Sydney." This was technically the 9th Annual Festival of Ringing held by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers, and what a successful week-end it turned out to be!

It was in 1966 that the ANZAB Festival was last held in Sydney and many of those attending this year vividly remembered the amount of rain that fell on that occasion. However, any fears of a similar fate soon disappeared, as Sydney turned on its best and brightest autumn weather to greet the

nearly 70 ringers present.

The week-end (unofficially) began on the Friday, when ringers from Adelaide, Melbourne and Ballarat flew or drove to Sydney and joined with the local ringers at Turramurra for their weekly practice. Also present was New Zealand's representative, Mike Clayton, who had been in Sydney for several weeks. We knew that John Smith had flown down from New Guinea, and his father, Sid Smith, had come up from Hobart. After an enjoyable practice, visitors were invited to Tom and Margaret Goodyer's for supper.

TELEVISED

Saturday dawned bright and clear as we met at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Ringing was on the relatively new Taylor 10 (tenor 29 cwt.) and ranged from rounds to Stedman. During the morning two commercial television stations sent their cameras to film the ringing, and we were able to see ourselves on both channels that evening.

We again met at St. Andrew's after lunch to be officially welcomed by the president of the N.S.W. Association, Ralph Clark. To enable everyone to ring in the nine towers open, the ringers divided into two groups, each following a pre-arranged programme. On Saturday Group 1 rang at St. James', Turramurra (6, 9 cwt.), All Saints', Parramatta (6, 10 cwt.) and St. Paul's, Burwood (8, 11 cwt.) Group 2 rang at St. Andrew's and then followed Group 1 to Turramurra and Parramatta. Impressions of the ringing were getting in and out of cars, crossing the Harbour Bridge, short cuts round Sydney and bells! bells! and more bells!

THE DINNER

The annual dinner was held that evening at Manning House, Sydney University. About 60 ringers attended and ANZAB president Jack Roper, who was accompanied by his wife, presided. Guests were Dean Marley (St. Mary's Basilica) and the Rev. and Mrs. Johnstone (St. Jude's, Randwick). An excellent four-course meal was served and Ralph Clark acted as toastmaster. Dean Marley proposed the toast to "The Association" in an amusing speech and expressed the churches' thanks to the ringers for their services. Replying, the president said it was their duty to ring for Sunday service and to practise during the week in order to become more proficient in their art. "The Visitors" was proposed by Ralph Clark, who asked inter-State

visitors from each tower to stand as their names were called. He welcomed the ringers to Sydney, and congratulations were offered to Willie Watson and his fiance for their wedding the following Tuesday. Replying for the visitors, ANZAB secretary, Mike Scowen, expressed thanks for the excellent arrangements and read a letter from Andrew and Shirley Bolton in England. During the evening it transpired that there were now only three members who had attended all nine ANZAB dinners—Jack and Gwen Roper and Willie Watson.

Sunday morning saw service ringing at St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, Burwood. After an early lunch everyone met outside St. Mary's Basilica and negotiated the 111 steps and the catwalk without much difficulty. Ringing took place on the Mears eight (25 cwt.) and later the ringers again divided into two groups for the remaining Sydney towers. Group 1 faced St. Benedict's, Broadway (6, 16 cwt.), St. Mark's, Darling Point (8, 8 cwt.), and St. Philip's, Sydney (8, 20 cwt.), followed by a choice of service ringing at Parramatta or Burwood. Group 2 continued at St. Mary's and then followed the first group with service ringing at St. Judes, Randwick. By the end of the afternoon everyone had had enough, St. Benedict's and St. Philip's having taken their toll. (The writer suffered ignominious defeat at the hands of the 4th at St. Benedict's, when it dropped like a stone immediately after being pulled off, and all his efforts to get it back up were of no avail.),

1972 FESTIVAL IN NEW ZEALAND

After service ringing, all dashed into the city to rendezvous in Enid Roberts' flat for the A.G.M., 42 members being present and business proceeding briskly. The results of the postal vote on the proposed new constitution (70% Yes, 29% No) had been circulated and the constitution is effective as from April 14, 1970. Officers elected were: President, John Cummins; secretary, Michael Scowen; treasurer, Ross

Bampton; peal secretary, Ralph Clark; Ringing Towers editor, Richard Jolly. Following Ralph Clarke's resume of what was involved in visiting New Zealand and Mike Clayton's invitation to a visit, it was unanimously agreed that the ANZAB Festival be held there in May, 1972. Next year's Festival is to be in Ballarat and Bendigo on the Queen's birthday week-end in June. The meeting closed at 10 p.m. and an excellent supper followed.

THE BARBECUE

The final day was the best as far as weather was concerned and also for hospitality. There was ringing at St. Andrew's and this was followed by what the programme called "Surprise Major Ringing." Apart from some Superlative and Cambridge, however, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung!

The highlight of the day was when all boarded the chartered ferry at Circular Quay and took a short cruise to Clark Island in Sydney Harbour. Here our hosts had prepared the traditional ANZAB barbecue in a setting where the sky was cloudless, the Harbour Bridge towered in the background and the waves gently lapped at the edge of the island. Vast quantities of chops, sausages and salad were consumed and there was a cruise around the harbour before finally returning to the quay, where most of the farewells were said and visitors started on their long trek home.

A few staying on in Sydney met that evening at St. Andrew's and St. Mary's for the weekly practice and, following custom. later found themselves eating and drinking in Enid Roberts' flat. Five other intrepid ringers decided to go to Maitland for their evening practice and after a 260-mile round trip were back in Sydney by 11 p.m.

Thus another successful ANZAB weekend came to a close. Our thanks go to all New South Wales ringers who worked so hard and with such enthusiasm to make the week-end the success it proved to be.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT

Annual Music Festival April, 1971.

This will include for the first time a Tune Handbell Ringing Section with the W. W. Worthington Challenge Cup as the prize. This will be held for one year and returned for the ensuing contest each year. Each team will ring two tunes of their own choice and then any variation of "The Ashgrove" will be the set piece.

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LATE NOTICES
CHANGE OF ADDRESS
COBB.—As from August 4th the address of Lewis F. Cobb will be: 45, Kennett Avenue,

SMITH .-- Pauline, Alan, Rachel and Caroline may now be contacted c/o P.W.D., Western Division, Lautoka, Fiji (phone: 61432). 9339 STRACEY.—Michael, Betty and family have now moved from Chippenham, Wilts, to 13

Road, Carterton, Oxford. BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggles-

wade District. — Meeting, Aug. 8, at Amphisisels (6) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall at 5 p.m.—A. H. Smith. 9338
BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Joint with Yorkshire Association, East-

ern District. Saturday, Aug. 8, Flamborough and Bridlington. Flamborough bells 3.30-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Bridlington Priory bells 7-8.30. Names for tea to Miss C. Atkinson, Ca Manor, Southsea Road, Flamborough, Yorks.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.— Evening meeting, Sat., Aug. 8, Aspenden (8), 6.30–9 p.m.—S. E. James, Dis. 9342

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Tring, Aug. 8. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Theresa Wright, 66, Dundale Road, Tring,

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District. Surprise practice at Christ Church, Epsom, on Wed., Aug. 5, 2000-2115 hours. Methods: London, Rutland, Yorkshire and Cam-

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—At a district committee meeting on June 20 at Stoke D'Abernon, Peter J. Munday was appointed district master for the remainder of the year, following the resignation of Alan

CROYDON RINGING FESTIVAL

Arrangements are well in hand for this event which takes place on September 12th, and five routes leading to St. John's, Croydon, have been worked out, with ringing at towers during the morning and afternoon. Route 1 starts at East Grinstead, on to Lingfield, Bletchingley, Godstone and Nutfield. Route 2: Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge. Edenbridge. Westerham, W. Wickham and Addington. Route 3: Fulham, Putney, Battersea, Tooting Graveney and Streatham. Route 4: Cripplegate, Southwark, Camberwell, Lewisham and Beckenham. Route 5: Guildford, Merrow Cobham, Leatherhead, Banstead, Croydon (two churches) and Beddington.

A time-table, map of the area and other information available from K. Taber, 17 Birdhurst Rise, S. Croydon, CR2 7EG, Surrey.

FRONT COVER-continued

THE BELLS AND INSCRIPTIONS
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nor. — 31 cwt. WILLIAM WHITCHVRCH ANDREW ROGERS C W D 1662 I L (John

Lott). (Royal Arms) on waist.

Ladies' Guild.

MRS. MITCHELL'S BIRTHDAY

On July 4 eight members of the Ladies' Guild met at Henfield, Sussex, to pay tribute to one of their number, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, a founder member of the guild, who was keen to ring a peal for her 80th birthday. We were met at the church by the incumbent, who was until recently at the church Mrs. Mitchell attends in Southwick, who led us in prayer before we started for a peal of Stedman Triples.

Unfortunately we were not successful (through no fault of Mrs. Mitchell), but we then rang a quarter of Stedman to honour the occasion. Those taking part were: Joan Beresford (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell 2, Mary R. Andrews 3, Jean M. Pike 4, Susan E. M. Davis 5, Freda Cannon 6, Doris Colgate 7, Anne Horsford 8. Then, although we did not deserve it, we were royally entertained to tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cruttenden, and any ringer who has ever had tea at Henfield will know what this means. We finished the meal with portions of birthday cake, beautifully decorated with silver bells and golden bellropes, made by Mrs. Mitchell' daughter.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES **COMMITTEE FOR 1969**

The number of enquiries received by the Committee during 1969 shows a slight decrease on the previous year but nevertheless is the second highest yearly total on record. Advice on bell and tower restoration was given by members of the Committee in 1969 in one hundred and twenty-nine churches. Sixteen enquiries were dealt with by correspondence; the remainder necessitated visits to the churches

As has been the custom for many years the report of the Committee's work has been compiled by the Convenor from statistics sent in by its members, and a brief summary is appended. The 129 churches in which advice was given

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Bedfordshire (A.J.F.), 3; Berkshire (F.S.), 11;
Buckinghamshire (F.S.), 9; Cambridgeshire
(B.D.T.) 1; Carmarthenshire (F.S.), 1; Cheshire
(B.D.T.), 1; Derbyshire (F.S.), 1; Devon
(J.G.M.S.), 20; Dorset (F.E.C.), 4; Essex
(A.J.F.), 1; Gloucestershire (F.S., B.D.T.) 8;
Glamorganshire (T.M.R.), 4; Hampshire (F.E.C.,
F.S.), 4; Herefordshire (F.S.), 5; Hertfordshire
(A.J.F.), 1; Huntingdonshire (B.D.T.), 1; Lancashire (A.J.F.), 1; Lincastershire (F.S.), 1; Lincastershire (F. (A.J.F.), 1; Huntingdonshire (B.D.T.), 1; Lancashire (A.J.F.), 1; Leicestershire (F.S.), 1; Lincolnshire (J.F.), 3; London (A.J.F.), 6; Monmouthshire (T.M.R.), 1; Northamptonshire (B.R., A.J.F., F.S.), 6; Oxfordshire (F.S.), 1; Shropshire (F.S.), 1; Somerset (H.J.S.), 21; Sussex (F.E.C.), 1; Warwickshire (F.S.), 3; Wiltshire (F.E.C., F.S.), 3; Worcestershire (F.S.), 2; Yorkshire (F.S.), 4. Total: 30 counties, 129 churches. In addition the Convenor met by appointment

archdeacons in three separate dioceses to discuss bell restoration, and gave evidence on two occasions in Consistory Courts. He also accepted the invitation by the Dean of Gloucester to serve on the Conservation Committee of the Council

The Care of Churches.

The work of the Committee may be further analysed as follows:

Advice given on: Maintenance of existing bell gear, 87 churches; Recasting cracked or unsatisgear, 87 churches; Recasting cracked or unsatis-factory bells, 16; Augmentation of rings, 14; Repair of existing frames and gear, 24; Rehang-ing bells with near gear, 40; Installation of new bell frames, 23; Tuning, 27; Oscillation of towers and structural repairs to masonry, 53; Bell acoustics and sound control, 55; Sale of redun-dant bells, 2; Transfer of bells due to redun-dancy, 3; Replacement of stolen bell, 1; Weld-ing, 1; Electronic "bells", 1; Installation of ringers' gallery, 1. ringers' gallery, 1.

Seventeen lectures have been given to Diocesan, Architectural and Professional organisations and Resident Ringing Courses. In addition members have when requested addressed Parochial Church Councils on many occasions. Con-

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for July 27, 1945

"The Manchester Cathedral bellringers were engaged in one of their crazy endurance festivals, and the sound of the bells soared and tumbled, crashed and surged, setting a maelstrom of sound awash. "Hard Facts" by Howard Spring.
At Bradford Cathedral, Leslie W. G.

Morris conducted Kent Royal in which Frederick W. Rushworth rang his first of

At Loughborough bellfoundry Arthur Fidler rang his first peal—the treble to Grandsire Triples, his father, John P., ringing the second and Ernest Morris conducting from the 7th.

A handbell peal of Bob Royal at Burgess Hill was rung by Mrs. E. A. Barnett (first on 10) 1-2. Frank I. Hairs 3-4, Edwin A. Barnett 5-6, George W. Cecil (first on 10 in hand) 7-8 and Mrs. F. I. Hairs 9-10. E. Barnett conducted.

Wilfrid F. Moreton rang his first hand-bell peal of Minor with Betty Spice and John E. Spice (in 16 methods). A quarter of Grandsire Triples at Strat-

ford-on-Avon was rung by R. Hands, V. B Hunt, A. Print, R. Chapman, H. Price, F Lyne, C. R. Steed and D. Stanley.

"To the Norwich ringers belongs the credit of extending it (Stedman) from Doubles to Triples and then to Caters and Cinques."—Leader.

50 YEARS AGO July 30, 1920

At the same time the Central Council will have to take some steps to settle once and for all-if that is really possible-the differences that exist among its own experts upon some points in connection with the principles of ringing—differences, the existence of which shake the confidence of the Exercise in the competence of any body of legislators to lay down rules.-Leader.

Frank Perrens conducted a peal of Sted-man Cinques at Wolverhampton and Sgt. George Gilbert conducted one of Minor at Puttenham in which the Misses Hilda and Bertha Mills, of Aldershot, rang their first peal.

Although the Bath and Wells Association had a balance of £74 it was decided to double the subscriptions from 1/- to 2/and no peal booking fee to be charged.

The new ring at Lowestoft, recently dedicated, have inscriptions "Dedicated to Lowestoft Fishermen," "The Drifters' Bell," "The Trawlers' Bell," "The Gallant Dead, 1914-18" and "... Skipper Thomas Crisp, V.C., of the trawler Nelson."

The new ring at Pontefract was dedicated by the Bishop of Beverley, and the Mayor and Corporation also attended.

It was proposed to restore the ancient use of the Peace Bell on Fridays at noon in the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, as a perpetual memorial to the fallen.

siderable progress has been made on the production of the proposed two new handbooks and it is hoped to go to press with these this

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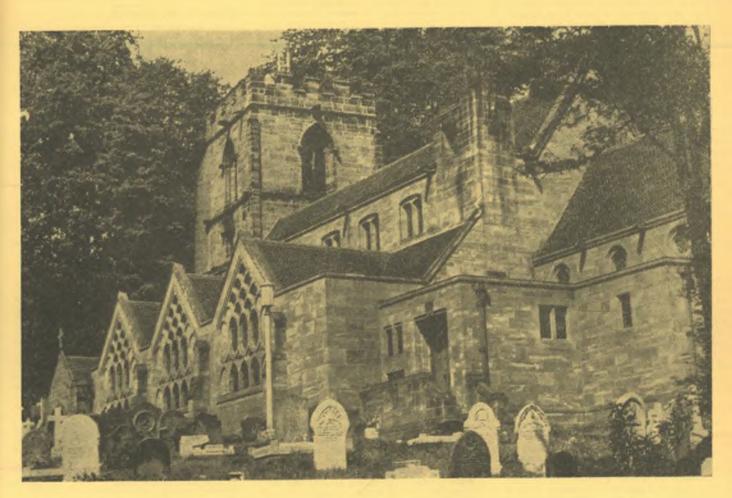
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TETTENHALL is an extensive parish three miles to the north-west of the centre of Wolverhampton. Until a few years ago it was an urban district in its own right, but has now been absorbed into the county

borough of Wolverhampton.

The name Tettenhall first appeared in records as the site of a battle in 910 A.D. between Viking raiders from the North and the forces of Edward the Elder (910-925). The Vikings were overwhelmed and the Midlands were freed from raids for There was certainly some many years. settlement at the time of the battle, for the Saxon form of the name was Teotan Heale, which means Teotta's nook of land. It is possible that Teotta and his Saxon friends had to dispossess some earlier inhabitants, for the remains of an ancient British camp have been found on the Wrottesley Estate to the north-west of the village.

There was certainly a church on the present site in the 10th century. Tradition says it was built to commemorate the victory against the Vikings, and an entry in the records of Henry IV says: "Edgar Late King of England, gave and conceded to the Dean and Canons of the Free Chapel of Tetunhal, 100 acres of land and 10 marks for the Support of the said church to hold to themselves and their successors." The church was therefore founded not later

than 925 A.D.

The Domesday population was 100, mainly people concerned with hunting in the three great forests of Brewood, Kinver and Cannock. Henry II owned the hunting lodge of Gorsty Hayes, and poaching was obviously commonplace, for the Dean in 1230 boasted the name of Peter Chacepork.

COLLEGE OF CANONS

In 1086 the church was constituted as a College of Canons, and William I placed the church in the charge of his chaplain, Sampson. The College was dissolved in 1549 and the whole property was granted to Walter Wrottesley, who with his descendants became lay rectors and patrons of the living. The church remained "peculiar" or exempt from the Bishop's control until the abolition of such jurisdiction in 1857.

The Wrottesley family date back to the 12th century, and are one of the few whose ancestors were the original holders of the Order of the Garter. Sir Hugh Wrottesley fought with the Black Prince, and during the Civil War the Wrottesleys sheltered

Charles II.

Tettenhall has always been important as the place where the London-Holyhead road cuts across the escarpment known as the "Rock." In 1810 Thomas Telford built the new cutting, which is still the only wide road connecting the village to the church.

There have been three churches on the site—the original Saxon one, the second church and the present, which was built in 1951. The second church contained many Norman features, the nave and side aisles and chancel, but also contained a pure example of Early English architecture in the beautiful east window, dated 1207 A.D. The windows of the south clerestory were famous as perfect examples of the transition period. The church contained an enormous amount of stained glass, which made it rather dark, but was a famous feature. The tower was built in the 14th century, and except for the destruction of the crocketed pinnacles on the four corners, it remains the same today.

In 1951 the second church was burned to the ground, except the tower, but the floors of this were burned and the beams in the ringing chamber charred. All the monuments and peal boards were lost, but the bells escaped damage.

THE BELLS

The first mention of bells at Tettenhall was a ring of five dated 1604. Three of these could not be traced, but one, inscribed "Com Com and Praye 1604" is hanging in St. Mary's, Wolverhampton, and another inscribed John Shawe, Walter Northwood, Churchwardens, 1675, is in St. Jude's, Wolverhampton.

In 1841 this ring of five was replaced by a ring of six (tenor 12½ cwt. in the key of G), cast by Thomas Mears of London. Two more bells were added and the whole ring recast and rehung in 1922 by Gillett and Johnston (tenor 14 cwt. 3 gr. 25 lb. in F sharp). They are a lovely ring and "go" well, but many find them noisy, as the ringing chamber is immediately beneath the bells, the soundproofing being burned in the fire. The local band practise on Wednesdays and visitors are always welcome.

THE BELLS OF LUNDY

Browsing in a Canterbury bookshop recently the owner of the initials below came across a recently-published book on Lundy, the little island off the North Devon coast, which figured quite recently in the news. In it he found the following passage: it refers to the building of the Church of St. Helena, under the then Lord of the Manor, Rev. H. G. Heaven. By reference to this cleric's surname the wit of the bishop mentioned below will be recognised.

"A legacy from Mrs. Langworthy enabled Mr. Heaven to achieve his lifetime's ambition to build a permanent stone church on the island, and in 1895 he invited tenders for the contract. Britton and Pickett of Ilfracombe were awarded the contract, and then progress was rapid . . . The church was dedicated to St. Helena in 1897 by Bishop Bickersteth . . . who was evidently something of a wit. The crossing was an unusually bad one . . . he acknowledged his belief in Purgatory by his experience of what it was necessary to go through to enter 'the kingdom of Heaven'.

The church is an example of Victorian Gothic revival, with nave, chancel, square tower, chiming clock and a peal (sic) of

eight bells.

"In 1905 a party of change ringers visited the Church to ring a peal of Stedman Triples. After a rough crossing the party found on landing that the bearings of the bells had suffered from the effects of sea air. After some attention had been given to them, an attempt was made to peal the bells, but had to be abandoned. A gale developed and the party was stranded Lundy overnight, but in the morning, after further attention had been given to the bearings, the team was able to ring a complete change (Sic) before leaving the island. A plaque in the porch commemorates this

This quotation leaves several interesting questions. What has happened to the bells of Lundy? Has any reader a copy of their dimensions and inscriptions? Does the peal board still exist, and who were the ringers? A picture of the Rev. H. G. Heaven with some other clergy and a party of ringers is reproduced; can anyone identify them?

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

The idea of a peal in these two methods originated in the early 1950's by a leading member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, but his efforts to find a suitable composition proved impossible and the idea was shelved.

A less prominent member, however, tried again in 1960 but the leading composers of that time were unable to produce anything because of the complete difference in the methods, one being 2nds place and the other 8ths.

Again, in 1969, the methods were produced, and Bill Perrins agreed to try to produce something.

A month later a band was assembled and in October, 1969, the first attempt at East Tytherley went approximately an hour before a miscall brought it to an end.

The second attempt, in December, at Highelere, went an hour and a half before a shift course brought this to a premature conclusion, and for the January attempt at North Stoneham we met short.

Whitchurch was secured for the Friday prior to the annual meeting of the guild and, despite very springy ropes, a firstclass peal was scored. Credit goes to Bill Perrin in the calling, as not more than two leads of Portsmouth are rung without a change of method, and only one of Winchester. It can truly be called Spliced.

The writer is particularly pleased that the peal was rung in the Andover District. Only a year previously Winchester and Portsmouth College Minor was rung to Spliced Minor in his own district (on the guild's first dinner day). G. D.

Were any other peals rung there-when indeed were the bells last rung? This academic information is of particular interest in view of the fact that the present inhabitants of Lundy will never again, it would appear, hear their bells competing with the Atlantic breakers which marooned the peal ringers 65 years ago.

WILLIAM PYE: 1870-1935

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO on August William Pye was born at Chadwell Heath, Essex. It was a momentous time. that year 1870. The intrigues of Bismarck provoked France into a disastrous war and aroused and alarmed Europe to the menace of Prussian ambition and aggression. In Britain the Forster Act was laying the foundations of our modern educational system; and the sudden death of Charles Dickens brought a sense of loss far beyond

the ordinary literary circles.

In the world of bellringing there was an awakening and a stirring after nearly 50 years of decline and stagnation. Soon the writings of Jasper Snowden would be spreading new knowledge and enlightened instruction, the coming of The Bell News in 1881 provided the vehicle for the carrying of tidings of ringing activities to all parts of the land, and the move forward. gathering momentum rapidly, led almost inevitably, it would now seem, to the founding of the Central Council. Into this renaissance came the genius of William

He seems to have begun change ringing at a very early age, for when he was 11 years old he rang a 720 of Minor on hand-In the following year he was ringing tower bells on the five at Little Heath, but opportunities for practice and advancement were not readily available, and many miles had to be walked for the chance of a ring. Seven years passed before he was able to get any ringing on eight bells, and not until 1889 did he score his first peal, Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. J. Perkins. Opportunities were slow in coming, and it was not until 1893 that his visits with his brothers George and Ernest to Walthamstow were encouraged by Mr. W. B. Manning, who gave the young man the chance to practise the calling of Stedman. brothers Pye were by now showing their ability with handbells. George, Ernest and William rang in a number of peals of Stedman and Grandsire, and in the year 1897, joined by brother Staff-Sergeant A Pye, they scored brotherly peals of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob in hand.

William's opportunity came in 1898, when Mr. A. T. King, having founded the Middlesex Association, had secured a number of towers for peal attempts and was looking for a leader to ensure successful progress. Pye was introduced to him by W. Brighton, and it was soon clear that the association had found the man for the job. A great run of success followed, and the Middlesex Association came to the forefront among the leading societies.

During the next 30 years there came a succession of remarkable achievements, and among them a number of notable long lengths. On April 3, 1899, Pye called 15072 Double Norwich Major at Erith, which, together with Washbrook's 17024 at Kidlington, stirred up what must always be regarded as the classic among ringing disputes. In 1901 came 11111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, followed two years later by the conducting of 14112 of London at King's Norton, Worcestershire (as it was then). Two features of this peal (apart from the excellence of the performance) are worthy of note. The first is that Harry Withers took down the composition from outside the tower and presented the conductor with the figures after the peal. other quite remarkable thing is that although the peal could not have finished

before 6 p.m. William Pye reached his home in Essex the same night and posted the peal report before going to bed, so that this report reached The Bell News office the next morning. We have this on the authority of the Editor.

In 1903 came the notable feat of ringing the great tenor at Exeter single-handed to Stedman Caters, and in the following year the brothers George, Ernest and William, joined by William Keeble, rang the first peal of London ever to be rung on handbells. This performance brought from William Willson a spontaneous and enthusiastic appreciation. Six years later came the 18027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough, when Pye rang the 30 cwt. tenor and conducted for more than 12 hours. This was matched in endurance and excellence by the 15312 Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1929, where this remarkable man rang the tenor for 11½ hours. It would require a lengthy essay to touch at all adequately on the ringing performances of William Pye during the first 30 years of this century. When he completed a thousand peals, in the year 1911, The Ringing World described him as the greatest ringer of that time. It was a just appreciation, and 20 years later, when his total was nearing two thousand, there was little need for reappraisal. He rang 1,969 peals, 172 of them on handbells, and the complete list of these was last published in The Ringing World of April 7, 1961.

About the middle of 1934 his health declined and although he continued peal ringing until the end of the year his condition gave increasing cause for alarm. His last peal was Cambridge Major at Heavitree. On March 8, 1935, his death came rather

Of him The Ringing World wrote: "There passes the greatest ringer the Exercise has ever known. Judged from every angle of performance the late master of the Middlesex Association surpassed anything which ringers of this or any other generation have ever accomplished. On all numbers of bells, on any weight of metal, he was a ringer par excellence; in any method or combination of methods he was a conductor with few equals and no superior. . . . A man of strong convictions and fearless in voicing his opinions, he was ever ready with appreciation of the achievements of others. Behind a rugged exterior was ever a warm heart, a generous nature, and one ever unostentatiously ready with tangible assistance for a friend in need."

Of the very human side of this great ringer Mr. E. A. Barnett writes: "One thing I remember Olive's mother (Mrs. Hairs) saying, was that when the Pyes came to ring handbells at Clapham, when Olive was very young, William Pye always insisted that if Olive were to wake up and start crying, that was to be the end of the peal attempt. . . . Olive also told me that when Mrs. Hairs was to ring her first of Cambridge 12 at Waltham Abbey, he insisted that she should not ring for a wedding at St. Margaret's, Westminster, beforehand, and personally escorted her to Waltham Abbey early to ensure that she did not have to rush—this, of course, in the days when Cambridge 12 was 'something.' (Mrs. Hairs was the first lady to ring a peal of it.)"

Of William Pye's integrity Mr. E. Barnett, who knew him intimately for very many years, tells us: "In what would have been the first peal of Cambridge Maximus after the 1914-18 war all went well until the last half-lead, when a lapse by one of the band caused several bad blows. the treble in 5-6 down Bill set his bell, remarking 'We can't have that; anyone outside will think the peal was cooked.

"Another instance was in the first peal of (I think) 12-spliced. When the peal was finished he said to C. T. Coles, who in later years made all his ringing arrangements: 'Don't send this up yet. I am not sure in such and such a course if I called such and such a change of method instead of so and so. I must check with Mr. Pitman to see, if I did, whether it would affect

the truth of the peal."

The true and enduring greatness of a man rests not only on his personal achievements but also on the legacy he bequeaths to those who follow. In physical strength, stamina and skill in bell handling, William Pye stands with the foremost, and his ringing record holds its own with that of anyone in any age. But in his example he has left us something even more valuable. His patience and perseverance in his early in the face of tremendous difficulties should be an encouragement to all who seek opportunities; his unerring skill in the selection of men and appraisal of their skill when big tasks had to be performed offers important lessons for all who would aspire to leadership (and many have profited by this example); while his ringing feats and the records he set up have presented a challenge that has brought many of the astonishing achievements of the last 30 years. It is well for us at this time to remember his centenary, to honour his memory and to draw fresh inspiration from his career.

"COUNTRY GARDENS"

A concert in honour of the late Percy Grainger, the famous Australian com-poser, at St. Wilfrid's Church, Pevensey Bay, Sussex, was opened by his popular composition "Country Gardens," played by the St. Mary's, Eastbourne, Handbell Choir, who later contributed other items.

Chatting to the ringers during the interval, the composer's widow, Mrs. Ella Grainger, confided that she was the owner of several octaves of handbells, which she plays in a frame with hammers. Mrs. Grainger unveiled a plaque in memory of

her husband.

Among the many music lovers, musicians and friends of Percy Grainger who attended the concert was Cyril Scott, the composer. Mr. Bryan Fairfax, director of the London Grainger Festival, told the crowded church of the life and works of Percy Grainger, and of his great love for Pevensey Bay, where he and his wife lived for a number of years

"ABOUT BELLS" AT EVENSONG

On July 11 the quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District took place at Headcorn, and on Sunday, July 12, the vicar of Head-corn (Rev. D. J. Pharoah) preached at evensong about bells. He told the congregation all could learn a lot from bells, for they make a joyous sound, and our worship should be joyous.

Bells, he said, "ring true," and we say "as sound as a bell." We, too, should be

pure and true.

Bellringing needs teamwork. We must all pull together in accord, and so we must

Surely a fitting message for today's world!

RESTORATIONS IN KENT

Kent is fortunate in possessing a large number of rings of bells—most in working order—and equally fortunate in having in its two major dioceses, Canterbury and Rochester, incumbents who are prepared to keep their rings in good order.

At Benenden, which has a tower well-known to many Wealden travellers, the fine eight is in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co for retuning and rehanging in new fittings. This is a mixed ring, of varying dates, from the Whitechapel foundry, the last major work being the re-casting of the 3rd by Taylors in 1882.

St. Stephen's, Canterbury (in actual fact the Parish Church of Hackington) has a light eight, the back six by R. Catlin, 1744 (5th recast 1902), with two trebles added by C. and G. Mears, 1944. An enthusiastic local band has raised over £1,000 (by waste paper salvage and other efforts) and now the bells are to be rehung by the Whitechapel founders with new fittings in the existing frame, the 6th recast, all tuned and turned, and a new ringing floor installed.

At the glorious Church of St. Mary, Elham, the eight bells were recast from an old five, formerly in St. Mary's, Sandwich, the work being done by Lester and Pack, The 7th was recast at Whitechapel in 1809, and all rehung about 1887 by John Warner and Sons. Since then, apart from maintenance, little work has been done. Now a new and enthusiastic band is raising funds, and the bells are to be rehung, the frame strengthened, bells 1, 2 and 4 recast and the rest tuned, quarterturned and provided with new fittings by the Whitechapel Foundry. Donations to this small village's bell fund would be grate-Donations to fully received and acknowledged by the secretary, Mrs. R. Mallett, 2 Braeside secretary, Mrs. Cottages, Elham.

Ringers are a mixed bunch, but all enjoy the preservation of really ancient bells in any number. The Romney Marsh group of parishes has, in recent years, had many of its bells restored by the Whitechapel Foundry. In the parish of St. Dunstan, Snargate, interest in the three bells has never been lacking, and much restoration was carried out on the tower in 1958. Now it is the turn of the bells, of which the treble is considered to be of late 13th century date, inscribed "+ AVE . MARIA"; the tenor is a bell with a rough inscription
"+SANCTE DVNSTAN," and although considered to be older than the treble by Stahlschmidt, is now thought to be of a shape and with the type of canons favoured by William le Beleyetere, working in Canterbury c. 1325, but the lettering is not his normal type.

The second bell (J. Hodson, 1673) has a remarkable array of coins in its double line of inscription, and in view of this it is to be welded through its crack in the crown by Messrs. Soundweld, under the direction of Mr. K. J. Clews. The bells will then be rehung for ringing in new fittings in the existing frame by the Whitechapel Foundry, but they will not be tuned, so that the same music that has been produced by two of them for over 600 years will continue to be heard over Romney Marsh. A new ringing floor is to be provided, thanks to the Rev. Nigel O'Connor's enthusiasm, to replace the existing rotting first floor. This will cost in the region of £550 to £600, and any ringer who would feel disposed to help defray this sum with a con-tribution should send it to Mr. O'Connor at Ivychurch Rectory, Romney Marsh; it will be gratefully acknowledged.

BELL FOUNDRY IN ATHENS

Mr. M. C. W. Sherwood sends the following interesting item.-

"Anyone lucky enough to be visiting Athens this summer might like to know of a bell foundry I discovered there last year. As you walk from Omonia Square towards the Acropolis you pass a Byzantine church on the left, opposite which a small street goes off to the right, just before the underground station. This street is devoted to metalworkers of all sorts, and the pavements are piled with ornamental copper and bronze ware, kitchen ware, farming implements and divers tools, etc., and in the middle of the clutter two large bells (about 6 cwt.) mark the entrance to the alley of the bell foundry.

"Close to the street is the bell shop, an amazing room with shelves of bells round the walls, bells hanging from the ceiling and standing on the floor. Further down the alley is the foundry itself in a lean-to reminiscent of our own early founders' temporary buildings. There stands a well-worn furnace, and, nearby, a number of bell cores are let into the floor, which seem to be more or less permanent.

"Other items of the founder's equipment are there, too, easily identifiable by anyone with any knowledge of English founders' workings. The proprietor—and apparently sole worker-is Demetrios Papodoloupos, who unfortunately speaks no English, but I managed to gather that this business has always been in the family and that trade is remarkably brisk—no doubt due to the destructive qualities of the chiming apparatus often used.

The obvious difference between this foreign product and our own versions is the mass of detailed relief ornamentation, differently designed for each individual bell. Thus instead of the plain, almost dowdy appearance of the English bell the Greeks. like other continentals, enjoy a wealth of original art, spectacularly and appropriately displayed on the most noble of instruments. English founders have, of course, sacrificed visual appeal to the perfection of aural qualities. We may hope that founders will eventually combine these two skills.'

STRIKING COMPETITION

Three teams took part in the branch striking competition at Gorleston on June 6. The results were: Lowestoft 43 faults, Kessingland 61, Pakefield 74.

"ANYTHING FOR A SKIVE"

News of the restoration of the bells to the church of Ingoldmells in Lincolnshire (Ringing World, July 3) brought back memories of a spell in the Royal Navy's training establishment in Butlin's Camp between Ingoldmells and Skegness, H.M.S. "Royal Arthur."

One morning in 1942 there was a "pipe" for anyone with a knowledge of bellringing to report to the chaplain, and though I had done no ringing for seven or more years I went along in the true Service spirit of "anything for a skive."

It appeared that the chaplain wanted to get a team to ring at Ingoldmells in celebration of the victory at El Alamein. I told him that I had once been a member of the Ely Diocesan Association, and he accepted that as evidence that I was an expert, and suggested that it would be as well to go along and see if the bells were all right for ringing.

Since this meant a morning away from the classrooms I was most willing, and went to the tower to have a look. quite clear that to attempt to ring the bells would be to court disaster, for the frame and wheels were in a poor state, and it was decided that it would be better to chime

At the appointed time a scratch band of five mustered in the tower and we tried to chime. We were hopelessly handicapped, however, by the fact that one of the band was a Norwegian, who had no idea of rounds, and chimed his bell happily at a speed which made it quite impossible for the rest of us to fit in with him, and he knew too little English to understand any attempt to tell him where he was going

We made a terrible noise, but it did not appear to displease the folk living within earshot. One old couple sacrificed part of their precious ration to give us all a cup of tea afterwards, and I am only sorry that they must have died before they could hear their bells rung properly.

A footnote to this recollection: Last year, while visiting the bell foundry at Loughborough, I saw the Ingoldmells tenor awaiting attention. It was a handsome bell, and it would be a real pleasure to revisit Ingoldmells tower should the chance ever come my way.

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ABOUT WHEATLEY IN OXFORD

When the new church at Wheatley was consecrated in June, 1857, the tower contained five bells cast in 1793 and 1794 by John Briant, the Hertford bellfounder. These bells (tenor 9-10 cwt.) were presumably the bequest of a local man. Thomas Sims, who left the money for the building of the previous church in 1793. In 1868 a spire was added to the tower and in 1879 Mears and Stainbank cast a treble weighing 4 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. at a cost of £36 7s. 6d., which completed the present ring of six bells.

A new band was started in 1967, and the bells are now rung regularly for two services each Sunday and at Thursday evening practice sessions. Learners are taught the basics of change ringing as soon as they are able to handle a bell, and two quarter peals have been rung by a Sunday service

band this year.

The ringers do not confine their activities to the bells, however; they have scrubbed out the church twice, the most recent occasion being in readiness for the Flower Festival and Local History Exhibition held in June. A special booklet with photographs telling the history of the bells and ringers was produced, and there was also a display in the exhibition hall. A model tower built by Miss Terry Riggs was used to explain the working of a church bell to many visitors, and over 50 people climbed the steps to the ringing chamber to watch demonstrations. Several have since taken the opportunity of coming to watch the ringers at practice.

Any of the many visitors who have rung at Wheatley will remember the clock case in the centre of the ringing chamber, and will be pleased to know that plans are being made for the removal of this obstacle. Any contributions towards the fund for this work would be most gratefully received by the tower secretary at 12 Ambrose Rise, Wheatley, Oxford, OX9

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A PEAL AT GREYSTOKE

The recent first peal on the bells at Greystoke, Cumberland, must surely be unusual in several respects. The four bells are all of pre-Reformation date and were regarded as unringable until 1969, when two who rang in the peal inspected them and arranged ringing in March, 1970. It was not possible to ring them successfully even at this stage, due to the low ceiling in the ringing room and the consequent difficulty in handling the bells. The ringers were helped on this occasion by Hugh Lawrence, a student at the Pre-Theological College, and a ringer from Wiltshire, who assisted them in repairs and testing the three alternative ringing rooms for better comfort. Another attempt was arranged for May

Another attempt was arranged for May 23rd, and this was successful, thanks to Hugh, who kept interest alive in the village and who made sure the bells were rung, even for daily services, between our visits. The bells, however, are still extremely hard work. During the peal Colin Gates rang without a sally, and the other ropes were constantly slipping wheel and catching on

the ceiling above.

It was, however, not without its humour. After an hour a tramp, with his dog, wandered up the belfry stairs (the ringing room is also used for college lectures and as a cloakroom, so the door was not locked) and demanded to know where the rector was. The dog was nearly hanged! After frantic explanations the tramp departed, taking the dog with I'm and heading towards the Rectory.



WHEATLEY RINGERS

Back: Len Porter (from Marston), John Walford, Bill McGowan, Colin Smith, Fred Deacon, Maureen Long, Kevin Harris.

Front: Ian O'Reilly, Terry Riggs, Hilary McGowan, Anita Parsons, Paul Glenny.

So ended the first peal on this very ancient ring, in what must be one of the most unusual towers in the North of England.

DETAILS OF THE BELLS

(Quoting from the History of the Church) The bells (which were rehung in the new tower in 1840) are mentioned in an inventory of 1552 as "iiij gret belles".

They are:

Treble.—Note E, diameter 30½ ins. 2.—Note D, diameter 32½ ins. 3.—Note C sharp, diameter 33½ ins. Tenor.—Note C, diameter 36 ins.

The treble and third bells are apparently from the same foundry and have the same black-letter type, over an inch high, and very thick, cast with the bell. The inscription on the treble bell is: DEI: GRA: KATERINA: XPI: SPONSA: PRO: NOBIS: OIBUS: ORA: T: AUKELAND: IHS: That on the third bell is: ROBERTUS: EDMUNDSON: ANDREAS: DEI: GRACIA: IHS:

These two bells, bearing the names of two of the chantry saints, were doubtless placed in the tower when it was repaired about 1382. Aukeland and Edmundson were possibly the donors of the bells. Edmundson is a well-known local name; Auckeland, however, is not.

The tenor bell has two inscriptions; one round the shoulder reads: JHESUS: BE: OURE: SPED: EVER: AME: IHON: TORNOR: MAYDE: THYS: B:

Of the bellfounder, Ihon Tornor, nothing is yet known. The second inscription, round the soundbow, reads: THOMAS: DACRE: DOMINUS: DE: DACRE: ET: GRAISOTK: MILES: GARTERII: QUI: OT: ANO: XI; MDXXIII: ET: XXIIII: DIE: OT: It is in large

capitals of a nondescript character, the stops are a wavy bell-rope, the Dacre escallop and the ragged staff. The bell was probably given by Lord William Dacre to commemorate his father, who was a notable man in the border in his time, was warden of the West Marches and contributed greatly to the English victory over the Scots at Flodden Field in 1513.

The second bell has a very difficult inscription, as the lettering runs right round the shoulder, with only the initial cross to indicate where the words begin and end. The last two letters are placed under the cross. The type is composite, some letters being Lombardic and some black-letter. This is indicative of the period 1400-1420, when the two styles existed side by side. Each letter is on a square of metal, soldered separately on the bell (as is also the case with the tenor bell). The letters are:—

CANONICASDNSCOLLMGRINHENA-PARECCEWILELMASMEFABRICARE-FACITERASMUSSUMSONOQINTAS.

The six letters INHENA might be INBENA (for "in beneficium") and the sentence has been translated as: "Canon William, Master of the College, for the benefit of the Parochial Church, caused me to be made. My name is Erasmus, I am fifth in the Ring." Unfortunately, no record has been found of a William as Master of the College, and in any case there are only four bells and not five. It is just possible that there may have once been eight bells in the peal, and that the others have disappeared, but that is conjecture.

No man is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Letters

PITMAN'S PRINCIPLE

Dear Sir,-I confirm Mr. George Challan's statement published on page 514 of The Ringing World. The figures were given to me by Mr. William Thornley, of Stapleford, Notts, on July 8, 1951, having been given to him in 1949 or 1950 by the late Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot. He had discovered them some time before this date, and they have never been published by A. J. P. or by myself.

The principle was practised at Stapleford

and Sandiacre for some time, but without much success, and at Warsop in 1951 and during the next few years; we still ring it occasionally. A number of 720's have been rung, and peals have been attempted but without success, although on one occasion the fifth 720 was reached. We have named

it Pitman's Principle.

I have a letter from A. J. P. dated December 6, 1951, wishing us success, and leaving the naming of it to us. We have. I believe, seven variations of the figures, one by A. J. P. and the other six by Mr. Brynley Richards, of Warsop, who was given some guidance by Mr. John Segar, of Skegness.

These all have 120 changes to a plain course, but the six by Richards are rather unorthodox and difficult to ring, and no 720's have been rung. This field of Minor is almost unexplored, and could possibly yield some very interesting results if fol-lowed up.—Yours faithfully, Warsop, Notts. HERBERT T. ROOKE

GOOD STRIKING RECORD

Dear Sir,-Mr. Chant suggests that the gramophone record is not comprehensive enough, yet it includes 12 different examples of commonly rung methods on 5, 6, 8 and 10 bells. No more from an even more comprehensive list could be squeezed on to one 12in. L.P. record.

He insinuates that the examples are not good enough for use for the purposes in-tended, although the record has not yet

been distributed.

His final paragraph, a sentence of 70 words, is difficult to follow but appears to be a criticism of ringing in connection with the Central Council's visit to Yorkshire. It has no relevance to the gramophone record.

Everyone who applied for one of these records before the closing date will have their record posted to them. I am confident that most of those who took advantage of this opportunity will obtain great pleasure and satisfaction from their purchase.

I estimate that this project, when completed, will have taken up some 250 hours of my own time in organisation, including artist's work on cover and notes, correspondence, negotiation, administration, practical aspects and final dispatch of 250 records all over Britain, the Commonwealth and U.S.A.

My own car, expensive tape recorder. etc., has been in use for dozens of hours on this task—all "for free," to further the work of the Council and produce a useful and economically priced aural aid.

In addition, Mr. Clive M. Smith has put in a vast amount of time in recording and producing the master tape for the record. Many other colleagues have rendered valuable assistance in various ways, especially in travelling considerable distances, free of charge, to take part in recording sessions. Even at labourers' rates of pay all the

GREATER LONDON TOWERS

Dear Sir,—In his letter in the issue of June 26 Mr. C. H. Rogers raises a matter of general interest. I share his pleasure in the listing of towers in the 4th edition of Dove by their old familiar parish names. but I have misgivings about the system of locating them. The location of a tower according to its new London borough is not helpful, for some of the new names are not well known, and some are quite misleading in relation to the older places they comprise. Nor are the London postal district numbers any better, for they are not in topographical order, and in any case they are being superseded by postal codes.

I think ringers in general are concerned with where a tower is, rather than the local authority which collects the rates, or the number of the local sorting office. Within the lifetime of many people still living, and for over a thousand years before, every place in England (the City of London excepted), was identified by its "county," which is the Norman equivalent of the Old English "shire"—and the "shires" of Middlesex, Essex, Surrey and Kent were even then so old and so well established that they did not need that

I therefore put forward a suggestion for the continuance of this historic and still common usage, and for the disregarding of local government boundaries, which (as we have seen twice in 80 years) are liable to drastic changes. I am sure if the Exercise is generally in favour. Mr. Dove will consider following suit.—Yours faithfully, Westminster, S.W. T. G. HAWKINS

THE ROTHERHITHE ROPES

Dear Sir,-It was rather unfortunate that your correspondent made a public issue of what is a simple domestic matter.

Until comparatively recently, the bells of St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, were considered almost unringable. At least four of the ropes were lent by various people, who presumably retrieved their property a short time before the Monday in question.

The Saturday peal band, knowing the neglected state of the bells, and that ropes would be missing or in poor condition, brought their own. Only three Rotherhithe ropes were in the tower, both before and after the peal attempt.

Had the band known that ringing was to take place the following evening they would. no doubt, have been able to take steps to ensure that the congregation and ringers for the "Mayflower" service were not disappointed.—Yours faithfully,

London, S.E. JOHN PLADDYS.

TAPES WANTED

Dear Sir,—I have received a request from friend in South Africa for a tape of hymn tunes played on English church bells. He realises that this is not quite a proper request to make to a change ringer, but asks me to do my best.

Local inquiries have proved fruitless, so I am wondering if anyone can provide such a tape. I will gladly pay the cost.—Yours faithfully,

Westminster, S.W. T. G. HAWKINS.

above would imply either an expense to the Council or a much higher-priced record.

The continuance of voluntary work on the scale referred to above is not encouraged by letters such as that written by Mr. Harold Chant.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN CHADDOCK Market Weighton, Yorks.

FALSE COMPOSITION

Dear Sir.-It has been brought to my notice that the composition of 5088 Yorkshire Surprise Major by Richard J. Parker, published in The Ringing World of December 30, 1966, page 868, is false. I therefore wish to withdraw a peal of Yorkshire rung at Maldon, Essex, on April 5, 1969, and published in your issue of May 2, 1969. My apologies to all concerned.

I cannot recollect seeing in print any announcement to the effect that this composition was false (I may, however, have overlooked it), neither have I noticed any other peal withdrawals, although the composition has been rung by at least one other band. If this assumption is correct perhaps someone could explain the long silence, or is the falseness so obvious that every potential conductor has spotted it immediately?—Yours faithfully,

Danbury, Essex. J. E. G. ROAST.

TRUE HARMONIC TUNING

Dear Sir,—Replying to the most interesting and informative letter from "A. C." (Ringing World, July 17, 1970), founders had been striving for scientifically tuned bells from about 1300, but it was not until late in the 15th century that any practical progress was made. In 1477 Gleitz, an organist, recorded the harmonics of a bell in Erfurt, and the earliest treatise on the subject appeared in Venice in 1540, followed in 1636 by the "Harmonicorum libri" of Mersenne which, with a commentary by Billon, was drawn upon by Hemony.

Peter van den Gheyn is usually credited with having brought the third and fifth partial tones into agreeable relationship and the small carillon of 24 bells cast in 1554 now in the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, is an interesting example of his work.

I cannot accept the statement of "A. C" that Hemony's bass bells are poor and his treble bells "wildly out of tune" as, again to quote Starmer, such bells would have "a deplorable effect if used in the carillon" and, quite apart from my own opinion, it is impossible for me to believe that such famous carillons as Mechlin, Utrecht and Amsterdam would have been accepted for three centuries by carilloneurs of the calibre of Jef Denyn, Anton Brees, Lefevere, Cees Roeloffs and others, nor would the City of Amsterdam have invited the Hemony brothers to establish themselves therein in 1654 backed by a free foundry of small bells, I feel that the clear, bright "singing" tones of these in the Hemony carillons are preferable to the shrill "plonk" that modern founders seem to be producing, and even with the three to five hundredweight trebles of swinging rings the shrill caterwaul, in many cases, leaves much to be desired. Again, to borrow from the anonymous compiler of the Handbook to Bournville Carillon, 1934, "the treble bells so often hard and shrill." As regards the business methods of the Hemony brothers, "A. C." may be thinking of their apprentice Melchior de Haze, who copied their tuning methods and was much more of a high pressure salesman.

Whilst I have no wish to obscure the contribution of the Taylor family to the science of true harmonic tuning, I was not aware that they had already developed this before the advent of Canon Simpson but, again, this must have been late in the 19th century, nearly 200 years after the time of the Hemonys, to whom, I still feel, the pioneering credit must be given.—Yours faithfully, W. E. BOX. faithfully,

Birmingham 17.

Handbell Ringers of Great Britain

Impressions of the Fifth Annual Rally

Wyggeston Boys' Grammar School, Leicester, was the venue this year and the day was warm and clear, very pleasant

after the long, cold winter.

The proceedings opened by the Lord Mayor were immediately followed by the host team (The Beltonians) ringing a piece for bells, organ and voices, specially written for the occasion, with words added as a welcome to all visitors.

Following this the 1st Alton Company of the Boys' Brigade gave us "Heykin's Serenade," a piece nicely played. Ashover ringers then gave a nursery rhyme selection which was tuneful and quite well executed, if a little too slow at times. This was followed by six young ladies in smart green dresses, who hailed from Hyde Lea and Coppenhall, who treated us to an arrangement of "Ten Pretty Girls," which was well played.

Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar have two bands. The juniors played "The Bell Polka," while the seniors chose "Euturpe Mazurka," and both are to be congratulated on their good striking and presentation. Burnham (Bucks) "A" band played "Doh, Ray, Me," and the "B" band played "Bobbie Shaftoe," both with success, but a little more practice might help (or could it have been stage fright?). This is not always confined to youngsters; older ones get it, too, but don't worry, boys and girls, you looked as striking as any band in the room, with your smart white dresses and emerald green sashes.

Cannington ringers then treated us to "Country Gardens"—their striking was excellent and they kept a steady beat through-

An arrangement 1 liked, called "Donau Wellen" (Waves of the Danube), by the Charnwood ringers, was next on the programme, and was effectively presented, although it could have been a little louder. By way of contrast, no one could accuse the Kingsbury ringers of this fault. They played an air from Handel's "Water Music," which came over very clearly in-deed. Ecclesfield School treated us to "Waltz of the Flowers" (Tschaikowsky) and the runs on the treble bells, both up and down, were a real treat to listen to.

Great Glen ringers chose the "Bluebells of Scotland," their striking being very good indeed, but I thought their bells a trifle too loud, which made for harshness. They would have been more effective no doubt had the ringers not been quite so vigorous.

I was intrigued to meet "The Hoodeners" of Folkestone, a band of four young ladies and two gentlemen, all dressed in period costume (white stockings and black cloaks), who rang a Christmas selection which in-cluded "Silent Night." Whilst this was going on one of the gentlemen donned a costume with a wooden horse's head at the The mouth of the horse was arranged to open, and could be fed with coin of the realm! This custom is peculiar to East Kent and is of great antiquity. The Hooden Horse is taken around at Christmas time by carters and wagoners who collect with the "Horse" after ringing handbells and singing carols, and it may also be seen accompanying the East Kent Morris Men at Whitsun and Michaelmas. "If ye the Hooden Horse do feed, throughout the year ye shall not need."

The Hamlet Ringers (two ladies who played "Four-in-Hand) next played a Brahms waltz in A flat, and did it very well, especially when it is realised that only two persons and four hands were involved! St. Peter's, Henley, chose an arrangement of "Holsworthy Bells" with rounds and Queens changes, and this was a nice piece and well presented. It was followed by ringers of Higher Walton with an arrangeringers of Higher Walton with an arrangement of "Morning Town Ride," which was a little subdued at times. Nothing like this could be said of the ringers of New Parks Boys' School, Leicester, who followed with "Heykin's Serenade," for this was presented very vigorously indeed. More "pianissimo" would have reduced some of the brassy jangle and would have improved this presentation a great deal.

The Loughborough Collegians, four charming ladies, then rang two very pleasant pieces—"Fine Knacks for Ladies" and "Come again, sweet love of my life," and were followed by St. Thomas's ringers, Moorside, who rang William Gordon's "Championship Polka," giving a creditable performance. The Octavius Wigram ringers then rang, what was to me, a very fine arrangement of "Land of Hope and Glory." The Offenham ringers chose the "Heatherbell Polka," in which they kept good time and struck their bells very well, if a trifle too loudly at times.

The band from St. Mary's, South Reddish, have only recently been formed and I was most pleased with their rendering of Tschaikowsky's "Italian Serenade." Rich's Ringers comprise nine young folk who had chosen a Russian melody—"How Great Thou Art," quite a solemn and moving piece, nicely rendered and well presented. A complete contrast was shown by the ringers of St. Mary's, Sileby, with "Elizabethan Serenade" (Binge), which they delivered with very good striking, but I have the other trees they are their expectations. thought the effect was rather spoiled by the vigour of the performers and the number and brassiness of the bells used in the harmonics.

Silverdale (Lancs) had made the long journey from their sylvan village at the edge of Morecambe Bay and they looked very smart in their crimson jackets. They rendered a little number called "The Wayside Chapel," which was new to most if not all the audience. That delightful little melody "Cubley Brook" was next played by the "Sound in Brass" on their highly polished set of bells recently renovated. vated. There was some good striking by these ringers and their treble runs were excellent. Quite a high standard was achieved by the Staverton ringers, who treated us to a selection of Old Favourite Tunes.

Stokesay ringers have a good set of bells on which they played "In a Monastery Garden," and it was rung with care and great feeling. The band from St. George's, Wilton, chose a most appropriate piece, "Rule Britannia," for their contribublete, Rule Billamia, for their contribu-tion, and this popular arrangement was ably played on their tuneful bells. St. Michael's, Winterbourne, next gave a lively little arrangement of "Drink Up Thee Zyder," and this was followed by seven young ladies from Warnham in multicoloured dresses, who together with their leader played a Gavotte, "The Musical Box" (Gossec). They have a lovely set

of bells and could use them to some purpose, their striking and general timing being well-nigh perfect. The last of the afternoon performers were the Black Country Ringers with Handel's "Harmonious Blacksmith"; this was well arranged and presented with care.

Following tea, a departure from the usual at these functions was a concert, in which four of the larger and more experienced bands had been asked to play, each for about half an hour. Unfortunately Thurlstone had to withdraw as one of their key ringers had cut the top of one of his fingers. Fortunately the Beltonians agreed to fill the gap.

Playing six tunes, in groups of two, Ealing Ringers (43 bells, 12 ringers) commenced with a "Gavotte in D" by Bach. and the precision and care with which the and the precision and care with which the ringers struck their bells was a lesson that could be studied by other four-in-hand ringers. Their other tunes were "Chicka-biddy." "Butterflies in the Rain," "Dreamringers. Their other tunes were "Chickabiddy," "Butterflies in the Rain," "Dreaming." "Trumpet Tune and Air" and "Minuet in G" (Beethoven); the last piece I can only describe as of intricate loveli-

So, too, was the rendering of "Lead Kindly Light" by the Norbury (Hazel Grove) Ringers (140 bells, 10 ringers), an arrangement with variations of the well-known hymn tune. "Trudie," a lively and jolly piece, followed, after which Wagner's Stirring march from "Tannhauser" and Chopin's peaceful "Etude" were rung. Norbury finished their selection with part of Rossini's overture to "William Tell" (a newly arranged and excellently played piece) and the familiar "Blue Bell Polka."

Ecclesfield Ringers (163 bells, 11 ringers) in a way in which they make it look so easy (but isn't) also played six arrangements. After a march, "King Edward VII," and "Classical Extracts" came the highspot of the whole day, the overture "Caliph of Bagdad" (Boieldieu). The arrangement and presentation was absolutely Mozart's "Minuet and Waldteufel's "Skater's Waltz" followed, and finally a most fascinating arrangement of "Old War-Time Tunes." The applause after each item was fully justified, and the audience were loth to let them go!

The fourth team, The Beltonians, have ten ringers using 74 bells and a very capable performer on the electric organ. They blend well and, in contrast to the other three teams, treated us to an excellent selection of popular tunes, which in-cluded this year's Eurovision winner, "All cluded this year's Eurovision winner, "All Kinds of Everything." Other tunes played were "Years may come, Years may go," "Two Little Boys," "Marching Through Georgia," "The Happy Wanderer." "Moulin Rouge," "Trumpet Voluntary," "God Bless the Prince of Wales," and finally that most popular of handbell pieces, the Gallop from "Orpheus in the Underworld."

So ended another handbell ringers' rally, a day with so much packed into it. Our thanks to our hosts for all the work they put in to make the day go so smoothly (including feeding all 700!). It was indeed grand to meet old and new friends, all enthusiastic music-makers in this peculiarly English way. The Handbell Ringers of English way. The Handbell Ringers of Great Britain is a flourishing concern, with many up-and-coming youngsters to carry on when their time comes.

"Praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals," says Psalm 150, and there is

nothing I like better!

JINGLING GEORDIE.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

Colston Bassett, Notts.—July 13, 2592 P.B. Major: N. E. Green 1, De. Stainsby 2, A. E. Clayton 3, D. W. Flower 4, M. A. Rose (cond.) 5, B. J. Buil 6, H. G. Wells 7, P. L. R. Hayward 8. A peal called round.

DATE TOUCH

Goring-by-Sea, Sussex.—July 11, 1970 Grandsire Doubles: Caroline L. Jones 1, H. C. Weaver 2, G. R. Hill 3, H. D. Butler 4, R. H. Cox (arr. and cond.) 5, L. F. Ensor (first attempt) 6. A farewell to the Vicar (Rev. P. Curgenven; also an engagement compliment to Miss Moya C. Keys and Mr. Graham R. Hills.

THREE IN A DAY July 11, 1970

Spetisbury, Dorset. — 1260 Doubles (11 methods): D. B. Ellery 1, S. I. Bamforth (first Doubles) 2, M. J. Dew (most methods) 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, O. Homewood 5.

Compton Abbas, Dorset.—1260 Doubles (29 m/v): D. B. Ellery 1, M. J. Dew (most m/v) 2, S. I. Bamforth (most m/v) 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, O. Homewood 5.

Manston, Dorset.—1260 Doubles (35 m/v): D. B. Ellery 1, M. J. Dew (most m/v) 2, O. Homewood 3, M. J. Hiller (cond., most m/v) 4, S. I. Bamforth (most m/v) 5.

SIX IN A DAY Saturday, July 18th

Newhall, Derbys.—1260 Double Bob Minor: Hazel J. Nichols 1, R. M. Wilson 2, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 3, J. H. Sunderland 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 6. First in method by all. Birthday compliment to treble.

Alrewas, Staffs.—1344 Grandsire Triples: Jill Wilson (first on eight and in method) 1, J. H. Sunderland (first on eight) 2, Hazel J. Nichols 3, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 4, J. C. Allen (first inmethod inside) 5, R. M. Wilson 6, R. N. Scholes (first of Triples as cond.) 7, E. G. Slater 8.

Hoar Cross, Staffs.—1260 Bob Minor: R. N. Scholes (cond.) 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, R. M. Wilson 3, J. C. Allen 4, E. G. Slater 5, C. J. Mobbs 6.

Sudbury, Derbys. — 1260 Minor (Grandsire, Double Oxford): J. C. Allen 1, Hazel J. Nichols 2, J. H. Sunderland (first in more than one method) 3, E. G. Slater 4, R. M. Wilson 5, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 6.

Etwall, Derbys.—1296 Cambridge S. Minor: E. G. Slater 1, J. H. Sunderland (first Surprise) 2, J. C. Allen (first Surprise) 3, Hazel J. Nichols 4, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 5, C. J. Mobbs (cond.) 6

Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. — At St. Modwen's, 1344 Bob Major: R. M. Wilson 1, Hazel J. Nichols 2, J. H. Sunderland (first Major) 3, J. C. Allen (first Major) 4, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 5, R. N. Scholes 6, E. G. Slater 7, C. J. Mobbs (first Major as cond.) 8.

Aldermaston, Berks. — July 2, 1300 Doubles (six methods): P. Corderoy 1, M. Till 2, J. Hill 3, D. Livingston 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5.

Aldershot, Hants.—May 19, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Betty Stewart 1, Sylvia Tate-Mitchell 2, Margaret Lewis 3, D. Fox 4, Kathleen Fox 5, E. J. Futcher 6, W. H. Viggers 7, T. Page (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge S. Major for 2, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

Aldridge, Staffs.—June 21, 1260 Doubles (7 m/vs): Sylvia Langford 1, Cynthia Humphreys 2, R. Riley 3, J. P. Burton 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, S. Arrowsmith 6. For Evensong. Also June 27, 1260 Single Oxford Minor: Sylvia Langford 1, N. R. White 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, R. Riley 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. Also July 12, 1260 Doubles (4 m/vs): C. Jennings (first attempt) 1, N. R. White 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, J. P. Burton 4, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 5, R. Riley 6. For Evensong.

Atcham, Salop. — 1260 Kent T.B. and Bob Minor: K. W. Brice 1, Elizabeth Stevens 2, A. Pritchards 3, A. J. Molinoli 4, A. Glover 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6. For Matins.

Benhall, Suffolk.—July 19, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. D. Peters 1, M. J. Peters 2, T. Hughes (cond.) 3, R. P. Peters 4, M. Baldry 5, A. H. Archer 6. For Evensong; also 28th wedding anniversary compliment to Harry and Beatty Archer.

Bicker, Lincs. — July 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton (first quarter) 2, W. B. Dawson 3, D. Fensom 4, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 5, A. J. Singleton (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

Biggin Hill, Kent.—July 12, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Mrs. G. Collinge 1, Penny Kift 2, Julia Collinge 3, D. J. Stocker 4, P. R. Butler 5, P. A. Butler (cond.) 6.

West Wickham, Kent. — July 19, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: K. Gamm 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, S. H. Gay 3, M. S. Gay 4, P. R. Butler 5, P. A. Butler (cond.) 6.

Bilston, Staffs.—June 7, 1260 P. Bob Doubles: Susan A. Lewis (first quarter) 1, S. D. Russell 2, S. Yates (cond.) 3, R. M. Hodister 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, D. Walton 6. Also July 5, 1280 Bob Major: S. D. Russell (first in method) 1, I. A. Sheffield 2, D. Walton (first in method) 3, R. M. Hodister 4, A. J. Fletcher 5, C. J. Bennett 6, S. Yates (cond.) 7, P. G. K. Davies 8.

Binsted, Hants.—July 18, 1260 Doubles (three methods): R. Cross (first away from tenor) 1, Maureen Tipper 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Hughes 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5. K. Sansom 6. For Alton's 900th Festival.

Bournemouth, Hants. — St. Peter's, June 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen E. Fletcher 1, F. Price 2, C. Conway 3, D. T. Matkin (cond.) 4, R. G. Pike 5, R. Philpotts 6, R. A. Hutchings 7, E. J. Booth 8.

Bradpole, Dorset. — July 12, 1260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Hiller 1, D. B. Ellery 2, I. Calvert 3, Helen Haines 4, C. W. H. Powell (cond.) 5, O. Homewood 6, R. Haines 7, I. L. Andrews 8. For Evensong. 1 and 8 have circled tower to quarters.

Bridgerule, Devon. — 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Davison 1, Elizabeth Bowden 2, R. G. Pearce 3, Beatrice Boyle 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Stacey 6, R. Savory (cond.) 7, J. W. Sangwin 8. For the induction of Rev. P. L. Swalfield as vicar.

Burmarsh, Kent. — July 5, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. H. Fagg 1, Mrs. Watts 2, Mrs. Wratten (cond.) 3, Miss Rayner 4, B. Watts 5, B. Mercer 6. For Evensong and to welcome the Rev. D. E. and Mrs. Francis to the Romney Marsh Group.

Butleigh, Som.—July 18, 1260 Doubles (three methods): P. Reeves 1, F. Sandy (cond.) 2, J. Farthing 3, T. W. Look 4, D. Beaufoy 5, C. Vowles 6. First on the bells since rehanging. Bath and Wells Association 80th anniversary.

Castor, Peterborough. — July 12, 1260 P.B. Minor: D. Banks (aged 11, first quarter) 1, Margaret Hill 2, C. Banks 3, K. Oliver 4, G. Oliver 5, F. Sismey (cond.) 6. For Mattins; also birthday compliments to J. H. Bluff (Stamford) and ringers of 5 and 6.

Crayford, Kent.—July 5, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. Bignell (14, first quarter) 1, Anne Tremain 2, Jill Dunmall 3, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 4, P. R. Down 5, W. E. Bond 6.

Ealing, Middx. — (St. Mary's) July 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. Sybil Aldridge 1, A. M. Stacey 2, Anne Horsford 3, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, P. N. Felton 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service; also 80th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, of Brighton.

Earl Shilton, Leics.—June 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Sturgess 1, G. A. Newton 2, Valerie Watts 3, T. K. Deacon 4, E. J. Pickering 5, C. M. Sturgess (cond.) 6, J. W. Lawrance 7, G. Wilkinson 8. A welcome to Rev. J. Taylor's daughter and family from Singapore.

Earl Soham, Suffolk. — July 11, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. D. Peters 1, M. Baldry 2, R. P. Peters 3, A. Ellis 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6. A 21st wedding compliment to Roger and Joan Peters.

Enfield, Middx.—St. Andrew's, July 19, 1260 Bob Minor: Linda J. West 1, N. Holtam 2, Margaret Twigg 3, R. Luxon 4, R. Wood 5, A. S. Baker (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Epsom, Surrey. — July 10, 1260 Bob Royal: Ann Williams 1, M. Mulvey 2, T. Shilton 3, Judy Weekes 4, J. Aronson 5, Frances Mulvey 6, P. Howard 7, M. Harbott 8, J. Davidge 9, C. Bainham (cond.) 10.

Friskney, Lincs. — July 19, 1260 Bob Minor: Valerie Shaw 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, E. Pickering 3, M. J. Belcher 4, P. G. Butler 5, G. H. Campling (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Glaston, Rutland. — July 19, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Anne L. Matthews (first quarter) 1, J. C. Hudson 2, L. Atton 3, R. J. Chantler 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. For family service.

Godshill, I.o.W. — July 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Creed (14, first quarter) 1, Elsie Wyatt 2, Kim Evans (15, first inside) 3, C. Denness 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5, A. Evans 6.

Great Dalby, Leics.—July 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Field 1, Mrs. D. A. Day 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, A. French 4, J. R. Ward 5. For Patronal Festival

Great Mongeham, Kent. — July 2, 1260 Bob Doubles: P. Hambrook (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, Miss S. Rusdell (first quarter) 3, F. A. Rye 4, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 5, K. Gatland (first quarter) 6. For Patronal Festival.

Great Totham, Essex.—July 19, 1260 Minor (720 Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): D. Knewstub 1, W. Mills 2, F. Shynn 3, A. Dixon 4, J. Shynn (cond.) 5, B. Keeble 6. For morning service; also a wedding compliment to Maureen Barber and Tony Poulter, married the previous day.

High Littleton, Som. — June 18, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Willcox 1, Mrs. H. Kimber 2, Mrs. E. Ford 3, A. Coombs 4, H. Coombs 5, M. J. Orman (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For 90th birthday (this day) of Mrs. Gait, wife of tower captain.

Hodnet, Salop.—July 18, 1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Gee (first attempt) 1, J. Powell (first inside) 2, Rachel Gee 3, P. Everall (first of Plain Bob) 4, R. E. Morris (cond.) 5, G. Mothershaw 6. Also July 19, 1260 Bob Doubles: Noeleen Mothershaw (first Doubles) 1, J. Powell 2, Rachel Gee 3, P. Morris 4, R. E. Morris (cond.) 5, G. Mothershaw 6. Both for flower festival. Also a compliment to Mair and Gerald Mothershaw on the birth of a daughter, Sarah Ellen, on July 7th.

Hillingdon, Middx. — July 12, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Claudia A. Critchley 1, Marjorie Hill 2, R. K. Russ 3, J. Walters 4, A. J. Strathdee 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, G. W. Critchley 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Hughenden, Bucks. — July 12, 1260 Bob Minor: I. Coles (first quarter) 1, D. A. Cornwall (cond.) 2, A. R. Blaby 3, P. Newton 4, A. Newton 5, R. Biggs 6, R. H. Newton 7 (covering).

Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.—June 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K. Mary Lambert 1, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 2, H. W. Brown 3, D. Kirkcaldy (first as cond.) 4, J. N. Lambert 5, J. R. Norris 6, J. Kirkcaldy (25th quarter) 7, R. J. Tribe 8. For Evensong.

King's Bromley, Staffs. — July 14, 1260 Bob Minor: E. Edginton 1, Mrs. M. Smith 2, R. Ridley 3, A. Marson 4, G. Roobottom 5, J. Smith (cond.) 6. A wedding anniversary compliment for Margaret and John Smith.

Ingoldmells, Lincs.—July 19, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Stow (first quarter) 1, G. H. Campling (cond., 50th quarter) 2, Valerie Shaw 3, E. Pickering 4, G. R. G. Butler 5, M. J. Belcher 6. First on the bells.

Lapley, Staffs.—July 3, 1320 Spliced Rev. St. Bart. and Bob Doubles: S. Illidge 1, J. P. Burton (100th quarter) 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, S. G. Pick (cond.) 4, P. R. Johnson 5.

Cond.) 4, P. R. Jonnson 5.
Lichfield, Staffs.—St. Mary's, July 12, 1280
Yorkshire S. Major: Miss J. Sanders 1, Miss P.
Sedgwick 2, C. T. Collins 3, Miss M. Elwood 4,
J. H. Allen 5, A. P. Sheldon 6, L. Monk 7, J. B.
Webb (cond.) 8. First of Yorkshire 6 and 7.

Llandaff, Glam. — May 24, at the Cathedral, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Morris (first quarter) 1, Anne Cooke 2, Zoe MacMillan 3, F. W. Corney 4, S. Fenwick (cond.) 5, J. Clatworthy 6. Also May 31, 1312 Bob Major: Anne Cooke 1, Mary Pryor 2, F. J. Bailey 3, D. Cormell 4, N. A. James 5, N. W. H. Simon 6, J. M. Lakin 7, S. Fenwick (cond.) 8. Also July 5, 1260 Stedman Triples: Anne Cooke 1, Mary Pryor 2, Shelagh Plumb (first of Stedman) 3, N. A. James 4, D. Mackay 5, J. Clatworthy 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, D. G. Clift 8. All for Evensong.

London, W.C .- (St. Clement Danes), July 12, 1277 Grandsire Caters: B. J. Read 1, Mrs. Trotter 2, Mrs. H. E. Oatway 3, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 4, Miss S. E. M. Davies 5, Mrs. F. Mulvey 6, M. Mulvey 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, R. Cademy 9, G. Trotter 10.

Longhope, Glos. - June 11, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: J. Long (cond.) 1, R. Smith 2, B. Paton 3, R. Davis 4, L. Meadows 5, R. Griffiths 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Brown, mother of the tower captain.

Lympne, Kent .- July 5, 1260 Little and Plain Bob: Elizabeth Todd 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, M. J. Taylor 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Evensong. Also July 12, 1260 Little and Plain Bob: B. G. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, M. J. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

Lytchett Matravers, Dorset. — June 27, 1260 Bob Minor: G. White (first Minor) 1, Velma Fry (first inside) 2, L. H. Pink 3, C. Ridout 4, M. Lawson 5, M. J. Dew (cond.) 6.

Mansfield, Notts. — July 5, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. Adcock 1, W. Adcock 2, J. Adcock 3, A. Brown 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, J. Robinson 8. For the Flower and Music Festival.

Marlesford, Suffolk. — July 12, 1260 Bob Doubles: G. Finch 1, H. Vince 2, M. J. Peters 3, R. P. Peters 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6. For Evensong; also birthday compliment to third.

Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs. - July 10, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: L. Monk 1, Miss M. Elwood 2, Mrs. L. Smith 3, C. T. Collins 4, J. Dolman 5, J. B. Webb (cond.) 6.

Melton Mowbray, Leics.—July 14, 1260 Bob Doubles: R. D. Day (first quarter) 1, Mrs. D. A. Day 2, W. Clamp 3, R. E. Manton (cond.) 4, J. R. Ward 5, A. Jesson (first quarter) 6.

Mildenhall, Wilts. — July 16, 1290 Doubles (four methods): M. H. Jackson 1, Frances Craig / 2, Ann Toomer 3, Margaret Bowman 4, T. R. Jones (cond.) 5, S. W. Hale 6. Most methods for 1, 2 and 6 and as conductor. By Marl-borough Grammar School pupils.

Newbold-on-Avon, Warks.—July 13, 1260 Bob Minor: Carol A. Eveleigh 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, P. M. Edgson 4, J. G. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6. 80th birthday compliment to Mr. P. F. Gibbs, 30 years a lay reader.

Newport. — Ali Saints', July 13, 1440 Bob Minor: R. Bustin 1, L. Bainham 2, M. Esbester 3, P. Chambers 4, R. Wallace 5, A. Bainham (first in method as cond.) 6.

Papanui, New Zealand. — St. Paul's, July 11, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: Gillian Spence 1, R. Stevens 2, Mary Spence 3, Jillian Richardson 4, J. R. Williams 5, R. H. Idle (cond.) 6. First in the method ever rung in New Zealand.

Patrington, Yorks.—July 5, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Mrs. R. W. Sherriff 1, R. Horton 2, Maris C. Stephenson 3, R. D. Gibson 4, R. W. Sherriff 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, I. G. Campbell 7, R. Ducker (cond.) 8. For Evensong and Holderness R.D.C. Civic Service.

Pulham Market, Norfolk. — May 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Boast 1, T. Simmons 2, C. Arnold 3, A. G. Harrison 4, F. Sutton 5, O. P. Claxton 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, A. C. W. Roope 8. To welcome Charles William Arthur, son for Mr. and Mrs. A. C. W. Roope.

Rainham, Kent. - July 19, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss B. Hawkes (first Minor) 1, F. J. Cheal 2, H. Deacon 3, N. A. Crane 4, J. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

Redgrave, Suffolk .- July 4, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Flatman 1, T. G. Boast 2, S. Holman 3, F. Roper 4, D. G. Boast 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Ruth Naoml Storrs and F/O Terr Bufton.

Rostherne, Cheshire. — July 9, 1260 Bob Minor: M. Foulds (cond.) 1, B. F. Trueman 2, P. Boucher 3, W. Birmingham, jun. 4, P. Broad-bent 5, R. F. Andrew 6.

Rotherham, Yorks.-July 12, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: R. Harper 1, G. A. Holroyd 2, Marianne Baker 3, C. Newton 4, M. S. Turner 5, M. A. Beaumont 6, S. Armeson 7, D. Nichols

Rushall, Staffs.—July 13, 1260 Bob Minor: Hilary Powell (first Minor) 1, S. Yates (cond.) 2, I. A. Sheffield 3, A. J. Fletcher 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, C. J. Bennett 6.

St. David's, Pembs.—The Cathedral, July 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. H. Davies 1, L. Sarah Green 2, Stephanie Martin 3, Linda Wilkinson 4, N. W. H. Simon 5, T. Jones 6, D. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, G. Pick 8. First Triples 1, 2 and 3. For Evensong.

Salcombe, Devon. - Youth Hostel, June 23, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. H. Youdale 1-2, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 3-4, S. C. Walters 5-6, J. T. Parsons 7-8. First of Stedman Triples in hand for all. Rung on U.B.S.C.R. Summer Tour.

Scunthorpe, Lincs.—July 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. E. Finn 1, J. Selby 2, Miss F. A. Lacey (first inside) 3, W. Bains 4, S. Selby 5, F. T. Lacey 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, P. Lacey 8.

Selborne, Hants.—July 18, 1260 Doubles (7 methods): Canon C. Elliot Wigg 1, Mary White 2, Betty Daysh 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett For 250th anniversary of the birth of Gilbert White, Naturalist and Historian.

Seale, Surrey.—May 20, 1260 Bob Doubles: Vivien Martin 1, Julia Phelps (first Inside) 2, Marilyn Reay 3, R. C. Backhurst 4, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 5, Anka Rowe 6.

Shrewsbury, Salop.-St. Mary's, July 19, 1259 Grandsire Caters: D. Smith 1, Mrs. E. Stevens 2, R. H. Newton 3, Miss P. C. Stocken 4, A. Glover 5, L. D. K. Roberts 6, P. J. Evans 7, E. Stevens R. C. Stevens (cond.) 8, E. F. Willcox 9, J. Crum 10. For Evensong.

Shustoke, Warks. — June 3, 1440 Single Oxford Minor: S. G. Pick (cond.) 1, Daphne Appleby 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, N. R. White 4, R. Riley 5, J. P. Burton 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal for ten years.

Southampton. — St. Mary's, July 5, 1295 Grandsire Caters: Joy Butler 1, J. S. Croft 2, Mrs. M. Croft 3, B. V. Butler 4, K. S. Croft 5, C. J. Butler 6, R. R. Savory 7, J. R. Faithfull 8, M. J. Butler (cond.) 9, P. Faithfull 10. In memoriam John W. Faithfull, captain for over 30 years.

South Lopham, Norfolk. - July 4, 1260 Bob Minor: A. W. Foreman 1, S. Flatman 2, A. Cooke 3, T. G. Boast 4, D. G. Boast 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. For fifth anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

Standon, Herts.—July 13, 1296 Minor (three methods): R. Hayden 1, L. Luck 2, P. C. Warboys 3, P. J. Glazebrook 4, R. F. Prime 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6.

Stratton, Cornwall.—July 12, 1260 Stedman Triples: M. Wycherley 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden Triples: M. Wycherley 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, Beatrice M. Boyle 3, S. Darvill 4, J. Conduct 5, R. Savoury 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, C. Sangwin 8. Also 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. E. Chilton 1, J. W. V. Conduct 2, Miss B. M. Boyle 3, Mrs. M. E. Synder 4, H. Heard 5, R. Savory 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, H. Trewin 8. Halfmuffled in memoriam David Hockin, a server at First of Oxford Bob Triples for all the church. except 2 and 6.

Swanwick, Derbys .- July 14, 1260 Bob Minor: R. J. Sterland 1, D. A. Hanbury 2, D. J. Walters E. Martin 4, E. J. Sterland 5, M. Foulds (cond.) 6. For the Flower Festival.

Symondsbury, Dorset.—July 8, 1296 Beverly S. Minor: I. Calvert 1, Helen Haines 2, D. B. Ellery 3, C. W. H. Powell 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, R. Haines 6.

Thetford, Norfolk.-May 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Boast 1, A. G. Harrison 2, A. Cook 3, F. Sutton 4, N. Watson 5, R. Lubbock 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, D. G. Boast 8. To welcome Melanie and Andrea Bull, twin grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fuller.

Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex.-July 4, 1260 Plain Bob: C. P. Robinson 1, Doreen Robinson 2, C T. Williams 3, E. Potter 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, D V. Robinson (cond.) 6.

Trumpington, Cambs. — July 11, 1274 Bob Trumpington, Cambs. — July 11, 1274 Bob Triples: R. A. Currell 1, A. J. M. Brookes (first quarter) 2, Pat Hurworth 3, R. I. West 4, J. W. R. Quinney 5, M. R. Ling 6, M. R. Kitson (first Triples as cond.) 7, A. Kellock 8. First Bob Triples 5, 6. Also July 18, 1288 Bob Triples: A. Kellock 1, A. J. M. Brookes 2, Pat Hurworth A. Kellock 1, A. J. M. Brookes 2, Pat Hurworth 3, Stephanie Boddy 4, R. W. Balls (first Bob Triples) 5, R. I. West 6, M. R. Kitson (arr. and cond.) 7, R. A. Currell 8.

Ulceby, Lincs.—July 5, 1260 Bob Minor: R. A. Gillies 1, Pat Medley 2, D. Gough 3, J. Humphrey 4, T. Getty 5, S. C. Hopkins (first as cond.) 6. For Family Communion.

Walnole St. Pater, Norfolk — Lily 6, 1260 Reb.

Walpole St. Peter, Norfolk.—July 6, 1260 Bob Minor: P. Butler 1, G. H. Campling 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, M. J. Belcher H. Barsley (cond.) 6.

Weldon, Northants.—July 19, 1260 Doubles (eight methods): Sheila M. Hope 1, Susan M. Fitton 2, R. L. E. Newby 3, Susan Kemp 4, R. A. Webster (cond.) 5, Penny A. McCreadie 6. For Feast Sunday.

Feast Sunday.

Wembdon, Som.—July 18, 1260 Bob Doubles:
Miss A. Burt 1, T. Allen 2, M. Fackrell 3, J. P.
Hill 4, G. Nabb (cond.) 5, M. Krajniewski 6.
Whaplode, Lincs.—July 14, 1440 Spliced
Minor (five methods): G. W. Burrell 1, M. J.
Belcher 2, G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling 4, A. E.
Flatters (cond.) 5, D. Wood 6.

Wilby, Suffolk.—July 18, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Sally E. V. Potter 1, A. G.
Feaver 2, R. Rose 3, J. A. Mayle 4, P. Mayle 5,
O. P. Claxton 6, B. E. Whiting 7, M. J. Rose
(cond.) 8. (cond.) 8

Winchester Cathedral, Hants,-July 12, 1299 Stedman Cinques: Jill Oakshott 1, Philippa Tubbs 2, Katharine Maundrell 3, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 2, C. H. Kippin 5, G. Cooper 6, W. J. Young 7, J. C. Davidge 8, G. C. Grant 9, R. H. Youdale 10, P. N. Tubbs 11, R. Abbott 12. For Patronal Festival.

Festival.

Woodbury, Devon.—July 15, 1260 Grandsire
Triples: A. J. Gooding 1, Mrs. P. Bushell 2, Mrs.
M. Mack 3, C. L. Barr (cond.) 4, R. Bushell 5,
M. Cain 6, F. D. Mack 7, J. Gooding 8.

Yatton, Som.—July 18, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Mary Lawrence 1,
Mrs. L. C. Porter (first in method) 2, T. D.

Mary Lawrence 2, Mary Lawrence 1,

Hawkings 3, Mrs. J. Gallop (first In method) 4, E. D. Hawkins (first as cond.) 5, J. Trevelyan (first attempt) 6, S. G. Smith 7, L. J. Lawrence To celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Ringing Association.

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The diocesan summer festival was held on July 11 at Bodmin. All the branches of the guild were represented and the president and ringing master, Messrs. Alan Carveth and W. C. Boucher respectively, were present. Over 100 attended the service and tea, including visitors from Bristol, Taunton and Oxford. The vicar (Canon G. W. S. Harmer) conducted the service, based on the guild office. Amongst the apologies for absence were those from Mr. Locke (assistant ringing master) and Mr. C. W. Denyer (The Ringing World editor).
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2 Albert M. Tyler

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12 Philip A. F. Chalk

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIGGLESWADE, Beds, St. Andrew. Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (13½ cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Keith R. Webb 2 Trevor W. Groom

3 Anthony H. Smith (Conductor)

4 David Hope

5 Edgar T. Skipsey 6 Martin Major 7 David R. Saunderson

8 Philip Mehew

OLD WARDEN, Beds, St. Leonard. Mon., June 1, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9 cwt.)

5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR (Four extents and one 2160.)

1 Edgar T. Skipsey

2 Anthony H. Smith (Conductor) 3 Keith R. Webb

4 Martin Major

5 Jack S. Dear 6 David R. Saunderson

OLD WARDEN, Beds, St. Leonard. Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (9 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(Seven extents.) 1 Charlotte M. Harris 2 Michael J. Down

3 David Hope

4 Edgar T. Skipsey

5 Philip Jewell

6 Anthony H. Smith (Conductor)

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, St. James. Tues., July 7, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (181 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Stephen Ivin

*2 Linda Fleming
3 Ronald J. Sharp
4 Anthony H. Smith
5 Edgar T. Skipsey

6 Robert R. Churchill

7 Keith H. Fleming 8 C. Michael Orme

*First of Bristol. Birthday peal for Ronald J. Sharp.

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Mon., July 13, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (29 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Original.)

1 Martin Major 2 Linda Fleming

3 Robert R. Churchill

5 Keith H. Fleming
6 David R. Saunderson
7 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

8 C. Michael Orme After meeting late for Royal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, St. Peter.

Sat., April 25, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8 cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Ruth Fairbrother Sidney Hough

3 Brian Schofield 4 Denis Mottershead

5 Edward Fairbrother

6 Timothy Wylie 7 F. John Nelson

8 Neil D. Lomas (Conductor)

BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (14½ cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Ian Holland.

Paul J. Atkins
Norman Sherratt (Conductor)

3 Mandi McCallion

4 Derek Yates

5 Raymond J. Ballard

6 Harold Dowler

7 Walter Sherratt 8 William Dowse

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire, All Saints.

Thur., June 18, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (81 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 Roland W. Morant

*2 Geoffrey A. Edwards 3 Paul J. Atkins

4 Frank R. Morton *5 Frederick S. Sutton 6 Ivor R. Nicholls

7 Raymond J. Ballard (Conductor)

8 Roy Worrall *First in the method.

ALDFORD, Cheshire, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (13 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (11 methods: St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, also 12 variations and 2 spliced compositions).

1 Harry W. Howard

2 A. Doreen Edwards *3 John R. Scott (Conductor)

4 Frank R. Morton
5 Geoffrey A. Edwards
†6 Paul Maddock
*225th peal. †First of Doubles. A welcome to David John, son of Margaret and John Scott.

BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., July 18, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (14½ cwt.) 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. J. Sedgeley.

Michael Thomson

*2 Susan Davis 3 Eric Roughley *4 Peter Watson

5 Timothy Wylie 6 Michael Platt

7 Geoffrey R. Gardner (Conductor)

8 Denis Mottershead *First in the method.

HOOLE, Cheshire, All Saints.
Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (2 extents Kent T.B., Rev.
Canterous, 3 Plain Bob).

A. Doreen Edwards

2 Geoffrey A. Edwards 3 John R. Scott 4 Harry W. Howard 5 Paul Maddock

6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SAWLEY, Derbyshire, All Saints.
Sat., July 11, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (93 cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Taylor's 6-part.)

*1 Susan Phillips

2 Mrs. Cynthia Charter

*3 Ann Copley †4 Frederick Ward

‡5 Gordon Faulks

6 David Marshall (Conductor)

7 Alec Humphrey

8 David Camm *First peal. †First on 8. ‡First of Grand-

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1 D. Roy Bould 2 Diccon G. Pearce

3 Colin L. Barr

4 John A. Foster 5 Stephen G. Peirce

6 Frank D. Mack

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8 Norman Mallett

To celebrate the sailing of the "Mayflower."

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Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (11 cwt.)
5184 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR Composed by A. J. Cox.

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2 Josephine A. Brown
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7 John G. Gipson

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1 Peter J. Sawyer

†2 Peter Sloman

3 Yvonne A. Towler 4 Frank B. Lufkin 5 Adrian G. Semken 6 David E. Belcham

‡7 David Sloman 8 James L. Towler (Conductor)

*First of Surprise. †First of Surprise inside. ‡First in method. A compliment to Heather and Adrian Semken on the birth of a son, Michael John.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

GUILDFORD, Surrey, Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (303 cwt.) 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by Peter Border.

David E. Parsons

2 Joyce A. Parsons 3 Beryl R. Simpson 4 Rowan S. Bradley

*5 John Pladdys

6 Alan D. Flood7 Peter H. Mackie

*8 Norman Summerhayes
9 Michael J. Church
10 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)

*First of London Royal.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SARRATT, Herts, Holy Cross.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (5 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (6 extents Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob).

*1 Anne E. Thompson

*2 John R. Southey (Conductor)

*3 Clive W. Simpson

4 Maurice W. Thompson

5 Andrew C. D. Mayes

First of Doubles. †25th peal. To mark the birth of a daughter to Katherine and Robert Hardy.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., July 10, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15 cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Charles Middleton.
1 Christopher T. Osenton
2 Arthur G. Mason
3 Herbert E. Audsley
4 Frederick J. Cullum
5 Michael H. O'Callaghan
6 Trevor A. Cross
7 John W. Smith
*8 Peter S. Muchlinski (Conductor)
*Has circled the tower.

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HARRIETSHAM, Kent, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., July 11, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (12½ cwt.)

5088 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR
Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

*1 Alison M. A. Levick
2 Christopher T. Osenton
3 Colin J. E. Wyld
4 Martin L. Howe
5 John A. Howard
6 Simon A. B. Wigg

6 Simon A. B. Wigg 7 Peter S. Muchlinski (Conductor) 8 Colin A. Tester

*First of Major.

APPLEDORE, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul. Sun., July 12, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (12 cwt.) 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

*1 John A. Hemsley *2 Peter Richardson

*3 Richard A. Birch *4 Crawford T. Hillis 5 Robert Swift

*6 Philip R. Staples
7 Mark S. Lancefield (Conductor)

8 Nicholas J. Davies *First in the method.

LONDON, E.C., St. Lawrence, Jewry. Sun., July 19, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (25 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by John Pladdys.

Keith G. Game Valerie J. Howard

Alan D. Flood 4 Michael J. Uphill 5 John A. Howard 6 D. Paul Smith

7 Stanley Jenner 8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

Following the annual service of reconsecration.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

NEWHEY, Lancashire, St. Thomas. Tues., July 14, 1970, 2hr. 24min. (4½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1 Kathryn Lawson

2 B. Michael Boardman

Janet Lawson

4 Michael Fishwick (Conductor)

5 Derek Butterworth 6 Judith H. Butterworth

By the Sunday service band to welcome Rev. J. Henderson, inducted the previous evening.

WALKDEN, Lancashire, St. Paul.

Sun., July 19, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (18 cwt.) 5088 OSPRINGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

1 Joseph Thornley 2 Albert Greenhalgh

John Illingworth 4 James E. Andrews

5 Roy Jolley

6 Peter Bellamy-Knights
7 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)

8 John Ashcroft First in the method for all and for the association. To welcome the Rt. Rev. Patrick Roger as eighth Lord Bishop of Manchester.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants, St. Nicolas.

Sun., July 5, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10½ cwt.)
5080 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Composed by Roger G. Green.
Arranged by Christopher Forster.
1 Robert A. Beresford
2 John P. Ottaway

3 Richard J. Chantler *4 Rosamund M. Brown

*5 Alan M. Glover
*6 Gillian R. Cleaver
7 Michael G. Dodson
8 John J. Durham
†9 Roger G. Green (Conductor)
10 Christopher Forster

*First of Little Bob Royal. †First of Royal. First of Royal for society.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CHEPSTOW, Mon, St. Mary.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (16) cwt.) 5079 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Jacqueline S. King

Wilfred Williams 3 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 4 Albert M. Tyler

5 Stephen Fenwick 6 Donald G. Clift

7 David J. King (Conductor)
8 Emlyn F. Hancock
9 Tudor P. Edwards
10 Richard W. Owen

For the 100th birthday of Mr. E. J. King, grandfather of the conductor.

CARDIFF, Glam, St. John the Baptist. Thur., July 16, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (26 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by Stephen Fenwick.

*1 William T. Petty

2 Thomas Yeomans †3 Paul W. Thomas 4 Nevil James

‡5 R. Mark Esbester 6 Peter S. Bennett §7 Gwyn I. Lewis †§8 Alwyn R. Lewis 9 M. Jack Pryor

10 Stephen Fenwick (Conductor) *175th for the association. †First of Royal. First on ten bells. §50th together. A compliment to the Rt. Rev. T. M. Hughes, Assistant Bishop of Llandaff and a former vicar of St. John's, on his retirement.

BRIDGEND, Glam, St. Illtyd.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (16 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (1 240 and 40 extents.)
1 David Bounds

*2 Michael J. Clarke
3 William T. Petty (Conductor)
*4 H. Donald Bryant

5 Raymond J. Mayle 6 Graham A. Evans

*First inside. A wedding compliment to Felicity Goddard and Hugh Morgan, son of Rev. H. E. Morgan (vicar) and Mrs. Morgan.

NEWPORT, Mon, St. Woolos' Cathedral. Sat., July 18, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (22 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by P. S. Bennett.

1 Paul A. Williams
2 Gordon R. E. Wilkinson
3 Michael R. Meadows
4 Richard L. Wallace
†5 R. Mark Esbester
6 Peter N. Chambers
7 David Bile

7 David Pike

8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)
*First peal. †First of Bob Major.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD AND LONDON

HARROW WEALD, Middx, All Saints. Thur., July 16, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (73 cwt.) 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Harold Cashmore.

1 H. George Hart

2 Elsie K. Hart *3 Dorothea M. Robotham

4 Alick Cutler

5 Claudia A. Critchley 6 John Hill (Conductor)

*7 Brian C. Watson 8 Frank Reed *First in method.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HADDISCOE, Norfolk, St. Mary.

Thur., July 9, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (5 cwt.) **5040 DOUBLES**

(6 extents each Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob),
1 Rev. Peter N. Bond
*2 David Ralls

3 Frederick C. Gunton 4 Norman P. J. Cossey 5 H. William Barrett (Conductor) *First of Doubles in seven methods. farewell for David Ralls.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WARFIELD, Berks, St. Michael the Archangel.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (13\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5079 STEDMAN CATERS Arranged by R. A. G. Inglis.

1 J. Alan Ainsworth (Conductor)
2 A. Reginald Blaby

3 Frank C. Price *4 Susanne Sargeant

5 Arthur Newton 6 Derek Francis

7 Roland Biggs 8 Richard E. Dean 9 Sydney M. Bailey 10 Percy Newton.

*First in the method and first of Caters.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

HOOK NORTON, Oxon, St. Peter.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (20 cwt.) 5088 BEDFORDSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

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1 Kilby R. Holtom
2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
3 Roger W. Smith
4 Julian C. Parker
5 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
6 Raymond A. Vickers
7 Barry E. Saunders
8 Alan A. Paul
1 in the method by all and for the

First in the method by all and for the guild. For the Patronal Festival; also as a 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Holtom.

GAYTON, Northamptonshire, St. Mary, Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (131 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents, 14 methods: Carlisle and Munden; Rossendale and Stamford; Westminster and Allendale; London and Wells; York and Durham; Beverley and Surfleet; Cambridge and Primrose).

1 Martin Major *2 Joyce M. Clarke †3 Elizabeth Forster

4 Ronald J. Sharp

5 Donald Redfearn

6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
*First in more than one method and 25th peal. †First in 14 methods.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

CHISELDON, Wiltshire, Holy Cross.

Mon., July 13, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (13½ cwt.)
5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
1 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)
2 Anita D. O'Brien

*3 Ann Toomer

†4 Allan G. Keen ‡5 Maurice A. New

6 Brian Bladon

*First of Surprise. †First in the method. ‡First of London Minor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

PAINSWICK, Glos, St. Mary.

July 18, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (26½ cwt.) 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

1 Wilfred Williams (Conductor)
2 Norman J. Goodman

3 G. William Critchley

4 Christopher H. Rogers
5 Roderick W. Pipe
*6 David E. Rothera
*7 Michael J. Fellows
8 Terry R. Hampton
9 Maurice F. Edwards
10 George E. Fearn

11 David E. House

12 Peter Border *First of Maximus in the method. First of Bristol Maximus in the county.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CHESWARDINE, Salop, St. Swithun.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (8³/₄ cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Johnson's variation of Middleton's.)

1 David R. Hawksworth 2 Jennifer M. Beech

3 Frank Beech 4 Elizabeth Stevens

5 Neville R. Holland 6 Reginald H. Newton

7 Ian Friend

8 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor) Within the octave of the Patronal Festival.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, Notts, St. Winifred.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr 34min (9 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1 Albert Simpson
2 Trevor H. Kirkman
3 Robert A. Metcalfe
4 Reginald J. Stretton
5 Anthony E. Clayton
6 Peter L. R. Hayward (Conductor)

ORSTON, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B.. 2 Oxford Bob and 1 Plain Bob).

W. Gordon Marsh

2 Thomas G. Goodwin 3 Pamela J. Clifton

4 Thomas D. Greasley
5 Maurice W. Harrison
6 William L. Exton (Conductor)

Half-muffled in memoriam Albert Foster, over 30 years ringer and tower captain, founder member of the Bingham District.

SUFFOLK GUILD

WORLINGWORTH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

July 12, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12 cwt.) 5056 OXNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Arthur Knights.

1 Walter W. Miller

2 Dorothy M. Durrant

3 Muriel R. Page

Alan G. Feaver

5 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor) 6 Ernest G. Pearce

J. Martin Thorley 8 Adrian Knights

First by all and for the guild. Birthday compliments to George E. Symonds (95) and Dorothy Durrant.

STOWMARKET, Suffolk, SS. Peter & Mary.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (20 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.)

1 Rev. A. Arthur Muxlow 2 Jennifer M. Whittell

*3 F. Joan Muxlow

4 Alan R. Andrews
*5 David W. Barber
6 Neville F. Whittell
7 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)
8 Peter W. A. Muxlow

*First of Triples. For Stowmarket Carnival.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THAKEHAM, Sussex, St. Mary.

Mon., July 12, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (94 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (1 extent Single Oxford,
Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clements,
Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain
Bob).
1 Patrick M. Wills

2 Ruth E. Halford *3 Iain Davey

*4 Christopher Renyard

5 Philip Stevens
6 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)

*First in seven methods inside.

PULBOROUGH, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (13½ cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Susan M. Wills 2 Ruth E. Halford

3 Harold F. Wood 4 M. Iain Davey

5 Christopher Renyard

6 James H. Lilley 7 E. Winifred Keys

8 Patrick M. Wills (Conductor)
First as conductor. To mark the retirement
of Rev. G. H. W. Royle, rector for 25

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH **DIOCESAN GUILD**

BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, St. Peter.

Sun., July 5, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (201 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.) 1 Kathleen E. Fletcher

2 Colin Conway
3 Daniel T. Matkin (Conductor)
4 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay
5 Eric J. Booth

6 Ronald G. Pike

7 Richard A. Hutchings

†8 G. Richard Boyce

First of Triples. †First on 8. On the
125th anniversary of the church. A farewell to Kathleen Fletcher upon retirement.

HIGHCLERE, Hants, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Heywood's transposition.) *1 David Goss

*2 Michael J. Goss 3 Reginald W. Rex

4 Harry E. Wells
5 Geoffrey K. Dodd
*6 Peter L. Furniss

7 Robert B. Blond (Conductor) *8 Charles Taylor

*First of Stedman Triples. the centenary of the church. To celebrate

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., July 11, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (144 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (3 methods: 1760 Cambridge and Yorkshire, 1600 Lincolnshire, 84 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

- *1 Allan M. Jones 2 Clifford Skidmore
- *3 Margaret A. Swain 4 Morley P. Tobin *5 Reginald H. Newton
- 6 Robert Edwards
 7 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor)
 8 Martin D. Fellows

*First of Spliced Surprise.

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs, St. Cassian.

., July 11, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (16 cwt.) 5088 OXNEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by York Green.

John Whittall 2 Michael J. Uphill

3 Roger H. Hunt 4 Shirley M. Drew 5 Christopher Hims

6 David G. Franklin 7 Arthur C. Berry

8 Geoffrey R. Drew First in the method for all and for the association.

POWICK, Worcs, St. Peter.

Sat., July 11, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (23½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (4 methods: Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob).

1 Geoffrey R. Drew 2 Robert Cole 3 Martyn Hawkes

4 Roger H. Hunt

5 Christopher Hims 6 Michael J. Uphill (Conductor)

BREDON'S NORTON, Worcestershire, The Chapel of Ease to St. Giles.

Sun., July 12, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

*1 Freda Salter

2 Geoffrey J. Hemming †3 Morley P. Tobin †4 James Attwood, jun.

†5 Robert Edwards 6 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor) *First peal. †First of London Minor.

GREAT HAMPTON, Worcs, St. Andrew.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (12 cwt.) 5056 KINGSTHORPE S. MAJOR Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 Leonard Stilwell

2 Christopher Hims 3 Arthur C. Berry 4 Alan R. Pink

5 William Birmingham, jun.

6 William Birmingham, sen. 7 Roger H. Hunt

*8 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)
*300th peal. First in the method for all and for the association.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

NORTON, Malton, Yorks, St. Peter. Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (14³/₄ cwt.) 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by W. Barton. Fred Hodgson

2 Felicity Ashford 3 Peter Wishart

4 Tom M. Cox 5 Derek J. Jones *6 Jack Roach

*7 David Potter

8 Alan Leggett (Conductor) *First of Lincolnshire Major

ILKLEY, Yorkshire, All Saints.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (181 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (31 methods: 192 Ashtead, Bilsborrow, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Linshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, 128 Double Dublin, Rochester, and 96 Conisbrough, Cranborne, Heythrop, Lindum, Radcliffe, Rutland, Simonstone, Watford, with 159 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

Arranged by C. Forster.

1 Graham J. Jones 2 Robert A. Beresford

3 Christopher Forster 4 John J. Durham

5 Peter H. Gardner 6 Ronald R. Warford 7 John Robinson

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
First of 31 Spliced Surprise Major by all
and for the association. A 21st birthday
compliment to Miss A. Pattie Clapham.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds, Yorks, St. Matthew.

Wed., July 1, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Susan McNeil

2 Margaret Warford 3 Graham J. Jones 4 Ronald R. Warford 5 Peter H. Gardner 6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

*First attempt.

COLLINGHAM, Yorks, St. Oswald.

Mon., July 6, 1970, 2hr. 34min, (7½ cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

David G. Kealey Christopher J. Easton

3 Peter H. Gardner 4 Ronald Crabtree

*5 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

6 Gerald Parsons 7 Graham J. Jones 8 Ronald R. Warford

*Circled the tower.

Handbells

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

LICHFIELD, Staffs, 100 Birmingham Rd. Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 8mm. (11 in G.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.
1-2 Margaret L. Ellwood
3-4 Hamish M. McNaughton
5-6 William M. Taylor
7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood Cond.)
A birthday compliment to Mr. J. F. W. Sherwood.

PENDEFORD BRIDGE, Staffordshire, "Lindy Helen."

Sat./Sun., June 27/28, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.
1-2 Christopher L. D. Munday
3-4 Margaret L. Ellwood
5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
7-8 William M. Taylor (Conductor)

First as conductor in the method and on handbells. For the Methodist conference in Manchester.

AUDLEM LOCKS, Cheshire, "Lindy Helen."

Mon., June 29, 1970, 2hr. 8min. (15 in C.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.
1-2 William Taylor

3-4 Christopher L. D. Munday 5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.) *7-8 S. Nicholas Harrop *First of Major on handbells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Sheffield and District Society.) ROTHERHAM, Yorks, in All Saints' Belfry.

Mon., July 13, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by N. Golden.
1-2 Malcolm S. Turner

3-4 M. Alec Beaumont

5-6 Stuart Armeson
7-8 David Nichols (Conductor)
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WAKEFIELD, Yorks, 5 Copley Lane, Robin Hood.

Sun., July 19, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (17 in A.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Arranged by Ian North.

1-2 Stella M. Brown 3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Robin Brown 7-8 Margaret White

9-10 Ian North (Conductor)

First on 10 in hand for all.

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BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

REPORT OF THE BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE FOR 1969

As mentioned in the report for 1968 the convener was engaged early in this year in representations to the B.B.C. in an endeavour to effect a change in the bells used for introducing Sunday programmes on Radio 4, and these discussions raised hopes of not only changing the towers used but of increasing the number from four to eight. However, the powers that be decided eventually to do no more than add three towers to the four already being used, and the three chosen were St. Peter Mancroft ringing Stedman Caters, St. Philip's Birmingham, ringing Cambridge Maximus and St. Mary and St. Helena, Elstow, ringing Bob Minor.

The B.B.C. was not disposed to change the recordings of Evercreech bells being used for introducing Sunday programmes on Radio 2.

From reports received it would appear that bells have been broadcast more frequently from local stations than in national programmes.

In the MIDLANDS region Radio Leicester has broadcast recordings of several towers in the surrounding district to introduce its Sunday programmes. Radio Stoke, too, has used bells frequently and in one programme featured the bells of Newcastle-under-Lyme, and some of the ringers were interviewed. The newly-enthroned Bishop of Birmingham told the ringers there that he was greatly heartened to hear St. Martin's bells broadcast on Chrismas morning and regarded it as a welcome to his new diocese.

In the WEST region the bells and ringers of Winchester College were featured on 27th April, in the B.B.C.s "Meeting Point". The programme, entitled "Compulsory Requirement", dealt with religion in four schools in Winchester. In the section on Winchester College one of the subjects was bell ringing. There were shots of the ringers and a short touch of Plain Bob Minor was rung. Whilst the striking was not perfect it was creditable having in mind the fact that most of the ringers had been ringing for less than two years.

No pre-service ringing has been noted this year, although there may well have been some instances not brought to our attention.

Approaches have been made to the Regional Religious Organiser with a view to bells being more widely used prior to the broadcasting of services on T.V. A considerable amount can be done in this direction by the ringers on the spot keeping themselves well informed of local happenings and pressing for the bells to be included in a broadcast.

From WALES again there is news of many broadcasts of bells during the year, most of them on I.T.V. Harlech. It interviewed Mr. Jack Hayward, an English millionaire living in the Bahamas who had given £150,000 for the purchase of Lundy Island and was appealing for the church there and its bells to be restored.

The bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, were heard and shots of that church shown at the beginning of the I.T.V. film "80,000 Suspects", and these bells were heard again in the background during an interview with Robert Maxwell, M.P. During the showing of the film "The Pool of London" the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral could be heard for some time. its news programme Harlech gave good coverage to the dispute over Stinchcombe bells, and in the same programme showed some good shots of the bells of Maisemore, Glos., being rehung in the tower after restoration. On Christmas Eve, Harlech's programme for children, "Very, Very Varied", was excellently produced and technic "Very, Very There were demonstrations with a ally correct. any correct. There were demonstrations with a model bell and with the tower bells of Llandaff Cathedral. The ringers were interviewed in a very friendly fashion. Snowflakes were falling as the cameras approached the Cathedral, giving a touch of realism to the programme.

The B.B.C. programme "Good Morning Wales" gave interviews with notable guests at the wedding of the Welsh rugby player, Barry John, and throughout the interviews could be heard the bells of St. Mary's, Swansea.

B.B.C. Heddiw gave shots of the ringers ringing the eight at Dolgelly, and a talk, in Welsh, with the ringers.

The SCOTTISH region reports no broadcasting or televising of bells during the year. The choice of Inverness for the "Christmas Bells" programme appears to have been very convenient

for the B.B.C., as it was already engaged on a programme connected with the centenary celebrations of the dedication of St. Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Cathedral.

In IRELAND too there seems to have been less broadcasting of bells than in previous years. The bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral were heard over Radio Eireann ringing Grandsire Caters after the carol service on Christmas Eve. This appears to be an annual broadcast. Christ Church Cathedral bells were on the air on New Year's Eve. Both cathedrals, of course, are in Dublin. The eight bells of Holywood represented Northern Ireland in the "Christmas Bells" programme.

From the NORTH region we learn that the visit of the "Expo" belfry to Saltburn in July attracted the attention of B.B.C. television. The bells were seen in action on "Look North" with Durham and Newcastle ringers at the ropes.

One of the band was interviewed.
Radio Durham recorded bells around the county and broadcast them on a programme on Christmas Day as a prelude to the Bishop's message for Christmas. The bells of Shincliffe, Roker, South Shields, Chester-le-Street, Lanchester, Stockton, Darlington (Holy Trinity) and Durham Cathedral were introduced by Nigel Holmes.

Bells were heard preceding T.V. services on some occasions, and on Whit Sunday St. George's, Doncaster, made their introduction with Spliced Surprise!

In EAST ANGLIA the visit of "Expo" to Long Melford was recorded for the B.B.C. Overseas Service and was heard by ringers in Singapore and Cyprus, and possibly elsewhere—very interesting news. The "Expo" was also shown on Anglia T.V. Other Items of broadcasting news (very brief) as supplied by B.B.C. Norwich, are —on radio—mention of a peal at Warboys to mark a ringer's 81st anniversary, an appeal for the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, tolling (?) for Biafra, and the bells of Wherestead being taken into safe custody (shown also on T.V.).

Canon Gilbert Thurlow was inveigled into a sort of burlesque on ringing by being asked at the last minute on New Year's Eve to go to Kirby Bedon Church, there to talk about "ringing in the New Year" and afterwards to get three well-known Anglia T.V. faces to chime the ancient three (one each), after which he had to chime all three. He says: "I got quite a lot in, in a few words, by saying "You got me here on false pretences. I am trying, as it were, to describe the technique of a Cambridge Rowing Eight, and illustrating with three old men in a

LONDON region. The news of any broadcasting of bells in this region is very scarce. During spring and summer Radio 2 on Saturday mornings issued rounds on eight to precede greetings to couples being married on that day.

At the end of the year came the programme "Magpie", when the Whitechapel "Expo" belfry was erected in the T.V. studio and the bells rung by a band drawn from The Ancient Society of College Youths. This was described very graphically by W. T. Cook in "The Ringing World" in January.

The B.B.C. again invited the convener to attend the editing and building-up of the master tape for the "Christmas Bells" programme. This is made much simpler and occupies much less time now that the ringers indicate which section of their tape they consider to be best for the broadcast.

H. N. PITSTOW (Convener),
"Saffron",
High Street,
Bantead, Surrey.
T. Dunwoody, G. F. Fearn

Banstead, Surrey.
D. A. Bayles, J. T. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn,
J. S. King (Mrs.), H. J. Sanger, A. G.
Thurlow, R. S. Wilson.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

POORLY ATTENDED

A meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch was held at Lutton (6) but was very poorly attended. Only 15 sat down to tea, which was in the village hall. However, the bells were kept going to a variety of methods until 8 p.m.

The next meeting will be at Whaplode in September. G. C.

MORE OLD NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

Contributed by A. A. J. B.

The Daily Mail, 8/12/19.

WILLIAM LANCASTER MAKER OF SHEEP BELLS

Maker of sheep and cattle bells, Mr. William Lancaster, has died, aged 76, at his native village of Great Cheverill, Wilts. He was well known at sheep fairs.

Much of his work was sent to Australia and New Zealand sheep farms, but the quaint music of his sheep bells can still be heard on the Downs of England.

The Daily Chronicle, 19/1/20.

NOVEL PEAL OF BELLS

A New Device which secures Purity of Tone.

I to the Church the Living call
And to the Grave I summon all.

This inscription was found on the tenor bell at St. Mary's, Watford, during the work of recasting. All the eight bells of the peal have been recast and rehung, after having been in constant use for 130 years.

A novel feature of the peal, which was dedicated on Saturday, is the use for the first time of a device which prevents the clapper or bell-tongue from rebounding on to the bell after striking. This feature does away with the dull after-sound which is usually heard when church bells are rung.

Bell experts have for years been trying to secure an effective device for this purpose. A provisional patent has been taken out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson.

ROYAL EXCHANGE

Evening Standard, 16/2/21.

'CHANGE CHIMES AGAIN

Lady Mayoress presses Electric Button to start them.

A romantic combination of ancient bells and modern electric button was brought into play at the Royal Exchange today, when the famous chimes which have recently undergone the process of renovation and retuning were inaugurated by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir James Roll, and the Lady Mayoress.

The Ceremony, which the Sheriffs and Members of the City Corporation attended, took place in the Court of the Royal Exchange, a number of Members of the Gresham Committee being present. There was also a large gathering of City men outside starting the Chimes.

The Lady Mayoress pressed the button on a table. From the button a wire was stretched away up to the sunlit roof of the building. Some seconds elapsed before the current set the drums turning, then the old familiar tunes pealed down from somewhere underneath the grasshopper, beginning with the National Anthem followed by the chorus of "Tom Bowling."

The chimes have been rung since 1671, said the Master of the Mercers' Company, which Company is part owner with the Corporation of the building.

The chairman of the Gresham Committee regretted that there was not a more complete harmony in the world around us to fit in with the harmony of the bells.

The Lord Mayor said that the bells had always been regarded with fondness by citizens of London. They were repeatedly alluded to in the Histories of Civic events, and they found a place in the quaint annals of the old city on which so many novels had been founded.

Softening a Bargain.
"In modern days," added the Lord Mayor,
"Their delightful chimes had had a softening effect on many a hard bargain on
'Change."

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Editorial

TOWER OUTINGS

In conversation recently with a very worthy tower captain (who realises his own limitation in ringing) we found he was profoundly disturbed by the attitude and behaviour of a coachload of visiting ringers to his church from a south-eastern tower who had been on an outing. Arriving 20 minutes late, they bustled into the belfry with no apology and, ignoring the "local" standing in the corner, except to ask which was the treble.

They then proceeded to go for London Major, which came to grief after three and a half leads, and followed this with Yorkshire, which lasted about one lead longer. A heated argument then broke out between two of the ringers, which resulted in one of them walking out of the tower. Bad rounds and a bob course of Stedman were succeeded by another futile attempt at the London, and finally the ringers left completely ignoring the suggestion by the "local" that they might sign the visitors book and with no expression of thanks or appreciation!

Now we do not suggest that this display of bad manners on the part of this particular coach tour is general. On the contrary, we know that ringers on their "annual" are well behaved and appreciative of local co-operation. Nevertheless such displays do periodically come to light and do not encourage sympathetic consideration when subsequent and more worthy applications are received for "the use of your bells on our annual outing."

It is essential—indeed the duty—of the organiser of every outing, be it for half-day, whole day or week-end, to plan and arrange the tour allowing for traffic and other local conditions so that punctuality is kept, that proper decorum is observed in the belfry and church, that the method attempted is not above the capability of the team ringing it (outings should not be used for practising), and that suitable appreciation (with a contribution to tower funds) be expressed to the local representative present, who has been inconvenienced in order to meet the visitors.

The proper time for thanks is at the end of the visit, followed by a written note of appreciation to the tower secretary (or incumbent) sent during the week following the visit. A paragraph at the end of a report in The Ringing World, printed possibly a month after the event, is of no consequence and probably not read by the particular incumbents and ringers "who met us at the church." If an outing is enjoyed it is the duty of the organiser to write and say so to the people who were responsible, and not leave it to a possible chance reading of The Ringing World report.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Smith and their daughters have now arrived in Fiji and are at Lautoka, where they haven't "grabbed" the tower yet as the church has but one bell. They await their heavy luggage, which includes their handbells and is travelling by sea and should be with them within a month—"if it got away before the dock strike," added Alan.

Belfry Gossip

Father and son rang their 50th peal together at Cardiff on July 16. They are Messrs. G. I. and A. R. Lewis.

At Gamston (Notts) a 720 was included in a quarter and named "Gamston" after the church in which it was rung.

A "Dry" trip down the Thames on their day's outing was not enjoyed by some members of the St. Albans District recently, but the return journey was "wet," and several made up for it then.

An injury to his right arm did not deter Mr. R. E. Manton from ringing and conducting a quarter of Bob Doubles at Melton Mowbray on July 14. He rang single-handed.

Bats in the Belfry? No, but a bat in her washing machine was the find of Mrs. R. C. Stevens, of Telford (Salop) recently. Where it came from is unknown, but it evidently got caught up in a garment and was well and truly washed (and drowned) before being discovered.

The quarter peal at Woodbury, Devon, was for the Patronal Festival, also for the ruby wedding of Doreen and Jim Gooding. It was the first of Triples for Mr. and Mrs. Bushell, first of Triples inside for M. Cain, and first of Triples as conductor.

Off to Cambridge in October is Miss Margaret Elwood, having obtained a B.A. (Mus.) degree at Manchester. She will be welcomed to the University Guild there and able to extend her ringing activities when studies permit.

Midland Bank clerks make up a small association who, because of distance, are not able to meet often. Perhaps other bank employees who are ringers might affiliate and help in this particular problem.

The additional bell to give St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, a light ten is being installed by John Taylor and Co., who will follow this work by rehanging a ring of 12 at St. Stephen's, Bristol, three bells having been recast, two new ones added, and a new frame and fittings supplied.

Fred Dukes is home from hospital after his accident and is convalescing. His progress, however, is slow, and he has a certain amount of discomfort. Unfortunately he cannot yet read or write, which to Fred must be very irritating. It may take some time before he is his usual self, and all ringers hope that complete recovery will be attained in due course.

Mr. David L. Cawley (F.S.A.Scot.) writes: "I have come to the conclusion that ringing is a good way of "cooling off" in summer. I have now left St. Edmund's School staff, Canterbury, and am proceeding to ordination training (the completion of it) at King's College, London, and a little later at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury."

Mr. G. Dodd writes to correct the following statement attributed to Mr. Savory (Ringing World, page 552). The fact was: "A local ringer wished to ring a nine-bell peal in his own tower, as only one had taken part in the peal of Erin Caters." Mr. Dodd adds: "In a more recent peal (on May 31) two members of the band and two from Basingstoke District took part in a nine-bell peal."

The Brain Teaser: The solution to this will appear next week.

A new six for Cornwall will be ringing soon, as John Taylor and Co. are installing two trebles to the existing four at St. Clement, near Truro.

New Conductor: Patrick M. Wills (Plain Bob Major) at Pulborough, Sussex. First peal congratulations to Susan Mc-

First peal congratulations to Susan Mc-Neil, Freda Salter, Richard L. Wallace, Susan Phillips and Ann Copley.

Personal Records: Geoffrey R. Drew (300 peals), Joyce M. Clarke (25), Andrew C. D. Mayes (25), John R. Scott (225).

The peal at Chepstow on July 4, in addition to being a 100th birthday compliment to the conductor's grandfather, was the 400th for Donald G. Clift, the well-known South Wales ringer, and his 100th peal of Stedman.

Writing about a tour of North Lincolnshire towers, Mr. S. Hopkins, of Streatham, adds: "In particular I would like to thank Rev. Standley, Martin Walker and the parishioners of Ulceby for the reception they gave us after our service ringing. In these days, when we hear so many complaints about noise, it was a great pleasure to receive such enthusiastic congratulations and thanks from so many people, just for doing our job.

There will be no ringing at Ewell, Surrey, for about three months. The eight (13 cwt.), all cast at various times at White-chapel, are back there preparatory to being rehung in a new frame. A bells fund started three years ago by the local ringers has, to date, produced £1,900. With ancillary work the cost will be in the region of £2,500, but this does not include the possible conversion of the 1799 Thwaites and Reed Westminster-chiming clock to automatic winding.—J. E. B.

"The Streams of Lovely Nancy" was the title of the programme produced by the Rev. M. Kirby of the Wiltshire Youth Clubs in Salisbury Cathedral on Sunday, July 26, and included folk dancing, Morris dancing and many other jigs and songs. At one period handbells were rung—somewhat crudely—to "The Bells of St. Mary" and afterwards it was learned that the performers were not ringers at all, but some of the folk dance team "called in to help out!"

Bedfordshire Association.

CERTIFICATES PRESENTED

All Saints', Clifton, was the tower for the July meeting of the Biggleswade District. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the service conducted by the Rev. H. P. Hansen (Shefford), deputising for the rector.

Tea had been prepared in the church hall by Miss S. Percival, Miss I. Sharp and helpers, and Mr. S. H. Ashton was in the chair for the business meeting.

The secretary gave details of the proposed district dinner, and the three winning teams in the recent striking competition were presented with certificates by one of the judges (Mr. C. M. Orme, of Bedford).

Mr. R. V. Webb was ringing master during the evening, and methods were rung to cater for all present.

M. L. M.

HISTORY OF LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

(Continued from page 604.)

One of the most notable of the "characters" of the Society was P.J.—Percy Johnson, of Holbeck, a fine ringer and conductor on both tower and handbells, celebrated for his love of good striking and for his iron discipline, which caused him, like others of his kind, to be much misunderstood. It was P.J. who, in the early '20s, claimed that the "new age ringers" were "not as stout-hearted as the old."

Another Holbeck man was Bob Binns, whom Mr. Barton remembers being described as "the gentlemanly blackguard"! He was secretary of the Society from 1891 to 1899 and, as far as can be ascertained, was the only person ever to be expelled from the Society. In November, 1906, "The conduct of R. Binns at the last meeting... was brought before the members and it was pro[posed] ... that he is requested to apologise to the President to be expelled from the Society. Carried." He was duly expelled on January 5 following. He is also reputed to have wielded an ash stick to some effect while instructing his learners!

Also a stalwart member of the Society was Tom Strangeway, of Rothwell, until illhealth forced him to retire from ringing in 1965. Tom, too, was a strict disciplinarian and stoutly refused to tolerate bad striking On one occasion at Batley an old ringer was floundering rather badly in a touch of Stedman. Every time Tom corrected him he retorted: "All right!" Eventually Tom stood his bell in disgust, saying: "It's not all rayt—it's all wrong!" In recent weeks Tom has taken up handbell ringing again, though whether he will emulate his old Leeds and District friend Gerry Moorhouse remains to be seen.

It was not until 1917 that the Society elected its first lady member, Miss O. Lumley, and not until 1962 that a lady held office, Angela Skidmore, of Batley, becoming secretary. Miss Lumley, although grossly outnumbered was clearly not outclassed, for she seems to have been a very competent ringer, especially on handbells. Amongst others she rang the tenors to a peal of Bob Royal and conducted a peal of Double Norwich from 7-8. As she rang most of her peals with Jack Moorhouse's band, perhaps Gerald Moorhouse could tell us more about this pioneer lady ringer.

The Society's records, which are to be deposited in the Leeds Libraries' Archives, make fascinating reading, of which the following brief extracts may give some idea.

In 1894 a subsidised dinner, which was to have been an annual event, was declared "anything but satisfactory" and no further mention of such a function is found.

The first meeting day peal attempt at Pudsey in 1891, already alluded to, is minuted thus: "... good ringing for 2 hours & 40 minutes. Then something happened. Well Known to all peal ringers. It collapsed and no one was wrong as the Bells got the blame."

April, 1895, a complaint "respecting the dilaterry manner the Treasurer has served the Society during the past month." Pressed to attend the May meeting, he did—and resigned!

In 1896 the retiring president was presented with an easy chair, a silver-mounted pipe, a pouch, tobacco and a purse containing 53 15s

taining £3 15s.

1925 A.G.M. "The Chairman in his vote of thanks [sic!] said he hoped Mr. Smith would tell the churchwardens that the bells needed attention. Mr. Smith said the bells

were all right, but it was the visitors who needed more practice."
In April, 1944, organists and bellringers

In April, 1944, organists and bellringers found themselves meeting at the same time in Leeds Parish Church, and the ensuing dispute was settled only when the vicar was called in to arbitrate!

Perhaps the oddest minute reads: "The president took the tombstone!" Nothing macabre about it, in fact—merely an openair meeting at East Ardsley.

Apart from those rung to mark the dissolution, 625 peals are recorded in the Society's books, none having been credited to the Society between 1959 and 1970. Ringing in peal No. 624 was George Steele, of Rothwell and Woodlesford (then in his 84th year), who rang his first peal for the Society in 1895.

The Society's first two peals were scored by the Rothwell band in the foundation year: seven T.B. Minor, followed by Kent T.B. Major. The first of Royal was scored at Leeds in 1891. Only two peals of 14×360 Minor are recorded (in 1892 and 1898) and in June, 1901, it was agreed that C.C. decisions be strictly adhered to.

Peal No. 38 was the first handbell peal in the city of Leeds, Holt's 10-part Grandsire Triples, conducted by Harry Williams who, in 1895, called the same peal from 5-6, ringing blindfold and striking well throughout: "the first peal ever rung and called solely by ear." The number of handbell peals rung in the early days is worthy of note, and all were properly umpired.

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In October, 1896, the Society made its first payment under the rule that awarded £1 for any band which pealed a new method for the Society. This was to the Rothwell band for a peal of College Exercise Major. The rule was later to cause a lot of argument but it was many years before it was dropped.

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The first of Surprise Major (Cambridge) was called by Pratt Cordingley at Pudsey in 1906. In 1910 Jack Moorhouse's band rang the first of Caters in hand, P.J. ringing 5-6.

In October, 1932, the Pudsey handbell band rang a peal of Double Norwich silent and non-conducted. P.J. rang 3-4 and William Barton 5-6, handling the same pairs a year later, when Mr. Barton conducted spliced Plain and Double Norwich.

The leading peal ringing tower for the Society was Rothwell, with 72, and Rothwell bands were largely responsible for the 13 peals at neighbouring Woodlesford, as well as for half-a-dozen or so at Thorner. Other leading towers were Calverley (37), Bramley and Pudsey (33 each), Drighlington (24), Guiseley (23), Armley (22) and Shipley (20). Nine towers had between 10 and 19 peals and a further nine towers between 5 and 9. In hand, 115 peals were rung: 28 at Armley, by two bands, and 40 at Pudsey, almost all of them by William Barton's band between the wars.

The Society's influence did, in fact, spread a great deal further than six miles from City Square: one peal is recorded from Stratford-on-Avon and another from St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.

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Outings

MAULDEN OUTING

On June 27th the Maulden, Beds, ringers and friends had their annual outing, when a visit was made to the Cotswolds.

The first tower was the many-pinnacled SS. Peter and Paul, Deddington, and this was followed by the delightful six at Enstone.

Lunch was taken at Burford, and after this pleasant stop everyone was in fine shape for the splendid octave at St. Michael's, Highworth, and some good ringing was enjoyed.

Next came the anti-clockwise six at Ashbury, followed by a really delightful run through the Vale of the White Horse to Wantage for tea.

Another enjoyable ride through the rolling countryside to East Hagbourne, where the fine eight of St. Andrew's gave great satisfaction and made a fitting conclusion to the day's ringing.

After a stop for fish and chips there followed the journey home of some 50-odd miles, which was enlivened with some hearty singing.

A most delightful trip, for which we all are indebted to Colin and Mary Mann, the organisers.

A. E. R.

LUTON OUTING

Accompanied by several old friends and some new ones, Luton Parish Church ringers had their annual outing on July 4th.

Kent with its many attractions, not the

Kent, with its many attractions, not the least of which are its bells, was the scene of this year's activities.

After an hour's ringing at St. Alfege's. Greenwich, we headed south for Westerham (where lunch was taken), followed by ringing on the fine octave at the Parish Church.

At Brasted, the next stop, the delightful six was much enjoyed and the beautiful countryside around was at its best. We journeyed on to Wrotham and it was a real pleasure to sit back and feast one's eyes on Kent's luxurious sylvan splendours. There were further delights, too, for who could fail to be impressed by the magnificent ring of eight at Wrotham's Parish Church? Tea was taken here, and then on to Crayford, where it was a pleasure to be met by Mr. E. A. Barnett and who gave us the freedom of the belfry—the very same belfry where, over 60 years ago, the Luton captain, Harry Wood, first learned to handle a bel!!

But nothing in this world is perfect, and a custom of many years' standing was shattered when nobody could obtain his favourite brew! Refreshment of one kind or another was obtained, however, and our sincere thanks to our Kentish hosts, to all incumbents for the use of their bells, and to Mary Garrard for her organisation.

A. E. R.

SPALDING

Despite cloudy skies, Spalding ringers and friends set out in good spirits for their annual outing on July 4. This year they crossed the border into Norfolk and rang at Fakenham, Saxthorpe and Aylsham en route for lunch and an afternoon's ringing at Norwich. Here they visited St. George's, Colegate, St. Giles' and St. Peter Mancroft.

On the return journey stops were made at Hethersett and the impressive Abbey at Wymondham. In the time-honoured tradition Jack Allen voiced everyone's appreciation of the excellent arrangements made by Ron and Joy Noon.

Notices

SCALE OF CHARGES

5/- for 30 words (minimum), each additional word 2d.; Meeting Notices—3 insertions the price of 2.
Display Advertisements: 7/6 per inch single column; ½-page £3; ½-page £5/10; Whole page £10. Reduction for block bookings (on application) 65 screen for half-tones.

ENGAGEMENT

Mcnaughton.—The engagement is announced between Hamish Michael McNaughton, of Fernhurst, Sussex, and Susan Dorothy Brown, of Stanford, Lincs.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DALE.—Peter and Barbara now live at 29, Hatherley Crescent, Sidcup, Kent (Telephone 01-302 3596). All ringing friends, old and new,

House.—The address of David and Janet House is now 49, Park Lane, Norwich, NOR 47F 9349

PERSONAL.—"Endeavour to help the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."—Ephesians iv: 3.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

DEVON .- On A30, four miles east of Exeter. Bed/breakfast from 22s. 6d. Reduced rates for more than one night. Car space.—Miss V. Look, Endsleigh House, Clyst Honiton, Exeter. Tel.: 9279

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MISCELLANEOUS

LYMPNE, KENT .- There will be no Friday evening practice during August, practices will commence again on Friday, September 4th. 9355 MUGS REUNION. All members and friends

of the Manchester University Guild Interested in attending the Annual Reunion on August 29-31 at Clevedon, Somerset, please contact David Baker, 8, Woodhill Gardens, Leeds, LS16 7DD. 9370

NEWPORT, MON .- The Cathedral Church of St. Woolos. All correspondence regarding the bells, will now be sent to the tower secretary, Miss Gillian Colleypriest, 6 Graham St., New Port. Mon. 9359

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL. - All visitors warmly invited to Sunday Evensong ringing 5.45, and Thursday practices, 7.30 North door. No Sunday morning ringing until September 13.

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -- Cambridge District. — Sat., Aug. 8, Fulbourn (8), 6 p.m.
onwards. — J. S. 9286
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —
Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martins-

le-Grand, E.C.1, on August 11, at 8.15 p.m. Practices: August 11, St. Paul's Cathedral; Aug. 18, St. Michael's, Cornhill; Aug. 25, St. Lawrence Jewry; Sept. 1, St. Glles', Cripplegate—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. -Forest Branch.-Meeting, Blaisdon, on Sat., August 8th. Bells (6) available 5.30 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
—Chippenham Branch.—Practice meeting Tuesday, August 11th. Ringing at Langley Burrell (4 bells), 6.30-7.30 and Sutton Benger (5 bells) 7.30-9 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
—Cirencester Branch.—Saturday, August 15th.
Taynton (6), 5.30-8.30 p.m.—J. Pearse Branch

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.— Evening meeting, Sat., Aug. 8, Aspenden (8), 6.30–9 p.m.—S. E. James, Dis. Sec. 9342

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,-Church Stretton District.—District Practice, Pontesbury. Saturday, August 22. Bells (6) available 5.30 to 8 9367

LADIES GUILD.-Western District.- Practice at Abbots Leigh (6), Wednesday, August 12th, 7.30 p.m.—B. J.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.meeting, Saturday, August 15th. Asfordby (6) 7-9 p.m.—S. N. Hall, District Secretary. 9354

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .-- N. & E. District.—Evening Meeting, Harrow on the Hill. Monday, August 17. Ringing 7.30 to (No practice at Harrow Weald on this 9369 date.)-E. H. Kilby.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .--South and West District.—Evening practices: Chlawick, Wednesday, August 12th, 7.30-9 p.m.; Staines, St. Mary, Friday, August 28th, 7.45-9.15 p.m.— C. H. R.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch,-Practice meeting, Thursday, August 6th, at Lower Heyford, 7.30 p.m.—B. J.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice at Northmoor (6), Friday, August 7th.—E. Venn, Branch Secretary.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .--Kettering Branch.—Evening Practice, Saturday, August 8. Geddington (5), 7-9 p.m. All wel-

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS. — Frome and Chew Branches.—Joint summer meeting at Mells (8), August 15. Ringlng 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Whatley (6) available 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Massey, Hurst, Spring Gardens, Frome.—P. H. D. J.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SO-CIETY.—Joint with Yorkshire Association, East-ern District. Saturday, Aug. 8, Flamborough and Bridlington. Flamborough bells 3.30—4.30. Ser-vice 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Bridlington Priory bells 7–8.30. Names for tea to Miss C. Atkin-son, Ca Manor, Southsea Road, Flamborough, Yorks.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Coventry Archdeaconry Monthly Meeting, Saturday, August 15. Burton Hastings (5) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Wolvey (6) 3.30-4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 at Brinklow. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at Brinklow (6) 6-7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to D. Mountford, 61 Heath Lea Palabura, T. D. Mountford, 61, Heath Lane, Brinklow. Tel. Pailton 404.-lan F. Garvie, Dist. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD .-Meeting, August 8, at Speldhurst (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Evening ringing from 6.30.—M. A. Large (Hon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Tring, Aug. 8. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Theresa Wright, 66, Dundale Road, Tring,

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hale, Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please make your own arrangements for tea.—G. K. A. 9350

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Joint meeting with the Rossendale Branch at All Saints, Stand Whitefield, on Sat. August 15th. Bells (8) from 3-5 p.m. Tea, (names to be in by Monday, August 10th), followed by evening ringing at St. Mary's, Rad-cliffe, Bells (8). Names for tea to Mr. G. O. Sanders, 7 Mountbatten Close, Unsworth, Bury, BL98PU, Lancashire.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION, -- Half-yearly meeting at Gresford (8). Saturday, September 5. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19 Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bingham District.—August 8th, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds.
Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Nether Broughton
3 to 4. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, "St.
Ouens", Whatton, 9327

SUFFOLK GUILD. - North East District. -Quarterly meeting at Fressingfield on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. E. Etheridge, Willow House, Fressingfield, Diss, Norfolk, 9333

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 8th. Fittleworth (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Petworth (8) 6 p.m.–8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 9332

> BRAILES, BANBURY, OXON FLOWER FESTIVAL AND FETE

SATURDAY TO MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 30, 31. BELLS 10-12 noon. Tenor 30 cwt.

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St. Mary the Virgin, Ashford, Kent, Saturday, August 22, 1970, at 4 p.m. THANKSGIVING SERVICE

... for the Augmentation to 10 bells Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea available.
Names appreciated to Miss M. Jones,
30, Park Road, Ashford, Kent. Tel. 25388.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE Surrey Association Southern District RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 17, 1970. Ringing in eight towers. Tea, Service, no business meeting. Please book the date. Details nearer the date in the Ringing World. 9347

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following by Social Hour in the Priory Hall. Coffee, Film "Ringers Required", and tune ringing on handbells. Visitors welcomed. 9373

BLABY SIXTH BELL FUND SPONSORED PEAL ATTEMPT

July 25, 1970

This attempt was successful (5040 changes being rung for sponsoring purposes). Remittances to B. C. Law, 19, James Street, Blaby, Leicester. Amounts payable based on 21 units of 240 changes. The Fund is also open for donations. Thank you for your help. 9352

Bath and Wells Association.

PRACTICES STILL SUCCESSFUL

The large Norman Priory church of Stoke Courcy was the venue for the summer meeting of the Bridgwater Branch.
Ringing started at 2.30—no doubt to the pleasure of local bride and her husband, just leaving the church after their wedding. The lovely 24 cwt. six were rung in various methods until service time, when about 30 members attended the service taken by Preb. Scholl. Tea was enjoyed in a local inn.

Mr. Herniman opened the meeting, held in the church, by thanking Preb. Scholl and those who had helped with the arrangements. Four new members from Westonzoyland, Moorlynch and Cannington were elected. The Silent Towers Committee reported that the Monday practices were still successful. A special practice had been held at Thurloxton and Goathurst, when Michael Horseman came down from Clutton and gave a talk on ringing, for which all are indebted to him. Some discussion also took place on helping the Stogurcey band. Ringing continued until 9 p.m. G. N.

Gloucester and Bristol Association. OPEN DAY

The open ringing day of July 4 proved to be quite a success, apart from a scarcity of ringers in the Tewkesbury area during the morning. Although a wedding was behind schedule at Prestbury, the full afternoon programme went smoothly.

Some ringers managed to get in an extra tower (which was not included in the official programme) and thereby missed an enjoyable hour at Leckhampton Parish Hall. Tea prepared by the local ringers was largely provided by parishioners and resulted in a contribution to the fund to rehang their bells, now in a rather bad condition.

Mr. E. Taylor and family regaled us with some excellent tune ringing, and Miss M. Bliss (association chairman) welcomed all visitors. The evening programme finished at the attractive village of Badgeworth, whose ancient bells only respond to some hard work. The organisers would like to offer compliments on the standard of ring-W. A. F ing attained.

THE THREE COUNTIES BELFRY

The Three Counties Agricultural Show has long been an occasion of co-operation between Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, and 1970 saw that co-operation extended for the first time to the three ringing associations which cover these counties.

When George Cousins, secretary of the Hereford Guild, first conceived the idea of erecting the Whitechapel Expo Belfry at the Great Malvern showground in 1969 he immediately sought the reaction and assistance of the Worcestershire and Districts Association and the Gloucester and Bristol Association. A joint committee was set up to investigate the possibilities, but for various reasons the scheme did not materialise in that year.

However, in the autumn of 1969 an approach to the Three Counties Show Committee showed that not only was that committee agreeable to the belfry being erected on the showground but it was prepared to put in the concrete footings, provide a tent for housing a display and give some finan-cial aid. With this good news the project went ahead and at a series of meetings held in Worcester the officials of the three ringing associations made detailed arrangements for transporting the tower and bells, erecting them on the site, manning them during the show and even sleeping overnight on the showground to guard the bells should this prove necessary (though there was some doubt as to whether or not the two policemen members of the committee were the best to leave in charge).

As with all projects there were minor hitches, but by June 13 the pamphlets for distribution to the public were printed and the belfry was on the showground. Saturday and Sunday were days of hard work for various volunteers from the three asso-ciations who worked together under the guidance of John Slater. Spurred on by the friendly rivalry between Whitechapel and Loughborough, the belfry, complete with its new name, was, according to J. S., erected in record time and all were anxious to try out the bells.

As the sound would undoubtedly affect other exhibitors and events on the showground, the show committee had agreed that there should be demonstration ringing for five minutes each hour on the hour with handbell ringing during the afternoon. Accordingly it was agreed that each association should be responsible for one day, and would provide ringers for the demonstration ringing, a handbell team and sufficient people to man the display during the As Worcestershire was the host county for this year's show the Worcestershire Association ringers were given the honour of ringing on the opening day, June 16, with Hereford ringing on Wednesday and Gloucester and Bristol on Thursday, which we later discovered to be General Election day.

It was inevitable that a belfry at an agricultural show should attract attention. From the first approach to the Show Committee in 1969 various newspapers had given snippets of information, and on the opening day both Press and TV were on the scene. The Worcestershire ringers graced the front page of local newspapers and appeared on B.B.C. TV in the "Midlands Today" programme, whilst the following morning George Cousins was heard being interviewed in the B.B.C.'s radio programme "Today."

On Thursday the Rev. John Elphinstone-Fyffe and his team appeared to film shots for "This Ringing Isle" and for this occasion the Gloucester and Bristol Ringers were joined by George Cousins and John Slater. The filming attracted a large crowd and ringing time was extended. In the midst of this arrived what appeared to be an irate show official, who engaged in earnest conversation with a ringer who was distributing pamphlets. The ringing master was tempted to stop the ringing but feared for the TV shots. However, it ensued that the official was heralding the arrival of the show president (Alderman Sir Michael Higgs) and Lady Higgs, who had expressed a desire to visit the belfry. They were received by the ringing master and chairman of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and also met George Cousins and John Slater. They showed great interest both in the ringing demonstration and in the exhibits in the tent, which included a fine model bell loaned by the Loughborough Foundry, and a display illustrating the manufacture of handbells arranged by Frank Barnett. Before leaving, Lady Higgs was presented with a miniature bell rope by Miss Mary Bliss.

All too soon the three days were over. There was an hour's open ringing for those ringers who happened to be at the show, before, at 6.30 p.m., the valiant volunteers began their task of taking down the bells.

The organising committee thank very sincerely all those who contributed in any way to the success of the occasion by as-sisting with the erection and dismantling of the belfry, by travelling long distances to take part in the ringing demonstrations on both tower bells and handbells (to judge by the crowds the latter were a very popular part of the programme) and by doing all the many other necessary tasks, but the greatest thanks must be accorded to George Cousins, whose brainchild this was, and who negotiated over a very long period with the Show Committee to ensure that all was in order for us. All enjoyed Three Counties Show and hope that the time and effort put in by so many people will have been of service to ringing and that some of the 4,500 pamphlets distributed will have inspired at least a few to take up the art.

Three well-known and loved members of the Ladies' Guild: Mrs. Stani forth, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Wayman, at a Leicester meeting.

[R.W. Photo.



Love is never lost. If not reciprocated it will flow back and soften and purify the heart. WASHINGTON IRVING.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next Bolton Practice Branch Meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bolton, On Monday, 10 August. Tower open for ringing at 7 p.m.-9 p.m. All tastes catered for. Everyone welcome.-Pauline Tallis, Branch Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon

bistrict.—EVENING Meeting at Yaxley. Bells (6) 6 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Saturday, August 15.

M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9376

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—
Winchester District.—Quarterly Meeting August 15, Lockerley (6), 2.30-4.15 p.m. Service East Tytherley. Names for tea to Miss L. Cuil, 29, St. Mary's Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh SO5 6BP, by Wednesday, August 12. 9380

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—A Practice Meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, August 8. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and biscuits at Littlebourne between 5-6 p.m. Evening arranged.—J. B. K.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting Kibworth on Satur-day, August 15. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—L. W. 9388

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - St. Albans District. — Meeting, August 15, North Mymms, 4 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mrs. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lamne, North Mymms. Tel. Hatfield 62866.-F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. WANTED

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DYE .- Erica and Paul (not to mention Sally, Ruth, Matthew and George) have moved to 57, Mendip Road, Yatton, Bristol. They send their sincere best wishes to all ringing friends in Berkshire who made their stay so enjoyable.

OBITUARY

MR. A. FOSTER

It was with considerable shock that members of the Bingham District of the Southwell Guild at their monthly meeting at Shelford on July 11, learned of the death the previous day of Mr. Albert Foster, of Orston.

To many, Albert was Orston, and Orston was Albert; few can remember Orston without Albert. He had been a ringer there for over 30 years and tower captain for nearly He taught his wife and his sons to ring, also his neighbour and his family. In fact he taught half the village to ring but despite this the tower was always short of ringers.

In 1955 he rang the first of his 19 peals. He was a loyal guild member and a founder member of the Bingham District.

Perhaps his greatest enjoyment came from ringers' outings, and whenever possible he joined local towers. Once he joined a holiday outing of members of the Southwell Guild to the south-west of Cornwall.

For some years he nursed his wife, and when she died in 1965 a half-muffled peal was rung at Orston. To her memory he gave a set of new bell ropes.

He married a second time, but his health began to fail. Last year he moved from Orston to Aslockton, where, because of the view of Whatton Church, he called his bungalow "Church View."

He was in and out of hospital and seemed to be making a good recovery, when the end came with unexpected suddenness.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's,

Orston, the bells being rung half-muffled by fellow ringers. Cremation followed at Wilford Hill, Nottingham.

On the following Saturday a half-muffled peal was rung at Orston by members of the Bingham District.

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356.-Delete Alton quarter peal (duplicated on page 455). -Hook Norton: ringer of 4th Tony Natt

not Andrew Hayden.

462.—Worcester Guild peal, London Royal at
Daventry: treble ringer Eric Billings.

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Sadowski. 538. — Guildford Guild peal at Southampton: 5040 changes not 5140. 540.—Peal, Lodsworth, May 29: ringer of 2nd

Christopher Renyard.

-Rev. W. F. G. Mitchell was rector of Wymondham, Leicestershire.

559.—Peal, Surfleet, June 6: ringer of 3rd Peter L. R. Hayward.

563.—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tinsley celebrated their Golden wedding (we trust the Diamond will also be reached).

SHORT STORY

No doubt you have heard the story of the visitor to a well-known country village with a fine peal of bells, who remarked on the excellence of the ringing to a somewhat deaf local inhabitant.

After three attempts at making the yokel understand him, the latter pleaded in extenuation of his non-comprehension that "He couldn't hear the gentleman's remarks because of those d—d bells."— Extract from "Electricity," 25/7/24.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for August 3, 1945

Writing about the use of Plain Major methods, the leading article stated "There is no greater mistake than to imagine that the more advanced a method is, the more interesting it must be to ring."

In spite of a bus strike there was a good attendance at Cobham, Surrey, when a variety of methods was rung.

And at a meeting of the Portsmouth District at Titchfield, Hants, tea was at the invitation of the Parochial Church Council.

Members of Swansea and Brecon Guild elected Mr. A. Hoare as master, Mr. D. G. Williams as hon. sec, and Mr. C. Morgan as hon, treasurer.

In a peal of Grandsire Caters at Beddington, Surrey, J. G. Saunders rang his first on ten bells, and F. E. Collins conducted his 100th peal for the Surrey Association.

At Poynton, Cheshire, 5040 Spliced T.B. Minor had 17 methods and 48 changes of method and was conducted by C. K. Lewis.

Arthur Jones and C. A. Levett, Norman V. Harding, Frank H. Hicks and Arthur Newton all rang their first on 12 at High Wycombe, Bucks. The method, Stedmare Cinques.

A letter from W. A. Osborn, of Gal-hampton, Somerset, suggested that letters previously printed and signed Herbert Drake were fictitious.

50 YEARS AGO **AUGUST 6, 1920**

The heavy decline in the purchasing power of money is being felt in the operations of the various ringing organisations and nearly all of them have been forced by necessity to raise the amount of the annual subscriptions. (Leader.)

A peal at Bishop's Stortford was rung for the 100th anniversary of the ten bells (1820).

Mr. John Sadler rang his 100th peal but had yet to ring one of Triples.

The Leicester controversy between Ernest Morris and Fred Dexter continued with Mr. Dexter writing "... there are two sorts of conductors, one who does it for selfglory and the second who does it to oblige a band."

At the Oxford Guild's 39th Festival the annual subscription was raised from 1s. to 1s. 6d., and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. sec.) was voted an honorarium of £20.

At a meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Olveston a party from Bristol made the journey in a "lorry bus."

In a peal of Doubles at Wood Ditton. Cambs, Miss V. Shorter and Mr. R. Lath-bury both rang their first of Doubles, the latter being the conductor.

> A beggarly people! A church and no steeple.

Dean Swift.

COMPOSITIONS

The following selection of compositions and arrangements of Bristol or Bristol-type methods includes all those rung by the St. Martin's Guild this year; these are indicated by the date when they were first rung. The others, which are added for interest and to make the list more complete, were also developed at the same time.

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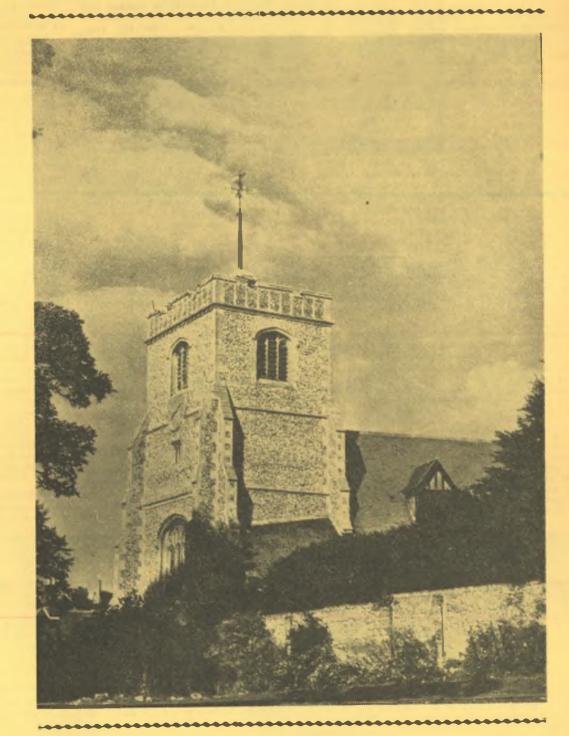
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LEATHERHEAD PARISH CHURCH has its origin in the late 11th century but it has been altered and extended by succeeding generations. There is evidence that a central tower was contemplated in the 12th century but this idea was abandoned, presumably due to doubts as to the strength of the foundations. The present tower was built on to the west end of the nave in the 14th century and appears to have been very much an afterthought as it is not square to the rest of the church and offset to the north of the centre line of the

Little is known of the early history of the bells. In 1549 the valuation of the church furniture included four bells but three of these were subsequently seized by the Commissioners. The remaining bell, which was inscribed SANCTA MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS, was later incorporated

in a ring of six.

In the late 18th century a flourishing change ringing band existed and records at Epsom and Horsham show that they travelled considerably to further their knowledge. In 1792 it was decided to recast the old six and add two trebles, the new ring having a tenor of about 14 cwt. Two tablets in the ringing chamber record these events:

"On the 30th July 1792 was, rung in this steeple four true and complete peals of Treble Bob (Viz) 720 changes College Treble, Do. College Pleasure, Do. Oxford Treble and the Composition Crown Bob being 360 changes in one hour and thirty eight minutes by Willm Chilman Treble Benjn Simmons 2d Jas Brown 3d Jno Brown 4th Robt Brown 5th Jas Harrison tenor. Call'd by Benjn Simmons. N.B. The above is the last ever rang on the old six bells."

"BE IT REMEMBERED That the late WILLM BAKER of this Parish set on foot a Subscription and Collected the sum of £200 for improving the ring of bells in this Church. Accordingly 1792 the Six old Bells were recast & the Peal of eight opened on the 21st of August in the same year. The above mentioned WILLM BAKER likewise collected the subscription for the purchase of the FIRE ENGINE."

There has been much speculation as to how the bells could have been recast and rehung in such a short time, it being suggested that the new eight were already cast before the old bells were removed. (If this was not so the founders certainly did not waste any time over the work!)

The first peal on the new bells was rung by the College Youths, some also being members of the local band, on the day that they were dedicated. The method was Oxford Treble Bob Major, which appears to have been the favourite method locally at that time, for seven out of the first thirteen peals were of Oxford. A band largely drawn from the Horsham company rang the next peal, Grandsire Triples, but it was not until 1795 that an all local team succeeded in ringing a peal. The climax of their efforts came on May 17, 1808, when 10080 Oxford Treble Bob was rung in 6 hours 4 minutes, and this remains the longest length ever rung at Leatherhead. By 1816 several of the bells were in need

of attention. Five were melted down and,

with additional metal, made into a heavier ring of eight, the tenor weighing just under The old 3, 4 and 5 were retained as 2, 3 and 4 of the new ring. were opened with a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major on August 21, 1816, but thereafter the local band appears to have de-Only three peals were rung in the next fifty years, two being by visiting bands from London.

A revival took place around 1870 and a number of peals was rung during the next few years. In 1877 the three remaining 1792 bells were found to be cracked and were recast, with two new trebles added to make a ring of ten. Some two years elapsed before the first peal on the augmented bells, 5129 Grandsire Caters, conducted by Stephen Brooker (tower captain) on July 23, 1879.

Until 1891 the ringing chamber was situated on a gallery at the west end of the nave in front of the great west window and at the same level as the present small chiming gallery. The church authorities decided to remove all the galleries in the church and the ringing chamber was transferred to the clock room immediately beneath the bells, thereby reducing the draught by about 30 feet. This must have made handling much easier and improved hearing, but at the expense of light and ventilation.

During the early 1900's the old frame was constantly in need of repair and after the First World War it was decided that the bells would have to be rehung in a new frame. By November, 1923, sufficient money had been raised to do this and to recast the 9th, which was cracked. bells were removed, retuned, quarter-turned and renung on ball bearings in the new frame and opened on Easter Sunday, 1924.

The details of these bells are:-Treble: The details of these bells are:—Treble: J. Warner, 1877, 6-0-23, F sharp; 2nd: J. Warner, 1877, 6-1-21, E. 3rd: T. Mears, 1816, 6-1-8, D. 4th: J. Warner, 1877, 6-3-20, C sharp. 5th: J. Warner, 1877, 7-0-5, B. 6th: J. Warner, 1877, 8-0-5, A. 7th: T. Mears, 1816, 8-2-7, G. 8th: T. Mears, 1816, 11-0-16, F sharp. 9th: Mears & Stainbank, 1924, 13-1-23, E. Tenor: T. Mears, 1816, 19-0-12, D. Mears, 1816, 19-0-12, D. Mears, 1816, 19-0-12, D.

After 1924 the pattern of peal ringing changed. Since 1877 the majority of peals rung had been of Grandsire Caters, but now a Surprise band became established and rang peals in several methods including the firsts ever of Painswick, Cobham S. Royal and Leatherhead S. Major under the leadership of Albert Harman. During the Second World War "ringing" was practised on the front eight minus their clappers, 9 and 10 being left ringable for "early and 10 being left ringable for warning" alarm.

Further work became necessary in 1964 when the 6th headstock broke-luckily without damaging the bell. thorough inspection it was decided to rehang seven of the bells with new headstocks, at the same time removing the canons and refitting the clappers. As the bells were not reweighed after this work, only the weight of the 9th is now known accurately, the rest all being somewhat lighter than their 1924 weights. Peal ringing has continued in recent years and the total recorded to date is 121 (29 Royal, 42 Caters, 30 Major, 20 Triples).

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Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

HILARIOUS MEETING

The Monmouth Branch held a very enjoyable and light-hearted meeting at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, on July 11. The fine ring of eight was well used during the afternoon until service time at four o'clock.

The Rev. John Stacey (vicar of St. John's Ebbw Vale) took the service, and the Rev. Ivor J. Richards (Rural Dean of Raglan) gave the address, which was of considerable interest, being a short history of the instal-lation and dedication of the eight bells in the tower. He had been ringing master at the time and rang for the service (which was in September, 1937) and was the first dedication to be broadcast on radio. result of an appeal for the bells was a great triumph, for the area was one which had known hardship during the years of the depression.

The "Ebbw Vale tea" served in the church hall was a happy meal, when many old friends met again. A special welcome was given to Brian and Barbara Wild (nee Stephens) and to Mrs. John Woodward (nee Delwyn Evans), one-time members of Christ

Church.

Mr. Reuben Clench thanked Mrs. Audrey Bruten and her helpers for preparing the fine meal, and Mr. Roger Shea thanked Mr. Huw Lewis for playing the organ.
The chairman (the lively Rev. John

Stacey) was at one time a ringer at Bedwellty, and has promised to renew his efforts on the end of a bell rope!

Amongst great hilarity the meeting progressed and fresh efforts with learners were reported from Nash, Llangibby and Ebbw Vale.

Mr. Clench thanked the Rev. John Stacey for his "light-hearted chairmanship," and the meeting closed with peals of laughter at the remarks of the chairman and, later, members enjoyed other "peals" from the

Friend (noun), one who knows all your faults yet will ring peals with you just the same.

Wilson standing beside a bell in the bell chamber at Harrow-on-the-Hill, whilst the bell was chimed and swung by a fellow ringer ("Alan") from below. Mr. Wilson

also gave a talk on the progress of change

ringing since the 17th and 18th centuries,

when there was opposition to Sunday ring-

ing by the clergy, the formation of guilds

and associations and finally the return to

proper use of bells-as a church service and

"THE RINGING ISLE"

A FILM ABOUT CHURCH BELLS AND THE PEOPLE WHO RING THEM

This announcement on B.B.C.1 television on Sunday, August 2, at 6.15 p.m., was the prelude to half an hour of delightful country scenes, of interviews with ringers from all walks of life, of interesting commentary and lucid explanations of the art, and a clear picture of how ringing is done and what it is all about. To a bellringer it was a joy to watch and to those who had no knowledge the descriptions and explanations must have been very helpful.

It was very disappointing, however, that the time of showing clashed with the usual evening service ringing, and although the film is to be shown again on Monday, August 10, at 12.50 p.m., this also is not a very convenient hour, for many are away on business or at the office.

WHO RINGS THEM?

The programme commenced with a driver, a postman, a young couple and a well-known Central Council member going about their daily tasks. With rounds sounding in the background, the commentator spoke of the practice of ringing bells in changes being an art peculiar to England, and England for this reason is termed "The Ringing Isle."

"We hear church bells in England wherever we are and whether we like them or not, but who rings them?" he asked. Several contrasting persons were shown and the remark made: "These are the ringers, 40,000 of them, including 10,000 women and many boys and girls, in 6,000 towers and

belfries all over England.

Interviews then followed with a schoolmaster (Mr. Carey), and the captain of Bibury tower, who told of his difficulties in keeping a band of ringers. "We find it a problem getting youngsters," he said. "We teach them to ring rounds and plain course and then they just give it up."

Methods rung were named by the commentator: Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, with more ringing in the background. Several ringers spoke of their ininterests, one saying he had rung in over 1.000 towers.

THE BEGINNING AND THE END

That he and his brother learned to handle a rope at Bibury in 1950 was stated by a ringer who runs a haulier's business, but that they later both moved to Fairford (Glos) to learn change ringing.

Bells mark the beginning and end of life, said the commentator, and told of inscriptions on some 18th century bells which pro-

claimed:

"When female virtue waits with manly worth

We catch the rapture and we spread it

forth."



Ringers of St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, who rang Grandsire Triples.

This reference was for wedding bells, whilst another well-known inscription on a tenor bell solemnly stated:

"I to the church the living call—And to the grave do summon all."

The practice still continues in certain villages for the bell to be tolled for a death—nine tellers for a man, six for a woman and three for a child, and for many festive occasions the bells ring out.

The Expo Tower was then shown at Great Malvern during the Three Counties Show, and this led up to a talk on the founding of bells, with old engravings screened and the 650-years-old bellfounders window in York Minster depicting the casting of a bell. This brought the remark: "The techniques of long ago are the same—only the generations change."

Mr. William Hughes was interviewed and gave a brief history of the Whitechapel Foundry from its original owner, Robert Mott, in 1570, its removal to a former inn (the Artichoke) in 1738, and the present day set-up. The various processes in bell casting were seen and was followed by further ringing on the Expo bells, whilst the number of changes obtained on given numbers of bells was stated.

A DEMONSTRATION

An explanation of a bell and its fittings and the difference between chiming and ringing were next shown with Mr. Wilfrid A young lady (from the B.B.C.) was next seen being instructed by Mr. Wilson in the handling of a bell and her actions (and reactions) were typical as the rope flew skywards.

FURTHER INTERVIEWS

Practice night at Harrow-on-the-Hill was the next scene, with further interviews with various local ringers, including the tower captain, the secretary/treasurer and her husband and a young man at Harrow School. All testified to the pleasure and enjoyment obtained in bellringing, both in their own tower and whilst visiting others.

A return to Fairford followed, and the postman spoke of ringing the third observation and the tenor behind and "that's my lot," he concluded.

"Bells are noisy things," said the commentator, "and have been sounding from Fairford Church for 500 years . . . beneath the watchful eyes that look out from some of the most beautiful stained glass in the world."

Grandsire Doubles, with 1, 2 leading and tenor covering were heard, and finally "Stand" was called and the bells ceased ringing. A little lad was seen tolling for service, assisted by his instructor, and then a young girl ringing the same bell; the lad, now robed as a chorister/server and bearing a lighted taper, lights the altar candles as the picture fades.

Mr. Wilfrid Wilson and a "recruit" from the B.B.C. Staff.

Two ringers from the Cotswolds who were interviewed.



Outings

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, PENARTH

A full coachload of ringers and friends left Penarth and made its way to Abergavenny to ring the very nice bells (10) of St. Mary's Priory. At St. Gwendoline's, Talgarth, the pleasant ring of six was put to good use, and the last tower was St. Michael's, Clyro (a ring of five with a long draught of rope).

A barbecue followed in a field bordering the River Wye, a very pleasant setting for the curried chicken and crisps washed down by several kinds of beverage. The weather was dry and very warm during the day but it drizzled as we neared Penarth. D. A. H.

ON THE MAINLAND

On July 25, ringers from All Saints', Ryde, Isle of Wight, set off on a day's outing to belfries in the Southampton area. Romsey Abbey was the first stop, the eight sounding very mellow and handling well. St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham (8) were next, followed by the Church of Our Lady, Warnford, and a stop for lunch. The anticlockwise five at Droxford, in the Meon Valley, proved an interesting experience for all, the majority of the band having been ringing for only two years and the last stop was at St. Peter's, Titchfield.

Thanks to incumbents, secretaries and all who waited at the various churches. J. R.

SIX-BELL TOUR

Paul Sidwell, an energetic ringer from Northenden, Manchester, had arranged eight Cheshire six-bell towers for an enthusiastic band of 15 for the afternoon of July 11. The object, apart from towergrabbing, was that everyone should learn something during the day, and in this respect it was entirely successful.

First stop was at Rostherne (22 cwt.) where the tough-going bells proved too much for many of the party. The pleasant Rudhall six at Mobberley yielded some nice Stedman and some rather poor Kent.

Disaster was to follow at Lower Peover, where a stay was broken, and the rope followed suit when attempts were made to overturn the bell.

Ringing at Holmes Chapel was delayed by a road accident, but though the stay here was curtailed, good use was made of the bells, and the best ringing of the day was enjoyed.

The light Barwell six at Goostrey came next and gave the learners some good practice on light bells. At Chelford, where the bells are exceedingly loud, the ringing generally was poor and attempts at Chelford Alliance failed twice (after about ten changes).

After tea the seldom-rung bells of Nether Alderley rang out. The wicker rope on the tenor proved very interesting with its strange creaks. Finally the highlight of the day was a course of Poynton Alliance at Poynton, and a ladies' band rang a course of Bob Minor.

All in all a highly successful day, with the learners taking on plain hunting, the plain hunters learning to ring inside, and the more experienced ringers learning new methods. The last stop, of course, was at the Tatton Arms at Northenden, where the landlord is the father of a local ringer (extremely handy!), and where thanks were expressed to Paul for his impeccable arrangements.

RINGING IN DARKEST AFRICA!

Monday, July 20, saw the Exercise hitting the front page headlines of Rhodesia's national daily paper, making the British dock strike an also ran.

The occasion was a truly international one—a meeting of the Rhodesia Guild in Salisbury, with visitors from Zambia and Malawi.

The highlight was undoubtedly the first quarter peal at Salisbury Cathedral for two years, but to the photographer of the Rhodesia Herald there was more interest in the four visitors disturbing the Sunday morning peace by ringing handbells on the very spot where the settlers first raised the Union Jack, now world-famous Cecil Square.

A beer and handbell lunch at Lake Macillwane, a local beauty spot, followed service ringing.

The week-end was completed for the mature contingent by a visit to one of Salisbury's night clubs, where the guild secretary caused great consternation by asking to have his three-handled three-pint beer mug filled.

The visitors were right royally entertained and would like to thank the local ringers for their hospitality.

JONNY AND KAY.

THATCHAM (BERKS) FOLK FESTIVAL

Serious thought was given to Thatcham Folk Festival about the middle of 1969, the object being to increase the community spirit amongst the 10,000-odd inhabitants of this very large and sprawling village on the outskirts of Newbury. Almost from the first the bellringers were brought in, and a set programme of ringing was drawn up.

up.
The opening ceremony took place in the Broadway, and was begun by "Firing the Anvils," a custom last carried out in Thatcham for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. It consists of packing the small notch on a blacksmith's anvil with gunpowder, retiring to a safe distance and applying a red hot iron! This was followed by displays of country dancing by school children accompanied by local brass and silver bands, and then the villagers were drawn to the church by the sound of the bells. Here they were invited to walk round the tower and see ringing in pro-

Shropshire Association.

ANNUAL GATHERING

Bellringers from Hodnet, Oswestry, Edgmond, Prees, Atcham, Market Drayton, Stanton Lacy, Coalbrookdale, Meole Brace and Shrewsbury met in Shrewsbury on July 11 for the annual meeting of the Shropshire Association. Visitors were welcomed from Wallasey (Wirral) and Bridgwater (Som), and ringing was at St. Chad's and St. Mary's.

After tea, served by Mrs. E. F. Willcox and helpers, the meeting was chaired by the Rev. Mr. Follis. He paid tribute to the work of the ringers and thanked the retiring officers, Mr. P. J. Evans (master), Mr. R. E. Morris (deputy master), Mr. E. F. Willcox (secretary) and Mr. M. Orman (treasurer), for their services.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. E. F. Willcox; deputy master, Mr. R. C. Stevens; hon. secretary, Miss Pat Stocken; hon. treasurer, Mr. K. Brice; trustees, Mr. F. H. Bennett and Mr. A. E. G. Owen.

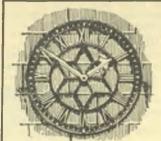
It was agreed to hold quarterly meetings on Saturdays in October, January, 1971, and April, 1971, with the annual meeting in Shrewsbury in July, 1971.

It was also suggested that meetings be held in Cheswardine or Newtown, Oswestry and Market Drayton.

P. C. S.

gress. Many of them availed themselves of this opportunity, whilst several hundreds more spent some time in the church viewing the magnificent flower arrangements and the ringers' corner, where a comprehensive exhibition on bells and ringing was set out, including free copies of The Ringing World.

The organisers of the festival had requested that the ringing be confined to the specific times laid down in the programme so as not to interfere with the concerts and plays that were taking place, so only four quarter peals were attempted, three of which were successful. The first was arranged to be rung prior to the combined church service, recorded by the B.B.C. and broadcast the following week as "Sunday Half Hour," but unfortunately the B.B.C. were unable to allocate any time for the broadcasting of the bells. However, mention was made during the service of the two new bells added this year, making Thatcham the fifth ring of ten in Berkshire.



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A good action photograph of four Hillingdon (Middlesex) ringers enjoying a touch at one of their "do's." They arc (left to right): J. Hill (vice-captain), F. Goodfellow (captain), W. H. Coles and A. R. G. Twinn (treasurer).

Middlesex County Press.



IDLE THOUGHTS OF AN IDLE RINGER

With the growing popularity of striking contests I wonder how long it will be before someone suggests that the winners of the guild competitions should meet in a national contest? With full Press and TV coverage, of course. Who knows, it may one day be a more popular programme than the Cup Final.

The Bishop of Hereford is not the only one who thinks all ringers are slightly crazy. There's my wife, for instance. But at least they are not making the same mistake as that newspaper which reported, just over a year ago, that the Misses Grace and Katherine Burchnall had retired from ringing. Presumably they had heard about the accident and assumed—quite wrongly, of course—that ringers are ordinary mortals. But crazy? Abnormal perhaps, if you agree that an abnormality is merely a deviation from generally accepted customs and standards of behaviour.

a deviation from generally accepted customs and standards of behaviour.

But craziness implies an abnormality which is in conflict with the best interests of the individual concerned or of his relatives and friends, and I do not believe that to be a fair description of bellringing which gives pleasure to a great many people, including thousands who know nothing about it except that it is a noise which comes from church towers. Furthermore, history has many stories of minority groups who in their day were thought to be crazy, but in time were proved to be saner than their contemporaries. And history has a way of repeating itself. I therefore suggest that it is not we who are crazy for ringing, but the others who are crazy for not ringing. In a delightful kind of way, of course.

Just fancy that! Someone visits a tower, sees something strange being done and writes to The Ringing World about it. Let's hope he never tries to take a holiday in Rome, where, I am told, it is advisable to do as the Romans do. And anyway, surely even he isn't so dull as always to conform.

H. W. C.

THE PASSING OF ST. EBBE'S, OXFORD

I look out through my window
To a great wide open space,
To what was 20 years ago
A very happy place.
St. Ebbe's was all a working class
And thought of one another.
If trouble ever came your way,
They would always pull together.

The little shops around the street
Were all lit up and bright,
And you could buy a cottage loaf
At nine o'clock at night.
There were quite a lot of beer shops
At the corners of the street,
But a copper was never beaten up
When walking on his beat.

The men that used the pubs the most
Were there on Saturday nights,
And arguing over politics
They ended up in fights.
Sunday was a quiet day
When all folks had a rest.
But if they thought of going out
It was in their Sunday best.

At evening most went for a stroll
With children hand in hand.
A walk as far as Carfax
To hear the Salvation Army Band.
Monday morning comes again
When all to work would go—
Most men went out at six o'clock
In hail, rain, sleet or snow.

I like to wander round the streets
Where little houses stood—
Whatever they may build in place
St. Ebbe's was really good.
I am the last of all the tenants
That lived in Castle Street
And born not very far from here in 1896.
I am hoping I shall stop here still
At the end of this old street
To see the Westgate Centre
When all is made complete.

BELL RESCUED BY THE MOHAWKS

Has any bell had a more adventurous history than the 268-year-old "turncoat" bell in possession of the Jesuit Fathers in Caughnawaga, on the banks of the St. Lawrence River? A Massachusetts historical society is seeking to acquire it.

A Jesuit missionary in this mission among the Iroquois Indians convinced them that what they wanted most for their chapel in the woods was what he called "a great voice from on high"—meaning a bell—which would carry a sound from their mission for miles around.

To fulfil this requirement, the Indians spent months in the woods hunting, and when they had sufficient pelts sold them to purchase an 800 lb. bell made in France. During transport across "the great salt lake" to Caughnawaga the ship was captured by the British and escorted to Salem, where the bell was auctioned and subsequently installed in the steeple of a Protestant meeting hall at Deerfield.

BELL RECOVERED

The Mohawks of the mission learned the whereabout of the bell, allied themselves to the French army and invaded the Deerfield settlement one winter night in 1794. Recovering the 800 lb. bell they carried it on their shoulders through the snow to the shore of Lake Champlain, where it was buried until the springtime.

Returning when the weather was better, the Indians tied the bell to a wooden beam which they placed on the backs of a team of oxen. Thus it was transported to Caughnawaga, where it boomed out its nightly evangelical message from the Catholic mission steeple for 200 years.

Alas, corrosion caused it to lose its mellowness and two years ago the Deerfield bell tolled for the last time. Now it is a museum piece alongside the William IV bell, which was also used in the mission, to complete the legend of Caughnawaga's bells.

From The Montreal Star.

August 14, 1970

CENTRAL COUNCIL REPORTING

Dear Sir,—Although entirely agreeing with them, I had not intended to associate myself publicly with the views of Mr. John Camp, in The Ringing World of July 17, about your report of the Central Council meeting, but I must protest most strongly at the paragraph in the July 24 issue headed "Trivialities." Part of this reads "Messrs. Mayne, Blagrove, Seager, Barnett, Beresford and Dodds all took part in crosstalk of technical method construction. This resulted in Mr. P. A. Corby remarking that the behaviour of certain people was becoming increasingly worrying, apart from the considerable time being spent on trivialities."

Whether the discussion was trivial and what, if anything, my own contribution was are now immaterial (although it is of course, easy to dismiss as trivial any matter in which one is not personally interested). However, the second sentence puts a completely wrong slant on Mr. Corby's remarks, and the paragraph as a whole is insulting in its implication that those names did not observe the rules of constitutional procedure and that the president did not enforce them. But in any case the function of the report should have been to give an objective account of the proceedings not to describe as "cross-talk" a part which, it would appear, you and your assistant were unable (maybe with good reason) to record accurately. Such a remark might be fair comment in an independent review of the meeting but it is out of place in an official report. Furthermore, the absence of any details prevents anyone not present from making an assessment of the value or otherwise of what went on.

I trust that in future years discussions on technical matters will not be dismissed in such a cavalier fashion.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

HAROLD HOBDEN

Dear Sir,—I was saddened to read the announcement in a recent issue of The Ringing World of the death of Harold S. Hobden.

I had the privilege of making his friendship whilst I was in the Army at Aldershot during the early part of the last war. rang several handbell peals together in users and supplying the Hodgson taking part and supplying the venue for the practices and peal attempts. You, Mr. Editor, practised with us on at least one occasion when you were home on leave from the R.A.

Harold was a most kind and gentle person. We had met several times sine war and corresponded occasionally. We had met several times since the health had deteriorated over the last few years, but he remained the same person with a quiet sense of humour.

I had intended to say that better pens than mine would be paying tribute in a later issue of The Ringing World, but I felt that I owed a tribute to such a fine person.

May his soul rest in peace and may his good wife receive comfort.—Yours faithfully,

L. J. FOX.

THE HIGH TIDE ON THE COAST OF LINCOLNSHIRE—1571

- The following verse in the Dear Sir. long narrative poem by Jean Ingelow (1820-1897) was written in 1863 and appears in Palgrave's Golden Treasury.

The old mayor climbed the belfry tower, The ringers ran by two, by three;

"Pull, if ye never pulled before; Good ringers, pull your best," quoth he. "Play uppe, play uppe, O Boston bells!
Ply all your changes, all your swells,
Play uppe 'The Brides of Enderby.'"

The ringing of The Brides of Enderby is referred to several times in the poem and I would be interested to know what this is. It appears to be some kind of special warning rung on the bells but perhaps there is someone who could explain. Yours faithfully,

F. LESLIE COVENTRY. 14 Highcroft Avenue, Bebington, Wirral, Cheshire.

PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Dear Sir,-I would like to submit these compositions of Plain Bob Royal for pub-

lication in The Ringing World.

They are the result of an experiment in re-arranging the tenors in an attempt to relieve the monotony of the normal 8x97 coursing order so rigidly adhered to in most compositions. This is done by using the Q set in which the tenor first runs out, then makes the bob, and finally runs in, all at bobs.

The first of these is a service touch which should provide some interesting ringing in a tower fortunate enough to boast ten change ringers! Each course has the tenor differently arranged, and Tittums oc-curs at the beginning of the second (at handstroke).

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W	VII	F/B/I	6	M	Н	
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Bell No. 7 is unaffected throughout, and an alternative calling with 7th the observation is given below.

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I also enclose a peal in which the tenors spend part of the peal in the "handstroke tittums" position:

W	FBI	5220 6	M	Н
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3	F	S	5 5	2 S
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Tittums appears at handstroke at the beginning of the 14th course (i.e. approxi-

mately at the half-way point).

Bell No. 7 comes to its own position at regular intervals of 180 changes and the

ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter from Mr. Peter Marshall (Ringing World, page 574) regarding the two extents of Original Minor which I had previously submitted to you, does Mr. Marshall really think that we had not made these observations ourselves (incidentally sixths place Single Oxford Minor is usually called Single Court) regarding No. 1 extent? The analysis made of No. 2 extent is completely irrelevant, as many methods could be described as simply "half a dozen or so . . . methods simpily spliced together." The important thing to note, however, is that the extents were certainly not rung as such. It is true that a band could simply ring a peal of Single Court and call it "Original," but this we regard as completely unethical and I am sure that no band in their right senses would do this sort of thing.

No. Mr. Marshall, our peals were rung as Original with all the bobs called, and despite the shortcomings of the composition(s) I can assure you that a peal of Original Minor still consists of "a wild medley of

calls" (about 2,000 in all).

As I mentioned in my original (excuse the pun!) letter, the extents were supplied to me by Mr. C. K. Lewis, who I consider to be in a position to judge their validity. -Yours faithfully, KEVIN M. PRICE.

Crosthwaite, Westmorland.

P.S.-There does not seem to be many extents of Original available.-K. M. P.

BATH AND WELLS TREBLE PLACE DOUBLES

Dear Sir,-5, 3, 5, 1, 345, 5, 3, 1, 3, 5. l.h. 123 bob 125. Proposed name Bath Treble Place. Extent of 240 rung at Carhampton, Som, May, 1970.

5, 3, 5, 1, 345, 5, 3, 123, 3, 5. l.h. 123 bob 125. Proposed name Wells Treble Place. Extent of 240 rung at Winsford, Som, May, 1970.

Both methods have a treble course dodge 12 3rds and dodge 45.—Yours faithfully,

Dunster, Som. E. R. TYNDALE-BISCOE

NEW MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,-Our band rang a new Minor method for the Patronal Festival at Twyning on July 22, wishing to name it Twyning Delight. It now appears that the same method had already been rung on July 2, but Mr. Cyril Wratten did not receive the report of this until July 25. Had we known that this method had been conquered we would have obviously attempted another

To avoid any further disappointment to other bands (as well as our own), may I suggest that a note be placed in The Ring-World requesting that new Minor methods rung be sent to Mr. Wratten as soon as they are rung.—Yours faithfully

MARTYN HAWKES. Cheltenham. calling can easily be transcribed to give 7

as the observation. Besides the backstroke 4-6, 6-4, 5-6, 6-5,

546, 564 course-ends there is plenty of good tittums music at handstroke after the bob before, and since whole courses are rung for as many of the most musical coursing orders as possible, there should be a superabundance of interesting roll-ups-which might keep an otherwise tiring band on its toes.

Both these compositions are, to the best of my knowledge, original, and were com-posed by myself.—Yours faithfully, Worsley, Lancs. S NICHOLAS HARROP.

London, E.

Standard "Calling" in Minor Methods "Regular" and Otherwise

By THE PROFESSOR

HAVING received several inquiries about this subject and observed that people some-times conduct Minor in an aura of uncertainty, I should like to pass on several hints that I have myself found useful during my protracted and, to use a rather hackneyed expression, somewhat chequered career as a

In Minor ringing, particularly in Treble Bob, the observance of coursing orders does not assume the importance that it does in ringing on higher numbers. In "irregular" methods, where the "natural" coursing order breaks down even during the Plain Course itself, checking the position of the bells except at course-ends and/or part-ends, is not a very profitable occupation. profitable occupation.

[I have promised myself, and others, that I will write an article on the subject of coursing in Minor ringing at some future date.]

It is important to know, therefore, with absolute certainty the position of every bell at every Bob throughout the 720. The young (or old) conductor must learn to call the Bobs as much by the general position of all the bells as by the one which he is using as "observation." If he has to rely on the position of one bell (say, the tenor) he will remain merely a Bob-caller.

Having learned the position of all the bells at the Bobs he will find that, after a while, a lead or so before the call is made he will be anticipating it and watching the bells fall into their positions as the pieces of a jig-saw fit together, and also that for a lead after the call has been made he will be observing the bells work away from their Bob positions.

With additional experience and the develop

With additional experience and the development of extra check-points he will eventually discover, perhaps to his amazement, that there is not a lead goes by in the 720 in which he doesn't know the position of every bell.

As this happy state of affairs depends upon the Bob positions, I shall now proceed to divulge, free of charge, how this knowledge can be procured.

By "standard" calling it is generally accepted that the 6th is used as "observation" beil, thereby being unaffected by the Bobs, so far as its duties are concerned, and the 5th is used as "sub-observation," or, that these two bells are used the other way round. The 720 naturally falls into three parts and the sub-observation bell performs similar duties in each part. Both bells are at "home" at the part-end, i.e. the end of the second, fourth and sixth courses.

If the standard calling with the 6th as observation and with 6th place lead-ends is mastered, other standard callings can be fairly easily learned by comparing them with this and noting the similarities and differences. I therefore propose to go through this in some detail before moving on to the others.

Here is a 720 called with the 6th "In" (to Slow-work), "Out" "In," twice repeated, given by Bob lead-heads and part-end (head), lead-heads (ends). [One has to be very careful nowadays about one's terminology.]

And here are the actual Bobs giving the lead-ends and lead-heads showing what actually

takes place:			
	1st Part	2nd Part	3rd Part
Transition	146253	136452	126354 lead-end
Tenor 'In	164235	163425	162345 lead-hea
T . ((O4))	162453	164352	163254
Tenor "Out"	126435	146325	136245
T	136524	126543	146532
Tenor "In"	163542	162534	164523

The position of the 6th requires no comment but it will be noticed that the 5th dodges behind at the first two Bobs in each part and makes the third (i.e. 4ths place at the Bob). The bell with which the 5th dodges at the first Bob in each part it also dodges with at the second. Let us call this bell the part-bell." It is, of course, a different bell in each part; in the first part it is the 3rd bell, and in the second and third parts it is the 2nd and 4th respectively. Notice also that the part-bell comes out at the third Bob as the 6th goes in. 6th goes in.

The other two bells work, as it were, in pairs. One makes the first Bob whilst the other comes out and this bell then makes the second Bob whilst the one that made the first runs in. Finally, at the third Bob they dodge behind together.

Let us summarise these points as follows:

1. 6th: 'In-Out-In' in each part.

2. 5th: 5-6; 5-6; Bob; in each part.

Bells making Bobs: 1st Part 2.4.5. Part bell 3. 2nd Part 4.3.5. Part bell 2. 3rd Part 3.2.5. Part bell 4. 3rd Part

Part bell. 5-6 with 5th; 5-6 with 5th; unaffected; in each part.

Paired bell not making Bob on the front with 6th for the first two Bobs. Paired bells in In each part. 5-6 at third Bob.

There are several ways of memorising this information but. I have always found the simplest way is to remember the paired bells

2-4; 4-3; 3-2.

Notice that these start with the 2nd and move anti-clockwise. 4-3;

Two additional points:

i. In forward hunting methods the 5th always comes down before the partbell.

ii. The paired bells always come down in the order you have memorised them, which is also the order in which they made the Bobs.

As an illustration of the use of this information of the use of the part of the

tion let us imagine applying it to the first part of a 720. The mental processes would be somewhat as follows:

FIRST BOB

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And similar reasoning for the other parts.

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Of course it is not necessary, as I pointed out previously, to wait until the lead-end in order to see if all the bells are in position. Let us suppose that we are ringing Oxford T.B. and approaching the first Bob in the

third part. The paired bells are 3-2, therefore the Bob-making bell will be the 3rd, and the 2nd will come out of Slow as the 6th goes in. A glance will show that the 2nd is doing Slow-work even if we did not notice him go into Slow-work at the previous lead-end. The 3rd should course up after the treble and follow him down to make first thirds. It tenor should come down before the treble and be last bell to lead. The 5th should be noted going up after the 3rd and the 4th after the 5th.

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All this is noted almost subconsciously by an experienced conductor who adopts similar procedures for other more advanced methods

Having sampled the system it will not be necessary to go so fully into the other variations. Here is the standard calling with 6th observation and 2nds place lead-ends presented in tabulated form with a few comments:

2NDS PLACE LEAD-ENDS: Tenor 'Wrong, Home, Wrong.'

	23456		1st Part 2	nd Part	3rd Part
	23564 45236	(33/	132546	143526	124536
	45362	'Wrong'	123564	134562	142563
	34562		154263	152364	153462
	25346 25463	'Home'	145236	125346	135426
	42356		143230	123340	155420
	42563 35426	133/2022	154326	152436	153246
	35264	'Wrong'	145362	125463	135264
Plain	23456				

5th: Bob; Out; Out; in each part.
Bells making bobs:

1st Part | 5. 2.3. Part bell 4.
2nd Part | 5. 3.4. Part bell 2.
3rd Part | 5. 4.2. Part bell 3.
Part bell: Unaffected; In; In: in each part.
Paired bells 'In' and 'Out'

at first Bob. Bell not making 2nd or 3rd Bob behind with tenor.

Memorise: 2-3; 3-4; 4-2. In each part,

Here the order in which the bells make the Bobs is exactly the reverse of that in the previous calling. This interesting mathematical snippet is not, however, a great deal of use to the conductor. What he will notice on examining the table is that the 5th makes the first Bob in each part instead of the last, that the 5th and the part-bell work on the front instead of the back, a condition shared by the paired bells at the first Bob, and that, as in the previous calling, the whole operation can be quickly assimilated by memorising the paired bells. Furthermore, these paired bells again start with the 2nd but this time working clockwise instead of anti-clockwise.

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In considering the use of the 5th as ob-servation instead of the 6th I shall give the Bobs for the first part only as all the necessary information can be obtained therefrom. The young conductor, if he is wise, as I am sure he is, will write out the 720 in full by the lead-heads in order to familiarise himself with the facts.

5th OBSERVATION 6ths Lead-ends 2nds Lead-ends

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23456 — 35642 — 54263 — 25463	23456 — 64235 — 64352 — 23645
42356	34256

A word first of all about the calling. The A word first or all about the calling. The calling positions for standard calling in any Minor method are, as is well known, those in which the observation bell is unaffected by the call. When either 5th or 6th is chosen as

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Quarter Peals

Adderbury, Oxon.—July 17, 1260 Stedman Triples: B. J. Davis 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, M. W. Sayers 3, J. Carter 4, P. J. Davis 5, P. J. Heritage 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, A. Ryder 8. To commemorate the birth of a son, Graham, to Bob and Diana Reeves.

Aston, Herts.—July 5, 1260 Bob Doubles: L. A. Izzard 1, Rosemary A. Spier 2, P. C. Worthington 3, M. R. Worthington (cond) 4, T. R. Falder 5, A. Gray 6. For Morning Ser-

vice.

Beckford, Glos.—July 11, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: D. Cotton 1, J. Attwood, Snr., 2, R Harris (cond.) 3, K. Pratt 4, R. Hickmott 5, J. Firkins 6. For Flower Festival.

Benhall St. Mary's, Suffolk.—July 26, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Peters 1, T. Hughes (cond.) 2, R. Peters 3, M. Baldry 4, M. Peters 5, S. Peters (first quarter) 6. For Service, also a birthday compliment to Roly Peck.

Bentworth, Hants.—July 11, 1320 Doubles (16 m/v): B. J. Fry 1, A. D. Leach 2, Catherine M. Law 3, R. E. Finch 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5.

Bishops Cleeve, Glos.—July 11, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss C. Tester 1, Miss R. Cousins 2, Miss P. Baker 3, Miss B. Eden 4, A. Lawrence (cond.) 5, P. Mostoe 6. A wedding compliment to Miss M. Jackson and Mr. B. Hall. Also July 13, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss P. Baker 1, Miss B. Eden 2, P. Baker 3, R. G. Bell 4, R. Sadowski (cond.) 5, P. Mustoe 6. Half-muffled in memoriam R. Braithwate.

Bredbury, Cheshire. — July 26, 1320 Bob Doubles: Wendy Morris (first quarter) 1, B. F. Trueman 2, Frances M. Hibbert 3, Elizabeth A. Hibbert 4, M. Foulds (cond.) 5, A. Hibbert 6. Halfmuffled in memoriam Canon E. D. Reeman, Vicar of Bredbury, 1933-45, who was largely responsible for the installation of this ring of bells.

Broad Hinton, Wilts. — July 28, 1440 Bob Minor: Miss S. Titcombe 1, S. E. Mitchener 2, P. Tombs 3, A. B. Rogerson 4, M. J. Stanley 5, M. A. New (cond.) 6.

Catherington, Hants. — July 22, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Cane 1, Miss J. Berriman 2, A. Gill 3, D. Cooper 4, A. Buswell 5, M. Cass (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to G. Cane.

Chenies, Bucks.—July 18, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss D. J. J. Wilson (first Minor) 1, B. M. Barker 2, Miss P. Tomlinson (first Minor) 3, P. W. Harper 4, R. J. Picton 5, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 6. At the conclusion of the Battle for Chenies Manor.

Chepstow, Mon.—July 25, 1277 Grandsire Caters: L. Cooke 1, J. D. Owen 2, P. Bennett 3, Mrs. D. J. King 4, M. Esbester 5, P. Chambers 6, R. W. Owen 7, C. E. Slade 8, D. J. King (cond.), 9, G. Wilkinson 10. First quarter on ten for 1 and 2. For the Diocesan Ordination Service. Also July 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia R. Williams 1, G. N. Williams 2, Mrs. D. J. King 3, J. D. Owen 4, L. Cooke 5, R. W. Owen 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. Hoskins 8. First on eight for 1 and 8. First inside for 2 and 5. By the local band for Civic Service.

Chobham, Surrey.—July 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Hill (first quarter) 1, Jill Bendow (first quarter) 2, Patricia C. Hill 3, J. P. Ladd 4, C. K. Hill (cond.) 5, F. G. Wheeler (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation.

Cockermouth, Cumberland.—July 15, 1260 Bob Minor: Jane Worthington 1, J. Hulley (first quarter) 2, Rosetta Cowen 3, R. Wetenhall 4, H. Byrom 5, D. Kealey (first Minor as cond.) 6.

Coleman's Hatch, Sussex.—July 17, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: Felicity Benford 1, Judy Weekes 2, P. Howard 3, A. Bainham 4, L. Bainham 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6.

Creech St. Michael, Som.—July 18, 1320 Bob Doubles: S. Rossiter (first in method) 1, B. Holt (first in method inside) 2, B. Butler 3, Mrs. P. Jenkins 4, W. H. Poole (cond.) 5, J. Harmsworth (first quarter) 6.

Cuckney, Notts. — July 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Earl 1, G. Challans 2, H. T. Rooke 3, Miss S. Ettles 4, F. Cooke (cond.) 5, W. Hakes 6.

Damerham, Hants.—July 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Baverstock 1, Mrs. M. Baverstock (first inside) 2, Mrs. M. Cowerd 3, D. Kerley 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, C. Kimber 6.

Duffield, Derbys.—July 10, 1584 Bob Major: F. Stone 1, P. Warrington 2, D. Pollard 3, I. Wilson 4, D. Parkin 5, R. Pocklington 6, J. Murfin (cond.) 7, G. Halls 8.

Easthampstead, Berks.—July 19, 1260 Bob Triples: Joan E. Scott 1, Susan E. Rance 2, A. J. N. Rance 3, S. G. Scott 4, C. W. Bailey 5, K. R. Davenport 6, G. N. Scott (cond.) 7, W. R. Churchill 8. For Evensong. First Triples as conductor.

Eckington, Worcs.—July 14, 1344 Bob Major: J. Firkins 1, H. Plumb 2, R. Harris 3, J. Attwood, Snr., 4, R. Hickmott 5, K. Pratt 6, D. A. Trenfield 7, J. Attwood, Jnr. (cond.) 8. First of Major since rehanging. First of Major for 1, 5 and 6. First of Major as conductor. A wedding compliment to Mr. F. R. Perks (tower captain) and Miss A. Grice of Eckington.

Edmonton, Middx.—July 26, 1260 Bob Minor: Denise Hewitt (first quarter) 1, Susan East (first quarter) 2, Beryl Platt (first as cond.) 3, Jacquie Hedges 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, D. Dorrington 6, Trudy Newcombe cover. For Evensong.

Edwinstowe, Notts.—July 2, 1440 Dukeries Delight Minor: B. Birkett 1, F. Cooke 2, D. Chambers 3, Miss S. Ettles 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 5, H. T. Rooke 6. For Patronal Festival. First in the method.

Grantham, Lincs.—July 5, 1260 Bob Royal: P. Smith 1, Mary Cheesewright 2, C. Wright 3, A. Crawford 4, D. A. Frith 5, D. E. Leafe 6, J. Holmes 7, K. Ketteringham 8, H. R. Woods 9, P. A. Slight (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

Greasley, Notts.—July 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Bestwick 1, S. Bestwick (first inside) 2, Margaret A. Eyre 3, Helen M. Simpson 4, D. J. Beach (cond.) 5, T. M. Ford 6. For a special service to mark 100 years of compulsory education.

Great Barrington, Glos.—July 25, 1272 Westminster S. Minor: I. Goulter 1, B. Spiers 2, M. Hawkes 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, J. Clements 5, L. Edwards 6.

Great Witcombe, Glos.—July 26, 1260 Bob Minor: Ann Hill 1, Anne Herbert 2, T. Onions 3, A. Halling 4, R. Liddell 5, H. B. Schofield (cond.) 6. For Flower Festival.

Handsworth, Yorks.—July 22, 1264 Bob Major: E. Dorice Kelly 1, P. J. Hollis (first inside) 2, Margaret Duke (first quarter) 3, F. Cardwell 4, I. P. Bell 5, Judith J. Gilbert 6, J. J. L. Gilbert 7, D. J. Kelly (cond.) 8.

Hawkshead, Lancs.—July 6, 1260 Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Rev. R. Lindsay 1, Mary W. Whalley 2, J. Whalley 3, Sheila H. Heaton 4, W. Kenyon 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6, Kathleen M. Shepherd 7, W. R. Johnstone 8. A farewell to the Rev. Robert Lindsay (Vicar), and Mr. William R. Johnstone, leaving the area.

Hayes, Middx.—July 4, 1260 Stedman Triples: F. Price 1, F. R. Scott 2, A. F. Thirst 3, A. Patterson 4, D. Brown 5, N. Thompson 6, C. T. Cook (cond.) 7, P. S. Venn 8. By A.S. of College Youths for Flower Festival. Also same day by Middlesex Association: 1260 Stedman Triples: H. Rogers 1, D. Brock 2, D. Pickett 3, E. Kelley 4, A. Patterson 5, W. G. Wilson 6, C. Rogers 7, P. S. Venn 8.

Hersham, Surrey.—July 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Moody (first of Doubles) 1, Hazel Pady 2, P. Hartt 3, J. Bailey 4, J. King (cond.) 5, Pam Bird (circled the tower for quarters) 6. For Evensong.

High Littleton, Som.—June 18, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Willcox 1, Mrs. H. Kimber 2, Mrs. E. Ford 3, A. Coombs 4, H. Coombs 5, M. J. Orman (cond.) 6. For 90th birthday of Mrs. Gait, wife of tower captain. First of Minor as conductor.

Hillingdon, Middx.—June 21, at St. John Baptist, 1264 Bob Major: Ruby G. Fardon 1, A. R. G. Twinn 2, R. A. Fardon 3, M. W. Seymour 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, W. H. Coles 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, R. K. Russ 8. For Patronal Festival. Also July 12, 1280 D.N.C.B. Major: Claudia A. Critchley 1, Marjorie Hill 2, R. K. Russ 3, J. Walters 4, A. J. Strathdee 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, G. W. Critchley 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also July 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Freda M. Twinn (first quarter) 1, A. R. G. Twinn 2, Claudia A. Critchley 3, R. K. Russ (cond.) 4, J. R. Sexton 5, G. W. Critchley 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, F. Scoones 8. For Evensong and a farewell to Jim and Beryl Sexton, leaving for Poole, Dorset.

Hornchurch, Essex.—July 26, 1260 Stedman Triples: Dorothy J. Wright 1, C. E. Wright 2, Joan M. Peacock 3, F. G. Richardson 4, J. McDonald 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. E. Scoones 8. To mark the 80th birthday of Jim Carrott, deputy master of the local band.

Horsell, Surrey.—July 19, 1260 Doubles (three methods): E. R. Warner 1, Jill Benbow 2, Patricia C. Hill 3, C. K. Hill 4, J. P. Ladd (cond.) 5, T. L. Baker (first quarter) 6. For the anniversary of E. R. Warner's first peal exactly 51 years to the day.

Hyde, Cheshire.—July 12, 1264 Bob Major: P. J. Vickers (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Smith 2. Margaret Armfield 3, Margaret Booth 4, Ann C. Bennett 5, N. Bennett (cond.) 6, D. F. Yates 7, M. Rigby 8. For Evensong.

Keynsham, Som. — July 18, 1248 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. J. Ball 1, A. Adams 2, P. J. Devrell 3, A. Wrigley 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6, J. W. Owen 7, B. Sarll 8. For Flower Festival and to celebrate the 700th anniversary of Keynsham Church.

Kingsdon, Som.—July 26, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Mrs. L. Crocker 1, E. Rice 2, Mrs. L. Parker (first as cond.) 3, R. Parker 4, C. Gratton 5, D. Pollard 6. For Evensong visit of the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

Knebworth, Herts.—July 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Spicer 1, B. J. Harris (cond.) 2, M. M. Roden 3, F. W. Ellis 4, M. R. Worthington 5, P. C. Worthington 6, D. L. Gullick 7, A. E. Jones 8. A wedding compliment to Susan Bradshaw and Terrance Magee (local ringer).

Langdon Hills, Essex.—July 26, 1260 Eynesbury Bob Doubles: Cheryl Pretlove (first quarter) 1, Janice Manterfield 2, S. Clarke 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, S. Stott (50th quarter) 6. First in the method by all and by a resident band.

Launton, Oxon.—July 21, 1260 Bob Minor: F. Sharpe 1, W. F. Judge 2, M. J. Turner 3, C. P. Turner 4, J. E. Judge 5, E. J. Smith (cond.) 6.

Loders, Dorset.—July 22, 1320 York S. Minor: D. B. Ellery 1, R. Haines (cond.) 2, Helen Haines 3, I. Calvert 4, C. W. H. Powell 5, M. J. Hiller 6.

London.—St. Clement Danes, July 19, 1265 Stedman Caters: J. R. Pratt 1, K. J. Rider 2, Miss J. Reynolds 3, T. Lewis 4, E. J. Ladd 5, M. F. Oakshett 6, J. M. Hills 7, P. J. Simmonds 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, Miss D. E. Colgate 10. For Evensong.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE Loughborough, Leics.—Bell Foundry, July 7, 1260 Bob Minor: T. H. Kirkman 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, J. R. A. Yates 3, A. E. Clayton 4, R. A. Metcalfe 5, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 6.

Lydiard Millicent, Wilts.—April 18, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss S. Titcombe (first of Minor) 1, Miss V. L. Ballard 2, A. B. Rogerson 3, S. E. Mitchener 4, M. J. Stanley (cond.) 5, M. L. Sutton 6. For Parish Gift Day.

Mark, Som.—July 9, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Puddy 1, E. Forrest 2, Kay Hines 3, I. J. Burrough 4, Doris Burrough 5, F. B. Comer 6, P. Ham (cond.) 7, J. Creber 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. P. Ham, also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Fear.

Mildenhall, Suffolk. — July 26, 1320 Bob Doubles: Karen Bonnett (first quarter) 1, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 2, C. R. Nunn 3, Sally E. V. Potter (25th quarter) 4, T. Bonnett (first inside) 5, Christine Eagle 6.

Mottisfont, Hants.—July 6, 1380 Doubles (11 m/v): D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, Flora M. Stocker 2, Faith Riley 3, B. F. Peachey 4, B. J. Fry 5.

Nailsea, Som.—July 21, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): L. Derrick 1, L. Childs 2, D. Willis (first in method) 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

Ockham, Surrey.—July 19, 1260 Bob Doubles: Ann Watson (first quarter) 1, Anne Matthews 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, D. Lodge 4, F. Matthews 5. For Morning Service.

Old Fletton, Hunts.—July 19, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: D. Clarke 1, W. J. Riley 2, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 3, J. R. Charlton 4, D. J. W. Gadd 5. For Patronal Festival of St. Margaret.

Oxford — July 15, at St. Thomas's, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. the Hon. N. R. Morrison (Vicar of Randwick) 1, Rev. P. Hearn (Rector of Stratton) 2, Rev. F. Rigby (Rector of Bromsberrow) 3, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray (Vicar of Staverton w. Boddington) (cond.) 4, Rev. P. Newing (Priest-in-charge, Tibberton w. Taynton) 5, Rev. C. D. J. G. Burslem (Rector of Amberley) 6. For St. Swithun's Day and to mark the Gloucester Diocese Clergy School held at Keble College. All the ringers are members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Perranarworthal, Cornwall. — July 11, 1280 Doubles (five methods): Gay Meyrick 1, Janet S. Evans 2, C. B. Allen 3, A. P. Smith 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, T. N. Hitchens 6. For Stithians Show.

Petworth, Sussex.—July 12, 1280 Rutland S. Major: Juliet Fynes 1, Sonia Hailes (first of Major) 2, C. Fynes 3, B. E. Matthews 4, I. M. Davies (first of Rutland) 5, H. F. Franklin (first of Rutland) 6, A. C. Rix 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. For Morning Service.

Polesworth, Warks.—July 12, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, S. Allsopp 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns (cond) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion.

Portsmouth, Hants.—At the Cathedral, July 19, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Jones 1, B. J. Fry 2, A. Hicks 3, Miss J. M. Berriman 4, M. E. Cass (cond.) 5, A. Hoodless 6. For the baptism of Adrian Timothy Buswell, son of the tower captain

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Preston Plucknett, Som.—July 26, 1260 Bob
Doubles: M. Shaw 1, D. Hammonds 2, L. J.
Harris 3, E. J. Hart 4, W. Shaw 5, J. C. Taylor
(cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. For
Patronal Festival.

Redhill, Surrey.—July 26, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss F. Illman 1, G. Charlton 2, Mary Dallison 3, Marion Dallison 4, G. A. West 5, K. Dallison (cond.) 6, H. Comber cover. For Evenson

Salisbury, Rhodesia. — July 19, 1260 Bob Minor: Roger Thomson 1, Miss F. Pellatt 2, Jeffrey M. Lawrence 3, Miss D. Kay Moore 4, Kenneth S. Cross 5, J. D. Chamberlain (cond.) 6.

St. Albans, Herts.—July 23, 75, Castle Road, 1260 Bob Minor: Dawn Owen (first "in hand") 1-2, Elizabeth Forster 3-4, Joyce M. Clarke (first acond.) 5-6. A birthday compliment to Dawn Owen; also to mark the birth of a daughter to Robert and Katherine Hardy.

St. Clement, Cornwall.—July 1, 1272 Bob Minimus: Carol Gartside 1, C. T. Hitchens 2, A. C. Gummow 3, T. N. Hitchens 4. First by 1, 2 and 3. First by the Sunday service band.

St. Eval, Cornwall.—July 25, 1470 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Dash (first on treble) 1, Janet Evans 2, R. S. K. S. Salisbury 3, T. N. Hitchens 4, T. J. Bell (cond.) 5, D. A. Trethewey 6. A birthday compliment to T. N. Hitchens.

Sherborne Abbey, Dorset.—July 19, 1280 Rutland S. Major: M. J. Dew 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, D. B. Ellery 3, S. I. Bamforth 4, C. W. H. Powell 5, M. J. Hiller 6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7, G. W. Elmes 8. For Evensong.

Sharow, Yorks.—June 26, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Dent 1, A. Dalton 2, A. Bashforth 3, E. Dalton 4, G. Dalton 5, E. Hudson (cond.) 6. A tribute to the Rev. E. G. and Mrs. Parry on retirement.

Shernborne, Glos.—July 25, 1320 Ipswich S. Minor: Geraldine Mitchell 1, I. Goulter 2, D. Price (cond.) 3, B. Spiers 4, M. Hawkes 5, L. Edwards 6.

South Marston, Wilts.—May 30, 1260 Doubles: A. R. Hooper 1, D. I. Herring 2, T. R. Collins (cond.) 3, S. E. Mitchener 4, A. B. Rogerson 5, D. L. Jones 6. For village fete.

Stafford.—July 12, 1280 Llanfair P. G. S. Major: Jennifer M. Beech 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3, Margaret A. Swain 4, R. J. Warrilow 5, F. Beech 6, N. R. Holland 7, E. R. Faithbrother (cond.) 8.

Staunton on Wye, Herefords.—July 18, 1296 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford T.B. Spliced, 576 Cambridge Surprise): F. R. Harris 1, Miss J. D. Jaine 2, Miss V. M. Edge 3, L. Mainwaring 4, G. Fletcher 5, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 6. First of Minor in three methods by all. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Jaine.

Stepney, London.—July 22, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): Miss L. Weedon 1, Miss J. Cain 2, L. J. Fox (cond.) 3, A. Cuthbert 4, R. Brown 5, H. G. Weedon 6. First in three methods for all. For Requiem Mass for James Olley (former Mayor of Stepney).

Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx.—June 28, 1312 Yorkshire S. Major: D. Brock 1, Patricia Rogers 2, Mrs. H. W. Rogers 3, Catherine Elliott 4, M. Loveday 5, A. D. Flood 6, H. W. Rogers 7, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 8. Half-muffled for memorial service for late chairman of local branch British Legion.

Swindon, Wilts.—April 25, at St. Mark's, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss S. Titcombe 1, M. J. Stanley 2, T. R. Collins 3, S. E. Mitchener (25th quarter and 25th with 5) 4, A. B. Rogerson (25th quarter) 5, P. Toombs (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival and for 125th anniversary of the dedication of the church. Also July 23, 1926 Bob Minor: Miss S. Titcombe 1, A. B. Rogerson 2, D. I. Herring 3, D. L. Jones (first inside) 4, S. E. Mitchener 5, M. J. Stanley (cond.) 6.

Thatcham, Berks. — June 9, 1260 Stedman Triples: Valerie Edens 1, R. Butler (aged 12) (first in method) 2, Jennifer Barker 3, R. Rex 4, W. Butler 5, A. Edens 6, R. Christopher (cond.) 7, A. Christopher 8.

Thorley, Herts.—July 22, 1320 Bob Doubles: K. Westwood 1, A. Westwood 2, C. Moore 3, P. Warboys (cond.) 4, T. Camp 5.

Thorverton, Devon. — July 25, 1260 Bob Triples: Anne Ford 1, J. A. Foster 2, D. R. Bould 3, E. W. Ford 4, C. L. Barr 5, C. F. Longridge 6, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 7, M. R. Barker 8, For the 8th centenary celebrations of the martyrdom of St. Thomas à Becket. Also in memoriam Edward Date Uglow interred this day.

Trumpington, Cambs.—July 25, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: R. A. Currell 1, Kitty Willers 2, Jean Sanderson 3, A. D. Lilley 4, R. I. West 5, M. R. Kitson (first Surprise as cond.) 6. First of Surprise 1, 4 and 6. For St. James's Day.

Twyning, Glos.—July 22, 1320 Dukeries Delight Minor: F. Lawrence 1, Valerie Willard 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. For Evensong on Patronal Festival. Also July 26, 1260 Doubles (11 var.): W. Williams 1, Iris Milton 2, M. Hawkes (cond.) 3, Valerie Willard 4, F. Hawkes 5, D. Williams 6. For Flower Festival.

Walkden, Lancs.—July 25, 1344 Bob Major: G. O. Sanders 1, C. L. D. Munday 2, P. Broadbent 3, P. Reading 4, H. M. Heaton 5, A. F. Scholfield 6, R. F. Andrew 7, M. Foulds (cond.) 8.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.—June 7, 1344 Grandsire Triples: L. C. Tibbitts 1, Linda J. West 2, June Whitcher 3, Laura M. Grindrod 4, D. A. Tovell 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 7, M. B. Jefferyes 8. For Evensong. Also June 28, 1260 Stedman Triples: Laura M. Grindrod 1, June Whitcher 2, Linda J. West (first Stedman) 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, A. S. Baker 6, R. J. Chapman 7, A. J. Slade 8. For Matins. Also July 5, 1260 Bob Royal: Jane Fransella 1, Linda J. West 2, Liz C. Duncan 3, L. C. Tibbitts 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, K. A. Hughes 6, I. L. Dear 7, M. C. Austin 8, J. E. Murfitt (cond) 9, J. S. N. Porter 10. For Evensong. First of Royal inside for 2 and 4. Also July 12, 1260 Stedman Triples: Linda J. West 1, June Whitcher 2, Laura M. Grindrod 3, G. H. Walker 4, A. J. Slade 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 7, R. J. Chapman 8. For Matins. Also July 26, 1254 Grandsire Cinques: D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, Sally Cobb 2, A. J. Slade 3, L. C. Tibbitts (first Cinques) 4, Laura M. Grindrod 5, June Whitcher 6, M. B. Jefferyes 7, M. C. Austin 8, I. L. Dear 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, R. J. Chapman 11, J. E. Murfitt 12. After Evensong as a farewell to Rev. H. R. Darby after his last service as Vicar at Waltham Abbey.

Walthamstow, London.—July 26, 1260 Bob Triples: J. Hall (first Triples) 1, Miss J. Turcan 2, Miss S. Turcan 3, D. A. Wright 4, E. Holman 5, K. Warner 6, C. G. Wright (cond.) 7, C. T. Coles 8. A wedding compliment to Janet Gamble and Jay.

Warsop, Notts.—July 16, 1440 Spion Kop Delight Minor: B. Birkett 1, G. Challens 2, R. Hancock 3, F. Cooke 4, D. Chambers 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. First in the method.

Spion Kop Delight x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36. 12 x 34. 16 2nds 65324.

Wells, Som.—At the Cathedral, Feb. 1, 1280 Cambridge Royal: V. Savage 1, E. J. Chivers 2, E. Naylor 3, G. Salmon 4, M. Bartlett 5, R. Short 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, D. Mackay 8, R. E. Beck 9, A. P. Beck 10. For Evensong.

Westham, Sussex.—June 24, 1265 Stedman Doubles: Jane Mason (25th quarter, first of Stedman) 1, A. Baldock (cond.) 2, Ann Smith 3, H. Reynolds 4, I. Smith (first of Stedman Doubles inside) 5, D. Woodward 6. Also June 28, at Linden Cottage, 1260 Bob Minor: Ann Smith 1–2, A. Baldock (200th quarter) 3–4, I. Smith (cond.) 5–6. Also July 24, 1260 Bob Minor: Ann Smith 1–2, A. Baldock 3–4, I. Smith (cond.) 5–6. 100th together 3–4 and 5–6. Also July 26, 1260 Bob Minor: Ann Smith 1–2, A. Baldock (cond.) 3–4, I. Smith 5–6.

Whissendine, Leics. — July 22, 1260 Bob Minor: J. P. Thorpe 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, J. R. Ward 4, A. French 5, O. Homewood (cond.) 6.

Whittlesford, Cambs. — July 26, 1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Bird 1, L. J. York Moore 2, M. J. Whitby 3, R. A. Currell 4, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. For Evensong.

Norwich Diocesan Association. SOMERLEYTON VISITED

About 40 ringers attended the Eastern Branch quarterly meeting in early summer, which, for the first time in over 20 years, was held at Somerleyton. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the service, taken by the rector (Rev. E. Brooks), and afterwards tea was served in the village hall by the wives and friends of the ringers.

At the business meeting thanks were extended to the Rev. E. Brooks, Mr. John Robins (organist) and the ladies who served tea. Two members were elected, Mr. Percy Cave (ringing) and the Rev. E. Brooks (honorary). The branch outing to the Loughborough Bell Foundry will be in September, and the dinner will be at Great Yarmouth in October.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WOBURN, Bedfordshire, St. Mary.

Sat. July 18, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (24 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Frederick Dench.

Georgina C. M. Carter

Edgar T. Skipsey

Anthony H. Smith

*4 Martin Major 5 Alan M. Barber

6 David R. Saunderson Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

8 C. Michael Orme

*First of Bristol.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, St. James, Tues., July 21, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (18 cwt.) 5120 KETTERING SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stephen Ivin.

James H. Edwards 2 Linda Fleming

2 Enda Fleining
3 Ronald J. Sharp
4 Anthony H. Smith
5 C. Michael Orme
6 Robert R. Churchill
7 Keith H. Fleming

8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Mon., July 27, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (29 cwt.) 5040 BUSHMEAD SURPRISE ROYAL

David A. Hope 2 Linda Fleming

3 C. Michael Orme 4 Martin Major

5 Ronald J. Sharp 6 Frank W. Rivett 7 Edgar T. Skipsey

8 David R. Saunderson 9 Keith H. Fleming

10 Stephen Ivin (Conductor) First peal in the method.

Royal:

-30-14-58-16-1270-38-14--70-18-90.

Maximus:

-3T-14-5T-16-1270-38-149T-50 —16—9т—10—ET.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMOR-LAND ASSOCIATION

EGREMONT, Cumberland, SS. Mary and Michael.

at., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (13½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 John Hosfield 2 Vera C. Bell

3 Douglas T. Sim

4 Mary Dodd 5 Alan Capstick

6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
First peal. For Patronal Festival.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BASLOW, Derbyshire, St. Anne.

Mon., July 27, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (73 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Susan E. Davis 2 Timothy Wylie *3 Michael St. J. Smith

Ann M. Smith

5 Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (Conductor) 6 Peter D. Taylor *First inside.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Fri., July 17, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (11 cwt.) 5184 VICTORIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox.

1 Jean Sanderson Allen Twyman

3 Donald F. Murfet 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

5 Geoffrey Pearson 6 Dale Barton

7 John G. Gipson 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh

First in the method for all and for the association. A compliment to Frank and Jane Haynes on the birth of a daughter (Rosemary Laura).

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., July 21, 1970, 2hr. 45min. ($10\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.) **5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Allen Twyman 2 Alan M Barber (Conductor)

Susan Rothera 4 Donald F. Murfet

5 Geoffrey Pearson 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh John G. Gipson

8 Philip J. Rothera

SOHAM, Cambs, St. Andrew.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (21 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Georgina C. M. Carter

2 Martin Major

3 Philip Mehew 4 Allen Twyman

6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
7 Donald F. Murfet
8 John G. Gipson

9 David R. Saunderson

10 George E. Thoday

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

MALDEN, Essex, All Saints.

Fri., July 24, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (12½ cwt.) 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by F. Dench. Yvonne A. Towler

2 Terry Earle (Conductor)

3 Josephine A. Brown 4 Richard J. Harrison 5 Robert J. Lindsell 6 Keith W. Brown

James L. Towler

8 Peter G. Brown

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CROMHALL, Glos, St. Andrew.

Fri., June 5, 1970, 2hr. 44min. $(12\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5040 MINOR (London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St.

Clements, Buxton and Plain Bob).

1 Edward G. Mould

2 Richard H. Youdale 3 Ivor Newell 4 John W. Collard

5 Anthony J. Cox (Conductor) 6 Peter C. Randall

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire, St. Margaret of Antioch.

Fri., July 24, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (81 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by William Barton. 1 Anita D. O'Brien

2 Ann Toomer

3 P. Donald Naylor *4 Margaret Bowman

†5 Alan R. Strickland 6 Allan G. Keen

7 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)

‡8 E. William Ford

*First on 8. †First of Major. ‡Circled the tower. First of Major in the method as conductor on tower bells.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BERKHAMSTED, Herts, St. Peter.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 3min. $(15\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

R. E. Sheppard (Conductor)

2 C. Valerie Mills
3 P. W. Harper
4 A. V. Good
5 D. Burbidge
6 B. M. Barker
7 S. J. Crawley

8 F. M. Byrne *First of Surprise Major.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MINSTER-IN-SHEPPEY, Kent, SS. Mary and Sexburga.

Mon., July 6, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (1080 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob, 720 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 2 variations and 2 spliced compositions).

1 Susan Goodwin 2 Jane Bryant 3 Mira Ford

4 Peter D. J. Beal
5 David P. Leworthy (Conductor)

6 Ann Bryant

By a local band for Choral Eucharist on St. Sexburgha's Day.

CUDHAM, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (101 cwt.)

5079 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by Arthur Knights. *1 D. Paul Smith

†2 Jane Reynolds

t3 Christopher T. Osenton 4 Michael H. O'Callaghan

5 Martin L. Howe *6 John W. Smith (Conductor)

7 Simon A. B. Wigg §8 Peter S. Muchlinski

†§9 Trevor A. Cross ||10 Christopher J. Mundy

*50th together. †First of Stedman Caters. 1100th together. §50th together. ||First on ten.

ALDINGTON, Kent, St. Martin.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (14 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).

1 Neville A. Crane
2 Colin J. E. Wyld
3 Rhian N. Bagshaw
4 Philip R. Staples
5 Simon A. R. Wigg

5 Simon A. B. Wigg 6 Peter S. Muchlinski (Conductor)

TONBRIDGE, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. (191 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR methods: 1440 Cambridge, Superlative, 1408 Tonbridge, 800 London, 79 changes of method).

Composed by S. Jenner.

1 Lawrence T. Pope 2 Sheila M. Dobbie

3 Margaret E. Oram 4 Edward F. P. Bryant 5 David C. Brookes 6 David Featherstone Walter H. Dobbie

8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor) farewell to the vicar (Canon T. F. C. Bewes) on his retirement.

HEVER, Kent, St. Peter.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 Judith M. Corby

2 Valerie J. Howard

3 John A. Howard

4 Edward J. Jenner 5 Richard Hayes

6 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor)

DOWNE, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin.
Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.)
5040 WILMSLOW DELIGHT MINOR
(Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement.)

(Rev. E. Bankes James
1 Valerie J. Howard
2 Judith M. Corby
3 Phillip A. Butler
4 John A. Howard
5 Richard Hayes

6 Peter R. Butler (Conductor) First in method for all and for association. For the village fete—"A Day at Downe."

BIGGIN HILL, Kent, St. Mark.
Sun., July 26, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (6½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Beverley and Surfleet S., St.
Clements, Kent and Oxford T.B., Cambridge S. and Plain Bob).

1 Julia Collinge 2 Peter R. Butler 3 Valerie J. Howard 4 John A. Howard

5 Phillip A. Butler

6 Peter S. Muchlinski (Conductor).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

MANCHESTER, The Town Hall.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (423 cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by R. E. J. Dennis.

*1 Christopher I. Rowson

†2 James E. Andrews 3 Katharine J. Maundrell 4 Martin Green

†5 Geoffrey Fothergill ‡6 A. John Illingworth

7 John Bramley †8 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights *†9 David J. Bennett

10 Richard H. Youdale 11 R. Kingsley Mason 12 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor). *First of Stedman. †First of Cinques. ‡First on 12.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., July 7, 1970, 2hr. 24min. (6½ cwt.)
5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. W. Roberts.
1 G. Ronald Edwards

2 Richard Clifton *3 Roger N. Scholes 4 B. Stedman Payne

5 Frank Chambers 6 Roger Kendrick

7 Arthur E. Rowley 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in the method.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, Leics, St. James.

Wed., July 15, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Cambridge S., Kent T.B.,
Oxford T.B., Double Court, St. Clements,
Single Oxford, Plain Bob).

1 James W. Bowley
*2 Nigel R. D. Orchard
3 Roger N. Scholes
4 Frank Chambers
5 R. Stedman Payme

5 B. Stedman Payne

6 Roland Beniston (Conductor)
*First in 7 methods. Last peal on the bells before removal to the foundry for augmentation.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

TOTTENHAM, London, N., All Hallows. Thurs., June 4, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (13 cwt.) 5024 MONMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by D. Knox.

R. Kingsley Mason

2 Joan Beresford

James A. D. Woolford
James E. Andrews
John S. Barnes
Derek E. Sibson 7 Dennis Beresford

8 David E. House (Conductor)
In memoriam Leonard A. E. Horsfield,

vicar 1962-1970.

WINDSOR, Berks, St. John the Baptist. Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (17½ cwt.)

5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
(J. W. Washbrook's 90 courses.)

1 Monica Blagrove 2 Claudia A. Critchley 3 Margaret Wenban

4 Edward Armstrong 5 Alan D. Flood

6 G. William Critchley
7 Albert C. Wenban
8 Frank T. Blagrove (Conductor)

For the Patronal Festival and to mark the occasion of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales becoming a Freeman of the Royal Borough of New Windsor.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., July 14, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (6½ cwt.)
5056 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by R. D. Bailey.
1 Richard Clifton
*2 Roger N. Scholes
3 Arthur E. Rowley

4 B. Stedman Payne

5 Frank Chambers *6 Alec Jones

7 G. Ronald Edwards 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor) *First in the method.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs, St. Paul.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (28 cwt.)
5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Composed by A. P. Heywood.

1 George L. Roobottom 2 William J. Leach

3 Sheila Parsons

4 Arthur E. Rowley
5 John K. Smith
6 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
*7 Leslie F. Smith
*8 Michael G. Williamson

9 Norman Attaway

*10 Cyril Haynes

*First Stedman Caters. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harrison.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk, St. Margaret.

Mon., July 20, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (133 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Anne Corney

2 Andrew E. Crowe
3 David C. Ely
4 John I. White
5 Richard W. R. Coates
6 Derek E. Carr
7 David R. McLean

8 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
*First peal. On the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells (July 20, 1920), also to commemorate 50 years as a ringer by Mr. R. W. R. Coates.

NORTON-SUBCOURSE, Norfolk,

SS. Mary and Margaret.
Tues., July 21, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (10 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Tony F. Crawford 2 John M. Clarke

3 Mrs. Christine M. Clarke

4 Frederick C. Gunton
5 James W. Forder
6 Winston S. Girling (Conductor)

*First peal. Birthday compliment to Jane Christina Clarke, whose parents rang 2 and 3.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WINDSOR, Berks, St. John the Baptist. Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (17½ cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(T. Brooke's variation.)

- Monica Blagrove 2 Leonard Stillwell
- 3 Margaret Wenban 4 Edward Armstrong

5 E. Dennis Poole 6 Albert C. Wenban 7 Frank T. Blagrove (Conductor)

8 Sidney Blyth

By the Society of Windsor Youths to mark the 90th anniversary of the Sonning Deanery Guild.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

EDGBASTON, Birmingham, St. Bartholomew.

Wed., July 15, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10 cwt.)
5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

1 John N. Lindon 2 Richard J. Tibbetts

- 3 John F. I. Turney 4 Arthur V. Pearson
- 5 A. Bryan Ellsmore
- 6 Stephen W. Barton 7 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)

8 Maurice F. Edwards

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thur., July 16, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (31 cwt.) 5086 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

(10ths place calls.)
Arranged by P. Border.

Muriel Reay

- 2 Norman J. Goodman3 Richard J. Tibbetts
- J. Edward Cawser 5 Vernon Green
- 6 Roderick W. Pipe 7 Stephen W. Barton 8 Terry R. Hampton
- 9 Maurice F. Edwards 10 George E. Fearn 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- 12 Peter Border (Conductor)

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral.

Thur., July 23, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (31 cwt.) 5086 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

(10ths place calls.)

Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

1 Arthur V. Pearson

*2 Muriel Reay

3 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)

4 J. Edward Cawser 5 Richard J. Tibbetts

- 6 Norman J. Goodman 7 Stephen W. Barton
- †8 Terry R. Hampton 9 Maurice F. Edwards 10 George E. Fearn 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh

12 Peter Border

*First of Bristol Maximus. †200th on the

SHIRLEY, Warks, St. James the Great. 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

Colin D. Baugh Muriel Reay

Edgar C. Shepherd

Vernon Green

5 Maurice F. Edwards 6 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor) 7 Norman J. Goodman

8 George E. Fearn

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

KINGSTON, Dorset, St. James.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (27 cwt.) 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)

*2 Rev. Roger Keeley *3 A. Terence Collins

4 Richard Green 5 Gordon Benfield

*6 Graham W. Elmes

7 George E. Evenden *8 Timothy F. Collins

*First of Glasgow.

WAREHAM, Dorset, Lady St. Mary.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (15 cwt.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by Henry Dains.

Graham W. Elmes Timothy F. Collins

*3 Faith Riley

4 Michael J. Dew †5 John S. Croft 16 Melvyn J. Hiller

7 Kenneth S. B. Croft
8 Frederick E. Collins (Conductor)
st of Major. †First in the method. *First of Major. ‡First of Kent T.B. Major.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HODNET, Salop, St. Luke.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (12 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1 Richard J. Warrilow

*2 Ann Sisley *3 Rachel Gee

Ian Friend 5 Jennifer M. Beech

6 Richard E. Morris

7 Peter Morris

8 Frank Beech (Conductor) *First attempt.

ALBRIGHTON, Salop, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (11 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Jennifer M. Beech 2 Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 3 David Hawksworth

4 Richard J. Warrilow

Frank Beech

6 Edward R. Fairbrother (Conductor) A wedding compliment to Capt. David Glyn-Owen and Miss Sheila Warren Coleman (vicar's daughter).

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

EDINBURGH, Cathedral Church of St. Mary.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 4hr. 3min. (41 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(No. 3 Version.) Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Magnus M. Peterson Frank Osbaldiston

3 Basil Jones

4 Neil Bennett (Conductor)
5 C. Kenneth Lewis
6 Richard S. Starkie

Ian M. Holland 8 Robert B. Smith

9 Brian Harris 10 Jeffrey Brannan

To commemorate the 9th British Commonwealth Games, held in Edinburgh, July.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall, St. Anta and All Saints.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 1hr. 56min. (4 cwt.) **5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES** (10 callings.)

*1 Anthony J. Davidson

2 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor) 3 Janet S. Evans 4 Thomas E. Howarth

5 John Copping 6 Dennis R. Jones

*Circled the tower.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

HENBURY, Bristol, St. Mary.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (20 cwt.) 5056 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR

Composed by Anthony J. Cox. Anthony J. Cox

Mandi McCallion

*3 Colin C. Monson
4 Ian C. Maycock
5 Peter C. Randall
6 Patrick J. Bird
*†7 Stephen F. Royal (Conductor)

8 Richard H. Youdale *First in the method. †100th peal.

LONGNEY, Glos, St. Lawrence.

Sun., June 7, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11 cwt.) 5152 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

(27-course block reduced.)

Ivor Newell Angela Newing

3 Heather A. Kippin

4 Edward G. Mould 5 Colin C. Monson

6 Anthony J. Cox *7 Peter C. Randall 8 Ian C. Maycock (Conductor) *200th peal.

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CALDICOT, Mon, St. Mary. Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (13 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by T. B. Worsley. *†1 Shelagh P. Plumb 2 Heather A. Kippin

†3 Ivor Newell †4 Andrew N. Brock

§5 Stephen F. Royal

6 Richard H. Youdale
7 Anthony J. Cox (Conductor)
8 Peter C. Randall

*First on 8. †First of Surprise. ‡First of Surprise inside. §First of Cambridge Major.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

EVESHAM, Worcs, The Bell Tower.
Sat., July 11, 1970, 3hr. 40min. (36 cwt.)
5001 STEDMAN CINQUES
Composed by R. E. J. Dennis.

Richard L. Underwood
Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
Herbert C. Spencer
Kenneth J. Darvill

5 Frank W. Perrens
6 James B. Cooke
7 Alan T. Winter
Geoffrey J. Hemming
9 Richard H. Youdale
10 Christopher H. Rogers

11 S. Clarke Walters
12 Edward W. Colley
*First on 12 bells. †50th of Stedman.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcs, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (9 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. Baldwin.

1 Arthur C. Berry 2 Margaret Swain 3 Morley P. Tobin 4 Clifford Skidmore 5 Robert Edwards

6 Roger Hunt

*7 Geoffrey J. Hemming 8 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor) *Circled the tower.

HANBURY, Worcs, St. Mary the Virgin.
Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (12 cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.

1 Clifford Skidmore *2 Morley P. Tobin 3 Margaret Swain

Geoffrey J. Hemming

5 Brian Ellsmore 6 Robert Edwards

7 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor) 8 Martin D. Fellows

*100th peal.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs, St. Mary.
Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (103 cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Composed by Joseph J. Parker.
Arranged by James E. Groves.

1 Morley P. Tobin
2 Frederick G. Handley

3 M. Irene Brown

4 Peter J. Brown
5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
6 Charles William Cooper

*7 Martin D. Fellows
8 Arthur D. Fellows
*500th peal. Specially arranged as a compliment to Mr. C. W. Cooper on his 84th birthday to mark the completion of 70 years as a ringer, and in the 57th anniversary year of his first peal, which was also sary year of his first peal, which was also rung at this church.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

NORTH WINGFIELD, Derbyshire, St. Lawrence.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (16½ cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

1 David Nichols

2 Marianne Baker 3 Marie Hatswell

4 Christopher Newton 5 M. Alec Beaumont

6 Malcolm S. Turner

7 Neil Donovan (Conductor)

*8 Richard E. Price *650th peal.

SHEFFIELD, Yorks, St. John the Evangelist, Ranmoor.

Sat., July 11, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (164 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Composed by A. C. Banton.
1 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

2 Robert Cater
3 Andrew R. Queen
4 John J. L. Gilbert
5 Susan E. Banton
6 Christopher J. Groome

7 Sam Scattergood 8 John E. Turley 9 Trevor Tarbatt

10 Wilfrid F. Moreton A compliment to Rev. Michael Escritt and Miss Margaret Warburton, married at Bishopthorpe (York), and also to Rev. Roderick de C. Brownridge (assistant curate) on his marriage.

MIDDLEHAM, Yorks, SS. Mary & Alkelda. Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (18 cwt.) 5024 ROTHERHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Margaret White

2 Iris Lemare 3 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)

4 Patricia North 5 Ian North

6 Roger A. Smith 7 J. Henry Fielden 8 Richard E. Price

First in the method by all except conductor.

NON-ASSOCIATION

LONDON, W.C., St. Clement Danes, Strand.

Thur., July 23, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (21 cwt.) 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by H. G. Miles.

M. Louise Slater

William H. Hughes 3 Helen Maltman

4 Henry G. Weedon
5 Richard A. Hunt
6 John Phillips (Conductor)

7 Ronald G. Brown 8 John C. Slater 9 Trevor N. J. Bailey

10 Douglas Hughes

By members of the staff and friends of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry during its Quatercentenary Year.

	1296	STED	MAN	TRIPL	ES
3/4	5/6	7/8	9	12/13	2314567
x	x	x	S	х	3425167 1354627 1423657 4123567

Repeat three times.

Handbells

1969

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON, Massachusetts, U.S.A., 218 East Pleasant Street.

Sun., Aug. 31, 1969, 2hr. 13min. (12 in F.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by E. M. Atkins. 1–2 William H. Jackson

3-4 Ann Gardner 5-6 Derek M. Sawyer (Conductor) *7-8 Marjorie Batchelor

*First handbell peal. A farewell to Geoff and Liz Davies on their return to England.

1970

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., July 20, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (15 in C.)
5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Arranged by John R. Mayne.
1-2 John R. Mayne
*3-4 Gerald Penney

5-6 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)

7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan †9-10 Julia A. Fellows *First of York Surprise Royal. †250th peal.

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Wed., July 22, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (15 in C.)
5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Arranged by C. W. Woolley.
1-2 Andrew C. D. Mayes
3-4 John R. Southey

5-6 Roger Baldwin

7-8 Christopher W. Woolley (Cond.)

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 114 Park Street Lane. Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (13 in E.)
5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Composed by Joseph Riley.
*1-2 Joyce M. Clarke
3-4 Julia A. Fellows
5-6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
7-8 Robert E. Hardy
*†9-10 Elizabeth Forster
*Eisret in the method on handbells. †25th

*First in the method on handbells. †25th

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SHORNE, Kent, 14 Warren View.

Wed., July 8, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (15 in C.)
5016 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS
1-2 Trevor A. Cross

3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski 5-6 Christopher T. Osenton (Cond.) 7-8 Edward J. Beer 9-10 Frank J. Matthews 11-12 Stuart Sandford

First of Maximus in the method by all and on handbells for the association.

FRINDSBURY, Kent, 12 Hever House, Cypress Court.

Wed., July 22, 1970, 2hr. 21min. (15 in C.) 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by York Green.

1-2 Frank J. Matthews
3-4 Trevor A. Cross
5-6 Christopher T. Osenton (Cond.)

7-8 Edward J. Beer
*9-10 Peter S. Muchlinski
*First of Treble Bob on handbells.

STANDARD CALLINGS

(Continued from page 635)

observation, with the other as sub-observation a call is made every time the observation bell falls into such a calling position at the leadratio such a caning position at the lead-end unless his companion, the sub-observation, happens also to be in such a position that he is unaffected by the call.

In the days when nice distinctions between "regular" and "irregular" were unknown and ringers had not learned to discriminate between

ringers had not learned to discriminate between them, it was convenient to describe this type of calling as "Tenor without fifth" or, if the of calling as "Tenor without fifth" or, if the 5th was used as observation and 6th as subservation, "Fifth without tenor." It was not unknown, indeed, for other pairs of bells to be used, a contingency that often depended upon which particular bell the conductor happened to be ringing. Whatever two bells were chosen would, of course, be at home (i.e. in their own place) at the "partends" ("part-heads" being then practically unknown).

In comparing the 720s with the 5th as observation instead of the 6th, there are many similarities and one or two differences to notice. I give tables of comparison without comment.

	6th PLACE I	EAD-ENDS
	6th Observation	5th Observation
1.	Calling: 'In'; 'Out'; 'In.'	'Out'; 'In'; 'Out.'
2.	Part bells:	3 - 2 - 4.
3.	Paired bells: 2-4; 4-3; 3-2.	2-4; 4-3; 3-2.
4.	Sub-obs.:	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	5-6; 5-6; Bob.	Bob; 5-6; 5-6.

	2nds PLACE	LEAD-ENDS
	6th Observation	5th Observation
1.	Calling:	
	'W'; 'H'; 'W.'	'H'; 'W'; 'H.'
2	Part bells:	
	4 - 2 - 3.	4 - 2 - 3.
3.	Paired bells:	
	2-3: 3-4: 4-2.	2-3; 3-4; 4-2.
4	Sub-obs.	20,04,42.
	Bob; Out; Out.	In; In; Bob.

I am not altogether happy about the nomen-clature of the calling for the 5th. Regarded from the point of view of the 5th bell it is "Wrong," "Home," "Wrong." It would, therefore, be safer to call the positions 6ths, 5ths and 6ths, giving the position into which the 5th bell falls at the lead-head when the call is made call is made.

Let us now examine "irregular" methods. Disregarding those that have 4ths place made at the lead-ends as an integral part of the method such as Duke of York and Violet, there are eight possible variations, four of them with 6ths and four with 2nds at the lead-ends.

Here are the Bob leads and part-ends (heads) for standard calling both 2nds and 6ths with the 6th as observation followed by the 5th. The Bobs occur in the same order for all four types of 2nds as they do in a similar manner for all four types of 6ths lead-ends.

6th OBSERVATION

2nds Lead-ends.

34256

23456	23456
— 463?5	— 54263
— 63425	— 54326
- 26543	- 23564
34256	

6ths Lead-ends

34256

5th OBSERVATION

oms Lead-ends.	2nds Lead-ends
23456	22456
- 52643	23456 — 23645
— 45362	— 46253
— 53462	46325

Let us now summarise the information we have gleaned, by comparing the first Bob in all the examples we have examined.

6th OBSERVATION	5th ObSERVATION
6ths Place Lead-ends	6ths Place Lead-ends
(A) Regular 146253	(E) Regular ———
164235	135642
164352	(F) Irregular —
(B) Irregular ————————————————————————————————————	152643
2nds Place Lead-ends	2nds Place Lead-ends
132546	146253
(C) Regular 123564	(G) Regular ————————————————————————————————————
(D) Irregular	(H) Irregular —
(D) Triegular 154263	123645

I should automatically expect a conscientious conductor, who knew he was going to conduct a 720 or a peal, to have done his homework beforehand, acquainting himself thoroughly with his methods and callings, and writing out the latter, memorising where necessary.

In case he is called upon to conduct at

In case he is called upon to conduct at short notice, without due preparation, and has forgotten the sequence of paired bells upon which, as I have already said, he can fix the position of all the bells at all the Bobs throughout the 720, he can obtain all the information he requires from the first Bob called, providing this is successfully reached.

i. Where the sub-observation makes the first Bob (as in examples C. F. F.

first Bob (as in examples C, E, F and H), the part-bell will be working and H), the part-bell will be working with the observation bell and the paired bells be together. The first of the paired bells will be the one that goes on to the front (2nd in C and H) or the one hunting down first from behind in a forward hunting method (2nd in E, 3rd in F).

ii. Where the sub-observation does not make the first Bob (as in examples A, B, D and G) it will be working with the part-bell. The first paired bell will be making the Bob and the second paired bell working with the

N.B.—It should be noticed that no sequence of paired bells ever starts with the 4th. If, therefore, the 4th is one of the paired bells its companion must be the first of the sequence.

iii. The sequence of paired bells is then one of the following:

(a)	2-3.	3-4,	4-2.
(b)		4-3,	
2 /			
(c)		2-4,	
(d)	3-4,	4-2,	2-3.

Seeing that standard callings in regular methods do not employ (c) and (d) we have the following useful rule:

"In standard callings for regular methods the first of the two paired bells is always the 2nd" (which sounds like a contradiction in terms but will no doubt be understood by all sensible ringers) all sensible ringers).

In addition to the Bobs there are,

course, additional check-points that one learns to look out for. I will mention one or two:

i. It is useful to know the lead-heads of the plain course of regular methods off by heart. This may serve as a check both before the first and after

the last Bob.
The part-heads (423 or 342) are always a useful check and with both 6ths or 5ths as observation, in regular fact part-head will be methods, the first part-head will be 423 with 6ths lead-end methods and 342 with 2nds lead-end methods. With all irregular methods using standard calling the first part-end will always be 342.

In the complete courses, i.e. before the first and after the last Bob, be-

LOST SPIRES

ST. MARGARET'S, DUNHAM MASSEY. CHESHIRE

For many years the Ring of Ten bells had remained unrung, prior to 1914 there had been an additional number of bells hung stationary to form a carillon which were sold when Dr. Hewlet Johnson was Vicar. In 1927 Mr. Potts, who used to be at Stoke Coventry, was the Vicar and he asked me to look at the bells which I did on July 11 of that year.

From the outside, the spire looked alright but when viewed from the inside it was a different story. When I did eventually reach the Bellchamber and looked up it was very evident that the spire was not in a safe condition. Daylight could be seen through every joint as all the mortar must have perished and only the weight of the stones was keeping them in place, so it looked as though a mere push would send the lot toppling.

Before even looking at the bells I went down and told Mr. Potts how things were; he immediately contacted a Manchester firm of steeplejacks and they lost no time in coming out, they confirmed my findings and stated the spire must come down otherwise it would fall down so advised that the Church Architect be informed. I believe Mr. Ellis, of Liverpool, was the architect and he arranged to come out the following morning, he did not take long to weigh up the situation and it was decided to take the spire down without delay.

The condition of the masonry was such that the steeplejacks dare not place ladders against it for fear of pushing the stones out so they had to erect a scaffold from the parapet level of the tower to the cap stone. It was a tricky task, the stones were removed without effort and care had to be taken otherwise the lot would have collapsed like a pack of cards.

St. Margaret's Spire had been a landmark for years but now it is no more—I believe some of the stones were used in the Vicarage garden to form a rockery-and I doubt if ever it will be replaced. The top of the tower was reinforced by a concrete ring and a new roof with a sound opening erected. In later years the bells were again rung but age and fair wear and tear are making their mark.

> tween the 3rd and 4th Bobs or between the 6th and 7th Bobs, one of the lead-heads in regular methods will be one of the three: 56342, 56423 or 56234. and one of the lead-ends 65432, 65243 or 65324. With irregular methods these last three lead-ends will appear as lead-heads and the lead-heads appear as lead-ends.

Coursing orders can be useful in certain cases and in certain methods, but this is too large a subject to discuss here

If most of the information given here seems to an experienced conductor somewhat trite I can only ask them to re-read my opening paragraph. To the inexperienced conductor who seems doubtful about the information I can only say: Trite yourself.

P.S.—Although I have written this article with mainly Treble Bob 720's in mind, the information can also be applied to Alliance and Plain methods. The introduction of and Plain methods. singles in order to obtain extents requires a little further study, and perhaps I may explain fully some other time. But I have no doubt that the conscientious student having digested the foregoing information will be able to solve the additional problems himself.

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Editorial

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC

We have, over a period, reported in our columns details of local functions such as "Open Day," "Visitors to the Belfry" and 'Tower Open to the Public," etc.—occasions when parishioners and other interested nonringers have been shown the "mysteries" which take place in the towers and steeples of our parish churches. We have recently read of the tremendous interest taken in Australia for its festival and in Canada for a ringing week-end, whilst the Whitechapel Expo Belfry is appearing periodically in different parts of the country and drawing crowds of spectators.

We also print peals and quarter peals carrying footnotes that they were rung for a village fete, a garden party, or perhaps for the town's carnival. The three-day flower festivals which are now so very popular are supported by the ringers in varying ways, and invitations to other ringers to come an have a ring are often advertised in our columns, and many avail themselves of this opportunity for a "pull."

Last Sunday week the B.B.C. production of "The Ringing Isle" will have been seen by many thousands and will do much to educate and inform the public of what takes place in our belfries.

Whatever the occasion, therefore, it is good for the Exercise, for it is an acknowledgment that the church bells are still part

of the British way of life,

In spite of the many silent towers and the demolition of churches, ringers can prove by their efforts that this ancient art is not dying but is a very thriving concern; that each and every one who can handle a rope is prepared to do his (or her) share in the work in which we all believe.

So when an opportunity occurs to "spread the gospel" of church bellringing or to assist the local church (and the tower in particular) go to it. Invite the parishioners and the public into the belfry to see the ringing. Tell them of the interest and pleasure obtained, and of the association and fellowship to be found among bellringers, for then, when necessity arises, sympathy and support will be forth-coming to enable one of Britain's ancient arts to be kept alive.

THINK ON

Some time, when you feel that your going

Would leave an unfillable hole, Just follow this simple instruction And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water, Put your hand in it up to the wrist, Pull it out—and the hole that's remaining Is a measure of how you are missed.

You may splash as you please when you enter.

You may stir up the water galore, But stop, and you'll find in a minute That it looks just the same as before.

The moral of this quaint example Is do just the best that you can, Be proud of yourself, but remember There's no indispensable man.

Belfry Gossip

"From time to time complaints are made about the ringing of church bells. It seems strange that a generation which tolerates the uproar of the internal combustion engine should be so sensitive to the one loud noise that is made to the glory of God."— The concluding comment as the bell tolled for The Ringing Isle.

We ask organisers and correspondents sending details of outings to submit copy promptly and written on one side of the paper only. Please also be brief and give facts only. Personal data between individuals is of little news value and will not be included, neither are the methods rung,

except in special circumstances.

At a ringers' meeting last week the clergyman conducting the short service which is customary at these functions welcomed the gathering and then said that he had been strictly informed not to speak for longer than five minutes. He then proceeded to give his hearers the history of church bells from the story of priests' robes decorated with bells and pomegranates to the up-to-date information of the Whitechapel and Loughborough foundries. suggest that if a local organiser is courageous enough to tell the parson to speak for only five minutes he should also be able to warn him to keep away from the history and origin of bells and bellringing.

People no longer buy works of art because they love them and want to live with them, but because they are an investment.— Provost of Leicester in his newsletter.

"Have just watched the film on B.B.C. I thought it was well done, with just enough about change ringing not to bore the 'unin-structed.' 'Wilf' is quite photogenic, isn't he?"-First comment received.

The Ringing World calendar which is being printed and should be on sale early October, contains 12 illustrations of churches and towers depicted at various times on our covers. It also has a "yearto-view" on each page and a diary space for advance bookings of weddings, meetings, peals, etc. The price is 6s. post free, and as it is a limited edition early application is

March 27 next is the diamond jubilee of The Ringing World, and a special gathering will be held in the Guildford/Woking area. A special issue of the journal will be published and articles, pictures and historical

data will be included.

"Why do I go out ringing? It is difficult to say, but bellringing is a bug that bites, and once it has bitten you enjoy it so much ringing with good ringers."—Clive Simpson, who with his wife, Jean, was interviewed on the B.B.C. programme The Ringing Isle. Jean said that when she married Clive he went out ringing so much that she came to the conclusion that if you can't beat them you'd better join them so she learned to ring.

Before the last war many ringers collected postcards of the churches in which they rang, and maybe this is still a hobby with a few. There are, however, in a great number of churches illustrated history books and pamphlets telling the story of the building and outstanding architectural building

features of the structure. Many give an account of the bells and their founders, but none we have come across give the details of Sunday ringing or times of practice. We suggest this omission (where applicable) should be remedied.

During the delightful summer weather this year ringers have enjoyed beautiful countryside while attending meetings or on day or weekly tours. The Nottingham University Society during their week's camping in Worcester and Oxford went on three midnight hikes of up to ten miles at a time.

The enjoyment of a ringing week is not always the ringing or the bells, but the "happenings" which occur in between. One report from Leeds University Society told of a Morris Minor firing on three cylinders, a Minx which at times refused to fire on even one, and of a TR4 which added colour and dash to the driving.

Because it was thought that the tourists would miss their annual free-flowing supply of rough cider through a change of area from the West Country to Hampshire, the organiser imported a barrel especially for

the occasion.

"We have had this peal in mind for a long time but we only decided to attempt it on this occasion five minutes from the start (the band having been subjected to lastminute alterations) and the general feeling was that had we planned it ahead we would have failed," writes Mr. Anthony J. Davidson, of Truro, in submitting a silent and non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples. He goes on: "I doubt if there are any other ringers in Cornwall who have called Grandsire Triples, so it was lucky to get them all together without prior arrangement. One way and another we are having quite a year!" [Hear! Hear!—Editor.]

His many friends in the Exercise congratulate Jim Carrott, of Hornchurch, on reaching his 80th birthday (July 26). He is an active member of the local band, and on his birthday entertained them in his home. His health was drunk, presentations were made, and later a quarter peal was rung. Jim is an example regarding punctuality and regularity and his keenness is unsurpassed. Good luck, Jim, and long may it continue.

At a meeting of the Llandaff Branch at Caerphilly the attendance was the smallest in the history of the branch, and unless this improves there is the possibility that the number of meetings now held may have to be reduced.

First peal congratulations to John Hosfield, Tony F. Crawford, John I. White, Ann Sisley, Rachel Gee.

Personal Records: Elizabeth Forster (25 peals), Julia A. Fellows (250), Richard E. Price (650), Martin D. Fellows (500), Morley P. Tobin (100), Peter C. Randall (200), Stephen F. Royal (200).

New Method: Bushmead Surprise Royal, rung at St. Paul's, Bedford, conducted by Stephen Ivin.

The Skipton-in-Craven ringers who rang for the funeral of Mr. Iain Macleod, which took place at Gargrave, had rung their bells half muffled two days before for the funeral of a churchwarden.

All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.-Edmund Burke.

ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER

As a result of the petition printed in The Ringing World, Mr. S. Harrison writes: "Copies of this have been received, typed

by the senders, for which I am truly grate-

ful. Thank you, good rolk.
"I have a quantity of forms ready duplicated which it will be a pleasure to forward to any interested persons, thereby eliminating the irksome task of typing each out separately. I will forward a stamped addressed envelope with each for convenience when replying.

"According to a recent announcement in the local press, the Bishop of Leicester stated that a meeting of the pastoral committee was due to take place on July 14 to discuss the situation regarding 'Down

Town' churches.

"We have started our petition early, just in case, for this state of affairs could go on for months, even years. (We were last time without a vicar for 12½ years.) Or the necessity for the official protest could be thrust upon us sooner than expected. I have already been interviewed on the subject through local radio, which was a transmitted repeat on the Sunday afternoon in the same week and immediately after the Bishop's interview.

"A second point concerns our ringing practices. This is a very important matter affecting all who visit us on practice nights. It was discovered some weeks ago that an attempt had been made to start a fire in the choir vestry (which is used as the ringers' entrance) by the side of the west door and opposite the car park. Because of this the inner door of the vestibule leading to the choir vestry is locked, but arrangements have been made to leave the yaletype key in a secluded hiding place, and this information will be given to all ringers (especially regulars) if application is made to Mr. Harrison.

Thank you, Ringing World, for your valuable assistance, and those who have already come forward in support of our petition."

BOB SMITH AS HOST

Early in July the Marple (Cheshire) band, with friends from Bredbury and Chapel-enle-Frith, were invited to visit their former tower captain, Bob Smith, at his new home in Leicester. There were 18 distributed in five cars, and youth and beauty were well represented.

On the way we rang at Shardlow (6). chiefly, I think, because Frank Osbaldiston (present tower captain) had so often passed the church and wanted to ring there.

After lunch Bob met us at the Loughborough Foundry and showed us round. The young thoroughly enjoyed the bit where you hit bells with mallets (other people's bells of course!). On the 12 from Bristol one of the lads (aged 12), by dint of haring up and down the line, tapped out "On Ilkla Moor bart 'at" and part of Beethoven's 8th Symphony. (Not a great deal of the latter, but recognisable.)

We had a ring on the Foundry ten and found the trebles a skilled job. We managed Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters, how-

ever.

Our next port of call was Anstey (8) (a very nice church and bells, partly Norman, I think—the church, not the bells). then proceeded to Bob's new home and were sumptuously entertained and afterwards, of course, handbells!

We left by various routes at about 7.30, each making his own way home. A. W.

Obituary

MR. DENNIS FRANCIS

The death occurred at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, at the age of 48, of Mr. Dennis Francis, of Long Sutton, near Taunton.

During the Second World War Mr. Francis served in the Somerset Light Infantry, and since 1946 had worked for the County Council. He was a keen bellringer and rang at Holy Trinity Church for some

The funeral service, at which the Rev. W. W. Mee, vicar of Huish Episcopi, officiated, was held at Holy Trinity Church on July 17, when the bells were rung halfmuffled.

HAROLD S. HOBDEN, 1907—1970

At the age of 11 Harold Stanley Hobden was taught to handle a bell by his father in the village church of Waldron, Sussex. An apt pupil from the start, he rang his first peal a few weeks after his 15th birthday, and two years later conducted his first. Meanwhile he taught himself mathematics and began to compose touches and delve into the mysteries of Q sets. After several years in an ironmongery and tool shop he moved to Eastbourne to become the manager of a similar concern.

The band at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, which he joined, was well known for producing a faultless 500 of Stedman Triples on the heavy eight every Sunday. But Harold, noting that at 26 he was the youngest member, was dismayed that no learners were in evidence. He foresaw the trouble which was to overtake this tower in later years, amicably resigned from the experts, and joined the stoney band of nearby Christ Church, whose vicar had requested help.

Elected captain, he began his uphill task with months of slow progress. Eventually some of his ringers were inspired to emulate their leader's zest, attending two practices a week, plus theory lessons at his house. They rang four times each Sunday, and several sang in the choir as well! In a few years they were ringing Cambridge and London Minor, attending meetings and taking part in peals. They were later to pass on their keenness, and the training of a large percentage of present ringers in the district can be traced back, through these Christ Church ringers, to Harold's efforts at this time.

The declaration of war and the subsequent ban on ringing broke up the band, and Harold himself used his self-taught skills in specialised work at the R.A.E., Farnborough, where he was able to keep up his handbell ringing. At the end of hos-tilities he rejoined his family in Sussex, but before long his health deteriorated seriously, and intermittent spells in hospital made regular ringing impossible. He maintained, however, a lively interest, and his advice and opinion were frequently sought. After an enforced early retirement, he had ambitions to complete a ringing machine which he had begun to construct, but these, too, were thwarted by ill-health, and he died on July 9, 1970, aged 62.

The younger generations of ringers in Eastbourne and the nearby towers hear the name of Harold Hobden quoted often enough, but they know little of the man himself. Yet it is safe to say that none of

BRAIN TEASER SOLUTION

A total of 61 pints must have been drunk and this can only be arranged if the different numbers drunk are 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. The least is 4, drunk by the 3rd, and the most 12, drunk by Charlie. Fred must therefore have drunk 6, which makes him ring the 2nd, which is therefore odd-struck. This gives the following pattern. with one or two immediate conclusions inserted:-

Bell	Age	Con.	Odd	Tot.	Name
1	4				D
2			1	6	F
3	1	0	0	4	
4		0			
5					
6					
8	2/1	0	0/1	10	
0	2/1	U	0/1	10	

One approach now is to try out the various possibilities for the odd-struck bells. Their total must be even for Harry to have drunk half of it, and there are thus six possibilities (125, 127, 246, 248, 257, 268). Only one arrangement satisfies the conditions that there should be the right number of ringers of different ages, that all the numbers of pints drunk should be different and that the specifications for Harry and George are obeyed. Note that Harry must be 20-30 to be half George's age and conversely that George must be 40-60. The arrangement for the odd-struck bells is 257.

Bell	Age	Con.	Odd	Tot.	Name
1	4	0*	0	5*	D
2	3*	0*	1	6	F
3	1	0	0	4	
4		0	0		
5			1		
6			0		
7			1		
8	2*	0	0*	10	

The numbers asterisked can be inserted immediately if Harry's total is 7 and there are not to be three men in their twenties.

Harry must be on the 5th or 6th to total 7, and for George to total 9 he cannot be on the 4th or 7th. Harry and George are therefore on the 5th and 6th. Charlie's maximum of 12 can now only be achieved on the 7th. If George is between Harry and Alf, the order must be AGH on 456. This leaves 3 and 8 unnamed, but as Bert rang a heavier bell than Ernie, he must have been on the tenor. All conditions are then satisfied if Charlie is the conductor and in his thirties and Alf is in his fifties.

Bell	Age	Con.	Odd	Tot.	Name
1	4	0	0	5	D
2	3	0	1	6	F
3	1	0	0	4	E
4	4	0	0	8	A
5	3	0	1	9	G
6	1	0	0	7	H
7	2	2	1	12	C
8	2	0	0	10	В

them would have been introduced to change ringing at all had it not been for the courage and foresight of H. S. H. some 30 years ago, and the sterling work he put in during the few years allowed him. shall not see his like again.

HIS PEALS

Grandsire Triples 13, Caters 3, Stedman Triples 13, Caters 3, Plain Bob 12, Superlative, Cambridge, Kent, Double Norwich 7. Total: Tower 48, handbells 3, conducted 7. H.R.

Notices

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CATER.-To Gail and Bob, of Wakefield, on August 4, a daughter, Julia Rachel. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ALLEN .- The address of John H. and Penelope is now 9, Russell Bank Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks. Telephone 021-353 1325.

All ringing friends most welcome. 9400

JONES.—The address of captain and correspondent of Longbridge Deverill, Wilts, is now St. Clements," 87, Deverill Road, Warminster, Wilts. Phone Warminster 2054.

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QUARTLEY.-Charles and Jenny are now on the phone: Leamington Spa (0926) 34281. 9402

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MISCELLANEOUS

BRIGSTOCK ST. ANDREW, NORTHANTS— Flower Festival on Saturday, August 22. Ringing in half-hour sessions from 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7.20 p.m. Refreshments 9348

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. Annual Dinner this year will be on Saturday, November 14, in Leeds. Further details to follow The present resident Society desires to maintain contact with all its non-resident members. Accordingly old members of the Society are made especially welcome to the Dinner, and should any like to ring in a Dinner weekend peal attempt, or even conduct, then names please to: Jonathan Rose (Resident Vice-President), 7, Old Wells Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset. All names and addresses of non-residents would be appreciated, irrespective of Dinner attendance, in the hope of possibly arranging future "com-bined" Society activities. 9396

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL. — All visitors warmly invited to Sunday Evensong ringing 5.45, and Thursday practices, 7.30 North door. No Sunday morning ringing until September 13.

Ringing Towers.—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringing Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57 Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening Meeting, Saturday, August 22, Gravenhurst, 5-6 p.m. Shillington, 6 p.m. on-

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Huntingdon District.-EVENING Meeting at Yaxley. Bells (6) 6 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Saturday, August 15. -M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9376

COUNTY ASSOCIATION. -HERTFORD Northern District.—Surprise Practice, Barkway, Tuesday, August 18, from 7.30-9 p.m. 9404

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Surprise
Practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.3, Monday,
August 17, 6-8 p.m. All welcome. 9405

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- N. & District.—Evening Meeting, Harrow on the II. Monday, August 17. Ringing 7.30 to 30. (No practice at Harrow Weald on this te.)—E. H. Kilby. 9369

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chiltern Branch. —Monthly Practice, Stoke Poges, Saturday, Aug. 15, at 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD .--Crewe Branch. —Marbury, August 22. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 19. Wrenbury (6) in the Evening. Note change of date.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Coventry Archdeaconry Monthly Meeting, Saturday, August 15. Burton Hastings (5) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Wolvey (6) 3.30-4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 at Brink-15. Burton Hastings (5) 2.30-3.30 p.m. Wolvey (6) 3.30-4.15 p.m. Service 4.30 at Brinklow. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea at Brinklow (6) 6-7.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to D. Mountford, 61, Heath Lane, Brinklow. Tel. Pailton 404.—lan F. Garvie, Dist. Sec. 9368 HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— St.

Albans District. — Meeting, August 15, North Mymms, 4 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mrs. Lock, 57, Holloway's Lamne, North Mymms. Tel Hatfield 62866.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 9385 NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—

The A.G.M. will be held at Kettering, Northants, on Sat., Sept. 26. Lunch will be at 1 p.m. at Rothwell House Hotel, Rothwell. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. at Kettering Police Station. Ringing arrangements from the secretary, A. Pearce, 197 Wythenshawe Road, Manchester, 23. The cost of the lunch will be 15s. 9193

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. -- Half-yearly meeting at Gresford (8). Saturday, September 5. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19 Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 9349

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. Northampton Branch.—A meeting at Piddington (6) on Sat. Aug. 29. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Mr. T. N. Parker, 3, Horton Road, Hackleton, Northampton. 9361
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Southern Division.— Practice Meeting, August 15, Newick

(6), 3-5 p.m., and Little Horsted (6) 6.30-9 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Please note change of venue.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD .--Isle of Wight District. — Quarterly Meeting, Brading, August 15. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Anne Guy, The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater. 9392

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD .-Winchester District.—Quarterly Meeting August 15, Lockerley (6), 2.30-4.15 p.m. Service East Tytherley. Names for tea to Miss L. Cull, 29, St. Mary's Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh SO5

St. Mary the Virgin, Ashford, Kent, Saturday, August 22, 1970, at 4 p.m. THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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KIRBY-LE-SOKEN RINGERS SUNDAY

AUGUST 23

SERVICES: Holy Communion 8 a.m. Mattins 11 a.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m.

RINGING: Kirby 7-8 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m. Also at

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Those requiring breakfast and/or tea: Please notify F. B. Lufkin at 108, Salisbury Road. Holland-on-Sea, Clacton, Essex.

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Route 2

Tunbridge Wells (8) 9.30-10.30 a.m. Tonbridge (8) 9.30-10.30 a.m. Edenbridge (8) 10.00-11.00 a.m. Westerham (8) 11.00-12 noon West Wickham (6) 12 noon-1.00 p.m. Addington (6) 12 noon-1.00 p.m.

Route 3

Fulham (10) 9.30-10.30 a.m. Putney (8) 10.00-11.00 a.m. Battersea (8) 10.30-11.30 a.m. Tooting Graveney (8) 11.30-12.30 p.m. Streatham St. Leonards (8) 12 noon-2.00 p.m.

Route 4

Cripplegate (12) 9.30-10.30 a.m. Camberwell St. Giles (10) 11 a.m.-12 noon. Lewisham (8) 11.30-12.30 p.m. Beckenham (10) 12 noon-1.00 p.m.

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Guildford St. Nicolas (10) 9.00-9.45 a.m. Merrow (6) 9.30-10.15 a.m. Cobham (6) 10.15-11.00 a.m. Leatherhead (10) 11.15-12 noon. Banstead (8) 12.30-1.30 p.m.

St. John's, Croydon, 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Peter's South Croydon, 1.30-2.30 p.m. and 4.30-5.30 p.m. Mary's, Beddington, 1.30-2.30 p.m. and 5-

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More Letters.

HE MOVED HOUSE

Dear Sir. - Please allow me to place before your readers a few observations upon the complaints made of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Old Swinford, Stourbridge.

The article, which was a typical example of Press sensationalism, contained several inaccuracies. Chawn Park Drive is certainly more than 250 yards from the church, and incidentally, in between the two places is situated Stourbridge Junction Station, which is in use for six days a week.

The sound of the bells cannot be said to cause annoyance, for the belfry windows are covered with sound insulation board. As for the bells being rung for too long, at the time of the article ringing was taking place on Sundays for three-quarters of an hour and on Mondays for an hour and a half. The rector (the Rev. H. L. Davies) takes a sensible view of peal ringing activities, and on average there are about six attempts a year.

Your readers will be interested to learn that Mr. Telford, in addition to asking for a reduction of rate assessment on the alleged nuisance of the bells, also asked for the large number of steps up to his house over his own land to be considered! I was told a few days ago that Mr. Telford has moved house.—Yours faithfully,
Stourbridge, Worcs.

Mr. Peter Staniforth.

M. D. FELLOWS.

THOSE ROPES

Dear Sir,-As I have been responsible for all ringing arrangements at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, for the past three years, I feel I should write to Mr. E. Adams (Ringing World, July 24, 1970), in reply to the queries he raises in his concluding paragraph.

- 1. The removal of ropes (nothing to do with the peal band who had to contend with a similar situation) was due to an unfor-tunate series of misunderstandings which might have been prevented had I been in London at the time. The persons who removed the ropes, in the course of normal maintenance work, had full authority to do
- 2. The ropes on loan from St. Leonard's, Streatham, were, and still are, in the ringing room cupboard.

I should point out that the rector apologised for the disappointment and inconvenience caused to the band of which Mr. Adams was a member, and that these apologies were accepted, so it appeared to the rector, wholeheartedly at the time. It is odd, therefore, that Mr. Adams should see fit subsequently to misrepresent the matter in the pages of The Ringing World.—Yours faithfully,

KENNETH J. RIDER.

London, S.E.



CHAPEL OF ST. CATHARINE, LEICESTER

"This Chapel of St. Catharine was made fit for Divine Service by members of the family of Herrick, U.S.A., 1929.'

This printed notice under a heading "For Private Devotion" is to be found in the N.E. part of Leicester Cathedral, and entering the chapel one finds it beautifully kept, well furnished, and surrounded on its walls with tablets of stone inscribed to members and descendants of the Herrick family, who for centuries lived near and supported the parish church of St. Martin in Leicester, now its Cathedral.

One of these stone tablets, about 4ft. x 2ft. 6in., is of particular interest and reads: "Here lyeth buried the bodie of John Here lyeth buried the bodie of John Heyricke of this parish who departed this life ye 2 of Aprill 1589 beinge a bout ye age of 76. He did marrie Marie ye daughter of John . . . " and below:

"Marie his wife departed this life ye 8 of December 1611 being of ye age of 97

years. She did have, before her departure, of her children, and her children's children and their children to the number of 142.

When a bellringing meeting was taking place in the Leicester area a short while ago Mr. Peter Staniforth met Mr. and Mrs. Dalmer Herrick, who had come over from Tucson, Arizona 85718, U.S.A. (with two American friends, Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Stansbury, of Phoenix, Arizona) to visit the home of their ancestors, and to see the chapel restored in 1929 by members of the

Herrick family.

The Americans had never before seen bellringing ("the British way") being performed and were greatly interested and impressed. They took photographs and tape recordings of the ringing and signed the visitors book in the ringing chamber before leaving to continue their tour.

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"THOSE B's"

A "swarm of B's" invaded the ringing room at Stoke Poges and scored a very good peal of Stedman Triples to mark the 60th anniversary of the conductor's first peal of Stedman.

One of the churchwardens, a former ringer, opened his window whilst at dinner to listen to it and commented: "It was magnificent striking and a treat to listen to.

Richard W. Butler, who is only 12 years old, shows remarkable promise, having rung over 7,500 Stedman Triples in about 27 hours. The "B's" lost one at High Wycombe on the front 8 the night before after an hour and 40 minutes.

Norwich Association.

THREE TEAMS

For various reasons only three teams were able to compete in the Northern Branch striking competition at Garveston on July 18, and were placed in the following order: 1 St. George's, Norwich, 2 Wroxham, 3 Wymondham. Messrs. E. R. Goate and J. P. Pickup were the judges.

The Rev. H. M. A. Crawshaw conducted a service, the organ was played by D. F. J.

Bird and the lesson read by P. T. A. Bower. Thanks were expressed to all who had assisted in the arrangements.

LATE NOTICES

ENGAGEMENT

BAILEY-ANTHONY.-The engagement is announced between Jeffery John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bailey, of Stoke Road, Walton-on-Thames, and Anne Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Anthony, of Woodside

Avenue, Esher. 9409
CHANGE OF ADDRESS
LEWIS.—Frank and Eunice have moved to 60, Albert Road, Caversham, Reading, RG4 7PF. Telephone: Reading (0734) 71780. Wallpapering experts and amateurs welcome-beer pro-

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Middlewich, Sat., Aug. 22.
Ringing starts 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. North Cotswold Branch.-Practice meeting at Willersey (6), Aug. 22nd, 6–7.15 p.m. Mickleton (8), 7.30–9 p.m.—L. Dowdeswell, Sec., The Lodge, Maugersbury Park, Stow-on-the-Wold, 9428

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .--- Fylde Branch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.
—Meeting on Saturday, August 22, at Kirkham
Parish Church. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 9408

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next
Bolton Branch meeting will be held at Holy
Trinity, Bolton, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. and at The Saviour,
6-8.30 p.m., on Saturday, August 22. 8 bells.
Cups of tea at The Saviour 5-6 p.m. Special
methods:—Double Norwich and Bristol. Everynew walcome.—Pauling Tallis Branch Secretary. one welcome.—Pauline Tallis, Branch Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting, Burnham (8) on Saturday, August 22, at 6 p.m.— Pearson

PILKINGTON.—John and Shirley now live at Whittam Road, Whalley, Blackburn, Lancs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. -Evening practice, Kingston, Saturday, August 22, 6.30-8.30 p.m. All welcome.—N. Thomson,

District Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Eastern District.— Quarterly meeting to be held at Bodiam, August 22. Bells 3-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing to 3 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, to me at Linden Cottage, Pealing Lane, Westham, Pevensey.—Mrs. C. M. Baldock, District Secretary. 9418 Baldock, District Secretary.



PAST MASTER MARRIES SECRETARY

mund M. Rawlings, past master and sec-retary respectively of the Nottingham University Society, were married at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on July 25. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids and a page boy, and the best man, Martin Rice, was at one time secretary of the society. The bells were rung before and after the service

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Practice meeting at Stogumber (6) on Sat., Aug. 22nd, at 7 p.m. — E. R. T. B. 9425

Mr. Peter N. Mackley and Miss Rosa-

by local and University ringers.

Peter and Rosamund met at Nottingham as ringers, both attained honours degrees in June, and are to live in St. Albans, Hert-fordshire. Both will be working in the electronics industry in Boreham Wood.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS CHANGE RINGING ASSOCIATION RINGING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1970

The Special General Meeting, already notified, will take place in St. Alban's,
Deansway, Worcester, at 11 a.m.
FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

Rou	ite 1	Route 2	Route 3
11.45-1.15	Hallow	Worcester, All Saints	Kempsey
12.30-2.0	Grimley	Martley	Earls Croome
1.15-2.45	Shrawley	Shelsley Beauchamp	Strensham
2.0 -3.30	Ombersley	Clifton-on-Teme	Ripple
2.45-4.15	Droitwich, St. Peter's	* Whitbourne	Upton-on-Severn
3.30-5.0	Droitwich, Dodderhill	Suckley	Hanley Castle
4.15-5.45	Claines	Worcester, St. John's	Hanley Swan
		*/3 15-4 30)	

Powick; Leigh; Malvern Link; Malvern Priory.

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The "Expo" Bells will be available on the Three Counties Show site, Blackmore

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Tickets (limited) restricted to resident members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, the Hereford Guild and the Gloucestershire and Bristol Association. Ringing times strictly as follows:---

Worcestershire Association 12-2 p.m.
Hereford Guild 2-4 p.m.
Glos. and Bristol Assn. 4-6 p.m.

Applications for tickets (send 1/- P.O. and S.A.E.) to:—
Worcestershire Association—Mr. D. Beacham.
Hereford Guild—Mr. G. Cousins.
Glos. and Bristol Association—Miss E. M. Bliss.
Applications by August 21st, latest. (Please leave P.O.s blank.)

BAR AND BUFFET

Worcestershire Association members, see circular sent to tower secretaries for 9417

D. Beacham, Gen. Sec.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for August 10, 1945.

At Shirley, Warwicks, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was conducted by Mr. F. E. Haynes, who also rang his first peal of Cambridge Minor, and William G. Critchley, on the treble, rang his first of

Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton conducted a three-method peal of Minor at Eye, Suffolk, with Michael P. Moreton, on the treble, ringing his first peal on tower bells.

W. Eric Critchley conducted his first peal of Minor (one in three methods) at Barnby Don, Yorkshire.

Four of the six members in a peal of Doubles at Holt, Wilts, rang their first peal, whilst the conductor rang his first of Doubles.

"It has been reported that Peal No. 1,145 in the Gloucester and Bristol Report for 1821 is false (5039 Grandsire Caters . . . —A. E. Reeves, hon. peal sec.

At the A.G.M. of the Oxford Guild all the officers were re-elected and at a lunch 174 persons sat down. Ten guineas were voted to St. Peter's-in-the-East for the rehanging of the bells—silent for 50 years.

Names for tea for a Surrey Association meeting at Croydon Bell Foundry were to be sent to C. de Ste Croix Parks at Thorn-

50 YEARS AGO

August 13, 1920.

At Heene, Sussex, Double Norwich was conducted by Frank Bennett, and Mrs. F. I. Hairs rang her first peal of Major on tower bells. Her husband rang the fifth.

The ringer of the treble is but 13 years of age and he only commenced to learn change ringing this year. This was his first attempt for a peal and he had only rung on eight bells on two previous occasions.—Footnote to a peal of Bob Major at Henley, Suffolk, conducted by George E. Symonds. The treble ringer was Cecil W. Pipe!

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd "at the risk of incurring severe censure . . ." placed before the Exercise Solihull Doubles, which he constructed a year or so before.

Mr. Joel Hern, who died at North Shields, was the oldest ringer in the Durham and Newcastle Association. He started ringing in 1867 and was the most elegant handler of a rope.

The six-bell band at Leytonstone, Essex, left Liverpool Street Station at 5.53 a.m. for a day's outing to Cambridge, whilst the St. Mary's, Penwortham, Society, on their tour by charabanc rang a 720 at each of five towers visited in the Lake District.

In spite of long queues at the booking office, trains going before you could get a ticket, missing trains, flat tyres, loaded buses and other "ills" that flesh is heir to all turned up smiling and made the bells pay full compensation.—Report of Bank Holiday gathering in one of the Kent County Association areas.

ANOTHER THEFT

The bell must be worth several hundred pounds, said the Rev. John Rogers, vicar of Hindhead, Surrey, when interviewed following the theft of the 4 cwt. 1922 bell from the turret of his church. The thieves cut the bell down on a Saturday night and removed it on Sunday. Although the villagers saw it on the Sunday resting on the base of the turret nobody thought to report the occurrence and imagined the bell was to be rehung.

A correspondent writes: "After several years' endeavour Mr. C. I. Rowson has at last managed to ring a peal of Stedman, by ringing the treble to a peal of Cinques at Manchester Town Hall. We hear he did quite well for someone ringing his first of Stedman."

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All Saints, Hertford

Cover Picture

All Saints, Hertford

THE DATE of the first church is uncertain but its appearance suggests that it was at least rebuilt in the early 15th century. It was cruciform with a west end tower and no side aisles. The walls were of flint and chalk and rough cast; the tower, embattled, had a tall spire. Turnor, in 1830, wrote: "The interior is characterised by great plainness and simplicity and devoid of ar-chitectural beauty." Sunday morning mattins must have been impressive for on the second Sunday in the month the Mayor and Corporation came robed and occupied a large pew on the right of the nave. The Mayor should have been comfortable, tor in 1675 Sir Henry Chauncy gave a cushion for the Mayor to lean on-value £7 10 0! As the more important parish church in the county town, All Saints led the way in at least two respects. Firstly it had the only ring of eight bells (cast by John Briant of Hertford) in the county—until 1729 (the Hertford College Youths Society of Change Ringers was founded in 1767). And secondly, it shared with St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, the distinction of having an organ

This was the church when the worshippers left it on the evening of Sunday, December 21st, 1891, having listened to a sermon on temperance and the notices given out for services on Christmas Day. There had been a stir a week earlier when burglars had broken into the church but had failed to open the chest in which the church plate was kept. At 3 a.m. on the Monday morning all was well, but at 5 a.m. a baker saw flames coming from a room on the north side of the church. The fire brigade was summoned but was hindered by frost and the dry wood in the roof soon caught fire, the flames shooting upwards and the lurid glare could be seen for miles around. By 8 a.m. nothing was left except the smouldering walls and tower, the bells having melted. The cause of the

fire was never proved but the general opinion was that the flue pipes from the heating system became overheated and set fire to the wooden roof.

THE PRESENT BUILDING

The foundation stone of the new church was laid by the Countess Cowper on March 25th, 1893. There is little need to describe the building for the dignified simplicity is there for all to see. When one sees some of the horrors which were perpetrated in churches during the last century one can be thankful for the beauty of the present church of All Saints'. The church, built in the Perpendicular style, is of Runcorn stone, the same as used for Liverpool Cathedral, and it can seat about 1,000 people. On the eve of All Saints, 1905, the Bishop dedicated and opened the tower, called the "Victoria Tower" as a thanksgiving for the reign of the great Queen, and an inscription can be seen on the wall. The height to the top of the spirelet on the tower from the ground is 140 feet. Two years later the ring of ten beautiful bells was installed by Mears and Stainbank. At the time of writing a clock is being fitted in the tower and was made by John Briant, of Hertford. It was originally placed in St. Mary's Church, Ware, before being transferred to a tramps' workhouse between Hertford and Ware. This later became a school and was recently demolished so the clock is now being installed in All Saints' Church.

THE BELLS

The ring of ten have wooden headstocks and are hung on ball bearings in a steel frame. Treble, 5 cwt, F sharp, II, 6 cwt. E. III. 6½ cwt, D. IV, 7½ cwt. C sharp. V, 8½ cwt. B. VI, 9½ cwt. A. VII, 12 cwt. G. VIII, 13½ cwt. F sharp. IX, 17½ cwt. E. X, 25 cwt. 25 lb. D.

B. J. W. FOLEY.

THE CHURCH AT BROEK

During a short visit to see the tulip fields in Holland a visit was made to a cheese factory and opposite was a very old church with the following details which may be of interest:—

The Reformed Church at Broek in Waterland, Holland. This church was probably built before 1400 and consecrated to Santa Claus. On September 26, 1573, Spanish soldiers set fire to the church and the whole building was destroyed, but in 1628 the people of the village began rebuilding the church on the old walls.

Many of the objects seen are gifts from the inhabitants of the village. The pulpit was a marriage gift from a man, J. S. Rijser, and a woman, G. Jans, who married in this church in 1685 and gave the pulpit for the house of their Lord. It consists of three kinds of wood: Oak, rose and palisander. On the desk can be seen a bird: this is the pelican that wounds itself to feed its young, like Jesus Christ who sacrificed Himself for all people.

On the north side is a chandelier with weapons and three girls in historic dresses. They gave this chandelier to the church and it is the maiden-chandelier.

On the east side is a window which tells the story of the church, In the lower part the church is on fire, set alight by the Spanish soldiers and the people are running away. The second part shows the destruction of the church; the people have returned and built a wooden church. The light comes above the horizon. In the third part we see the church being rebuilt and the sun comes higher and the wooden church is in the background. The fourth part shows the church when the work is finished, and the sun is over the church again, with the people coming for the first service. In the fifth part we see the church inside during the first service, and the wide gate (to hell) with the narrow gate (to heaven).

On the wall is a plan of the church with all 273 graves marked. The graves of rich people have beautiful signs, i.e., Neeltje Pater and J. S. Rijser. The chairs in the church are for the women and the benches for the men. The organ dates from 1832.

On the west wall is a list of names of all clergymen from 1585 to the present day.

A single bell weighing approx. 16 cwt. hangs in the tower and can be swung or clocked. It strikes 10 times for \frac{1}{2}-hour. 20 for \frac{1}{2}-hour and 30 for \frac{1}{2}-hour. At the hour it just strikes the correct number.

The wooden stairs and the three ladders to the tower are in a very poor state, as are the bell fittings. The bell was cast in 1624 in a German foundry and has many ornate designs over it. C.D.

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FLOWERS, ORGAN AND BELLS

Much interest was aroused by the Festival of Flowers held at St. Anta and All Saints', Carbis Bay, from July 23 to 26. The general theme was church building (the church was completed two years ago) with a subsidiary theme, The Sacraments. There was a small exhibition of ornaments and books used at the old Mission Church from 1913 to 1929, and this included the old ship's bell, weighing three-quarters of a cwt., which did duty in the present church until 1946. This was set on a blue rug on the Lady Chapel step and garlanded with flowers and a blue rope.

During the Festival there was background music supplied by five different organists, and the bells were rung on the Thursday and Friday evenings, Saturday afternoon and Sunday by the local ringers and visitors. At Carbis Bay the organ can be played and the bells rung without the slightest interference the one with the other, and likewise the bells do not prevent normal conversation in the church nor any annoyance outside. Thus it was the "set piece" for the bells provided a dignified and delightful peal of Stedman Triples in two hours and fifty-eight minutes on the Saturday evening from soon after 6 p.m. until just after 9 p.m., which proved quite a highlight amongst many who were coming and going to see flowers but who also heard bells at their best. Thank you, members of the Truro Guild.

ST. ALBANS G.G.S. SOCIETY

The first quarter peal has been rung by the St. Albans Girls' Grammar School Belringing Society, which was formed in September, 1968, by Frances Dodds.

Tower bell practices are held weekly after school hours at Sandridge Church, where many members ring for the early service on Sundays, later ringing at other churches. The band also ring the bells of the Cathedral before the annual carol service.

Both tunes and changes are also rung on handbells at the weekly practices held during the lunch hour. J. C.

A Ringing Cruise to Lundy Island

"THE BELL NEWS" REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1905

The article from D. L. C. on page 610 prompts us to reprint the following interesting account of the exciting and successful cruise and the peal that resulted.

AN island barely four miles long and less than one in breadth, lying some 20 miles off the North Devon Coast, far to the west of the Severn sea; its owner, the Rev. H. G. Heaven, who for over 40 years has been "monarch of all he surveys, whose right there is none to dispute," having, if report be true, supreme authority in matters involving life or death, an island where rates and taxes, and consequently the franchise, are unknown-an island boasting a weekly post-bag, wind and water permitting, a population of 33 souls all told, and crowning all, a beautiful church, some 550 feet above the sea, built by members of the Heaven family, and contributed to in gifts by practically every inhabitant of the island. Such is the basis of "this rough island's story," a story which appears in the Bell News solely because the tower of the well appointed church contains a ring of eight bells. Ever since their erection some eight years ago when the church was built, certain venturesome spirits have determined on scoring a peal—no easy matter, seeing the steamers which call now and then do not remain long enough for a peal; that a tug could only be obtained at prohibitive expense; and that the sea is usually so tempestuous that a landing becomes impossible, and even if that be successfully accomplished, a slight change of wind may detain the landing party involuntary prisoners for days or perhaps weeks together. Many drawbacks are therefore set in the way of a successful peal.

EIGHT ADVENTURERS

"Tis not in mortals to command success" says the old proverb, nevertheless the nearest approach to success is always assured when the Rev. H. A. Cockey takes up the matter in hand. At his bidding eight adventurers joined him, and on Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20, made the voyage by steamer from Bristol, Cardiff, and Weston-super-Mare, the fares being exceedingly low, though one of the party found his dinner bill an extremely heavy item. Ilfracombe was the rendezvous, and here in the evening a peal of Stedman was rung at the parish church, the first in the method on the bells. Early on the morrow, the "Eirene" of the missions to seamen had got up steam, the chaplain, the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes, having most kindly invited the band to be

his guests during his periodical visit, to hold services at the Lundy Island lighthouses and Channel lightships. Unused to the motion of the lively little craft, it was not long before several were sufferers of the horrors of mal-de-mer, while the ardour of others



Canon G. F. Coleridge when he went to Buckingham Palace to receive an O.B.E.

was somewhat cooled by the volumes of spray which swept over them. To add to their misery, ere the island was reached the engines primed, an eccentric rod got bent, causing a stoppage and a wretched hour of wallowing in the sea. A tug came out and would have demanded at least £100 for salvage, had not repairs been effected, whereby at half speed the island was reached after a voyage of five hours. Up the cliffs to a sequestered nook, in which Mr. Heaven's house was built, the band augmented by the chaplain, the doctor, who by the way hailed from Colney Hatch—fit supervisor of ringers who had been dubbed madmen-the Revs. H. L. Pigot and P. E. Barnes with Mr. Bowen, parish clerk of Ilfracombe, and a couple of lads, keen as mustard, were welcomed by the venerable owner, and entertained by him to a sumptuous luncheon, at which a small regiment of lobsters occupied a central position, their valiant appearance no doubt preventing an immediate attack by the invading force. After lunch a further climb to the church, and an attempt to oil and raise the bells, both only partly possible, the sea spray coming over the cliffs having rusted down the coverings of the bearings, and a clock and chime erector, who should have been placed in charge of our Doctor, having carefully fixed his cranks to prevent the tenor being raised. A chisel and hammer sufficed to remedy the first, a screwdriver the second, and a start was made, but as the treble and fifth persistently slipped wheel, it was soon seen that a peal was beyond the range of possibility. The ringing however, worked out some of the best and made things easier, as it turned out, for the morrow.

Beaten and crestfallen, the band went down to the shore, with the idea of sailing for the mainland, but only to be told that the weather had got worse and that the skipper would not take the risk of being out all night in a heavy sea with damaged engines. Beds were sought on land by some, who made the evening merry with handbells, others slept on board. During the night the gale increased, even the big Stormcock tug coming in for shelter and declining to face it. Morning broke and revealed a raging sea, away from the shelter of the island; word was therefore sent round that another start would be made for a peal at mid-day.

FIRST AND LAST

Mr. Bowen put in a good morning's work in the tower resetting the wheels, others plying the oil bottle, to such good purpose, that after Mr. Pigot's camera had successfully done its work the peal was under weigh—and in spite of some hard work, mainly caused by the flimsy nature of the frame, was successfully brought round, the first, and in the writer's opinion, the last to be rung on the island. Mr. Greenleaf, who listened to the peal outside, pronouncing it as "a very good peal indeed."
Thus was the old adage once more fulfilled-"perseverantia omnia vincit," the perseverance of Mr. Bowen being mainly responsible for the success. No more crestfallen looks, but with jubilant spirits the visitors boarded the "Eirene," weighed anchor, and steamed past H.M. torpedo gunboat the "Hussar" which had landed a couple of Admirals during the peal, the handbells going for all they were worth, with wind gone down and a flowing

(Continued overleaf)

Lundy Cruise (continued).

tide, a delightful run to Ilfracombe, with a glorious sunset over the sea, the harbour lights were passed at nightfall, the "Eirene" been quickly berthed alongside the quay just 36 hours after she had cast off the previous morning. On the morrow, the cruise was prolonged to Minehead, the glories of the North Devon and Somerset coast being, in the opinion of a world-wide traveller on board, "unequalled in the wide world." Messrs. H. Moore and G. Atkins of Minehead and Mr. J. Grabham of Dunster stood in for a peal here, in place of those whose duties had called them home. The following day the "Eirene" proceeded across channel to Barry, called on the Breaksea lightship with papers and bread—a monthly luxury—depositing the last of her passengers at that great coal port.

Thus ends the account of the "ringing cruise to Lundy Island." To the Rev. H. G. Heaven are the warm thanks of the band due for his kind permission to ring, for his generous hospitality and deep interest in the venture: to the Rev. H. A. Cockey for his admirable organisation: to the Rev. H. L. Pigot for taking views of the church and band, ever to be treasured in remembrance of the day; and above all to the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes, for making the trip possible and doing all in his power for the comfort and enjoyment of his guests. The collection on board when the hat went round for the Missions to Seamen was felt to be but a poor return for all the kindness and hospitality. The cruise will be a lifelong memory to those privileged to join in it, the sentiment expressed by Mr. Cockey finding an echo in all hearts-"Turrible plazed I be vor zure."

LUNDY ISLAND

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, on Wednesday, August 23rd, 1905, in two hours and 53 mins: at the Church of St. Helena.

A peal of Stedman Triples. 5,040 changes, a variation of Thurstans' four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Rev. H. A. Cockey	Treble
C. H. Tomkins	2
C. H. Gordon	3
R. J. Wilkins	4
W. A. Cave	5
P. Came	6
Rev. F. E. Robinson	7
Rev. G. F. Coleridge	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson. First peal on the bells.

(A board recording this peal hangs in the tower of the church.)

BELLS A NUISANCE?

Under a double-column heading "Ringers Really So Dedicated" and a nom-de-plume "Pancake Bell" the following appeared in the Leicester Mercury on July 27. It indicates what many of the readers feel and think about bellringing and bellringers, and we trust a suitable reply was sent to the newspaper concerned. The article said:

"Poor Peter H. Smith, of Oadby. The poor chap merely wants to be able to listen to his symphony records in peace. That's no reason why he should have the tenor clapper thrown at his head and the Ringers' Manual read over to him, chapter and verse.

"Of course bells are a nuisance to most people, and of course all bellringers aren't the righteous, dedicated types that some make out. Ever heard of tower grabbing? It's a term used among ringers of their fellows who boast of the number of towers they have rung at in a week, or a year, or a lifetime. No quarter given by these chaps to the sufferers outside trying to listen to their symphony concerts while they go bobbing and singling endlessly on through their tuneless Cambridge Surprise or whatever.

"The excuse could be that it's a peal in honour of the vicar's aunt's birthday—but the real aim is another peal to notch up at the end of the list of the scores the band already has to its credit—and a mention in The Ringing World.

If tower bell music is so widely enjoyed outside why is it that some incumbents have had to ban their towers to visitors and limit the performances of their own ringers? And if Sunday ringing is such a service to God in calling the faithful to prayer, why do the ringers not more often heed the bidding on their own bells instead of so often creeping down the tower stairs and out of the vestry door?

"Admittedly there's a certain satisfaction in controlling a good-sized bell in a touch of Stedman or Grandsire that's going nicely, but it's sheer hypocrisy to pretend that this isn't purely a personal, even selfish satisfaction and that the populace is moved to ecstacy outside

"Peter H. Smith has a point. Stopped-up louvres might be the answer. But if the campanologists want to go on proving their mathematical talent why not two-fisted handbell ringing? That's real skill for you."

Llandaff and Monmouth Association. POOR ATTENDANCE

In contrast to the crowded A.G.M. of the Llandaff Branch at Penarth in February, the quarterly at Caerphilly in June was very poorly attended and has the dismal distinction of being the smallest in the history of the branch! A mere 20 were present to enjoy the pleasing octave of St. Martin's, the excellent address of the vicar (Rev. H. Lewis Clarke) and the generous tea (prepared in anticipation of a larger company).
Surprisingly, however, there was a good

tower representation, with ringers from Bridgend, Cadoxton, Cardiff (St. John's), Coity, Llanblethian, Llandaff Cathedral, Llantwit Major, Neath, Newton-Nottage and Whitchurch, and two ringers from the Monmouth Branch (Newport and Ebbw

Vale) were welcomed.

The next meeting will be held at Porthkerry in September, and the meeting in November will now be at Llantwit Major.

Kent County Association.

EXPERIENCED RINGERS LATE The date set for a quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was July 18, the venue being Minster Abbey on the Isle of Sheppey, the home tower of the district secretary and his enthusiastic band of young ladies. The curate conducted the service, and the company adjourned to the nearby hall for tea and the meeting, at which a new member was elected. One of the district ringing masters spoke at some length on the difficulties of arranging ringing when there were not many experienced ringers available, particularly in the early afternoon. He urged as many ringers as possible to make themselves available in order that learners did not have to struggle on their own with the result of rather mediocre striking. After the meeting ringers returned to the tower for further ringing.

Cowbridge Grammar School Society.

REPORT

The society ended the school year strong in membership, with a good record of service and practice ringing at the home tower, Llanblethian. Our best service band is still not past call changes and this has been something of a disappointment. However, there is no mistaking the revival in the last two years. Much is owed to the retiring ringing master (John Alexander), who leaves school with our best wishes.

A highlight of the year was the Saturday in February, when we took our turn, as a tower, to ring for Evensong at Llandaff Cathedral. Ten ropes look a lot to lads used only to six, but we managed quite well, and went in with ringers enough and to spare.

Congratulations to former ringing master Ellis Thomas, married on June 20 at Llandaff Cathedral to Sue Harber, whom he first met on one of our society ringing tours. Two attempts for a peal of Bob Minor to celebrate this came unstuck in the third 720. John Alexander, Karl Plummer and Iolo Davies were joined, the first time by old boys David Barrington, Rob Mac-Pherson and Ellis himself, and the second time by Mr. Jack Pryor and Mr. and Mrs. Alec Marsh.

Next term's ringing master will be Karl Plummer, who is making good progress as a change ringer thanks to the kind help and encouragement of Mr. T. T. Yeomans and the other Cardiff (St. John's) ringers.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

RINGERS' SERVICE

After ringing, over 20 ringers joined the congregation of St. Matthias', Malvern Link, for the ringers' service, when the lessons were read by Mr. J. Clements (branch ringing master) and Mr. G. W. Edwards (tower secretary). A course of Bob Major was rung on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. G. Drew, R. G. Morris and G. Bagley, and an inspiring address was given by the Rev. A. Webb (Evesham). During the final hymn a collection was taken by Mr. E. Barber, the longest serving member of the band, and Miss Jane Davidson, the youngest.

Mr. M. V. White arranged the service prior to leaving for Essex. By coincidence, the service fell upon the day after the 70th anniversary of the casting of the bells

(July 18, 1900).

Obituary

MR. HARRY ROE

A former Sunday service ringer at Kildwick-in-Craven, Yorkshire, Mr. Harry Roe died on July 11, 1970. He had given service to the belfry for 56 years until he had to give up because of ill-health.

He was a member of the band who rang the first peal, in 1916, on the present bells, two years after they were installed.

A devoted ringer, he rang in many parts of the country during his long years of R. C.

IN MEMORIAM IAIN MACLEOD

On July 24, Skipton and the Craven district of Yorkshire paid its respects to one of its most famous sons, Mr. Iain Mcleod, the first Chancellor of the Exchequer of the present Government.

Among those paying their respects were Skipton Parish Church ringers, who rang a half-muffled quarter during the interment at Gargrave, five miles from Skipton.

The ringers assembled at 2.30 p.m and rang rounds while the procession drove past the church on its way to Gargrave.

Ringing would have been at Gargrave but unfortunately three of the bells were stolen recently whilst awaiting rehanging and the remaining five were returned to the foundry until three replacements are cast.

At 2.45 the band rang a quarter peal of 1264 Plain Bob Major, those taking part being F. Alderson 1, I. Cox 2, A. W. Pal-lister 3, J. Smith 4, A. Stott 5, P. Norman 6, W. Hillary 7, R. Crabtree (conductor) 8.

Half-muffled ringing also took place in the evening, and the inhabitants of Skipton were appreciative of the ringers' efforts, which added solemnity to the occasion. R. C.

MRS. MARY LEWIS

Hordle, in Hampshire, lost one of its most faithful and respected parishioners with the death of Mrs. Mary Lewis (60) on July 15, and the loss will be felt by the ringers throughout the district.

Taught to ring by the late Mr. F. Feltham, she succeeded him as tower captain, when Hordle had a ground-floor ring with a call change band. In 1963 an upstairs ringing chamber was built, and the shorter draught improved the "go" of the light six, of which Mrs. Lewis was justifiably proud. A number of learners then began to show an interest in change ringing, and with the help of ringers from other towers began to make progress. Although not a great exponent of the art, being content to remain a treble ringer, Mrs. Lewis gave her ringers every encouragement in their efforts. She was very proud when, in 1967, the local band scored its first quarter peal (Bob Doubles) and it gave her great pleasure to ring in the progressive series of quarters, which ended with the first of Hordle Place Doubles

Mrs. Lewis's health was then failing and forced her to absent herself more frequently, but with great courage she rang for services and taught beginners on practice nights whenever possible until a few weeks before her death.

The bells were rung half-muffled (as she loved to hear them) preceding the cremation on July 10, and a half-muffled quarter was rung on the following Tuesday.

The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to Mr. Lewis and to her mother, Mrs. Maylam.

MR. B. WILTON (Grandad)

For three-score years and ten Grandad lived in his village by the quiet waters of the River Test and for the greater part of those years he saw to it that his tower (St. John's, Lockerley, Hants) rang for both services every Sunday and practised regu-

larly every Tuesday.

But Bob (his successor) knew that very soon Grandad would have to hand over to somebody else and one day Grandad knew this, too. His last words to Bob were: "Keep they bells going."

We laid him to rest just outside the west door of the church he had served so well and we all brushed a tear from our eye as we climbed up to the ringing chamber to ring a half-muffled touch of Grandsire as a farewell to our captain.

He would have been pleased to know that three of his grandchildren rang in that touch and contented now that Bob would "keep they bells going."

The Exercise mourns the likes of G. W. Grandad.

MRS. ARTHUR DAY

For many years Mrs. Arthur Day was a familiar figure at ringers' meetings when they took place at Harpenden. Not in the belfry, but by being ready with the tea pot when the all-important break came for It was therefore doubly appropriate that there should be a peal attempt to mark the golden wedding anniversary of a wellcouple, which fell on July 31.

Arthur Day, who has rung at Harpenden for a little short of 60 years, was president of the Hertford County Association for the troubled year of 1939. Taking part in the peal attempt were three past presidents and Mr. A. R. Agg, president for the current year. Mr. A. E. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association, and three local ringers comprised the band. Unfortunately the attempt did not meet with success, but the good wishes that went with it were no less sincere, especially as it was known that Mrs. Day was ill in the local hospital.

The following day, August 2, a quarter peal was rung with congratulations and

good wishes by a local band.

Sadly on August 3 it was learned that Mrs. Day had died. The funeral service took place at Southdown Methodist Church. Harpenden, where Mrs. Day had attended the Women's meeting for many years, and was followed by cremation.

On Sunday, August 9, a quarter peal was rung as a thanksgiving for the life, work and friendship to ringers of Mrs. Day. Arthur Day goes the sympathy and love of his fellow ringers, and the hope that after a well-deserved rest and holiday to ease the strain of the past months he will be back among his friends in the belfry.

Mr. W. S. Girling writes: "With reference to the peal rung at Norton-Subcourse. Tony Crawford, ringing in his first peal, is a member of a new band being taught and who are regularly practising and ringing for services on the six at St. Mary's. Somerleyton, near Lowestoft. Tony is one of five younger ringers (aged 15 and under) and the remainder comprise six adults. three of whom were members prior to the last war, when ringing ceased and failed to resume. Ringing started again during April. 1969, following considerable cleaning and maintenance. the installation of better lighting in the tower and the fitting of new ropes. Simple change ringing is now being mastered." Yorkshire Association.

KIRK ELLA'S "HAT-TRICK"

The Eastern District held their annual striking competitition at Patrington on July 11, and this competition is also a qualifying round for the association's striking competition with the winning team going forward to the Yorkshire competition. Although an Eastern District competition, there was no one taking part who did not belong to the Beverley and District Society and the competition was held on the society's meeting day. The rules of the competition allow both 6- and 8-bell test pieces so the choice of Patrington's light eight (12 cwt.) was ideal, though only one team, Cottin ham, rang the eight, to Stedman Triples. Cotting-

Taking part, according to the rules, were Sunday service bands as follows: Beverley (St. Mary's), Cottingham, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Sutton and Walkington. There was also a scratch team from various towers unable to produce sufficient Sunday service ringers and known as Roddy Horton's "All Stars" (half the team was from Hessle). The judge was the well-known adjudicator from the West Riding, Mr. Harold Chant, ably assisted by Mr. Stephen Thompson (Beverley Minster).

Mr. Chant, in his summing up, said

there was some good ringing and some not so good, but he thought it promising considering there were so many youngsters participating. Many of these youngsters, waiting their turn, talked nervously, but quiet confidence was shown by Mr. Ian Campbell, leader of the Kirk Ella team, which later proved well-founded.

The tea in the church hall was an excellent salad followed by trifle, cakes and scones, and tribute was later paid to the tea ladies by Mr. Ron Ducker.

The results, announced after tea, were as follows Kirk Ella 29 faults, Market Weighton 46, All Stars 74, Cottingham 83, Sutton 97. Walkington 99, Beverley 144.

This was a "hat-trick" of wins for Kirk

Ella. The winning team was: A. Cooper, Elizabeth Johnson, R. Sherriff, Hobson, D. Johnson, I. Campbell. The surprise of the day was the All Stars' performance. The results were followed by a short recorded excerpt on the winners' ringing from Mr. N. Chaddock.

Middlesex County Association.

A "LOCALS" OCCASION Contrary to the previous meeting a month earlier, when the attendance was very poor at the start, the position was reversed at Monken Hadley on July 18 and ringing got under way promptly at 3 p.m. No doubt the perfect weather and the ideal setting of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin on the fringe of Hadley Woods contributed to the steady flow of members during the afternoon and made the picnic tea all the more enjoyable.

Miss G. E. Newcombe (chairman) voiced thanks to the rector (Rev. S. Spencer), who conducted the service, to Mr. William Soper (organist) and to Mrs. Sharpe (tower correspondent). Mr. Fraser Macfarlane was elected as a ringing member.

Following tea the short journey was made to Barnet, where the bells were put to good use for a couple of hours under the guidance of the association master (Mr. T. J. Lock). A warm welcome was extended to Mrs. Mitchell, from Brighton, a respected member of the Ladies' Guild, who, apart from Neville Gower (who considers himself a resident) was the only visitor, all others taking part being members of the Middlesex Association.

Letters

A FRIENDLY PLACE

Dear Sir,-I was very pleased to see in The Ringing World of July 24 that at the A.G.M. of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild there was still the same friendly welcome at Basingstoke as existed years ago.
By a coincidence of dates, I first went

to Basingstoke on July 4, 1921, feeling a very lonely person. However, within a few days I was made most welcome in St. Michael's belfry not only by the then vicar (Rev. H. W. Boustead) but also by members of the belfry, which included the late J. Bullock and F. G. Wilson.

I was also pleased to see in your photo such stalwarts of ringing as Mr. C. Ossler and Mr. J. Chesterman, both of whom I knew in the early 1920's.

District Branch meetings were better attended then than they are today. I remember over 90 being present in the old Church Cottage for tea at the annual branch meeting, although held in January. Yours faithfully,

H. BADGER.

Headington, Oxford.

RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Just to put the record straight, I seconded the Records Committee report and at the same time pointed out two typographical errors which have remained in the report published on page 573. April 12, should read Gayton S. Royal and Treales S. Major. A further one has crept in since then, May 31 should read Xystus.—Yours faithfully, D. E. SIBSON.

London, S.W.

WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—In connection with the peal of 105 Spliced Surprise Maximus recently rung at Leicester Cathedral, whilst offering my unreserved congratulations to those con-cerned, there would appear to be a slight error somewhere in the naming of the extension of Wembley Surprise Royal as Twickenham. This is not an extension of Major method rung and named Twickenham.

We have here a rather unusual situation in that Wembley Surprise Major and Wembley Surprise Royal are not related to each other but that both extend to Maximus. The difficulty lies in deciding which Maximus method should be named Wembley, or indeed, should both be named Wembley with a suffix, as in the case of the various London and Superlative Royals. The Central Council recently decided that if a method extends in more than one way then the extension running to the greatest number of stages should bear the name of the parent. Might I suggest that this be used as a sort of a precedent by saving that if more than one unrelated method bearing the same name extends to the same stage then the extension of that parent which runs to the greatest number of stages should bear the name of the parent?

In the present case the Major extends only to those stages that are a multiple of four, whereas the Royal extends to all stages, although it cannot be contracted to Major. I would therefore suggest that either the extensions of the Royal be called Wembley and a suitable different name be found for the extensions of the Major, or that they be called Wemblev No. 1 and Wembley No. 2.—Yours faithfully,

Leicester.

JOHN M. JELLEY.

CENTRAL COUNCIL, 1974—DEVON

Dear Sir,-May I draw your attention to an incorrect statement in The Ringing World (July 24) under "Central Council Deliberations, any other business."

The invitation to the Central Council to Devon in 1974 would coincide with the centenary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, and not the Devon Association. The As-sociation comprises "stoney" ringers, whose aims do not coincide with those of our guild.—Yours faithfully,

NORMAN MALLETT,

Central Council Member.

Elburton, Devon.

BALL AND CHANNEL

Dear Sir.-I was most interested to read your newspaper cutting of 50 years ago, referring to the "Novel Peal of Bells" at Watford. The novelty did not last long, as I understand this innovation caused the bells to hum too much and was soon dispensed with. We have, though, in recent years, reinstated this device, with a modification of our own, on the tenor only.

No mention was made of a second novelty-the ball and channel arrangement in place of the slider. While mechanically sound, it is a mixed blessing, the fitting of a new stay calling for a precision that can be irritating. It is noteworthy that the two new bells installed in 1946 were fitted with sliders.

I would be very pleased to know if there are many, or even any, more ball and channel bell setting devices in use. - Yours

faithfully,

R. G. BELL.

Watford, Herts.

RINGING THE METHOD

Dear Sir,-I see in The Ringing World, page 620, that a well-known ringer is Claiming to have rung his first peal of Bristol Maximus "in the method" by ringing the treble. I and, I am sure, countless other ringers have rung the treble to such methods without having a clue about the "blue line" and consequently would not think of claiming to have rung a course, touch or peal "in the method." If I were either of the two "inside" ringers in this peal making the same claim, I would consider that the treble ringer had a bit of a nerve, bearing in mind the mental effort which was probably required.

On the same page there is a similar claim to Stedman Triples made by the tenor ringer. I am sure that if we all thought we could claim to have rung a first peal in a method by ringing a non-working bell it would be a sad day for the Exercise, as it would make the mental effort and the satisfaction this usually brings seem totally It should be remembered unnecessary. that this claim once made cannot be made again, I can only assume that it is simply a question of one's personal standards in these matters.

Personally, I would not make such a claim for either of these performances. Perhaps I am "behind the times" but I feel confident that there are many who share my view, i.e. that it is a trend that should be discouraged.—Yours faithfully, KEITH G. GAME.

Redhill, Surrey.

The treble ringer mentioned did, however, conduct the peal and has often rung the method.—Ed.]

NOUGHTS AND CROSSES

Dear Sir,—For years I have used tables of noughts and crosses for a variety of purposes. Mr. H. T. Rooke had one of these tables in mind when he wrote about Pitman's Principle. If the noughts stand for six changes on 123 and the crosses for six changes on 456 there will be 20 changes in a division, as stated by Mr. Wycherley (page 474). Readers may like to try various place notations to bring up each of the 20 skeletons once in each division.

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		Yours faithfully,
		JOHN SEGAR.
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WE MISUNDERSTOOD

Dear Sir,—With reference to an item which appeared in "Belfry Gossip" on page 583 of The Ringing World, the impression given is that the 25th anniversary celebrations are to mark the inauguration of the Leicester Diocesan Guild solely.

May I ask you to correct this, please, as the festival is being held actually to mark the dissolution of the old Midland Counties Association, and subsequent formation of four guilds, viz., Derby Diocesan Associa-tion, Southwell Diocesan Guild, Midland Counties Guild and Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

R. D. HUGHES.

Leicester.

GOOD STRIKING RECORD

Dear Sir,-I was interested to read Mr. Norman Chaddock's reply to my letter about the gramophone record of striking.

Let me say first of all that I have always had, and still retain, the greatest admiration for the work that Norman has done for bellringing, particularly in the teaching and encouragement of young ringers.

I have no doubt, also, that he has worked unsparingly in the production of this new record. Nevertheless I am unrepentant.

I am far less concerned about the 12 examples that have been "squeezed on to one 12in. record" than the one (or two) examples that have been squeezed off! How, for example, could we regard a record purporting to survey the development of piano music in the 19th century as "comprehensive" if no room was found for the music of Chopin?

With regard to my "insinuations" that

the examples are not good enough, may I remind Mr. Chaddock that it was he himself who implied that they were not up to standard by stating that they could be used for practising fault-finding. Hardly the work of a good advertising manager!

Personally, I think that a golden opportunity has been lost of demonstrating the best of open-lead Minor ringing by, say, Warsop, and immaculate cartwheel by, say, Roughtown.

Mr. Norman Chaddock has, of course, the right to reply to this letter but this is my last on the subject.—Yours faithfully, HAROLD CHANT.

Wakefield, Yorks.

RINGING AND CONDUCTING STANDARD METHODS

By ROBERT B. SMITH (Continued from page 238.)
PART IV: GRANDSIRE

(a) Ringing the Method.

GRANDSIRE will probably be the first "odd-bell method" to be encountered by most ringers. It can be, and occasionally is, rung on even numbers of bells but the music it then produces is not very rewarding. Grandsire on odd numbers of bells is the counterpart of Plain Bob on even numbers and is almost identical in construction. The first lead of Grandsire Doubles is shown below;—

The first thing that one notices from these figures is that the treble plain hunts out

from the lead and back to the Grandsire lead again. In the plain course the 2nd bell also plain hunts throughout and finishes in 2nds Doubles 12345 place at each lead-end. Grandsire may then be referred to as 21354 being a method having two 23145 hunt bells, and consequently the 32415 bell that turns the treble from the lead (in the plain course this is the second bell) is said to be "in the hunt." When 34251 43521 45312 54132 ringing Grandsire it is extremely useful to know which bell is in 51423 the hunt should a trip occur; this will be mentioned later. 15243 12534 Because there are two bells plain hunting, there are only three "working bells" in the plain course of Grandsire Doubles and therefore the length of the course is only 3x10 changes long.

When teaching a band of ringers change ringing with no experienced ringers to assist, Grandsire is preferred by many instructors for the following reasons:—

(a) The treble and second bells both

plain hunt.

(b) By having the tenor bell "bobbing behind" (if six bells are available) each of the other five ringers knows in which direction to look when leading.

This in the first instance may be a good idea, but relying on the tenor bell always being available to look at when leading can slow down a learner's progress at a later stage when he or she progresses on to evenbell ringing (or rings at a five-bell tower).

Returning to our consideration of the construction of the method, let us follow the paths of the working bells.

Third Bell.—This bell starts by striking another blow in 3rds place before moving to the lead and then hunting out to the back. As this bell starts to move towards the lead, it is in 4ths place on the way in, when the lead-end occurs (notice that the dodges in the plain course of Grandsire do not take place as the treble leads full).

Fourth bell.—Continuing from where the 3rd bell finished the previous lead, the 4th bell dodges in 4-5 before hunting to the lead and out again to finish in 5ths place.

Fifth bell.—This bell starts the lead by dodging 4-5, followed by lying at the back. It then hunts to the lead and is in 3rds place on the way out when the end of the lead occurs (i.e. we are now back to where the 3rd started).

A number of interesting observations may

be made at this point.

1. A close investigation of the figures shows that Grandsire is Plain Bob with two trebles (or hunt bells). Because there are

two hunt bells, the bell which would have made 2nds in Plain Bob is forced to make 3rds instead. In turn, the other bells cannot dodge in 3-4, 5-6, etc., but must do so one place higher, i.e. 4-5, 6-7, etc. It also follows that if the dodges take place in the next higher section than Plain Bob, they will be done a row after the lead-end, i.e., as 3rds is made.

2. The rules I gave for ringing Plain Bob in an earlier article can be modified very easily to suit Grandsire, as shown below:—

First rule for Plain Bob—remembering

sequence of dodges.

Starting from 2nd bell (in the Plain Course) the sequence of dodges in Plain Bob is as follows:—

Minor 3-4 down, 5-6 down, 5-6 up, 3-4 up, 2nds.

Major 3-4 down, 5-6 down, 7-8 down,

Major 3-4 down, 5-6 down, 7-8 down, 7-8 up, 5-6 up, 3-4 up, 2nds.

Royal 3-4 down, 5-6 down, 7-8 down, 9-10 down, 9-10 up, 7-8 up, 5-6 up, 3-4 up, 2nds, etc.

First rule for Grandsire—remembering sequence of dodges.

Starting from 3rd bell (in the Plain Course) the sequence of dodges in Grandsire is as follows:—

Doubles 4-5 down, 4-5 up, 3rds. Triples 4-5 down, 6-7 down, 6-7 up, 4-5 up, 3rds.

Caters 4-5 down, 6-7 down, 8-9 down, 8-9 up, 6-7 up, 4-5 up, 3rds, etc.

In both methods it will be observed that the down dodging is done in one place higher in each successive lead and the up dodging is done in one place lower in each successive lead.

Second rule for Plain Bob-remembering where one passed the treble, e.g.:

If one turns the treble from the back, dodge 3-4 down.

Second rule for Grandsire—remembering where one passed the treble, e.g.:—

If one turns the bell in the hunt from the back, dodge 4-5 down.

This rule is not as useful as the first rule in the case of Grandsire, particularly if a touch is being rung, as the bell in the hunt does not appear to be as significant as the treble, when one passes it.

In the foregoing I have tried to show how similar the methods Plain Bob and Grandsire really are. If the explanation of the two rules for ringing the methods appear to be too brief I suggest that one refers to The Ringing World of August 5, 1966, where I gave a detailed description of each rule relating to Plain Bob.

THE EFFECTS OF CALLS

There are two calls normally employed when ringing Grandsire, although some special calls have been employed in compositions in the method from time to time. Consider the figures shown below:—

st lead of	1st lead of	1st lead of
Grandsire	Grandsire	Grandsire
Doubles	Doubles	Doubles
-	_	-
Plain	Bobbed	Singled
54132	54132	54132
51423	51423	51423
15243	15432	15432
12534	14523	15423

Comparing the three blocks of figures that occur at the end of the first lead of Grandsire Doubles, we find that the first row which differs from the Plain Course when a bob or single has been called is at the handstroke lead of the treble, and not the backstroke lead as in Plain Bob, i.e. they take effect one row earlier and therefore the call must

be made one row earlier, when the treble is in 3rds (at handstroke) on the way to lead, instead of when the treble is in 2nds (at backstroke) on the way to lead. Unlike Plain Bob, where only three bells are affected at a bob, irrespective of the number being rung, and two bells being affected at a single, in Grandsire all the bells except the one which would be making 3rds in the Plain Course are affected, and every bell is affected by a single. One will appreciate, therefore, that calls must be made precisely —in Plain Bob a call made two blows early would not cause bells to dodge in the wrong positions; in Grandsire they may well try!

BOBS

- (i) At a bob, the bell which is passing the treble in 2-3 as the call is made makes 3rds and turns the treble from the lead, i.e. it becomes the "hunt bell" until a further call is made.
- (ii) The bell which the treble turns from the lead makes 3rds and returns to lead in exactly the same way as if a call had not been made.
- (iii) The bells that are above 3rds place double dodge in the place they happen to be in when the call is made, i.e. 4-5, 6-7, etc. It will be seen that this has the effect on these bells of putting them ahead one lead in the course, i.e. the bell which double dodges 6-7 down in Triples, Caters, Cinques, etc., should have dodged 4-5 down had a call not been made, and this omits the lead of the course between dodging 4-5 down and 6-7 down.

Notice. — The bell which comes out of the hunt always dodges 4-5 down.

SINGLES

- (i) At a single, the bell which is passing the treble in 2-3 as the call is made, makes four blows in 3rds (like the bob bell in Kent Treble Bob does in 4ths place) before returning to the lead.
- (ii) The bell which the treble turns from the lead makes 2nds and turns the treble from the lead, thus becoming the "hunt bell."
- (iii) The bells that are above 3rds place double dodge in exactly the same way as they would have done had a bob been called.

Notice. — In treble-dominated methods which include Grandsire, it is the position that a bell falls in that determines where it proceeds to in the next lead. Check this for Grandsire to see why it is that the bells above 3rds must double dodge at a call.

(To be continued.)

A "W.I." OCCASION

Stowe Park, the grounds of the famous public school, was the ideal setting for the Buckinghamshire Federation of Women's Institutes to hold its golden jubilee garden party on July 18. As about 5,000 people arrived on the South Lawn for the official opening, they were welcomed by the bells of Stowe Parish Church, rung by W.I. members and friends, led by Hilary Aslett (of Drayton Parslow W.I.). The sound of the bells brought several other bellringers to the church, and as a result an extra session of ringing was arranged (whilst the brass band was taking a rest!). The standard of ringing on the easy-going five was high, ranging from rounds to Stedman. It was pleasing to see so many ringers, about 18, at a non-ringing event. As the crowds made their way home after a very enjoyable sun-drenched afternoon, the bells rang out again in farewell.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL
Enderby, Leics.—July 11, 2544 Bob Major:
J. Hunt 1, Hazel J. Nichols 2, E. G. Slater 3, R. M. Kilby 4, R. J. Welch 5, E. W. Martin 6, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 7, W. A. Thow 8. Peal attempt called round.

Alburgh, Norfolk.—July 26, 1440 Kent and Oxford T.B. (tenor covering): F. Sutton 1, T. G. Boast (first in method) 2, C. Pease 3, H. B. Fuller 4, A. H. Roberts 5, W. J. Flatt (cond.) 6, F. C. Arnold 8. For evening service.

Aldridge, Staffs.—June 28, 1260 Childwall Bob Minor: J. L. Humphreys 1, N. R. White 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, R. Riley (cond.) 6. For Matins by

local band. First in method for all.

Alveley, Salop. — July 27, 1260 Grandsire

Doubles: Joan Bennett 1, E. Drew (cond.) 2, G.

Goodson 3, W. Head 4, H. Thomas 5, V. Parton 6. In memoriam Mr. J. P. Jones, ringer at Alveley for 60 years.

Appleton, Berks. — July 27, 1259 Grandsire Caters: S. White 1, V. J. White 2, W. R. White 3, Miss S. M. White 4, A. Dyer 5, F. White 6, R. White 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, R. Overington 10. An 80th birthday compli-

ment to G. Holifield. Badsey, Worcs.—July 25, 1296 Little Bob Major: Valerie Willard 1, C. Pickford 2, J. Whittall 3, Shirley M. Drew 4, D. Franklin 5, R. Hunt 6, C. Hims 7, G. R. Drew (cond.) 8.

For Patronal Festival.

Barcombe, Sussex.—June 28, 1260 Doubles (three methods): F. Smith 1, R. R. Kennard (cond.) 2, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 3, E. A. Wilkins (first in three methods) 4, E. M. Laming Macadam 5, A. Turner 6. For morning service. Also June 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 1, A. Turner 2, Pauline M. Kennard (first inside) 3, E. M. Laming Macadam 4, J. E. Baker 5, R. R. Kennard (cond.) 6. The ringers of 1, 2 and 6 have now circled the tower to quarter peals this year. A birthday compliment to 2 and 5.

Bath, Somerset .- St. Michael with St. Paul, July 30, 1250 Rutland S. Major: Mrs. B. Burt 1, Orledge 2, Mrs. R. J. Ball 3, Devrell 4, G. W. Massey (cond.) 5, D. Burt 6, R. L. Coles 7, P. J. W. Hardwick 8. First in

method for all except 5, 6 and 8.

Blackawton, Devon.—July 11, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles: A. G. Thompson 1, N. L. Bell 2, J. L.
Bell 3, R. E. Dean 4, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 5, J. Edden 6.

Brinklow, Warks .- June 27, 1260 Kent T.B. Minor: P. Garrard 1, R. Liggins 2, B. Elliott 3, J. Evans 4, G. Higgs 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6, For Brinklow Flower Festival.

Brixham, Devon.—July 29, 1296 Bob Caters: L. Bell (first in method) 1, P. C. F. Wooster (first in method) 2, R. J. Edden 3, W. S. Way-man 4, A. S. Carter 5, R. F. Shepperd (first Caters as cond.) 6, D. J. Roberts 7, G. J. L. Read 8, G. J Roberts 9, S. Wills (first of Caters) A welcome to assistant curate.

Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent.-August 2, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Cumberledge 1, F. Snape 2, W. H. Pickett 3, P. Worthy 4, W. Bourno 5, B. Cumberledge (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

Bucklebury, Berks.-August 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Thomas (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Talbot 2, Miss J. Marshall 3, Miss A. Luckings 4, S. C. W. Brown 5, C. E. Lewington 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, Miss H. Lillywhite 8. For Matins.

Budock, Cornwall.—July 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty Palethorp (first quarter) 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, V. Mary Matthews 3, Mary Carveth 4, Hilary Dash 5, T. E. Howarth 6. A farewell to Betty Palethorp, leaving Cornwall.

Bulkington, Warks. - July 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Bonsor 1, R. Joy Pluckrose 2, G. Higgs 3, R. Woodward 4, G. Pratt 5, B. Liggins H. Ashley (cond.) 7, G. Pluckrose 8. For the 'Sermons Sunday" Children's Service.

Bures, Suffolk.—July 25, 1312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss D. F. Beaumont 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Mrs. D. Reeve 3, D. J. Reeve 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, L. D. Mills 6, D. L. Mills (cond.) 7, H. J. Millatt 8. In memoriam Dr. Grace Griffiths (aged 81).

Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex .- 1260 Bob Minor: D. Pattern 1, M. N. Tickner 2, D. Robinson 3, J. F. Eaton 4, L. V. Tickner 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For Flower and Ringers Festival.

Castleacre, Norfolk.-July 29, 1440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): N. V. Harding 1, W. Curston 2, O. A. Needham 3, W. Houghton 4, L. W Houghton 5, R. Harrop (cond., 50th quarter) 6 Following peal attempt.

Chew Stoke, Somerset. - July 20, Doubles (six methods): R. Perry 1, Janet Parker 2, F. C. Mogford 3, M. Orman 4, A. Coombs (cond.) 5, P. Baker 6. Also July 24, 1260 Bob Triples: Janet Barnard 1, Janet Parker 2, Susan 2. F. C. Willis 3, A. Perry 4, J. Maggs 5, A. Coombs 6, R. Perry (first Triples as cond.) 7, H. J. Coombs First of Triples 1, 2, 3 and 6. Engagement compliment to 4th.

Chinnor, Oxon. — July 26, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: P. Wilkinson 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, F. Keen 5 R. G. Hazell (cond.) 6. First of Kent 1, 3 and 5 First of Kent by local band. For Parents' and Children's Service. Also July 26, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. Wright 1, R. G. Hazell 2, E. Harms-worth 3, F. Keen 4, P. Wilkinson (first as cond.) 5, Mrs. R. G. Hozell 6. Conductor is first to circle tower to quarter peals. 25th wedding anniversary compliment to the Rector (Rev. R. W. Horner) and his wife.

Churchill, Somerset.-July 23, 1272 Wells and London Minor: E. Skipsey 1, Susan Stott 2, G. Hebden 3, Brenda Sheppard 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, C. Field 6. First in method 2, 4 and 6. An engagement compliment to Alan Perry and Drucilla Pickard.

Clevedon, Somerset.—July 9, 1260 Grandsire Double: Margaret James 1, E. T. Lee 2, S. Brown 3, P. J. England 4, J. Brain 5. Non-conducted. 3, P. J. England 4, J. Brain 5. Non-conducted. Compton Dando, Somerset.—July 10, 1440 Bob Minor: H. J. Coombs 1, Janet Parker 2, Susan Willis 3, F. C. Mogford 4, R. Perry 5, A. Coombs (cond.) 6. Also July 21, 1260 Bob Minor: Janet Barnard 1, F. C. Mogford 2, Janet Parker 3, Susan Willis 3, A. Coombs 5, R. Perry (cond.) 6. Also July 28, 1260 Doubles (five methods): H. J. Coombs 1, Susan Willis 2, P. Blacker 3, R. Perry (cond.) 4, F. C. Mogford 5, A. Coombs 6 Coombs 6.

Compton Martin, Somerset.-July 27, Cunecastre S. Minor: Susan Willis 1, J. Maggs 2. E. Lee 3, M. Horseman 4, J. Brain 5, P. England (cond.) 6.

Cookham, Berks.—July 26, 1260 Bob Minor (treble leading, tenor cover): Miss M. Haines 1, Mrs. C. Miller (first Minor) 2, E. Eldridge 3, T. Tocock 4, Rev. R. Wallis 5, D. Hartley 6. J. Muller (cond.) 7, A. Harris (first quarter) 8. To mark the engagement of 1 and 6

Cotleigh, Devon .- June 28, 1320 Bob Doubles: D. Travers 1, W. Sparkes 2, D. Salter 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Snell 6. First in method 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong. Also July 19, 1320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: D. Travers 1, T. Travers 2, W. Sparkes 3, N. Netherway 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, E. Snell 6. For Flower Festival.

Devizes, Wilts. - St. Mary, July 27, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Janet Bailey 1, Pamela Osborne 2, B. Osborne 3, G. Beaven 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Curry Mallet, Somerset. — July 23, 1260 Doubles (four methods): R. Parker 1, Mrs. M. A. Medley 2, Mrs. L. Parker 3, K. Prime 4, M. J. Medley (cond.) 5. Engagement compliment to Mr. T. N. J. Bailey and Miss Patricia M. Clarke.

Eastbourne, Sussex.—St. Saviour's, July 10, 1260 Bob Doubles: N. Chapman (first on treble) , I. Clark 2, D. Snoswell (first of Doubles) 3, White 4, T. Barlow (cond.) 5, C. Nicholson (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Harold S. Hobden, former member of the St. Saviour's band and captain at Christ Church, Easthourne

Eastchurch, Kent .- July 24, 1260 Bob Doubles: H. Hayward 1, Mira Ford 2, Jana Bryant 3, J. Mason 4, P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 5, W. Foreman 6, Half-muffled in memoriam Ald. Bernard Bigg (Mayor of Queenborough-in-Sheppey).

East Crompton, Lancs. — July 26, 1440 Bob Minor: D. G. Sanderson 1, D. Sanderson (cond.) 2, A. Rowe 3, H. Armstead 4, P. Ogden 5, E 2, A. Rowe 3, H. Armstead 4, P. Ogden 5, E. Cocper 6. For Patronal Festival and a farewell to the Rev. S. Murray. Also August 3, 1260 Bob Minor: P. Ogden 1, H. Armstead 2, D. G. Sanderson 3, G. Abbott 4, D. Sanderson (cond.) 5, E. Cooper 6. To welcome Suzanne Clare, third daughter for tenor ringer.

East Hoathly, Sussex.-July 23, 1260 Doubles (two methods): R. Cater (first on treble) 1, N. Chapman 2, P. Fox 3, T. Barlow (cond.) 4, I. Rees 5, D. A. Stewart 6. First in two methods by all except conductor. In memoriam David

Hogarth, former Eastbourne ringer.
East Morden, Dorset.—August 1,

Minimus: Pamela Hunt (first quarter) 1, Judith Jack (first quarter) 2, M. W. C. Lawson (first of Minimus as cond.) 4, L. H. Pink 5, W. G. Bishop 6.

Filton, Glos.-July 26, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss H. Blount 1, A. N. Blount 2, Miss W. A. Miller (first inside) 3, Miss M. N. Haslum 4, D. C. Haslum (cond.) 5, Miss C. Blount 6. For the Feast of St. Anne. Gamston, Notts.—July 17, 1260 Minor (720 Gamston, 540 Plain Bob): S. Carnall 1, Katherine

Burchnall 2, Grace Burchnall 3, H. Denman 4, H. Hawcroft 5, E. Preston (cond.) 6. Gamston Surprise-36-14-12-1236-1234-16 1/e

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Heene, Worthing, Sussex. - July 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Moya C. Keys (first on eight) R. M. Cox 2, G. R. Hills 3. R. P. Wood 4, H. C. Weaver 5, H. D. Butler 6, C. J. Campion (cond.) 7, C. A. J. Chappell 8. For Evensong. Also a farewell to Graham R. Hills.

Henbury, Bristol.—July 29, 1264 Bob Major:

G. Locke 1, Elizabeth M. Brooke 2, Alison M. Brown 3, B. Huddleston 4, D. Huddleston 5, D. A. Powney 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, D. A. Whetton 8. A farewell to D. A. Whetton. Horsell, Surrey. — July 31, 1260 Grandsire

Doubles: E. Warner 1, Patricia Hill 2, Pamela Bird 3, P. Feast 4, J. King (cond.) 5, Kitty King For the induction of Rev. J. R. Lamb as

Nunnly, Somerset.-July 27, 1260 Bob Minor: P. Devrell 1, M. Cannon (first inside) 2, A. Coombs 3, P. Blacker 4, H. Coombs 5, R. Perry

TAYLOR FAMILY QUARTERS

Great Witcombe, Glos.—July 24, 1260 Single Oxford Minor: Helen Taylor 1, M. P. Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, B. H. Taylor 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. To open the Village Festival.

Porlock, Somerset.-July 27, 1260 Hereward Bob Minor: M. P. 1, Clare 2, Helen 3, Hilda 4, B. H. 5, E. J. (cond.) 6. First in method for all.

Exford, Somerset.—July 28, 1296 Cambridge Minor: Helen 1, Clare 2, M. P. 3, E. J. 4, H. (cond.) 5, Hilda 6. First in method as conductor.

Sampford Brett, Somerset. — July 29, 1296 Surfleet and Beverley S. Minor: M. P. 1, Hilda 2, Clare 3, Helen 4, B. H. 5, E. J. (cond.) 6.

BELL ROPES

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Ipswich, Suffolk.—St. Clement, July 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Salter (aged 14, first quarter) 1, A. Bridges 2, P. Archer 3, J. R. Munnings 4, F. A. J. Steward (cond.) 5, J. Hollins 6. For Evensong. Also a compliment to Peter Steward and Hazel Chamberlain on their engagement.

Kidderminster, Worcs.—July 5, 1926 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Pell-Walpole (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, Miss F. Salter 3, S. Caldwell 4, M. J. Fellows 5, J. G. Barker (first Triples as cond.) 6, J. Hilder 7, K. Bayliss 8. For Evensong.

uton, Beds. — July 26, 1260 Double (five mathods): E. W. Broom 1, N. Garrard 2, Catherine M. Bew 3, M. J. Bew 4, K. Lewin (first as cond.) 5, G. H. North 6. On the 80th birthday of Arthur J. Smith.

Malvern Link, Worcs—July 4, 1280 Bob Major: E. C. Barber 1, R. G. Morris 2, J. E. Lawrence (first Major inside) 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, R. C. Sayers 5, G. C. Bagley 6, I. Bellamy (first quarter) 7, G. W. Edwards (first as cond.) 8. For the christening of Rachel Mary White.

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March, Cambs.—August 1, 1260 Bob Minor:
Mrs. D. E. Sibson 1, M. Goakes 2, D. Feek 3,
W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis 5, D. E. Sibson (cond.)
6. A wedding compliment to Peter H. Langton

and Annette Breeze.

Melbourne, Australia.—St. Paul's Cathedral, July 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gerald Foxhall (first quarter) 1, Robin Turner (cond.) 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Graeme Heyes 4, Arthur Fisher 5, David Heyes 6, Michael Scowen 7, Michael Clayton (of Christchurch, N.Z., first quarter In Australia) 8. Also July 8, 1260 Bob Triples: Gerald Foxhall 1, Robin Turner 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Michael Scowen 4, Arthur Fisher 5, Michael Lawrence 6, Henry Rossell (cond.) 7, Fred Engish 8. Also July 15, 1264 Bob Major: Gerald Foxhall 1, Robin Turner 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, Arthur Fisher 5, David Heyes 6. Michael Scowen 7, Henry Rossell (cond.) 8. To welcome Andrew James Stewart, born July 12. Also July 29, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Gerald Foxhall 1, Robin Turner 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Barbara Beeson 4, Arthur Fisher 5, Henry Rossell (cond.) 6, Jack Roper 7, Fred Engish 8.

Milton Regis, Kent.—July 25, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: L. Gilbert 1, Hazel V. Mitchell (first in method) 2, Wendy R. Austin 3, B. E. Jemmett 4, L. Mitchell 5, F. J. Dadson (first as cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. G. E. Clark and Miss P. A. Salt, married earlier in the day.

Nether Heyford, Northants.—July 20, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: M. Hensher 1, Hilda Collins 2, W. Collins 3, R. Danby 4, S. Webb 5, M. Chown (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Robert Hensher (Rector, 1956-1970).

Prestwich, Lancs.—June 24, 1260 Bob Minor: J. E. Preston 1, P. Hawcock 2, J. Manning (first quarter) 3, A. E. Reeves 4, G. O. Sanders 5, D. P. Smith (cond.) 6. For the consecration of Patrick, Bishop of Manchester. Old Hill, Staffs.—July 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. P. Hackett (first as hunt bell) 1, Miss W. Pretty 2, C. Cooksey 3, F. Sluter (first inside) 4, R. Dunn 5, M. L. Lashford (cond.) 6, A. B. Ellsmore 7, H. Shilvock 8. A compliment to the Duke and Duchess of Kent on the birth of their son.

Painswick, Glos.—August 2, 1320 Bob Maximus: D. A. Frith 1, D. G. Massey 2, Gillian Radley 3, P. A. Slight 4, R. B. Mills 5, S. B. Bell 6, S. G. Pick 7, P. S. Abbot 8, P. Johnson 9, F. J. Jackson 10, R. H. Cook 11, D. Mottershead (cond.) 12. For Evensong by Society of Rambling Ringers.

Putney, London, S.W.—St. Mary. July 24, 1260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Bangham 1, Caroline F. Bagworth 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, R. L. Jones 4, K. G. Game 5, C. F. Mew 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, A. E. Bagworth 8. Halfmuffled on the day of his funeral and a tribute to the Rt. Hon. lain Macleod, M.P.

Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts.—July 12, 1264 Bob Major: E. Buxton 1, Gillian Hare (first Major) 2, M. A. Rose (first as cond.) 3, H. Hanson 4, D. Stainsby 5, B. J. Bull 6, C. Knapp 7, A. Lygo 8. A 70th birthday compliment to H. Hanson.

Rothley, Leics. — June 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Poole 1, Rosemary Spray 2, Thelma Staples (cond.) 3, D. Chambers 4, T. A. Yates 5, R. Spray 6. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Hunting.

St. Endellion, Cornwall. — August 1, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Valerie C. Pengelly 1, Mary Carveth 2, Mary Matthews 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, A. F. Burley 5. R. Pengelly 6. For St. Endellion's Festival of Music and the Arts.

Shipton Gorge, Dorset.—July 24, 1272 Bob Minimus: S. Tasker (first quarter) 1, Valerie Calvert 2, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 3, L. Calvert 4. Sittingbourne, Kent.—July 30, 1280 Yorkships S. Major N. J. Chesson (cond.) 1, F. Stuart 2

Sittingbourne, Kent.—July 30, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: N. J. Chesson (cond.) 1, E. Stuart 2, R. Thompson 3, Rev. S. M. Evans 4, P. D. J. Beal 5, D. P. Leworthy 6, L. Mitchell 7, T. A. Cross 8.

Somerleyton, Suffolk.—June 13, 1260 Doubles (six methods): R. Peters 1, T. Hughes 2, N. Cossey 3, W. Girling 4, P. S. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6.

South Anston, Yorks.—July 25, 1320 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. N. Huson 1, D. Hunton (cond.) 2, D. E. Archer 3, R. Fletcher 4, M. King 5, R. Grundy 6. To mark the completed restoration of the church.

Southwark, London, S.E.—The Cathedral, July 19, 1275 Grandsire Cinques: M. T. Sprackling 1, J. R. Pratt 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah Bishop 4, A. M. Stacey (first on twelve) 5, A. S. Bishop 6, M. Hatchett 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, K. J. Rider (comp. and cond.) 10, J. W. Smith 11, C. T. Richards 12. For "Sunday Evenings in Southwark."

Stoke Lacy, Herefords.—July 16, 1260 Stedman Doubles: L. Walters 1, Mrs. L. Meadows 2, E. C. Biggs 3, J. Ward (first In method) 4. J. Clements (cond.) 5, L. Meadows 6. Swindon, Wilts.—St. Mark's, August 3, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. C. New 1, Miss S. Titcombe 2, M. Sutton 3, A. Rogerson 4, S. Mitchener (first Minor as cond.) 5, M. New 6.

Tamworth, Staffs.—July 1, 1264 Bob Major: Lin Cooper 1, Margaret Boam 2, Sheila Parsons 3, M. Quimby (first of Major) 4, E. J. Dicken 5, D. A. Hiorns 6, F. D. Boam 7, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 8.

Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk. — July 24, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Cousins 1, R. Fox 2, P. Gagen 3, W. Gray 4, R. Newsom 5, J. Fox (cond.) 6, H. Follen cover.

Thatcham, Berks.—June 28, 1260 Stedman Triples: S. Brown 1, Valerie Edens 2, Esther Brown 3, R. Christopher 4, R. Ashman 5, A. Edens 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, S. Brown 8. Also July 1, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: R. Butler 1, W. Butler (cond.) 2, R. Rex 3, Janet Livingston 4, D. Muttram 5, A. Edens 6, H. Smith 7, R. Christopher 8. First in method for 1, 5, 6 and 8. Also July 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Turner 1, R. Rex (cond.) 2, W. Butler 3, R. Butler 4, R. Christopher 5, C. Tilling 6, A. Edens 7, A. Christopher 8. For Thatcham Folk Festival.

Titchfield, Hants.—July 26, 1440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: J. Whitman 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, N. Georgo 4, H. L. Hatfield 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6. First in method by all except 5.

Weaverham, Cheshire.—July 12, 1260 Bob Minor: Rosemary Wilkinson 1, M. Sharon Mc-Gonigle 2, D. A. Carter (first inside) 3, Pamela Hough 4, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, P. G. Walters 6. For Evensong

Wentworth, Yorks.—July 12, 1260 Doubles (seven methods): R. M. Nalliah 1, D. Hunton 2, D. E. Archer 3, L. Hallows 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Grundy 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. R. Parkin, former tower captain.

West Tarring, Sussex.—July 18, 1260 Bob Minor: N. Chard (first quarter) 1, Caroline L. Jones (first Minor inside) 2, D. A. Smith 3, A. D. Butler 4, R. M. Cox 5, G. R. Hills (first Minor as cond.) 6. To welcome Janine Theresa Cox, daughter of 5th and Mrs. Brenda Cox, daughter of 5th and Mrs. Brenda Cox, daughter of 5th and first Minor Mrs. Grenda Cox, daughter of 5th and first Minor Also July 19, 1260 Bob Minor: Moya C. Keys (first of Minor) 1, Elizabeth Grigg (first Minor and inside) 2, G. R. Hills 3, H. D. Butler 4, D. A. Smith 5, R. M. Cox (cond.) 6. For Sunday School Festal Evensong.

West Quantoxhead. Somerset.—July 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Arnold 1, Miss B. Jarvis 2, Dr. Winifred Kingsbury 3, L. Lyddon 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss M. Bray, over 40 years a school teacher of the parish.

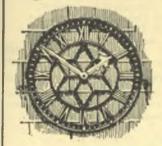
Whittlesford, Cambs.—July 31, 1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Bird 1, L. J. York Moore 2, M. J. Whitby 3, R. A. Currell (first as cond.) 4, Pat Hurworth 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. Also August 1, 1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Bird 1, L. J. York Moore 2, M. J. Whitby 3, R. A. Currell 4, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. Muffled in memortam Robert J. Maynard (former tower captain) and Ernest Seaby.

Wimbledon, London, S.W.—July 26, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: Caroline F. Bagworth 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, M. J. Bangham 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6. Wedding compliments to Vanessa Rodrigues and Paul Brand (at Oxford, July 181, and Ros Rawlings and Peter Mackley (Wimbledon, July 25).

Winscombe, Somerset.—July 21, 1312 Yorkshire S. Major: J. Walton 1, Brenda Sheppard 2, Susan Stott 3, G. Hebden 4, R. Rice 5, C. Field 6, W. Rice 7, J. Sheppard (cond.) 8. First in method 3 and 6.

Wiveliscombe, Somerset. — July 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, H. Young 2, H. Purchase 3, V. Gunter 4, W. Nurcombe 5, K. Lee 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, G. Sparks 8. To welcome Karen Wendy, daughter of Ruth and Richard Purchase, first grand-daughter for ringers 3 and 7. Also 21st birthday compliment to

Wortley, Yorks.—July 28, 1320 Doubles (11 methods): Mrs. N. Huson 1, D. Hunton 2, D. Lyon 3, D. E. Archer 4, M. King (cond.) 5, P. Allen 6, R. Grundy 7, C. Helliwell (first quarter) 8 (7, 6, 8 covering). First 11 methods 1, 3, 6 and 7. A farewell to Mrs. Huson (tower captain).



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BRISTOL, St. Mary Redcliffe.

., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (50 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Sat. Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 William T. Hibbert 2 Michael J. Hobbs

3 Albert M. Tyler 4 Andrew W. R. Wilby 5 Brian J. Wylde

6 Emlyn F. Hancock 7 Patrick J. Bird 8 David E. House (Conductor)

9 D. John Hunt 10 Alan R. Patterson 11 John Chilcott

12 Michael V. Chilcott

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FELMERSHAM, Bedfordshire, St. Mary. Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (21 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Middleton's.)

Trevor W. Groom

•2 Jill K. Orme

3 Kathleen A. Marriott

4 Martin Major

5 Martyn J. Marriott

6 Edgar T. Skipsey 7 Keith H. Fleming

8 C. Michael Orme (Conductor) *First in the method on 8. To mark the 750th anniversary of this church.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, St. Peter.

Wed., July 15, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (14 cwt.) 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by J. W. Moorhouse.

1 Basil Jones

2 Alan A. Potts
3 Harold C. Lonyon
4 Herbert M. Heaton

5 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

6 Gerald Moorhouse 7 William H. Dowse

8 Alan F. Scholfield To mark the completion this day of 20 years as vicar by Rev. H. W. Rogers.

WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon., July 27, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (6 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (15 methods: Stedman, St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Martin, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Grandsire. Newborough. Rev. St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, 12 variations and 4 soliced variations).

A. Doreen Edwards

*2 Harry W. Howard 3 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

4 Frederick S. Sutton

5 John R. Scott 6 Michael J. Crawley

*First 31 Doubles. Treble ringer has circled the tower three times).

RUYTON XI TOWNS, Shropshire, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 each Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury, 4 Plain Bob).

Gordon K. Green Edward V. Rodenhurst

*3 Peter Wilkinson

A. Doreen Edwards

5 Geoffrey A. Edwards
6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

*First four-Minor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warks, St. Peter.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 43 min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., St. Clements and Childwall Bob, Plain Bob).

1 Peter C. Randall
2 Frances Dodds

3 Ramon A. Sheasby 4 Derek H. Walters 5 John K. Foot

6 Geoffrey W. Randall (Conductor)

WHITBY, Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (19 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by Peter Border.

Ernest J. Gower

Ruth M. Border

3 Clare F. Dolphin 4 Ian D. Thompson

Anthony J. Cox

Peter H. Mackie Geoffrey W. Randall

Peter C. Randall Kenneth J. Hesketh

10 Peter Border (Conductor)

FYLINGDALES, Yorkshire, St. Stephen.

at., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (11½ cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen Ivin.
Peter Border (Conductor)

2 Ruth M. Border

Ian D. Thompson

4 Anthony J. Cox 5 Peter H. Mackie

Peter C. Randall Geoffrey W. Randall

8 Kenneth J. Hesketh

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALMELEY, Hereford, St. Mary.

Sun., July 26, 1970. 2hr. 36min. (11 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (2 extents Stedman, 5 Plain Bob, Southrepps, April Day. Rev. Canterbury. Kennington and Clifford's Pleasure, 10 Grandsire).

1 Brian Hillstead

2 Frederick R. Harris
3 Laurence T. Mainwaring
4 John W. Hope (Conductor)

Robert A. Hatcher

6 Danzey Watkins

A farewell to the Rev. C. G. and Mrs. Challenger.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas.

July 25, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (16½ cwt.) 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

1 Bernard Stone

2 Barbara A. Van Asselt
3 Doris E. Colgate
*4 David P. Leworthy
5 Nicholas J. Chesson
6 Ernest J. Ladd
7 Michael J. Uphill

8 Philip A. Corby (Conductor)
*First in method. 86th birthday compliment to Percy G. Turley, of the local band.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OLDHAM, Lancashire, St. Mary.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 3hr. 38min. (35 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by William Pye.

John Illingworth

James E. Andrews

Neil Bennett

Michael J. Platt

C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

6 Derek Butterworth

Richard Starkie Alan F. Scholfield

9 Jeffrey Brannan 10 D. Paul Smith

BLACKBURN, Lancs, Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., July 11, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (25 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part.)

Susan Hill

John Parsons (Conductor)

3 James Skeats 4 Philip Woods

5 Bryan Hill

6 Geoffrey Howarth 7 Gary Wignall

8 Maurice Hill. Wedding compliment to Brian Tomlinson and Mary Smith, also to John Pilkington and Shirley Washbrook.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs, St. John.

Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (12½ cwt.) 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by John Illingworth.

1 James E. Andrews2 Geoffrey Fothergill3 Pauline Tallis

4 James Cunliffe

5 John Illingworth

6 Albert Greenhalgh

Joseph Thornley

8 John Ashcroft (Conductor)

*First neal. In memoriam Sir John Barbirolli.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire, St. James.

Thur., July 30, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Maureen Welsh 2 John P. Partington

Christine Broadley

4 Keith P. Tompsett 5 Geoffrey S. Mills

6 Richard S. Starkie (Conductor) *First attempt.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER, All Saints.

Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (8½ cwt.) 5152 HUDDERSFIELD S. MAJOR (27-course block reduced.)

1 Martin Green 2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden 3 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)

4 Beryl E. Cawser 5 Barry E. Saunders 6 Alan A. Paul

7 Robert B. Smith 8 Graham C. Paul

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

TYDD ST. MARY, Lines, St. Mary. Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (113 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 Single Oxford, 2 St. Clements, 4 Plain Bob).

1 George W. Burrell
2 Michael J. Belcher

3 George H. Campling 4 George R. G. Butler 5 Harold Barsley

6 Philip H. Reynolds (Conductor)

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TREDUNNOC, Mon. St. Andrew.

Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Oxford) ford, Kent T.B., St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Cambridge).

1 M. Jack Pryor

*2 R. Mark Esbester
*3 Peter N. Chambers
*4 Andrew W. E. Bainham
5 Michael R. Meadows

6 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor) First in 7 methods.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

WILLESDEN, Middlesex, St. Mary.

Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hp. 34min. (93 cwt.) 5024 DUNMOW SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by John R. Mayne.

G. William Critchley (Conductor)

2 Ruth M. Foreman 3 Claudia A. Critchley

*4 Alick Cutler 5 Frank Reed 6 John Hill

7 Derek E. Sibson 8 Thomas J. Lock

*500th for the association. First in the method by all. 550th peal on the bells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

STOKE POGES, Bucks, St. Giles.

Thur., July 30. 1970. 2hr. 56min. (13½ cwt.) Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of

Thurstans' four-part.)

1 Gladys E. Barker *2 Richard W. Butler

3 Arthur D. Barker (Conductor)

†4 Rosamund M. Brown 5 Sydney M. Bailey

†‡6 William Birmingham, jun.

William Butler

18 William Birmingham *First peal (aged 12). †First of Stedman. 25th together. On the 60th anniversary of the conductor's first peal of Stedman.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire, St. James. Sun., Jan. 4, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (5½ cwt.)

5040 SPLICED DOUBLES 91 methods in 42 extents

Rev. St. Bartholomew Bedfordshire, Poyle, Quiriser, Southlea, All Saints, Berkshire, Runemede, Hedsor, Amerden, Rev. St. Sebastian, St. Runemede, Hedsor, Amerden, Rev. St. Sebastian, Bristol, Colne, Morning Star, Myrke, Minster, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Huntercombe, Horsemoor, Huntspill, Oakley, Ellingham, New Bob. Itchingfield, Forncett, Camelion, Ditton, Blaisdon, Screveton, St. Vedas, Chipstead, Bedingham, Rev. St. Faith, Boveney, Casthorpe, Rev. Union, Bedfont, Londonthorpe, Cippenham, Cowthorpe, St. Owen, Nunthorpe, Rev. St. Julian, Eton, Manthorpe, Plain Bob, Boxford, Candlesby, St. Marin, Slapton, Welford, St. Simon, Rugby, St. Edmund, Braywood, Eynesbury, Sutton-upon-Trent. St. Osmund, Merton, Longworth, Rev. Canterbury, Dorton, Raveningham, Winchendon, Thornborougn, Haddiscce, St. Nicholas, Longford, Heathrow, Fundenhall, Huntley, Ossington, ford, Heathrow, Fundenhall, Huntley, Ossington, St. Remigius, Hascombe, Harpley, Shipway, Tandridge, Colnbrook, Blackburn, Broughton, Intwood, Westminster, Chesham, Cranford, Kr Dragon, Strelley, St. Hilary, Ockham, Lyng.

1 Monica Blagrove 2 William Butler 3 Michael Hatchett

4 William Butler 5 Frank T. Blagrove (Conductor)

New methods: Southlea 64U, Hedsor 57P, Amerden 69V, Myrke 67V, Huntercombe 66P, Horsemoor 76U, Ditton 65J, Cippenham 69P.

(Original peal copy lost) OXFORD, St. Martin and All Saints.

Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (73 cwt.) 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Roger F. Overington Alan R. Pink

3 Neil I. Allnatt

John Hartley 5 Brian R. White

6 John E. Camp (Conductor)

Francis A. White

8 Frederick A. H. Wilkins

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

EASTON NESTON, Northants, St. Mary. Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.) 5120 GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

1 Percy Amos

2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden Stanley M. Ruddlesden

Christopher C. Stokes

5 Graham C. Paul (Conductor) 6 Malcolm J. V. Chown

7 Barry E. Saunders 8 Alan A. Paul

First in the method by all and for the guild.

NORTON, Northants, All Saints.

Sun., July 26, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (151 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (2 extents Stedman, 4 St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, 8 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 10 Grandsire, 6 Plain Bob).

1 Malcolm Weatherhead

2 Harold Haynes

3 Malcolm J. V. Chown (Conductor) 4 Stanley F. Webb 5 John S. W. Townley

A farewell to the Rt. Rev. Bishop H. V. L. Otter-Barry on retirement and the completion of ten years as vicar of Norton and rector of Whilton.

It is not what happens to you but the way you take it that counts.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Thur., July 30, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (6 extents Rev. Canter-bury, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob and Grandsire).

1 Mollie E. Care

*2 Steven J. Bayliss
3 Barry R. Care (Conductor)
4 Selwyn J. Griffiths

5 Christopher G. Chiplin

*First peal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

MUCH WENLOCK, Salop, Holy Trinity.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (16 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by L. Goodall.

1 John N. Lindon
2 John G. Perry
3 Arthur V. Pearson
4 John F. I. Turney
5 Paul L. D. McEvilley
6 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)

F. John Keddie 8 Stephen W. Barton

SUFFOLK GUILD

WOODBRIDGE, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (251 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Sir Arthur Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.)

1 Dennis Knox 2 Leslie Brett

3 Gilbert R. Goodship 4 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

*5 Adrian Knights *6 Ernest G. Pearce

7 H. William Barrett 8 Walter Arnold *First of Stedman Triples.

IPSWICH, Suffolk, St. Margaret.

Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (154 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR (3264 Kent, 1824

Oxford, with 60 changes of method).
Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Arranged by A. G. Driver.

1 J. Martin Thorley

2 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

3 W. Keith Whittell

Alan R. Bridges

Ernest G. Pearce John L. Girt

7 Walter Arnold 8 John W. Blythe

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WALDRON, Sussex, All Saints.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part, 6th obs.)

Alan R. Baldock

Janet M. Percy Betty Percy

4 George Beeney 5 Thomas M. Barlow

6 Frank H. Hicks (Conductor)

7 Harold G. F. Reynolds 8 Robert W. R. Percy

With open bells in memoriam and appreciation of the life and work of Harold Stanley Hobden, who learned to ring in this tower.

BILLINGSHURST, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(J. J. Parker's 12-part.) *1 Ruth E. Halford

†2 Sonia Hailes

3 Harold F. Wood ‡4 Patrick M. Wills

§5 M. Iain Davey 6 Philip Stevens

E. Winifred Keys (Conductor)

*§8 Christopher Renyard *First of Triples. †First peal. ‡First of Triples inside. §25th peal. ¶75th peal. First in method as conductor and 25th peal as conductor.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND **YOUTHS**

EATON SOCON, Beds, St. Mary.

May 30, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (13 cwt.) **5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR** Composed by Stanley Jenner.

James M. Hills Jane Foster

3 Lucy Smith

Ronald J. Sharp Clive M. Smith

6 Peter M. Wilkinson 7 Derek E. Sibson

8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

SHOREDITCH, London, E, St. Leonard.

Tues., June 30, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (28 cwt.) 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
(No. 3 version.)

1 Sheila M. Dobbie

*2 Janet House Joan Beresford

Christopher P. Starbuck

5 John R. Pratchett *6 David D. Smith
7 Frank T. Blagrove

8 Derek E. Sibson

9 James A. D. Woolford 10 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

*First of London Royal.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex, St. Margaret of Antioch.

at., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (11 cwt.) 5088 MEDWAY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Joan Beresford 2 Jane Foster

3 R. Jean Henderson 4 Stanley G. Ponting

5 Norman Summerhayes

6 Peter M. Wilkinson 7 Derek E. Sibson

8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor) First in method by all and for society.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. CLEMENT, Cornwall, St. Clement. Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (93 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

Hilary Dash

†2 H. Gay J. Meyrick †3 Derek A. Trethewey (Conductor)

†4 T. Neil Hitchens
rst peal. †First of Minimus. *First peal.

ST. KEA, Cornwall, All Hallows. Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (121 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part, 7th obs.)

Anthony Locke

F. Malcolm Bowers 3 Robert A. Southwood

4 Alan Carveth

5 Anthony J. Davidson 6 Timothy J. Bell 7 Canon A. S. Roberts *8 Roger Pengelly

Rung silent and non-conducted.
*First on 8. A wedding compliment to Graham Dunstan and Mary Pascoe, ringers at this church, married this day.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall, St. Anta and All Saints.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (91 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Washbrook's irregular six-part.)

1 Harry Miles

2 Timothy J. Bell 3 Marion L. Lidgey 4 Anthony Locke

*5 W. Reginald Curtis Anthony J. Davidson

†7 F. Malcolm Bowers (Conductor)

‡8 David J. W. Bath

*First of Stedman inside. †First of Stedman Triples as conductor. ‡First peal. For the church flower festival and to con-gratulate David and Annette Bath on the birth of a son, Gareth John.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, Worcs, St. Cassian.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (164 cwt.) 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (2 methods: 3520 London and 1504 Bristol, with 56 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Peter J. Brown

M. Irene Brown
J. Clifford Skidmore

4 Morley P. Tobin

5 Michael G. J. Elson 6 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

7 Martin D. Fellows 8 Gerald C. Hemming

BRIDGNORTH, Salop, St. Mary Magdalene.

Tues., July 28, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (81 cwt.)

5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Alan Jones

2 M. Irene Brown 3 Morley P. Tobin

4 J. Clifford Skidmore
5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

*6 Peter J. Brown Robert Edwards

8 Gerard C. Hemming

*First of London inside.

MATHON, Herefordshire, St. John the Baptist.

Thur., July 9, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (8 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Jane E. Coles

2 Raymond C. Sayers 3 Clarissa J. E. Caroe

4 John Hyden

5 John Clements (Conductor)

6 R. George Morris

*First peal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

MARTIN, Hampshire, All Saints.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 DENBIGHSHIRE SLOW COURSE **DOUBLES**

DOUBLES

(50 methods: Cardiganshire S.C., Glamorgan S.C., Boveney S.C., Bedfont S.C., Eton S.C., Oakley S.C., Itchingfield S.C., Chipstead S.C., Broughton S.C., Chesham S.C., Ockham S.C., Thornborough S.C., Longford S.C., Hascombe S.C., Slapton S.C., Rugby S.C., Merton S.C., Chevasse Place, Callender Bob, Maltby Bob, Montgomeryshire Place, Rev. St. Faith, Rev. St. Julian, Rev. Union, St. Owen Place, Huntspill, St. Vedast, New Bob, Blaisdon, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Westminster II, Dragon, Winchendon, St. Hilary, Westminster II, Dragon, Winchendon, St. Remiglius, St. Nicholas, Huntley, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Simon, Eynesbury, Plain, Rev. Canterbury, Shipway, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Minster, Rev. St. Sebastian, Grandsire).

1 Barry F. Peachey 2 Faith Riley

3 Roy Le Marechal 4 Barry J. Fry 5 Derek C. Jackson (Conductor)

6 John S. Croft

First peal of 50 methods by the band and for the guild.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CLECKHEATON, Yorkshire, St. John.

Sun., July 19, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10³/₄ cwt.) 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by G. Lindoff.

*1 Mrs. Janet Walker 2 Ruth Richardson

3 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

4 Robert Cater

5 Patricia North 6 Ian North

7 Robin Brown 8 Trevor Tarbatt

*First peal.

(Barnsley and District Association)

FELKIRK, Yorkshire, St. Peter. Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Woodbine, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

*1 Harold Chant

2 Robert Cater 3 Trevor Tarbatt

4 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

5 Noel Moxon

6 Harry Mann

*50th on the bells. For the 850th anniversary of the church.

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A WEEK IN SUFFOLK

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SUFFOLK GUILD

BRANDESTON, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (73 cwt.)
5040 MiNOR (Double Court, Cambridge,
Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clements,
Kent T.B. and Plain).

1 J. Barry Pickup
2 Katharine M. Thorley
3 Vernon B. Bedford
4 Christing Broadley

4 Christine Broadley 5 Leslie G. Brett

6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., July 19, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (15 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. J. Parker.

*1 Roger N. Scholes *2 J. Martin Thorley 3 Katharine M. Thorley

4 Christine Broadley

5 Leslie G. Brett
6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
7 Adrian Knights

8 Vernon B. Bedford *50th together.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk, Holy Trinity.

Mon., July 20, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (10 methods: Single Oxford, Double Court, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Cam-

bridge, Kent T.B. and Plain). Katharine M. Thorley

*2 Christine Broadley 3 Vernon B. Bedford 4 Roger N. Scholes

5 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor) 6 J. Martin Thorley

*First in 10 methods.

THEBERTON, Suffolk, St. Peter.

Mon., July 20, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (6 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Double Court, Cambridge,
Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford
T.B., Kent T.B., Plain).
1 Leslie G. Brett
2 Kethering M. Thouley.

2 Katharine M. Thorley

3 Christine Broadley 4 Roger N. Scholes

*5 Vernon B. Bedford
6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*100th peal.

BENHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Wed., July 22, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (1 2160 and 4 extents.) 1 J. Martin Thorley

2 Katharine M. Thorley 3 Christine Broadley

*4 Roger N. Scholes

*5 Vernon B. Bedford
6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor) *First of Cambridge Minor.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Tues., July 21, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (11 methods: Double Bob, Single Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge, Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

Vernon B. Bedford

*2 Katharine M. Thorley

Christine Broadley 4 Roger N. Scholes

5 J. Barry Pickup
6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor) *Most methods to a peal.

SCOLE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (4 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (8 methods: Beverley, Sur-fleet, Double Bob, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clements, Plain).

1 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

2 Katharine M. Thorley 3 Vernon B. Bedford

4 Christine Broadley 5 Roger N. Scholes

6 J. Barry Pickup The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert. Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOK (14 methods: Beverley, Surfleet, Double Bob, Fulbeck, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain).

J. Martin Thorley

2 Katharine M. Thorley 3 Christine Broadley

4 Roger N. Scholes 5 Vernon B. Bedford

6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor) Most methods to a peal by all except treble

and tenor.

MARLESFORD, Suffolk, St. Andrew. Fri., July 24, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (9\delta cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 each St. Clements, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., 4 Plain).

1 Katharine M. Thorley
2 Roger N. Scholes
3 J. Barry Pickup
4 C. Jack Gibson
5 J. Martin Thorley
6 Vernon B. Bedford (Conductor) *150th for the Guild.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Suffolk.

Cathedral of St. James.
Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (30 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by J. Motts.

*1 Sally E. V. Potter

2 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*3 John A. Mayle 4 Roger N. Scholes

5 Alan G. Feaver *6 Peter R. Mayle

Vernon B. Bedford *8 Maurice J. Rose *†9 Walter A. Perry

10 J. Barry Pickup

*First of Royal. †25th peal. On St. James' Day.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary. Sun., July 26, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (16 cwt.) 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Walter W. Miller 2 Muriel R. Page 3 Arthur G. Mason

4 Adrian Knights

*5 Stephen J. Bedford

6 Vernon B. Bedford 7 Leslie G. Brett

8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor) *75th peal.

Handbells

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WAKEFIELD, Yorks, 5 Copley Lane, Robin Hood.

Mon., July 27, 1970, 1hr. 47min. (12 in G.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents, 110 singles, 35 bobs).

1-2 Stella M. Brown

*3-4 Robin Brown (Conductor)

5-6 Michael C. Perrins *100th for association.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, 71 Woodville Drive. Thur., July 16, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (15 in C.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS Composed by John Reeves.

2 Alan McFall

3 4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

5-6 Neil Bennett

7-8 Gerald Moorhouse

9-10 David Atkinson 11-12 Alan F. Scholfield

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.

Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (15 in C.) 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL Composed by John Worth.

-2 Alan F. Scholfield

3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

5-6 David Atkinson 7-8 Gerald Moorhouse

9-10 John Gander

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive. Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (15 in C.) 5280 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by F. Dench.

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor) 5-6 Roger Baldwin

7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan 9-10 Julia A. Fellows 11-12 Frank C. Price

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold. Fri., July 10, 1970, 1hr. 38min. (14 in D.) 5040 REAL REVERSE BOB MINOR

(7 extents.)

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

First in method by all.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

NETTLEHAM, Lincs, 56 Sudbrooke Lane. Tues., July 21, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (15 in C.) 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

1-2 Geoffrey R. Parker 3-4 Margaret A. Parker 5-6 George E. Feirn

*7-8 Christopher J. Sharp

9-10 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
*First of Kent T.B. Royal.

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

WASHINGTON, D.C., 4929 Hillbrook Lane.

Sun., July 19, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (17 in A.) 5136 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by S. Humphries.

1-2 Ann Gardner

3-4 Simon Humphries (Conductor)

5-6 Marjorie Batchelor

*7-8 Kit Matthew *First peal. First on the bells.

QUARTER PEAL

Wotton Underwood, Bucks.—August 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Ayris 1, Julie Tyler 2, C. W. J. East 3, G. J. Tyler 4, A. D. Tyler (cond.) 5, H. G. Rand 6. Wedding compliment to Linda Burdett and Adrian Cribb.

NINETY YEARS YOUNG

A BRIEF STORY OF THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

By C. F. MEW (Master)

On May 21, 1970, the Surrey Association celebrated its 90th birthday as a ringing association, having survived two wars and enormous changes in environment with the spreading of Greater London. "The County of Surrey Association of Change Ringers," as it was first known, was formed at a meeting held on May 21, 1880, at the Kings Arms, Carshalton (a venue most ringers would approve of!) largely at the instigation of the ringers of St. Mary's, Beddington, who were to become a leading force in many phases of the association's life. Surrey Association has never affiliated towers but has relied on a system of individual members unified into one body. Churches were said to be "in union" with the society and at the foundation there were eleven—Ashtead, Beddington, Bletchingley, Croydon, Horley, Kingston, Leatherhead, Mitcham (8), Nutfield, Streatham and

The Archbishop of Canterbury, what strangely, was the association's first president, whilst the administrative head was the secretary, Mr. A. W. B. Perceval. The initial subscriptions were 2s. for resident members and 5s. for non-resident life members which, when comparing earnings, was a large sum for the time (and also shows how little we pay now!).

In 1883 the well-known Dr. A. B. Carpenter succeeded as secretary, which position he was to hold for the next ten years.

The end of 1884 saw the membership standing at 113, and this rose to 200 in 1889. During the same period, in 1885, the association name had been changed to plain "Surrey."

The 1890's saw several developments, the first of which was the appointment of Mr. E. F. Strange (of Putney) as the association's first representative to the newly-formed Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (in 1890). This was followed, in 1893, by the election of R. B. Blanchard, of Streatham, as secretary, and in 1896, on the death of Archbishop Benson, the Bishop of Rochester accepted the presidency of the association. The secretaryship changed hands once again in 1897, passing to Charles Dean, of Sutton, one of several persons in the employ of Messrs. Gillett and John-ston, of the bell foundry, who were to hold office in the association.

FIRST WORLD WAR

The years from the turn of the century to the outbreak of the first world war saw several radical changes take place in the structure of the association. The retirement of Charles Dean as secretary in 1911 was the moment chosen to create the new post of master of the association, which was filled by the very able and popular Dr. Carpenter. His enjoyment of this honour was, however, tragically short-lived, as only two years later he died, and the mastership was taken on by James Drewett, of Mitcham.

Two other events in 1911 are worthy of The first was the appointment of Cyril F. Johnston, principal of the Croydon Bell Foundry, to the position of secretary. The second was the formation of a Southern District to stimulate interest in the more outlying areas of the county. The Southern District at first had the support of the towers at Burstow, Charlwood, Horley, Nutfield, Redhill and Reigate and proved an instant success, bringing a good increase in membership.

This was followed in 1913 by the forma-

tion of a Western District, comprising the towers at Egham, Kingston and Hersham. It is interesting to note that the splitting up of the territory had been discussed as early as 1898, but had taken 13 years to materialise.

Having traced a path to the first world war it would be a suitable point to look back on the actual ringing that had taken place since the association's formation. The very first peal rung for the "Surrey" was rung at Kingston on February 18, 1881, being Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples, conducted by C. James Strutt. This was followed by another of Grandsire, this time Caters, at Beddington, on May 7, conducted by the well-known conductor and composer Edgar Bennett. The first even-bell peal (Plain Bob Major) was at Beddington in January, 1883, and the first of Stedman at Streatham in January, 1887. A peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major at Carshalton received special mention in the 1889 report, and the first peal of Surprise was rung at Bletchingley on October 27, 1894, being Superlative, conducted by James Parker, of Crawley. It was in 1913 that the first peal of Cambridge was rung for the association, at Mitcham on April 19, being Johnson's variation, conducted by William Smith (another foundry employee).

BREAD AND BUTTER METHODS

The bread and butter methods of peal ringers were still Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and at this time a points system was devised by a Mr. Attree, Central Council representative for the Sussex Association, points being awarded by the Council for the various peals rung by guilds. The value at that time placed on the methods is reflected in these examples: Plain Bob, 8 points; Grandsire, 9; Seven Minor, 9; Treble Bob, 12; Stedman, 24; Double Norwich, 16; Superla-

One final note about the pre-war era was the succession of the Bishop of Southwark to the presidency of the association, which state was to remain for 20 years, from 1907

The details of the war years are somewhat nebulous. Peal ringing ceased in August, 1914, and many members of the Association gave their lives for their country during the ensuing hostilities. The period between the wars was to herald a great surge of enthusiasm in the association and in the field of peal ringing Surrey ringers, and in particular the Beddington band, led by C. H. Kippin, were to set new precedents.

At some time immediately after the war the Northern District (that remaining after the Southern and Western Districts were formed) was renamed the Central District, and in 1922 Miss Nora Shorter was elected to the post of secretary to the Western District, the first woman to hold office in the association.

In the early years of its existence the association had realised that loyalties to the Winchester Diocesan Guild prevented the association from gaining new members in South-West Surrey, so it was not surprising that when the formation of a Guildford Diocese was mooted in 1926, the officers of the Surrey sought to negotiate an amalgamation with this guild. The talks evidently came to nothing and the Guildford Guild was formed on December 31, 1927. In 1926 James Drewett, the master, died aged 74, having served in this cases of the

aged 74, having served in this capacity for

a record 15 years. He was succeeded by Kenneth Birt, of Merstham. In the same year the Bishop of Southwark resigned from the presidency and the post remained unfilled for three years.

A further reshuffle of districts resolved itself into two in 1928, these now being called the North-Western and Southern Districts and the following year the first of many joint meetings with the new Guildford Guild were held.

The Bishop of Croydon, Canon E. S. Woods, accepted the presidency of the association in 1930, holding this position until 1937, in which year the Bishop of Southwark again took the post and the Bishop of Croydon became a vice-president.

The association's first dinner was held at

Croydon in October, 1935, and appeared at first sight a success, with an attendance of 109, but at subsequent functions in 1936 and 1938 the numbers dropped to 90 and then 56, at which point it was decided to discontinue them.

Ringing between the wars, as previously stated, was exciting. In 1920 the first peal of Surprise Royal (Cambridge) was rung for the association at St. Peter's, Croydon, conducted by W. Pye.

The first peals of London Surprise Major were rung on the same day (November 22, 1924) at Carshalton and Godstone. One 1924) at Carshalton and Godstone. One month later, on December 27th, the first 12-bell peal was rung for the Surrey, at St. Mary-le-Bow, when Charles Kippin who was only 18 at the time, called Grandsire Cinques whilst turning in the 11th of the then 53 cwt. twelve.

Bristol Surprise Major was first rung for the Association in 1926, and in the same

the Association in 1926, and in the same year C. H. Kippin conducted 10400 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Christ Church, Epsom. It was now Mr. W. H. Hewett's turn to reel off some firsts for the association, as follows: 1927, Cambridge S. Maximus (Southwark); 1928, Yorkshire S. Royal (Beddington); 1929, Stedman Cinques (Southwark); and 1931, Pudsey S. Royal St. Martin's, Epsom).

LONDON ROYAL The year 1932 saw no fewer than nine different Surprise Major methods rung for the association and culminated in a peal of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative being rung at Banstead on September 10, conducted by C. H. Kippin. On Feb-ruary 4, 1933, the first ever peal of London Surprise Royal was rung by the Beddington band, the "Beddington Version," now rather sadly known as "No. 3," is today the accepted best extension of London on ten bells. Subsequent years saw the first ever peals of Bristol S. Royal (February, 1934); Superlative S. Royal (September, 1935); and finally the achievement of the first of Spliced Surprise Royal (London, Cambridge, Printel Superlative) (London, Cambridge, Printel Superlative) (London, Printel Superlative) Cambridge, Bristol, Superlative) (January, 1936). Each of these peals of Surprise Royal was rung at Beddington, composed by Frank Darby and conducted by Charles

When war was declared in 1939 the Home Office Order relating to the Control of Noise did not prevent ringing but the blackout regulations presented difficulties and caused ringing times to be altered. In 1940 the complete ban was imposed and in the same year the Kings Arms at Carshalton, birthplace of the association, was destroyed.

The ban on ringing was lifted for two days in 1942 (November 15 and Christmas Day) and in 1943 it was completely lifted, but naturally enough it was the end of the war before ringing could start getting back to normal.

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Editorial

ABOUT OURSELVES

A FULL 100 per cent attendance of members of the Ringing World Committee was maintained when we met at Stoke on Sunday, July 12, with the Editor, to discuss an agenda which seemed to deal preponderantly with finance. Apologies were received with regret from the Council's officers and the R.W. Treasurer—perhaps as we did they found a Sunday meeting difficult.

The financial statement of the T. W. White testimonial was received and Mrs. Staniforth and Mr. Hughes were thanked for their help in the success of the scheme.

Cash statements prepared by the Guildford office and bank statements supplied by Mr. Hughes were considered and the R.W. investments reviewed. Requests from Seven Corners Press, Ltd., for a substantial increase in the price paid for printing were considered very carefully and the convener reported on his talk with the managing director. It was agreed to offer a limited increase per week for the time being in respect of present costs and to consider the matter further when detai's of the expected increased wages and paper prices were available. At the same time a variation in the method of payment was agreed to help the firm. The convener has since received the thanks of the managing director for the consideration given to his requests.

Mr. Denyer reported on the reactions at likley to the proposed R.W. calendar and it was agreed to go ahead with the scheme and have the calendars printed in August. The Committee ask for the support of all ringers in this venture.

It is proposed to consider at our next meeting in November (14th at the Whitechauel Foundry) the preparation of the R.W. Index for 1970 in the same form as this year, subject to readers' reactions received by then.

Arrangements for the R.W. jubilee were further considered and readers are asked to note that a feature of the celebration will be a lunch at Gui'dford on March 27. Full particulars will be published as soon as finalised.

The Committee's thanks were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and son John, for their hospitality and help in what the Editor has since described as "a very useful and most enjoyable meeting".

WILFRID G. WILSON.

AN AFTERTHOUGHT?

Wishing to dissociate his name from the footnote of the peal of 14 Spliced Major at Birstwith, Yorks, on May 18, (Ringing World, page 581), Mr. P. H. Gardner states: "The peal was not rung for a special occasion, it was one of the regular 'Monday' evening peal attempts by the band. None of the band was informed either before or after the peal that it was to be rung for someone's birthday

"I object to events connected with persons relatively unknown to the band taking precedence over events and records connected with those who ring—unless the peals are genuinely rung for a special occasion."

Belfry Gossip

We are confident that there was no ulterior motive when the name of the Central Council president was printed upsidedown in a letter last week. A correction (made "on the machine") was put in by the operator—and unfortunately no revise proof was produced for the reader to check.

First peal congratulations to Pauline Tallis, Maureen Welsh, Richard W. Butler (12), Stephen J. Bayliss, Sonia Hailes, Hilary Dash, David J. W. Bath, Jane E. Coles, Janet Walker, Kit Matthew (handbells).

Personal Records: Walter Perry (25 peals), Stephen Bedford (75), Vernon Bedford (100), M. Iain Davey (25), Phillip Stevens (75).

For their ringing weekend in Salisbury, Rhodesia, a quarter peal was rung and it was the first in the southern hemisphere for Kay Moore, Jonathan Chamberlain and Jeff Lawrence.

The peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells rung for the Leicester Diocesan Guild on July 7 and reported in last week's Ringing World was not, of course, the first for Peter and Jill Staniforth.

Mr. N. F. Moxon of Cawthorne. Barnsley, is very appreciative of the help and information to his enquiry about Holsworthy Church bells.

Quarter peals were rung at Laughton and Barcombe, Sussex, for the 65th birthday of Mr. J. E. Baker and for a happy retirement—but not from ringing!

For the Suffolk Week, 11 of the 13 peals were successful and two of the band were Christine Broadley (aged 16), who scored 8, and Katharine Thorley (aged 14) got one more—9. (Well done!)

We agree with a comment sent by a correspondent that visiting ringers on tour who criticise the go of the bells, or the length of rope, etc., are not "cricket" as in some cases it disheartens young, inexperienced and yet enthusiastic bands,

The organiser of the peal of Stedman Cinques at Manchester Town Hall (Mr. J. E. Andrews) is grateful to the three ringers who stood in at short notice and to another who agreed to ring Cinques instead of Maximus.

We learn from a press report that the late Mr. Harold Hobden, whose death we reported recently, won a national prize in 1963 connected with his expert knowledge of ironmongery and tools. In addition he took a keen interest in astronomy and built his own telescope.

A "go-ahead" young man is Richard Butler (aged 12) of Thatcham, Berks. He was at the C.C. meeting and was selling pens in aid of the bells fund at his home tower. Now he advertises the pens "as supplied to the officers of the Central Council"! [We hope he sells dozens!—Ed.]

"Bells" ringing at 3 a.m. for half an hour and again at 7 a.m. at Belstead near Ipswich disturbed the peace of the inhabitants recently, until it was discovered that the ringing came from sledge hammers hitting railway lines being laid in a tunnel at Ipswich station.—C. R.

Michael D. Fellows, who rang his first peal in 1959, has now rung his 500th. Mr. F. G. Handley was in both peals.

The quotation on page 572, "Once to every man and nation", was by J. Russell Lowell (1819-1891) we are informed on expert authority.

The Leeds University Society went for its second peal of 27-spliced on June 28 at Sharow, Yorkshire; two days after the first peal was scored! The peal was lost in the last course with only five leads to go, when the third rope broke. It was notable in that Gill Cleaver, who has rung the treble in this series, was ringing inside, this being only her second peal of Spliced Surprise, and she gave a very good performance.

It was announced over ITV (Southern) on Monday evening that a bell had been stolen from Hartley Maudit, Hampshire, but no other details were given.

Following his letter published last week about the Rotherhithe ropes, Mr. K. J. Rider states that Mr. Pladdys' remarks are largely incorrect. None of the ropes, he says, apart from two spares belonging to St. Leonard's, Streatham, are the property of anyone other than the Rotherhithe Church authorities.

We also have received a long letter from Mr. M. J. Uphill on the subject, confirming various factors already printed, but he states that he told Mr. Adams the facts before the latter wrote to us. For our part in this saga of the ropes we feel the whole episode was misunderstood from the first. We published the original letter because we thought a malicious parishioner or other person had purposely taken the ropes to stop any further ringing in other words, stolen the ropes! We trust the whole matter will now be closed.

The Lundy article last week has brought in many comments and interesting points, which we will publish next week. Information about Lundy Island is obtainable by writing to the agent: Mr. F. W. Gade, Manor Farm, Lundy, Bristol Channel, via G.P.O., Bideford.

In the peal at Lowestoft on July 20, Mr. R. W. R. Coates, who rang the 5th, is the only surviving member of a band formed when the bells were installed, as a war memorial, in 1920. Mr. D. Carr, who rang the 6th, rang his second peal—his first being in 1939.

The newly-formed ringing society at Faringdon County Grammar School recently rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Trinles (in hand). It was the first for all and first for the conductor, and was rung for the school's golden jubilee, also for the 80th birthday of Mr. Hewitt. Next term a peal is to be attempted.

A correspondent suggests that the poor attendance at the Alton Festival was due to many of the towers being open a fortnight previously for the guild A.G.M. at Basingstoke. Whilst Basingstoke is always a popular centre, a visit by the guild to Andover might have led to a better attendance at both functions.

Barry F. Peachey of Lyndhurst writes regarding Mr. Gay's comments on Original, to say that at last someone has come up with proof that Grandsire Doubles does not exist! He also thinks the 105 Spliced S. Maximus at Leicester is a marvellous achievement (which it certainly is!).

Yorkshire Association.

ATTENDING FIRST MEETING

The Western Branch annual meeting was held at St. Wilfrid's, Calverley, in June, and 70 members enjoyed the rehung bells and the excellent tea provided by the local company and served in the church

At the business meeting the chairman (Mr. W. Barton) welcomed ringers from Bingley, Drighlington, Tong and Kildwick, attending their first meeting of the association. Eight members were elected-Dr. W. E. Court, Messrs. J. L. Jessop and P. Serotsky, and the Misses A. Beswick, G. Entwistle, S. J. Rees, C. E. Simms and Thompson.

Branch officers elected were: Ringing master, Mr. M. Thurmott, and committee members Messrs. P. Birkett and R. Crab-A. B. S.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

GUILD MASTER ATTENDED

Members of the Dorchester Branch were honoured to have the master of the Salisbury Guild (Rev. Roger Keeley) with them at their summer meeting at Wool on July
11. The Vicar (Rev. F. C. Whitter) conducted the guild service, with Mrs. Baker as organist, and the singing being led by the choir, which included several local

Mr. and Mrs. Butler were thanked for providing an excellent tea in the school hall, and a short business meeting followed with the branch vice-chairman (Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn) in the chair. The six bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods under the supervision of the branch ringing master (Mr. David Cull). Ringers attended from Dor-chester (St. Peter's), Fordington (St. George's), Preston, Upwey, Whiteparish and Wool.

Hertford County Association.
ATTENDANCE NOT LARGE

The St. Albans District held a meeting at Peter's, St. Albans, on July 18, when ringing on the ten started a little late due to a wedding. The attendance was not as large as was expected, a little surprising for it was a warm, sunny day.

The vicar (Rev. F. Bradley) took the service, and after a salad tea the meeting was held, 32 members being present, with Mr. John Mayne in the chair.

lengthy discussion took place whether the format of meetings should be altered, and it was agreed that two meetings (September and October) be held and the new idea tested.

Mr. R. E. Hardy asked that names be collected for the petition to save St. John the Divine, Leicester. Congratulations were extended to Bob and Kathleen Hardy on the

birth of a daughter the previous evening.

The meeting at North Mymms in August was announced, and ringing at St. Peter's followed.

DISTRICT OUTING

Members of the St. Albans District visited London on July 4, the party travelling by The first towers visited were St. Giles'. Cripplegate, and St. Lawrence's, Jewry, and after lunch all enjoyed a trip on the Thames from Charing Cross Pier to Greenwich.

After an hour's ringing at St. Alphege's, Greenwich, there was the return trip on the river and ringing at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, and St. Margaret's. Westminster.

All are grateful to Mr. Andrew Wilby for making the successful arrangements. H. D. Midland Bank Ringers.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE VISITED

The third annual meeting of the Midland Bank Bellringers was held on July 4, and branches represented came from London, Amersham, Tring, Birmingham, Northampton and Gloucester. Accompanied by a few friends, they spent an enjoyable day in Buckinghamshire.

Ringing commenced at Leighton Buzzard and started with a touch of Kent Royal! and was followed by the eight of Stoke Mandeville.

During the afternoon the interesting old church of Little Missenden was visited, and later the ground-floor ring at Penn was rung. It is here that a jug of fresh drinking water is always available in the porch for weary travellers. After a conducted tour of the well known church of Stoke Poges we were joined in some Stedman Triples by Mr. Barker and members of his family. Beaconsfield we were met by Miss Fletcher, who also rang with us.

The towers visited in the evening were G.M. at Amersham and Berkhamsted.

PARTING OF THE WAYS

July 12 was a sad day at Malvern Link. as it was the last time that four loval mem-

bers would be ringing regularly.
In the past few months the tower has lost a complete Surprise Minor band, the loss being (mainly) the gain of the Great Dunmow area of Essex. Earlier this year Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Wood and family returned to their native county and now Mr. and Mrs. M. V. White and family have moved to the same area. Miss Jane Coles and Miss Clarissa Caroe have left Malvern Girls' College, Jane to study at Bart's and Clarissa at Derby and London.

Outings

GOSFORTH'S DAY

Gosforth ringers held their annual outing on July 18, which was a lovely day. The grand ring of six at Buxhall was the first to be tried and was followed by Great Finborough's; here the bells are somewhat Lunch was at Stowmarket, and Framsden the first tower in the afternoon. followed by Ashbocking and Henley. Tea was taken at Needham Market, and the final tower was at Barking. There was a "refreshment stop" on the way home, and all had an enjoyable time. S. P. S.

GUILDFORD AND BASINGSTOKE VISITED

The annual outing of Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint, took place at the end of June and the ringers, with members of the congregation, visited Guildford and Basingstoke areas. The first stop was at St. stoke areas. The first stop was at St. Mary's, Liss, where excellent ringing took place and provided a good opening to an enjoyable day. Our next call was at Alton (a fine ring of eight), where a flower festival and anniversary celebrations were in pro-

A break for lunch was followed by ringing at Overton, followed by the nine-bell tower at Basingstoke, where we found difficulty in getting used to the rhythm. On to Chobham, where some of the visitors braved the noise to climb up to the bell chamber to watch the bells swing as we rang them. The last stop was at Worplesdon (8) but unfortunately we could not stay very long. K. M. L.

FOREST OUTING

The Forest Ringers, with friends from neighbouring districts, held their annual outing on July 11, and the first tower visited was at Wootton Bassett, followed by Wanborough, with its combination of tower and spire—an unusually interesting silhouette. The 14th century nave is separated from the 15th century chancel by a narrow crossing, above which is a small hexagonal lantern capped by a spire. At the end of the nave is the normal bell tower.

Following this interesting church came Marlborough, and, after lunch, Upavon, with its massive 13th century west tower. Next came the Church of St. John, Devizes, which was beautifully decorated for an organ recital that evening. The Normart architecture is some of the finest in the

The towers visited after tea were at Seend, Steeple Ashton and Hilperton. The brass at Seend was greatly admired, and Ashton appreciated. The mellow bells are well suited to this sturdy church. The day closed with the light, ground-floor 7 cwt. six at Hilperton.

It was noted that all churches visited were very well kept, with tidy churchyards. The party are grateful to the organisers, incumbents and ringers who met them for the successful day.

FRAMSDEN

The so-called Framsden outing was at the end of June with London as the venue. A delay of nearly an hour got some of the party on edge, and we could not make up lost time, consequently we could spend only 20 minutes at St. Dunstan's. Stepney, much to the disappointment of

The bells at St. George-in-the-East were much enjoyed, as was the excellent lunch at the Lord Raglan. St. Michael's, Cornhill, followed, where a course of Bob Maximus was well rung. However, despite a large bunch of keys not one would unlock the church at Aldgate, much to the annoy-ance of our guide, but some of the party got a pull at Bishopsgate with the veterans. Our last tower was at Poplar, where the bells were rather difficult to ring. Our thanks to Trevor Bailey (organiser and guide). Ipswich was reached soon after 9 p.m.

THE FOREST OF DEAN

In mid-July ringers from St. Matthias', Malvern Link, set out on a glorious summer's morning for their annual outing, this year to the Forest of Dean. After a pleasant 30 miles drive Mitcheldean was reached and the nice ring of eight very much appreciated. Some eight miles on, the Littledean six were rung, followed by lunch, and thanks to a local ringer a perfect spot known as Pleasant Stile was found for a picnic. The lovely countryside with the River Severn making its way to Newnham will be a memory to be cherished for

After a journey of 18 miles the party arrived at Chepstow and were privileged to take part in ten-bell ringing a rare opportunity for the majority and a first ex-perience for some. The last call was to that well known Forest of Dean church at Newland, dedicated to St. Peter and the Holy and Indivisible Trinity, with its ring of six (tenor 16 cwt.).

Our thanks to the incumbents, to ringers who met us, and to Gerry Richards for making the arrangements. B. C. B.

Notices

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ENGAGEMENTS

BULL-CHAMBERS.-The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bull, of Egham, Surrey, and Merrilyn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Chambers, of Perth, Western Australia (formerly of Horsham, Sussex). 9435

PERRY-PICKARD.-The engagement is announced between Alan, son of Mr. G. Perry, Castle Farm, Farmborough, and Druscilla, daugh-er of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pickard, Moat Farm Cottages, Wraxall, Bristol. 9440

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

GADD — BEALE. — The wedding of Miss Frances M. Gadd and Mr. Keith E. Beale will take place on Saturday, September 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, Ash Priors, at 11 a.m. Future address will be Cinques Cottage, 11 Sampford Brett, Williton, Somerset. No telephone at home but Taunton 7636 Office unchanged.

READ - DAVIS. - The marriage of Brian J. Read to Susan E. M. Davis will take place at St. Mary's, Ealing, on August 29 at 2.30 p.m. All friends are welcome. Susan and Brian's address will be 9 Belgrave Place, Brighton.

PERSONAL

"Can two walk together except they be agreed."---Amos iv: 3.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DEASON.—Bill and Barbara have now moved to 26, Church Road, Hauxton, Cambridge. Ringing friends always welcome, but bring a garden fork or spade.

HOUSDEN.—As from Aug. 15 the permanent address of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden will be Green Shutters, Manor Park View, Dousland, Dartmoor, Devon. Telephone No. not yet known.

MACKLEY.-Peter and Rosamund now live at 16, Briar Road, Marshalswick, St. Albans, Hertfordshire. Telephone: St. Albans 65151.

TREBLE.—Paul, Wendy, Elizabeth and Fiona will be living at "Knaresborough", Richard Place, Tewkesbury, Glos. (Tel. 2545), from Aug. 24th.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—There will be no practice at St. Peter's on Wednesday, August 26th.—A. J. Smart (Tower Sec.). 9444

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PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL. - All visitors warmly invited to Sunday Evensong ringing 5.45, and Thursday practices, 7.30 North door. No Sunday morning ringing until September 13.

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE-RINGERS. — The first practice of Michaelmas Term will be held at St. Brandon's, Brancepeth, on Thursday, October 8. First-years will be especially welcome. For further details contact Gwen Bidgood, 10, Heol Cattwg, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 1JQ. 9429

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD .-Evening meeting, Friday, August 28, at Hever Bells 7-9 p.m. Names to C. A. Bassett, 3 Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, for outing -and please support the Croydon Festival on Sept. 12.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. --- Chertsey District.—Practice meeting at Egham, Sept. 5th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Sausage supper after. Notification to ensure food supplies to Mrs. D. Parsons, 8 The Retreat, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, by Sept. 2nd.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting, Burnham (8) on Saturday, August 22, at 6 p.m.— A. L. Pearson.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Evening practice, Kingston, Saturday, August 22, 6.30-8.30 p.m. All welcome.—N. Thomson, District Secretary.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD .--Alton and Petersfield District.-Practice meeting at Froyle, August 29th. Bells 6-8 p.m. 9441

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Leeds and District Branch.—Evening practice meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley (8), on Saturday, August 29th, from 6 to 8.30 p.m. Methods: Rounds, Call-changes, Plain Bob, Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY .-Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Johnson, 58 Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster.

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION --- Wishach District.—Meeting, Hilgay, August 29th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Everyone welcome.-D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Western Branch.-Meeting, Holkham, Sat., Aug. 29. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please bring own tea. Wells (8) available after business meeting. -D. S. Parry, Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS .ing, Sat., Aug. 29th. Asfordby (6), 3.20-4.45. Melton Mowbray (10), 6-8.30. Own tea arrangements. Those requiring transport or with transport available from Nottingham contact Stainsby (Nottingham 233506).

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District). -Joint meeting at Leatherhead on August 31st. Ringing 15.00. Service 16.30. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Robinson, 32, Gatesden Road, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Sur-rey (Tel.: Leatherhead 4333), by previous Wednesday, please.-J. A. L.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Striking competition at Harbury on Sat., Sept. 5th. Teams will be notified of the times they are to ring in the afternoon. Tea 5 p.m. and service after tea. Further ringing after the service (6.30, approx.). Names for tea by Sept. 2nd, please. --- H. M. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, near Learning-ton Spa (Harbury 504). (Further copies of the entry form can be obtained from the secretary.)

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD. — Next meeting, Heptonstall, Sept. 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea only. Please bring own

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. —Meeting at Alford on Saturday, Sept. 5th.
Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4
p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. J. I. Smith, 14
Commercial Road, Alford, by Sept. 1st.—R. Reynolds (Mrs.), Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. - Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Baston on Sat., Sept. 5. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Broughton, 119 Main Street, Baston, near Peterborough, by Mon., August 31st.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9434

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .thern Branch.-Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 5th, at Hingham. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Picnic tea .- C. Bird, Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—There will be a GENERAL MEETING at SHEFFIELD on Saturday, Sept. 19th. General Committee meeting at 3.15 p.m. in Ranmoor Parish Hall. Service 4.15 p.m. at Ranmoor. Tea in the Parish Hall at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, by Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Tickets will be sent to those who enclose a at 3.45 p.m. on the Saturday. Proposals about the finance of the Association will be made at the meeting after tea. Bells: Penistone (8), 11.30–12.45; Conisborough (8), 12–1; Silkstone (6), 12.30-1.45; Bolsterstone (8), 1-2; Eastwood (8), 1.15–2.30; Wortley (8), 2–3; Walk-ley (6), 2.30–3.30; Ranmoor (10), 3.15–4.10; Sheffield Cathedral (13), 7–9; Wortley and Ranmoor in the evening by arrangement. — W. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD SUMMER FESTIVAL at

Castor, near Peterborough on

Saturday, September 5th, 1970. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Tea tickets (3/6 each and children 10 years or under 2/- each and c.w.o.) to be obtained by Saturday, August 29th, from Mr. R. H. Daw, 97,

Fane Road, Peterborough. Details of ringing arrangements (24 towers) will be sent to all those applying for tea tickets. Ringing stewards will be in attendance at all towers.—E. Billings, General Secretary.

9439

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN RINGERS SUNDAY **AUGUST 23**

SERVICES: Holy Communion 8 a.m. Mattins 11 a.m. Evensong 6.30 p.m.

RINGING: Kirby 7-8 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m. Also at Mistley 1.30-2.30, Harwich 2.30-3.30, Tendring 3.30-3.40.

Ringers take a full part in all services. All welcome to join us.

Breakfast in Church Hall at 8.45 a.m. Tea at F. B. Lufkin's address from 4 to 5 p.m. Social gathering after Evensong.

Those requiring breakfast and/or tea:
Please notify F. B. Lufkin at 108, Salisbury Road,
Holland-on-Sea, Clacton, Essex. 9394

St. Mary the Virgin, Ashford, Kent, Saturday, August 22, 1970, at 4 p.m. THANKSGIVING SERVICE

for the Augmentation to 10 bells Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea available.
Names appreciated to Miss M. Jones. 30, Park Road, Ashford, Kent. Tel. 25388. 9358

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS 333rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The 333rd Anniversary Dinner will be held on NOVEMBER 7 (6 for 6.30) at WALBROOK RESTAURANT, LONDON, E.C.4 Full details later.

J. G. A. P. 9357

Berrington Parish Church near Shrewsbury FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

September 5 and 6. Bells (8) available from 11 a.m. on Saturday and for service ringing and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

9377

St. Leonard's Parish Church, Southminster, Essex. FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS AND BELLS Child Art Exhibition

August 28th-31st. Bells available each day. Usual Sunday services. Everyone welcome. Light refreshments.

9398

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY SEPTEMBER MEETING AND CONTEST AT HOYLANDSWAINE on September 5th, 1970.

All bands welcome. Entrance fee 6s., payable on the day. Names for tea week previous to: Townend, School House, Hoylandswaine. T. Tarbatt. 9447

FLOWER FESTIVAL

SS. Peter and Paul, Coleshill, Warks. SEPTEMBER 12th. Towers in district open. Details later.

9445

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S. FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX. FLOWER FESTIVAL August 29th, 30th and 31st. Evensong, Sunday, 30th, 6.30 p.m., with Handbells and Instrumental Music. Ringing 2-5 p.m. daily. ALL WELCOME.

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AUGMENTATION AT RAMPTON

A new treble bell has been installed at Rampton and the other bells put in order by the Histon and Rampton ringers, making a delightful ring of six. This was made possible by a generous donation from the Rev. T. Havens in memory of his son. The dedication service was on July 22 by the Lord Bishop of Ely.

HANDBELL TIME RECORD (?)

Dear Sir, On Sunday, July 26, as part of the Penarth Holiday Festival activities, a team of handbell ringers from St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, attempted to set up a time record of continuous handbell ringing of tunes, hymns, rounds, queens, etc.
The band attended Holy Communion at

8 a.m. and after ringing the church bells for divine service assembled in the bandstand of the Windsor Gardens, Penarth. Ringing commenced at 10.30 a.m. and

carried on continuously until 4.47 p.m.-6 hours and 17 minutes.

Can this be claimed as the longest time to ring handbells without a break, or can someone else claim a longer time?

Each hour of ringing was sponsored by individuals and organisations for varying amounts per hour, and approximately £14 was collected. Penarth Santa Claus Distress Fund will receive £7 and the Cardiff Edward Nicholl Children's Home also £7. -Yours faithfully

DEREK A. HERBERT, Hon. Sec. and Treas.

Penarth, Glam.

[Many long-length handbell peals have far exceeded this time, but it is doubtful if any record exists for tunes, etc.-Ed.]

SHEILA'S HUNDRED

On July 18 Sheila Dobbie rang her 100th peal. It was arranged as near as possible to the 21st anniversary of her first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Salehurst, on July 23, 1949, conducted by M. S. Cloke. A return to Salehurst was arranged, and this time a peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung with some of her close ringing friends. It took Sheila ten years to ring her first 15 peals, but the remainder since 1960 have been rung at a fairly steady rate. Her 100 peals range from Minor to Maximus, and include two peals of Bristol Maximus and 27 peals of Spliced Surprise up to 18 methods. We trust the next hundred will not take as long!

THE EDINBURGH PEAL

The notable peal of London Surprise Royal (No. 3) rung as part of the celebrations of the IXth British Commonwealth Games, and recently published, was at the request of the Cathedral authorities. A party of ringers from the Manchester area travelled to Edinburgh on July 18 to ring at St. Mary's Cathedral and the attempt was publicised beforehand in the official games brochure and in the Press and was well received.

The band extend their thanks to the Provost and to Kate Branson and the Cathedral ringers, who went to so much trouble to ensure that the bells were ready, and who after the peal provided a marvellous tea and suitable liquid refreshments for all. Such Scottish hospitality was much appreciated.

This was the first peal in the method on the bells, and is believed to be only the second of Surprise on them. Ken Lewis, Bob Smith and Brian Harris have now rung in all three peals of London Surprise Royal in Scotland, one at each of the ten-bell towers-Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inveraray. Brian claims that his achievement is unique because he rang the ninth in them all! Basil Jones has rung peals in all towers in the British Isles which have tenors of two tons or over, and is believed to be the first person to do so.

90 YEARS YOUNG-continued.

In 1945 the president of the Association was the Bishop of Southwark, and this has remained so (except for the years 1957-59, when the post was unoccupied). The when the post was unoccupied). mastership was held by Daniel Cooper after the war until his death in 1954. One note-worthy event took place in 1945—the open day held at the Croydon Bell Foundry, and followed by a service at St. John's, don. No fewer than 100 people sat down to tea with an air of celebration, the date being September 8, just three weeks after VJ Day.

The next few years passed uneventfully. The North-Western District reverted to the title "Northern" and the deaths occurred of two prominent members. Cyril Johnston died in 1950, and it was not many years after that the foundry at Croydon ceased to undertake work on church bells. In March, 1954, the master (Daniel Cooper) died. He was succeeded by Roydon Davies, as master, for the next three years.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding a dinner was held on May 21, 1955, and was well attended.

Following a suggestion in 1959, a team of ringers, under the leadership of Norman Bagworth, undertook a series of "teach-ins," regular visits to certain towers to assist with teaching change ringing, and this project proved quite successful and continued for several years.

Undoubtedly the most important year of the 60's was 1962. A special meeting was held, with the members of the Guildford Guild, with a view to amalgamation, history repeating itself after 35 years, but after a ballot it was resolved that each should continue its separate way.

Also in 1962 the Beddington band had the honour of being selected to provide ringing for the Christmas Day radio broadcast of church bells.

The most recent years have shown an increase in the number of social gatherings in the association together with an emphasis on practical training for young ringers. The year 1963 saw the first of several social evenings, and dinners were organised in 1967 and 1968, whilst a 90th anniversary dinner was held on May 16 this year.

Two series of lectures were held in 1966 and 1968 and a demand has also been found for printed lecture notes and a booklet on conducting. The association has also gained nine new bells, eight in the tower at Tooting Graveney and the other a model bell donated by John Taylor and Co. as a trophy for the annual striking competition.

The masters of the association since 1957 have been: F. E. Collins, 1957-59, 1965; A. P. Cannon, 1963-66; and F. E. Darby, 1960-62, 1967-69. Mr. Cannon, whilst in office, became one of those having rung 1,000 peals.

The Surrey Association is a comparatively small society, the greatest number being 395 in 1967. It contains very contrasting areas, from the edge of the metropolis to the North Downs and Sussex borbers, and yet there is an enthusiasm which has maintained momentum for 90 years. The ringers of Surrey have had amongst their ranks over the years men and women who have been acknowledged as leaders in ringing circles and who have contributed in some measure to the furtherance of the art. Let us hope that the association will continue to thrive, that young people will continue to come forward to carry on to the centenary and that experienced ringers of all ages will help and encourage them.

LATE NOTICES

Engagement MASON-DOWNEY.-The engagement is announced between R. Kingsley Mason, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Mason, of Leicester, and Patricia A. Downey, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Downey, of Bognor Regis. 9456 Forthcoming Marriage

WILCOX-WILSON .- David and Kathleen are to be married at Aldermaston at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1st. All ringing friends welcome the church. Future address: 14 Coniston Avenue, Headington, Oxford. Telephone: Oxford (0865) 65157.

BALDOCK. - To Christine (nee Fuller) and Alan, on Aug. 13th, a daughter (Miriam) a sister for Rachel. Change of Address

BRADLEY.-The address of Rowan S. Bradley is now Vega, Coach House Close, Portsmouth Road, Frimley, Camberley, Surrey. Phone: Cam-21831.

SHERRIFF.-Bob and Delphine now live at 6 Park Lane, Cottingham, East Yorks. Telephone number 847962. Friends welcome! Holiday Accommodation

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.-Practice, Loxton, Aug. 22nd, 5 p.m. M. Lega

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Hinckley District.—Meeting, Witherley and Mancetter, on Sat., Aug. 22. Mancetter (5), 3-4 p.m.; Witherley (5), 3.30-4.30 p.m. Service, tea, Witherley, Witherley, 6.30-7.30 p.m. Mancetter, 7-8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. Parker, Church Road, Witherley, Atherstone. Visitors welcome.

—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 9457

LINCOLN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.

Meeting, Burton-on-Stather, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mr. P. Barnes, "Britannia", Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by Tuesday, Sept. 1st. 9477

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Franch. — Striking competition will be held at Sprotborough (8) on Saturday, Sept. 12. Draw for ringing will take place at 14.30 at the church. Further details next week. 9467

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Hinckley District. — Meeting at Cosby, Sat., Aug. 22nd.
Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.
in Bunning Hall. Names for tea to K. Needham,
12, Park Close, Cosby, Leics. Visitors welcome.

—J. Watkins, District Secretary.

> STON EASTON, SOM THE NEW RING OF SIX (tenor 4½ cwt.) by Whitechapel Bellfoundry will be DEDICATED by the Bishop of Taunton on Thursday, August 27th, at 7 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.

9464

ST. DENY'S CHURCH STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE, BERKSHIRE OPEN DAY

Monday, August 31st, 1970 From 2 to 6 p.m.
Bells (8), formerly of St. Peter-in-the-East,
Oxford, and now rededicated. All visitors and parties welcome.

9462

ST. NICOLAS, NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE DEDICATION OF A PLAQUE

in memory of A PLAQUE
in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis,
will take place during Matins (11.15 a.m.)
on Sunday, August 30.
Ringing from 10.45 a.m. 9466 ANOTHER RINGING THILLER

A book to stand on your shelves by the de of the immortal Nine Taylors by Dorothy L. Sayers is Death of a Dissenter by Lynton Lamb. The author has more than a passing insight into a belfry and ringers, and even The Ringing World is quoted for a peal of Minor in seven methods. The mystery is solved by P.C. Fell, one of the ringers at Flurry Feveral, and it was in the belfry there that the body was found.

Could anyone be more despicable than Silas Finch, whose last act appeared to have been cutting bell ropes to silence the bells? Investigations by Detective-Superintendent Quill and Inspector Glover all point a condemning finger to the beloved rector until P.C. Fell provides an ingenious solution. The Central Council has for years advocated that all parsons should have a knowledge of bells and bell control. This is admirably emphasised in Death of a Dissenter (Gollancz, 21s.).

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AUGUST 21st

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AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

Page Windsor peal: 3rd Albert C. Wenben; 4th Edward Armstrong.

Rudgwick peal: treble ringer G. R. Hills. Essex Association peal at Hutton: 16 extents of All Saints Doubles.
Lilleshall peal: conductor Barnabas G. 577.

580. Kev. Leicester Guild handbell peal of Stedman

Cinques: delete asterisks against Jill and Peter Staniforth.
620. Gayton peal: 5th ringer David Redfearn. 25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for August 17, 1945.

The College Youths made a rule restricting the membership to persons of over 16 years of age.

It was announced that 90 peals were rung in July, 72 on tower bells, 18 in hand. [We average 65 a week now-Ed.]

Why is "firing" of bells so universally practised and approved at weddings and other celebrations?-Rev. Herbert Drake. of Ufford Rectory.

Mr. Lock advised that a few extra copies of The Ringing World were now being printed. [We always have plenty of spares now !-Ed.]

There is among the rank and file of ringers a great and general tendency to confine their attention and interest to their own belfry . . . and to treat with indifference anything which happens to those with whom they seldom or never come in contact. (Leader.)

Miss Mary Davis, Andrew Pearmain and Bruce Rogers rang their first peal of Major at Ringwood, and William C. Shute his 200th peal. Arthur V. Davis conducted.

The first peal of Doubles to be rung in Sydney, Australia, was conducted by S./Lt. A. R. Pink, R.N.V.R., and others taking part were W. Harry Short, Ralph A. Joyner, William M. Rowe, Edward V. Connock (R.M.) and Arthur C. Macey, all ringing their first peal.

50 YEARS AGO

August 20, 1920.

A Central Council circular to all clergy was to be a definite piece of propaganda work. . . . In this way they would be able to get right home to the clergy who are at present indifferent to matters. (Leader.) 10

The first peal in the method (Cambridge S. Royal) for the Worcestershire and Districts Association and in the county was rung at Bromsgrove.

At Old Windsor, Berkshire, Arthur D. Barker conducted his first peal of Triples (Stedman), and Daniel T. Matkin rang his first of Stedman Triples at Condover, Shropshire.

At Wootton Courtenay, Som, Messrs. H. J. Arscott, H. W. Arscott, H. L. Arscott, F. C. Arscott and F. G. Arscott rang a peal of Doubles (three methods) with H. Reberts on the tone. The Arscott He. Roberts on the tenor. The Arscott brothers were all elected members of Dunster Deanery Branch, and H. J., H. W. and F. C. rang their first peal at first attempt.

Walter Ayre conducted a peal of Minor at Barton-on-Humber in connection with a pageant for the 1,251st anniversary of Old St. Peter's Church.

The trusty cycle was the chief means of transport round the winding lanes of Berkshire and Hampshire, except where flood water covered the road, and then "fields and pastures new" were trodden—Report of Winchester Guild meeting at Yateley.

COMPOSITIONS

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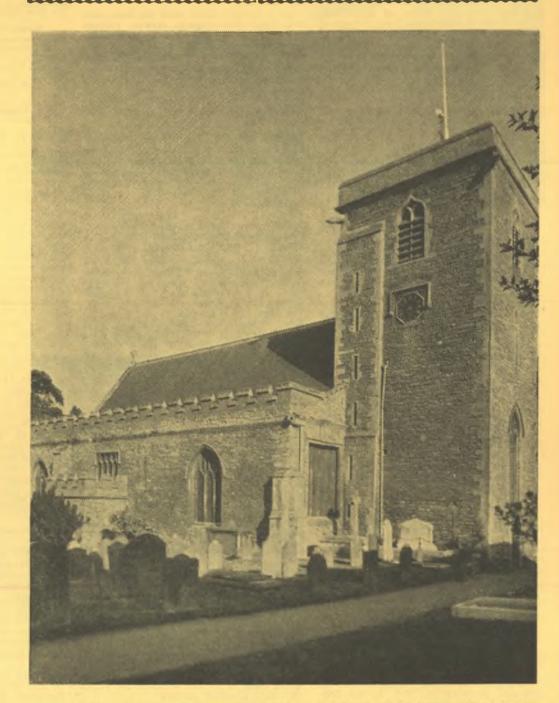
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St. Mary the Virgin, Henbury, Bristol

By ANTHONY BENNETT HENBURY, situated some four miles from the centre of Bristol, was for many years an isolated, picturesque little village. With the expansion of the city much of the surrounding countryside has undergone extensive urban development; the intrinsic village atmosphere, the quaint houses, the large manor houses, the narrow lanes and the old Parish Church still remain, and following an extensive corporation survey the village area is now the subject of a preservation order, thus guaranteeing its

The Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin has been the centre of continuous building activity since Saxon times. Nothing of the Saxon church remains and the oldest portion is the late-Norman south doorway. The fine nave arcade was built in 1200 upon late-Norman circular piers; the side aisles, clerestory and chancel were added in the 13th to 15 centuries. Victorian vandalism occurred in 1836 by Rickman, but a careful restoration by Street in 1875 restored the church to its original form.

HISTORY OF THE BELLS

The tower of St. Mary's, Henbury, as seen today, was erected in the 13th century at a time when the nave of the church was being enlarged. It presents a robust and broadly-based structure and is devoid of buttressing. In the north-east corner there is a flatly projecting staircase turret of the same period. The tower roof originally contained pinnacles but these were removed and the roof levelled in the 15th century. Leading to the staircase turret is a fine oak door dating from the 17th century.

Bells must have hung here from early times and some authorities maintain that they were destroyed by the Puritan zeal of the 17th century. However, no evidence remains of their existence prior to 1717. It was in this year that a ring of six was cast by Evan Evans, who had established a foundry in Chepstow in 1686 and who also became churchwarden of Chepstow Parish Church. His two sons, William and Evan the younger, continued the work of the foundry after his death in 1730. Over the period of 100 years or so the family supplied bells to many churches in Wales and the West Country.

The bells at Henbury were, in all proba-

The bells at Henbury were, in all probability, cast in the locality at a temporary foundry built for the purpose.

Two of the original Evans ring survive—the sixth and tenor of the present ring of eight; the wooden frame exists in the form of the heavy oak chest now in the ringing chamber.

Three of the original ring were recast by John Warner at Cripplegate in 1857, and the original inscriptions were preserved on the waist of the recast bells, but the initials of the original founder were omitted.

Two treble bells were added to complete the octave in 1897 (Jubilee Year), by John Taylor of Loughborough, and the dedication and inscriptions are given on a brass plaque placed on the inner north wall of the tower, close to the stair entrance in the body of the church.

The fifth, one of the original Evans ring, required recasting in 1914, having been cracked by the clapper of the tenor bell which had fallen out during ringing. Major

changes to the whole ring were undertaken and involved removing the canons, mounting in new cast iron headstocks, the provision of self-aligning plain bearings, the recasting of the fifth and rehanging all the bells on a new steel joint frame. The work was undertaken by John Warner and Son, of Spitalfields, London, at a total cost of £267 15s. The result was the ring as we know it today. They were retuned on the Simpson diatonic principle, but the effect was, mercifully, to preserve the old tone of the bells, and it avoided the stereotyped sound often associated with modern bell tuning.

Since 1914 no major work has been done but minor maintenance, repairs, replacements and frame painting have been undertaken by the local ringers themselves. This has resulted in a considerable financial saving to the church. Renewal of the bearings is now overdue, as many visiting ringers will know. The ringers hope in due course to raise the necessary money to do this.

INSCRIPTIONS

Treble—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, Leicestershire, 1897. 30ins. 6-3-15. E. flat. 2—John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, Leicestershire, 1897. 31ins. 7-1-10. D. 3—Prosperity to those that like good bells. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London. 1857. 33½ins. 8-0-15. C. 4—Prosperity to our benefactors. John Warner and Sons, Crescent Foundry, London, 1857. 35ins. 8-2-12. B flat. 5—Peace and Good Neighbourhood. B.E. 1717. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1914. 315. 36ins. 10-0-0. A flat. 6—Iohn Layne, Iohn Hancock, Church Wardens. Ev Evans, 1717. 40½ins. 12-3-0. G. 7—The Honble Edward Southwell. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1857. 43½ins. 15-1-18. F. Tenor—The Right Honble Charles William and Arabella, Lord and Lady Walden, 1717. E*E. 49ins. 21-0-0. E flat. * Inverted U.

A brass tablet at the foot of the tower records the following:

"Bells I & II were hung in this tower in the name of the most Holy Trinity to the service of the Church. Dec'r 3rd, 1897.

Let them be for the praise of God and for a remembrance of Victoria R.I. + II +

All the people shouted God Save the Queen."

Another brass tablet records the 64 years' ringing service of Joseph Gould, tower captain, and Henbury's most prominent ringer, who died in 1947. His wife, Gwen, rang at this church for 50 years and died in 1970.

For many visitors the name Henbury is synonymous with the grave of Scipio Africanus, the negro servant of Edward Southwell, Earl of Suffolk, whose name appears on the seventh bell.

THE FESTIVAL

The climax to the Henbury and Brentry Festival was a flower festival in the Parish Church, a bellringing festival and exhibitions in the mansion of Blaise Castle House. There was also the opportunity of seeing many of the old houses in the village and their beautiful gardens.

A bellringing festival on July 11 enabled visitors to ring from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Some teams arranged to ring quarter peals, and of four attempted two were successful. These were rung by bands from Thornbury and Henbury, both ringing Grandsire Triples. A band representing the Bristol City Branch attempted Bob Major, and a band from Easthampstead, Berks, were foiled by a broken rope from getting Stedman Triples. In both instances there was good striking, which was much appreciated by the hundreds of non-ringing visitors.

In addition, several towers were available during the day, and open ringing times at Henbury enabled numerous visitors to ring.

A peal of Bob Major had been attempted by the local band earlier in the week, but the hot, humid weather made ringing difficult and the bells were stood up after 13 hours' ringing.

To close the proceedings, a Festival Evensong was sung on Sunday, July 12, a special choir ,under the direction of George Locke (organist and bellringer) sang "O Thou, the Central Orb" by Charles Wood and the Te Deum to the Stanford setting in B flat; the Bishop of Bristol preached the sermon.

Although not primarily a money-raising venture, the £700 proceeds of the flower festival were given to the Church Restoration Fund.

POST OFFICE REGISTER?

With the peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Kidderminster on July 4, successes in Doubles, Minor, Major (three times), Royal and Maximus have been achieved by bands consisting of Post Office personnel. Triples are to be attempted in October and intentions are that Caters and Cinques be attempted next year.

It is hoped to compile a register of all ringers who work for or who have retired from the British Post Office. Names can be sent in the first place to R. W. Balls, 24 Buristead Road, Great Shelford, Cambridge, or to D. A. Frith, 22 Redcliffe Road, Grantham, Lincs.

at Northfleet, and such keenness and enterprise deserves success. Any contributions should be sent to the hon, treasurer, Mr. F.

E. Martin, 4 Dover Road, Northfleet, Kent,

cheques, etc., being made payable to The Northfleet Bell Restoration Fund.

sent on August 14, 1920. One was Mr. E.

Barnett, of Crayford, and the other a local ringer, Mr. Leslie Stacey. Both look for-

ward to being in St. Botolph's when the ten

bells are dedicated, which all hope will be

made possible by the generosity of ringers

It is interesting to record that two ringers in church on August 15 last were also pre-

AN AMBITIOUS PROJECT

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION; AND AN APPEAL LAUNCHED

Welcome to St. Botolph's. Today's service has a twofold purpose. We are commemorating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles by the then Archdeacon of Rochester on August 14, 1920. Since then the ring of eight and its fittings, although well cared for, have not received any professional attention and are now in need of restoration. This service therefore also launches an appeal for the restoration of the

The Church Council has accepted the challenge of installing a new ring of ten at a cost of £4,500, but half this figure must be raised before the Council will consider placing an order with the foundry. Will you belp to keep Northfleet on the bellringing map?

Leaflets bearing these words were handed to about 70 ringers, parishioners and visitors who entered the parish church at Northfleet, Kent, on August 15, a few at-tending by invitation, many in response to advertisements and notices displayed, but all willing to support the efforts of the vicar and a committee in launching an appeal for bell restoration and augmenta-

A quarter peal attempt in the morning was unsuccessful but the anti-clockwise eight were rung during the afternoon and again in the evening, the service being at 4.15, conducted by Rev. Stanley Evans, of Bredgar (a ringer), who is chairman of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association. The vicar (Rev. D. F. H. Glanfield) read the lesson and Rev. Ian Lovell, of Minster-in-Sheppey, gave an interesting address, in which he referred to the purpose of the gathering that afternoon.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING

The service, which was fully choral, was followed by tea in the hall adjoining the church, and among those supporting the appeal, duly launched, were the chairman (and vice-president) of the Kent County Association, Mr. E. A. Barnett, who was accompanied by Mrs. Barnett, and his father, veteran Mr. E. Barnett, Mr. Alan Berry (general secretary, K.C.A.), Mr. Ian Oram (peals secretary), Mr. John Barnes (secretary, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Miss Joan Berrisford (Ladies' Guild), Mr. Derek Wilkinson (vice-captain, Northfleet

The Vicar of Northfleet (Rev. D. F. H. Glanfield), Mrs. Glanfield, Mr. E. A. Barnett (chairman, K.C.A.), Mrs. B. Wilkinson (hon. sec., P.C.C.) and Mr. D. Wilkinson (vice-captain).

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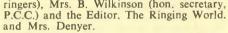


decision to reprint.

ringers), Mrs. B. Wilkinson (hon, secretary, P.C.C.) and the Editor, The Ringing World.

Refreshments were available during the day in the hall, and pamphlets with an interesting and a well-designed and illustrated booklet about the bells and their history (with a subscription form attached) were available

Since the two trebles were added 50 years ago there has always been a band of ringers



giving up ownership of the Snowdon series. Although not herself a ringer, Mrs. Turner has been distributing these books for 12 years. In that time she has packed and posted several thousand books. Before 1958

"ROPESIGHT"

Snowdon, will shortly be available again.

books, "Ropesight" sold many thousands of

copies before going out of print in 1962.

Since then there has been a persistent de-mand for copies, culminating in the recent

"Ropesight," the famous book by Jasper

One of the classics amongst ringing text-

Miss Margaret Snowdon looked after the Snowdon series. One day perhaps the story quately told. In the meantime we record our gratitude to these ladies for their ser-

With the reprint Mrs. Winifred Turner is of how this fine old lady struggled to keep the books in print, "for the sake of the ringers" as she used to say, will be adevice to the Exercise.

OVER THE ROOF

A week or two ago Mr. A. Fidler took down the remaining four bells of St. Edmund's Church, Exeter (the other four were stolen). Owing to the weakened condition of the floors and no hatch in the first floor, which is in a bad state, he had to hire a mobile crane to get the bells out over the roof. Edmund Street is a busy one-way street and the police were on duty controlling traffic. One of the gang who stole the four bells was an interested spectator and offered advice on how to remove the headstocks and clappers! He openly boasted of his part in the theft and said he had had to pay a large fine. Some weeks ago Mr. Fidler collected the broken metal from the police in Exeter and, with the four bells, it is now at Loughborough.



The vicar, churchwardens and bellringers of Northfleet Parish Church in 1923. They are (back row, I. to r.): George Lingham, Stephen Bridgland, Edward Ware, Harry Barnes, Ronald Aspinall, Thomas Davis, Leslie Stacey; (front row) Richard Smith, William Ware, George Snelling (churchwarden), Rev. G. Coleson (vicar), Percy Terry (warden), James Carrott and Fred Draper.



LUNDY'S BELLS

The article by D. L. C. on the bells, etc., of Lundy Island has caused considerable interest and many have written giving references and details of the historic event. Mr. J. Hedgcock, of St. Helens, Lancs, states that it is believed the new owner may have the bells overhauled, and other venturesome spirits will then "have a go."

Mr. G. K. Austin, of Huyton, Liverpool, was on the island last September and found the bells in the church porch, arranged four on each side and resting on wooden planks. They were cast with angular canons, and although the fittings have suffered from the sea air, the bells are in good condition. Two of the clappers, however, are used as clock weights. The peal board, also weather worn, hangs in the porch.

Mr. R. J. Bowden, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, has in his scrapbook an undated cutting (circa 1965) from the Bristol Evening Post about the peal rung in 1905. but the article does contain photographs of the church, the ringers and the peal board. Referring to the bells, he says: "They have for many years been unringable although it is recorded that they were chimed for a wedding in 1954. If memory serves me was published in The Ringing World following an inspection made in the early 1960's by Major H. J. Cann, of Kilve, near Bridgwater." [Major Cann was a nephew Bridgwater." [Major Cann was a nephew of Canon G. F. Coleridge.—Editor.]

Another account is supplied by Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent, who confirms various points and gives the following in-

teresting story about the peal rung:
"What has impressed this peal on my mind is that in the following year (1906) I went from London to Bristol on a cargocum-passenger coasting steamer, and coming up the Bristol Channel we passed fairly close to Lundy Island. Looking across through a pair of binoculars among the few buildings in view I saw what I have always thought was the church.

"Incidentally, the day before was spent at Penzance loading and unloading cargo. During the evening when walking towards Marazion I heard another island ring being chimed, the ring of six on St. Michael's Mount."

Two other correspondents who quote the Bell News report are Mr. E. C. Sheoherd, of Warminster, and Canon K. W. H. Felstead, of Southampton, the latter confirming that the peal rung is the only one ever accomplished.

Mr. D. C. Manger, of Frittenden, Kent, also sends the peal board wording and the inscriptions on the bells, which vary by one or two letters in the Latin. the stonework and mortar are crumbling alarmingly and although the bells may one A LATE PEAL REPORT

Sending us details of the peal, recently published, but rung in August, 1969, Derek

M. Sawyer, of Ontario, adds:-

"The peal was itself rung under rather unusual conditions during the second North American tour of 1969, organised by Geoff and Liz Davies. On the Saturday afternoon two handbell bands went for two peals simultaneously at Smith College. Unfortunately coincidence would have it that both of these attempts failed in almost identical places at the same time, only two or three courses from the finish. My own band contained two Washington girls, one of whom had never rung a handbell peal before, and they were both extremely disappointed with our failure since they only had the opportunity for this style of ringing when we met

as a guild.
"Bill Jackson and myself decided they should not return to Washington without a peal, so the only possible time in the otherwise tight weekend schedule to attempt a peal was selected—starting at 7.15 a.m. Sunday morning. After the excellent hospitality which Ernest Rawson's daughter, Margaret, had extended to us on Saturday evening, we certainly expected to have to work very hard indeed for a peal at that time of day, especially when coupled with the fact that the only seating available in the appointed building was a rather high version of threelegged stools-not too compatible with the writer's bony, non-padded structure! Despite this a first-class peal was rung, to the distinct credit of the girls.

"An account of this weekend, together with a copy of the peal and, I believe, a quarter peal which was rung at Groton later in the day, was promptly submitted by David Ingram, of Hamilton. Approximately two months later a carbon copy of this material was sent to your office as nothing had appeared in print at that time. On a recent visit to Washington the two girls were quick to challenge me as to why the

peal remained unpublished.

"Returning to Toronto, Bill Jackson was good enough to check all of his copies for me (since mine are incomplete—a penalty of sea mail; I seem to miss one about every two months or so). He also came to the same conclusion that the peal remained unpublished."

The present Editor is not able to check peal reports or what happened in August,

day be put in working condition it is doubtful if they will be replaced in position for full circle ringing. Mr. Manger was on the

island last year and again this year.

Mr. C. T. W. Coles, of London, gives various references and reports the condition of bells, etc., as very poor when he

saw them in 1961.

Details of the inscriptions on the Lundy bells are supplied by Mr. B. V. Mountjoy, of Bideford, Devon, as follows: Treble: HORAM. PRECANOI.

JAM. ADVENISSE. MONEO. 1897.

Second: No inscription.

Third: UT. FIEREMUS. HCH. VICA-RIUS. CURAVIT

Fourth: CAROLUS. CARR. SOCIETAS. NOS FUDIT. A.D. 1897.

Fifth: CONFUSE. ACITATAE. PERI-CLA DECLARAMUS.

Sixth: RETRO. PULSATAE. ICNES. INOICAMUS.

Seventh: RECTE SONANTE. CAUDIA. PRONUNCIAMUS.

Tenor: ANIMIS. CEDENTIBUS. DICO. VALETE.

Obituary

CHARLES H. STONEHOUSE

Ringers of the Melton Mowbray District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild were sorry to hear of the death of Charles Hector Stonehouse, of Hoby, Leics, which took place on July 21 in Leicester Hospital.

Hector was an agricultural engineer and had rung at Hoby over 40 years. He was at one time captain of the ringers and also maintained the ancient parish church clock,

The funeral on July 25 was attended by many villagers and friends. Mr. J. H. Cook represented the Leicester Guild, of which Charles had been a member; he also belonged to the Goscote Society of Change Ringers.

In the absence of the rector, in Canada, the Vicar of Seagrave conducted the committal service and a memorial service on August 2 was taken by the rector (on his

A half-muffled quarter was conducted by Mr. H. T. Bonshor, of Great Dalby, on August 6.

WILLIAM PICTHALL

Miss N. Picthall has sent us some details of her father's ringing career, following the notice of his death a few weeks ago.

Born in 1904, William started ringing at St. James', Barrow-in-Furness, and his first peal was on March 6, 1926, at Beetham. He also rang peals at Kendal and in Lanca-shire in the '20s and '30s, Edwin Jennings conducting most of them. Later he rang at St. Mary's, Bury, and moved south in 1938, ringing at Ruislip for some time until on doctor's orders he had to give it up.

He was a member of the Cumberlands and also of the Middlesex County Associa-

William Picthall died after a heart operation on July 12.

MR. C. G. GLASS

A former member of the 1st Rifle Volunteers, who was one of 100 men 6ft. in height chosen to represent Devon at Queen Victoria's funeral, died after a brief illness

in Exeter recently. He was Mr. C. G. (Charlie) Glass, aged 97. His three big interests were campanology, shooting and cricket. He joined the Heavitree band of bellringers in 1906 and remained with them until he was 86. He was their captain for 30 years and captain of the Exeter Cathedral ringers for 15 years.

One of the original members of Clyst St. George Cricket Club, he later became a vice-president of both the old Heavitree and present Exeter St. James's cricket clubs.

THREE JOURNEYS
"Bird, Patey and West, Bell Repairs carried out.1

Members will recall when ringing at Bale after the Wiveton meeting, the clapper of the 4th decided to drop out. One visit to remove the "U" bolt (by the three of us). a second to see how the bolt fitted (it not being a conventional one), only to find a special spanner was needed to fit same. Our thanks to the Norwich ambulance mechanic, Mr. R. Cheney, for making one. Our third visit proved positive with work completed.

Many thanks to Carol Patey for her interest and assistance, for without her help this task would have been much more difficult. The three journeys constituted a mileage of approximately 165.

GOLD MEDALLIST

The first gold medal struck by the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths in some 600 years of history was presented to Mr. Eric Stevenson, a 62-year-old Wroxham blacksmith at a ceremony in London recently.

The Company, one of the City of London livery companies, awarded the medal to Mr. Stevenson for his "superlative craftsmanship" in the manufacture of wrought iron screens for the ancient Church of St.

Nicholas at Yarmouth.

Mr. Stevenson was also admitted as a Liveryman of the Company, which automatically makes him a Freeman of the City of London.

LAST OF LINE

A member of a family that has produced blacksmiths at Wroxham for over 200 years, Mr. Stevenson, who is now the last of the line, had already received the Company's bronze and silver medals for outstanding craftsmanship.

The screens, which involved 15 tons of wrought iron, took Mr. Stevenson and his assistant, Mr. Bob Blake, six years to complete and three weeks to erect at St.

Nicholas' Church last year.

They are regarded by the Company, which has encouraged this form of craftsmanship since the Middle Ages, as probably the largest and most exquisite to be constructed this century.

Mr. Stevenson took over the forge at Wroxham from his father in 1928 after working as a local journalist for six years.

One of his first big tasks in wrought iron was a screen for St. Saviour's Chapel at Norwich Cathedral and this brought him the bronze medal award.

He later made a wrought iron gate for the entrance to the Dick Sheppard Memorial Chapel in St. Martin-in-the-Fields,

Mr. Stevenson has been a member of the Norwich Association for a number of years, and the report given here was taken from the Eastern Evening news.

Kent County Association. NO LOCAL RINGERS

The summer meeting of the Lewisham District was held in the attractive village of Farningham. It is unfortunate that there are no local ringers to keep these pleasant and easy-going six bells ringing regularly. In the absence of a local band a volunteer team of ladies prepared tea in the extremely well-kept village hall, whilst the bells were rung to a variety of methods under the direction of the ringing master. At 4.30 all gathered in church for a shortened Evensong conducted by the Rev. D. Campbell. In his brief address on church towers as strongholds, the vicar drew attention to the fact that Farningham tower had been designed as a place of refuge and could have been barricaded from the inside, although there is no historical evidence to suggest that it had ever been used for this purpose.

At a short business meeting it was learned that both Mr. Percy Spice (Bromley) and Mr. Sid Ball (Dartford) had been very ill. All ringers wish them both a speedy return to health. New members were elected from Crayford, Eynsford, Hayes and Lewisham. The date of the Kent County annual dinner was announced, also the fact that an appeal is to be launched by Northfleet tower for the restoration of their bells. The next three district practices will be at Eltham (August), Crayford (September) and St. John's, Erith (October).

Mr. Eric Stevenson here seen handing a gilded scroll to Princess Margaret, the design of which was the same as for the gates of Great Yarmouth Church, which he made.

MOVED TO CAMBRIDGE

Mr. W. S. (Bill) Deason writes: "As a result of my change of job I have to end my association with ringing at St. Mary's, Hampton. I first learned to handle a bell there 19 years ago and have been tower captain for the past 10. The new tower captain is Peter A. Lawrence who, like myself, has held several positions as an officer of the Middlesex Association, and is currently chairman of the S. & W. District. Although I shall clearly not be an active Middlesex member for a while, I intend to remain a ringing member of the association and attend the A.G.M.'s.

Bedfordshire Association.

AWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING

For the first time since joining the Biggleswade District, St. Andrew's, Ampthill, ringers were hosts to the district for a full meeting on August 8. Summer holidays and heavy rain showers were possibly the cause of a lower than usual attendance when Mr. C. D. Mann was ringing master. An excellent tea was served in the church hall by the local ringers and helpers.

Mr. S. H. Ashton was in the chair for the business meeting and Mr. A. S. Smith was appointed acting secretary for the meeting. Discussion took place on the district dinner and details of the social evening to follow the association striking com-

petition were given.
Mr. K. H. Fleming (Central Council representative) gave a report of the meeting at Ilkley and stated that many items on the agenda were topics discussed at our meetings. He felt that in the district we were aware of what is happening within the Exercise.

Ringing continued in the evening with Mr. R. V. Webb as ringing master. During the meeting the district were pleased to welcome visitors from Kent, Surrey, Essex, Northants and Middlesex. M. L. M. Northants and Middlesex.

Bath and Wells Association.

A GREAT DISTRACTION

On August 1 the Ilchester Branch held their monthly practice meeting at St. Mary's, Mudford, with the usual good attendance. Rounds and a variety of methods were rung on this 17 cwt. five under the direction of the branch ringing master and his assistant (Messrs. Gordon Rendell and Jim Taylor).

Ringers were welcomed by the tower master (Mr. Ken Deacon), and the vicar (Rev. Douglas White) invited all present to the Vicarage during the evening, where ample and delightful refreshments were available on the lawns, served by the ladies and friends. Some of the ringers found the lawns and refreshments—on a perfect summer evening-a great distraction from the ringing chamber!

The Ilchester Branch is grateful indeed to Mr. White, his helpers and the tower master for their hospitality and co-opera-M. M. L.

A NOTE OF LEVITY

"Having heard recently about some carpenters doing work around a church and who went up through a ring of bells left up . . . fortunately without harm to bells or carpenters! . . . I am inspired to send for publication in your "Little sayings of the week" sections, the following notice that used to adorn the armoury in a National Service camp (author unknown), and which would be useful at the entrance of a bell chamber:

What you don't know won't hurt you .. it will probably kill you!

There used to be another good one in the ammunition hut:

Smoke if you must,

then leave by the hole which will appear in the ceiling.

And on that profound note of levity, I remain . . "-From a correspondent.

letters

FALSE COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,-With reference to Joe Roast's recent letter, the falseness of this composition was pointed out in letters from myself and Richard Parker on pages 616 and 654 of The Ringing World for 1967.

This recent incident only serves to emphasise the point that the correction never catches up with the mistake. With the availability of computers to prove compositions so easily, has not the time come for all compositions to be independently proved before publication and not haphazardly afterwards?—Yours faithfully, Putney, London, DEREK E. SIBSON.

METHOD NAMES-SURPRISE **MAXIMUS**

Dear Sir,-It has been pointed out that the names Twickenham and Welford have already been used for Surprise methods and rung to peals. The methods published on page 608 of the R.W. for July 31, 1970, under these names have therefore been re-

Twickenham S. Maximus has been renamed TRAFFORD S. Maximus. —5T—16—12—36—14—3T—16—3T—

36-3T-36h.l. 3T I.h. 12 (f)

Welford S. Maximus has been renamed KILSBY S. Maximus. —5T—16—56—3T—34—3T—14—5T—

16--7T--10h.l. 9T I.h. 12 (b)

It is worth noting that the comments on page 608 regarding Twickenham S. Maximus now apply to Trafford S. Maximus, i.e., that the method is a true extension of Wembley S. Royal but cannot be named Wembley since Wembley S. Maximus has already been rung and is a true extension of Wembley S. Major.—Yours faithfully, Yelvertoft, Rugby. JOHN H. FIELDEN.

"LOOK TO ..."

Dear Sir,—May I be forgiven for offering advice on ringing, since I myself am not far removed from the rabbit stage. But time and time again I hear and see the ritual of "Look to, treble's going, she's gone" with an obvious ignorance on the part of the ringer of what the "look to" is for. When I was taught to ring the treble my tutor made it clear to me that "look to" was an instruction to the other ringers to look to their ropes and get set, and only when I had checked that they were all of them ready was I to go on with pulling off the treble, say she's going and when she's gone. So often at meetings and practice nights, and even on the B.B.C. television of The Ringing Isle, the treble ringer fails to look around to see that people have "looked to"!

So—look to it, treble ringers . . . and instructors!—Yours faithfully, Swanage, Dorset. HUGH FALKNER.

BRIDES OF ENDERBY

Dear Sir,-I remember well having a long discussion at school a number of years ago on this subject. Our conclusion was that the phrase was simply a poetic euphemism for the bells. After all, Lord Peter Wimsey met Gaude, Jericho and Tailor Paul in his travels. Could it be that Jean Ingelow was sticking more to the tradition of regarding the bells as feminine?-Yours faithfully,

Redcar, Yorks. PETER SOTHERAN.

RINGING AT BRADPOLE

Dear Sir,-I am trying to collect any quarter peals rung on the bells of Holy

Trinity, Bradpole, Dorset.

We have complete records from 1963 to the present day. If any reader rang a quarter peal at Bradpole, or knows of anyone who rang one there before 1963, would they be good enough to send details to me at 74 Crock Lane, Bothenhampton, Bridport. A date, year and method would be helpful, but if the band is available this would be even better.—Yours faithfully,

MELVYN J. HILLER.

Bridport, Dorset.

WILLIAM PYE

Dear Sir,-I have read with great interest the article by Edgar C. Shepherd on William Pye. My father, the late C. T. Coles, and he were lifelong friends, Bill Pye having conducted my father's first peal and my father conducted Bill's last. He and his family were frequent visitors to our house -both handbell and social visits-but I got to know him well when, after leaving school, I worked for him in his building business at Leytonstone. Bill was a man of austere and sometimes strange habits, a non-smoker and almost teetotal, with the same integrity in his business dealings as with ringing; very human, his bark always worse than his bite, and always able to see the humorous side of any situation. I remember his mirth on hearing his band of ringers referred to by a non-ringer as "Pye-

Many stories he told of his early life, of driving steam traction engines with a man and red flag in front. He, together with his father and brother, Bob (George R.), were among the first "agricultural engineers," travelling from farm to farm with traction engines and mechanised farm equipment, pioneers of modern mechanised farming. Later, and for many years, he was a rail-way carpenter; this for him often meant peal ringing on Saturday afternoon, then straight on to an urgent track-laying or bridge building job, working night and day to get the trains running first thing Monday morning.

One memory I have of Bill Pye was the record peal of 10,440 changes Cambridge Royal at Walthamstow on Boxing Day, 1923. Still a schoolboy, I went with my father to hear the start. All the band arrived early except Bill; his brother informed them that Bill had been down with a bilious attack the previous evening. Bill arrived a little late, looking rather haggard. Upon being asked if he felt fit he replied: "It's a case of got to be fit, isn't it. Are the bells up yet?" He, of course, rang the tenor and conducted the peal.

I am enclosing an old photograph [unfortunately not good enough for reproduction Ed.]. Bill is standing in front of his own car! — a Ford T type chassis with a body fitted by himself, used by him in his business and also for ringers' outings and tours. He once took it on a peal tour of Leicestershire. The photo is of Walthamstow ringers about 1920. The other car was a Ford tourer owned by his brother, Bob. Incidentally, Bill's car had no protection whatever from the weather for either driver or passengers.

Looking back, I feel it to be a great honour to have known so great a ringer and "character" as William Pye. — Yours faithfully,

C. T. W. COLES.

BROADCAST BELLS

Dear Sir,-With regard to the comments in the report of the Broadcasting and Television Committee, an account of our experience at Grantham, Lincs, may be of help to ringers when services from their churches are to be broadcast.

When we heard that our harvest festival service was to be recorded for B.B.C. Television one of our ringers asked the vicar if the bells were to be included. "Do you think they ought to be?" "Yes," said the ringer. "Then I'll write to the B.B.C." re-

plied the vicar.

A few days later we heard that plans had been made to record the bells on the Saturday evening previous to the service. When the time came for this to be done there were no involved arrangements—the recording engineer merely held a microphone out of the window of the B.B.C. van parked near the church and a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung and recorded.

This shows, I think, how easily things can be done—a word with the vicar, a letter to the company and a quick, uncomplicated tape recording.—Yours faith-

D. A. FRITH.

Grantham, Lines.

DIARY DETAILS

Dear Sir,-I returned from holiday and on looking through the previous week's R.W. noticed to my horror that I had about three days in which to supply information to Mr. Viggers for the 1971 Ringers' Diary, regarding Guild officers, etc.

I had not noticed the original request which, I presume, was in an earlier edition and, judging by the fact that there were 56 other secretaries who had not responded, I was not the only one. Had I stayed away as long as I had intended it would have been too late.

Since this is a commercial venture I feel that each secretary should be sent a request for information in the form of a questionnaire and the Diary publishers should not rely on notices in the R.W. being spotted. -Yours faithfully,

DAVID FORDER, Gen. Sec., Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. Chandler's Ford, Hants.

MORE HELP WANTED

Dear Sir,-Some time ago some of your readers were very helpful in supplying me with information regarding the weights, diameters, founders and dates of casting of bells in a number of city towers.

May I, through the columns of The Ringing World, ask if anyone can supply me with similar information regarding (a) the former rings of bells at (1) St. Nicholas, Liverpool, including subsequent recasting by John Warner; (2) St. Luke, Bold Street, Liverpool; (3) St. Botolph, Boston, Lines; (4) St. Bride, Fleet Street, London; (5) St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London (at the time of the restoration and recasting by Gillett and Johnston); (6) Ripon Minster.

(b) The present bells at: (1) the one bell at St. Bride's, Fleet Street; (2) Ely Cathedral; (3) St. Mary Woolnoth, London; (4) St. Mary Mag., Old Fish Street; (5) St. Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield; (6) St. John, Waterloo Road; St. Luke, Chelsea; (8) Wells Cathedral; (9) Chichester Cathedral.-Yours faithfully,

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THE 4-BELL TOWERS OF WORCESTERSHIRE

By Paul Cattermole and Christopher Pickford.

Abbot's Morton (St. Peter).

6½ cwt. in A sharp. Treble and third, Thomas Mears II, 1842; second, Thomas Hancox II, of Walsall, 1633; tenor, mediæ-val, "Royal Head" bell, cast at Worcester,

The frame and fittings date from 1842 and are by Thomas Mears. The frame is positioned diagonally to the walls of the tower. The fittings are somewhat derelict, with the wheels falling to pieces and the headstocks decaying. The tower is thought to be unsafe.

Alfrick (St. Mary Magdalene).
2½ cwt. in F. A complete four by John Rudhall, dated 1820, and inscribed with the names of their donors. The gear dates from 1820, is in very good condition, and the frame was rebuilt at that time. The bells are "clocked" at present, though the gear is perfectly sound. There is, however, some doubt about the safety of the timber tower, though one would not have thought that such light bells could be the source of any danger. The tone of the bells is excellent and they are to receive professional attention.

Birtsmorton (SS. Peter and Paul).

9 cwt. in A. Treble and second by John Martin, of Worcester, 1665; third, mediæval, by Robert Crowch, of London, c 1440; tenor, Thomas Hancox I, of Walsall, 1630.

The mediæval frame was altered in the 17th century and is now unsafe. The gear dates from the early 19th century and is no longer serviceable. The bells are tuned as the front four of a ring of six.

Defford (St. James).

6 cwt. in C. Treble and tenor by Charles Carr, of Smethwick, 1903; second, Harry Farmer, of Gloucester, 1604; third, Mat-thew Bagley, of Evesham, 1689.

The old treble, by a mediæval Worcester founder, was recast by Carr in 1903. At the same time he added the tenor and hung the bells with new fittings in a new com-posite iron and wood frame. They are ringable but not regularly rung.

Eastham (SS. Peter and Paul).
7 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb in A. Treble, Abel Rudhall, 1745; second, John Martin, 1663; third, John Martin, 1655; tenor, Abraham Rudhall I, 1699.

These fine bells were rehung in a new steel frame, on ball bearings and new fit-tings in 1949 by Taylor's of Loughborough. They go well and sound excellent. There was a local band in 1960 but its activities have ceased.

Himbleton (St. Mary Magdalene).

9½ cwt. in G. A complete ring of four by John Martin, of Worcester, cast in 1675. The bells have rather quaint and interesting inscriptions. The mediæval frame is built into the timber tower and was altered in the 17th century. The gear dates from the mid-19th century and is in reasonable condition, but the clock, which was put in in 1910, was installed without much forethought, and the hammers and other parts of the clock prevent treble and tenor from being swung. The organ and the clock are both in the way of the rope circle and so the bells cannot have been rung since before 1910. The bells are tuned as numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, of a ring of five.

Holt (St. Martin).

10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp. Treble, Richard Saunders, of Bromsgrove, 1713; second, mediæval, uninscribed, c 1340; third, John Green II, of Worcester, 1632;

tenor, originally by John Green I, recast by Mears and Stainbank, 1937.

These bells are hung dead as a chime, but as such are very fine. They hang in a much decayed mediæval oak frame. is also a small sanctus bell.

Pendock.

7 cwt. in A flat. Treble and third, Abel Rudhall, 1753 and 1745 respectively; second, Abraham Rudhall I, very early bell, 1686; tenor, Bond, of Burford, 1908.

The bells are numbers 1, 3, 4 and 5 of a ring of five, the second having disappeared long ago. They are hung dead for chiming. except the tenor, in a 17th century five-bell frame. The tone of the bells is very harsh.

Queenhill (St. Nicholas).

7 cwt. in B. 1, Abraham Rudhall I, 1718; 2 Abraham Rudhall I, 1718; 3, John Martin, of Worcester, 1680; 4, Henry Farmer, of Gloucester, 1602.

These bells are certainly unringable, and even inspection was dangerous. The treble has jumped out of its pit and rests on the floor of the third pit, this happened because of the looseness of the frame. The frame is basically of 15th century construction, while the gear in each case corresponds with the date of the bell to which it belongs.

Spetchley (All Saints).
61 cwt. in B flat. A complete mediæval four of which only one bell, the third, bears on inscription. This bell is an early bell of Richard le Bellyeter, of Worcester, c 1430. The frame dates from the 18th century and the gear dates from 1904, when the bells were rehung by James Barwell and Co. They are ringable, and have recently been attended to by the King's School, Worcester, Change Ringing Society, who moved the ringing chamber down to the ground floor. The bells do not conform to any known musical scale.

One quarter peal is recorded on the bells, rung in 1960, by a band of school-The method was Spetchley Court Bob Minimus and the band consisted of J. E. Pullen (treble), M. J. Fellows (second), M. D. Fellows (third) and P. Cattermole (tenor).

Stanford-on-Teme (St. Mary).
5 cwt. in C sharp. Treble, Richard Keene, of Woodstock (probably cast in the locality), 1673; second, Abel Rudhall, 1753; third, mediæval, Richard le Bellyeter, of Worcester, c 1440; tenor, mediæval, as Spetchley third, c 1430.

The third bell is cracked from the waist to soundbow. The tenor is a very fine, shapely and well-toned bell. The frame and fittings are both of mid-18th century vintage and are unserviceable, the frame being sadly decayed and the gear neglected. The safety of the tower is questionable. There is also a small sanctus bell.

ADDENDUM

Bricklehampton (6 cwt.). These bells are not totally unringable, and have been rung recently, though they are not to be recom-

Dormston (43 cwt. in C sharp). These bells also can be rung, but the clappers will not strike at the right time, and again should not be rung, though they can be.

East Grinstead Guild.

NO SEPTEMBER MEETING

On August 8 the guild met at Speldhurst and despite torrential rain there was a very good attendance. After ringing, picnic teas were eaten in cars because of the weather, but the business meeting was held in the ringing room. The chairman announced that there would be no September meeting but he urged members to go to the Croydon festival. He also asked members soon to contact Mr. C. A. Bassett to book seats for the outing in October.

It is hoped to visit East Grinstead in November, and in December the guild will be joining the Northern District of Sussex for a ringers' service. Members were told that an evening practice would be held at Hever in August.

Thanks were expressed to E. J. Ladd and J. E. Warner for preparing the bells and ropes, and also to Mr. E. Turley.

Guildford Guild.

DISTRICT OUTING CANCELLED

The Farnham District meeting on August 1 was held at Hawley, 26 district members and 16 visitors being present. The guild service was conducted by the Rev. E. Garth-Long (vicar) and the organist was Alan Rapley, a young ringer from Gray-shott. Tea and the business meeting followed in the village hall with Mr. Tom Page, district ringing master, in the chair.

New members elected were Miss Gillian Cornell (Grayshott) and Mr. J. Reynolds (Hawley).

It was decided to hold advanced practices in September and October, one of these to be at Aldershot, with the next evening practice meeting at Bentley in September. It was stated that the district outing had had to be cancelled for lack of support. Mr. Page thanked the vicar, the organist and the ladies.

Ringing continued in the evening.

M. A. R.

WISE PRECAUTIONS

No bells! No clock! No weather vane! It is one of my boasts about Lillington Parish Church that one of its bells has rung out over the fields and houses of Lillington at least once a week for the past 600 years. But now the tower roof has had to be renewed. Who even knows there is a roof on the tower?—but there is, and it protects our bells which must be looked after. — From Orbit, the Lillington magazine.

Kington (4 cwt. in D sharp). These bells are ringable and go well; they sound very They were rehung early this pleasant. century.

South Littleton (8-1-1 in A). These bells were rehung in 1968 in a steel frame for six and on ball bearings.

White Ladies, Aston (7½ cwt. in C). These bells are ringable, but at the expense of the tower. They do not go well, and the tenor is virtually unringable despite the fact that they were rehung in 1904.

Wichenford (7 cwt. in B). These bells, rehung in 1898, have recently been restored locally, and the gudgeons removed and the bearings cleared. They are ringable and are reported to go well.

Quarter Peals

Aldridge, Staffs .- July 20, 1260 Double Oxford Minor: Sharon Magonigle 1, Cynthia Humphreys 2, J. P. Burton 3, Daphne Appleby 4, N. R. White 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. For Matins. First in method by all.

Algarkirk, Lincs. — Aug. 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, H. Barsley 3, R. Stephenson 4, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 5, A. J. Singleton 6. A farewell to Rev. M. H. Stagg, Vicar of Fosdyke, curate of Algarkirk.

Allesley, Coventry.—Aug. 2, 1264 Bob Major: Deborah Eyles (first quarter) 1, H. G. Summers 2, F. W. Perrens 3, W. A. Stote 4, L. M. Callow 5, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 6, I. F. Garvie 7, F. Shallcross 8. For Matins.

Ash Priors, Som. — July 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Medway 1, Mrs. P. Medway 2, J. Shepherd 3, Mrs. Jane Shepherd 4, R. A. Cross (cond.) 5, F. Pike 6.
Awre, Glos.—Aug. 2, 1380 Bob Minor: R. Betterton (first quarter) 1, R. Hume 2, Kathryn Lloyd 3, J. Long 4, R. Philpott 5, P. Coddington teach 1.

Barcombe, Sussex. — Aug. 6, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. Turner 1, E. M. L. Macadam 2, Rosemary Lelliott (first as cond.) 3, R. R. Kennard 4, Gillian S. M. L. Macadam 5, Dudman 6. 18th birthday compliment to Rosemary Lelliott.

Basildon, Essex .- June 15, 1260 Bob Doubles: S. J. Clarke 1-2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Eleanor Clemo 5-6. Also June 22, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Clarke 1-2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Eleanor J. Clemo 5-6. Also 1360 Doubles (2 methods): S. J. Clarke 1-2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Eleanor J. Clemo 5-6. First in more than one method

Battle, Sussex. — July 31, 1273 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Winchester 1, F. J. Lambert 2, Ann Smith 3, A. R. Baldock 4, H. G. F. Reynolds 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6, D. R. Reed 7, I. S. Holland 8. A welcome to Rev. H. R. Darby (formerly of Waltham Abbey), following his induction as Dean and Vicar of Battle.

Bicker, Lincs. - August 2, 1260 Grandsire G. Smith (first quarter) 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton (first inside) 3, M. J. Beicher (cond.) 4, D. Fensom (25th quarter) 5, A. J. Singleton 6. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, of Swines-

Binsted, Hants .-- Aug. 8, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Cristina Bowles 1, Maureen Tipper 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Sansom 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, D. Hughes 6. A wedding compliment to Richard Edwards (of Binsted Vicarage) and Margaret Banfield, married this day at St. Barnabas, Northolt, Middx.

Blackburn, Lancs.—Cathedral, April 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Hill 1, J. Skeats 2, F West 3, P. Woods 4, G. Howarth 5, I. Smith 6,

B. Hill (cond.) 7, M. Hill 8. For Evensong.
Blackwell, Derbys.—July 29, 1260 Minor (720
Kent, 540 Plain Bob): Miss J. A. Smith 1, A.
Smithson 2, W. Riley 3, C. Davis 4, D. Hird 5,
L. G. Smith (cond.) 6. For Flower Festival and for 2nd ringer's first grandchild.

Bosbury, Herefords.-Aug. 3, 1260 Stedman Helen Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, A Ewins (first Stedman) 3, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 4, Hilda Taylor 5, Ann Herbert 6.

Bourton on the Hill, Glos.—Aug. 4, 1260
Doubles (three methods): Helen Taylor 1, Ann
Herbert (first in three methods) 2, Clare Taylor
3, Hilda Taylor 4, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, A.

Braughing, Herts. — Aug. 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Tott 1, W. Hunt (cond.) 2, P. J. Glazebrook 3, K. Westwood 4, P. Warboys 5, A. Richardson 6, L. Luck 7, G. Skipp 8. For Parish Communion.

Bredon's Norton, Worcs.-Aug. 5, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Ann Herbert 1, Clare Taylor 2, Hilda Taylor 3, Helen Taylor 4, A. Ewins (first in method) 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

Buckley, Flintshire.—Aug. 5, 1344 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Williams (first Triples) 1, Norah Randles 2, Rachel Collins 3, B. R. Millward 4, G. H. Randles 5, E. Evans 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, D. N. Collins 8. Birthday compliment to 5 and 7.

Broadwell, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos.-July 23, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P Rogers 1, N. C. Rogers 2, L. C. Dowdeswell 3, Betty M. Rogers 4, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 5.

Buckingham. - June 30, 1280 Cambridge S Major: A. Green (first quarter) 1, A. Haseldine 2, R. W. Yates 3, D. Miles 4, W. A. Yates 5, R. Haseldine 6, B. Eglesfield 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8.

Buriton, Hants. — Aug. 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. N. deCombe 1, D. Brown 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, H. deCombe 4, Rev. P. Gallup 5, F. Hagenbuch 6. For Evensong and to mark the Flower and Music Festival.

Burton Bradstock, Dorset.—Aug. 5, 1320 Cam bridge S. Minor: C. W. H. Powell (cond.) 1, I. Calvert 2, Helen A. Haines 3, D. B. Ellery 4, M. J. Hiller 5, R. Haines 6. Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Haines.

Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.-July 29, 1256 Little Bob Major: Cynthia Humphries 1, Daphne Appleby 2, N. R. White 3, J. P. Burton 4, Frances Mulvey 5, M. J. Mulvey 6, J. L. Humphries 7, D. J. Bates (cond.) 8.

Cheriton, Kent. — Aug. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Munt 1, R. J. Elliott (cond.) 2, G. L. Webb 3, Dilys Eastmead 4, Rachael J. Sinden 5, A. J. Binstead 6, A. C. Eastmead 7, J. Thorne 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Webb on the birth of their first granddaughter (Sharon).

Chiseldon, Wilts.—Aug. 6, 1260 Doubles (six methods): Peta M. Lloyd 1, Margaret Bowman 2, Jackie Pursur 3, Ann Toomer 4, T. R. Jones (cond.) 5, S. W. Hale 6. Most methods for 1, 3, 6 and as conductor. For the Feast of the Transfiguration; also farewell to Jackie Pursur.

Chobham, Surrey. - Aug. 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. L. Baker 1, Patricia C. Hill 2, Sarah E. Marshall 3, J. F. Payne 4, T. Wellen (cond.) F. G. Wheeler 6.

Church Eaton, Staffs .- June 30, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): S. W. Illidge 1, R. Terry 2, K. A. Russell 3, D. R. Hawksworth 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, M. Bradley (first on six) 6. Also July 15, 1260 Doubles (three methods): S. Illidge 1, K. A. Russell 2, P. J. Bryan 3, P. Johnson (cond.) 4, M. G. Williamson 5, H. Green 6. For Patronal Festival.

Cleator Moor, Cumberland.—Aug. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles: Dennise McClean (first quarter) 1, J. E. Brown 2, F. Richardson 3, W. Seward 4, Mary Dodd (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6, For 70th birthday of the Queen Mother.

Coddington, Notts. — Aug. 2, 1260 Doubles (five methods): J. Draycott 1, K. C. Vernon 2, P. Raithby 3, P. F. Curtis 4, D. E. Kirton (cond.) 5, D. L. W. Tomlinson 6. Diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Simpson.

Codsall, Staffs. — June 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Johnson (cond.) 1, P. J. Bryan 2, H. E. Green 3, S. W. Illidge 4, D. Head 5, Fowell 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Child, for many years Sunday School superintendent. Also July 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, P. D. Sell 2, P. J. Bryan 3, D. Head 4, D. R. Hawksworth 5, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 6, M. G. Williamson 7, H. E. Green 8. On the day preceding the induction of a former curate (Rev. Roy Gabe Davies) at St. Stephen's, Wolverhampton.

Corscombe, Dorset .--July 29, 1320 Doubles (44 m/v): Helen A. Haines 1, D. B. Ellery 2, I. Calvert 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, R. Haines 5, I. L. Andrews 6. First in 44 m/v for all.

Croft, Leics.—Aug. 4, 1320 Bob Doubles: F. Watson 1, Susan M. Clarke (first quarter) 2, M. P. Brown 3, Carole I. U. Brown 4, J. E. Harrold (cond.) 5, C. C. Atkins (first quarter) 6. For the Queen Mother's 70th birthday.

Dewsbury, Yorks.—Aug. 9, 1344 Bob Major: R. Richardson (cond.) 1, V. Bottomley 2, Esther Sharp (first quarter) 3, J. Ineson 4, E. Betts 5, K. Ineson 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. A compliment to Bob and Gail Cater on the birth of a daughter.

Downham, Essex. — June 21, 1260 Bob Doubles: W. F. White 1, P. A. Cammiade (first on tower bells) 2, H. E. Oliver 3, A. G. Gibbs (25th quarter, first as cond. on tower bells, aged 14) 4, G. Mason 5, R. Jamieson (first attempt) 6. For Evensong, Also July 12, 1260 Bob Doubles: W. F. White 1, P. A. Cammiade 2, H. E. Oliver 3, G. Mason (25th quarter, first as cond. on tower bells, aged 14) 4, A. G. Gibbs 5. For Evensong.

Drayton, Oxon.—Aug. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles: P. Absolom 1, F. Absolom 2, G. McHilhone (cond.) 3, D. Exon 4, J. Godman 5, R. Embling 6. First quarter 1 and 6. 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Embling.

East Hoathly, Sussex .- July 30, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): B. I. Dudman (first away from cover) 1, A. Turner 2, Gilliam Macadam 3, Rosemary Lelliott 4, R. R. Kennard (cond.) 5, E. M. L. Macadam 6. 21st birthday compliment to Brian Dudman.

Eastnor, Herefords.—Aug. 3, 1440 Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: Ann Herbert 1, Helen Taylor 2, Clare Taylor 3, Hilda Taylor 4, A. Ewins 5, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First T.B. for 1 and 5.

Easton Neston, Northants.-June 9, 1264 Bob Major: A. Mansfield 1, J. Linnell 2, W. J. Chester 3, Miss B. Mansfield 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, W. F. Eyden 6, G. Shellard 7, B. E. Saunders 8. To mark the retirement of Mr. A. Mansfield, branch ringing master.

Exhall, Warks.-Aug. 8, 1260 Doubles (four methods): R. Rogers 1, I. Unsworth 2, T. C. Bonam 3, G. S. Hall 4, H. Curtis 5, G. Barnett 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. First quarter

r 1 and 6.
Faringdon, Berks.—County Grammar School for Girls, July 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Alice M. E. Hutchins (cond., 14) 1-2, Julia H. Shilling (14) 3-4, Michele Raymont (14) 5-6, Christine Windridge (14) 7-8. First quarter for all and first as conductor. 80th birthday compliment to Mr. Hewitt and for the School's Golden Jubilee.

Gospel Oak, N.W.5. - Aug. 9, 1260 Bob Doubles: N. Gower (first away from tenor) 1, Diana Triplow (first inside) 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, Triplow (cond.) 4, R. Tompsett 5, W. Knight For Mattins. First Bob Doubles for 2, Gresford, Denbighs.—Aug. 8, 1280 Bob Major:
Rachel Williams 1, F. R. Evans 2, Norah M.
Randles 3, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 4, G. H.
Randles 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, D. N. Collins 7, Evans (first in method) 8. To mark the ceasefire in the Middle East and hope for a successful peace agreement.

Harlow Common, Essex.—Aug. 1, 1280 Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, J. Collins 2, Miss J. Flight 3, V. Tipton 4, R. Hayden 5, S. Clark 6, R Walker 7, W. Hunt (cond.) 8. A farewell to Rev. Howard Gribble (vicar), leaving for Cornwall to be rector of Lezant and Lawhitton.

Harpenden, Herts.—Aug. 2, 1264 Bob Major: J. D. Painter (cond.) 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Diana Parrott 3, Catherine M. Bew 4, L. G. Coburn 5, E. Broom 6, T. J. Southam 7, M. J. Bew 8. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Day. Also Aug. 9, 1264 Bob Major: G. W. Debenham 1, Sheila Brown 2, Mary A. Coburn 3, W. J. Arnold 4, L. G. Coburn 5, F. C. Jacklin 6, F. W. Ellis 7, M. J. Bew (cond.) 8. In thanksgiving for the life, work and friendship of Mrs. Arthur Day, died August 3rd, 1970.

Harrold, Beds. - June 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Carthy (first quarter) 1, K. C. Wildman (first quarter) 2, T. J. F. Groger (first quarter) 3, Miss J. S. Wildman (first inside) 4, A Collins (cond.) 5, K. S. Booker (first quarter) A thanksgiving for the completion of the restoration of the spire. Also June 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Williams (first quarter) 1, Wildman 2, Miss P. Wilson (first quarter) Miss J. S. Wildman 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5, K. S. Booker 6. To celebrate the birth of twin grandchildren to the Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Cooper. Also June 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Williams 1, Miss J. S. Wildman 2, T. J. F. Groger 3, K. C. Wildman 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5, G. G. Smith (first quarter) 6. For Mattins. Also June 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. J. Smith 1, K. C. Wildman 2, Miss P. Wilson 3, Miss J. S. Wildman 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5, K. S. Booker 6. For Evensong.

Henbury, Bristol.—By Thornbury band, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Jackson 1, Miss J. E. 2, Mrs. E. Chapman 3, G. T. Collins 4, S. Poole 5, E. G. Mould (cond.) 6, D. A. Chapman 7, C. Exell 8. Also by Henbury band, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Haskins 1, Elizabeth M. Brooke 2, Gwen I. Bloomfield 3, G. Locke 4, D. Whetton 5, D. Huddleston 6, A. Bennett 7, D. Andrews 8. Both for Flower Festival.

Hendon, Middx. — July 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Garrard 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, D. J. Gazeley 3, A. F. Warren 4, B. C. Watson (cond.) 5, B. Livings 6. For Patronal Festival. August 28, 1970

Hartlebury, Worcs.—July 23, 1260 Stedman Triples: G. Bowen 1, E. M. Key 2, Lucy Key 3, Pamela Key 4, L. F. Smith 5, A. W. Glazzard 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, J. Hicks 8. A 21st birth-day compliment to Lucy Key.

Hillfarrance, Som. - Aug. 6, 1260 Doubles (two methods, two variations): Miss G. M. Stevens 1, Rev. M. J. Odlum 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, W. Stevens 4, R. E. Colman 5, P. Symons (first quarter) 6. The tenor ringer's first

Histon, Cambs.—Aug. 2, 1280 Cambridge S.
Major: Margaret Rumsey 1, W. Muncey 2,
Kathleen Jordan 3, H. Muncey 4, C. Muncey 5, B. Hullah 6, H. Foster 7, M. Hawes (cond.) 8. To welcome back the vicar (Rev. W. F. Jenkins) and Mrs. Jenkins.

Hoby, Leics.—Aug. 6, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Karen French 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, J. H. Cook 3, A. French 4, C. E. Cooper 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Charles Hector Stone-

house, ringer for over 40 years.

Hodnet, Salop. — July 31, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Noeleen Mothershaw (first Triples) 1, P. Morris 2, Ann Sisley (first Triples inside) 3, Miss P. Stocken 4, E. F. Wilcox (cond.) 5, R. H. Newton 6, R. E. Morris 7, G. Mothershaw (first Triples) 8.

Hordle, Hants. - July 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Williamson 1, Janet Blackbourn 2, Flora Stocker 3, A. Nunn (cond.) 4, Faith Riley Webster 6. Half-muffled in memoriam

Mrs. M. Lewis (tower captain).

Houghton Conquest, Beds. — July 15, 1260 Bob Minor: P. A. Keene 1, R. A. Ward 2, T. P. Harris 3, I. N. Pett 4, D. W. Manton 5, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 6. To mark 13 years' ministry in

the parish by the rector (Rev. F. J. Williams).
Ickleton, Cambs. — Aug. 9, 1280 Kent T.B.
Major: L. Flitton 1, Mrs. J. Webster 2, G. Lilley
3, D. Lilley 4, C. Rule 5, R. Griggs 6, E. Pye
(cond.) 7, W. Pye 8. First Kent Major 2, 4, 5 and 6. By the Sunday service band for Even-song. The ringers of 7 and 8 are son and

grandson of William Pye.

Ipswich, Suffolk. - (St. Clement's), 1260 Bob Minor: D. G. Salter 1, P. W. Archer 2, F. A. J. Steward 3, W. K. Whittell 4, A. R. Bridges 5, J. Hollins (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also 1260 Bob Minor: D. G. Salter (first quarter of Minor) 1, S. D. Pettman (cond.) 2, W. K. Whittell 3, F. A. J. Steward (first quarter of Minor) 4, A. R. Bridges 5, A. T. Beckwith 6. For Evensong.

Kelston, Bath, Som.—Aug. 3, 1260 Doubles (four methods): M. Cannon 1, H. J. Coombs 2, P. Devrell 3, R. Perry 4, A. Coombs (cond.) 5, P. Blacker 6. For the Queen Mother's 70th

birthday.

Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.-Aug. 2, 1283 Erin Triples: Rosemary Cotton 1, Jennifer Star-buck 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, R. J. Talbot 4, C. D. Collin 5, B. J. Stone 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, P. Starbuck 8. First of Erin for 3, 5 and 6 For Evensong.

Leaton, Salop. — July 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. G. Owen 1, Patricia C. Stocken 2, F. H. Bennett 3, R. H. Newton 4, E. F. Will-

cox (cond.) 5.

Leytonstone, E.11. — (St. John's), Aug. 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: Marion A. C (first Treble Bob) 1, Louise Slater 2, M. Wareing 3, C. Willmington 4, G. H. Walker 5, J. E. Murfitt 6, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 7, J. C. Slater 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. First as conductor in method.

Little Aston, Staffs.—Aug. 2, 1440 Cambridge Minor: R. Duckett 1, C. Duckett 2, Anita E. Foden 3, J. Paxton 4, P. G. Golder 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to John H. Allen and Penelope Sedgwick, married

at Lichfield Cathedral the previous day.
Little Comberton, Worcs. — Aug. 5, 1260
Single Oxford Minor: Ann Herbert 1, Clare Taylor 2, Helen Taylor 3, A. Ewins (first in method) 4. Hilda Taylor (first in method as cond.) 5, E. J. Taylor 6.

London. — St. Margaret's, Westminster, July 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. Rawlings 1, D. Ellisden 2, J. Euston (cond.) 3, M. Williamson Pratt 5, B. Stone 6, B. Mathews 7, E. Peett 8.

Longstanton, Cambs. — Aug. 2, 1264 Bob Major: W. Bavin 1, G. Crisp 2, Janet Hall 3, C. Gooding 4, E. Brown 5, Carol Brown 6, G. Lucas 7, M. Ginn (cond.) 8. An engagement compliment to Frances Ginn and Douglas Scutt.

Luxborough, Som. - Aug. 7, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): S. Dennis 1, P. D. Bailey 2, R. N. Scholes 3, E. M. Barber 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells for many years-possibly the first ever.

Lympne, Kent.-July 26, 1260 Doubles: Lorraine Thomas (first quarter) 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, B. G. Butcher 4, Z. Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, B. G. Butcher 4, M. J. Taylor 5, W. Beeching 6. Also Aug. 2, 1260 Doubles: R. Stainer 1, Zoe McMillan 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 4, B. G. Butcher 5, M. J. Taylor 6.

Maitland, N.S.W.—Aug. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: Alison Goodman 1, Anne Carpenter 2, P. Parker 3, R. Bampton 4, K. Hendry 5, B. Ferris (cond.) 6. First of Minor on the bells for all. For the centenary of the first ringing of the bells.

Marcham, Berks. — Aug. 10, 1260 Doubles (two methods): Berice Large 1, Shirley Goble 2, B. Winter 3, N. Booth 4, C. J. Peaple (cond.) 5, B. Finnigan (first quarter) 6. A farewell to Bev. and Elaine, leaving for Oxford.

Milland, Sussex. - July 25, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Janice Read (first quar-ter) 1, Mary White 2, R. Tipper 3, K. Tipper 4, D. Hughes (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6.

Mundford, Norfolk.-Aug. 1, 1440 Minor (720 Cambridge, 720 Plain): W. J. Houghton 1, W. W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, L. W. Houghton 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6.

Nailsea, Som. - Aug. 4, 1260 Doubles (two methods): L. Childs 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, D. Willis 3, J. Everard 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A 70th birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen Mother.

Nempnett Thrubwell, Som. - Aug. 6, 1440 Norfolk and Primrose S. Minor: Susan Stott 1, Brenda Sheppard 2, J. Trimm 3, C. Field 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, A. Perry 6. First in methods by all.

Newchurch, Kent.—Aug. 3, 1260 Bob Doubles: Maisie Vantom 1, Margaret Piper (first quarter) 2, Lydia Terry 3, A. Binsted 4, R. Daniels 5, A. S. Phelips 6.

North Wingfield, Derbys.-July 28, 1264 Bob Major: Miss J. A. Smith 1, Mrs. D. A. Davis 2, L. G. Smith 3, P. Webber 4, D. A. Davis 5, D. Hird 6, C. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Timons 8. First

Norton - le - Moors, Staffs. - July 31, Spliced Surprise Major (three methods): Miss J. Webb (first quarter) 1, Miss R. A. Bennett 2, Miss J. M. Millins 3, P. Phillips 4, J. A. J. Jack 5, O. Williams 6, W. H. Pickett 7, J. L. Shenton (cond.) 8.

Nynehead, Som.—July 10, 1320 Bob Doubles: 1. Hughes 1, A. Kingscote 2, M. Durbin (first inside) 3, Mrs. A. Durbin 4, R. A. Cross (cond.) Durbin (first F. H. Morris 6.

Oaks-in-Charnwood, Leics. - Aug. 2, Grandsire Doubles: E. Richardson (first quarter) 1, R. Graves (first quarter) 2, H. Moult (cond.) 3, R. Pepper 4, J. Bowley 5, H. Hull (first quar-For Matins, prior to bells being dismantled for rehanging and augmenting.

Padbury, Bucks. — May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, R. W. Yates (cond.) 2, W. Lanyon 3, C. Gough 4, W. A. Yates 5, A. Thatcher 6. For Padbury Feast.

Paulerspury, Northants. — July 2, 1260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. A. Yates 1, W. A. Yates 2, W. Lanyon 3, P. W. Foster 4, R. W. Yates (cond.) 5, Miss S. Watson (first quarter) 6. To welcome a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. Ridley.

Pembroke.-Aug. 2, 1260 Bob Doubles: N. C. Rogers 1, Betty M. Rogers 2, C. Pattison (first inside) 3, P. C. Rogers 4, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 5, P. R. Lindley 6. For Evensong.

polesworth, Warks.—June 21, 1260 Gedney Hill Place Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Evensong. First in method for all.

Preston, Suffolk .- Aug. 9, 1260 Bob Minor: J. P. Loveless 1, J. H. Brett 2, W. A. Perry 3, J. S. Connell 4, A. E. Peacock 5, R. A. Knight (cond.) 6.

Ranworth, Norfolk. — July 16, 1320 Bob Doubles: M. A. Frost 1, Margaret Bunting 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, R. G. Walker 4, Carole Patev 5.

Rochester, Kent. — May 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Egan (first quarter) 1, P. Andrews 2, G. Terris (first as cond.) 3, G. Round (first inside) 4, C. Osenten 5, J. Henley

St. Mewan, Cornwall.-Aug. 8, 1260 Doubles (three m/v): R. Pengelly 1, Valerie C. Pengelly 2, F. M. Bowers 3, Janet S. Evans 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, T. J. Bell 6. A compliment to the vicar, Rev. N. Jackson, on the marriage of his daughter the previous week.

Shrewsbury, Salop.—St. Chad's, Aug. 1, 1260 Bob Royal: Jennifer Beech 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, P. J. Evans 4, I. Friend 5, A. Glover 6, L. D. K. Roberts 7, N. Holland 8, E. F. Willcox 9, F. Beech (cond.) 10.

Sidbury, Devon.-Aug. 8, 1264 Bob Major: Drucilla Pickard (first Major) 1, G. Baldam 2, Susan Stott 3, Brenda Sheppard 4, R. Perry (first Major) 5, J. Sheppard 6, C. Field 7, G. Hebden (first as cond.) 8.

Solihull, Warks. — Aug. 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Leeson 1, T. J. Warner (cond.) 2, Verona C. Naylor 3, E. J. Cole 4, V. Green 5, E. T. Lloyd 6, G. E. Fearn 7, A. Crabtree 8. For Evensong.

Staplehurst, Kent.-Aug. 8, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss B. Tomlin 1, H. Baker 2, Jane Gilder 3, Miss F. Tomlin 4, N. Shepphard (cond.) 5, B. Mitchell 6. First in method for ringers of 3, 4 and 5. For the rector's silver wedding.

Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.-Aug. 9, 1264 Bob Major: J. A. Print 1, A. Borland (first Major) 2, F. C. Lyne 3, R. C. Chapman 4, M. Reed (first Major) 5, D. Bates (first inside) 6, C. R. Steed 7, J. L. Findon (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Jill Riley and Richard Danby.

Tannington, Suffolk. - July 29, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Peters 1, N. Peters 2, N. Baldry 3, T. Hughes (cond.) 4, R. Peters 5, H. Archer 6. 18th birthday compliment to 3rd.

Warnham, Sussex.—Aug. 2, 1260 Bob Minor: Audrey Ramsey 1, Elizabeth Watts 2, N. Carter 3, B. Pink 4, P. D. Smith 5, G. Francis (cond.) 6. First of Minor for treble and 2. For Evensong.

West Bridgford, Notts.-June 28, 1260 Bob Doubles: Judith Wall 1, W. Ratcliffe 2, Janet Crossland 3, D. Gyles 4, P. Beacroft (cond.) 5, R. Renshaw 6. First quarter inside and first as conductor. An engagement compliment to Peter Else (tower captain) and Janet Thornton (secretary).

Windsor, Berks. — Aug. 4 (Parish Church), 1280 Bob Major: G. Rawson 1, R. Butler (first Major) 2, Monica Blagrove 3, Rosamund Brown 4. E. Armstrong 5, L. Stilwell 6, W. Birmingham F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 8. For the birthday of H.M. the Queen Mother.

Wootton Wawen, Warks .-- Aug. 8, 1260 Bob Minor: F. C. Lyne 1, Judith Ashby 2, M. R. Weatherhead 3, Hazel A. Mackenzie 4, R. M. Andrews 5, R. A. Sheasby (cond.) 6 A wedding compliment to Jill Riley and Richard J. Danby.

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WINSFORD, Som, St. Mary Magdalene. Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (13½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 extent Double Court and Grandsire, 2 Cambridge Surprise, 3 Plain Bob).

1 Rodney A. C. Cross
*2 Hilary F. Watson-Walker

*3 Peter D. Bailey

4 Adrian F. Arscott Alec R. Jones

6 Roger M. Scholes (Conductor)

*First in more than one method.

EXFORD, Som, St. Mary Magdalene.

Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clements, Childwall and Plain Bob).

Hazel J. Nicholls

*2 Hilary F. Watson-Walker

3 E. Guy Slater

4 Elizabeth M. Barber

5 Frank Chambers

6 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)

*First in seven methods.

CHILCOMPTON, Som, St. John the Baptist.

Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (20 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Court, Single Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clements and Plain Bob).

1 Eric C. Wadman *2 Jeremy D. Tarrant

*3 Clare Highy

4 Ronald G. Beck 5 David G. Massey

†6 Edward J. Chivers (Conductor)

*First in seven methods inside. †250th peal. Birthday compliment to Ronald Beck.

LUCCOMBE, Som, St. Mary the Virgin. Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, St. Clements, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent

T.B., Grandsire, Plain Bob).

1 Roger N. Scholes *2 Hazel J. Nicholls

3 Elizabeth M. Barber Adrian F. Arscott

E. Guy Slater

6 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)

*First in seven methods.

MOREBATH, Devon, St. George.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (83 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clements, Cambridge Sur-prise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B.).

1 Hilary F. Watson-Walker

*2 Peter D. Bailey 3 Alec R. Jones

4 Elizabeth M. Barber

5 E. Guy Slater

6 Arthur E. Rowley (Conductor)

*First in seven methods. Birthday compliment to E. Guy Slater.

PORLOCK, Som, St. Dubricius.

Fri., Aug. 7, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (12 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, Oxford
T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double
Oxford, St. Clements, Plain Bob).
1 Peter D. Bailey

2 Hilary F. Watson-Walker 3 Arthur E. Rowley

4 Frank Chambers

5 Alec R. Jones

6 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor)

Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Tudball, of Dunster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ELSTOW, Beds, Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helena.

Mon., May 18, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (9\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 Plain Bob, 3 Single Oxford, 1 Plain Bob and Single Oxford).

*1 Helen Garside

Rosemary Hartley Christine Edwards

*4 Stephen Cronin

5 Robert Wood

6 Alan Norman (Conductor)

*First peal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENHAM. Cheshire, St. Wilfrid.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (15 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

*1 Gordon K. Green

2 David A. Godfrey 3 Harry W. Howard

4 Geoffrey A. Edwards

5 John Moore

6 Frank R. Morton

*50th for Guild. For the centenary of the birth of William Pye.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HEANOR, Derbyshire, St. Lawrence.

Sun., July 26, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (6 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Helen Wood

†2 Martin Camm 3 Robert Marchbank

4 Dudley Coulson 5 David Camm

6 Gordon Faulks (Conductor)

*First peal. †First inside of Minor. First on the bells by a local band since before the To welcome the Lord Bishop of Derby for evening service.

OLD WHITTINGTON, Derbyshire, St. Bartholomew.

5040 MINOR (4 methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B, Plain Bob).

G. Jasper Newman

Susan E. Davis Andrew Else

4 Andrew R. Queen 5 Graham A. Newman 6 Timothy Wylie (Conductor)

DERBY, Cathedral Church of All Saints.

Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 3 hr. 7min. (19 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Harold Taylor 2 Susan Davis

3 Arthur F. Hall 4 Timothy Wylie

5 Derek A. Astridge 6 Brian A. Tomlinson

7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)

8 Rev. Fred Ross 9 David W. Parkin

10 Geoffrey Paul

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Fri., July 31, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (11 cwt.) 5022 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

Jean Sanderson

2 Martin R. Kitson 3 Georgina C. M. Carter 4 Donald F. Murfet

5 John G. Gipson

*6 Michael R. Ling 7 Alan M. Barber

8 George E. Thoday (Conductor)

*First of Surprise. Wedding compliment to Robert Barber, brother of the seventh ringer, and Anne Vandewynckele, married at Bruges, Belgium, this day.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

FORD END, Essex, St. John.

sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (4½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Janet L. Wright

2 Eileen S. Button A. George Button

4 Rachel J. R. Orman

5 Edward E. Davey 6 George N. Orman (Conductor)

*First of Minor. A wedding compliment to Heather Linge, ringer and chorister at this church, and Peter Allen, married this day.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, Essex, St. Andrew. Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge).

1 Edward E. Davey 2 Georgina C. M. Carter 3 Jennifer M. Whittell 4 Neville F. Whittell

5 Alan R. Andrews6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. HEREFORD, St. Nicholas.

Thur., July 30, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clements, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise).

Robert A. Hatcher

2 Lawrence Mainwaring

2 Lawrence Maniwaring 3 Frederick R. Harris 4 John F. I. Turney 5 Michael V. Powell 6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor) In memoriam Sir John Barbirolli.

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STAUNTON-ON-WYE, Herefordshire, St. Mary.

Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (10 cwt.) 5040 OXFORD AND KENT T.B. MINOR (Seven combined extents.)

*1 Alison M. Turney 2 Reginald G. Powell 3 John F. I. Turney 4 Michael V. Powell

5 Norman R. Mattingley
6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)

*First of Treble Bob. First of Oxford and Kent Minor combined for all.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire, St. Mary.

July 26, 1970, 2hr. 55min. $(12\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

*1 Janet M. Aston *2 Michael V. Powell †3 Ralph C. Godsall ‡4 Roy K. Williams §5 John F. I. Turney

*6 S. Barnaby Bell
7 Norman R. Mattingley
8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)

*First in the method. †First of Surprise Major. ‡First of Surprise Major inside. §First in the method inside. 50th as conductor for the guild on tower bells.

COLWALL, Herefordshire, St. James the Great.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 OXFORD ROB TRIPLES Composed by J. Parker (No. 13).

John Clements 2 E. Marion Key *3 James Ranford *4 Leonard Walters *5 E. Charles Biggs

6 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
7 Leslie F. Smith

*8 James Ward

*First in method. Birthday compliment to Sally Ranford Wells, granddaughter of 3rd.

BODENHAM, Herefordshire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (12½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (20 methods: Primrose, Berwick, Hexham, Cambridge, Beverley Surfleet Surprise, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinchurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton; St. Nicholas, Heatherslade, Gower; Rev. Canterbury; Oxford and Kent T.B.; Oxford and Plain Bob).

Reginald G. Powell Michael V. Powell Roy K. Williams

4 S. Barnaby Bell

5 Norman R. Mattingley 6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)

75th peal as conductor on tower bells. Most Minor methods for all.

BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire, St. Bridget.

Sun., Aug. 2, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (8½ cwt.) 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. W. Parker.

Frederick R. Harris *2 Peter L. Hughes

†3 S. Barnaby Bell

13 S. Barnaby Beil 14 Roy K. Williams 185 Michael V. Powell 6 John F. I. Turney 7 Norman R. Mattingley 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)

*First of Surprise Major inside. †First in method inside. ‡First of Major in the method. §75th for the Guild. 100th peal as conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

RICKMANSWORTH, Hertfordshire,

St. Mary the Virgin.
Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (20 cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. Baldwin. Anne E. Thompson

†2 Barry R. M. Johnson ‡3 Andrew C. D. Mayes ‡4 Philip J. Simmonds

5 A. Ronald Ling 6 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

Kenneth R. Dunstan Christopher W. Woolley

9 Frank Reed 10 Roger Baldwin (Conductor) *First on ten. †50th peal. ‡First of Cambridge Royal.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints. Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (16 cwt.) 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(No. 3 version.) Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 John R. Ketteringham

*2 Christine M. Carter 3 Eric Edmondson

*4 Joyce M. Clarke 5 Kenneth J. Darvill 6 Peter H. Mackie 7 Frederick W. Ellis

†8 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
9 Anthony R. Carter
10 Harold W. Rogers

*First of London. †500th peal.

21st birthday compliment to Geoffrey Bridges.

APSLEY END, Herts, St. Mary.

Thur., July 30, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (14\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents, 17 methods: Netherseale, Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose, London, Wells, Cunecastre, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet,

Norwich). 1 Brian M. Barker

2 C. Valerie Mills 3 Augustin V. Good

4 Steven D. Chandler
5 Reginald E. J. Sheppard
6 Francis M. Byrne (Conductor)

*First in more than 7 methods. In memoriam David Farrow.

WATFORD, Herts, St. Mary.

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (24½ cwt.) 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by E. C. Shepherd.

R. David Bell 2 Richard G. Bell

3 Jill A. Laud 4 Raymond G. Smith

5 Steven Laud

6 Walter G. Paul 7 Francis M. Byrne

8 A. Ronald Ling
9 Geoffrey W. Seaman (Conductor)
10 Andrew C. D. Mayes

Half-muffled in memoriam Peter Gardner, life member of the congregation, church worker and secretary of the P.C.C.

BRAUGHING, Herts, St. Mary.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (19 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Peter J. Glazebrook

2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3 John R. Southey *4 Andrew C. D. Mayes *5 Leonard Luck

6 Roger Baldwin 7 Gerald Penney

8 John R. Mayne (Conductor) *First in the method.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PENSHURST, Kent, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (17½ cwt.)
Composed by Charles Middleton.
1 Colin A. Tester
2 Thomas Cullingworth

3 Tony Lewis 4 Peter D. Hepburn 5 John W. Smith

church.

5 John W. Smith
6 D. Paul Smith
7 Simon A. B. Wigg
8 Peter S. Muchlinski (Conductor)
As part of the Penshurst Festival commemorating the 800th anniversary of the

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HORWICH, Lanes, Holy Trinity.

Sun., Aug. 2, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (13 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (17 extents). *1 Lynn Trevor

†2 Pauline Tallis

†3 Roy Jolley 4 John Illingworth

‡5 William Birmingham, jun. 6 James E. Andrews (Conductor)
*First peal. †First of Minor. ‡First of Minor in the method.

MANCHESTER, Lancs, The Cathedral.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (27 cwt.) 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Timothy Wylie

2 Eric Roughley 3 Susan Davis

4 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith 5 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)

6 Michael J. Platt 7 Alan Ward

*8 Geoffrey O. Sanders
9 Geoffrey R. Gardner
10 Neil D. Lomas

*First in the method. To welcome the Rt. Rev. Patric Campbell Rodger, M.A., as Lord Bishop of Manchester.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER, Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

Mon., July 20, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (25 cwt.) Composed by Andrew Hudson.

Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)

2 Herrick B. Bowley

3 J. Marilyn A. Astridge 4 Robert B. Smith

5 Murray A. Coleman 6 Burley P. Morris 7 W. Arthur Riddington

8 Rupert A. Clarke 9 William J. Root

10 E. Alan Jacques A welcome to Bishop Mort as Canon Chancellor of the Cathedral.

CLAYBROOKE, Leics, St. Peter.

Fri., Aug. 7, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (13\frac{1}{4} cwt.)
5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

K. Paul Gilliver

2 Stephen C. Wells 3 Malcolm E. Johnson

*4 J. Edward Cawser

5 Colin C. Monson 6 Burley P. Morris 7 Brian L. Burrows

8 Robin A. Gilliver *100th for the guild. Wedding compliment to Christopher Holmes and Charlotte Bennett, married the previous day at Adderbury, Oxon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ELSHAM, Lincs, All Saints.

Mon., Aug. 3 1970, 2hr. 45min. (7 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

Ronald Chafer 2 Sarah Chafer

*3 Harry Baldwin †4 Colin Applewhite 5 Jack Bray (Conductor)

6 Harold Judd

*First of Minor. †First of Minor inside.

KIRTON-IN-LINDSEY, Lincs, St. Andrew.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (12½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Kent T.B., Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Double Bob, London Surprise).

1 John Hall

2 G. Leslie A. Lunn 3 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

4 C. Aubrey Harrison 5 A. Robin Heppenstall 6 Michael W. Crowder

A wedding compliment to Gillian M. Feirn and James R. Salling, married this day.

BICKER, Lincs, St. Swithun.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (8 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

*1 Gary Smith (13)

Dawson.

*2 Yvonne Singleton (14) †3 David Fensom (15)

4 William B. Dawson

5 Michael J. Belcher (15, Conductor)

*6 Antony J. Singleton
*First peal, †First inside. First as conductor. Birthday compliment to W. B.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

SALFORD PRIORS, Warwicks, St. Matthew.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (15 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by John N. Longridge. 1 Susan D. Cowan

2 Pat A. Jenkins

3 Hazel Mackenzie

4 Ian Smith

5 Roger Shae

6 A. John Macefield

7 Geoffrey C. Sparling 8 Martin J. Corry (Conductor)

First as conductor for the society.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRIDGEND, Glam, St. Illtyd.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (16 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Bruerton's 12-part.)

1 Thomas T. Yeomans
2 Frederick J. Bailey
3 Michael J. Dew
4 Raymond J. Mayle
5 Paul W. Thomas (Conductor)

6 William H. Harford

7 M. Jack Pryor 8 William T. Petty

First of Triples as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER, Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (25 cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by Frank E. Darby. David P. Hilling (Conductor)

2 Frederick W. Goodfellow

*3 Ruby M. Myllys
4 Richard F. Prime
*5 Albert R. G. Twinn

*6 Ronald K. Russ Vernon Green

8 Alan E. Hartley 9 Michael J. Palmer

10 John Hill

11 John M. Jelley 12 William H. Coles

*First on 12.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

REPTON, Derbyshire, St. Wystan.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (17\(\frac{3}{4} \) cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Dexter's No. 1.)

Sheila Parsons

2 Gordon H. Lane 3 Arthur E. Rowley

4 Peter Marriott

5 Norman W. Attaway 6 G. Stedman Morris

7 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)

8 Alec R. Jones

farewell compliment to the vicar (Rev. Peter Tomlinson), leaving for Barrow Gurney, Somerset.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SAXTHORPE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Sun., July 19, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (23 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (4 extents and a 2160.)

1 Thomas R. Roast

*2 Carole A. H. Patey †3 Susan B. Baker 4 Robert Walker

5 Martin Cubitt

6 George E. Thoday (Conductor) *Completes the Cambridge family. †First of Surprise. 175th of Surprise as conductor.

CARLTON COLVILLE, Suffolk, St. Peter.

Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (3 methods: 6 extents St. Martin, 4 St. Simon, 32 Plain Bob).

*1 Christine P. Gorrod

*2 Philip J. Gorrod 3 Thomas J. Brock

*4 Michael R. Davies

5 H. William Barrett (Conductor) *First peal. Wedding compliment Mary Solomon and Royden Watts, married on August 1.

It's only those who weep sometimes

Who find that life is sweet;

It's only tired folk whose rest

Is dreamless and complete:

And only those who give and give Can claim they know how best to live.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SLOUGH, Bucks, St. Mary.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (17 cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL Arranged by J. R. Ketteringham.

1 John R. Ketteringham

2 William Birmingham

3 William Butler

4 David A. Cornwall

5 Geoffrey Bridges

6 Anthony R. Carter

*7 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)

8 Peter H. Mackie

9 Frank Reed

10 Alan R. Patterson

*First of Yorkshire Royal. 21st birthday compliment to Geoffrey Bridges.

URCHFONT, Wilts, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (19 cwt.) 5088 STONEHENGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by John R. Mayne. (Wratten No. 60.)

1 Peter Furniss

2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor) 3 Shirley M. Drew

4 Michael Hatchett

5 Eric Sutton

6 Geoffrey R. Drew 7 Frank W. Lewis

8 Geoffrey K. Dodd

First peal in the method.

STONEHENGE SURPRISE MAJOR

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HUNGERFORD, Berkshire, St. Lawrence.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 3 hr. (13½ cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

1 Philip Murduck

*2 Dianne Gazelev

3 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)

4 Walter G. Knight

William Butler

6 Geoffrey R. Drew7 Michael Hatchett

8 Philip H. Tocock

*First in the method. For the Feast of St. Lawrence.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (183 cwt.) 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

Barry E. Saunders

2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden 3 Malcolm J. V. Chown

*4 Jonathan R. B. Speed

5 Alan A. Paul

6 Barrie Hendry 7 Richard F. B. Speed (Conductor) †8 Patrick I. Chapman

9 Burley P. Morris

10 Stanley M. Ruddlesden

*First on ten bells. †500th peal.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

WEEKLEY, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (9 methods: Beverley, Cambridge, Surfleet, Kent and Oxford, St. Clements, Plain Bob).

Selwyn J. Griffiths

2 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)
3 Barry R. Care
*4 Edward C. Buckby

6 Eric Billings

Alan J. Marks

*50th peal. Birthday tribute to H.M. the Queen Mother.

MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

PACKWOOD, Warwicks, St. Giles.

, Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (6\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

1 John N. Lindon *2 Joyce J. Barton *3 John G. Perry

*4 F. John Keddie

5 Roderick W. Pipe 6 John Turney

Maurice F. Edwards

8 Stephen W. Barton (Conductor)

*First in the method.

EDGBASTON, Birmingham, Warwicks, St. Bartholomew.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.) 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1120 London, 1088 Superlative, 1024 Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work). Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Joyce J. Barton

1 Joyce J. Barton 2 Stephen W. Barton 3 Morley P. Tobin 4 Arthur V. Pearson 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

6 Gerald Hemming

7 Maurice F. Edwards 8 Clifford A. Barron.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

UPLYME, Devon, SS. Peter and Paul.

sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (12 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Valerie Calvert

2 Stuart I. Bamforth 3 Henry G. Keeley

4 Ian Calvert

5 Melvyn J. Hiller 6 Rev. R. Keeley (Conductor)

*First peal.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND **YOUTHS**

SHOREDITCH, London, E., St. Leonard. Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (28 cwt.)

5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 James M. Hills *2 Sheila M. Dobbie

3 James A. D. Woolford

5 Stanley G. Ponting
6 Edwin A. Barnett
7 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
8 Dennis Beresford

*First in the method.

LAMBETH, LONDON, S.E., St. Mary.

Sat., July 11, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (17 cwt.) 5184 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stanley Jenner.

1 M. Louise Slater *2 Sheila M. Dobbie

*3 Angela M. Wright

4 Doris E. Colgate 5 Michael H. D. O'Callaghan

6 Stanley G. Ponting
7 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)

8 Dennis Beresford

*First in the method.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex, Holy Trinity.

Mon., July 13, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (15 cwt.) 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Norman Smith. Reginald V. Johnson

M. Louise Slater

3 Janet House

4 Sheila M. Dobbie

5 Stanley G. Ponting
6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)

Walter H. Dobbie

8 Tom Page

SALEHURST, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (16½ cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Peter Beresford

*2 Sheila M. Dobbie

3 Joan Beresford 4 Walter H. Dobbie

5 Edwin A. Barnett 6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor) 7 David D. Smith

8 Dennis Beresford

*100th peal.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD GREASLEY, Notts, St. Mary.

Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (13½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES *1 Tony M. Ford

2 P. Mary Beach †3 Barbara Hooks

*4 Margaret A. Eyre
5 William L. Exton (Conductor)

th Helen M. Simpson

7 Dudley Coulson 8 Donald J. Beach

*First peal. †First of Grandsire Triples.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (6½ cwt.) 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by G. Hughes.

William L. Exton

2 David Stainsby

*3 Harold Dobbin

4 Brian J. Bull

5 Melvyn A. Rose 6 Anthony E. Clayton 7 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

8 G. Ronald Edwards

*First inside.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HOOE, Sussex, St. Oswald.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (111 cwt.) 5040 SHIPWAYS PLACE BOB DOUBLES (42 extents.)

1 Frederick J. Lambert

*2 David R. Reed

3 Alan R. Baldock 4 Thomas M. Barlow

†5 Ian V. J. Smith (Conductor) *First on five. †100th peal. First in method by all and for the association. For

Patronal Festival.

FLETCHING, Sussex, SS. Andrew & Mary. Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr 35min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 Cambridge Surprise, 2 each

St. Clements and Plain Bob).

*1 Douglas P. Snoswell 2 Janet M. Percy

3 Betty Percy 4 Jacqueline M. Neal 5 Thomas M. Barlow

6 Stephen J. Crawley (Conductor)

*First in more than one method. Rung after meeting short for Major.

SUFFOLK GUILD

HOLLESLEY, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 3hr. (17 cwt.) 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR Composed by S. H. Wood.

1 Rev. Brian Redgers 2 Katharine M. Thorley

3 J. Martin Thorley

4 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

*5 Kelvin Dakin

6 Robert J. Southgate
*7 Roy W. Lockwood
8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)
*First of Major. For the Flower Festival.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

LANSALLOS, Cornwall, St. Ildierna.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (12½ cwt.) **5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

(Parker's 6-part.)

*1 Trevor Hillman †2 Janet S. Evans 3 John F. Steere

4 Anthony Locke 5 Wilfred C. Boucher

6 F. Malcolm Bowers

7 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor) 8 Anthony J. Davidson

*First peal. †First on eight inside. On the occasion of the centenary of his birth in honour of William Pye, who rang his last peal as conductor in Cornwall—London Surprise Major at St. Stephen-in-Brannel on September 22, 1934.

ST. CLEMENT, Cornwall, St. Clement.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (93 cwt.) 5040 ST. CLEMENTS COLLEGE BOB

MINOR 1 Anthony J. Davidson

*2 T. Neil Hitchens

†3 Janet S. Evans

4 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor) 5 F. Malcolm Bowers

6 Alan Carveth *First of Minor. †First of Minor inside. First on the bells since augmentation.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire, St. Michael.

Mon., July 6, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (11 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Composed by H. Hubbard Michael Goss

2 Philip G. Taylor 3 Lynette M. Holbrook

4 Peter L. Furniss 5 David M. Goss

6 Geoffrey K. Dodd 7 Robert J. Crocker (Conductor)

8 Christopher F. T. Kendall

First of Triples as conductor. A wedding compliment to Francis Kewell and Joan Aldridge; also for the centenary of the church.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

STUDLEY, Warwickshire, St. Mary.

Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 methods: Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

1 Shirley M. Drew *2 John W. Perkins

3 Christopher Pickford 4 Roger H. Hunt

5 Christopher Hims 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor) *First in more than one method.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Yorkshire, St. Matthew.

Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (73 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1 Margaret Warford 2 Robert H. Jordan

3 Christopher J. Easton
4 Christopher N. Grandidge
5 Ronald R. Warford
6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

On the morning of St. Matthew's garden party, Chapel Allerton.

HOWDEN, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (22 cwt.)
5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. Parker.

Norman Chaddock (Conductor)

2 Elsie Chaddock

3 John J. L. Gilbert

4 Neil Donovan

5 M. Alec Beaumont 6 David Nichols

7 Stuart Armeson 8 John N. D. Chaddock For the birth of a daughter to Susan Johnson (nee Chaddock) and the engagement of John N. D. Chaddock and Hilary Wilson.

NON-ASSOCIATION

KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs, St. Mary and All Saints.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (243 cwt.) 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Composed by J. Reeves.

1 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

2 Gordon Land 3 Alec W. Ivings 4 Peter R. Harris

5 Raymond W. Balls 6 Arthur W. Haslop

7 Raymond Smith 8 John E. Coleman

9 Christopher R. Jenkins

10 Reginald M. Virgin

11 William L. Exton

12 Patrick H. Allen All are British Post Office employees.

Handbells

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. HEREFORD, 3 Venns Lane.

Sun., July 26, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (11 in G.) 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.

*†1-2 Elizabeth Wycherley *3-4 Peter J. Wycherley

*5-6 Norman R. Mattingley ‡7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.) Umpire: John F. I. Turney.

*First of Treble Bob in hand. †First of T.B. Major. ‡First of T.B. Major in hand and 25th peal on handbells.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (15 in C.) 5280 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor) 5-6 Roger Baldwin

*7-8 Gerald Penney 9-10 Julia A. Fellows 11-12 Frank C. Price

*First of Cambridge Maximus on handbells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION GRAVESEND, Kent, 13 Meadow Road.

Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (10 in A.) 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by York Green.
1-2 Christopher T. Osenton (Cond.)

3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski

5-6 Trevor A. Cross 7-8 Frank J. Matthews

9-10 Stuart Sandford

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road. Tues., July 21, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (15 in C.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS Composed by Robert B. Smith.

*1-2 Rupert A. Clarke †3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor) 5-6 Peter J. Staniforth 7-8 Alfred Ballard

9-10 David F. Moore 11-12 John W. Bramley

*First of Maximus on handbells. †50th of Maximus on handbells.

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road. Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 24min. (15 in C.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL (6 methods: 1440 Rutland and Wembley, 720

Bollington, 480 Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, 119 changes of method).

Composed by Robert B. Smith.

*1-2 David F. Moore

3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

†5-6 John M. Jelley 7-8 J. David Atkinson

9-10 Gerald Moorhouse *First of Spliced Surprise on handbells. †First of Spliced Surprise Royal in six methods on handbells. First of Surprise Royal in six methods on handbells for the guild.

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

HAMILTON, Ontario, Canada, McMaster University.

Thur., July 16, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (12 in F.) 5120 KENT AND OXFORD T.B. MAJOR

Composed by C. Severn.

1-2 David R. Ingram 3-4 Derek M. Sawyer

5-6 William H. Jackson

7-8 John Owen (Conductor)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

OSSETT, Yorkshire, 33 Kingsway Avenue. Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, Ihr. 32min. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (11 methods: Barnsley, Felkirk, South Kirkby, Kent, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, King-

ston, London Scholars, Oxford).

1-2 Margaret White 3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

To welcome the birth of a daughter, Julia Rachel, to Robert and Gail Cater.

OSSETT, Yorkshire, 33 Kingsway Avenue. Sun., July 26, 1970, 1hr. 32min. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (7 methods: Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars and Oxford).

1-2 Margaret White

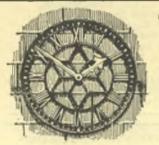
3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

OUTING

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE

Wentworth ringers were joined by friends from Bradfield and Wortley for a tour, by cars, into North-West Lincolnshire. though not met by any local ringers, the tour proved of much use, especially to the learners in the party. The towers visited were at Haxey (a heavy six in a large church), Owston Ferry (a pleasant six from the ground-floor of a beautifully decorated church near the River Trent), Epworth (eight well-toned bells and a church with outward-leaning interior pillars) and Belton (a well-kept ringing chamber). A parish fete was in progress when the party arrived and was still carrying on when the ringing finished! Altogether a pleasant July 11!!



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Editorial

ALL-OR NONE

ABOUT ten days ago the Editor received a letter which expressed the writer's extreme displeasure because a report of a day's outing had been "mutilated" and part used as a separate item in the Gossip columns. The letter concluded: "I do, however, ask that, in future, reports are published in entirety or that you should let me know what alterations you propose—you could then return the cheque that I invariably send, so that I could make what I consider appropriate alterations to that."

Now although we feel certain that our correspondent, who is a ringer and guild officer, held in high esteem by his fellows, did not intend to "blackmail" the Editor, it is necessary, we are convinced, to make clear to all contributors the position regarding reports, articles and letters sent to The Ringing World office.

A donation sent with any item for publication (other than an advertisement) does not carry an automatic right to publication in full, in part or even at all if, in the Editor's opinion, such item is not suitable, although every endeavour is made to give fair and impartial treatment to everything received.

We believe the majority of ringers sending contributions do so to support the production of the ringers' paper, without which the Exercise, as such, could not continue to flourish. We also believe that these contributions indicate that something of interest is found and enjoyed each week somewhere within the columns of The Ringing World.

The Editor, therefore, will not be bribed, blackmailed or coerced into printing reports and items "in their entirety," however large the donation, unless the particular item is to to be printed as an advertisement, when it will appear in the appropriate section.

To produce a paper which embraces every part of the ringing Exercise is the aim of the R.W. Committee, and the Editor's job is to ensure that the reader gets a balanced and interesting weekly journal. We ask all our contributors to bear with us and to be patient, and if they feel that to cut their particular contribution would, in their opinion, be detrimental to its contents, it should be headed "ALL—OR NONE," when it would receive the appropriate treatment.

We hope all readers will continue to send contributions, large and small, to help in the difficult task of keeping the accounts out of the red, particularly in these days of rising costs, and to try to understand the difficulty of cramming 28 pages of news into a 20-page paper.

The ring of bells at Georgeham, North Devon, have been overhauled and a quantity of steel angle which had deteriorated through lack of painting has been replaced. In addition, the bells at Somerton, Som, are being augmented to eight and the two trebles are expected to be installed by the end of August. Both these jobs are being carried out by Mr. A. Fidler, of Bow, Devon.

Belfry Gossip

We are delighted to hear that George Symonds (95 last July 11) and Charles Sedgley are in "pretty good health."

Ringers from Middlesex called at Holsworthy during a tour of the West Country, according to a report in The Western Times of August 14.

Commenting on the good reporting of the handbell rally a few weeks ago, a correspondent suggests that name or initials should be added, so that an assessment of the comments could be made.

The Editor acknowledges receipt of Annual Reports from the Middlesex County Association and the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

New Method this week is Stonehenge Surprise Major at Urchfont, Wilts, conducted by A. R. Pink. First-time Conductor: Michael J. Belcher (15).

If any ringer visiting Weston-super-Mare left a cardigan in the tower, please contact M. Legg at Drove Farm, Locking, Weston-super-Mare.

A quarter peal on handbells was rung by members of S.U.G.C.R. aboard narrow boat "Grebe" in Husbands Bosworth tunnel. They believe this is the first quarter rung in a canal tunnel.

Personal Records: Barry R. M. Johnson (50 peals), Gerald Penney (500), Patrick I. Chapman (500), Edward C. Buckby (50), Sheila M. Dobbie (100), Ivan V. J. Smith (100), Edward J. Chivers (250).

First-peal congratulations to Helen Garside, Valerie Calvert, Tony Ford, Margaret Eyre, Trevor Hillman, Gary Smith (13), Yvonne Singleton (14), Antony J. Singleton, Christine P. Garrod, Philip J. Garrod, Michael R. Davies, Lynn Trevor.

The Western Times announced on August 14 that Mr. W. G. Craddock, a keen member of the Holsworthy, Devon, band, had died. Mr. Craddock learned to ring when he was police-sergeant at Holsworthy, and helped to raise funds for restoration work in 1949.

"The Postmaster is very sorry this packet has been accidentally delayed in the post." This was attached to a letter received on August 17 and postmarked Maidenhead, July 26. Fortunately it did not contain advertisement copy, but six handbell peals and five compositions.

Conducting his father's composition of Cambridge Royal, Mr. Ernest Pye was disappointed that young Ernest (grandson) was unable to stand in at the last moment. The peal was for the centenary of William Pye's birth.

We hear that Peter D. Sell, currently living at Albrighton, Salop, has met with a motor accident and is in Kidderminster Hospital suffering from a broken arm and leg. We hope he will be back ringing soon.

The girls of Simon Langton's Grammar School for Girls in Canterbury have always been able to raise a team among themselves to ring some, if not all, the bells for their annual commemoration service at the Cathedral.

You can help our office accountant, Mr. Charles Lucas, by sending your renewal subscription in promptly when the expiry date is reached. The sending of reminders is expensive as well as time absorbing, and we understand that 70 such reminders were sent out recently.

Martyn Hawkes, of Swindon Village, Cheltenham, sends a new Delight Minor method rung at Tirley, Glos, on July 8. A 720 of Tirley Delight Minor was accomplished by F. Lawrence 1, H. N. Evans 2, B. Spiers 3, J. Clements 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, M. Hawkes 6. —34—16—12—1236—14—36. i.e. 12: 142563.

If "Quasimodo" will forward his name and address to the Editor his letter regarding The Ringing Isle will be published.

Calling all Christophers.—Anyone with this Christian name who would like to attempt a Christopher peal is asked to write to C. D. Corby at 58 Cambridge Street, St. Neots, Huntingdon, PE19 1PJ.

We learn three of the unringable five at Colkirk, Norfolk, have been scrapped, the treble and tenor remaining for chiming. Likewise the eight at Holy Trinity, Burnley, have been scrapped, the treble being kept for tolling, and the eight at St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough, have also been removed with a possibility of breaking up.

Has anyone a record of a peal rung at St. Nicholas', Harwich, between 1948 and 1951 in which a Mr. A. Gow took part (method not known). Please write to the Editor of any details.

If Messrs. W. P. Collins, Castell, Jones, Gascoyne, Miss Bown and Stephen Gregory will re-apply to Mr. N. Chaddock, he can now supply them with the record which they wished to purchase.

Share Our Cotswold Village is the title of a well-printed and attractively-designed folder which was distributed around Great Witcombe advertising a rural display with flowers and bellringing in aid of Witcombe Church Fabric Fund.

Further letters about the Lundy Church and bells have been received from Mr. D. Hughes (of Liss, Hants), Mr. M. F. Waldrop (Winchester), Mr. W. Simmonds (Torquay) and Deborah Bishop (London). The Editor is grateful for their interesting letters.

A Warning from Ireland.—"It has been frightening to visit towers and see ringers, usually new recruits, sitting around the room with crossed legs, one foot swinging within a foot or two of a moving bell rope."—Edmund G. White to Irish Bell News.

In December, 1948, Eckington (Worcs) bells were rehung and augmented to eight, the two new bells being given by Mr. F. R. Perks in memory of his parents. It is very fitting that Mr. Perks should have rung in the first peal on one of these bells, Bob Triples, on August 6, especially as the peal was a wedding compliment to him and his wife.

Four of the young ringers from St. Mary de Lode, Gloucester, with two Barnwood assistants, recently rang two hours' of sponsored call changes which realised £32 towards the interior decoration of their tower. Boring, but lucrative, and a fine effort. (Also excellent practice for striking!—Editor.)

DIAMOND WEDDING

On August 2, 1910, the five bells of the little church of All Saints', Coddington, Notts, rang out for the wedding of Mr. Sam Simpson and Miss Edith Walster. They were rung on that occasion by five of the bride's brothers. On August 2, 1970, there were six bells (a treble was added in 1965) to ring a diamond wedding compliment—a well-struck quarter in five Doubles methods.

Afterwards the band (four locals and two "guests") had the pleasure of joining Mr. and Mrs. Simpson for a piece of cake

and a glass of sherry.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, who live just across the road from the church, are both regular members of the congregation at All Saints' and love the sound of the bells. They open their door on Friday practice night to hear them better. Mr. Simpson was a keen ringer in his younger days, being a member of the band at Cotgrave before moving to Coddington.

D. E. K.

Nottingham University Society. CAMPING TOUR

The Nottingham University Society's summer tour took the form of a week's camping in Worcestershire and Oxfordshire, and 17 towers and three midnight hikes

were enjoyed.

On the first evening we visited Hintonon-the-Green, and the following morning we rang at two towers, Mickleton, where we had to weave our way through a mountain of flowers to reach the belfry, and Moreton-in-the-Marsh. The afternoon was spent in exploring the charming village of Bourton-on-the-Water, where we rang before going on to Winchcombe.

On the first midnight hike we visited another tower, at Broadway (with no bells), at the top of the hill above our camp site, which in daylight commands a view of 13 counties. In the morning we visited Childswyckham, where we rang, and in the afternoon after walking across fields we came to Buckland, where our ringing had to be cut short. In the evening we revisited Broadway tower and rang on handbells

handbells.

On Sunday we rang for the service at Badsey and then went on to ring at the old church at Broadway, which was beautifully decorated for a flower festival. The afternoon was spent at Evesham and later we rang on the beautiful 12.

We moved to a new camp site on Monday at Henley-on-Thames and attended a ringing practice at High Wycombe.

CLAPPER FELL OUT

On Tuesday we rang at Henley where, during the raise, the clapper fell out of the sixth! Nevertheless, a touch of Bob Minor was rung with the tenor covering, and we went on to Checkendon (a pleasant eight). In the afternoon we rang at Brightwell Baldwin and on to Watlington, where we took turns to ring the difficult tenor.

Our midnight hike was somewhat shorter, for it was after the 21st birthday celebrations of one of our company. We visited two towers on Wednesday—Wooburn and Cookham—and then went rowing on the Thames, which is far harder work than ringing! Our last hike took place that night, the tour ending the following day.

Our thanks to Eleanor and Martin (who arranged the tour), to Roz, Peter, Phil and Ferret, who provided the transport, and to the incumbents, many of whom personally welcomed us.

M. H. M.

APPENDIX F The following will bring up to date the Central Council Collection of Surprise Methods as far as the end of 1969. 1. NUMERICALLY ORDERED TABLE A. SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS 1 F Taunton (e) -34.58.14 - 58 - 36 - 14 - 58 - 14 - 1. (b) -36-1456-58-16-12-58-16-5. 2F Osbournby (b)-36-1456-58-36-14-38-12-3. 3F. Alexandria (h) -36-1456-58-36-14-58-36-5. 4F Mattishall -36---16---58---36---12---38.14---14.7. 5F Fairford (b) -38-14-12-1238-12-1258-16-7. 6F Rushden 7F. Tuffley (b) -38-14-12-1238-14-38-12-7. (b)-38-14-12-1238-14-38-1256-7. 8F Bedwardine -38—14—12—1238—14—-38—56—7. 9F. Pershore (b) -38-14-12-16-34-1458-16-5. 10F Dereham (d)-38-14-12-38-14-58.14-14.5. 11E. Falcutt (mx) -38 -14 -12 -38 -34 -38 -36 -1. 12F Buckland 13F. Hunger Hill (f)-38-14-1256-1238-14-38-1256-3 (b) 38-14-1258-16-14-1238.56.12.56.7. 14F Elmore (b)-38-14-1258-16-14-38-1234-7. 15F. Lathkill (b) -38-14-1258-16-14-38-1256-7. 16F. Jonah (b) -38-14-1258-16-14-38.12.34.56.7. 17F. Papanui (b) -38-14-1258-16-14-38.12.56-7. 18F. Aswarby 19F. Wareham (b) 38-14-1258-16-14-38.14-14.7. (b) -38-14-1258-16-14-38.56.12.56.7. 20F. Bromyard (b)-38-14-1258-16.34.12.34.1258-16-7. 21F. Wellingborough (b) -38-14-1258-36-14-38.14.36.14.7. 22F. Higham Ferrers (b) -38-14-56-16-12-38-14-3. 23F. Worthington (b) -38-14-56-16-1234-38-16-5. 24F Ingoldmells 25F. Xystus (b) -38-14-56-16-14-38-36-1. (f)-38-14-56-36-34-1258-14-5. 26F. Daisy Hill (f)-38-14-56-36-34-3458-14-5. 27F. Covingham (c)-38-14-56-38-12-38-12-1. 28F. Spilsby 29F. (b) -38-14-58-1236-34-1238-16-7. Xerxes (b) -38-14-58-1236-34-1238-16.34.7. 30F. Artaxerxes (b) -38-14-58-36-14-1238.56.14.56.7. 31F. Omega (b) -38-14-58-36-14-1458-1236-7. 32F. Xennapod 33F. Thatcham (mx)-38-14-58-36-34-38.12.36-1. (b)-38-14-58-36-34-38.56.14.36.7. 34F. Pinxton 35F. (b) -38-14-58-36.12-12.38-16-7. Florence (a)-38-14-58-36.14-14.38-16-1. 36F. Ixworth (e) 38-14-58-36.14-14.38.16-16.5. 37F. Little Bushey Mr. Rusty (b) -38-14-58.12.36-12-38-16.34.7. 38F. (f) -38 -1456 -12 -36 -12 -58 -14 -5. 39F Glevum 40F. Wilby (b) -38-1456-1258-36-14-58-16-5. (c)-38-1456-56-36-14-58-12-1. 41F. Jura -38---1456---56---36---14---58---36---5. 42F. Glamorgan (b)-38-1456-58-16-14-58-1236-5. 43F Tattershall (f)-38-1458-12-36-14-38-34-1. 44F. Ypres (f)-56-14-56-1238-14-58-14-5. 45F Barnwood (b)-56.34.16.58-58.16-34-58-12-1. 46F Harwell 47F. Quethiock (f)-58-14-56-16-14-58.14-14.5. 48F. (1)-58-14-56-36.12-34.58.14-14.5. Bisley (a) -58-14-58-38-34-38.14-34.7. 49F Chalfont 50F. Nempnett Thrubwell (mx)-58-14.58-58.16-12-1258-14-1. (f) -58-1456-12-36.14-14.58.14-14.5. 51F Dorcan (a) -58 -1458 -58 -36 -14 -58 -12 -7. 52F. Treales (c)-58-16-12-1236-12-1258-14-1. 53F. Clent (c)-58-16-12-16-12-1258-14-1. 54F Medway (b) -58-16-12-38-12-1458-14.36.7. 55F. Festinlog (o)-58-16-12-38.14-14.38-1256-7. 56F. Ullswater (d) -58-16-56-16-34-1458.36.12.34.7. 57F. Caversham (mx)-58-16-56-36-14-1258-34-3. 58F Lewisham (d)-58-16-56-36-34-38-1456-7. 59F. Nene (f) - 58 - 16 - 56 - 36 - 34 - 38 - 36 - 3. Hollywood 60F. 61 F. Drighlington (1)—58—16—56—36—34—38.12.36.12.3. (b) 34.58.34.16—12—38—14—58—16—7. 62F. Byron (b) 38-38.16-56-36.14-12.38.16-56.3. 63F. Sonning (a) 58-56.14-56-38-14-58.14-14.5. 64F Tendring (a) 58-58.14-58-36-14-58-56-7. 65F. Dalston B. SURPRISE ROYAL METHODS (b) 30—14—12—30—14—30—14—50—38—9. 66F. Gayton 67F. Thirston (f) -30 -14 -56 -36.14 -14.50 -14 -50.14 -14.5. 68F. Kedleston (b) -30-14-50-16-1270-38-36-70.58.34.16.9. 69F. Ewerby (b)—30—14—50—16—1470—1258—36—70—18—9. 70F. New Gainsborough (b) -30-14-50-16-1470-58-1236-70-18-9. 71F. Isleworth (b) -30-14-50-16-70-18-14-50-1236-9. (b) -30-14-50-36-70-18-16-30-78-9. 72F. Wellesbourne 73F. Bollington (mx)-70-14-12-36-1470-50-1456-50-1456-3. (f) 30-30.14-12-30.14-14.50.36.14.36.1470-18-9. 74F. Warfield

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ENGAGEMENTS

CHAMBERLAIN - MOORE. - Jonathan ex-St. Albans and Lichfield, and Kay, ex-Little Aston, Staffs, announce their engagement from Malawi, Africa. 9474

KING-BLATHERWICK.-The engagement is announced between Andrew Louis Bruce, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. M. King, of Kexgill, Crakehall, Bedale, Yorkshire, and Sandra Eliza-beth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Blatherwick, of Birkin Avenue, Ruddington, Nottingham.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

GADD — BEALE. — The wedding of Miss Frances M. Gadd and Mr. Keith E. Beale will take place on Saturday, September 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, Ash Priors, at 11 a.m. address will be Cinques Cottage, 11 Sampford Brett, Williton, Somerset. No telephone at home but Taunton 7636 Office unchanged.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS
ANDREW BECKWITH, of Ipswich, is now at The Society of St. Francis, The Friary, Hilfield, Dorchester, Dorset.

TOMSETT .- On and from September 1 the new address of Rev. and Mrs. James Tomsett will be The Vicarage, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, Telephone: Axbridge 286. The insti-Somerset. tution and induction is on Monday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. 9470

WILLIAMS .- The address of Frazer and Ann is now 1 St. Chad's Terrace, Shrewsbury, Shrop-shire. Telephone: Shrewsbury 51130. 9494

WOOLFORD .- Jim, Jean and family have now moved to 16 Marshalls Way, Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire. Telephone number: Harpenden 61365

WYCHERLEY. — Michael, Elaine and James have now moved to 73 Braithwaite House, Bunhill Row, London, E.C.1. No telephone.

PERSONAL

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw, when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them."—Ecclesiastes xi, 10.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

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MISCELLANEOUS

ABERYSTWYTH.—Any ringers coming up to University College of Wales, or College of Librarianship, Wales, next session, please contact Hilary Glazebrook, 7 Pensham Hill, Pershore, Worcs, for details. All welcome.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD welcomes all students coming up in September. Practice, St. Mark's, Exeter (on A38), Thurs., 6.30-8 p.m. Contact Maureen Gardner, Haldon, Birks (University), John Anderson (St. Luke's), Stephen Dando (Rolle), for more information. 9486

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Eastern Branch.-Would members interested in going on the proposed outing to Loughborough on Sat., Sept. 26, please contact the secretary.-N. C.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Eastern Branch. - Until further notice the branch general/Surprise 8/10-bell practice will be held at Beccles on the third Wednesday of each month.-N. C.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—There will be no ringing at Putney from today until 8.45 a.m., September 13, thence as usual.—M. J. Uphill, captain, 14 Charlwood Road, S.W.15.

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—The first practice of Michaelmas Term will be held at St. Brandon's, Brancepeth, on Thursday, October 8. First-years will be especially welcome. For further details contact Gwen Bidgood, 10, Heol Cattwg, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 1JQ.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD .-Evening meeting, Friday, August 28, at Hever (6). Bells 7-9 p.m. Names to C. A. Bassett, 3 Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, for outing and please support the Croydon Festival on Sept. 12.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- S.W. District .- Evening meeting, Romford, Sept. 12. Ringing 6-8 p.m. September's weekday practice at Waltham

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Chertsey District.—Practice meeting at Egham, Sept. 5th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Sausage supper after. Notification to ensure food supplies to Mrs. D. Parsons, 8 The Retreat, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey, by Sept. 2nd.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Branch practice, Eynsham (6), Wed., Sept. 2.—E. Venn, Branch Sec. 9491 LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Evening meeting, Sept. 5, Gilmorton, ringing only. Bells 6-8.30 p.m. Everyone very welcome.—Ron Hughes.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - S. and W. District.—Evening practice, St. Mary's, Staines, Fri., Aug. 28, 7.45–9.15 p.m. Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Mon., Sept. 14, 8-9.30 p.m.—C. H. R.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO-CESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, St. Peter's, Curdridge, Mon., Sept. 7, 7.30 till 9 p.m. Methods: Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wisbech District.-Meeting, Hilgay, August 29th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Everyone welcome. - D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Western Branch.—Meeting, Holkham, Sat., Aug. 29. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please bring own tea. Wells (8) available after business meeting.

D. S. Parry, Dis. Sec. 9430
SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting, Sat., Aug. 29th. Asfordby (6), 3.20–4.45.
Melton Mowbray (10), 6–8.30. Own tea arrangements. Those requiring transport or with transport available from Nottingham contact D. Stainsby (Nottingham 233506).

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District). -Joint meeting at Leatherhead on August 31st. Ringing 15.00. Service 16.30. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Robinson, 32, Gatesden Road, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey (Tel.: Leatherhead 4333), please.-J. A. L. 9423

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. - IIchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Stoke-sub-Hamdon (6, 17 cwt.), Sept. 5. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6. Meeting 6.30. Bells 7-9 p.m.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, West Coker 208. 9412

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Bedford District. — Meeting, Sat., Sept. 5, Wilden (5), 3.30-5 p.m. Keysoe (5) from 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.-C. M. Payne

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. competition at Harbury on Sat., Sept. 5th. Teams will be notified of the times they are to ring in the afternoon. Tea 5 p.m. and service after tea. Further ringing after the service (6.30, approx.).
Names for tea by Sept. 2nd, please. — H. M. Windsor, 5, Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa (Harbury 504). (Further copies of the entry form can be obtained from the secretary.)

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. - Western Branch. - Monthly meeting, Sat., Sept. 5, Irton (8) (near Holm-rook). Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All names for tea to Miss I. GraghIII, 2 Mountain View, Irton.—D. T. Sim, Sec. 9487

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- likeston District. — Meeting, Ashover, Derbys (8), Sat., Sept. 5, 3.30 p.m. Picnic tea. Ringing in the evening until 8 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. -Ringing meeting and A.G.M., St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle, Sat., Sept. 5, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Robson, 15 Albemarle Avenue, High West Jesmond, Newcastle, 3NO.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bridgmorth Branch.—Meeting, Cleobury Mortimer, Sept. 5.
Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. A. Osbaldiston, Kinder,
Pinkam Lane, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Worcs, by Sept. 3.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Ashford District.—Meeting, Woodchurch, Sat., Sept. 5. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mr. H. Wilkinson, 81 Front Road, Woodchurch, near Ashford, Kent, by Thurs., Sept. 3.—A. P. S. B. 9500 9500

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting, Sat., Sept. 5, Meopham (note change of venue). Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Pellett, 32 Brattle, Woodchurch.—D. P. L. 9485

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. Monthly meeting, Sat., Sept. 5. Ringing at Hindley (8) 3-5 p.m. Special method: Bristol. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing, Coppull (6), 7.30-9 p.m., mainly for beginners. All very welcome.—C. D'Aeth, Hon. Sec. 9511

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch. - Meeting, Haxey, Sat., Sept. 5. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Names for tea by previous Tuesday.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623.

LINCOLN GUILD. - North Lindsey Branch. Meeting, Burton-on-Stather, Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those notifying Mr. P. Barnes, "Britannia", Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scun-thorpe, by Tuesday, Sept. 1st. 9477

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. —Meeting at Alford on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. J. I. Smith, 14 Commercial Road, Alford, by Sept. 1st. — R. Reynolds (Mrs.), Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. - Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Baston on Sat., Sept. 5. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea Sept. 5. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Broughton, 119 Main Street, Baston, near Peterborough, by Mon.
August 31st.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 943 9434

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Sept. 5, Bratton. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss W. Skinner, 11 Court Orchard, Bratton, near Westbury, Wilts.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY .- Meeting, Whixley, Sat., Sept. 5 Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. J. H. Mann, Plot 12, Main Street, Kirk Hammerton, York.—L Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Sat., Sept. 5. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Picnic tea.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD .-Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Ringwood, Sat., Sept. 5. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. In Old Hall, Ringwood. Sopley bells available evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Collins, 82 Northfield Road, Ringwood, BH24 1ST, by previous Wednesday, please. — Gilian Davis, Dis. Sec. 9512

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Cambridge District) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIA-TION (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Sept. 12, Guilden Morden, 3-4.30. Service, tea, short business meeting for Cambridge District members; evening ringing, Litlington. Tadlow (3) also available 3-3.45.—J. S. 9432 9432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - South Eastern District. -- Meeting at Goldhanger, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.-R. J. H., Dis. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Quarterly ringing meeting, Porthkerry, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, very short business meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.--lolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., The Grammar School, Cow-9374

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. -Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Sept. 12, Almondbury.
Bells (8) 3-5 p.m. and after meeting. Tea 5 Names for tea to Mr. A. B. Sullivan, 11 Rowley Drive, Lepton, Huddersfield, by Tues. Sept. 8 .- A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec. 9505

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- First annual county striking competition, St. George's Church, Gravesend, Sat., Sept. 19. Draw for order of ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea tickets 4s. each, obtainable from Miss L. Seton, 1 Ashwood Place, High Street, Bean, Dartford. Remittance and s.a.e. with order, please. --- A. P. S. B. 9499

ST. NICOLAS, NORTH STONEHAM. HAMPSHIRE DEDICATION OF A PLAQUE in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis will take place during Matins (11.15 a.m.) on Sunday, August 30. Ringing from 10.45 a.m.

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Monday, August 31st, 1970 From 2 to 6 p.m.
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Service ringing, 9.30 for 10.30 a.m. and for the Festival of Five Candles, 5.30 for 6.30 p.m. All are welcome.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch) BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The branch striking competition will be held at SPROTBOROUGH on Saturday, September 12.

The draw will take place at 14.30 on that day at Sprotborough. Will all conductors of teams intending to enter please send NAMES OF TEAMS to A. C. Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US, by Sat., Sept. 5. This is essential in order to complete all arrange-ments. NAMES FOR TEA (OTHER THAN THOSE RINGING IN TEAMS) should be sent to Mr. E. Short, Kathlyn, 310 Melton Road, Sprot-borough, Doncaster, by Wed., Sept. 9, at the latest .- A. C. Banton, Branch Sec.

> ADVANCE NOTICE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION EARLSHEATON BELLS

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Saturday, September 5th, 1970.

Service 4 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Tea tickets (3/6 each and children 10 years or under 2/- each and c.w.o.) to be obtained by Saturday, August 29th, from Mr. R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough.

Details of ringing arrangements (24 towers) will be sent to all those applying for tea tickets. Ringing stewards will be in attendance at all towers.—E. Billings, General Secretary.

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		°(3.15-4.30)	

6.30-8.0 Powick; Leigh; Malvern Link; Malvern Priory

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District —Evening meeting, Longstanton, Sat., Sept. Bells (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m. 95

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch. —Meeting, Ruskington, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Ewerby bells (10) available from 7.30 in evening. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, 56 Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by Wednesday previous.—G. R. P. 9530

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. -Monthly meeting, Conisbrough (8), 3.30-5 p.m., and Doncaster (8), 6.30-8.30 p.m., Sat., Sept. Own arrangements for tea. - R. Fletcher,

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Car tour, Sept. 5, Badwell Ash, 3-3.45 p.m.; Gt. Ashfield, 4-4.45; Rickinghall, 6-6.45; Redgrave, 7 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD. - South East District. -Quarterly meeting, Holbrook (6), Sept. 12, 2.30-4.30, followed by service, tea and meeting. All names for tea to Mrs. Bertha Hardman, Swalows, Ipswich Road, Tattingstone, Ipswich, not later than Wed., Sept. 9. No names, no tea. Hoping for Stutton bells in the evening.—W. L., Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Western Branch.—Practice meeting will be held at Leigh on Sat., Sept. 5. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service on Sat., Sept. 5. Bells (6) Irolm 3 p.m. Service
4.30, followed by tea at the Vicarage (if wet,
tea will be in the Village Hall). Powick (6)
available from 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, to
Mr. C. E. Brooks, Brooklands, Coles Green, Leigh Sinton, Worcester, not later than Wed., Sept. 2.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec. 9522

PRELIMINARY NOTICE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS SNOWDON DINNER

Saturday, October 31, 1970 Arcadian Hall, Barnsley. Arcadian Hall, Danieley, Book the date. Further details shortly. 9528

GOLDEN WEDDING

MR. and MRS. ARTHUR R. TUDBALL Tuesday, August 11, 1970, marked the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tudball, Dunster, Som. Arthur has been a member of the Dunster band for 55 years, for many of which he was tower captain. He was secretary for a number of years of the Dunster Deanery Branch and he is a life member of the Bath and Wells Association, and has always shown infinite patience in instructing learners. Not a prolific peal ringer, he would probably be proudest of the peal of Stedman Triples at Dunster in 1950 by an entirely local band. He is of the second generation of a family of ringers at Dunster and the tradition is now carried on by a third and fourth.

Outside of ringing Arthur is a skilled sign-writer and peal boards decorating a number of local towers are evidence of this. He has been secretary of the local court of the Ancient Order of Foresters for many years and has served the parish church in numerous ways.

Mrs. Tudball does not ring but has served the village community in more ways than could be listed. Any local function has seen her giving assistance in some way or another

Mr. and Mrs. Tudball are the type who make the backbone for village life. They have always given generously of their time and energy. Long may they continue to grace the village with their presence.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for August 24, 1945.

The Dean of St. Albans banned a civic service and victory peals at the Abbey as a sign of disapproval of the use of the atomic bomb.

A long letter was printed from Alan R. Pink on the ringing position—towers, ringers, etc.—in Australia.

Mr. Ernest Morris wrote about the splitting up of the Midland Counties Associa-tion and of the future membership of the paid-up members.

Edwin Barnett, at Crayford, Kent, rang the second to Stedman Triples, his 500th

peal.

Four first peals were scored (Grandsire Triples) at Dunster by Nolan Dibble, George Maidment, John Tudball and Ernest Payne, whilst Arthur Tudball rang his first inside.

The leading article wrote about the six long years of war which ceased this weekof the problems of the future, but also of

the strength and interest in the Exercise.

Two peals of Double Norwich by the same band—on the same day—one at Brenchley, Kent, and the other at Marden, Kent.

John R. Mayne rang his first peal (Cambridge Major) on the 2nd at Ufford. Suffolk.

At Grayshott, Hants, Harold A. May and Raymond A. Clist both rang their first peal of Major, whilst at Burnham, Bucks, Ronald C. Noon rang his first peal of Triples.

50 YEARS AGO August 27, 1920.

Encouraging young conductors was the editorial comment which criticised the attitude adopted in some towers, where a bob caller in a tower was determined to maintain his position to the exclusion of all others.

Ten handbell peals, nine conducted by A. H. Pulling and one by R. Richardson, were rung during a holiday in Surfleet, Lincs. Six were of Plain Bob and four of Grandsire, and the places included a rowing boat on the river, the fuselage of an aircraft, a cornfield, a bulb shed and a cricket field. (Walter Eyre rang in eight of the peals.)

A peal of Stedman Triples at Erdington was rung to celebrate the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston.

Grandsire Triples at Hillingdon was conducted by William Welling after meeting short for Stedman.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had the work in hand for recasting the 13 bells at London's Royal Exchange.

Under a heading "Three Peals in 190 Years," a report stated that at Ellesmere, Salop, a peal in 1730 contained a ringer named Langford, whilst in 1894 R. D. Langford, sen., rang, the conductor being R. T. Holding. Again, in 1920, R. D. Langford, jun., took part with R. T. Holding also ringing.

At Hemingbrough, Selby, Yorks, a board was unveiled recording all the peals rung on the bells—six peals in all. A local ringer, Mr. William A. Hudson, carried

out the work and presented it.

Hoylandswaine, Yorks, where Barnsley
Association held a meeting is near, yet
seemed to escape the dust and smoke of the mines which surround Barnsley.

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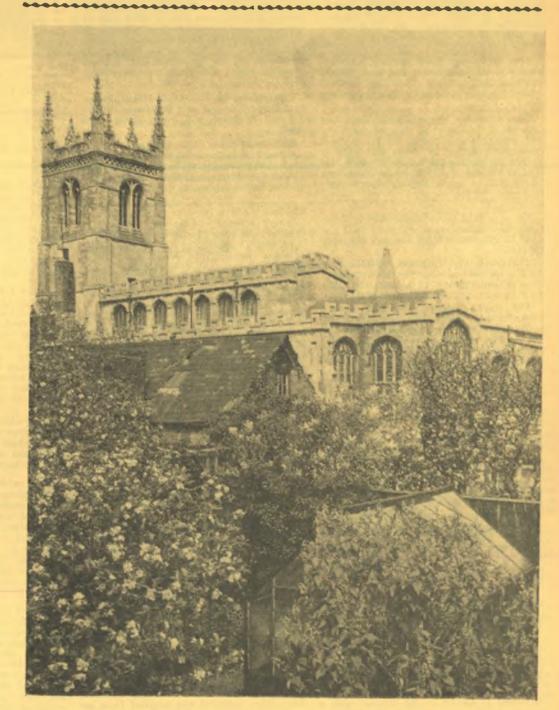
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St. Martin,
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ST. MARTIN was born about A.D. 315 in Sabaria in the Province of Pannonia in the Roman Empire, now the village of Szombat

At the age of 18 he enlisted in the Roman Army and, like his father, soon rose to officer rank and was then issued with a magnificent white cloak, part sheepskin, worn over close-fitting armour, as his uniform.

While still a young officer he was posted at Amiens on garrison duty, and one bitterly freezing winter's day he took compassion upon the cries of a poor beggar, shivering with cold, who arrived at the gate where he was on guard. He cut his cloak in half with his sword and gave one half to the beggar.

That night the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him in a vision and said: "Know ye who hath arrayed Me? My servant, Martin, though not yet baptised, hath done this."

Soon after this Martin was baptised, and later on at the age of 40 resigned the Army and entered the ministry. In 371 he was consecrated Bishop of Tours and lived to govern his diocese for nearly 30 years. He died at the age of 82. It is, therefore, very fitting that so many English churches are dedicated to the memory of this soldier saint.

The original Church of St. Martin, Stamford, was built between the years 1133 and 1147 by Martin de Vecti and was destroyed in 1461.

The present building was built between 1480 and 1484 during the episcopate of John Russel, Bishop of Lincoln, St. Martin's then being in the Diocese of Lincoln.

The church comprises a fine western tower, exterior walls with embattled parapets, a nave with clerestories and north and south aisles prolonged to flank the tower (with vestries for clergy and choir formed by modern screens). A spiral staircase leads from the choir vestry to the ringing and bell chambers, where hangs the ring of six bells with a tenor of 14 cwt. 10 lb., cast by C. and G. Mears (London) in 1850; they were tuned and rehung in the old oak frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1928.

Several peals have been rung here, the first in 1897 by the St. Martin's Scholars, conducted by Rev. H. Law James, who was curate at the church at that time.

On April 28, 1951, the Marquess and Marchioness of Exeter sat for over an hour and listened to a peal being rung by the local band to commemorate their golden wedding anniversary. It was conducted by John H. Bluff, who later framed a record of this and it stood on a table in the main entrance to Burghley House until the Marquess died in 1956. It now hangs in the belfry of St, Martin's.

The font is possibly from the original church. The panels of the octagonal bowl are carved with window tracery design of the early 14th century.

Passing down the centre aisle we see on the north side of the chancel the Burghley Chapel, where the magnificent monument to Sir William Cecil, Lord Burghley, K.G., Lord High Treasurer of England, stands. It is richly carved and painted and Lord Burghley is shown in his armour with a mantle bearing on the left shoulder the badge of the Order of the Garter, his head

on a pillow of gold brocade, his wand of office in his right hand and a lion at his feet.

On the east wall is a memorial tablet showing the family crest of William Thomas Brownlow, 5th Marquess of Exeter, K.G. (who died in 1956), over which hangs his banner as a Knight of the Garter. During his lifetime it hung over his stall in St. George's Chapel, Windsor. The chapel is still used by the present Marquess and Marchioness of Exeter.

On the south wall of the south aisle is a memorial to Henry Fryer, of St. Martin's, Stamford Baron, who died in 1823 aged 61 years; having through life been a friend to the poor, he finally devoted to their use the bulk of his estate. He was the founder and benefactor of the Stamford and Rutland Hospital, which was opened on August 5, 1828.

The present parish of St. Martin, Stamford Baron, includes also St. Martin's Without and Wothorpe and covers about 1,700 acres

Stamford Baron has had an entirely separate history from the town of Stamford itself, being outside the town walls. The church was transferred to the newly-formed Diocese of Peterborough in 1541.

Before we leave all the dignity of St. Martin's mention must be made of Daniel Lambert, a native of Leicester, who died in Stamford on June 21, 1809, aged 39 years.

He was a great figure indeed, but hardly dignified. In the separate churchyard south east of the church is a monument erected as a testimony of respect by his friends in Leicester: it records that he was possessed of an exalted and convivial mind and in personal greatness had no competitor. He measured 3 ft. 1 in. round the leg, 9 ft. 4 in. round the body, he was 5 ft. 11 in. in height and weighed 52 stone 11 lb. A painting of the man hangs in the George Hotel, Stamford.

Visitors to Stamford will enjoy seeing the architectural features of this Church of St. Martin and the other churches in the small country town and to read some of the historical associations connected with it.

J. H. BLUFF.

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bell from Sandhurst. Permission was obtained to use tape recordings of bells and to sell the Central Council Handbook for Beginners (and a number were sold). Forms were also available for those interested in "having a go" to fill in, and these have been sent to the nearest tower with bells for action. We may have obtained a few recruits in this way.

Within a short time we learned that the village of Great Witcombe was having an open week-end to raise money for the church roof. There was to be ringing, alternating with organ recitals, every half-hour all day Saturday, and on Sunday until Evensong. David Pobjoy organised this, and at least 70 different ringers from neighbouring towers, besides the local band, took part. We asked permission to put a few posters at the back of the church, and finished up with a large exhibition in a garage, which was visited by at least 500 people over the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. And we sold a number of handbooks and obtained names of several who want to learn more.

Both exhibits were basically the same—books, photographs, copies of The Ringing World, model bells and posters setting out why and how we ring. There can be no doubt about the good which all this has done, and many asked if we could do something to get their bells ringing again. One lady was disappointed — she had never heard the bells of her church, and it turned out this was because the church had no hells!

Visitors came from places as far apart as Cornwall and Northumberland, from the East Coast and from Wales. Other associations might well make up an exhibit for use in local church events—ours is going to Coalpit Heath later this year. The exhibition at Witcombe was manned during the whole of the time by the hon. secretary, his wife and the association chairman, whilst at the Cathedral the young members who set it up had a rota, several being present for the times of opening. C. R.



London County Association.

IN RUTLAND AND NORTHANTS

Early in July the members of the London County Association left South Kensington for Rutland and Northamptonshire. The day started off rainy but by the time coffee was taken at Stamford the weather had improved and it remained hot and sunny.

At the first tower, Oakham, the eight

bells were rung, while a few were able to take a quick look at the nearby "Horseshoe Hall." It was a short ride to Somerby, to a reunion with the Stimpsons, who, with a few helpers, had prepared a magnificent lunch in the village hall—all home-cooking and Stilton cheeses. With great difficulty the coach load was persuaded to move on to the ten at Melton Mowbray, and then to Kettering, where the stallholders in the market square had already heard sufficient

ringing for the day with a wedding earlier in the afternoon. After tea at Bedford we rang the ten at St. Paul's, where some of the best ringing of the day included Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

Our thanks to the organiser, Frank Udall, the incumbents and tower captains of the churches visited, and the ladies who prepared the mammoth spread for a 50-seater coach party.

A. S. B., D. B.

WESSEX PEAL WEEK

This year the Wessex ringers donned warm clothes and went north to Nottingham (Midlands, some tell us, but North for us). We were truly a band of Wessex ringers with members from Devon, Somerset, Dorset and Hampshire, and we decided to ring the peals for the guild to which all belonged—Salisbury.

On July 26 we assembled in Nottingham and rang for Evensong at St. Peter's. The first peal attempt was at Radcliffe-on-Trent, where Lincolnshire was scored, and Chris Longridge was congratulated on his first of Surprise Major. The afternoon attempt was at Bottesford, where Bill Perrins was to call London. The first course was so good that when three listeners who had headed for Grantham for afternoon tea, returned, to hear the last hour or so's ringing, they were dismayed to find that the clapper of the third had fallen out during the second course! Three of the party made up the loss with a peal of Bob Minor in hand.

Early on Tuesday we arrived at Bulwell for a peal of Rutland, which was duly scored, David Massey confidently conducting. A hasty snack and on to Ruddington, where Tim called a John Longridge composition to Yorkshire. Another hasty snack and off to Nottingham (St. Peter's) for Bob Dennis to call Cambridge Maximus. Everyone was tired and hungry, especially Graham Elmes, who had rung in all three peals.

COMPLETED THE FAMILY

On Wednesday we rang a very good peal of nine-spliced at Eastwood, which Richard Youdale called from the treble. In the afternoon we continued last year's success by scoring a peal of Stedman Triples at Greasley, which Bob Dennis called from the tenor. Mary Elmes was delighted to ring her first of Triples in the method, so completing the family. We stayed at a

very good hotel near Lincoln and were all fit by the morning and ready for the big job of the week—Louth. Ron Marlow rang the tenor magnificently to Cambridge Major; a very good peal was scored and a triumphant card sent to A. P. C. We then made our way to Lincoln, where Richard Inglis called a peal of Stedman Cinques.

Next morning Tim Collins proved that he could push a tenor as well as the best of them by bringing round four-spliced on the 18 cwt. eight at St. Giles', Lincoln, in under three hours. Katharine Maundrell called a peal of Superlative at Sutton-on-Trent, very appropriate in this well-known ladies' tower. The Misses Burchnall kindly provided tea for the party of 13 hungry West Countrymen (no mean feat) and later we were treated to a wine and cheese party by Richard Inglis.

THE LAST DAY

Too soon it was the last day of the Peal Week, and with 100 per cent. success (apart from the attempt at Bottesford, a failure which was not our fault) we were determined to finish well. The party divided to ring a fast peal of nine-spliced at Balderton and a more sedate but physically harder peal of Yorkshire at Colston Basset. Alas, in the afternoon we spoiled our record, for the attempt for Cambridge Royal at Nottingham (St. Mary's) drifted into a spell of very rough ringing during the second course and was set up. This was a disappointment, but everyone was tired, and the one advantage was that it enabled most of the party to make an early start for home.

The success of the Week has proved that West Countrymen are not so much in the backwoods as once was thought. Thanks are due to Bill Perrins and Richard Inglis for the organisation, to John Blackwood for his good offices in arranging Louth and to all incumbents and ringers, without whose support we should have had no tour.

ULMUS.

KENT RINGERS INVADE N. WALES

The second tour organised by members of the Ashford District got under way at 3 a.m. on Sunday, July 26, when six of the thirteen staggered into the minibus at Rolvenden. By the time we reached Charing, at 4.15 a.m., we were all aboard and amazingly alert for that unearthly hour of the morning.

After a watery breakfast (rain accompanied our journey with a vengeance) and a ring at Chippenham, Wiltshire, we soon arrived in Wales and erected the three tents at Cwmdu in Breconshire.

From this base we set out every morning to travel about 150 miles to visit five towers each day, returning in the evening to relax gratefully in the Farmers Arms!

David and Jenny Manger joined us for Monday and Tuesday nights, cramping our style in the tents and being a great help with the ten- and twelve-bell rings on Tuesday.

Altogether, 24 towers were visited, including the heaviest ring in Wales (Pentre Rhondda) and the one twelve (Newport Cathedral). The ringing achieved quite a high standard, with many Surprise methods being rung.

Non-ringing activities included a climb to the top of a mountain (which was higher than expected!), a visit to a waterfall (which one unfortunate decided to sit in!), much sight-seeing (with great admiration for the fantastic views) and a sing-song in the local (which established our arrival).

Apart from the minibus getting over-

Apart from the minibus getting overheated and having to be pushed over the brow of a particular beacon, and the day we had mushroms for breakfast, the tour was a great success, and our thanks go to our organiser of the tour and the two who did the "pedalling." Our thanks, too, to the incumbents and local ringers of the towers we visited for their co-operation and, most of all—thank you, Wales!

MAD MEN OF KENT (AND MAIDENS).

Southampton University Guild.

WATERWHEEL II

Following the enormous success of Waterwheel '69, 27 members of S.U.G.C.R. once again took to the canals this year aboard "Greylag" and "Grebe," the latter a heroine from Waterwheel '69. However, it soon became apparent that she had recognised her crew, for she showed her disapproval by overheating at regular intervals for the whole of the week!

During the 160-mile journey the band enjoyed ringing at 14 Midland towers.

The trend of weather for the week was set on arrival at the unique double-towered St. Mary's, Rugby, by a torrential thunder/ hail storm. Undaunted, most of the group managed to reach the wharf on time to set off for Norton, the stopping-place for the night, negotiating Braunston locks and tunnel en route.

Most of Sunday was taken up by canalling; the navigation of Foxton and Watford locks and Crick and Husbands Bosworth tunnels, the latter reputedly haunted. "Grebe's" courtesy in allowing "Greylag" to overtake just before Crick tunnel was explained when "Grebe" stopped in midtunnel to allow some of her crew to ring a quarter on the handbells. Foxton tower was visited the same evening.

An early start on Monday morning brought the band to the pleasant eight at Market Harborough by 9 a.m.

Progress to Leicester was difficult. seemed strange that there was a distinct lack of water at the lower level, whilst the summit level was nearly overflowing. Efforts to rectify this were foiled by a British Waterways official determined to defy the Law of Gravity!

Having enjoyed the glorious ring of 12 at St. Margaret's, Leicester (which, incidentally, has an unusual ringers' window), brisk progress was made downstream the Soar to All Saints', Loughborough. Unfortunately, with half the band stranded on board a rather sick "Grebe" outside Loughborough, the remainder were not able to do justice to these fine bells.

Thence to the Taylor foundry, where the campanile bells were rung before most of the band were fortunate enough to be taken

on a tour of the foundry.

Owing to the fact that by now "Grebe" had become extremely temperamental as regards movement, an incredibly early start was necessary to arrive punctually at the Burton-on-Trent towers. Even so, some members of the band found a swift walk across the by-pass the only way to arrive on time at Horningblow to ring on the steel bells. All credit is due to the local band who have brought these back into use; they are quite an experience to ring-and listen to! Having visited the three excellent rings at St. Paul's (10), St. Modwen's (8) and All Saints' (6), a sampling of the local hostelry in this brewery town nearly met with disaster when a (female) member of the party requested Newcastle brown ale!

Alrewas was the next port of call and ringing in a variety of methods was enjoyed on the pleasant light eight. The heavy five at Mancetter provided a marked, and exhausting, contrast.

To reach the final tower, at Shilton (a beautiful six), the crew of the obstreperous "Grebe" were forced to "abandon ship" and hitch-hike.

With the two boats supposedly securely moored ("Greylag" later, under dubious

THE 150th CHURCH

The following report appeared in The West Briton on August 3rd, 1970:— St. Clement Parish Church became the

150th church in Cornwall with five or more bells when, on August 2, the Bishop of Truro, the Rt. Rev. J. M. Key, dedicated the two new bells to augment the former ring to six.

The new treble bell is dedicated to the memory of Miss Violet Lash, sister of the vicar of St. Clement, Bishop W. Q. Lash. Miss Lash was an enthusiastic supporter of the bell fund which was begun some 18 months ago.

Now the money required has been raised. and during the Sung Eucharist the six bells rang cut for the first time at Sunday wor-

WALK REALISES OVER £300

The young band of ringers at St. Clement, supported by the vicar and church council, organised a series of fund-raising activities, the most successful being a sponsored walk, which raised over £300.

A bell once at the ruined Merther Church was also used by the bellfounders, and this offset the cost by about £100.

After the service Mr. Alan Carveth, president of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers and a member of the Bell Fund Committee, gave a talk on the advantages of six bells. He welcomed St. Clement tower as the 150th in Cornwall to have five or more bells.

At Evensong visiting bellringers, including some from Wales and Somerset, rang before and after the service, and the preacher was the Rev. A. R. W. Gray, rector of Merther, just across the river

from St. Clement.

The new bells bear the following inscrip-First bell: Remembering "Rabbuni." The second tions: Lash. The second hell: "Come, Lord Jesus." Both bells bear the names: W. Q. Lash, vicar, and A. G. Moor and C. H. Stribley, churchwardens, and the fact that they were cast in 1970 using metal from the bell formerly at

circumstances, untied herself and cleverly pushed herself off into mid-stream), the crews played inter-boat rounders/baseball/ softball with paddle and rolled-up T-shirt.

Next morning, with the list of "sundry articles lost overboard" reaching astronomical lengths, the boats slowly chugged back into Rugby, with their occupants thoroughly satisfied with the guild's second canalling summer tour. J. A. L., G. M. S.

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INVITATION TO RUISLIP RINGERS

The summer meeting of the South and West District on August 1 at Cranford and Heston made for a pleasant afternoon and evening-good weather, a good attendance of members and visitors, a good variety of ringing at both towers, and an excellent tea prepared by the Heston band.

The agenda for the business meeting was not long and was soon disposed of report on the local bands at certain towers, there was good news of progress at Hayes and Stanwell, but it was disappointing to learn that regular ringing at Feltham has ceased. One new member was elected-Mr. Andrew Perryman (Stanwell). Mrs. Elsie Savory invited all to a social evening to be held at Ruislip Church Hall on October 3 in aid of the (very necessary) rehanging of Ruislip bells, and the association master (Mr. T. J. Lock) spoke of the centenary of the birth of William Pye, a past master of the association.

IN NORTH WALES

Mr. Les Wright again organised a very successful tour of North Wales, when several ringers from Rougham tower were joined by others from Beccles, Diss, Ipswich, Elveden, Horringer, Pulham Market, South Lopham and Thetford, and by friends. The first stop was Lutterworth for lunch and the first belfry visited Llangollen. Mr. Nefound met the ringers and several Major methods were rung. The party then travelled to the Hall of Residence, Nouad Emerys Evans, Bangor, University. Saturday was a lovely day and the party

went by the coast route to St. Mary's, Rhuddlan, ringing the six bells there. then went to Ruthin and were joined by Mr. Millward and two other ringers from Buckley tower, who assisted us on our way and joined in the ringing. After lunch Mr. Millward piloted us to St. Mary's, Mold, when the six were rung. Here, too, John Otley was successful in gaining access to the organ, and whilst the bells were heard from without the organ was enjoyed within.

At the next belfry, St. Cynfarch, Hope, Miss Margaret Price met the ringers, and following tea at Wrexham all ringers were taken to St. Giles', Wrexham, to ring in the only 10-bell tower of the tour. The best tower of the day was St. Matthew's, Buck-ley, and we were surprised to see a Norfolk ringer, Ernie Mastin, awaiting us. He had been ringing there that afternoon on a university tour.

The last visit that day was to St. Deinol, Hawarden, where Gladstone's tomb and memorial garden are situated. Mr. Ames met the ringers and Nouad Emrys Evans Hall was reached very late that night.

On Sunday the party attended service at St. David's, Bangor, and afterwards climbed the steps and rang Major methods. Later they visited Snowdon, some making the

train trip to the top.

Monday we travelled via the coast road, first stopping at a church without bells at Bodelwyddan, noted for the marble work and rich carvings, which was well worth while. The only belfry this day was St. Mary's, Flint. After lunch we stopped for some time at Llandudno and returned to Bangor early that evening for an enjoyable social evening.

Next morning the party expressed thanks to Les Wright for his organisation and he was presented with an electric drill.

We made a pleasant homeward journey, stopping at Wellington for lunch and Newport Pagnell for tea. Most of the party are looking forward to another tour in 1971.

WILLIAM PYE IN CORNWALL By CANON A. S. ROBERTS

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd's interesting article on William Pye and the reference to his last peal at Heavitree in September, 1934, at once reminded me that this was rung on his way home after a tour in Cornwall, which was a memorable one for members of the Truro Guild for several reasons. William Pye had first come to Cornwall in 1913 on a tour which must have brought several disappointments to the band. Illness near Kenwyn Church prevented a peal attempt there and the time was spent "seeing the sights of Truro" (Ringing World report) until 8.15 p.m., when "we were allowed to sample the Cathedral bells with a few touches." A peal was not permitted. Compensation for these disappointments was a second peal at Kea the next morning, starting soon after 6 a.m. so that the band could get to St. Andrew's, Plymouth, for a later attempt and yet another disappointment as the clapper dropped out of the 9th. Five peals had been rung in Cornwall, but these were credited to the Devon Guild, the methods being Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London. In this party was A. W. Brighton (referred to by Mr. Shepherd), whose business many years later used to bring him to Cornwall most summers. His enthusiasm and help was always a tremendous encouragement. This little man was amongst the cleverest of ringers and one can well imagine why William Pve included him in his peal bands. He had many stories to tell of their activities together both on tower- and handbells as well as of his early days in Norwich, where he had learned to ring with J. Armiger Trollope. Although being such

a great ringer he was at home with the HIS LAST TOUR

humblest.

William Pye revisited Cornwall on a tour in 1934, which proved to be his last. It was a pleasure to help with the arrangements on behalf of Charles T. Coles, who was the correspondent. General excitement prevailed in Truro, for touring bands came so infrequently some 30 to 40 years ago, in fact the previous tour in Cornwall was eight years earlier, in 1926, when George R. Pye was one of William H. Fussell's band, and he came again with his brother William. The 1934 tour began at Yeovil on Saturday, September 15, with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal—the first of Surprise Royal for the Truro Guild. The first peal in Cornwall was at Ladock the next afternoon, Sunday. I cycled out next afternoon, Sunday. I cycled out from Truro to greet the band and to listen to Bristol. Later we were joined by our visitors at the Cathedral for our Sunday evening ringing. Thus it was the tour began and during the week ten peals were rung as well as help given at local practices, but the highlight of this was when four of the Truro band rang their first peal of Stedman Triples at Kea with C. T. Coles, G. R. Pye, Gabriel Lindoff and R. T. Hibbert. This peal and that at St. Mary's, Penzance, were the only two in which William Pye did not ring. He conducted Cambridge Royal at Truro from the tenor, this being his last ten-bell peal and on a bell he had waited 21 years to conquer. On the Saturday morning he conducted London from the tenor at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, where a tablet records this (his last as conductor, I believe) to go on and ring another, his last, at Heavitree later in the day. It was in Cornwall that the last big programme in a great career was achieved.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. IN LONDON

A party of ringers from the Peterborough Guild and their friends went on a day's outing to London on August 15, when the day's events started with a visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. We spent a very enjoyable morning with Mr. William Hughes, who showed us every aspect of bell founding from mediæval times right up to the present day. After lunch we visited St. Michael's, Cornhill, to ring on the fine 12 (tenor 42 cwt.), where we managed some quite good ringing despite the weight. The next tower was St. Olave's, Hart Street, and everybody enjoyed the easy-going bells. Following tea we went to St. Clement Danes' in the Strand, where the best ringing of the day took place on the fine ring of ten. The final tower was St. Luke's, Chelsea, where we were met by Mr. John Lott. The bells are a pleasant ring of ten and the youngsters managed them very well.

Our sincere thanks to all tower captains and incumbents for helping us have such an enjoyable day.

A RINGER PARSON IN BOTSWANA

From a founder member of the Roving Ringers, Rev. Alan Butler (of Bourne-mouth), we learn that at an open-air service the bell for his church, Holy Trinity, Gaborones, Botswana, was dedicated. The service was conducted in two languages and was a thanksgiving for the completion and was a trainsgiving for the completion of the church. The bell was cast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and was inscribed: "TLAUG; TLAUG; TLAUG" (Come! come! come!). Fr. Butler is returning to England in September.

SET STANDARD

It is a matter of much interest that 21 years after William Pye's first tour of Cornwall the methods rung, apart from the Stedman Triples, were again the same—Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London, which points in part to the set standard which prevailed up to the last war at least. These men really knew the methods they were to ring with profitable and convincing results. It is interesting, too, that not one peal was more than seven minutes under three hours, whilst at Lanivet (13 cwt.) 5088 Bristol took 3 hours and 12 minutes, Middleton's Cambridge at Penzance 3 hours and 25 minutes, and the Stedman at Kea (12½ cwt.) 3 hours and 12 minutes. This slower and very dignified ringing had its appeal and is perhaps why we remember with gratitude these men of old and what they contributed to the Exercise. When, later, I was a curate at Edmonton, Charles Coles, who was secretary of the Middlesex Association, often talked to me of William Pye and their last tour to-gether in Cornwall. He more than once expressed amazement that he had gone through the tour ringing no less than six tenors (including Truro) when there was ample evidence that he was far from well, and despite this the placing of his bell and the anticipation of a possible mistake was almost "uncanny." The genial and sociable Charles T. Coles, who had organised so many peals and tours for William Pye, passed on very suddenly in 1946. After the war there emerged a new era but many still retain memories of men we knew and what they achieved in so fine a fashion, and not the least amongst them, William Pye.

FIFTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE



Learning to handle bells at the age of 13 (in 1918) was Leslie Thomas Stacey, of Northfleet, Kent, and he was sufficiently accomplished to be able to stand in the victory celebrations at the end of that year.

Today, 52 years later, Mr. Stacey is still ringing the bells at Northfleet and hopes to do so for many years yet, particularly if restoration and augmentation are carried out. Although not a prolific peal ringer, he hopes to be in the first quarter peal attempt after that event.

Leslie rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, in 1923 and has rung but five since, but his record of quarters is innumerable. 'A quarter is quite long enough," he said, "and it doesn't worry me-or the neighbours. I don't travel around much either," he added, "but I look after my own tower and have served a period as captain.

A member of the Kent County Association, Mr. Stacey enjoys the meetings of the Rochester District, particularly when in Northfleet tower. He is now retired from his job as a fitter's mate, is a widower, having lost his wife last year, and has no family. His cheery, homely smile, however, was a welcome in itself to the many visitors who recently visted his beloved tower.

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Letters

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Dear Sir.-In response to a suggestion in the article on page 624 of the R.W. that I should enlarge on the pioneering work of Miss Lumley in connection with lady members, with your agreement I am submitting the following:-

As an old member, I was interested to read the story of this society, and whilst I am pleased to add to the comments already made regarding Miss Lumley's ringing activities, I must confess that memories become rather dim 50 years after the date—to me

at any rate.

Miss Lumley came down from Middle-ham, North Yorkshire, to take up a position in Leeds. The Moorhouses were introduced to her by a mutual ringing friend. Mr. Sherwood, who for a few years rang at St. Michael's, Headingley. She was already a tower bell ringer but expressed a desire to learn handbell ringing. As she was needing somewhere to live, my father seized the opportunity to have four handbell ringers under one roof by offering her accommodation with us.

She was a lady of great determination and quickly picked up the art and rang her first peal of Bob Major on January 9. 1919, which was only the second peal rung by my brother, Malcolm, and me.

Her progress can be judged by the fact that by May 11, 1919, along with the three Moorhouses, she rang the tenor to a nonconducted peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Incidentally, the time taken was 1 hour

Following further peals of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, Major and Royal (one of which was with the late Mrs. Fletcher, then Miss Edith Parker), she conducted a peal of Double Norwich from 7-8-as already mentioned—on the eve of my brother Mal-colm's 15th birthday (he rang 1-2).

I feel, however, that a better performance than this was the peal of Stedman Triples,

in 2 hours I minute, in which she rang 3-4.

Altogether I rang 15 handbell peals with
Olive Lumley, but my only other particular recollection of peal ringing with her took place at the home of Rupert Richardson, Surfleet, in 1920 when, along with Alfred Pulling, Kathleen Jutson and the two Moorhouse brothers, she rang 1-2 to a peal of Stedman Caters, J. W. Moorhouse acting as umpire. By modern standards this would be considered rather slow, taking 2 hours and 44 minutes.

In between practice and peal ringing Miss Lumley also rang with us on a number of occasions at local concerts.

Work and weddings broke up the quartet, Miss Lumley marrying Jimmy Cotterell, a well-known member of the Yorkshire Association. I cannot recall how long they were married but some time after her husband's death Mrs. Cotterell became Mrs. Clement Glenn. Some years ago she died from a brain tumour whilst living at Bramhope. Leeds.—Yours faithfully,

GERALD MOORHOUSE.

Macclesfield.

On a stone in Oxbridge Churchyard (1767):

Bilbie, thy Movements kept in play For thirty years or more, We say. Thy Balance or thy Mainspring's broken, And all thy movements Cease to work.

WILLIAM PYE CENTENARY

Dear Sir, - Little Heath Church, where Bill Pye learnt to ring, was demolished to make way for the "Eastern Avenue" from London to Southend. Just over a mile away at the western end of this road stands St. George's, Barkingside, built at about the time the road was made.

For the centenary of Bill's birth a quarter peal of London S. Major was rung on the bells—an appropriate method for, I understand, it was one of his favourites. It is also appropriate that the church is the nearest to his birthplace with a ring of bells and that our vicar (who built the church), when he was a curate at Romford, knew Bill Pye.

I do not know if Bill ever rang on our four bells (the back four were hung after his death) but perhaps one of our readers could enlighten me.—Yours faithfully,

D. ELLISDON.

AN AMENDMENT

Dear Sir,—In R.W. No. 3094, Aug. 14, 1970, you were kind enough to publish two compositions of Plain Bob Royal submitted by myself. Anyone who has given the 5220 more than a cursory glance will no doubt be confused by the blocks of 5 Home and of 5 Middle.

I should have explained in the accompanying letter that all blocks of five calls were to be called BBSBB, and I offer my sincerest apologies both to you and to anyone who may have been inconvenienced by this omission.—Yours faithfully,

S. NICHOLAS HARROP.

Worsley, Lancs.

BELLS A NUISANCE?

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in your item headed "Bells a Nuisance?" in The Ringing World for August 21, referring to recent correspondence in The Leicester Mercury. As I was directly concerned with this I feel that you would like to know the full story.

The correspondence started with a letter from a newcomer to the village of Oadby (Peter H. Smith), who complained about the bells of Oadby, even when ringing for normal Sunday service. He referred to ringers as being "selfish," "anti-social" and 'pharisaical"

I felt bound to reply to this, which I did, and my letter was followed by another from a lady resident of Oadby; she praised the bells and said she "counted herself lucky to live in a village which still retained a fine set of bells." Her reference to a "set" of bells indicates that she is not herself a ringer.

This was then followed by the letter from "Pancake Bell," which you reproduced in full. I regard this letter as a regrettable piece of sarcastic mud-slinging, the more so because it comes from someone with a good inside knowledge of the Exercise.

In subsequent conversation with fellow ringers (not at Rothley) I said that I would be willing to reply but felt that someone better known and more competent than myself should now do so (I am only a modest 6-bell ringer). We agreed to leave the matter as it was and to see what happened. But so far no one else has replied.

My letter was intended as both a defence of the Exercise and to provide some enlightenment to the non-ringing public who. as we all know, are deplorably ignorant regarding the planting.—Yours faithfully,
J. H. DURANCE. regarding the practice and purpose of ring-

Rothley, Leics.

NOT AT BEDDINGTON

Dear Sir,—Once again we are informed in the R.W. that the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal was rung at Beddington in 1936. This is not correct. Let us give credit where it is due.

The first ever rung was at the Church of St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge, on July 25, 1931, by the Middlesex County Association. The peal comprised 2240 Yorkshire, 560 Pudsey and 2240 Cambridge. It was composed and Pye.—Yours faithfully, JOHN G. NASH. It was composed and conducted by William

London, N.

HISTORIC OLNEY

Dear Sir,—Whilst we still enjoy the right to free speech and (dare I say?) a free Press, it does not require a person to live in a town or village to write about it.

There must be many readers of The Ringing World who have at some time or other rung at Olney-a small market town inside the north-east borders of Bucking-Olney is not only historic for hamshire. its very wide main street with stone houses, but its associations with the poet and hymn writer William Cowper (1731-1800) and John Newton, that other hymn writer (1725-1807) give it an interesting history.

The Cowper and Newton Museum, in the small market place (where Cowper once resided), is a large house to which an entrance fee is charged to go around and see

its contents.

Nearby is the glorious large parish church of SS. Peter and Paul, where the vicar (Canon Ronald Collins) is at this moment appealing for £12,000, mainly for restoration of the steeple, which houses a lovely-toned ring of eight bells (tenor 25 cwt.) Before 1893 Olney had six bells, two trebles then being added. All were put on ball bearings by Mears and Stainbank in 1931, when the Rev. L. E. Gee was

Not only is the church a well-loved place, but its surroundings, with the wide River Ouse close by, make it a beauty spot, with picturesque Weston Underwood, Emberton, Clifton Reynes and Ravenstone within easy

Whenever you sing the hymn "God moves in a mysterious way," think of William Cowper, who wrote it. Equally so of John Newton, who wrote "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" (and a number more). Newton was an ex-slave trader who made friends with William Wilberforce.

Another Olney worthy of whom little is heard was its one-time vicar and writer of church music, Rev. Henry John Gaunt-let, Mus.D. He became organist to his father (of the same Christian names) at the age of nine.

Another event associated with Olney is its annual pancake race every Shrove Tuesday, which dates back many years and is well known everywhere.—Yours faithfully, P. AMOS.

Four juniors from St. Michael's, Mottramin-Longdendale, Cheshire, are in search of a ringing master. Since the master married and moved away the four are only permitted to ring one bell (for the services) and have now to join St. Mark's, Bredbury, for ringing practices. There is a good ring of eight at Mottram and the normal practice night is Wednesday. If anyone can help in any way please contact Miss Rachael Loynes at 196 Mottram Road, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

Alton, Hants. — June 28, 2520 Grandsire Triples: R. Reed 1, R. Stone 2, Miss C. Law 3, C. Chennell-White 4, A. Kersey 5, R. Finch 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, D. Cross 8. First half peal in method 1, 5. For Patronal Festival, after peal attempt failed; also for Alton Festival.

Aldwick, Sussex. — July 5, 1272 Minimus (three methods): M. Leclere 1, Ruth E. Halford 2, P. M. Wills 3, P. Stevens (cond.) 4. Halfmuffled in memoriam Rev. C. H. Mosse, founder of the local church.

Alton, Hants. — July 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Eyre 1, E. Hedger 2, R. Reed 3, G. Noakes 4, A. Kersey 5, R. Corke 6, C. Chennell-White (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. A 21st birthday compliment to A. Kersey; also for Alton Festival.

Arundel, Sussex. — June 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth E. Halford 1, Susan M. Wills 2, R. M. Cox 3, M. I. Davey 4, P. Stevens 5, P. M. Wills 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, Anne Daughtrey 8

Asfordby, Leics. — Aug. 8, 1260 Bob Minor: A. French 1, Mrs. Rowena Cooper 2, J. H. Cook 3, C. E. Cooper 4, R. Looker 5, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 6. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Pollie Hudson.

Ash, Som.—Aug. 12, 1296 Beverley S. Minor: R. M. Julius 1, M. M. Godley 2, H. M. Julius 3, H. P. Sparks 4, F. Priddle (cond.) 5, D. Beaufoy 6. A compliment to David and Iris Hill on the birth of their daughter. Flaine Mary.

birth of their daughter, Elaine Mary.

Ash Priors, Som. — Aug. 10, 1260 Doubles (four methods, two spliced compositions): K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, L. T. Hancock 2, Miss F. M. Gadd 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5, W. J. Berry 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. Fisher, treasurer, Ash Priors P.C.C.

Axbridge, Som. — Aug. 9, 1260 Doubles (six methods): H. Button 1, Marjorie Legg 2, B. Peters 3, G. Prescott (cond.) 4, S. Bendle 5, J.

Baker 6. For Evensong. Ayston, Rutland. — Aug. 15, 1272 Minimus (eight methods): J. A. Ellis 1, Cynthia E. Barnett 2, R. N. Scholes 3, C. J. Groome (cond.) 4.

For Patronal Festival Sung Eucharlst.

Balcombe, Sussex. — Aug. 2, 1260 Grandsire
Triples: S. Wood 1, R. V. Johnson 2, E. S. Laker

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Banwell, Som.—June 27, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: G. Hebden 1, Helen Kirkpatrick 2, P. J. England (cond.) 3, P. J. Hardwick 4, P. H. D. Jones 5, W. S. Rice 6, R. W. Rice 7, T. Chapman 8. First in method 2, 4. Also Aug. 7, 1280 Whalley S. Major: W. S. Rice 1, Heather Kippin 2, Diana Bridle 3, J. R. Taylor 4, P. J. England 5, P. Bridle 6, J. Brain 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8. First by all.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leics.—Aug. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Godwin (first quarter) 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, Lynne Brookes (first inside) 3, P. G. Chambers 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, J. R. Perkins 6. For Evensong.

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Benhall, Suffolk. — Aug. 9, 1380 Doubles (seven methods): R. Peters 1, Ruth Last 2, T. Hughes 3, T. Brock 4, M. Parker (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6. A birthday compliment to 3. First in seven methods 1 and 3.

Bicker, Lincs. — July 15, 1274 Bob Triples: Susan E. Smith 1, A. E. Flatters 2, R. Stephenson 3, H. Barsley 4, G. H. Campling 5, M. J. Belcher 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, P. W. Campling 8. First in method by all except treble ringer. For St. Swithin's Day.

Binsted, Hants. — June 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Bray (first quarter) 1, A. Kersey 2, A. Betsworth 3, C. Chennell-White 4, R. Corke (cond.) 5, R. Winckworth 6. For Alton

Festival.

Blaisdon, Glos. — July 11, 1260 Bob Minor:
Miss P. Southwell 1, Miss S. Cornock 2, D.
Hinde 3, Miss S. Williams 4, D. E. L. Pobjoy 5,
N. Amphlett (cond.) 6. To conclude the village
summer fair. First Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

Bristol. — Aug. 4, Clifton, Emmanuel, 1250 London S. Major: E. T. Lee 1, Susan Moore (first London) 2, P. Dye 3, P. J. England (cond.) 4, J. Brain 5, R. W. Rice 6, W. S. Rice 7, R. G. Edwards 8. Bromley Common, Kent. — Aug. 13, 1469 Glasgow S. Major: J. M. Hills 1, A. R. Patterson 2, M. E. Oram 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, I. H. Oram 5, D. E. Sibson 6, D. P. Smith 7, S. Jenner (cond.) 8. For the 50th anniversary of the first peal by Mr. A. Edward Reeves, of Prestwich, Lancs.

Buckley, Filnts.—Aug. 13, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 1, Mrs. Rachel Collins 2, Mrs. Norah Randles 3, P. Charlesworth 4, G. H. Randles 5, E. Evans 6, D. H. B. Millward 7, D. N. Collins 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Canford Magna, Dorset.—Aug. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: Valma Fry 1, L. H. Pink 2, C. Ridout 3, J. Cornick 4, W. J. Cowling 5, M. W. C. Lawson (first Minor as cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Cacil Ridout.

Charlbury, Oxon.—Aug. 13, 1440 Bob Minor: C. F. M. Collett 1, W. J. Dixon 2, G. J. Collett 3, B. W. Hall 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, T. W. Timms (cond.) 6. 80th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Keyte.

Cheriton, Kent. — Aug. 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Reece (first quarter) 1, Mary Munt 2, Dilys Eastmead 3, A. J. Binstead 4, A. C. Eastmead (cond.) 5, J. Thorne 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Clifford Campion.

Chislehurst, Kent.—Aug. 1, 1260 St. Simon's Triples: K. Gamm 1, S. Gay 2, M. Gay 3, C. Mundy 4, P. R. Butler 5, P. A. Butler 6, T. Lewis (cond.) 7, C. Sims 8.

Cookham, Berks. — Aug. 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Miss M. Halnes 1, Miss M. Blackwood 2, Mrs. C. Miller 3, Mrs. C. Eldridge 4, Mrs. A. Brown 5, E. Eldridge 6, D. Hartley (cond.) 7, D. Rimmell 8. A farewell for Mr. J. Muller (ringing master), going to Ceylon.

Denham, Bucks. — Aug. 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Rogers (first quarter) 1, E. G. Swift 2, Ann Collins 3, K. Vickers 4, H. Bell 5, G. Stiles 6, B. Collins (cond.) 7, G. Harris 8. A wedding compliment to the curate's daughter.

Dewsbury, Yorks.—Aug. 16, 1296 Little Bob Major: Ruth Richardson (cond.) 1, Avis Thompson 2, Esther Sharp (first in method) 3, J. Ineson 4, Jeanne Bottomley 5, K. Ineson 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. For service.

East Hoathly, Sussex. — Aug. 11, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss Terry Riggs (first quarter) 1, D. Snoswell 2, I. O'Reilly 3, R. Kennard 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, C. Nicholson 6. 19th birth-day compliment to 1.

Epsom Common, Surrey.—Aug. 2, 1260 Bob Minor: Rosalind Gibson 1, Adrienne Heyworth 2, S. Warren 3, P. Munday 4, D. Herschell 5, R. Heyworth (cond.) 6. For thanksgiving of fete.

Exhall, Warks.—Aug. 12, 1260 Bob Minor: D. Harrison 1, G. S. Hall 2, T. C. Bonham 3, J. Taylor 4, H. Curtis 5, I. Unsworth (cond.) 6.

Farnham, Surrey.—June 28, 1280 Bob Major: Judith M. Collins (50th quarter) 1, Denise A. Wood (first Major inside) 2, R. Anne Collins 3, A. D. Elsmore 4, S. Meadows 5, P. J. Rowe 6, R. Collins 7, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Filton, Glos. — Aug. 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. M. Morse 1, Miss H. Blount 2, Miss C. Blount (first inside) 3, Miss M. N. Haslum 4, D. C. Haslum (cond.) 5, Miss W. A. Miller 6. A wedding compliment to Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Clutterbuck.

Harby, Leics. — Aug. 10, 1260 St. Peter's Doubles: Elaine Smith 1, A. R. Jones 2, J. C. Allen 3, C. J. Mobbs 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5.

Harlington, Middx. — July 19, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss J. Pole 1, M. S. James (first inside) 2, Miss M. E. Britchford 3, J. W. James 4, J. M. Britchford (cond.) 5, N. J. Gander (first quarter) 6.

Hayes, Middx. — Aug. 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. Britchford 1, F. W. Ellis 2, N. F. Edwards 3, D. G. Pickett 4, A. M. Stacey 5, R. G. Chappels 6, G. Dodds (cond.) 7, P. S. Venn 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. J. Gorse (verger) and Mrs. Gorse.

Headcorn, Kent. — Aug. 4, 1260 Doubles (seven methods): Jane Churchill (first quarter) 1, D. Taylor 2, R. Jean Vidler 3, G. W. Grant 4, N. C. Sheppard (cond.) 5, R. Millidine 6. First in seven methods for all. 51st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grant.

Hersham, Surrey. — July 5, 1272 Little Bob Minor: A. Bailey 1, Mrs. G. Webb 2, J. Bailey 3, Miss A. Anthony 4, J. King 5, C. Webb (cond.) 6. For evening service.

Horncastle, Lincs. — Aug. 8, 1260 Spliced Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): H. Barnes 1, R. Reynolds 2, E. Bennett 3, H. Bennett 4, T. Cummins 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6.

Horsham, Sussex. — July 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Sampson 1, J. Smith 2, E. R. Rapley 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, S. Pocock 6, M. Reed 7, L. Bourne 8. For flower festival.

Husbands Bosworth, Leics. — June 28, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Weeks 1-2, S. J. Coleman 3-4, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 5-6.

Hyde, Cheshire.—July 26, 1264 Bob Major: T. J. Mallett (first quarter) 1, T. W. Wilde 2, Sylvia Smith 3, Margaret P. Booth 4, Ann C. Bennett 5, M. Rigby 6, D. F. Yates 7, N. Bennett (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also Aug. 9, 1260 Bob Minor: M. Jane Booth (first quarter, aged 10) 1, Sylvia Smith 2, Margaret P. Booth 3, M. Rigby 4, N. Bennett (cond.) 5, D. F. Yates 6. For Evensong.

Kessingland, Suffolk. — June 21, 1260 Bob Doubles: T. J. Brock 1, R. Peters 2, M. J. Parker (cond.) 3, M. A. Baldry 4, F. R. Wade 5, A. H. Archer 6.

Kewstoke, Som. — July 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Lovell 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, W. Blake 3, W. Hart 4, G. Prescott 5, G. Kingdon 6.

Little Horsted, Sussex. — Aug. 10, 1260 All Saints Doubles: A. Turner 1, W. G. Merritt 2, Mrs. G. S. M. Laming Macadam (cond.) 3, R. R. Kennard 4, E. M. Laming Macadam 5, H. E. Saunders 6. First in method by all. Wedding anniversary compliment to ringers of 3 and 5.

Llandaff, Glam. — July 26, at the Cathedral, 1280 Bob Major: J. Clatworthy (cond.) 1, Anne Cooke 2, Zoë MacMillan 3, D. G. Clift 4, M. Dew 5, N. A. James 6, N. W. H. Simon 7, D. J. Llewellyn 8. Also Aug. 9, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Anne Cooke 1, Mary Pryor 2, Shelagh Plumb 3, D. G. Clift 4, N. A. James 5, C. Hughes 6, N. W. H. Simon 7, J. Clatworthy 8. First Surprise 3, 5. Both for Evensong.

Loughborough, Leics.—July 28 (All Saints), 1259 Grandsire Caters: J. R. Scott 1, Miss P. J. E. Sturdy 2, Mrs. M. Mack 3, Miss G. M. Brearley 4, G. H. Baldam 5. D. R. M. Heighton (cond.) 6, E. G. Mould 7, M. T. Sprackling 8, D. J. Marshall 9, F. D. Mack 10. By University of Bristol Society's touring band.

Loxton, Som. — Aug. 13, 1440 Durham and Ipswich S. Minor: J. Sheppard (cond.) 1, J. Trimm 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, Susan Stott 4, C. Field 5, A. Perry 6. First in methods by all.

Lutton, Lincs.—Aug. 12, 1260 Bob Minor: R. M. Ragsdell (first Minor) 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, P. G. Butler (50th quarter) 4, G. H. Campling 5, D. R. Woods (cond.) 6. To mark the birth of a daughter (Zoe Jane) to Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Hill, of Lutton.

Marcham, Berks.—Aug. 16, 1280 Doubles (three methods): B. Finnigan 1, Shirley Goble 2, N. Booth 3, S. Nobes (first inside) 4, C. J. Peaple (cond.) 5, R. Parkes (first quarter) 6. First in three methods 2, 3, 4. For Evenson

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Merton, Surrey. — July 26, 1260 Bob Minor:
Miss J. Newton 1, Miss M. Newton 2, A. Bishop
3, M. Stanley 4, G. Hawkes 5, F. Seabright
(cond.) 6. For the visitation of the Lord Bishop
of Southwark to the parish. First on the aug-

mented ring. First Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

Morcott, Rutland.—Aug. 15, 1272 Minimus
(11 methods): Cynthia E. Barnett 1, J. A. Ellis
2, R. N. Scholes 3, C. J. Groome (cond.) 4.
For Feast of the Assumption.

Papanui, New Zealand.—Aug. 9 (St. Paul's), 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Tennant (first quarter) 1, R. Idle (cond.) 2, S. Barnett 3, R. Stevens 4, R. Williams 5, M. Clayton 6. A farewell to D. Tennant, leaving for England.

Polesworth, Warks.—Aug. 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, R. Knight 3, D. Hiorns (cond.) 4, M. Allsopp 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong.

Prittlewell, Essex.—July 29, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: S. Halliwell 1, Penny Halliwell 2, A. Cansdale 3, P. Giles 4, P. Sadler 5, B. Sadler 6, D. Sloman (cond.) 7, H. Furminger (first in method) 8. A farewell to H. Furminger, leaving the district.

Pylle, Som.—Aug. 15, 1260 Stedman Doubles: C. Field 1, Susan Stott 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, Hooper 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, J. Sheppard

H. Hooper 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, J. Sheppard 6. First in method 1 and 2.
Rayleigh, Essex. — Aug. 9, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Lynn Woodcock (first Triples) 1, P. Sloman 2, A. House 3, F. May 4, P. Giles 5, T. Sharp 6, D. Belcham (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Wedding compliment to Penny and David Sloman, married at Prittlewell on August 8.

Reddish, Lancs.-Aug. 8, 1260 Bob Minor: Elizabeth Ormrod (first quarter) 1, N. Harrop 2, Kirsty R. Fisher 3, P. Boucher 4, P. Dyson 5, P. G. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 6. For the 70th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen

Ripple, Worcs. — Aug. 5, 1440 Ripple S. Minor: Geraldine Mitchell 1, B. Spiers 2, Valerie Willard 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. First in the method.

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Ryde, I.O.W. — Aug. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Eames 1, C. Frye 2, L. Jamieson 3, J. Stock 4, A. Russell (cond.) 5, Mary Hatcher 6. Birthday compliments to 5 and 6. First quarter 1, 2, 6. First quarter by an all-Ryde band for over ten years.

Sidcup, Kent. — July 20, 1320 St. Martin's Doubles: C. Sims 1, P. Dale 2, S. Gay 3, T. Lewis (cond.) 4, M. Gay 5, C. Sayer 6. Halfmuffled in memoriam Sydney William Groom (priest).

Southampton, Hants. — May 4, 1260 Bob Royal: Angela R. Wells 1-2, R. Weeks 3-4, S. J. Coleman 5-6, J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 7-8, P. A. Butler 9-10. First Royal in hand by all, and for S.U.G.C.R. Also May 29, 1272 Bob Minimus: J. D. Cheesman (cond.) 1-2, S. J. Coleman 3-4. 100th guild quarter peal

South Cadbury, Som.—Aug. 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Miles 1, K. L. Laver 2, R. Raymond 3, J. Wrigley 4, W. J. Tiley 5, T. Mead 6. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Newport.

Stamford, Lincs.—Aug. 8 (All Saints), 1260 Bob Minor: E. Cox 1, H. Goakes 2, A. Waller 3, F. Boyall 4, F. Mitchell 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Maureen Simon (Stamford) and John Milton (Pudlow).

Tunstall, Suffolk. — Aug. 14, 1260 Doubles (four methods): J. Peters (first in more than one method) 1, Ruth Bedford 2, R. Peters 3, A. Knights 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6. To commemorate the birth of William Pye, born

100 years ago this day.

Uffington, Lincs. — Aug. 2, 1260 Oxford Bob Minor: E. Cox 1, H. Goakes 2, A. Waller 3, J. David 4, F. Mitchell 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For morning service; also a farewell to Rev. Peter Fluck, leaving for North Lincolnshire.

Upavon, Wilts.—July 5, 1260 Bob Minor: F. Pearce 1, W. Pearce 2, A. Cook 3, R. Wilson 4, P. Bushell (cond.) 5, J. Pearce 6.

Warnham, Sussex. - Aug. 9, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Miss J. Etherton (first quarter) 1, G. Francis (cond.) 2, B. Pink 3, N. Carter 4, D. D. Smith 5, M. Davis 6. A welcome to Madeline, daughter of Margaret and Michael Davis, born August 5.

Westminster.-May 31 (St. Clement Danes'), 1296 Stedman Caters: Elsie Hart 1, Dorothea Robotham 2, Diane Gazeley 3, Ruth Foreman 4, H. G. Hart 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6, W. H. Knight 7, B. C. Watson 8, T. J. Lock 9, B. Walter 10.

Wethersfield, Essex. — Aug. 9, 1260 Bob Doubles: F. Marshall 1, G. Jones 2, Rosalind Campbell (first inside) 3, Elizabeth Campbell 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, R. Campbell (first quarter) 6. For morning service; also golden wed-ding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Parkes, grandparents of 3, 4 and 6.

Yatton, Som. — Aug. 14, 1296 Stedman Triples: Marjorie Legg 1, P. Dye 2, D. Hawkings 3, G. Prescott 4, S. G. Smith 5, J. Brain 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, L. Lawrence 8. First of Stedman 3 and 8.

Peals

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (21 cwt.) 5184 LAUNCESTON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by H. Poyner.

Dianne Gazeley Anita D. O'Brien Walter G. Knight

4 Brian Bladon

5 James R. Taylor

6 Maurice A. New 7 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)

8 D. John Hunt

First peal in the method.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, Cheshire, St. Michael.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (15½ cwt.) 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by G. Lindoff.

F. John Nelson

2 Sidney Hough

Alan Scholfield

4 Brian Mills

5 Timothy Wylie 6 Philip G. K. Davies 7 Geoffrey Gardner

8 Denis Mottershead (Conductor) Wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Holt, the bride being a member of the local band.

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbyshire, Christ Church.

Sat., June 6, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 Cambridge S., 1 each St. Clements and Oxford T.B., 2 Plain Bob).

1 Timothy Wylie

2 Paul Smith 3 Joyce Gardner

4 John Bell

5 Geoffrey Gardner

6 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EYAM, Derbyshire, St. Lawrence.

Wed., Aug. 12, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (7 cwt.) 5040 MORNING STAR T.B. MINOR

(7 extents.)

Graham A. Newman

2 Susan E. Davis 3 Susan E. Banton

4 Andrew R. Queen

5 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

6 Timothy Wylie

First in the method for all and for the association.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

PRITTLEWELL, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 3hr. (173 cwt.) 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL Composed by George H. Cross.

1 Lesley Thompson 2 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

3 Peter G. Pitt

4 Neil V. Avis

5 Vivian A. P. Cross

6 Bernard W. Fairhead

7 Paul Thompson 8 David E. Culham

9 Dennis Ellisdon

10 Brian J. Vaughan

A wedding compliment to Penny Halliwell and David Sloman (local ringers).

LEYTON, Essex, St. Mary with St. Edward.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (8½ cwt.) 5049 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

*1 Roger W. Pascoe 2 Charles A. Hughes

3 Leonard J. Fox

4 Michael Wareing

5 Frank B. Lufkin

6 Geoffrey H. Walker

Dennis Ellisdon (Conductor)

8 Robert A. Poole *First peal. 84th birthday compliment to Charles A. Hughes.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

STRATTON ST. MARGARET. Wiltshire. St. Margaret of Antioch.

Frì., Aug. 7, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (8½ cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (12 methods: 960 London and Rutland, 576 Superlative, 384 Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Ux-bridge and Yorkshire, 256 Datchet, and 192 Bristol, Cambridge, Cray and Pains-

wick, with 147 changes of method). Composed by A. R. Peake.

1 Brian Bladon

*2 Anita D. O'Brien

*3 W. Bertram Kynaston

*4 Peter J. Heritage

5 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor) 6 Maurice A. New

Lewis F. Cobb

8 Timothy G. Pett

*Most Surprise Major methods to a peal.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANFEIGAN, Breconshire, St. Meugan.

Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (12 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Simon Humphrey.

1 Claudia A. Critchley

2 Jane Foster

3 Edgar R. Rapley 4 Ronald J. Sharp

5 Clive M. Smith 6 Peter M. Wilkinson

7 G. William Critchley (Conductor)

8 Dennis Beresford

BELL ROPES

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EARDISLAND, Herefordshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Aug. 3, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (12½ cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

1 Claudia A. Critchley

2 Jane Foster

3 Edgar R. Rapley
4 Ronald J. Sharp
*5 Stanley G. Ponting
6 Peter M. Wilkinson

7 G. William Critchley (Conductor)

8 Dennis Beresford *500th peal.

KNIGHTON, Radnorshire, St. Edward.

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (93/4 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Anthony R. Kench.

1 Claudia A. Critchley

2 Joan Beresford

3 Edgar R. Rapley 4 Peter M. Wilkinson 5 Stanley G. Ponting

6 Norman Summerhayes

7 G. William Critchley (Conductor)

8 Dennis Beresford

BROMYARD, Herefordshire, St. Peter.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (14½ cwt.) 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by J. Topp.

1 Joan Beresford

2 Lucy Smith
3 Claudia A. Critchley
4 Ronald J. Sharp
5 Stanley G. Ponting

6 Norman Summerhayes

7 G. William Critchley (Conductor)

8 Dennis Beresford *500th of Surprise.

LEDBURY, Herefordshire, St. Michael and All Angels.

., Aug. 7, 1970, 3hr. 29min. (22 cwt.) 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

1 Jane Foster 2 Joan Beresford

3 G. William Critchley (Conductor)

4 Norman Summerhayes

5 Stanley G. Ponting 6 Peter M. Wilkinson 7 Nicholas J. Davies

8 Dennis Beresford

HEREFORD, Herefordshire, All Saints.

Sun., Aug. 9, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (17\(\frac{1}{4}\) cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

Leslie Evans

2 Michael V. Powell 3 John F. I. Turney 4 Austin T. Wingate

Norman R. Mattingley

6 Wilfrid F. Moreton 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)

8 John C. Eisel

LLANFEIGAN, Breconshire, St. Meugan.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 4hr. 8min. (12 cwt.) 7920 MINOR (11 extents: Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Kent, Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clements, Plain Bob).

1 Nicholas C. R. Cronin 2 S. Barnaby Bell

3 Roy K. Williams 4 Norman R. Mattingley

5 Michael V. Powell
6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
Longest length by all and for the guild. Rung after meeting short for Major.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ROLVENDEN, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (16 cwt.) 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by N. J. Diserens.

Judy Brooks

2 Roderick Lebon

3 John Hemsley

*4 Richard Birch

5 Rhian Bagshaw 6 Philip Staples 7 Colin Wyld (Conductor)

8 Paul Bagshaw

*25th peal. A wedding compliment to Mr. N. G. W. Heath (vicar's son) and Miss C. L. Germany.

CHERITON, Kent, St. Martin.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (7 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (3 methods: 2176 Cambridge, 1472 Yorkshire, 1408 Superlative, 134 changes of method).
Composed by Arthur Knights.

1 Philip R. Staples *2 John A. Hemsley

*3 Raymond A. Lucas
4 Crawford T. Hillis
5 Rev. Peter T. Robbins

6 Peter Richardson

7 Mark S. Lancefield (Conductor) †8 Colin J. E. Wyld *First of spliced. †50th peal.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GREAT DALBY, Leics, St. Swithin. Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11½ cwt.)

Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11½ cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES
(42 methods: St. Simon, St. Alban, Cassington, Eynsham, Elford, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Osmund, St. Ambrose, St. Patrick, St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, St. Thomas, Lapley, Shareshill, St. Nicholas, St. Thomas, Lapley, Shareshill, St. Miles, Winchendon Place, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, Church Gresley, St. Remigius, St. Chrysostom, Horsley, St. Cleer, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April Day, Seighford, Southrepps, R. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Grandsire, Newborough).

*1 Alec R. Jones.

*2 Harold T. Bonshor

*†3 John H. Sunderland

*4 Clive J. Mobbs

5 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

5 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor) *First in 42 methods. †First inside.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Wed., Aug. 12, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (18 cwt.) 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
Gillian Radley

3 Stephen C. Wells 4 Andrew G. Craddock 5 Malcolm E. Johnson

6 David Phillipson

7 Christopher J. Sharp

8 Peter A. Sharp

BICKER, Lincolnshire, St. Swithin.
Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (7\frac{1}{4} cwt.)
5988 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Malcolm E. Johnson Philip H. Reynolds

3 William S. Croft

4 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor) 5 Peter A. Sharp *6 Stephen C. Wells

7 Christopher J. Sharp †8 David Phillipson

*75th peal. †50th peal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire,

St. Michael and All Angels. Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (25\frac{1}{4} cwt.)

5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS

(110 methods: 48 Albanian, Aldenham, Apsley,
Ashton, Barford, Bedford, Belfast, Belgrave, Bel-Ashton, Barrord, Bedford, Cellast, Dergarder, Wolf, Birmingham, Blackley, Brigstow, Bristol, Buckfast, Buckinghamshire, Cambridge, Christ-church, Cirencester, Clerkenwell, Clifton, Conisbrough, Cornwall, Cotswold, Cray, Deansgate, Dodford, Dorking, Double Dublin, Dunsmore, Dodford, Dorking, Double Dublin, Dunsmore, Ealing, Eldon, Elkington, Essex, Evesham, Feer-ing, Gartree, Goscote, Halifax, Hampshire, Hampstead, Indiana, Jedburgh, Jersey, Kidderminster, Kilsby, Lambeth, Langley, Leicestershire, Leo-minster, Lilbourne, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, Lindum, Londinium, Lutterworth, Manchester, Manitoba, Mellor, Metropolis, Moorgate, New Durham, Mellor, Metropolis, Moorgate, New Durnam, Newgate, New Gloucester, Oldham, Oxfordshire, Painswick, Pennine, Pontefract, Preston, Prittle-well, Pudsey, Quex, Reading, Redcliffe, Redfield, Ribbleton, Rochester, Saskatchewan, Shropshire, Solihull, Southwark, Southwell, Stancil, Stoneygate, Stoodley, Strathclyde, Superlative, Swindon, Timaru, Trafalgar, Trowbridge, Trafford, Utah, Uxbridge, Verulam, Warwickshire, Wem-Utan, Uxbridge, Verulam, Warwickshire, Wembley, Wensleydale, Westminster, Wexham, Wigston, Winchester, Worcestershire, Worsley, Wycombe, Xenia, Yarmouth, York, Yorkshire, Zelah; with 109 changes of method).

Composed by Derek Ogden, Neil Bennett and John H. Fielden.

1 Basil Jones,

2 Richard S. Starkie

3 Frank Osbaldiston

4 John H. Fielden (Conductor)

5 C. Kenneth Lewis 6 Bernard F. L. Groves

7 Derek Butterworth

8 Cyril Crossthwaite 9 Neil Bennett

10 Robert B. Smith

11 Brian Harris 12 Jeffrey Brannan

This is the greatest number of methods yet

rung in a peal on 12 bells. The following methods are rung for the first time in this peal:-

-36-14-5t-16-14-3t-14-5t-14-5t-14- h.l. 5t l.h. 12 f

Uxbridge -3t-14-56-16-34-5t-14-5t-14-5t-14- h.l. 5t l.h. 12 f

Cray —56—14—56—36—34—58—34—70—34—9t—34— h.l. 1t l.h. 12 l

Hampstead -3t-14-5t-16-127t-38-129t-30-14-5t-18- h.l. et l.h. 12 b

ADLINGTON. Lancashire, St. Paul. Wed., Aug. 12, 1970. 3hr. (13\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

1 Margaret Crossthwaite 2 Donald G. Lawson 3 Peter Bellamy-Knights

4 James Cunliffe 5 Dennis H. McCormick 6 Cyril Crossthwaite

7 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor) 8 John Ashcroft

First in method by all and for Association.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

WILLESDEN, Middlesex, St. Mary. Thur., Aug. 13, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (93 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

1 Leonard Stilwell 2 Ruth M. Foreman

*3 Dorothea M. Robotham 4 Alick Cutler

6 Thomas J. Lock 5 Brian C. Watson

Watson

7 John Hill

8 Frank T. Blagrove (Conductor) *First in the method.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex, All Saints. Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (7¾ cwt.) 5024 XANTHUS SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John R. Mayne. Freda Clayton

2 Elsie K. Hart 3 Ruth M. Foreman

4 Claudia A. Critchley 5 H. George Hart

6 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
7 Thomas J. Lock

8 John Hill

First in the method by all. A farewell to the Rev. John Budd, leaving Harrow Weald for Hatfield.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk, St. Mary. Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

*1 Robert G. Walker

2 Janet House

James B. Morley
Carole A. H. Patey
David G. Adams
George P. Adams

7 Peter Adcock

8 David E. House (Conductor)

*First of Major.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (13 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. Craven.

1 David E. House (Conductor)

2 Janet House *3 Adrial Walton

*4 Robert G. Walker 5 Thomas E. Spight

6 Carole A. H. Patey 7 Simon A. B. Wigg

8 Martin Cubitt

*First of Yorkshire. 100th peal as conductor. Fifteenth birthday compliment to Adrial Walton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HUGHENDEN, Bucks, St. Michael and All Angels.
July 18, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14³/₄ cwt.)

5088 OXFORDSHIRE S. MAJOR

1 Derek Francis

2 Jennifer A. Dunning3 Robert H. Newton

4 A. Keith P. Poole 5 Nigel Thomson

6 Roger Abbott 7 Keith J. Walpole

8 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor) First in the method for all except the con-

KINGHAM, Oxon, St. Andrew. at., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (12½ cwt.) 5248 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. *1 Edgar R. Rapley

2 Joan Beresford

3 Claudia A. Critchley 4 Ronald J. Sharp

5 Stanley G. Ponting

6 Norman Summerhayes 7 G. William Critchley

8 Dennis Beresford (Conductor)

*650th peal.

BUCKLEBURY, Berkshire, St. Mary. Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (11½ cwt.) 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by William Butler.

*1 David Livingston 2 Michael Hatchett

†3 Mary Lawrenson 4 J. Malcolm Tyler

5 Reginald Rex

6 Henry Lawrenson 7 Ronald C. Christopher 8 William Butler (Conductor) *First in method. †First inside.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

TOTTENHAM, London, N., St. Ann.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (73 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 960 London and Watford, 640 Cambridge, Cassiobury and Rutland, 320 Bristol, Glasgow and Yorkshire, and 160 Pudsey and Superlative, with 149 changes

of method).
Composed by Anthony R. Peake.
1 Angela M. Wright

2 Joan Beresford

James A. D. Woolford
Christopher P. Starbuck
Stanley G. Ponting
Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
John R. Pratchett

8 Dennis Beresford

SHOREDITCH, London, E., St. Leonard.

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (28\frac{1}{2} cwt.) 5088 KETTERING SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger D. Bailey.

1 Gillian M. Brearley

2 M. Louise Slater 3 Sheila M. Dobbie

4 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

5 Tony Skilton 6 Derek E. Sibson

Christopher P. Starbuck (Conductor)

8 Walter H. Dobbie

First peal in the method by all.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

CODDINGTON, Notts, All Saints.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (7 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise, 1 2160 Kent T.B. and 2 Plain Bob).

1 F. William Midwinter

*2 Anne Vessey 3 Paul Raithby

4 James W. Raithby *5 Paul F. Curtis

6 Colin W. Reed (Conductor)
*First in four Minor methods.

SUFFOLK GUILD

PAKEFIELD, Suffolk, All Saints and St. Margaret.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (8 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.

1 Frank C. J. Arnold 2 Arthur G. Mason

3 Patricia M. Clarke

4 Muriel R. Page 5 Walter W. Miller

6 Adrian Knights 7 H. William Barrett

8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

WORLINGWORTH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. (54.) 1 Walter W. Miller

2 J. Martin Thorley 3 Muriel R. Page

4 Arthur G. Mason

5 Ernest G. Pearce 6 Thomas W. Cook 7 H. William Barrett

8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 3hr. (8 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by William Pye.

1 Ernest G. Pearce 2 Leslie G. Brett

3 Adrian Knights

4 Michael J. Howes

5 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

6 Alan J. Munnings

7 J. Martin Thorley 8 Cecil W. Pipe *9 John P. Loveless

10 Ernest W. Pye (Conductor)
*First on ten bells. Specially arranged and rung on the centenary of the birth of William Pye.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 Rev. Canterbury, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, 2 St. Clements and Plain Bob).

*1 Marion H. Saker

2 Peter W. Archer 3 David J. H. Barber

4 Kelvin Dakin 5 Roy W. Lockwood

6 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey (Cond.)
*First peal. Birthday compliments to Mr.
and Mrs. J. E. C. Lockwood.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Aug. 16, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (16 cwt.) 5024 GAINSBOROUGH S. MAJOR

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Muriel R. Page

2 Dorothy M. Durrant 3 Leslie G. Brett

*4 Ernest G. Pearce 5 Alan G. Feaver

6 Vernon B. Bedford

*7 Adrian Knights 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
*First in method. To commemorate the

centenary of the birth of William Pye.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH **DIOCESAN GUILD**

UPHAM, Hants, Blessed Mary of Upham.

Wed., July 15, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (8 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1 Betty J. Daysh

*2 Angela Edwards

3 Roy Le Marechal 4 Barry J. Fry

5 Richard Green 6 John P. Colliss (Conductor)
*First attempt. Sixteenth birthday compliment to Angela Edwards.

UPHAM, Hants, Blessed Mary of Upham.

Fri., Aug. 7, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Leonard Colley

2 John S. Hopwood 3 Barry J. Fry 4 John S. Croft

5 Roy Le Marechal †6 Edward W. Colley (Conductor) *First of Minor. †300th peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants, St. Nicholas. Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 24min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

- *1 Leonard Colley 2 Edward W. Colley
- 3 Anthony A. Nunn 4 Ian M. McCallion †5 Barry J. Fry
- 6 Roy Le Marechal
- 7 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)

8 John S. Hopwood

*First on eight. †25th peal.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, St. Mary.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (21½ cwt.) 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by Edgar C. Sheppard.

*1 David J. Forder (Conductor)

†2 Roy Le Marechal

- †3 Jennifer L. Quaife †4 Ian M. McCallion
- 5 R. Brian Walton
- ‡6 John S. Croft
- §7 Barry J. Fry 8 Alan A. J. Buswell
- §9 Malcolm S. Turner 10 R. William Willans

*Has now circled tower. †First on 10. 25th peal. §First of Caters inside. commemorate the exact 350th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower from this port.

PRESTON CANDOVER, Hants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (4 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (4 methods: 1 St. Clements Bob, 2 each Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 Richard Green

- 2 Roy Le Marechal 3 Ian M. McCallion
- *4 John S. Croft
- 5 Barry J. Fry 6 John P. Colliss (Conductor)

*Most methods inside.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ARUNDEL, Sussex, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (133 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Parker's 12-part.)

*1 J. Duncan Weaver 2 Frank H. Hicks

†‡3 Ruth E. Halford

†4 Christopher Renyard 5 R. Brian Walton

6 James H. Lilley 7 Philip Stevens (Conductor)

8 Patrick M. Wills

*First of Triples. †First of Triples inside. ‡25th peal. First of Triples as conductor.

In Rothwell Churchyard, Yorkshire, for a sexton:

Here lies within this Porch so calm Old Thomas-pray sound his knell; Who thought no song was like a Psalm, No music like a Bell.

ASSOCIATION

ECKINGTON, Worcs, Holy Trinity.

Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (14 cwt.) **5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES** Composed by Henry Hubbard.

1 Shirley M. Drew

Ralph Perks

3 Roger H. Hunt 4 Ronald Hickmott

5 Christopher Pickford

6 Christopher Hims

7 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor) 8 Kenneth Pratt

First on the bells since augmentation (December, 1968). A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Perks.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds, West Yorks, St. Matthew.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (73 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

1 Ruth Richardson

*2 Suzanne J. Snack

†3 Ronald J. Snack ‡4 Graham J. Jones

‡5 Peter H. Gardner

6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
*First of London. †Circled tower twice. First of Minor in the method. Congratulations to Bob and Gail Cater on the birth of a daughter, Julia Rachel.

(Sheffield and District Society) HANDSWORTH, Yorks, St. Mary.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 3 hr. (12 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. E. Burton.

1 John J. L. Gilbert (Conductor)*2 Peter J. Hollis3 Ronald Birch

*4 Margaret J. R. Duke

5 Judith J. Gilbert

6 John Coad

7 David J. Kelly

8 John F. S. Eborall

*First peal. A farewell to Margaret Duke before leaving for New Zealand.

Handbells

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SHEFFIELD, Yorks, 194 Gleadless Com. Sun., Aug. 2, 1970, 1hr. 48min. (14 in D.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

*1-2 Timothy Wylie †3-4 Geoffrey Bridges

†5-6 A. Colin Banton (Conductor)
*First of Treble Bob on handbells. †First of Kent on handbells.

A compliment to Simon P. D. Burnett and Susan L. Day on their recent engagement; also birthday compliments to Timothy Wylie and Geoffrey Bridges.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS SHEFFIELD, Yorks, 194 Gleadless Com. Sun., Aug. 16, 1970, 1hr. 39min. (14 in D.) 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR (7 extents.)

1-2 TimothyWylie 3-4 Geoffrey Bridges

5-6 Colin Banton (Conductor)

First peal of Oxford on handbells for all.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, 10 Eden Dr.

Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (15 in C.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS Composed by J. Reeves.

1-2 J. David Atkinson

3-4 Alan F. Scholfield (Conductor) 5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis

7-8 Gerald Moorhouse

9-10 John Gander

11-12 Neil D. Lomas

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines.

Thur., Aug. 13, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (15 in C.) 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Arranged by A. F. Scholfield. 1-2 Alan F. Scholfield (Conductor)3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis

5-6 Gerald Moorhouse

7-8 J. David Atkinson *9-10 William H. Dowse

*First of Treble Bob Royal in hand.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

GILLINGHAM, Kent, 31 South Avenue.

Mon., Aug. 10, 1970, 1hr. 37min. (10 in A.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR *1-2 Christopher T. Osenton (Cond.) *3-4 Trevor A. Cross

5-6 Peter S. Muchlinski *Have now completed Kent family from Minor to Maximus in hand. A 21st birth-day compliment to Phyllis R. Osenton, wife of the conductor.

FRINDSBURY, Kent, 12 Hever House, Cypress Court.

Wed., Aug. 12, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (15 in C.) **5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

*1-2 Peter S. Muchlinski

3-4 Christopher T. Osenton (Cond.) 5-6 Trevor A. Cross 7-8 Edward J. Beer

9-10 Stuart Sandford *First of Caters in hand.

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada, 50 Ravensbourne Crescent.

Tues., July 28, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (12 in E.) 5184 KENT AND OXFORD T.B. MAJOR

(Ilkeston variation.) Composed by Edwin Timbrell.

*1-2 David Ingram +3-4 William H. Jackson +5-6 Derek M. Sawyer (Conductor)

†7-8 John Owen

*First in this variation in hand. †First in this variation. First in this variation in North America.

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WASHINGTON, Mount St. Alban, D.C., The Cathedral.

Tues., July 28, 1970, 2hr. 40min. 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Arranged by Simon Humphrey. *1-2 Ann Gardner

*3-4 Richard S. Dirksen

5-6 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

*7-8 Marjorie Batchelor †9-10 Penny Moriarty

*First of Royal in hand. †First peal. Believed to be the first 10-bell handbell peal in North America.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

MAIDENHEAD, Berks, 80 Lambourne Dr., Cox Green.

Fri., June 12, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (11 in G.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

1-2 Keith J. Walpole 3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning

5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

*7-8 Robert H. Newton

*First of Surprise on handbells.

MAIDENHEAD, Berks, 80 Lambourne Dr., Cox Green.

Wed., July 1, 1970, 2hr. 8min. (13 in E.) 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning

3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Cond.)

5-6 Keith J. Walpole

7-8 Robert H. Newton

First on handbells in the method by all and for the Guild.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt,

Fri., July 3, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (24 in D.) 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1-2 Frank C. Price

*3-4 Christopher I. Rowson

†5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)

*7-8 Noel J. Diserens

\$9-10 N. David Lane

*First of Surprise Royal in hand. †First of Surprise in hand as conductor. of Surprise in hand.

WOODLEY, Berks, 9 Ryecroft Close.

Fri., July 10, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (17 in A.)
5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by C. K. Lewis.
1-2 Frank C. Price (Conductor)
3-4 Christopher I. Rowson
5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves

*7-8 Kenneth R. Davenport

9-10 Noel J. Diserens

*First of Surprise in hand.

MAIDENHEAD, Berks, 80 Lambourne Dr., Cox Green.

Wed., July 15, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (13 in E.) **5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

1-2 Keith J. Walpole 3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning

5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

7-8 Robert H. Newton

First on handbells in the method by all and for the guild.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt,

Fri., July 17, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (20 in E.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB FOURTEEN

1-2 Frank C. Price 3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning 5-6 Christopher I. Rowson

7-8 Noel J. Diserens 9-10 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)

11-12 Kenneth R. Davenport

13-14 N. David Lane

MAIDENHEAD, Berks, 80 Lambourne Dr., Cox Green.

nt., July 18, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (16 in B.) 5200 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL Sat..

*1-2 N. David Lane

3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning 5-6 Christopher I. Rowson

7-8 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor) †9-10 Robert H. Newton

*50th on handbells. †First of Treble Bob on handbells.

SOUTHCOTE, Berkshire, 6 Barn Close.

Wed., July 22, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (27 in A.) 5200 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL *1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning

3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

5-6 Kenneth R. Davenport

7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves

9-10 N. David Lane

*First in the method.

LONDON, The Belfry, St. Olave's, Hart St.

Thur., July 23, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (13 in E.) 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

(Humphrey's.)

1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning

3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

5-6 Keith J. Walpole

7-8 Robert H. Newton

First on handbells in the method by all and for the guild.

EAST RIDING RINGERS' HOLIDAY

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

PEALS RUNG FOR THE BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

HAYFIELD, Derbyshire, St. Matthew.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (11 cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Stephen K. Thompson 2 Roderick R. Horton

3 Ian G. Campbell

4 Maris C. Stephenson

*5 Peter Church

6 Robert W. Sherriff †7 Ronald Ducker

8 John R. Leary (Conductor)

†200th peal. *50th on tower bells.

For an unbaptised baby in Ingatestone Churchyard, Essex:

No name have I O Christ to offer Thee. Nor on my brow received the sacred sign, Yet in the Book of Life remember me

I plead by Saviour's Name instead of **Imine** BOLLINGTON, Cheshire, St. John the Baptist.

July 29, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (17 cwt.) **5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

*1 Maris C. Stephenson 2 Stephen K. Thompson

Ian G. Campbell †4 Roderick R. Horton

*5 Ronald Ducker

John R. Leary (Conductor)

7 Peter Church

8 John N. D. Chaddock *50th together. †First in method.

EASTWOOD, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (19 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1152 Bristol, Yorkshire, 960 Camge, Lincolnshire, 864 Rutland, changes of method, all the work).

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

1 Stephen K. Thompson

*2 Peter Church

3 Maris C. Stephenson 4 F. Neville Pailing

5 Ian G. Campbell John R. Leary (Conductor)

*7 Roderick R. Horton

8 Ronald Ducker *First of Spliced Major.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.

GALAXY OF TOWERS

The July meeting was held on the 4th at Fenny Compton, together with ringing at eight other towers throughout the day. ringing was well attended, showing that this arrangement is very popular with the members. The Rev. S. A. Cyster gave an interesting talk during the service, based on the course of bells during change ringing. Tea was arranged by Mr. Spraggett in the village hall.

The appreciation of the guild to the vicar, organist and Mr. Spraggett for the excellent arrangements, and to all the incumbents for allowing us the use of the bells was expressed by Mr. Stote.

The committee's recommendations on finance were accepted and it was agreed that the balance sheet be modified to include any outstanding commitments, and that the funds be invested.

After considerable discussion on the running of a course in change ringing, it was decided this could be arranged during the winter months to take place one week-end.

The president gave a report on the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Ilkley, and the secretary announced that the arrangements for the Council meeting at Leamington in 1971 were nearly complete.

The meeting stood in remembrance of Mrs. Olive Vann, and at the close of the meeting the secretary asked for comments to be made on the new service form (used during the day) so that the forms could be printed.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

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WESSEX RINGERS' WEEK

All peals rung for Salisbury Diocesan Guild (unless otherwise stated).

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Notts, St. Mary.

Mon., July 27, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (15 cwt.) 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by William Barton.

1 Graham W. Elmes *2 Christopher F. Longridge

3 Mary E. Elmes 4 William T. Perrins 5 John N. Longridge

6 Richard H. Youdale

7 D. Roy Bould 8 David G. Massey (Conductor) *First of Surprise Major.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

W. BRIDGFORD, Notts, Musters Hotel. Mon., July 27, 1970, 1hr. 33min.
5049 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 callings).

1-2 Christopher F. Longridge 3-4 John N. Longridge

5-6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

BULWELL, Nottingham, St. Mary and All Saints.

Tues., July 28, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Norman Smith.

Mary E. Elmes

*2 Christopher F. Longridge 3 William T. Perrins 4 Graham W. Elmes 5 Richard H. Youdale

6 Ronald N. Marlow

*7 D. Ray Bould

8 David G. Massey (Conductor) *First of Rutland.

NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter with St. James.

Tues., July 28, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (19 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by Peter Border. 1 Katharine J. Maundrell

Mary E. Elmes

3 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
4 Graham W. Elmes
5 William T. Perrins

*6 David G. Massey

*7 D. Roy Bould 8 John N. Longridge

†9 Timothy F. Collins 10 Richard H. Youdale

11 Richard A. G. Inglis 12 Ronald N. Marlow

*First of Surprise Maximus. †200th peal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

RUDDINGTON, Notts, St. Peter. Tues., July 28, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (9 cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John N. Longridge.

1 Christopher F. Longridge

Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) Katharine J. Maundrell

Graham W. Elmes

John N. Longridge 6 William L. Exton
7 Richard A. G. Inglis
8 Robert E. J. Dennis

EASTWOOD, Notts, St. Mary. Wed.. July 29, 1970, 3hr. 9 min. (19 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (9 methods: 576 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 136 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.
1 Richard H. Youdale (Conductor)
*2 David G. Massey

Katharine J. Maundrell

*4 William T. Perrins 5 Graham W. Elmes

6 Timothy F. Collins *7 Ronald N. Marlow 8 Richard A. G. Inglis

*Most Spliced Major.

GREASLEY, Notts, St. Mary. Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (13 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Washbrook's.)

1 Timothy F. Collins
2 D. Roy Bould

*3 Mary E. Elmes

4 Christopher F. Longridge

5 David G. Massey

7 William T. Perrins
Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)

*First of Stedman Triples.

LOUTH, Lincolnshire, St. James. Thurs., July 30, 1970, 3hr. 31min. (31 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Middleton's.)

1 Robert E. J. Dennis

2 David G. Massey

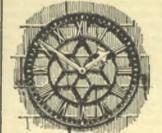
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William T. Perrins (Conductor) Graham W. Elmes

6 Richard H. Youdale

7 Timothy F. Collins 8 Ronald N. Marlow

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LINCOLN, St. Hugh's Tower.

Thur., July 30, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (24 cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by Hadley Hunter. Mary E. Elmes

Katharine J. Maundrell

*3 David G. Massey

4 Richard A. G. Inglis (Conductor)
5 Richard H. Youdale
6 Graham W. Elmes

7 D. Roy Bould 8 Ronald N. Marlow *9 John N. Longridge

10 Timothy F. Collins
11 William T. Perrins

12 Robert E. J. Dennis *First of Cinques.

LINCOLN, St. Giles.

Fri., July 31, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (18 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, 69 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

1 Christopher F. Longridge

2 Mary E. Elmes 3 Robert E. J. Dennis 4 William T. Perrins

5 John N. Longridge

6 Richard H. Youdale

*7 D. Roy Bould 8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*First of Spliced Major.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Notts, All Saints.

Fri., July 31, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (12 cwt.) 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Anthony J. Cox.

1 D. Roy Bould

*2 Christopher F. Longridge
3 Katharine J. Maundrell (Conductor)
4 David G. Massey
5 Graham W. Elmes
6 Richard H. Youdale
7 Ronald N. Marlow
8 Bishard A. G. India

8 Richard A. G. Inglis *First of Superlative.

COLSTON BASSETT, Notts, St. John the Divine.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (22 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 Timothy F. Collins 2 Mary E. Elmes 3 D. Roy Bould

4 Christopher F. Longridge 5 John N. Longridge

6 Graham W. Elmes 7 Ronald N. Marlow

8 George E. Thoday (Conductor)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD BALDERTON, Notts, St. Giles.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (8 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (9 methods: 576 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 136 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

1 William L. Exton

2 Katharine J. Maundrell

3 David G. Massey 4 Richard H. Youdale 5 Ian L. Dear

6 Andrew J. Slade

*7 Michael B. Jefferyes 8 Richard A. G. Inglis (Conductor)
*First of Spliced Surprise Major. A
wedding compliment for Stewart Lale and
Hazel Ward, married at this church.

HAMPSHIRE PEAL TOUR

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.

Aug. 10, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (16 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

Iris M. E. Lemare

2 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)

3 Christopher I. Rowson

4 John S. Seager

5 M. Alec Beaumont 6 Malcolm S. Turner

7 Stuart R. Armeson

8 J. Henry Fielden

HAWKLEY, Hants, SS. Peter and Paul.

Mon., Aug. 10, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (7\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1 Edward W. Colley

2 Patricia North 3 Margaret White

4 Marie Hatswell 5 Neil Donovan 6 Ian North

7 David Nichols

8 Richard E. Price (Conductor)

HASLEMERE, Surrey, St. Bartholomew.

Mon., Aug. 10, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (13 cwt.) **5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by J. M. H. Hunter. 1 Richard E. Price

2 Patricia North 3 Margaret White 4 Neil Donovan

5 Ian North 6 M. Alec Beaumont

7 David Nichols

9 Stuart R. Armeson (Conductor)
10 Malcolm S. Turner

RYDE, Isle of Wight, All Saints.

Wed., Aug. 12, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (26 cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Ian M. Holland.

Marie Hatswell

2 Iris M. E. Lemare 3 Richard J. Tibbetts

4 Neil Donovan

5 J. Henry Fielden 6 M. Alec Beaumont Christopher I. Rowson

8 Richard E. Price (Conductor)

SHEDFIELD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.

Thur., Aug. 13, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (123 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1 Stuart R. Armeson 2 Jennifer M. Indge

3 Marie Hatswell 4 Patricia North

5 Ian North

6 John S. Seager Neil Donovan

8 David Nichols (Conductor)

CURDRIDGE, Hants, St. Peter.

Thur., Aug. 13, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (25¾ cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Iris M. E. Lemare

2 Margaret White 3 M. Alec Beaumont 4 Edward W. Colley 5 Richard J. Tibbetts 6 Christopher I. Rowson 7 Maleche S. Turrar

7 Malcolm S. Turner 8 Richard E. Price (Conductor)

SOBERTON, Hants, St. Peter. Thur., Aug. 13, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (131 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Christopher I. Rowson

2 Iris M. E. Lemare 3 Neil Donovan

4 Ian North 5 Patricia North 6 Richard J. Tibbetts

M. Alec Beaumont 8 Stuart R. Armeson (Conductor)

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, St. Mary.

Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (21½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. Pye.

Patricia North 2 Marie Hatswell

3 Iris M. E. Lemare

Ian North

Christopher I. Rowson

6 John S. Seager Neil Donovan

M. Alec Beaumont David Nichols

10 Richard E. Price (Conductor) On the centenary of the birth of W. Pve.

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hants, St. Peter. Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (14½ cwt.) 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge, all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Malcolm S. Turner Neil Donovan

3 Iris M E. Lemare

4 Patricia North 5 Ian North

6 J. Henry Fielden (Conductor)
7 Richard J. Tibbetts

8 Christopher I. Rowson

The Truro Diocesan Guild.—Guival, Cornwall (St. Gulval), Wednesday, May 6, 1970, 5040 Plain Bob Triples in 3 hrs. (tenor 13 cwt.): John J. George (first Triples) 1, Geoffrey W. Taysom 2, Canon A. S. Roberts 3, W. Reginald Curtis 4, Anthony P. Smith 5, Timothy J. Bell 6, F. Malcolm Bowers (conductor) 7, Denis Stephens 8. Composition: Hubbard's five-part. First Bob Triples 4, 5, 6 and 7. Rung for Feast of Transfiguration.

CONCERTED EFFORT

At All Saints' Church, Blaby, Messrs. A.
J. Poyner, the conductor (Aylestone), R.
H. Cook (Asfordby), R. A. Clarke and C.
Mobbs (Birstall) and J. E. Harrold (Wigston Magna), members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, rang a sponsored peal of 21 Doubles methods on Saturday, July 25, in aid of the church's Sixth Bell Fund.

The Blaby ringers are very pleased with this effort, which is expected to raise about £30. The idea of a "sponsored peal" sparked off a good deal of enthusiasm in the Leicester Diocese, and many bands have already generously donated. The sponsored peal account is still open for receipt of contributions and donations and therefore the total amount collected is at present unknown.

The Sixth Bell Fund account now stands £560, but the estimated cost of the work is in the region of £2,000! Although this figure appears to be on the high side, the work involves more than the addition of a new treble bell. The existing five bells will have to be completely rehung and a new two-tier frame installed, there being no room at the existing level for a sixth bell. It is also likely that the floor, where the bells are installed, will have to be lowered in the tower.

Leeds University Society. SUMMER TOUR

This year the society decided to go camping again and made their headquarters near Romsey, in Hampshire—a change from Devon, where the two previous tours had been held. The tour started on July 5 at North Stoneham, where Little Bob Royal was scored

Fourteen members assembled, viz.: John Allen, Robert Beresford, Richard Chantler, Mike Dodson, John Durham, Chris Forster, Alan Glover, Roger Green, John Ottaway, Jon Rose and Misses Ros Brown, Alison Child, Gill Cleaver and Ros Perry. Later that evening Chris Forster had to leave as he was leaving for Russia the next day. In all, 43 towers were visited. Monday

was spent in the Southampton area, starting at Bishopstoke, and later the party moved on to ring at six other towers, in-cluding St. Mary's, Southampton, and Lyndhurst, where Geoff Cooper (a past

president) joined the band.

The Portsmouth area on Tuesday included the Cathedral and four other towers. There was also a visit to Southsea, but the swimming was rather painful because of the stony beach. At Havant the movement of the frame caused some concern but we were assured it was safe to ring. Jon Rose left for home and the night was marked by tremendous thunderstorms, but none of the tents was washed away.

The next day we made for the Win-chester district, and Glasgow was rung at Bishops Waltham. Sparsholt was the "annual five" and good use was also made of the tower's handbells. Pattie Clapham, Liz Campbell and Graham Jones arrived during the ringing, after a very fast journey from Leeds, and later there was ringing at Winchester College.

Thursday was Dorset day, starting at Wimborne Minster. The arrival at Poole was rather belated but the party was given a warm welcome and allowed to extend the visit. In the afternoon Wareham bells were obtained at short notice, and some time was spent on a beach near Bournemouth. Another dash led to Christchurch Priory, and much amusement caused by the unusual noise of the chimes, which whirr and chortle intermittently. At Lymington the local ringers made us very welcome at their practice night.
Friday was a full day, which started well

at Romsey Abbey and included all the ringable towers in Salisbury. On the fine eight at Ringwood a touch of ten Spliced Surprise proved more successful than Stedman. This was supposed to end the day's ringing, but an extra ring was enjoyed later in the

evening at East Tytherley.

An early start was needed to arrive at Basingstoke for 9.30 a.m. on Saturday. where the party rang on both the eight and the nine, and a touch of 12-spliced was rung at Alton. The party was made welcome at a meeting at Blackmoor before going to ring at Liss. After ringing at Easebourne Priory the party was enter-tained to tea by Mrs. Palmer (mother of Laurie, a society member who was unable to take part in the tour) and the last tower was at East Meon.

The numbers had increased to 18 by the arrival of Jan Buckley, Mick Rollason and Geoff Cooper, and the tour's final tower was Winchester Cathedral for Sunday morning service, arranged specially by Geoff with the Cathedral ringers. After a very enjoyable time the campers separated and some were able to ring at Wells Cathedral in A. P. C. the afternoon.

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Editorial

UNFORTUNATE OCCURRENCE—IF TRUE

THE recent letter signed by L. S. Grenfell, who stated he was people's warden at St. Peter's Church, Preston, Brighton, and complaining about three young men who supposedly rang the bells of the church against the express wishes of the vicar, has caused something of a stir in several places.

Following the publication of the letter, the Editor received a phone call at his home (after the caller had twice failed to contact him at his office) from Mr. D. Snośwell, of Bentham Road, Brighton, stating that he had been talking to the Vicar of St. Peter's, who (he said) was furious. There was no such person as Mr. Grenfell on the electoral roll, or a churchwarden of that name. Asked if the facts of the letter were correct Mr. Snoswell said yes, and added that the vicar wanted an apology from the three young men, who came from Croydon area. They were known and if they did not apologise within three weeks the names would be published in the R.W. and the vicar would take legal action. There must be a letter regarding the "Mr. Grenfell" in the next issue, he added.

The Editor asked the caller if this also might not be a hoax, but Mr. Snoswell assured him this was not so,

A letter was despatched to the vicar (when phone calls were unanswered) asking for information. In the meantime a letter arrived from Mr. R. I. Vaughan, of Brighton, in which he confirmed that L. S. Grenfell did not exist but, contrary to Mr. Snoswell's story, said the vicar had readily given permission to the three young ringers who acted correctly in all respects. No damage was caused, nor was there any reason to anticipate any ban on ringing full circle at the church.

The vicar also wrote stating that there was no Mr. Grenfell and confirming Mr. Vaughan's account of what happened. He had given permission, no damage was caused or discourtesy met with at any time, and certainly no legal action was anticipated, The whole affair was most distasteful.

When the Editor received the letter from "L. S. Grenfell" he made copies and sent one to the master of the Sussex County Association and one to the vicar, asking for comments. A similar complaint earlier in the year from another association had been not proven, which caused the Editor to add the words "if true" to the complaint.

It has been suggested that the letter was written, in a fit of pique, by a ringer who objected to the bells of St. Peter's being rung by outsiders. Mr. Snoswell said he met the vicar, but this the vicar denies and said he only phoned him. Perhaps Mr. Snoswell will explain his misconstruction of the facts and why he phoned the Editor about legal action, etc.

Whissendine, we learn is in Rutland, not Leicestershire (see page 637, quarter peals). Leicestershire, we also learn, has been trying to get its hands on Rutland for many years but they haven't managed it yet!

Belfry Gossip

First peal congratulations to Roger W. Pascoe, Marion H. Saker, Angela Edwards, Peter J. Hollis, Margaret J. R. Duke, Penny Moriarty (handbells).

"Living on the 13th floor, we have a panoramic view, extending from St. Paul's to Shoreditch — with Clerkenwell in the middle!" writes Michael Wycherley, having moved house.

We have been asked to state that the photographs in The Ringing Isle article were taken from the television screen whilst the programme was being shown—hence their rather poor reproduction quality. They were, of course, R.W. photos.

Over the past 14 years John Brain and Michael Horseman have rung many times together in North Somerset, and on July 27 at Compton Martin they rang their 150th quarter in each other's company. They have also rung in seven peals together—which indicates a preference for the former activity.

Miss Sally McCune, a ringer at St. Nicholas, Carrickfergus, for the past four years, was married at this church on July 8. The bellringers presented her with a canteen of cutlery. Carrickfergus has a ring of eight in a detached bell tower.

"Should there be a lengthy period before you receive this letter it will be due to the present state of the Canadian postal system, which is in a worse than usual state of chaos due to a series of rotating strikes and lock-outs," writes John Owen, of Hamilton, Ontario. (It took just seven days.—Editor.)

Touring Ireland.—According to the Irish Bell News, two parties are touring Ireland during August. Mr. David Smith, of Horsham, will tour both North and South from August 16 to 29, and Mr. Richard Youdale, of Winchester, will be in Northern Ireland from August 29 to September 4.

Miss Helen Hubert, whose home is at Jacob's Wells, Guildford, has passed her final medical examination with distinction at Dublin. The Irish Bell News reports that Dr. Hubert will be in Ireland for a while longer as she has taken up residence in a Dublin hospital. During her long training in Dublin Helen has been one of the main props of Dublin University Guild. Her visits to Guildford belfries when on vacation are always much appreciated.

Personal Records. — Timothy F. Collins (200 peals), Ronald Ducker (200), Ruth E. Halford (25), John S. Croft (25), Barry J. Fry (25), Edward W. Colley (300), Edgar R. Rapley (650), Richard Birch (25), Colin J. E. Wyld (50), David Phillipson (50), Stephen C. Wells (75), Stanley G. Ponting (500).

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carter, of Seale, near Farnham, Surrey, celebrated their golden wedding last month. Jack, who is just 80, does not enjoy physically good health but talks occasionally about his ringing days in the Guildford Guild and of the happy times spent at ringing meetings. Mrs. Dorothy Carter is very well and a family gathering at their home, Lydgate, gave the couple great pleasure.

A change of purpose was necessary when a peal was rung at Watford, Herts. It was originally intended as a compliment to H.M. the Queen Mother for her 70th birthday, but was rung half-muffled following the death of Mr. Peter Gardner, whom several of the band had known for many years—one for over 30.

At Rayleigh, Essex, on August 11, an attempt for Stedman Triples ran round after the half-way single. This was to have been a wedding peal for the popular Essex couple Penny Halliwell and David Sloman, of Prittlewell, and the conductor offers his apologies to all concerned for his negligence when copying the composition.

Encouraging news comes from Mr. Richard S. Dirksen, ringing master of the N. American Guild. What is believed to be the first 10-bell handbell peal has been rung and this marks a significant advance in North American ringing. He also informs us of a revival at the Mitchell Tower in Chicago, Illinois, where a young band is struggling with rounds. A teaching party from Washington hopes to visit them soon.

The quarter peal rung at Headcorn, Kent, on Aug. 4 was to celebrate the 51st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grant. Mr. Grant, who learned to ring at Lydd 64 years ago and rang the curfew bell there, still rings regularly at Headcorn and even learns new Doubles methods to please his young pupils. The quarter was the first in seven methods for all, including the 15-years-old conductor, Nigel Sheppard.

"I have been persuaded to send an account of the recent outing by . . . mainly because I type with three fingers whilst he merely uses two."—From a correspondent who sends a neatly-typed single sheet. She feels it might be too long (a single quarto, double spaced) in view of editorial comment. No! it was just right. What we are contending with consists of 4, 6, 8 and one of 10 foolscap sheets, close written or single spaced — for which we have unfortunately room for only a quarter. The average report on a week's tour, we suggest, should be about 500-600 words.

It is not often we get the chance to ring for a person's 100th birthday, but at Asfordby, Leics, the ringers were delighted to compliment, with a quarter peal, Mrs. Polly Hudson, on her century. A very active lady, she spends considerable time reading (without spectacles!) and watching television. Her day-to-day routine includes interest in her daughter, her grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

With his tongue only halfway into his cheek, Mr. David Gullick points out the possible results if our request to be brief in reporting outings and tours was taken seriously. He finishes with the amusing story of an over-zealous new sales manager who, taking exception to the motorised vagaries of one of his elderly representatives, instructed him to leave his car at home and adhere to a rigid preordained itinerary from town to town by public transport. The weekly report sent in after a week said simply "No sales, but, thank God, caught all my trains!" Naturally we note the point Mr. Gullick makes, but at the moment we have several reports to "sub" which are very lengthy and give details of drinks consumed, fish and chip shops visited, and one reports Grandsire being rung at four of the five towers.

Appendix	F-COLLECTION	OF SURPRISE	METHODS (continued	from page	684)
	C.	SURPRISE MAXI	MUS METHODS			
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75F.	Indiana	(mx)—38—147T—1250—369T—147T—38—169T—50—16—5T—18—7.
76F.	Utah	(mx)-3T-14-125T-36-147T-38-169T-50-16-3T-18-7.
77F.	Stancil	(b)—3T—14—5T—16—7T—18—9T—10—18—9T—1270—E.
78F.	Hurdsfield	(e)—3T—18—12—38—14—5T—16—7T—16—7T—34—E.
79F.	Clifton	(mx)—56—14—78—36.14.9T.14.58.9T.14.9T.70—58—9T—78—1.
80F.	Ealing	(f)—5T—14—56—36—14—5T—14—5T—14—5T—14—5.
81F.	Leatherhead	(f)—5T—14—56—36.14—14.5T.14—14.5T.14—14.5T.14—14.5.
82F.	Evesham	(b)—5T—16—127T—1238—149T—50—16—70—18—9T—10—9.
83F.	Reading	(b) 3T—3T.14—12—3T—14—58—16—5T—1478—347T—78—3.
84F.	Mellor	(f) 3T-3T.14-12-3T-14-5T-36-7T-18-9T-56-9.
85F.	Barford	(f) 3T—3T.14—12—3T.14—14.5T.16—16.7T.58—16.9T.16—16.9.
86F.	Fulham	(mx) 56—56.14—5T—36.14—14.5T—14—3T—34—3T—34—1,
87F.	Pennine	(f) 78.56.90.14.78.56.90.3T.14.7T.90.58.90.14.9T.70.14.58.14.5T.14.50.14.7.

D. LITTLE SURPRISE MAXIMUS METHOD

88F Littleport (mx)—5T—14.5T—5T.36.14—14.5T—14—18.

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A. SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

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Bedwardine	23- 8-69	Bedwardine	8F.
Bisley		Rung in Spliced	48F.
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Buckland		Rung in Spliced	12F.
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Caversham		Rung in Spliced	57F.
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Clent	19- 7-69	Clent	53F.
Covingham	31- 1-69	Stratton St. Margaret	27F.
Daley Hill	27-12-69	Farnworth-with-Kearsley	26F.
Dalston	17- 4-69	Willesden	65F.
Dereham	11- 1-69	Stamford Hill	10F.
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Drighlington	31- 5-69	Drighlington	61F.
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Quethiock	4-10-69	Easton Neston	47F.
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Sonning	25-10-05	Rung in Spliced	63F.
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Tattershall	8- 3-69	Woolwich	43F.
Taunton	5- 6-69	Willesden	1F.
Tendring		Willesden	64F.
Thatcham	20- 2-69		33F.
		Rung in Spliced	52F.
Treales	14- 4-69	Putney	7F.
Tuffley	8-10-69	Longney	
Ullswater	15- 5-69	Islip	56F.
Wareham	12- 6-69	Wareham	19F.
Wellingborough	15- 3-69	Wellingborough	21F.
Wilby	22- 3-69	Wilby	40F.
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Ypres	24- 5-69	Sittingbourne	44F.
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Bollington		Rung in Spliced	73F.
Ewerby	23-10-69	Isleworth	69F.
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Barford	27-11-69		055
Clifton	27-11-69	Birmingham Cathedral	85F.
	00 000	Rung in Spliced	79F.
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Hurdsfield		Rung In Spliced	78F.
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Leatherhead		Rung in Spliced	81F.
Littleport Little	12- 8-69	Shoreditch	88F.
Mellor		Rung in Spliced	84F.
Pennine		Rung in Spliced	87F.
Reading		Rung in Spliced	83F.
Stancil	1- 3-69	Leicester Cathedral	77F.
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Wembley	20-11-69	Birmingham Cathedral	47D.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.
—Annual Ringers' Service, Fordham, Sun., Sept.
13. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. for 6.30 Evensong and after service.

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EPSOM COMMON.—NO RINGING on Sunday, Sept. 6, or Wednesday, Sept. 9.—R. M. H.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY. — Anybody requiring details of our activities this coming year please contact me, Phillip Butler, at Hill House, 18 Heathfield Road, Keston, Kent, BR2 6BQ. All welcome.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES.— Details for freshers can be obtained from Roy Falder, of Elmadale, Roebuck Gate, Stevenage, Herts. He can also put you in touch with the society secretary in each college. 9561

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Lord Raglan, St. Martin-le-Grand, E.C., on Sept. 8 at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Sept. 8, St. Paul's Cathedral; Sept. 15, St. Mary-le-Bow; Sept. 22, St. Botolph, Aldgate; Sept. 29, Southwark Cathedral—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Because of presentation of "Son et Lumière" at Parish Church as part of "Festival 700" celebrations, ringing practices at Keynsham on Thursdays, Sept. 10, 17 and 24 will be CANCELLED.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.
—Evening meeting, Longstanton, Sat., Sept. 5.
Bells (8) 6.30—8.30 p.m. 9531

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Evening meeting, Romford, Sept. 12. Ringing 6-8 p.m. September's weekday practice at Waltham Abbev. 30th. 9513

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Long Newton
(6), Fri., Sept. 11, 7.30 p.m. 9543

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Practice meeting at Egham, Sept. 5th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Sausage supper after. Notification to ensure food supplies to Mrs. D. Parsons, 8 The Retreat, Englefield Green, Egham, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice, St. John (8), Weston-super-Mare, Wed., Sept. 9, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—B. J. 9510

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice meetings will be held at Wargrave on Sept. 5 and at Sonning on Sept. 19, both from 6 to 9 p.m. 9528

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and District Branch. — Practice, Deddington, Mon., Sept. 7, at 7.30 p.m.—B. J. Davls. 9553

SUFFOLK GUILD. — North West District. — Practice meeting, Felsham (6), on Friday evening, Sept. 11. Bells from 7 to 9 p.m. 9547

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.— Striking competition at Harbury on Sat., Sept. 5. Teams will be notified of the times they are to ring in the afternoon. Tea 5 p.m. and service after tea. Further ringing after the service (6.30, approx.). Names for tea, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa (Harbury 504). (Further copies of the entry form can be obtained from the secretary.)

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District.—Meeting, Ashover, Derbys (8), Sat., Sept. 5, 3.30 p.m. Picnic tea. Ringing in the evening until 8 p.m. 9484

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Woodchurch, Sat., Sept. 5. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify Mr. H. Wilkinson, 81 Front Road, Woodchurch, near Ashford, Kent.—A. P. S. B. 9500

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—By-meeting, Sat., Sept. 5, Meopham (note change of venue). Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Pellett, 32 Brattle, Woodchurch.—D. P. L. 9485

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.— Meeting, Haxey, Sat., Sept. 5. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Names for tea.— Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 9489

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Baston on Sat., Sept. 5. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Broughton, 119 Main Street, Baston, near Peterborough.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 9434

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Monthly meeting, Conisbrough (8), 3.30–5 p.m., and Doncaster (8), 6.30–8.30 p.m., Sat., Sept. 5. Own arrangements for tea.—R. Fletcher, Hon. Sec. 9529

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Car tour, Sept. 5, Badwell Ash, 3-3.45 p.m.; Gt. Ashfield, 4-4.45; Rickinghall, 6-6.45; Redgrave, 7 p.m. 9495

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Sat., Sept. 5. Bells 3–8.30 p.m. Plcnic tea.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 9468

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Christchurch and Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting, Ringwood, Sat., Sept. 5. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Old Hall, Ringwood. Sopley bells available in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Collins, 82 Northfield Road, Ringwood, BH24 1ST, please.—Gillan Davis, Dis. Sec. 9512

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting will be held at Leigh on Sat., Sept. 5. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea at the Vicarage (if wet, tea will be in the Village Hall). Powick (6) available from 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. E. Brooks, Brooklands, Coles Green, Leigh Sinton, Worcester.—J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, meeting Sept. 12. Ringing: Roxton (5), 3-4.30. Tea and meeting, Sandy (6), followed by ringing. Please note change of venue.—A. H. Smith. 9562

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Sat., Sept. 12, Hutton Cranswick. Bells 3.30-5 p.m. Tea 5. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. W. M. Clarke, The New Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. Tel.: Watton 402.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.
— Central District. — Blaydon, Sat., Sept. 12:
annual meeting and election of officers. Ringing
from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Johnson, Burnt House, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Co. Durham.
9564

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Cambridge District) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Sept. 12, Guilden Morden, 3–4.30. Service, tea, short business meeting for Cambridge District members; evening ringing, Littlington. Tadlow (3) also available 3–3.45.—J. S. 9432

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District. — Meeting at Goldhanger, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—R. J. H., Dis. Sec. 9483

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., Sept. 12, Widford (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Widford 5.15, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing, Hunsdon (8), 6.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. B. Lucas, 14 Rise Cottages, Widford, by Wed., Sept. 9.—S. E. James, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Meeting, Northchurch (8), Sat., Sept. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No name, no tea. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110 High Street, Northchurch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maldstone District. — By-meeting, Egerton, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, near Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting, Sept. 12, Accrington. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5. Business meeting 5 p.m., followed by further ringling.—M. F. Hill, Branch Sec. 9526

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Hawkshead, on Sat., Sept. 12. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Whalley, Bettyfold, Hawkshead, near Ambleside. No name, no tea.—T. F. Metcalfe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting, Chipping (6), Sat., Sept. 12. Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring own food. Everyone welcome, especially learners.—D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—The September monthly meeting will be held at Thurcaston. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. I. Roberts, 7 All Saints Road, Thurcaston, Leics.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.
—Meeting, Ruskington, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells
(6) from 2.30. Service at 4.15, followed by tea
and meeting. Ewerby bells (10) available from
7.30 in evening. Names for tea to G. R. Parker,
56 Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by
Wednesday previous.—G. R. P. 9530

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Quarterly ringing meeting, Porthkerry, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, very short business meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—lolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., The Grammar School, Cowbridge.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Sat., Sept. 12, St. Andrew's, Church Lane, Kingsbury, 2.30—4.15 (Wembley Park then bus 297 or 83; alternatively bus 245 or 52—allght at Blackbird Cross). Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Church Hall—business meeting after. St. Mary's, Neasden Lane, Willesden, 6.45—8.30. Surprise practices. St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Mon., Sept. 14, 6–8 p.m.—J. H. Lott, Asst. Hon. Sec. 9560

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon (8), Sat., Sept. 12. Names for tea to Miss S. Addicott, 40 West Street, Lower Weedon, Northampton, NN7 4QU.—I. Webb.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Spratton, Sat., Sept. 12. Names for tea to P. A. Turner, 26 Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 9559

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Rutland Branch.— Quarterly meeting, Greetham, Sept. 12. Bells (6) 3 p.m. and 6.30—8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Scholes, Harringworth, Corby, by Tussday, Sept. 8

by Tuesday, Sept. 8. 9519
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.— Meeting, Yetminster, Sept. 12.
Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bradford Abbas bells also available. Names for tea to Mrs.
Godley, Yetminster, Sherborne, by Sept. 8.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham and Newark Districts. — Joint meeting, East Bridgford, Sept. 12. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Kneeton (3) 3-4. Names for tea to R. Blackshaw, 36 Stratford Road, West Bridgford, by Wednesday previous.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts District.—Meeting, Sept. 12, Blyth. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to secretary in good time. 9556

SUFFOLK GUILD. — South East District. — Quarterly meeting, Holbrook (6), Sept. 12, 2.30—4.30, followed by service, tea and meeting. All names for tea to Mrs. Bertha Hardman, Swalows, Ipswich Road, Tattingstone, Ipswich, not later than Wed., Sept. 9. No names, no tea. Hoping for Stutton bells in the evening.—W. L., Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Walberton (6), on Sat., Sept. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.30. Please notify for tea P. M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis, Sussex. 9568

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch.—Meeting, Scalby (6), Sept. 12. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic teas, please; drinks provided. Business meeting after.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — We stern Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Sept. 12, Almondbury. Bells (8) 3-5 p.m. and after meeting. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. B. Sullivan, 11 Rowley Drive, Lepton, Huddersfield, by Tues., Sept. 8.—A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec. 9505

SUFFOLK LADIES' GUILD. — Meeting at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich, on Thursday, Sept. 17, 7–9 p.m. Special practice for London method ringers. All other ringers very welcome. 9565

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting, Palnswick (12), on Sat., Sept. 19, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford, by Wed., Sept. 16. 9492

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—First annual county striking competition, St. George's Church, Gravesend, Sat., Sept. 19. Draw for order of ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea tickets 4s. each, obtainable from Miss L. Seton, 1 Ashwood Place, High Street, Bean, Dartford. Remittance and s.a.e. with order, please.—A. P. S. B.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, Marcham, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea in school 4.30 p.m. Notification for tea, please, to Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 15.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Crawford cup contest final to be held at North Collingham (6), Sat., Sept. 19, at 2.30 p.m. South Collingham (5) and South Scarle (5) bells also available, 2.30—8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to P. Raithby, Dis. Sec., 205 London Road, Balderton, Newark, by Wednesday previous. Visitors welcome.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—
Striking competition, Sat., Sept. 19, Shareshill.
Draw 2.15 p.m. Test piece: 240 changes of any method of Doubles or Minor. Half-an-hour's general ringing afterwards. Own arrangements for tea, prior to evening handbell tune playing course at Shareshill Parish Hall, 6.30 p.m., when Mr. George Askew, of Brewood, will demonstrate his system of tune playing requiring no knowledge of music. Anyone (including non-ringers) from anywhere welcome to attend or take part. Ideal for small teams wishing to try carols, etc.—C. M.S., Hon. Sec. 9469

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Autumn festival, Ladock (8), Sept. 19. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Towers open: Probus (8), St. Erme (6). Names for tea to Miss B. J. Duck, 1 Benson Road, Hendra, Truro, by Sept. 14. 9336

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Clent, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Election of branch officers at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. C. Ashford, 17 Old Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, by Sept. 16. Any names received after this date will not secure tea. I MEAN THISI—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION .-- There will be a GENERAL MEETING at SHEFFIELD on Saturday, Sept. 19th. General Committee meeting at 3.15 p.m. in Ranmoor Parish Hall. Service 4.15 p.m. at Ranmoor. Tea in the Parish Hall at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Banton, 194 Glead-less Common, Sheffield, by Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Tickets will be sent to those who enclose a and given to others at Ranmoor Church at 3.45 p.m. on the Saturday. Proposals about the finance of the Association will be made at the meeting after tea. Bells: Penistone (8), 11.30-12.45; Conisborough (8), 12-1; Silkstone (6), 12.30-1.45; Bolsterstone (8), 1-2; Eastwood (8), 1.15-2.30; Wortley (8), 2-3; Walkley (6), 2.30-3.30; Ranmoor (10), 3.15-4.10; Sheffield Cathedral (13), 7-9; Wortley and Ranmoor in the evening by arrangement. - W. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9426

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oswy Street contest at Sturton-le-Steeple (11 cwt.) on Oct. 17. Entries from extra-diocesan towers invited. Write to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, for details.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Ringing festival and supper party, Sat., Oct. 24. Party to be held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell; tower and other details later.

SUFFOLK GUILD
Presentation and dedication of
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GREAT THURLOW

Saturday, September 19 Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Ven. K. O. Child, Gt. Thurlow Vicarage, Haverhill, by September 16. 9478 ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, CHIDDINGSTONE,

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch) BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The branch striking competition will be held at SPROTBOROUGH on Saturday, September 12.

The draw will take place at 14.30 on that day at Sprotborough. Will all conductors of teams intending to enter please send NAMES OF TEAMS to A. C. Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US, by Sat., Sept. 5. This is essential in order to complete all arrangements. NAMES FOR TEA (OTHER THAN THOSE RINGING IN TEAMS) should be sent to Mr. E. Short, Kathlyn, 310 Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster, by Wed., Sept. 9, at the latest.—A. C. Banton, Branch Sec. 9490

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LATE NOTICES



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The first practice of the autumn term will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street (two minutes from Tower Hill Station)

on Thursday, October 8, at 6.30 p.m. Freshers at all London colleges especially welcome.

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It is hoped that practices will begin on Tuesday, October 6.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIA-TION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Decumen's, Watchet, Sat., Sept. 12, 3 p.m. Service and business follow. Names for tea to E. R. Tyndale Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Meeting at Rodbourne Cheney (6), Sept. 12. Bells 3.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Tombs, 31 Little Avenue, Swindon, by Thursday previous. 9571

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.-By-meeting, Petham, Sat., Sept. 12 Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. W. Seward, Stoneway Caravan Park, Petham, by previous Wednesday. 9572

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Mon., Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. 9573

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for August 31, 1945

The charge for supplying the R.W. by post was 4s. 3d. a quarter, 8s. 6d. a half year and 17s, a year.

Two peals were rung by the Universities Association; one at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich (Grandsire Cinques), was rung in 3 hours 28 minutes, the other at Beccles, Suffolk (Stedman Caters), in 3 hours 13 minutes, both times being considered too fast for good striking, according to later correspondence. (Peals at Mancroft now seldom take longer than 3 hours 20-25 minutes.)

At Wisborough Green, Sussex, Walter Sparrow, Francis D. Bishop, Richard E. Price, G. Wm. Morris and Tony Price rang their first in seven Surprise Minor, Tony conducting. Ernest C. S. Turner was the other ringer.

There were 35 victory peals recorded, 15 being Grandsire, and among 16 others four were Grandsire.

Alfred H. Pulling, who conducted a peal of Stedman Triples at Guildford, rang his 200th on the bells of the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity.

"I consider that having learnt the art of rope-sight, which is 75 per cent of the battle, to be able to strike well is by far the most important thing."—Letter from Major David Satow, B.A.O.R.

50 YEARS AGO

September 3, 1920 At Harborne, Staffs, George Pigott conducted Grandsire Triples, in which Edward Rose rang his first peal and Wm. B. Cartwright his first in the method. . *

The band congratulated Miss Emma Tonge on being the first lady to ring a peal at Worsley, Worcs.

The first peal ever by an entirely local band was rung at Harrold. Beds, the ringers being Charles Cockings, Henry W. Gayton, Alfred Robinson, William Stock, Herbert Robinson and George Thew.

The Leicester controversy between Fred Dexter and Ernest Morris flared up again with three letters printed in the R.W. and the Editor closing the correspondence—no doubt to stop other ringers being involved.

Read "Forty and Two Months," by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (secretary of Salisbury Guild)—the much-discussed prophecy explained, its recent fulfilment demonstrated-8d. post free.—Advt. [Does any reader remember what this was about?—Ed.] *

Congratulations were extended to Chorley ringers on scoring their first local peal, when they attended a meeting of the Lancashier Association at Leyland.

. . Owing to increased postal rates, the charge for the R.W. sent by post will in future be 3/- per quarter or 12/- per year.— Notice in advertisement columns.

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(Continued from page 628.)

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Holy Cross,

Daventry,

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Cover Picture

Holy Cross, Daventry, Northants

The present building was erected in 1752—1754 in the then fashionable Classical style, and stands on the site of at least two earlier churches. The first known building, on land given by Simon de Liz, Earl of Northampton, was built to accommodate the Benedictine monks formerly housed at Preston Capes, in 1090.

This building also served as the Parish Church of Daventry, and for a long time the monks provided one of their number to act as parish priest. Relationships between the parishioners and the Prior and Convent (it was a Priory of the powerful Abbey of Cluny) were not always good, and in 1390 there was a great row over the ringing of the bells of the Monastic/Parish Church. The Prior and Convent maintained that the parishioners rang the bells so early in the morning "afore the hour of rising," that the monks were unable to sleep, and as they had risen at midnight for Matins, this was a great hardship. The parishioners, on the other hand, made counter charges that the Prior and Convent "made chase and rechase with their carts through the Churchyard during their carts through the Churchyard during the time of Divine Service," thus causing great offence. The dispute was eventually brought before John of Gaunt, Daventry lying in his Duchy of Lancaster. At his Court it was ruled that the bells were not to be rung to excess, and that each body was to keep a key to the churchvard gate.

The registers of the Bishops of Lincoln record many other interesting and disgraceful happenings in the affairs of the Priory, but these have no place here. Daventry was fated to be one of the 19 religious houses appropriated by Cardinal Wolsey, before the general dissolution of the monasteries. for the foundation of his college at Oxford, later to became Christ Church. Several years afterwards, it is recorded that the church stood in ruins, roofless and windowless, and that much of the stone had been removed for the repair of secular property in the parish.

Some time after 1550 a new Gothic church was erected, and in 1700 Bridges records the inscriptions of the five bells then hanging in the tower, some of which bore the name of the Watts foundry of Leicester.

In 1738, these five, together with three other bells formerly hanging in the tower of Catesby Abbey, were recast by Thomas Eayre, of Kettering, into a fine ring of eight with a 16½ cwt. tenor. They were rehung in the new tower in 1754, and with the exception of the 6th, which was re-cast by Joseph Eayre at St. Neots in 1764, they survived intact until 1908, when the tenor, having become badly cracked, was recast with added metal by John Taylor. In 1915 the 7th fell in two pieces during service ringing one Sunday and this, too, was recast at Loughborough.

By 1938 the bells were badly in need of rehanging, and the old oak frame was strengthened and the bells hung on cast iron headstocks and ball-bearings. Another bell, the 3rd, became cracked in 1951 and was recast.

Inspection by Frederick Sharpe in 1960 and later by Taylors revealed that the frame was once again moving considerably, and the bells were consequently not always easy to ring-particularly the tenor. The cause was found to be the ends of the massive supporting beams which had rotted

in the walls. The enthusiasm of the local ringers led to the decision to install a frame for ten and to add two new trebles; at the same time it was thought advisable to recast the old treble, 2nd and 4th—the ringers undertaking to pay for two of them.

The dedication of the newly-restored bells coincided with the visit of the Central Council to Northampton in 1965, and it is not merely local pride to say that they are among the very finest light rings of ten bells to be found anywhere. They are rung twice every Sunday as well as for the Tuesday practice and all the red letter Saints Days. Visiting ringers are always made welcome!

PEAL RINGING

As far as can be ascertained no peals were rung on the bells before 1919, when Sted-Triples was rung by a Northampton band. Only about seven others were rung before 1958, when a peal of Cornwall was rung for the induction of the Rev. Kenneth Ward. The installation of a very effective system of sound control enabled 30 other peals to be rung before 1964, when the bells were taken down for restoration.

In the five years since the ten were installed, more than 100 peals have been rung, and many new methods and compositions, some unorthodox and controversial, have been used. No long lengths have been rung so far, although in 1969 two peals were rung on the same day. It is hoped that within the octave of the Feast of Title this year a long length of London Royal will be attempted.

I would like to acknowledge here that without the goodwill of the rector and the parishioners all this ringing would not have been possible. As it is, complaints are virtually nil and compliments frequent. P. I. C.

DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Treble (25", 4 cwt. 15 lb., G).-Do nothing separately that may be done together. These bells are restored and augmented to the greater glory of God, 1965. Kenneth Ward, Rector. Patrick I. Chapman, G. R. Dodson, churchwar-dens. Taylor, Loughborough.

2nd (26½", 4 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb., F).—May they all be one . . . that the world may believe.

Taylor, Loughborough, 1965.

3rd (28", 4 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb., E flat).-Grata sit arguta resonans campanula voce. Tho, Eayre A.D. 1738. Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1965. Our theme is the word of life.
4th (29", 5 cwt. 21 lb., D).—Grata sit arguta

resonans campanula voce. T. Eayre, 1738. Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1965. With such a

hope as this we speak out boldly.

5th (31", 6 cwt. 5 lb., C).—IHS Nazarenus
Rex Judeorum Fili Dei miserere mei. Tho.
Eayre, A.D. 1738. Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1951. S. F. W. Powell, Rector. S. Collett,

Cast 1901. S. F. W. Fowen, House, House, W. Hirons, churchwardens. 6th (33", 6 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb., B flat).—Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Del. Gloria Deo soll. Tho. Eayre, A.D. 1738. Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1965. Rejoice, you no less than I and let

us share our joy. 7th (36", 7 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb., A flat). — IHS Nazarenus Rex Judeorum Fili Del miserere mei.

Eayre Kett: A.D. 1738. 8th (39", 10 cwt. 5 lb., G). — Joseph Free-

8th (39", 10 cwt. 5 lb., G). — Joseph Freeman, churchwarden. Joseph Eayre, St. Neots, fecit October 29, 1764.
9th (43½", 14 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb., F).—Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei. Gloria Patri Fillo et Spiritui Sancto. T. Eayre, 1738. John and Denison Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1915.
Tenor (48", 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb., E flat).—Omnia Fiant ad Gloriam Dei. Tho. Eayre Kett. Charles Wildgose, bayliffe, Anno Domini 1738. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. Refusa 1908.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I give notice that an attempt will be made for 11,520 London Surprise Royal (Beddington version) at Daventry Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 19, 1970, starting at 10.30 a.m.

The attempt will be made under the auspices of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the conductor will be Mr. Graham C. Paul.—Yours faithfully,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN. Daventry, Northants. Aug. 26, 1970.

COMPTON BISHOP'S GOOD FORTUNE

The induction and institution of the Rev. James Tomsett will take place at St. Andrew's, Compton Bishop, near Axbridge, Somerset, on Monday next, September 14, at 7 p.m., and no doubt the bells will be rung before and after the service, with

maybe a peal attempt later.
For many years Mr. Tomsett was a ringer at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, and a member of the Surrey Association, and was ordained in 1964. He served his title at St. Mark's, Surbiton (no bells!), and then moved to St Cuthbert's, Wells, Somerset, in 1968.

Mr. Tomsett is looking forward to his new living but regrets he has not been able to accomplish anything with regard to the condition of the bells at Wells, which have now ceased because of the dangerous state of the tower and which requires about £10,000 spent on it.

We look forward to recording various ringing events in the Axbridge area from time to time and in the meanwhile extend congratulations to the new vicar and the parishioners at Compton Bishop.

NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE VETERAN

At the age of 14 Charles William Cooper first climbed the steps of the tower of St. Thomas's Church, Stourbridge. Now, 70 years later, he rarely misses ringing for two services on Sunday, and practice on Monday. Bill, as he is known to his friends, was taught to handle a bell by the late W. A. Pugh, who was for many years tower keeper at the church which has figured so prominently in Bill's long life. Bill first attended Sunday School there in 1894, was secretary of the ringers for many years, and last year provided the tower with a new treble bell in memory of his late wife and late sister. In 1968 he was made an honorary member of St. Thomas's Society of Change Ringers.

It was in 1913 that Bill rang his first peal, when he rang the treble to Bob Major at St. Mary's Church, Old Swinford, and this was the 1,000th peal for the Worcestershire and Districts Association. Altogether he has rung 96 peals.

In 1929 Bill was appointed librarian of the Worcestershire and Districts Associa-tion, an office he still holds. In recognition of his services he was made a Freeman of the association in 1966.

Amongst some of the old ringers Bill remembers are William Rock Small (Tipton), James E. Groves, Thomas Miller and Paddon Smith (Birmingham), William Short (Clent), James George (Rugby) and Robert Matthews and John Bass (Stour-

Bill's 84th birthday was on July 23, and he was determined to mark the occasion by standing in a peal. A good peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by his greatnephew, was rung at St. Mary's Church, Old Swinford, a report of which has already appeared.

Wedding



SOTHERAN—WATTS

Mr. Peter Sotheran, a director of the family printing business, and Miss Susan Clare Watts, a teacher, were married at St. Mark's Church, Bilton, Warwickshire, on August 15. The bride, wearing a dress she had made herself, was attended by three young bridesmaids (aged 5, 6 and 7). The best man was Mr. Paul A. Sheen, of Lidget Hill, Pudsey.

A number of ringing friends were present and were pleased to be able to join the local band for ringing before the service, as did the bridegroom (much to the best man's consternation!).

Peter and Susan met at Saltburn Church, where Susan runs the Church Guide Company and Peter has been ringing for the past 12 years.

RINGERS' SUNDAY AT CHRIST-CHURCH PRIORY

"Ringers' Sunday" was observed at Christchurch Priory on August 16, when some good ringing was heard before the morning and evening services. The attendance during the afternoon session could have been better. However, a capacity congregation, which included 50 ringers, filled the large Priory nave for "Ringers' Evensong," and the first lesson was read by Mr. Roger Savory (master, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild).

The vicar of Christchurch (Rev. Leslie Yorke) preached, taking for his subject "Called to Service," and four members of the Priory band rang a course of Grandsire Triples in the chancel to conclude the service.

At the social hour in Priory Church Hall afterwards about 150 people enjoyed handbell tune ringing by St. James', Pokesdown (Bournemouth), Girl Guides and the showing of the film "Ringers Required."

Ladies connected with the Priory ringers served refreshments, and the evening concluded (at 9 p.m.) with votes of thanks to the vicar and all concerned in the arrangements for a very successful day.

ELEVENTH OCCASION

District outings, tower trips, peal and quarter peal tours—there is no end to the ways in which bellringers will organise themselves for a pull, and often many miles are traversed for the sake of a touch on a musical ring of bells.

One such half-day took place on Wednesday, August 19, when for the 11th successive year Wilson's Wanderers took to the road, travelling from many parts to meet between 1 and 2 p.m. at Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

The majority of the 50 or so who assembled were old friends and acquaintances, but each time there are a few newcomers, and this year was no exception. The company consisted mainly of middleaged ringers, but the younger generation—particularly the ladies—held their own, as did the senior group—several being octogenarians. Transport varied from sports cars to minis, from modern 1100's to large, but older, limousines. The weather was at times atrocious, and there was hardly a dry moment all day. Nevertheless, the beautiful churches visited (many of historic and architectural interest), the excellent rings of bells and the congenial company all made the effort worth while, quite apart from the great pleasure of renewing old acquaintanceships.

The ten (tenor 20 cwt.) at Bishop's Stortford were followed by the eights at Great Dunmow (22 cwt.) and Great Bardfield (16 cwt.). At tea, taken at the Walnut Tree Hotel, expressions of thanks and appreciation were extended to the organiser and to the many others who had assisted in a variety of ways, and the party then made for Finchingfield for an hour's ringing on the eight (18 cwt.). The final tower was at Braintree, another eight (11½ cwt.), following which the "wanderers" wandered homewards, each promising to return next year to explore the Berkshire countryside and to keep up the tradition of good towers, good ringing and good fellowship.

This year's representation came from Hillingdon, Slough, Horsham, Ealing, Maidenhead, Bromley, Windsor, Willesden, Leatherhead, Farnham, Stoke Poges, Leyton, Acle (Norfolk), Chalfont St. Giles, Farnborough (Hants), Twickenham and Bletchley.

COMING HOME

Dr. J. C. Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin are returning from Hyattsville, U.S.A., to Wantage, Berks, this month, and they write:

"Our year in Washington has been extremely rewarding as far as ringing is concerned, and recently we have been able to try Double Norwich, Cambridge Major and Grandsire Caters.

"It is planned that a group of North American ringers will be visiting England for a ringing holiday next summer, and I would be extremely interested to hear of any families who would be prepared to provide hospitality and transport for one or more Americans. I will send a letter for publication when a few more of the details are worked out.

"Meanwhile we are very much looking forward to our return and more plentiful

"May I say how much we enjoy The Ringing World these days—there is always something of interest about people and places we know, and while we do not agree with all the editorials at least they are stimulating."

SPLICE DISCLOSED AFTER FIVE MONTHS

Miles Platting, Manchester.—The Lancashire Association. On Sat., Feb. 22, 1919, in 2 hours and 55 minutes, at the Church of St. John, a peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes); tenor 12 cwt.: Miss Emma Tonge treble, Percival W. Cave 2, Arthur Ridyard 3, Thomas K. Driver 4, Joseph Hall 5, Frank Stoneley 6, Walter W. Wolstencroft 7, Amos Trippier tenor. Composed by J. H. Banks, conducted by F. Stoneley. Rung half-muffled on the occasion of ringers' memorial service.

Back in 1919, when the above peal was rung, young Emma Tonge and Percival Cave met for the first time, and neither could have foreseen that in 1970 Mrs. Emma (Richard) Deal would become Mrs. Percival Cave. Such, however, has happened and the news reached us that on April 5, at St. George's, Beckenham, Kent, the wedding took place between Emma Deal and Percival Cave, who later left for the bright lights of Paris. They now live at 37 St. Edmunds Road, Acle, Norwich.

Mrs. Cave received many congratulations when they joined Wilson's Wanderers on a half-day tour recently: "It was so heart-warming to meet after long years . . . and the really extraordinary warm welcome . . ." wrote Emma Cave later.

All their old ringing friends, and all the young ones too, will wish them every happiness.



Mr. and Mrs. Percival Cave en route for Paris.

NO DINNER THIS YEAR

For reasons beyond their control, the organisers of the Essex Association Dinner have been unable to arrange the traditional function this year, but instead are holding a ringing festival and supper party, to which it is hoped everyone will give their support. The date fixed is Saturday. October 24, and the supper party will be held at St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell. Details will be advertised at the end of September.

A WEEK IN THE NORTH

At 6 a.m. on July 25, 13 East Anglians left Colchester and Ipswich in three cars for Liverpool. On arrival we met seven others from Hertfordshire and we spent a pleasant hour on the bells of the Cathedral. From here we proceeded to Kirkby Lonsdale, headquarters for two nights.

On Sunday we made an early start to ring for the 10 o'clock service at Morecambe. We are grateful to the locals for allowing us to join them and we enjoyed the pleasant light eight. Afternoon ringing was at Lancaster, but we found St. Mary's bells difficult to ring and strike due to springy ropes, but were of fine tone outside. Next the Roman Catholic Cathedral bells (10, 25 cwt.) were rung, and these must be unique as regards total bell weight for the treble weighs 10 cwt. and the 4th 16 cwt.! Most of us "grabbed" the ring at Kirkby Lonsdale before evening service and found a very pleasant 12 cwt. six.

First on Monday was Kirkby Stephen, where we found the 16 cwt. eight easy to handle despite the long draught. Then to Orton, having a 12 cwt. Taylor ring, and despite a degree of odd-struckness the musical eight were tapped round to a variety of methods. Lunch was in Penrith and ringing on the good-going eight at St. Andrew's enjoyed by all.

After touches at Brampton the local ringers provided us with an enjoyable tea, which was appreciated, and from here we went on to Strathaven for the night.

We travelled the 20-odd miles on Tuesday to Glasgow and rang on the fine 32 cwt. Taylor ten, with ringing following at Paisley (8, 22 cwt.). After lunch in Glasgow the rest of the day was spent travelling to Inveraray and enjoying the lovely scenery of Loch Lomond, Loch Long and Loch Fyne. We arrived at 5 p.m. and ascended the tower to put the ropes on. There followed a celebration meal for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Laud.

BROKEN ROPE

We rang at Inveraray from 9 to 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday and found a truly magnificent ring of ten (tenor 41½ cwt.). Unfortunately a broken rope rather marred a course of Superlative on the back eight. The rest of the day was spent travelling through the north west Highlands and most of us saw Loch Ness (but not "Nessie") on the way to Inverness.

Thursday at St. Andrew's Cathedral we rang on the Warner eight, and from here travelled over the Cairngorms to Perth, seeing Ben Nevis and other high peaks. Later some of us went into Dundee for evening ringing, where the first tower was the Old Steeple, and the recently-rehung Mears eight were tapped round to a variety of methods. Then down the road to St. Paul's Cathedral, where we found the musical 23 cwt. eight.

At Dunblane Cathedral on Friday we rang on the very good 24 cwt. eight, and after lunch in Stirling we sampled the light Taylor eight at Alloa and found them very quick-running and musical. At Edinburgh Cathedral the 41 cwt. ten were rather difficult to hear inside, whilst at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, we were met by Mr. R. S. Wilson (secretary, Scottish Association), who had a lot to do with the success of the tour.

Saturday saw us sampling the lightest five in the United Kingdom—Fette's College, Edinburgh, and we came then to our last Scottish tower, St. James-the-Less, Leith, where we found the eight (23 cwt.) were rather hard going. At Berwick-on-Tweed we took lunch and then made our way to

THE HISTORY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH BELLS

CHELLASTON, DERBYS.

By the time this article is published most parishioners will have realised that a new sound is to "ring out" over the parish. It is hoped that the bells convey more than just a sound since there is a history attached to the fact that we now have five bells—approximately 265 years of continuity-history. Thanks to the dedication of many people, who had to withstand doubt and criticism of the bells' value or significance, they can still convey a message. How did it all start?

It is quite well known that the church is about 650 years old but it is not generally realised that it wasn't until the year 1705 that the first two bells were cast by George Hedderley of Nottingham and hung in a stone turret on the west end of the church. Popular opinion is that it was a wooden turret but owing to the weight of the bells we believe this was unlikely.

In 1840 the two bells were removed and the turret taken down—being replaced by the present tower. Only one of the original bells was retained, the fate of the other is not known. John Taylor & Co. of Loughborough cast two new bells and they were hung for full swing ringing in a wooden frame.

During 1910 the George Hedderley bell was recast by John Taylor & Co. and when it was refitted all three bells were rehung in a modern low side iron frame at a cost of £78. At this time the clock was also overhauled and striking hammers were refitted at a cost of £4 15s. Od. (How much did you say it cost to get the alarm clock mended dear?) It is interesting to note that at this time a letter signed by a Mr. Ford of Chellaston rejected a quotation of £14 for the provision of a fourth bell. Further attention was given to the bells in 1928 but details of the actual work is not recorded.

In 1956 a scheme was launched to provide ultimately a ring of six bells. Work commenced in 1965 when the existing treble was taken to Taylors' foundry to be retuned and all the three bells were rehung on new ball bearings. At the same time, the frames for three more bells were installed.

During the 1960's a fourth bell was donated to us by St. Andrew's Church, Derby (cast by Means of London). The fifth bell was obtained from the prison at Northampton (originally cast by J. Warner & Co.). It is believed that this bell was probably used as the execution bell at the

An order was placed in August 1969 to have these two bells melted down. Two new bells were cast in October 1969 by John Taylor & Co. and they were collected and hung by a working party from the parish on January 17th, 1970. Further work is being completed to enable them to be rung very soon, and it is hoped to mark the completion of this stage of the scheme with a service of dedication when our new vicar takes up his appointment.

Details of the Bells 7 lbs. Treble Note A 1 cwt. 3 qr. 2 0 2nd G 0 3rd F 2 5 4th E 2 20 D 4 1 18 Tenor

As an indication of how costs soar, a quote in 1956 for the supply of three new bells and the necessary associated work amounted to £500. The costs for the 1969 installation amounted to £675.

The final stage of the scheme, the addition of a sixth bell, cannot be started until we have completed payment for the present installation.

The bell ringers would like to thank all helpers, past and present, for their help and encouragement in this project and invite your continued support since we still have to clear the outstanding debt of approximately £150.

E. WILLOWS.

Bamburgh. At Embleton, Jim Pipe made a presentation to Bernard in appreciation of all the work he had put in, and Bernard replied by saying he would be organising another tour in Cornwall next year. After ringing on the six, on to Morpeth, where we sampled the pleasant little eight.

Having spent Saturday night in New-

Having spent Saturday night in Newcastle, we joined the local band at the Cathedral and were grateful for the opportunity of joining them for service ringing. There was just time for a ring at St. Stephen's, Elswick, before starting the long trek home.

Thanks are due to all incumbents and tower captains and to all who helped to make the week a success, and now we look forward to next year in Cornwall.

"TOURIST."

BRAIN TEASER

Another problem to solve, submitted by Mr. J. S. Rank, of Machakos, Kenya.

Steeple St. Andrew has a ring of six bells and the ropes in the ringing chamber fall in an almost perfect circle. The six local ringers arranged to attempt a quarter peal for evensong each Sunday for several successive weeks.

After the last quarter peal in this series the conductor, who always rang the tenor, mentioned that each ringer had the same two neighbours standing on either side of him once and only once during the series.

How many quarter peals were rung and how was the band placed for each quarter? Answer September 18. GILBERT WHITE ANNIVERSARY

July 18 was the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Rev. Gilbert White, of Selborne, who thus described the bells of his native village in the famous National History and Antiquities of Selborne: "The old bells, three in number, loud and out of tune, were taken down in 1735, and cast into four; to which Sir Simon Stuart, the grandfather of the present baronet, added a fifth at his own expense; and, bestowing it in the name of his favourite daughter, Mrs. Mary Stuart, caused it to be cast with the following motto round it:—

Clara puella dedit, dixitque mihi esto Maria; Illrus et laudes nomen ad astra sono. [Englished, this means: A lovely girl gave me, and named me Mary; now I ring out her name and praises to the skies.]

"The day of the arrival of this tunable peal was observed as a high festival by the village, and rendered more joyous by an order from the donor that the treble bell should be fixed bottom upward in the ground and filled with punch, of which all present were permitted to partake."

present were permitted to partake."

Only one peal has been rung on these bells, six methods of Doubles on November 9, 1963, by the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. A quarter peal was arranged by Canon Elliot Wigg, master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, an admirer of Gilbert White and a member of the Selborne Society. He wishes to thank the members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for their ready co-operation in making the project possible.

Manchester University Guild WATERWAYS PREFERRED

In recent years a tradition has developed with the Manchester University Guild's summer tour to disregard Britain's highways in preference for the waterways, using a motorised barge as the means of getting from one tower to the next. This year, starting in the last week in June, our course was from Wheaton Aston, just north of the Birmingham / Wolverhampton complex, along the Shropshire Union Canal, the Llangollen Canal, into Wales, finishing at Llangollen.

The tour began in a somewhat fragmentary manner, with two peal attempts: Bob Minor in hand at Manchester (unsuccessful) and Bob Major in hand at Lichfield (successful). For six weeks the weather had been glorious (as it was at the end!) but unfortunately the Saturday morning of the tour proper was grim when the company assembled at Penkridge. The long draught here gave one or two a shake-up and this appeared to be an excellent way to commence a tour!

As in previous years there were three boats: Lindy-Helen, under "Admiral" Sherwood, Pennine Navigation, under "Captain" Reading, Barbara Joan, under "Captain" Polly Goldthorpe, each boat having five "hands." After a short delay we set sail southwards towards Wolverhampton. We docked near Codsall and after a two-mile walk to the church tackled the excellent but light ring of eight. The handbell team, having set their sights on a peal a day, returned early to Lindy-Helen, whence the author scored his first peal as conductor in hand.

NORTHWARDS AGAIN

Sunday morning was as wet as the previous day and after an early rise we sailed northwards, ringing the fine eight at Brewood for matins. The afternoon's travelling was fairly relaxed and for the only time in the week the clouds broke up. Evensong ringing took place at Church Eaton where, unfortunately, the small ring of six is seldom heard. After a short ring following the service we cruised on to Gnosall where, alas, the evening's peal attempt hardly got off the ground.

Monday morning's rise for a 9.30 ring at Gnosall (a minor six) was thankfully leisurely, and then all boats set sail for Cheswardine (8), ten miles upstream. The afternoon run to the next tower, Market Drayton, was not without incident: Barbara Joan ran aground and was followed by one of her "hands" mistiming the jump from quay to boat deck (with obvious conse-quences). However, Market Drayton was a consolation with a magnificent ring of eight. As there were 17 locks before the next tower the following morning the pilots wisely decided to move on, mooring at Audlem for the night. The peal attempt was successful this time, one member scoring his first of Major in hand. The first ring on Tuesday was at Audlem (6) and was not until 11.15 a.m., and in spite of poor weather spirits never flagged.

A BAD PATCH
The next port of call was the picturesque Shropshire town of Nantwich. Unfortunately ringing hit a bad patch so we were unable to match the high standard of Nantwich's eight bells. In travelling to the next tower, Acton (6), most got soaked from the pouring rain. The similarity between the towers of Nantwich and Acton was evident, for both could adequately house rings of 12! The standard of ringing at Acton improved but lacked enthusiasm, mainly due to wet feet.



Left to right: E. Roy Taylor, Ian Goldthorpe, Paul Reading, Digby Munday, Bill Taylor, Nick Harrop, Margaret Ellwood, Frank West, Marcus Sherwood, Lynda Plant, John Hartley, Pat James, Lynda Deebank, Rosemary Gates, Liz Tingle, Hamish McNaughton, Godfrey L. Foat, Ronald Barclay.

Early on Wednesday we left the Shropshire Union and proceeded to negotiate the Llangollen Canal. Three 6-bell towers were visited — Wrenbury, Marbury (where the tenor rope broke) and Tushingham. The following day began slightly warmer, with clouds not quite so ominous. Whitchurch (8) was the first tower and we then proceeded to Ellesmere, which has a 21 cwt. eight (a flat treble and a sharp 5th). There being only two towers booked we moved on and docked at Windford. In transit a quarter of Kent T.B. Major was rung aboard Lindy-Helen, the first of T.B. Major in hand for all.

Blustery Friday's first encounter was the delightful six at St. Martin's. The second tower, at Ruabon, was undoubtedly the most scenic and spectacular of the tour. The distant hills, which had been in view for several days, loomed up and appeared to halt further progress, but the canal con-

tinued, twisting, tunnelling and crossing precariously high aqueducts. We tied up at the steel mill town of Trevor, almost an eyesore in the heart of the hills. Ringing at Ruabon (6)—a three-mile walk from Trevor—began at 7.15 p.m., and later at the first inn (situated outside the tower) the guild officers held a committee meeting.

The final day started, the last leg being through an increasingly narrowing canal to Llangollen. Barbara Joan never quite made it, suffering from a flooded engine housing. The boats were handed back, cars collected and we made for the final tower, Llangollen (8), whence we dispersed.

All in all the tour was as successful and as enjoyable as we had hoped. Expressions of appreciation are due to the large number of people involved: incumbents and tower captains, organisers Margaret Ellwood, Pat James, Digby Munday, with organiser-inchief Paul Reading.

W. M. T.

GERALD PENNEY'S 500 PEALS

TOWER BELLS

Doubles: Stedman 2 (conducted 1). Plain Bob 21 (14), Chiltern T.B. 1, Conway Delight 1, Hertfordshire Delight 1, St. Albans Delight 1 (1), 2-7 methods 21 (14), 9 methods Delight 1 (1), 2-7 methods 21 (14), 9 methods 2 (2), 12 methods 1 (1). Surprise Minor: Cambridge 9 (5), Beverley 1 (1), Blunsdon 1, Norwich 1 (1), Surfleet 1 (1), 3 methods 1, 4 methods 1 (1), 7 methods 4 (1), 10 methods 2, methods 1 (1), / methods 4 (1), 10 methods 2, 11 methods 1, 13 methods 1. Triples: Grandsire 3, Stedman 7 (4), 3 methods 1. Major: Plain Bob 10 (4), Gainsborough Little Bob 1 (1), Double Norwich 2 (1), Kent T.B. 1 (1), Spliced Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise 1. Surprise Major: London 20 (8), Yorkshire 17 (8), Cambridge Surprise 1. Surprise Major: London 20 (8), Yorkshire 17 (8), Cambridge Surprise 1. Surprise bridge 11 (3), Lincolnshire 11 (3), Bristol 7 (1), Rutland 5 (3), Pudsey 2 (1), Watford 2, 1 (1) each of Aldenham, Ashtead, Cheshire, Finedon, Gainsborough, Hendon, Johannesburg, Lindum, Painswick, Quedgley, Superlative, Vermont, Zelah and one each of Belfast, Bottesford, Burford, Chartwell, Ealing, Essex, Glasgow, Harpenden, Lapal, Lessness, Madingley, Newcastle, New Cambridge, Olney, Otley, Pyrford, Ulceby, York. Spliced Surprise Major: 3 methods 1 (1), 4 methods 7 (5), 5 methods 1, 6 methods 5 (1), 8 methods 4 (1), 9 methods 2, 10 methods 1, 8 methods 4 (1), 9 methods 2, 10 methods 1, 10 methods 5 (1), 9 methods 1, 10 methods 8 methods 4 (1), 9 methods 2, 10 methods 1 (1), 14 methods 1. Caters: Grandsire 5, Sted-Royal: Plain Bob 6 (2), Double Bob 1 man 5. (1), Little Bob 1, Gainsborough Little Bob 1 (1), Isleworth Little Bob 1, Reverse Bob 1, Kent T.B. 3. Surprise Royal: Yorkshire 9 (5), London 5 Cambridge 5 (1), Albanian 2 (2), Rutland 2 (1), 1 (1) each of Clifton, Ewerby, Isleworth, Kedleston, Lincolnshire, Prittlewell, Rickmansworth, and one each of Christchurch, Clyde, Evesham, Grantham, Winchester, and 4-Spliced. Cinques: Erin 1, Grandsire 1, Stedman 4 (1). Maximus: Plain Bob 1. Surprise Maximus: Cambridge 5 (2), Yorkshire 2 (2), Aldenham 1, Southwark 1. Total on tower bells: 304 (132). HANDBELLS

Minor: Plain Bob 13 (7), 2 methods 2 (1), 3 methods 3 (2), 4 methods 3 (3), 5 methods 2 (2), 7 methods 5 (4), 8 methods 2 (2), 9 methods 2 (2), 12 methods 1 (1), Surprise Minor: Cambridge 1, London 1, Major: Plain Bob 35 (12), Double Bob 2 (1), Little Bob 3 (2), St. Clement's 1 (1), Gainsborough Little Bob 1 (1), 6 methods (plain) 1 (1), Kent T.B. 1 (5), Oxford T.B. 8 (3), Kent and Oxford T.B. 3. Surprise Major: Bristol 1, London 2. Spliced Surprise Major: 4 methods 2, 6 methods 1, 8 methods 1, 9 methods 2, 10-16 methods one each, 18 methods 4, 20 methods 3, 21 methods 1, 23 methods 3, 25 methods 3, 26 methods 1, 28 methods 2, 30 methods 2, 32 methods 1, Royal: Plain Bob 9 (3), Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 3 (1), Oxford T.B. 3 (1), Surprise Royal: Cambridge 4, London 3, Westminster 1, York 1. Spliced Surprise Royal: 3 methods 1, Cinques: Stedman 1. Maximus: Plain Bob 5 (4), Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 5 (3), Oxford T.B. 1 (1), Kent and Oxford T.B. 1. Surprise Maximus: Westminster 1 (1), York 1. Spliced Surprise Maximus: 4 methods 1, 8 methods 1, 16 methods 2, 12 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 16 methods 1. Fourteen In: Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 2. Sixteen In: Little Bob 1, Kent T.B. 3. Total on handbelis: 196 (64).

Overall total: 500 (196).

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TETTENHALL'S CHURCH AND BELLS

Dear Sir,—Following the write-up about St. Michael's Church, Tettenhall, in The Ringing World of August 7, may I be allowed to correct one or two points. I do not know who was responsible for the article, but some of the information is out of date.

I have spent some years searching for information to confirm a theory of mine that there is a definite link between the old ring of bells at Tettenhall and four of the present ring at Codsall.

The old five bells which were said to be dated 1604 were replaced in 1841 by a new ring of six as stated, but a local historian wrote in 1894 that he could not discover what happened to the "old and very unmusical" ring of five which was removed from the tower in 1841.

The evidence datewise is fairly convincing, but actual written proof has not to date been discovered, and probably never will be, concerning the movements of the old five.

Certain facts have been established; the date 1604 may have been the only one seen during an examination of the old bells, for we know that a bell dated 1604 hung in St. Mary's Church, Wolverhampton, until partial demolition in 1950 and conversion to other uses.

The whole of the cost of this church, which was over £10,000, was borne by a Miss Theodosia Hinkes, a very wealthy lady, and one of the largest landowners in Tettenhall Wood. She was described as "a generous benefactor to Tettenhall Church."

As St. Mary's Church was built during the years 1840 and 1842 and Tettenhall Church had a new ring of bells in 1841, I am convinced that in exchange for a sizable donation Miss Theodosia Hinkes "persuaded" Tettenhall Church authorities to give her one of the old bells for her new church then being built.

When St. Mary's was demolished I went along to examine the 1604 bell, which had previously been inaccessible, and found that it had been removed from the tower and sold to a local scrap dealer. I went along to his yard and found that the bell was still there intact, and after some persuasion and pointing out the antiquarian value of the bell, managed to prevent it being broken up and sold for scrap.

Soon after this incident the gentleman in question, who I am pleased to state at-tended Tettenhall Church, gave the bell back for use at a temporary church which was being used, as the Parish Church had been destroyed by fire. After the re-building the bell was moved to a new church which was built on a new estate at Aldersley and where it still remains to this day, although it is possibly in some danger, as it is "clocked" for Sunday services.

The bell is the oldest remaining one known from the foundry of Hancox and Clibury, and bears the inscription "Com Com and Praye," and the date 1604.

The other date "tie-up" in the story of the other four bells is that until 1847 Codsall was part of Tettenhall Parish, and as four of the bells at Codsall are from the Hancox and Clibury Foundry and are dated 1637 and 1638, there is a strong possibility that they came from Tettenhall. At that time Codsall possessed only one bell dated

AN APPRECIATION—SUSSEX U.G. IN DEVON

During the recent tour of Dear Sir. Devon by the University of Sussex Guild of Change Ringers several of the local ringers were invited to join in. This was very much appreciated and we enjoyed the time that we could spend with this "Happy Band of Pilgrims." It was so nice meeting some "old" ringing friends once again. It also gave us a chance of "brushing up" on some of the methods that we had not rung for "many moons." We only hope that the local ringers enjoyed our company as much as we enjoyed theirs.

"PLAIN BOB."

Brixham.

DOES ANYONE KNOW?

Dear Sir,-The Wolverton and District Archæological Society wishes to obtain de-Church of Stony Stratford, Bucks. The church was built in 1450 and was destroyed by fire in 1730. The bells may have stayed longer as the tower still stands.

It is believed that the bells were removed at some time to a yard in St. Ives, Hunts, and then sent on to another church.

Is anybody able to tell the Society, through me, the details of these bells and their present whereabouts?—Yours faith-

B. R. HOLLIS.

36, Park Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks.

ROPESIGHT?

Dear Sir, - I have an 18-months-old Italian greyhound (Judy) and she usually accompanies me in the car when I go to bellringing meetings.

Recently I left the car outside a church. and as it was hot I left the windows slightly open. I was just going to start ringing when in walked my dog; I put her on a seat and during the ringing she seemed very interested.

On Sunday morning at home she was asleep in her basket but when I put on the wireless she jumped up at the sound of church bells and looked around as much as to say "Where are the ropes?" When I first played a bell record she did the same thing.—Yours faithfully,

H. RANSOM.

Stoke Canon, Exeter, Devon.

1815, and added another to complete a ring of six in 1867.

Prior to the recasting in 1936 the Codsall bells were acknowledged to be a very poor lot, a fact which we can only say arose from an attempt to make a "mixed bag" into a ringable if not tuneful ring.

The 1841 ring of six at Tettenhall remained until 1911, when two trebles were added and the whole ring of eight were recast and rehung in 1923.

The church was also first lit by electricity in 1911, and according to the estimates for the recasting in 1923 there was a possibility of a ring of ten bells being installed, but this was never carried through.

As I have said, there is very little written information about the old bells, most of the Tettenhall and Codsall records being kept at Wrotteslev Old Hall, which was completely gutted by fire in 1890, but I am still hoping to find some information to confirm my theory.

I hope this information will be of interest to whoever wrote the article.--Yours faith-

H. E. GREEN.

Codsall, Staffs.

ALL SAINTS', HERTFORD

Dear Sir, - Mr. Foley is correct in stating that All Saints' had the first ring of eight bells in the county. This was in 1674 and the local band rang 5040 changes, "the peal of Tripples," on Monday, the 21st of December, 1724.

Westmill (now an unringable five) and Bishop's Stortford also had rings of eight before 1729, when the bells of St. Peter's, St. Albans, were recast and augmented to

The All Saints', Hertford, bells were re-cast in 1771 by Pack and Chapman, the trebles at the expense of the Society of College Youths of Hertford, assisted by other contributions. The tenor was 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E. Twenty years later the Society paid John Briant £20 to add two new "Tribles," making a fine ring of ten. At St. Andrew's, Hertford, Briant added four trebles in 1782 and rang the tenor to the first peal on the bells (5280 Oxford Treble Bob Major) and subsequently seems to have recast the other bells in 1793 and 1797. His first complete ring of eight was cast for Hatfield in 1786, and only one bell has had to be recast.

In 1929, on the centenary of Briant's death, a memorial service was held at All Saints', Hertford, attended by a representa-tive gathering of both ringers and archæologists from London and all parts of Hertfordshire. A bellmetal tablet was unveiled by the Mayor at the service. This tablet was fixed on the south-east pillar of the tower. Four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths under the leadership of Mr. E. Alexander Young rang a course on handbells, standing around the tombstone which had been restored with the additional wording—"He was a famous Bellfounder and Clockmaker." The tombstone was, until quite recent years, close to the tower entrance, and I should be pleased to know if anyone could say to where it has been moved since the new road was built, slicing through the churchyard. Perhaps the Herts Association or the East Herts Archæological Society would again take an interest, if necessary, and no doubt the College Youths of London (which Briant joined in 1782) would be glad to hear any news of its whereabouts.

Briant's largest bell was the old tenor at St. Michael's, Coventry, which weighed 31 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. and was 56½ inches in diameter. His lightest ring was probably the original ring of eight at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, cast 1789–1803. The two trebles were afterwards sold and later replaced.

John Briant cast over 420 bells in 45 years. How many turret clocks he made there is no means of telling. He also made handbells and "long case" clocks. He had a good reputation as a "splicer" of trebles on to existing rings, when the job had to be done entirely by ear, as tuning forks were not invented until 1811 and were not used in bell tuning before Canon Simpson's experiments.—Yours faithfully,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans, Herts.

Because there's peals of twelve in town Shall five or six bells ne'er be rung? I think 'fis a very stupid thing Of men that take delight to ring, To rail at variety.

Laughton's MSS.

Quarter Peals

JEAN BERRIMAN'S DURHAM TOUR

Shildon. — Aug. 3, 1280 Bob Major: D. J. Cooper (first on eight) 1, C. Bainham (100th quarter) 2, M. E. Cass 3, Judy Weekes 4, M. P. Howard 5, G. M. Soul 6, J. P. Colliss 7, R. W. Willans (comp. and cond.; 25th quarter this

Darlington.-Aug. 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Willans 1, G. M. Soul 2, Jean M. Berriman 3, D. R. Cox 4, M. P. Howard 5, C. Bainham 6, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 7, G. A. Cane (first

on eight) 8

Hurworth.-Aug. 3, 1296 Minor (Oxford T.B., Cambridge S.): M. E. Cass (first T.B.) 1, Judy Weekes 2, Jean M. Berriman 3, G. M. Soul 4, P. Howard 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6.

Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.-Aug. 4, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. J. Cooper (first Triples)

1, M. P. Howard 2, Judy Weekes 3, C. Bainham 4, G. M. Soul (first in method) 5, R. W. Willans 6, J. P. Colliss (first in method as cond.) 7, G. A. Cane 8.

South Shields.—Aug. 4, 1260 Doubles (eight m/v): G. A. Cane 1, D. J. Cooper (most m/v) 2, Jean M. Berriman 3, M. E. Cass (most m/v) as cond.) 4, J. P. Colliss 5, R. W. Willans 6. Cramlington. - Aug. 5, 1320 Bob Minor: R.

W. Willans 1, Judy Weekes 2, M. P. Howard 3, J. P. Colliss 4, G. M. Soul 5, D. R. Cox (cond.)

Chester-le-Street. — Aug. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Cooper 1, G. M. Soul 2, Jean M. Berriman 3, M. E. Cass 4, R. W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 5, M. P. Howard 6, J. P. Colliss 7, G. A. Cane 8.

Bishop Auckland.—Aug. 7, 1296 Bob Major: D. J. Cooper (25th quarter) 1, M. E. Cass 2, Judy Weekes 3, Helen J. Henderson 4, Jean M. Berriman 5, D. R. Cox (25th quarter) 6, R. W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 7, J. P. Colliss 8.

Staindrop.—Aug. 7, 1280 Bob Major: Helen Henderson 1, Jean M. Berriman 2, Colliss 3, Judy Weekes 4, M. P. Howard 5, D. R. Cox (cond.) 6, G. M. Soul 7, R. W. Willans

25th quarter this year 2 and 3.
Consett. — Aug. 8, 1260 Middlesex Triples:
J. Cooper 1, Judy Weekes (25th quarter) 2,
E. Cass 3, G. M. Soul 4, M. P. Howard 5, . W. Willans 6, J. P. Colliss (comp. and cond.) 7, G. A. Cane 8. First in method for all.

Blackhill.-Aug. 8, 1280 Bob Major: R. W Willans (comp. and cond.) 1, C. T. Lamb 2, M. P. Howard 3, Jean M. Berriman 4, Judy Weekes 5, M. E. Cass 6, G. M. Soul 7, D. R. Cox 8. South Shields (St. Hilda's Vicarage) .-1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Willans 1-2, J P. Coiliss (first on handbells) 3-4, Jean M Berriman (first as cond.) 5-6. Also 1260 Bob Doubles: Jean M. Berriman 1-2, J. P. Colliss R. W. Willans (cond.) 5-6.

Aug. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: G. M. Soul (first on handbells) 1-2, R. W. Willans (cond.) 3-4,

P. Colliss 5-6.

Aug. 7, 1259 Doubles (five methods): Jean Berriman 1-2, R. W. Willans 3-4, J. P. Colliss (cond.) 5-6.

Aug. 8, 1260 Bob Minor: Jean M. Berriman 1-2, R. W. Willans (cond.) 3-4, J. P. Colliss 5-6.

Aldermaston, Berks. — July 24, 1260 Bob Minor: M. Till 1, R. Butler (first Minor) 2, J. J. P. Corderoy 4, D. Livingston 5, Butler (cond.) 6. Also Aug. 7, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Livingston 1, P. Corderoy 2, Janet Livingston 3, R. Rex 4, M. Tyler 5, J. J. Hill 6, W. Butler (cond.) 7, M. Till 8. Also Aug. 21, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Livingston 1, Janet Livingston 2, Freda Wilcox 3, J. Hill 4, M. Till 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. First T.B.

Asfordby, Leics. — Aug. 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): H. T. Bonshor 1, Karen French (first Grandsire inside) 2, R. Looker 3, C. E. Cooper 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, A. French A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robinson.

Ash, Canterbury, Kent.—Aug. 2, 1320 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss B. J. Spearman (first quarter) 1, R. L. Pilcher (first inside) 2, P. J. Marshall 3, A. T. Austin 4, G. L. Foat (cond.) 5, Miss J. Turner 6.

Ash Priors, Som. - April 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Arscott 1, Mrs. Jane Shepherd 2, Frances Gadd 3, Mrs. Brenda Bindon 4, Mrs. Ann Durbin (first as cond.) 5, Mrs. Patricia Medway 6. First by an all-ladies band for the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. [Copy received Aug. 24.-Ed.]

Barkingside, Essex.-Aug. 16, 1280 London S. Major: Jane Fransella 1, Susan Turcan 2, Christine Morton 3, Jillian Turcan 4, Barbara Shaw 5, D. Gower 6, J. S. N. Porter 7, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 8. For the centenary of the birth of William Pye. First London S. Major for all except 7.

Barnsley, Yorks.—Aug. 13, 1264 Bob Major: Roselyn Corby 1, A. Spreadbury 2, Sheila Spreadbury 3, R. Cater 4, P. Carbutt 5, A. Dunn-Birch 6, R. G. Corby (cond.) 7, J. R. Padgin 8. To mark the birth of a daughter, Julia Rachel, to Gail and Bob Cater.

Battersea, London. - July 19, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss J. Smith 1, Miss M. A. Phelan 2, R. J. Cooles 3, R. J. Collis 4, M. J. Herbert (cond.) 5, P. W. B. Whalley 6. For Evensong.

Binsted, Hants. - Aug. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jacqueline Kemp (first quarter) 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, R. Tipper 4, D. Hughes 5, C. Chennell-White 6. A wedding compliment to Peter Raine and Jacqueline

Blackburn, Lancs.—Aug. 9 (Cathedral), 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Hill 1, I. Smith 2, F. West 3, F. Longworth 4, G. Howarth 5, P. Woods 6, B. Hill (cond.) 7, M. Hill 8. For Evensona.

Blackmoor, Hants .- Aug. 16, 1280 Plain Bob Minimus: Rev. C. J. Butler 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, D. Cooper 3, M. Cass (cond.) 4. First in the method by all. For Evensong.

Bloxham, Oxon.-Aug. 15, 1260 Bob Minor (front six with tenor covering): M. Huntriss 1, Alison Mander 2, J. Peglar (first inside) 3, Hilary Bolton 4, W. R. Cheney 5, A. J. Griffin (first as cond.) 6, R. A. Horley 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 5, 8. Wedding compliment to Ruth Page and Anthony Northen.

Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks. - Aug. 12, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Horne 1, Lynn Cox 2, Doreen Young 3, D. Livsey 4, D. Young 5, G. Lister 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, G. Gibbs 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Raymon Pitman, for many years verger at All Saints and friend of ringers.

Bradpole, Dorset.—Aug. 18, 1301 Grandsire Triples: I. L. Andrews 1, R. Haines 2, Helen Haines 3, A. R. Agg 4, M. Worthington 5, M. J. Hiller 6, D. B. Ellery (first on eight as cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8.

Braintree, Essex .- Aug. 9, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: K. Reed (first T.B.) 1, R. J. Lindsell 2, Jennifer M. Syder 3, Josephine A. Brown 4, C J. Barker 5, M. Downs 6, P. G. Brown 7, A. R. Syder (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also Aug. 23, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. Wiffen 1, A. R. Syder 2. Josephine A. Brown 3, Kathleen M. Downs 4, M. E. Downs 5, P. G. Brown 6, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 7, C. J. Barker 8. Wedding compliment to Michael Richard Lay and Barbara Stephens.

Brixham, Devon. - Aug. 18, 1259 Grandsire Caters: A. G. Thompson (first on ten) 1, R. J. Edden 2, J. L. Bell 3, R. F. Shepperd 4, Marion Kemp 5, D. R. Cox 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, T. G. Williams 8, R. H. Newton (cond.) 9, S. Wills 10.

Buckminster, Leics.—1260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles: O. Homewood 1, H. T. Bon-shor 2, A. French 3, J. R. Ward 4, H. Clayton (cond.) 5.

Chigwell, Essex .- Aug. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: Cronquist (first Minor) 1, G. H. Walker 2, Margaret Chappell 3, M. Wareing 4, P. Austin 5, Marion A. Cass (first Minor as cond.) Also Aug. 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Chappell 1, J. Cronquist 2, J. Beldom (first inside) 3, P. D. Austin 4, G. H. Walker (cond.) 5, K. Adams (first quarter) 6.

Clerkenwell, E.C. — June 28, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Carol Martin 1, Jennifer Dunning 2, K. Poole 3, Rosemary Cotton 4, D. Town 5, R. Talbot 6, M. Wycherley 7, S. Dar-vill (cond.) 8. Also July 12, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: R. Bing 1, Margaret Byrne 2, Jennifer Dunning 3, Rosemary Cotton 4, R. Talbot 5, J. Pratt 6, D. Town (cond.) 7, D. Gough 8.

Compton Bishop, Som.—Aug. 8, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): S. Lewis 1, J. Coombs 2, K. Prime 3, B. Mills 4, J. Trimm 5, J. S. Walton (cond.) 6.

Cromhall, Glos. — Aug. 21, 1272 Wells S. Minor: R. Gray (first T.B.) 1, Alison Brown 2, Rosemary Myers 3, Rosemary Snawdon 4, Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 5, P. Gray 6.

Crosthwaite, Westmorland. - Aug. 14, 1344 Original Minor: J. Whalley 1, Dr. A. M. Smith 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, D. G. Kealey 4, C. F. Gates 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 5.

Doncaster, Yorks.—Aug. 13, 1280 London S. Major: A. Jackson 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, Read 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. Padgett 5, Bruce 6, R. Smith 7, F. Jackson 8.

East Grinstead, Sussex.-Aug. 4, 17 Hurst Farm Road, 1440 Bob Minor: Louise M. Smith 1-2, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 3-4, L. R. H. Smith Birthday compliment to the conductor and Ernest J. Ladd.

Egremont, Cumberland.—Aug. 11, 1260 Bob Doubles: D. G. Kealey (first in hand) 1-2, K. M. Price (cond.) 3-4, C. F. Gates (first in hand)

Gospel Oak, N.W.—Aug. 23, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Pam E. Gough 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, D. J. Gazeley 3, Deborah Bishop 4, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 5, W. G. Knight 6. For Evensong.

Greenwich, S.E. (St. Alfege's). — July 12, 1259 Grandsire Caters: A. J. Taylor 1, Freda Cannon 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, Jean M. Weddell 4, J. A. Humphrey (first on ten) 5, R. D. Bing 6, E. J. Adams 7, J. R. Pratt 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, S. C. Hopkins (first on ten) 10. For the final interdenominational service of Operation Meeting Point."

Hereford (St. Nicholas). - Aug. 13, 1280

Grandsire Doubles: A. Moreton (first quarter) 1,
H. Johnson 2, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 3, J.
Turney 4, M. Powell 5, A. Wingate 6.
Hersham, Surrey.—Aug. 23, 1280 Double
Norwich C.B. Major: Miss A. Anthony 1, Miss
D. Colcombe 2, P. Henry 3, H. Colcombe 4, C. Collin 5, J. Maybrey 6, J. King 7, C. Webb (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 5. To congratulate Colin and Gwen Chinnery on the birth of a

Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Yorks. — July 22, 1260 Cambridge S. Minor: Maris C. Stephenson 1, Carole Kean 2, I. G. Campbell 3, P. J. Carey Carey 5, R. Ducker 6. First in method and of Surprise for 2, 4 and 5.

Horsham, Sussex.—Aug. 13, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: S. G. Ponting 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, Joan Beresford 3, J. P. Ladd 4, N. Summerhayes 5, D. C. Brown 6, M. J. Church (cond.) 7, P. J. Munday 8.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. — Aug. 16, 1316 Grandsire Triples: Ann V. Salvage 1, Lesley A. Hawes 2, Anthea S. Bruce 3, I. J. Whitear 4, B. J. Stone 5, C. D. Collin (cond.) 6, R. J. Collis 7, J. Knipe 8. For Evensong.

Langdon Hills, Essex. — Aug. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles: W. White 1, Cheryl Pretlove 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, K. Lucas 4, S. Day 5. First inside 2, 5. Also 1260 Bob Doubles: Cheryl Pretlove 1, Eleanor Clems (first inside on tower bells) 2, G. Lucas (cond.) 3, S. Day 4, S. D. Stott 5.

Leeds (St. Francis, Holbeck).-Aug. 15, 1280 Bristol S. Major: R. A. Beresford 1, Miss R. Brown 2, M. J. Hiller 3, G. J. Jones 4, J. J. Durham 5, M. C. Dodson 6, C. B. Dove (cond.) 7. J. Robinson 8. After peal attempt failed.

Leicester (Prebendal Church of St. Margaret). -Aug. 16, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Dorothy Mason 1, Nancy E. Bramley 2, Monica M Jelley 3, M. Green 4, M. E. Wade 5, P. Mason 6, D. F. Moore 7, R. H. Cook (cond.) 8. For Evensong; also a compliment to R. Kingsley Mason and Patricia A. Downey on their engagement.

Lewisham, London, S.E. — July 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Oliver 1, J. W. Hollis (first inside) 2, T. H. Culver 3, D. Gebbett 4, D. Hollis (cond.) 5, R. Boyce 6. For Evensong. Also July 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Gebbett 1, J. H. Machell 2, K. Small 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, T. H. Culver 5, G. Clarke 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, R. Boyce 8. For the 80th birthday of T. H. Culver.

Leytonstone, E.— Aug. 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Balkwill 1, M. Wareing 2, C. Hughes 3, C. Willmington 4, R. Brown 5, R. Pascoe (first inside) 6, G. Walker (cond.) 7, R. Poole 8. Farewell to Rev. E. de Lande Jones, leaving the parish.

Lincoln (St. Giles).—Aug. 9, 1280 London S. Major: J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 1, Miss G. Radley 2, S. G. Wells 3, C. J. Sharp 4, A. G. Craddock 5, D. Phillipson 6, M. E. Johnson 7, P. A. Sharp 8. For Evensong.

Littington, Cambs.—Aug. 16, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Sanderson 1, F. Harper 2, S. Newman 3, K. Webb 4, D. W. Newman 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. For the christening of Julian Leslie John Sole

Llandaff. Glam (Cathedral). — Aug. 16, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor (tenor covering): Anne Cooke 1, Shelagh Plumb 2, J. A. Hoare 3, N. A. James 4, N. W. H. Simon 5, D. J. Llewellyn (cond.) 6, J. Clatworthy 7. For Evensong.

London, W.C. (St. Clement Danes'). — Aug. 16, 1295 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Reynolds 1, J. W. Smith 2, Miss D. E. Colgate 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, T. Lewis 5, D. P. Smith 6, K. J. Rider (cond.) 7, E. J. Ladd 8, P. J. Simmonds 9, C. J. Mundy 10. For Evensong.

Long Clawson, Leics. — Aug. 19, 1260 Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob: Karen French 1, A. French 2, H. T. Bonshor 3, J. R. Ward 4, O. Homewood (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Rt. Rev. J. L. Wilson (a former bishop of Birmingham).

Manchester (Cathedral). — Aug. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Boucher 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss I. E. M. Manby 3, Miss M. Walshaw 4, S. N. Harrop 5, W. Birmingham, jun. 6, A. Ward (cond.) 7, R. F. Eccles 8. Halfmuffled in memoriam Rt. Rev. John Leonard Wilson, C.M.G., M.A., Dean of Manchester 1949—1954.

Market Weighton, E. Yorks.—Aug. 14, 1260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): R. East 1, P. Carpenter (first Cambridge) 2, Elsie Chaddock 3, D. Smith 4, I. Peacock 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

Marsden, Yorks.—Aug. 14, 1282 Cambridge S. Royal: R. H. Dove 1, P. J. Robinson 2, Miss A. P. Clapham 3, C. J. Featherstonehaugh 4, M. J. Hiller 5, J. J. Durham 6, P. H. Gardner 7, R. A. Beresford 8, R. R. Warford 9, C. B. Dove (comp. and cond.) 10. A peal attempt called round.

Midhurst. Sussex. — Aug. 15, 1260 Doubles (six methods): Maureen Tipper 1, Carol Stacey 2, D. Hughes 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6.

Nettleham, Lincoln. — Aug. 16, 1260 Bob Doubles: P. Frankland 1, M. Parker 2, D. Booth 3, R. Redden 4, W. Booth (cond.) 5, P. Bell 6. For Evensong.

Nailsea, Som.—Aug. 17, 1260 Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, T. Phillips 2, L. Childs 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortwright 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6; first wedding compliment to mother of No. 6; first wedding compliments to 5 and E. Davey.

Oxenhope, Yorks.—Aug. 12, 1632 Zebedee S. Major: C. J. Easton 1, C. N. Grandidge 2, M. J. Hiller 3, C. B. Dove (comp. and cond.) 4, G. J. Jones 5, R. R. Warford 6, J. J. Durham 7, R. A. Beresford 8. Peal attempt called round.

Palgrave, Suffolk.—July 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Tebble 1, A. G. Harrison 2, A. Cook 3, J. Mowle 4, C. Pease 5, O. P. Claxton 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, T. G. Boast 8. For the thanksgiving service for the restoration of St. Peter's Church.

Petersfield, Hants.—Aug. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, Carol Stacey 2, K. Tipper 3, Sally Stacey 4, R. Tipper 5, D. Hatherly 6, E. Salmons (cond.) 7, K. Sansom 8.

For Evensong.

Polesworth, Warks.—Aug. 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Myatt 1, R. Knight 2, S. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, M. Allsopp (cond.) 5, A. Allsopp 6. Birthday compliment to Mrs. R. O. Malaletkin (of the U.S.A.), aunt of ringer of 2nd. Also Aug. 16, 1260 Doubles (three methods): S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also Aug. 17, 1260 Doubles (two methods): S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6.

Penn, Staffs.— Aug. 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Griffiths 1, J. A. Roden (cond.) 2, C. Griffiths 3, Pamela Garbett 4, M. Gaskell 5, M. G. Williamson 6, E. G. Bowyer 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Lillian Crane (wife of Rev. V. J. Crane), interred at Swindon, Staffs.

Putney, S.W. (St. Mary's).—July 30, 1280 Yorkshire Major: Caroline Bagworth 1, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 2, C. R. Harris 3, A. E. Bagworth 4, R. L. Jones 5, C. F. Mew 6, K. G. Game 7, K. J. Rider 8. Prior to the institution by the Lord Bishop of Southwark (Rt. Rev. Mervyn Stockwood) and induction by the Archdeacon of Southwark (Ven. Reginald V. Bazire) of the Rev. James S. Fraser as Vicar of St. Mary with St. John and All Saints, Putney. Also Aug. 1, 1694 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Uphill 1, Barbara Minnion 2, R. J. Stewart 3, B. Hawkins 4, C. D. Collin 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6, K. G. Game 7, C. R. Harris 8. To welcome the new vicar and his family to the parish.

Redenhall, Norfolk. — July 27, 1260 Bob Triples: J. Mowle 1, T. G. Boast 2, C. Catchpole 3, A. G. Harrison 4, A. H. Roberts 5, O. P. Claxton 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, W. Flatt 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Cecil Thompson, for many years a local ringer.

Ribchester, Lancs.—Aug. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: B. Hill (cond.) 1, F. Longworth 2, J. T. Parsons 3, F. Stead 4, G. Howarth 5, P. Woods 6. To mark the retirement of Rev. J. S. Barnes-Wallis (19 years as rector).

Ripple, Worcs. — June 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gainey 1, Judith Spiers (first inside) 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, J. Mead 4, P. Bennett 5, C. Hadley 6. Half-muffled in memoriam W. Jakeman, churchwarden for 35 years.

Rougham, Suffolk. — Aug. 10, 1440 Single Court and Bob Minor: M. Rose 1, R. Rose 2, L. Nice 3, C. Hancock 4, D. Tamberlin 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Nice.

Roughtown, Lancs.—Aug. 9, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, D. Bradbury (first T.B.) 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Lynn and Gordon on the birth of a daughter.

Scarborough, Yorks. — Aug. 13, 1440 Bob Minor: Pamela Rennard 1, Mrs. Mary Beach 2, A. Grundy 3, Mrs. Yvonne King (first Minor) 4, E. P. King 5, M. King (cond.) 6.

Stapleford, Cambs.—Aug. 16, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. Kellock 1, Jean F. West 2, Stephanie Boddy 3, Julie Barnes (first in two methods) 4, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 5, C. Brookes 6.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol.—Aug. 23, 1320 York S. Minor: Alison Brown 1, Rosemary Myers 2, Rosemary Snawdon 3, Joan Gray 4, W. Willans 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a farewell to Rosemary Snawdon, leaving for London.

Stratton, Cornwall.—July 30, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: C. J. Venn 1, Beryl R. Simpson 2, D. C. Brown 3, J. P. Ladd 4, B. C. Watson 5, A. D. Flood 6, M. J. Church (cond.) 7, B. R. Eglesfield 8. By members of the Society of Raving Ringers to mark the opening of Stratton Church fete.

Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx. — July 26, 1260 Bob Doubles: Lorna Brock 1, Susan Attrill 2, B. Holdaway 3, D. Brock (cond.) 4, C. H. Rogers 5, V. L. P. Davis 6. Wedding compliment to Paul Brand and Vanessa Rodrigues (married at Oxford, July 18).

Swindon, Wilts (St. Mark).—Aug. 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hooper 1, D. Dancey 2, S. Mitchener 3, D. Herring 4, M. Sutton 5, M. New 6, M. Stanley (cond.) 7, A. Rogerson 8. First of Triples by 1, 3 and 4. A 21st birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

Thames Ditton, Surrey.—Aug. 15, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Anne Anthony 1, C. Collin 2, J. J. Bailey 3, J. King 4, P. Henry 5, C. D. J. Webb (cond.) 6. Engagement compliment to Anne Anthony and Jeffery Bailey.

Tooting Graveney, London, S.W. — Aug. 16, 1344 Bob Major (6th place bobs): P. A. Butler 1, J. D. Cheesman 2, A. H. Long 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, I. Wiltshire 5, Rosemary J. Cheesman 6, R. A. Grant 7, P. R. Butler (cond.) 8.

Topsham, Devon.—Aug. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Rignell (first on working bell) 1, M. Cain 2, M. Esbeston 3, N. Orchard 4, D. Wills (cond.) 5, C. Barr 6.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.—Aug. 9, 1260 Stedman Triples: Jane Chapman 1, Liz C. Duncan 2, Laura Grindrod 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, A. J. Slade 5, R. J. Chapman 6, I. L. Dear 7, K. A. Hughes 8. For Matins.

Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Leics.—Aug. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Paul Simmons 1, K. Ann Cooke (first inside) 2, Karen French 3, N. Cooke (first inside) 4, O. Homewood (cond.) 5, A. French 6

Walton-le-Dale, Lancs.—Aug. 17, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: J. Nixon 1, R. Palmer 2, Margaret Crossthwaite 3, D. Marsden 4, C. Crossthwaite 5, A. Gardner 6, J. Sumner 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8, 70th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Jackson, tower captain at Bamber Bridge.

Warfield, Berks.—Aug. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Shepherd (first Minor) 1, Roslyn Oliver 2, Rosamond Murrell 3, K. Davenport 4, F. Price 5, Susan Sargeant (cond.) 6.

Widford, Herts.—Aug. 20, 1440 Oxford T.B. Minor: Miss L. Stracey 1, J. M. Kemp 2, D. Digby 3, P. Owen 4, A. Swatton (cond.) 5, B. J. W. Foley 6. First in method by all. Wedding compliments to Steven Burgess and Catherine Rayner; also Alastair Taylor and Angela Leather.

Wilby, Northants.—July 28, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. S. F. Skerritt (first quarter) 1, Jane Barber 2, A. Sanson 3, Mrs. A. Smith 4, J. E. Skerritt 5, T. G. Smith (cond.) 6.

Wing, Bucks.—Aug. 12, 1296 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): R. J. Sharp 1, M. G. Hooton 2, N. Garrard 3, B. Egglesfield 4, J. R. Mäyne (cond.) 5, D. Redfearn 6.

Wolvercote, Oxon.—Aug. 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy Smith 1, Mrs. M. Godwin 2, M. J. Harrison (first inside and also of Doubles) 3, Rev. J. J. Fielding 4, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 5, W. C. Godwin 6. A welcome to the vicar, Rev. M. J. Ottaway, on his return from three months in Tel Aviv, Israel.

THROUGH THE WEALD

The Ash bellringers and friends from neighbouring towers enjoyed a very successful outing through the Weald of Kent on July 25. During the morning the sixes at Pluckley and Benenden were rung, and the heavy eight at Biddenden gave us a good thirst for our lunchtime break.

Ringing during the afternoon was on the eights at Goudhurst, Horsmonden and Tonbridge, where, as was the intention of the day, many of the younger ringers were given the chance to ring or conduct Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob. Following a salad tea at Hildenborough our last ring was on the six at Yalding, where a course of Kent T.B. made a fitting end to the day.

END OF JULY TOUR

The University of Bristol Society held its annual tour this year in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire during the last week in July. Organised by two members in that area, David Marshall and Royston Blackler, all had a very enjoyable week.

On one of the days a small excursion was made into Leicestershire, where instead of general ringing it was decided to ring a quarter peal on the glorious ten at Loughborough Parish Church.

At Wollaton the "expert" Devon callchange and light bell ringer, Frank Mack, conducted us through "60 on thirds" call changes.

Bill Exton met us at Whatton, where we were very impressed with the well-kept ringing chamber, which contains some very comfortable old cinema seats, and later, to our great surprise, we managed to ring two courses of Duffield Royal at Duffield.

Frank Mack came into his own once again at Pinxton, Derbyshire (a very light new eight), where he demonstrated how light bells should be rung. E. G. M.

Peals

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Mon., Aug. 17, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (29 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
(No. 3 version.)
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Avril Ivin

2 Linda Fleming Anthony H. Smith

4 Martin Major

*5 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

6 Frank W. Rivett 7 Edgar T. Skipsey

8 David R. Saunderson 9 Keith H. Fleming

†10 C. Michael Orme *50th on the bells, and has now circled the tower. †150th peal. First in the method by resident members of the association.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon., Aug. 17, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (6 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Harry W. Howard 2 Peter Wilkinson

3 Gordon K. Green

4 Paul Maddock

5 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

6 A. Doreen Edwards

*Circled the tower four times. For the centenary of the birth of William Pye.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, Cheshire, St. Michael.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (15½ cwt.)
5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (6
methods: 960 London, 928 Watford, 896
Bristol and 832 each Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, 127 changes of method,
all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 Peter Broadbent 2 Derek F. Yates

3 Norman Sherratt
4 Roland W. Morant
5 Raymond J. Ballard

6 Ivor R. Nicholls 7 Roy Worrall

8 Ian M. Holland (Conductor) First of 6-spliced by all.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMOR-LAND ASSOCIATION

BRIDEKIRK, Cumberland, St. Bridget.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (113 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (14 extents, 6 240's Grandsire, 16 extents Plain Bob).

*1 Mary Dodd

*2 Douglas J. Beaumont *3 Douglas T. Sim

*4 David G. Kealy
5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

to James Hully

*First Doubles. †First peal.

EGREMONT, Cumberland, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (13½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (St. Clement's College, Original, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

*1 David Bell

2 Roger W. D. Wetenhall †3 Douglas T. Sim

14 David G. Kealy 15 Colin F. Gates 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) *First attempt. †First in 5 methods. ‡First in 5 methods inside. To honour the birth-day of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen

Mother.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PINXTON, Derbyshire, St. Helen. Thur., Aug. 13, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (5½ cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by G. A. Halls and D. R. Carlisle.

1 Arthur F. Hall 2 Brian A. Tomlinson

3 Susan Davis

Robert Chambers

5 Timothy Wylie 6 Andrew Queen 7 Geoffrey Paul

8 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity. Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (11 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

Philip J. Rothera Charlotte M. Harris

3 Anthony H. Smith

4 Allen Twyman

5 David E. Rothera

6 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
7 Donald F. Murfet

8 John G. Gipson

LONDON, St. Leonard, Shoreditch. Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (28 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by Peter Border.

Susan Rothera

Maryl R. Fielden Anthony H. Smith

Christopher H. Rogers

5 David E. Rothera

6 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor) Keith W. Brown

8 John S. Mason

9 John G. Gipson

10 Philip J. Rothera 11 John H. Fielden

12 Wilfred Williams

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

MALDON, Essex, All Saints. Wed., Aug. 12, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 methods: 1 Cambridge and Kent, 5 Plain Bob). Sandra J. Turner Ian V. Foster

3 Yvonne A. Towler 4 Patrick J. Cross

*5 Peter J. Sawyer

6 James L. Towler (Conductor)

*First in more than one method.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ASHTEAD, Surrey, St. Giles.
on., Aug. 10, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (12 cwt.)
5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey. Roy D. Mills (Conductor)

2 Keith G. Game

*3 Gillian M. Laver

†4 Tony Skilton

5 Jeremy D. Cheesman 6 Nigel Thomson

†7 John A. Laver

8 Peter J. Munday *First of Surprise inside. †First in method.

ASHTEAD, Surrey, St. Giles.
Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (13 cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

*1 Beryl R. Simpson

Joan Beresford

3 Felicity S. Hamilton
*4 Stanley G. Ponting
5 Michael J. Church (Conductor)

6 Norman Summerhayes
7 David C. Brown
8 Robert H. Newton

*50th together.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks, St. Michael and

All Angels. Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (15 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (7 methods: 768 Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, 640 Bristol, 576 York-

shire, with 142 changes of method) Composed by Norman Smith.

Norman Summerhayes

*2 Beryl R. Simpson

3 Joan Beresford

†4 David C. Brown

5 Stanley G. Ponting 6 Robert H. Newton

‡7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)

18 Tom Page *100th for the guild. †First of Spliced Surprise Major. ‡50th together. 50th of Sur-

prise Major as conductor.

WONERSH, Surrey, St. John the Baptist.
Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (111 cwt.)
5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. J. Ivin.

*1 Stanley G. Ponting 2 Beryl R. Simpson 3 Alan D. Elsmore

†4 David C. Brown

W. John Couperthwaite

6 Rowan S. Bradley
*7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)

8 Peter J. Munday *50th together. †First of Major in the method. A birthday compliment to Beryl R. Simpson.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD EATON BISHOP, Herefordshire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford Bob, Cambridge S., Oxford, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 George T. Cousins
2 Austin T. Wingate

3 John F. Turney 4 Marcus C. W. Sherwood

5 Michael Powell

6 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CHISLEHURST, Kent. St. Nicholas.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (15\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5184 TESTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

- 1 Tony Lewis 2 Doris E. Colgate
- 3 Margaret E. Oram
- 4 Arthur S. Richards *5 Michael H. O'Callaghan *6 Ian H. Oram (Conductor)
 - Stanley Jenner
- 8 Thomas Cullingworth

*100th together. First in the method. TESTON SURPRISE MAJOR

-58—16—12—38, 12—14, 38—36, 14, 3. ths place i.e. 14263857. 4ths place bob. f.c.e. 24365. 8ths place l.e. 14263857.

BROMLEY, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (164 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

- (Washbrook's variation.)
 *1 Christine M. Webb
- 2 J. Frank Smallwood
- 3 Tony Lewis
- 4 Herbert E. Audsley 5 Roger F. Overington
- 6 Dennis Randall 7 Frederick J. Cullum (Conductor) 8 James T. Stevens

*First of Stedman. In remembrance William Pye.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C., St. Lawrence, Jewry.

Sun., Aug. 23, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (25 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

- (Groves' variation.)
 John Pladdys (Conductor)
 Dorothea M. Robotham
- 3 Frances Dodds
- 4 Raymon A. Sheasby

- 5 Peter S. Abbott 6 Keith G. Game 7 John W. Smith
- 8 Geoffrey D. Armitage

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

CROSTHWAITE, Westmorland, St. Mary the Virgin.

Fri., July 31, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (103 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

- 1 Mary W. Whalley 2 Hugh F. Pettifer 3 Joseph Whalley
- *4 Douglas J. Beaumont
- Alan Capstick
- 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*First peal.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire, St. Luke.

Sun., Aug. 9, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (213 cwt.)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

- John P. Partington
- *2 Richard S. Starkie
- †3 Christine Broadley
- †4 Keith P. Tompsett
- 5 Michael H. Tompsett
- 6 Roy Jolley
- 7 Michael J. Platt
- 8 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)

*Has circled the tower. †First in method. Wedding compliment to Maureen Welsh (local ringer) and Gwyn Murfet (Soham. Cambs).

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (101 cwt.) 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR Sat Composed by Arthur Knights.

- *1 Mary Dodd 2 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
- *3 Graham Nabb
- 4 John Bagnall
- *5 Colin F. Gates

*6 Douglas T. Sim
*7 David G. Kealey
†8 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
*First in method. †First of Major in method. First of Treble Bob Major as conductor. To celebrate the birthday of ductor. Princess Anne.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire, St. Cuthbert.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (6 methods: Double Oxford, St. Clement's College, Original, Kent T.B., Plain Bob, 2 Oxford T.B.).

- *1 Hugh F. Pettifer *2 Douglas T. Sim 3 Nicholas M. Newby
- *4 Colin F. Gates †5 David G. Kealey

6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
*First in six methods. †First in six inside. To commemorate VJ Day, 1945.

MOORSIDE, Oldham, Lancs, St. Thomas.

Sun., Aug. 16, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (111 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 methods: Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

- 1 Edward Jenkins
- 2 Christine Broadley

3 John P. Partington
4 Peter N. Chambers
5 Geoffrey S. Mills
6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Mills, Ian and Nicholas, of Heywood, removing to Erith, Kent.

HOGHTON, Lancashire, Holy Trinity.

Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (13 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1120 Rutland, with 69

changes of method and all the work). Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

1 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)

- *2 Christine Broadley
 *3 Keith P. Tompsett
 4 John P. Partington
 †5 Michael H. Tompsett
 6 J. Barry Pickup

- 7 Richard S. Starkie 8 Geoffrey Fothergill

*First of Spliced Surprise. †First of 4Spliced. Wedding compliments to Joan Garth and Kathleen Birchall, both members of the local band.

WALKDEN, Lancashire, St. Paul.

Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 3hr. (18½ cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

- Composed by W. E. Critchley. *†1 Thomas Hobson
- *‡2 John Illingworth
- 3 James E. Andrews 4 Peter Bellamy-Knights
- *5 William Birmingham, jun. 6 Dennis H. McCormick
- Cyril Crossthwaite

§8 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor) *First in method. †25th peal. ‡75th peal and 50th of Surprise. §125th peal and first in method as conductor.

NEWHEY, Lancashire, St. Thomas.

Thur., Aug. 20, 1970, 2hr. 19min.. (4½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

- (1 2160 and 4 extents.) *1 John P. Partington
- 2 Katharine M. Thorley
- 3 Christine Broadley †4 Peter N. Chambers
- 5 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
- *6 Edward Jenkins

*50th together. †First of Cambridge Minor.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WHITWICK, Leics, St. John the Baptist. Mon., July 27, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (12 cwt.)

> **5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES** (Parker's 12-part.)

- *1 Helen Wright
- Arthur E. Rowley 2
- 3 Wilfred Lord 4 Colin Lord
- 5 Horace Moult
- 6 John Rawson
- 7 Roland Beniston (Conductor)
- 8 John Hawtin

*First peal. A farewell to Canon F. G. Hogarth (vicar for 33 years).

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (61 cwt.) 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

- Composed by T. B. Worsley.
- Arthur E. Rowley
- *2 B. Stedman Payne
- 3 Clive Mobbs
- *4 Kenneth Burdett *5 Frank Chambers *6 Alec Jones
- 7 G. Ronald Edwards
- *8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in the method.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BELTON, Lincs, All Saints.

Mon., Aug. 17, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (104 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED MINOR (19 methods: Double, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse, College, Wavertree, Childwall, St. Clements, Cambridge S., Primrose S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., London Bob, Double Oxford, Lytham, Thelwall, Single Oxford, Single Court, Plain Bob, with 142 changes

- of method). *1 Elaine Pearson 2 William Bains
- 3 Jack Bray 4 Melvyn A. Rose

5 Roger Hippisley 6 John G. Hall (Conductor)

*First peal. Most methods by all except 3rd. Wedding compliment to Eric Nicholson and Maureen Pearson, sister of the treble ringer.

SCOTHERN, Lincs, St. Germain.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (11 cwt.)

- 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR Arranged by Rev. E. Bankes James. 1 Aidan C. A. Hopkins (Conductor)
 - *2 Susan A. Faull 3 Gillian Radley
 - 4 Harold J. Radley 5 M. Ian Minns 6 David W. Bee
- *First Surprise. For the Feast of St. Germain.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glam, St. John the Baptist.

., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (8\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

1 Anne C. Cooke 2 Donald G. Clift

2 Pollato G. Clil 3 Paul A. Williams 4 David J. Llewellyn 5 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)

6 James Clatworthy 7 Tudor P. Edwards 8 Peter S. Bennett

First of London Major rung in Glamorgan by a resident band.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross. Sun., Aug. 9, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (183 cwt.)

5120 MARSHALL DELIGHT MAJOR

Composed by George Crute.

Barry E. Saunders 2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden 3 Derek H. Walters

4 R. David Baker

5 Peter C. Randall 6 John K. Foot

7 David J. Marshall (Conductor) 8 Patrick I. Chapman

First peal in the method.

Wedding compliment for David J. Marshall and Pamela M. Major (July 11).

MARSHALL DELIGHT MAJOR

-58-14-56-16-34-18-34-18. 4ths place bob.

MOULTON, Northants, SS. Peter and Paul.

Tues., Aug. 18, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (16 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire, 864 Superlative and Yorkshire, 85 changes, all the work). Composed by P. G. K. Davies. *1 Selwyn J. Griffiths

2 Stephen B. Bell

3 Barry R. Care 4 J. Malcolm Tyler †5 Brian R. Danby 6 Malcolm J. V. Chown

‡7 Eric Billings

8 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)
*First on 8. †25th for guild. ‡First of spliced.

SUFFOLK GUILD

IPSWICH, Suffolk, The Boys' Brigade H.Q. (St. Mary at the Quay.)

Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (7 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (8 methods: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob).

1 W. Keith Whittell

2 J. Martin Thorley

3 Walter Arnold 4 Alan R. Bridges 5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

6 John L. Girt

IPSWICH, Suffolk, St. Clement.
Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (15½ cwt.)
5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

*1 David G. Salter Alan R. Bridges

Winifred Lockwood †4 Peter W. Archer

5 Frederick A. J. Steward (Conductor)
6 Roy W. Lockwood
*First peal. †First of Doubles. First as conductor. For the 70th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

LANHYDROCK, Cornwall, St. Hyderock. Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by S. H. Wood. Timothy J. Bell

2 T. Roy Hart
*3 Janet S. Evans
4 Canon A. S. Roberts
†5 Brian G. Greenwood

6 Alan Carveth

7 F. Malcolm Bowers (Conductor)

8 Anthony J. Davidson
*First of Major. †First peal.

TRURO, Cornwall, St. Keyne, Kenwyn. Wed., Aug. 19. 1970, 3hr. (16 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Norman Smith.

1 Claudia A. Critchley

2 Heather A. Kippin

*3 Timothy J. Bell 4 Janet House

5 Anthony J. Davidson 6 G. William Critchley

7 Robert C. Kippin 8 David E. House (Conductor) *First in the method.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

STOKE PRIOR, Worcs, St. Michael. n., Aug. 9, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (9 cwt.) 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

1 A. Colin Banton 2 Susan E. Banton

3 M. Irene Brown 4 Morley P. Tobin

Peter J. Brown 6 Robert Edwards

7 Gerald C. Hemming 8 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

First in the method by all.

HANBURY, Worcs, St. Mary the Virgin. Mon., Aug. 10, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (12 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge, 1280 Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, 69 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Morley P. Tobin

*2 Susan Banton

3 Clifford Skidmore *4 Peter J. Brown

†5 Reginald H. Newton 6 Stephen W. Barton

7 A. Colin Banton
8 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor)
*First of spliced inside. †First of fourspliced inside. 30th wedding anniversary
compliment to Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Fellows.

KIDDERMINSTER, Worcs, St. Mary and All Saints.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (73 cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Joseph Pigott.

J. Clifford Skidmore

M. Irene Brown

3 Morley P. Tobin *4 Peter J. Brown 5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

6 Robert Edwards 7 Michael G. J. Elson 8 Arthur C. Berry

*First of Bristol inside. A birthday compliment to Stephanie Buckley.

REDDITCH, Worcs, St. Stephen.

Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10¾ cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Roger H. Hunt

*2 J. Clifford Skidmore 3 M. Irene Brown

4 Morley P. Tobin 5 Peter J. Brown

Robert Edwards 7 Gerald C. Hemming †8 Michael J. Edwards (Conductor)

*200th tower for a peal. †600th peal. First on the bells for 37 years.

BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs, St. Michael.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (141 cwt.) 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1312 Bristol, 1280 London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

1 Robert Edwards

2 M. Irene Brown 3 J. Clifford Skidmore

4 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

Morley P. Tobin Peter J. Brown

Michael G. J. Elson 8 Gerald C. Hemming

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION BOLSTERSTONE, Yorks, St. Mary.

Mon., Aug. 10, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (123 cwt.) 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. 1 Melvyn J. Hiller

*2 Christopher N. Grandidge *†3 Christopher J. Easton

4 Robert A. Beresford *5 Paul A. Williams †6 John J. Durham

C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

8 Ronald R. Warford *First of Watford. †50th together.

PONTEFRACT, Yorks, All Saints.

Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (121/4 cwt.) 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John R. Mayne.

1 Paul A. Williams
*2 Christopher N. Grandidge
†3 Christopher J. Easton

4 John J. Durham

5 Robert A. Beresford t6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

*7 Melvyn J. Hiller

8 Ronald R. Warford *First of Ashtead. †100th together.

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BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle. Mon., July 27, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (11½ cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (20 methods: 384 Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Uxbridge, 320 Bristol, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Jersey, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 143 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Michael G. Dodson *2 A. Pattie Clapham *3 Graham J. Jones

4 Gerald Parsons *5 Peter H. Gardner 6 Ronald R. Warford *7 John Robinson

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) *First of 20-Spliced Surprise Major.

HALIFAX, Yorks, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (10 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (9 methods: 576 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, 488 Bristol, with 136 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith. Christopher J. Easton

2 Robert A. Beresford 3 Michael G. Dodson 4 John J. Durham 5 Peter H. Gardner

6 Ronald R. Warford *7 Melvyn J. Hiller 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

*Most methods to Spliced Surprise Major.

PONTEFRACT, Yorks, St. Giles.

Sun., Aug. 9, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (18 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. (87's.)

*1 Christopher J. Easton

†2 Margaret Warford *3 Robert A. Beresford Michael G. Dodson

5 Melvyn J. Hiller 6 John J. Durham 7 Paul A. Williams

8 Peter H. Gardner

9 Ronald R. Warford
10 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
*100th for association. †First on 10 inside.

WORTLEY, Yorks, St. Leonard.

Mon., Aug. 10, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.)

5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John M. Jelley. Christine N. Grandidge Christopher J. Easton

3 Melvyn J. Hiller *4 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) 5 Ronald R. Warford

6 John J. Durham †7 Robert A. Beresford 8 Paul A. Williams

*475th for association. †125th peal.

WHITBY, Yorks, St. Mary.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (19 cwt.) 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by M. J. Morris.

W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)

2 Sheila Bruce 3 Peter Wishart

4 Joyce Barton Ernest J. Padgett

6 Alan Jackson Ernest Pannell 8 Roger A. Smith 9 Stephen W. Barton

10 Peter Bruce

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorks, All Saints.

Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (141 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Dennis Knox. Christopher N. Grandidge

2 Christopher J. Easton 3 Ronald R. Warford 4 Melvyn J. Hiller

5 John J. Durham

6 Robert A. Beresford 7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

8 Paul A. Williams

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds, Yorks, St. Matthew.

Thur., Aug. 13, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (7³/₄ cwt.) 5040 NORTHUMBERLAND S. MINOR

(7 extents.) *1 Christopher J. Easton *2 Robert A. Beresford

3 Melvyn J. Hiller 4 Ronald R. Warford

5 John J. Durham

6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) *50th together. First in the method by all and for the association.

SADDLEWORTH, Yorks, St. Chad.

Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr, 46min. (101 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (17 methods: 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rudland, Superlative, Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 131 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

Christopher J. Easton *2 A. Pattie Clapham *3 Graham J. Jones 4 John J. Durham 5 Robert A. Beresford

6 Ronald R. Warford *7 Melvyn J. Hiller

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) *Most methods to Spliced Surprise Major.

20th birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Anne.

PEALS AROUND THE WEALD

All peals rung for Kent County Association except the peal at Maidstone.

GRAVESEND, Kent, St. George.

., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (18 cwt.) 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)

2 Josephine A. Brown 3 Yvonne A. Towler

4 Peter S. Bennett 5 Philip J. Rothera

6 James L. Towler 7 Kenneth J. Hesketh

8 Peter G. Brown

FRINDSBURY, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (16 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR methods: 960 Cambridge and London, 800 Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, 736 Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, 73 Bristol, with 134 changes of method). Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Donald F. Murfet

2 Peter C. Randall 3 Anthony H. Smith 4 Keith W. Brown

5 John G. Gipson 6 David E. Rothera 7 Richard S. Starkie

8 John H. Fielden (Conductor)

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex, Holy Trinity.

Sun., Aug. 2, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (12 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by M. S. Bruce.

1 John G. Gipson 2 Anthony H. Smith 3 John H. Fielden

4 Philip J. Rothera 5 Derek H. Walters

6 John K. Foot 7 Richard S. Starkie

8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

WITHYHAM, Sussex, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sun., Aug. 2, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (15 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

1 Peter C. Randall 2 Susan Rothera

3 Maryl R. Fielden 4 R. David Baker

5 Donald F. Murfet 6 David E. Rothera 7 Tudor P. Edwards

8 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)

ROLVENDEN, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin. Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

John H. Fielden Linda M. Foot

3 R. David Baker 4 Josephine A. Brown

5 Kenneth J. Hesketh

6 Peter S. Bennett

7 John K. Foot 8 Peter G. Brown (Conductor)

SALEHURST, Sussex, St. Mary. Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 3hr. (16½ cwt.)

5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

David E. Rothera (Conductor) Donald F. Murfet

3 Derek Walters 4 Anthony H. Smith

5 Richard S. Starkie 6 Keith W. Brown

John G. Gipson 8 James L. Towler

LYDD, Kent, All Saints.

Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 3hr. $(15\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ **5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR** Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Tudor P. Edwards

2 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor) 3 Derek H. Walters

4 Peter C. Randall

5 Donald F. Murfet 6 Anthony H. Smith

John G. Gipson 8 Philip J. Rothera

EDENBRIDGE, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul. Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14 cwt.)

5152 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR (The Baldwin/Humphrey Universal

Composition.)

R. David Baker 2 Josephine A. Brown

3 Philip J. Rothera
4 Donald F. Murfet
5 David E. Rothera
6 John H. Fielden (Conductor)
7 John K. Foot

8 Peter S. Bennett

CUDHAM, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (10 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by P. Border.

1 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
2 Maryl R. Fielden

3 Susan Rothera

4 Anthony H. Smith 5 Derek H. Walters

6 Peter S. Brown
7 Richard S. Starkie

8 James L. Towler 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh 10 John G. Gipson

CHISLEHURST, Kent, The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (20 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)

2 Yvonne A. Towler 3 Anthony H. Smith 4 Keith W. Brown 5 Peter C. Randall

6 Richard S. Starkie
7 James L. Towler
8 Kenneth J. Hesketh

LITTLE CHART, Kent, St. Mary the Virgin.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (14 methods: Cambridge, lpswich; York, Durham; London, Wells; Double Oxford, Thelwall; Kent, Oxford; Beverley, Surfleet; St. Clements, Childwall).

1 Donald E. Murfet

2 James L. Towler

3 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)

4 Peter S. Bennett

5 Peter G. Provin

5 Peter G. Brown 6 Philip J. Rothera

WYE, Kent, SS. Gregory and Martin.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (21 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire, 864 Superlative and Yorkshire, with 87 changes of method and all the work). Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Tudor P. Edwards 2 Josephine A. Brown3 R. David Baker

4 Yvonne A. Towler 5 David E. Rothera 6 Anthony H. Smith

7 John K. Foot 8 John H. Fielden (Conductor)

HYTHE, Kent, St. Leonard.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (19 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

1 Anthony H. Smith 2 Richard S. Starkie

3 John H. Fielden 4 Derek H. Walters 5 Peter G. Brown

6 John G. Gipson 7 Philip J. Rothera

8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

CHERITON, Kent, St. Martin.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

1 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)
2 R. David Baker

3 Donald F. Murfet 4 David E. Rothera 5 Keith W. Brown

8 James L. Towler

6 Peter C. Randall 7 Kenneth J. Hesketh

BIRCHINGTON, Kent, All Saints.

Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (8½ cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 Josephine A. Brown 2 Linda M. Foot

3 Anthony H. Smith (Conductor) 4 Derek H. Walters

5 John K. Foot 6 Peter G. Brown 7 John H. Fielden 8 Richard S. Starkie

BIRCHINGTON, Kent, The Tower, Quex Park. The Waterloo

Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (15 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by P. Border.

1 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor) 2 Richard S. Starkie

3 John H. Fielden

4 Anthony H. Smith 5 Peter G. Brown

6 David E. Rothera 7 Peter S. Bennett

8 James L. Towler 9 John G. Gipson 10 Philip J. Rothera 11 Kenneth J. Hesketh

12 Peter Border

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints.

ri., Aug. 7, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (32 cwt.) 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by P. Border.

Tudor P. Edwards
2 Anthony H. Smith
3 Keith W. Brown
4 David E. Rothera
5 Peter G. Brown
6 Pater S. Parect

6 Peter S. Bennett 7 Philip J. Rothera 8 John H. Fielden 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh

10 Peter Border (Conductor)

TUNSTALL, Kent, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., Aug. 7, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (9 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

1 Derek H. Walters 2 R. David Baker

3 Yvonne A. Towler 4 Peter C. Randall 5 Donald F. Murfet

6 John G. Gipson
7 John K. Foot
8 James L. Towler (Conductor)

ROCHESTER, Kent, Cathedral of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fri., Aug. 7, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (30 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. Baldwin.

Tudor P. Edwards

2 Yvonne A. Towler 3 Derek H. Walters 4 Donald F. Murfet

5 David E. Rothera 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)

7 Anthony H. Smith 8 Keith W. Brown 9 John G. Gipson 10 James L. Towler

Wedding compliment to Christopher and Phyllis Osenton.

SELF-PRAISE

At Badgworth, Glos, a bell is inscribed: "Badgworth ringers they were mad Because Rigbie made me bad; But Abel Rudhall you may see Hath made me better than Rigbie."

TONBRIDGE, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (19 cwt.) 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin. 1 R. David Baker

Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)

*3 Josephine A. Brown 4 Anthony H. Smith 5 David E. Rothera

6 John G. Gipson 7 Peter G. Brown 8 Peter S. Bennett

*150th peal.

WROTHAM, Kent, St. George.
., Aug. 8, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (20 cwt.)
5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. Baldwin.

1 Donald F. Murfet 2 Tudor P. Edwards *3 Susan Rothera

4 Keith W. Brown
5 John H. Fielden (Conductor)
†6 John G. Gipson
7 Kenneth J. Hesketh
8 Philip J. Rothera *300th peal. †400th peal.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire, 35 Croft Av. Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (13 in E.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. 1-2 Charles F. Pocock 3-4 Eric J. Gilbert (Conductor)

5-6 Robert Peers

7-8 Thomas R. Butler

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

COVENTRY, Warwicks, 68 Warwick Av. Mon., July 6, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (15 in C.) 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. 1-2 Frank W. Perrens

3-4 S. Clarke Walters 5-6 Geoffrey Pratt

7-8 Hubert E. Ashley (Conductor)

9-10 Hubert G. Summers

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Mon., July 13, 1970, 1hr. 57min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by E. M. Atkins.

1-2 Derek Astridge 3-4 Gordon A. Halls 5-6 Robert M. Chambers

7-8 David F. Moore (Conductor)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold. Wed., Aug. 12, 1970, 2hr. 3min. (12 in F.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*5-6 Graham Nabb *First in hand.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold. Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 1hr. 41min. (14 in D.) 5040 MINOR (12 methods: Perivale Alliance and Little Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's College, Plain and Hereward, Double Court and College, Double and Single Oxford, Original, Real, Reverse).

1-2 Joseph Whalley

3-4 Mary W. Whalley

5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

GOOD BELLS—GOOD ORGANISATION

The cool, windy morning of July 25 saw the Darlington and Teesside ringers assembled at the Baldersby roundabout on the A1 for another week's tour organised by Fred Hodgson, and the seven cars set off for the base at Cirencester. Whichever way you enter Cirencester, the vista is closed by the splendid tower of the parish church, and, familiar as it became by the end of the week, it never ceased to excite our admiration.

On Sunday we joined the ringers at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, for service ringing, stayed for Sung Eucharist, and afterwards joined the congregation for coffee. Later the party split to go sightseeing, some enthusiasts going to Bristol and, through the kindness of the Cathedral band, enjoyed the delightful eight. In the evening all assembled in the tower of Cirencester Parish Church, but the grand 12 there were too much for us, the back ten were not much more successful, and even Surprise Major did us no credit.

From Monday onwards we were threading the country roads and lanes of a very lovely part of England, seeing some magnificent churches, ringing splendid bells and meeting a lot of very courteous and helpful local ringers at the different towers. First call was at Lechlade, where the six went well to a variety of Minor and Doubles methods. A short run took us to Faringdon's squat, sturdy tower, where we had an enjoyable hour, and the bells were rung down in time to hear the carillon play a hymn tune at noon.

The afternoon began at Clanfield, where several touches were enjoyed on the groundfloor ring, and the party then moved to Burford, where the magnificent church has bells to match. We attended practice at Kingham in the evening, and as only two ringers turned up we had the tower almost

HANDBELLS-continued. OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows.

Sun., Aug. 2, 1970, 1hr. 52min.

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1-2 Susanne Sargeant

3-4 Frank C. Price (Conductor)

5-6 Stanley G. Scott

MAIDENHEAD, Berks, 80 Lambourne Dr., Cox Green.

Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (13 in E.) 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Middleton's.) 1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning

3-4 Christopher I. Rowson

*5-6 Frank C. Price
7-8 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)

*Completes Cambridge double-handed from Minor to Maximus. First of Cambridge Major in hand by all.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

LONDON, S.W.4, 87 Sugden Road.

Thur., Aug. 13, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning (Conductor)

3-4 Ray J. Talbot 5-6 Stephen Darvill

7-8 Jeremy R. Pratt.

First as conductor. Wedding compliment

to Len and Maureen Goodall.

to ourselves. One of those who met us was Mr. Aubrey Lloyd, who used to ring at Headingley, and was able to talk about West Riding ringers and ringing with some of the

STRIKING MEDIOCRE

In pouring rain next morning we arrived at Wootton Bassett, but the bells were well worth the journey, and here we met Bert Kynaston. Those who did not follow him Kynaston. to Rodbourne Cheney got there eventually after some tricky manœuvring through the streets of Swindon, and enjoyed an hour on the light six, though the striking was nothing to be proud of. Much the same might be said of most of our efforts at the next tower, Stratton St. Margaret, but we did rather better on the excellent, heavier eight at Highworth. All the party attended the evening practice at Christ Church, Swindon, and greatly appreciated the kindness (and tolerance) of the local ringers in allowing us to join them in that notable tower. We had the added pleasure of meeting an old friend in Phil Tocock, from Oxford, who was to spend Thursday with us.

Through a breakdown, one carload missed the first two towers on Wednesday, and when the party arrived at Stroud they were only just strong enough to man the ten before going on to Upton St. Leonards.

The laggards caught up at Longney (another ground-floor eight), and the journey to the next tower, Haresfield, was somewhat complicated by work on a new motorway. We found the church, hidden in trees at the end of a long drive, and it was worth the trouble, for it possesses an excellent six. At the evening practice at Stonehouse we had the pleasure of ringing with the local band, who made us most welcome, and here again there was some good ringing on a very worthwhile six.

Thursday was a memorable day, beginning well at Bishop's Cleeve, where the ancient ladder to the ringing room excited a lot of comment. At our next stop, Pershore, most of the party ventured into the famous cage to ring and the bells were as impressive as the tower in which they hang.

Some of the most enjoyable ringing of the tour was at our next tower, Eckington. where the handy eight go like a dream and the tower is a credit to the ringers. One of the party, venturing into the village during the ringing, heard such flattering remarks that he admitted to being a member of the party.

From Eckington the route led over the hills to Ledbury, and in the fine detached tower with its substantial octave we were almost lost in the wide open spaces. In the evening we arrived at Tewkesbury Abbey just after the Rambling Ringers, and so great was the crush, even in this big tower, that we had to be content with a quick in-and-out.

The last day's ringing began at Tetbury where the vicar (Rev. M. C. G. Sherwood) offered the party a warm welcome. He is the son of a former vicar of Grangetown, Teesside, and his grandparents were from

Cleveland.

PRESENTATION

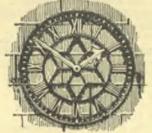
We achieved nothing in the way of striking at Malmesbuy Abbey, and found the lighter bells hard to manage. Rather better results were obtained at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, but by the time we got to that fine tower at Colerne the fatigue of a week's ringing was beginning to tell and we could do nothing right. During the lunch break at Malmesbury, Mrs. Laura Yates, on behalf of the party, presented a stainless steel tea set to Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson as an expression of gratitude for all the work Fred had done in organising the tour.

The thanks of the party are due to Fred for doing all the work and picking such good towers, to the incumbents and to those who met us and helped us with such friendliness. It was for all of us a memorable

In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cook, Miss P. Dowse, Miss J. Warwick, David Cox, E. Pannell, Mr. and Mrs. R. Park, Philip and David Park (Darlington), Mr. and Mrs. P. Wishart, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Yates, T. Cox, W. Ward, J. Roach (Teesside), E. Hudson (Ripon) and Mrs. E. Betts (Dewsbury) Mr. and Mrs. E. Betts (Dewsbury).

Our English Housewife must be of chaste thought, stout courage, patience untyred, watchful, diligent, witty, pleasant, constant in friendship, full of good neighbourhood, wise in discourse, but not frequent therein, sharp and quick of speech. but not bitter or talkative, secret in her affairs, comfortable in her counsels, and generally skilful in the worthy knowledge which do belong to her vocation.

Country Contentments, by Gervase Markham, 1620.



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Editorial

ENJOYMENT IN RINGING

"You bellringers say you ring for the glory of God and for the Church, when of course everyone knows you do it because you enjoy it."

This comment, made last week by a nonringer after morning service to a group of ringers, has often been heard before, but gives food for thought. Over the years many letters and articles have appeared in the daily and weekly press and in our R.W. and the arguments and explanations have been numerous. The subject can never be satisfactorily concluded for it all depends on the individual and the motive behind his ringing.

But is it right to condemn ringers for enjoying what they do? Is it right that criticism should be levelled at a body of people because they use church property for their own pleasure? And is it such a selfish pursuit as some would have us believe? We think not,

Bellringing is and always will be team work. If a team is happy and pulls together nothing but enjoyment is found. Happiness and enjoyment spread quickly to others and therefore is surely very creditable. The use of church property is essential in bellringing and the sound of the bells at any time brings to life outside what is otherwise just a beautiful building. The choir, the organ, the preacher are all inside the building and are virtually non-existent to the surrounding countryside, but immediately the bells peal forth the church becomes alive to those within earshot, and all are immediately aware of the church.

And selfishness? Anything shared cannot be completely selfish, and ringers generally have one main objective—to teach and to pass on their own knowledge of the art to others. At the weekly practice and monthly meetings everyone endeavours to ring something new and to improve, whilst in quarter peals and peals the whole team is striving to accomplish what it set out to do and to do it better than before. This surely proves that in bellringing there is a quality and purpose which is found in very few other pursuits. The mental and physical training and the social contact with men and women in all walks of life are a reward in themselves, and in the words of the well-known hymn

"Who sweeps a room as to the Lord Makes that, and the action fine."

So ringers everywhere, whatever your particular niche in the Exercise, do it to the best of your ability and try to understand that the other chap is also doing his part in this wonderful heritage we possess—bell-ringing.

The delightful picture last week of the London County Association outing was taken by David Gough, the group being at St. Paul's, Bedford.

The first quarter peal rung by Freemasons in Australia was on August 9 at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, the occasion being the annual service for the Combined United Lodge of New South Wales.

Belfry Gossip

Going to Leeds University is David Herd, of Ripley, Derbys, and a quarter of Bob Triples was rung by his friends as a congratulatory compliment.

Miss Margaret Ellwood is back from her stay in the U.S.A., where she did not manage any ringing. She will make up for it during the next few weeks no doubt.

First peal congratulations to Douglas J. Beaumont, Helen Wright, Elaine Pearson, David G. Salter, Brian G. Greenwood, James Hully, David Bell.

We are asked to state that visiting teams who wish to ring at Lyng, Somerset, should contact the priest-in-charge (Rev. R. J. O. Fry) or Mr. G. H. Baldham at Claygate, West Lyng.

New methods this week are Marshall Delight Major and Teston Surprise Major and there are two first-time conductors—Frederick A. J. Steward and Jennifer A. Dunning.

The Three Choirs Festival in Hereford Cathedral (August 23–28) is always preceded by a peal and ringing before each evening performance. The peal this year was at Clifford because of the condition of the cathedral bells.

Personal Records: Thomas Hobson (25), John Illingworth (75), Geoffrey Fothergill (125), Michael J. Edwards (600), Robert A. Beresford (125), Josephine A. Brown (150), Susan Rothera (300), John G. Gipson (400).

Peter D. Sell is, we understand, still in Kidderminster Hospital following his car crash. His injuries include a broken arm and leg and slight head injuries and he has thrombosis. He is, however, very cheerful and glad to see any visitors.

Attention is called to the displayed advertisement giving times of ringing at St. Peter's, Dorchester, Dorset. This is for the benefit of visitors who may be in the area and wish to join the local society in their ringing.

A North Lindsey Branch meeting of the Lincoln Guild is being held at Burtonon-Stather on Saturday next. This had been advertised for September 5, and the change of date did not reach our office in time to correct the advertisement.

Several readers have written to point out that the first peal of London Surprise Royal was rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, in 1926, conducted by Keith Hart, and not as printed in the Surrey Association history, "Ninety Years Young."

The four peals rung in Dorset were by ringers from South Northamptonshire holidaying in the area with their families. A further peal was attempted at Thorncombe on August 21, but this was brought to an abrupt end by a rope breaking after two hours of Pudsey Surprise.

Wishing to commemorate the centenary of the birth of William Pye, eight members of the Middlesex Association gathered at Harrow Weald on August 20. All had known William Pye well and some had rung peals with him. The tribute consisted of a quarter of 1344 changes of Stedman Triples taken from John Carter's Odd Bob one-part peal and was accomplished in fine style.

We learn that John Taylor and Co. are engaged in rehanging the bells of Marldon, Devon, and adding a treble to make six.

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In his letter to The Leicester Mercury, referred to in our correspondence columns, Mr. Durance, after explaining why we ring, concluded: "I would ask your correspondent to contact his local ringers and I am sure they would be pleased to explain . . . a better understanding is usually the result of such a meeting which is what, as ringers, we are all striving for."

The first peal on the recently-augmented bells at Whatton-in-the-Vale was rung by an almost-local band. John Shenfield, recently married, now lives near Lincoln and Fred Barber, who regularly practises at Whatton, belongs to Cotgrave. William Exton (of course) conducted.

It's happened again! Another quarter at Gospel Oak for evensong! Tony and Deborah Bishop came over from Wimbledon and Pam Gough made a welcome return to ringing after her months of traveling on the Continent to places as far apart as Israel and Iceland. Dianne and David Gazeley got leave to absent themselves from Hendon to help. (Keep it up.—Ed.)

"I recently called a peal on Charlie Hughes' 84th birthday. He rang like the veteran he is and I think he was about the only person in the peal not to make a mistake. He is one of the quiet members of the Exercise but has given yeoman service at Leyton and also in other local towers. He is looking forward to another peal next year for his 85th birthday and I am sure the band hope that this will come about," writes D. E.

Peter Anthony's column in the Newcastle Journal of August 4 contained an article about the bells in the civic centre being recorded on tapes and for sale at 21s. A reception to launch the scheme was held and tapes sent to four other Newcastles-in County Down (N. Ireland), S. Africa, New South Wales and Wyoming (U.S.A.). It concluded by saying: "Maybe Newcastle's carillon may one day make the charts."

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A peal of Stedman Triples has been rung on the bells which formerly hung in the tower of the Church of St. Peter-in-the-East, Oxford, and were bought by the Oxford Diocesan Guild when the church was converted into a library. They were stored until another church in the diocese wished to buy them. Many peals were rung on them in Oxford at the end of the last century and the early years of the present one. Mr. F. Sharpe was the only member of the band who had rung on the bells in Oxford and was his first peal after his serious illness in 1968.

Who was the respected captain of a well-known West Middlesex 10-bell tower who concluded "it wasn't his night" at a recent practice? He rang up a stayless bell and, holding it on the balance, sat down on the adjacent bench to wait for the other ropes to be manned. Rising from his seat, he lost control of the bell and over it went. The rope disappeared into the bell chamber, caught on something and broke. Undaunted, later in the practice he took the bell again and this time let it over a bit too far at backstroke. He then entreated: "Well, hold me down someone . . . I must have lost weight!"

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

RINGING WORLD COMMITTEE Annual Report, 1969-70

Our report for last year referred to changes and cost of improvements in the format of the Ringing World; this year has been one of even more change — of Editor, of Convener and of still further changes in appearance.

Following a brief meeting at St. Albans, the committee have met in August, 1969, at Rugby, in November, 1969, and March, 1970, in London. In spite of long distances, the five members of the committee, Mr. D. Hughes our treasurer, and the two Editors have recorded 100% attendances, and at each of our meetings a member of the dais has also been welcomed. On October 1, 1969, Mr. C. W. Denyer took

On October 1, 1969, Mr. C. W. Denyer took up his appointment as Editor, a very happy outcome of many years of search and weeks of negotiation. From that date until the end of the year the services of Mr. T. W. White were retained as a consultant, and the smoothness of the change-over is greatly due to this.

Our new Editor, with his long experience of the technical side of the work, has been able, with the committee's agreement, to negotiate with Seven Corners Press Ltd., so that by the adoption of type and layouts which were more economical with the apparatus available we have been able to obtain the agreement of our printers for the maintenance of the existing (1969) charges for printing the Ringing World for a further 12 months at least. With rising costs and wages this is no mean achievement and we congratulate Mr. Denyer on the outcome.

We introduced Mr. Denyer and his family to our readers in the Ringing World of August 22, 1969 (page 649). The progress made since he took over has been received so favourably by the large majority of the readers that our hopes for the future under his care are high. He has shown great readiness to make various small changes suggested by readers and, with our support, he will continue to do so wherever possible to meet valid criticism.

In the Ringing World of September 19, 1969 (page 723), we paid a full tribute to Mr. White for his magnificent service to the Exercise for 23 years. And in the same issue, in the name of the Central Council and of the committee, we launched an appeal to the Exercise to show their appreciation. We are gratified to note that at the time of this report the response had been well up to our hopes. At the Council meeting this year the President will present to Mr. White a very tangible token of the esteem and affection in which he is held by ringers everywhere. We are grateful to Mrs. Staniforth who has received, acknowledged and banked the many contributions, and we thank all who have supported us.

The accounts for 1969 will as usual be presented separately, but we are pleased to quote from our auditor's report that they "reveal a profit for the year of £791, as compared with a loss for the previous year of £966. Taking into account the Selective Employment Tax refund which was received in respect of previous accounting periods, it is apparent that your newspaper broke even during the second six months of the year." We should draw attention particularly to the fact that during the last three months of 1969 additional expenditure was incurred for the salary of the new Editor and the retaining fee paid to Mr. White as consultant.

Further changes at Guildford include the taking over by Seven Corners Press Ltd. of the work previously done by the Surrey Advertiser. This meant that new arrangements had to be made for the distribution of newsagents' copies, hitherto carried out for us by the Surrey Advertiser since the cessation of business of Rolls House. We are pleased to say that Mr. Lucas at Guildford has now undertaken this work also and we are no longer dependent on other firms, being our own distributor and publisher.

With the advice and help of our auditor, Mr. David Tate, the system of accounting by Mr. Lucas has been revised during the year so that we are now able to keep a frequent check on the financial position throughout the year, without calling and paying for a full scale interim audit, as we dld in 1969. To quote the auditor again, "the additional work Mr. Lucas has taken on has meant that it has not been necessary for

us (the auditor) to ask for an increased fee for the preparation of the accounts, despite rising costs." Our thanks are clearly due and have, of course, been given both to Mr. Lucas and to Mr. Tate.

We are still unable to say whether any dividend will be received following the liquidation of Rolls House, referred to in our last annual report, but it will be recalled that the whole amount has already been written off.

We have found it necessary, because of the need to preserve topicality, to rule that, unless in the clear interest of the Exercise, news items received in the Ringing World office later than one calendar month after the event shall not normally be published. This decision was announced to our readers on August 29, 1969.

We have also found it necessary to warn our readers of our concern at the delay of certain contributors in submitting peals for publication. Peals six months old are not news and only add to the unwanted backlog of peals at certain times of the year. We have considered this matter further and peals sent in which are three months old, or over, will be printed in abbreviated form, as used for quarter peals.

One of the items we have dealt with was the question of charges for the new pictorial covers, and because of possible confusion between the report in the Ringing World of December 5, 1969 (page 947), and the correction printed on December 19 (page 989), we feel it desirable to reiterate here that when for a particular reason a guild or a band ask for the cover picture and accompanying articles for a specific date we considered it right both to charge for the block and to hope for payment for 50 copies of that issue.

Our experiment with Gift Tokens last December was only partially successful—some of the subscriptions so obtained would have been received anyway. However, the form of application did not appear until December 12. We shall repeat the experiment next Christmas, giving longer notice.

As we announced on December 5, we have decided on a new venture—a Ringing World calendar for 1971—to be produced during this coming summer and containing for each month a full-size picture selected from our covers. We hope to have samples on display at Ilkley and shall welcome comments from members of the Council. Any advance orders that can be given will help us to assess likely demand. We ask for the support of the whole Exercise for this venture and can think of no more appropriate calendar for a ringer's home or for the ringing chamber.

Next year the Ringing World will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee—a wonderful feat for a journal such as ours and a tribute not only to the work of our predecessors and the successive editors, but also to the keen interest and support of many devoted readers. Recalling the success of our Golden Jubilee number, we are considering ideas for a suitable celebration issue and will welcome any suggestions which our readers may care to submit either to the Editor or our Convener.

The Index for 1969 has been prepared separately from the journal as another experiment. You will not have to extract the Index from the paper so that it can be bound or filed at the front or back of the volume. We have been able to use those pages for other matter and at the same time save the cost of printing separately. Once again we have to thank Mr. H. L. Roper for giving so much time and patience to the task of preparing the Index, and this year the anonymous typist who made it possible to produce the copies at negligible cost.

We have decided that this coming August we shall retain pictorial covers and not as formerly issue 16-page papers without covers.

Readers will have noticed that in recent issues there have appeared photographs attributed to the Ringing World itself. We have to thank our new Editor, who deliberately chose as a parting gift from his former employers an appropriate camera, so that he could take such photographs when he attends meetings and social functions, thus giving us all pleasure and saving cost to the Ringing World.

We are still greatly concerned at our circulation figures. The average weekly sales for the first two months of 1970 were 5,781, compared with an average for the first half of 1968 of

THE NEW FOREST AREA

After two visits to Norfolk, this year's annual outing for Hornchurch ringers took place in and around the New Forest area. The majority of the band, with wives, friends and children, gathered at Bishop's Waltham for coffee, then strolled to the tower, where we were met by Mr. Colley with the news that a broken clapper had put one of our towers for the following day out of action. His offer to find a substitute was gratefully accepted.

Our second tower was at Curdridge, and then we moved on to Romsey for lunch. Here we were met by Tom East, an expatriate Hornchurch ringer (now living in the Isle of Wight), and his wife, who joined us for most of the week-end.

A feature of the Hornchurch week-end outings is the quality and quantity of food consumed, and the long climb to the ringing chamber at Romsey Abbey immediately after lunch made some regret recent excesses, especially the final narrow ascent.

The maze-like one-way systems of Southampton caused some confusion in getting to St. Mary's, and here we learned that we could ring at Alton the following day.

We next rang on the six at Fawley, surrounded by an oil refinery, then through the Forest to the last tower of the day, at Lymington, and to Lyndhurst for the night.

An early start on Sunday took us to Christchurch Priory to ring for Matins and, after a glimpse of the sea, on to Ringwood. A picnic lunch was taken in the Forest and then a dash to our substitute tower at Alton.

Unfortunately, some of us were unaware that Alton has two parish churches, and spent some time waiting at the first one we came to. The remainder (with what they called common sense) went to the right tower.

Our last ring was at Westerham (Kent), where we rang for Evensong, admired the statue of Sir Winston Churchill and, following dinner, made our final run home.

All were unanimous that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable occasion, and our sincere thanks are due to all who had made it possible—the incumbents, the local ringers who met us (especially Mr. Colley for his efforts) and Frank Gant, who did all the organisation.

C. C. M. P.

6,150, for the second half, after a price increase, of 6,012 and for the first quarter of 1969 of 5,907. We hope all readers will appreciate that continued improvement in our service to them depends on an increasing circulation.

We must end this already long report with our thanks to all who have helped in any way to maintain and we think enhance the service we have been able to give to the Exercise. To those mentioned earlier in this report; to Mr. David House who has prepared the leading peal ringers' list; to Mrs. Lucas who continues to work valiantly in the Ringing World office; to the staff of Seven Corners Press for their cooperation in the production of what many of your letters call the New Look; to those friends who have provided a place for our meetings, and wonderful hospitality; and above all to our loyal supporters, both for their written contributions to our pages, for their regular purchase of the paper and their generous voluntary contributions. The Convenor wishes specially to thank all those, whether Committee members or not, who have helped him to get through very long agendas at our meetings, and Mr. White and Mr. Denyer for their never-failing support in all he and the Committee have tried to do.

W. G. WILSON, Convener,

42 Willow Grove, Ruislip, Middx.

R. S. Anderson. D. A. Bayles.

R. F. B. Speed.

M. J. Staniforth (Mrs.).

March, 1970

Notices:

SCALE OF CHARGES

5/- for 30 words (minimum), each additional word 2d.; Meeting Notices—3 insertions the price of 2. Display Advertisements: 7/6 per inch single column: ½-page £3; ½-page £5/10; Whole page £10. Reduction for block bookings (on application) 65 screen for half-tones.

BIRTH

TUBBS.—To Carolyn and David, a daughter, Sarah Jane, born August 24, 1970. 9608

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HARRIS. - Robert and Caroline now live Hickling, High Broom Road, Crowborough, Sus-Telephone No.: Crowborough 5359, when the poles have been planted. 9600

PARTRIDGE.—As from Sept. 5 the address of Robert and Susan will be 15 Vernon Court, Vernon Drive, Stanmore, Middx. Telephone: 01-427 9514.

PERSONAL

'In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer."-Isaiah liv, 8.

-Would Mr. Reg T. Jones, who once lived at Ebbesbourne Wake, please communicate with Mr. K. Sansom at 65 Glebe Road, Buriton, Petersfield, Hants.

FOR SALE

SET OF 12 HANDBELLS, foundry condition, tenor 22 C: £85 or near offer.—D. Brett-Smith, 76 White Horse Hill, Chislehurst, Kent. 9566

SET OF 20 HANDBELLS, G, F sharp, E, D, C, B, A, G, F, As, Cs, Ds, Gs, Fs, Cs, Ds, F, C, E, D, £90, from S. P. Haddon, 1 Goring Road, Staines, Middlesex.

MISCELLANEOUS

BEEKEEPERS' HARVEST FESTIVAL, Stone-leigh, Warwickshire, Oct. 4, 3 p.m. All ringing beekeepers welcome. Please write for details of ringing times before and after service. — Miss Sturdy, The Old House, Longbridge Corner, 9465

BUSHEY, St. James .- For remainder of 1970 all enquiries should be addressed to R. Baldwin, 15 Harford Drive, Watford, as I will be away. W. Woolley.

CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE SOCIETY, CAN-TERBURY.—If there are any bellringers coming to Christ Church in September, for their first time, please would they contact the Bellringing Society secretary, Anne Dawson, as soon as possible after reaching college (probably via pigeonhole D or in Bishop Cockin West, 9 and 9597

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Ely District. -Annual Ringers' Service, Fordham, Sun., Sept. 13. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. for 6.30 Evensong and after service. 9532

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS.—Set of 12 (minimum) 16s. Additional cards 3d. each. Separate copy essential.—Write T. W., Ringing World Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey. 1001
"Blank" Peal Cards (printed ornate border)

available from R.W. office, 2s. per dozen.

Ringing Towers.—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringing Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57 Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

DORSET, near MILTON ABBEY. - B. and B. 20s. Evening meal 7s. 6d. Mrs. Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Dorset. Homely accommodation in heart of lovely countryside. Indoor sanitation. Full terms on application. application.

MID-DEVON. — Bed, breakfast and dinner. Good centre for touring. Mrs. A. Fidler, "High-croft", Bow, Crediton. Also 4-berth caravan at Sandymouth Bay, near Bude. — Vacancies Sep-tember. Bow 379.

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. First practice of term, Wed., Oct. 7, 8 p.m., at St. Andrew's. New members of the University are invited to introduce themselves and obtain furtheir information by contacting Bill Perrins, Southampton Road, Ringwood, Hants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- S.W. District .- Evening meeting, Romford, Sept. 12. Ringing 6-8 p.m. September's weekday practice at Waltham Abbey, 30th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Bristol Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Holy Trinity, Horfield, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (5) available 6.30-7.45 p.m. Business meeting to fol-low in Men's Social Club (opposite church), Wellington Hill.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Farnham District.-A combined practice will be held at Bentley on Sat., Sept. 19. Bells available 6 p.m.
—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9594

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—An advanced practice will be held at Aldershot on Tues., Sept. 22, at 7.30 p.m. This practice is for anyone wishing to learn Kent, Stedman or any of the Surprise methods, etc. S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9593

GUILDFORD GUILD .- Leatherhead District .-Surprise Royal practice, Leatherhead, on Tues., Sept. 15, 19.45-21.15 hours. Methods: Yorkshire and London.-J. A. L.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.-Sat., Sept. 19, evening meeting at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Bells (8) 6-9 p.m. An extraordinary business meeting will be held for the election of the officers of the Lancashire Association, Everyone welcome.

LEICESTER GUILD .- Melton District .- Evening meeting, Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Sat., Sept. 19, 7-9 p.m.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - S. and W. District. — Surprise Royal practice at Hillingdon, Mon., Sept. 14, 8-9.30 p.m. Evening practice at St. Mary's, Staines, Fri., Sept. 25, 7.45-9.15 p.m.—C. H. R.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Wilmslow, Sept. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. (Note changed times.) Names for tea to Mr. D. Smith, 16 Capesthorne Road, Wilmslow. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Cambridge District) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting, Sept. 12, Guilden Morden, 3-4.30. Service, tea, short business meeting for Cambridge District members; evening ringing, Litlington. Tadlow also available 3-3.45.—J. S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - South Eastern District. — Meeting at Goldhanger, Sat., Sept. 12.
Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea
and meeting. All welcome.—R. J. H., Dis. Sec. 9483

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .--East--Meeting, Sat., Sept. ern District.-12. Widford (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Widford 5.15, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing, Hunsdon (8), 6.30-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. B. Lucas, 14 Rise Cottages, Widford.
—S. E. James, Hon. Dls. Sec. 9557

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .ern District. — Meeting, Northchurch (8), Sat., Sept. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. No name, no tea. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110 High Street, Northchurch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Maidstone District. — By-meeting, Egerton, Sat., Sept. 12, Bells 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. Wadding ton, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, near Ashford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Petham, Sat., Sept. 12. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. S. W. Seward, Stoneway Caravan Park, Petham. 9572

LINCOLN GUILD. - North Lindsey Branch.-Burton-on-Stather meeting, Sat., Sept. 12, not Sept. 5 as previously advertised. Apologies for

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -- Llandaff Branch. -- Quarterly ringing meeting, Porthkerry, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea, very short business meeting and further ringing. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., The Grammar School, Cowbridge.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Sat., Sept. 12, St. Andrew's, Church Lane, Kingsbury, 2.30-4.15 (Wembley Park then bus 297 or 83; alternatively bus 245 or 52—alight at Blackbird Cross). Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Church Hall business meeting after. St. Mary's, Neasden Lane, Willesden, 6.45–8.30. Surprise practice: St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Mon., Sept. 14, 6–8 p.m.—J. H. Lott, Asst. Hon. Sec. 9560 ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llandovery, Sat., Sept. 12. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Cox, Pontaur, Llandovery, Carmathorship.

Llandovery, Carmarthenshire.-J. Prytherch, Hon.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bingham and Newark Districts. — Joint meeting, East Bridgford, Sept. 12. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Kneeton (3) 3-4. Names for tea to R. Blackshaw, 36 Stratford Road, West Bridgford. 9549

SUFFOLK GUILD. - South East District. -Quarterly meeting, Holbrook (6), Sept. 12, 2.30-4.30, followed by service, tea and meeting. All names for tea to Mrs. Bertha Hardman, Swalows, Ipswich Road, Tattingstone, Ipswich, not later than Wed., Sept. 9. No names, no tea. Hoping for Stutton bells in the evening .- W. L. 9520

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Walberton (6), on Sat., Sept. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Evening ringing until 8.30. Please notify for tea P. M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis, Sussex. 9568

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. - Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Long Ashton (8), Sat., Sept. 19. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.-D. G. Yeo. Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. - Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Barrington (6), Sept. 19. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Service, tea, etc.-R. J. D.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Sept. 19, Stretton (6).
Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Witter, 9 Hillside Road, Appleton, near Warrington, by Wed., Sept. 16.

—J. Moore, Hon. Branch Sec. 9595

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.-Meeting at Hemingford Abbots, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea p.m. Special methods: Warkworth Surprise, Grandsire Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9583

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Forest Branch.—Meeting, Alvington (5), Sept. 19, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Please provide own tea. Cups of tea available. Hewelsfield, 7–8.30 9596

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .-Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Thorley, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting. Sawbridgeworth (8) 7–9 p.m. Names for tea essential to K. Westwood, 85 Waytemore Road, 15 Waytemore R Bishop's Stortford (Tel.: 56043). -- K. West wood, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Albans District. — Meeting, Sat., Sept. 19, St. Paul's, Walden, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. L. Dennison, 50 Strathmore Road, Whitwell, Hitchin. - F. Ellis, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—First annual county striking competition, St. George's Church, Gravesend, Sat., Sept. 19. Draw for order of Draw for order of ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea tickets 4s. each, obtainable from Miss L. Seton, 1 Ashwood Place, High Street, Bean, Dartford. Remittance and s.a.e with order, please. - A. P. S. B.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Liverpool Branch.-Meeting at St. Nicholas, Halewood, on Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.-G. K. A.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District. — Meeting, Sat., Sept. 19, Mancetter. Bells (5) 3-4 p.m. Witherley bells (5), 3.30. Tea 5. Witherley, 6.30-7.30: Service 4 30 Mancetter, 7-8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. Parker, Church Road, Witherley, Atherstone, by Wed. previous. Visitors welcome.-J. Watkins, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Striking competition, Waddington, Sept. 19, 2 p.m. (Team reps 1.45.) Names for tea to R. F. Smith, 66 Station Road, Waddington, Lincoln, by Wednesday. 9581

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — N. and E. District.—St. Michael, Wood Green, on Sat., Sept. 19, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Christ Church, Southgate, 6.30–8.30 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. -- North Berks Branch.-Autumn meeting, Marcham, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea In school 4.30 p.m. Notification for tea, please, to Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 15. 9551

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Sept. 19, at Yarwell, 2.45-3.45 only. King's Cliffe, 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Special methods: Erin Minimus, London Surprise Minor. Book teas to R. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough, by previous Wednesday.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Raunds, Sept. 19. Bells 15.00. Service 16.30. Tea 17.00. Names to W. Whitmore, 21 Mackenzie Road, Raunds, by Sept. 15. Ringing till 20.45.

SALISBURY GUILD.-West Dorset Branch.-Meeting, Lyme Regis, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.

—J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 9579

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. - Newark District.—Crawford cup contest final to be held at North Collingham (6), Sat., Sept. 19, at 2.30 p.m. South Collingham (5) and South Scarle (5) bells also available, 2.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to P. Raithby, Dis. Sec., 205 London Road, Balderton, Newark, by Wednesday previous. Visitors welcome.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. Striking competition, Sat., Sept. 19, Shareshill. Draw 2.15 p.m. Test piece: 240 changes of any method of Doubles or Minor. Half-an-hour's general ringing afterwards. Own arrangements for tea, prior to evening handbell tune playing course at Shareshill Parish Hall, 6.30 p.m., when Mr. George Askew, of Brewood, will demonstrate his system of tune playing requiring no knowledge of music. Anyone (Including nonringers) from anywhere welcome to attend or take part. Ideal for small teams wishing to try carols, etc.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 9469 9469

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.
—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Sept. 19, Limpsfield
Chart. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5
p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Stephens, 41
Barrow Green Road, Oxted.—K. G. Game, Dis.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Sept. 19, Ringmer (St. Mary the Virgin, 8), 3 p.m. Please bring picnic tea. Break for tea approximately 5.30, followed by business meeting, in Village Hall.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD .--Truro Branch.-Autumn festival, Ladock (8), Sept. 19. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Towers open: Probus (8), St. Erme (6). Names for tea to Miss B. J. Duck, 1 Benson Road, Hendra, Truro, by Sept. 14.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Clent, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. tion of branch officers at this meeting. for tea to Mr. B. C. Ashford, 17 Old Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, by Sept. 16. Any names received after this date will not secure tea.

MEAN THIS!—M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—There will be a GENERAL MEETING at SHEFFIELD on Saturday Sept. 19th. General Committee meeting at 3.15 in Ranmoor Parish Hall. Service 4.15 p.m. at Ranmoor. Tea in the Parish Hall at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, by Tuesday, Sept. 15th. Tickets will be sent to those who enclose a and given to others at Ranmoor Church at 3.45 p.m. on the Saturday. Proposals about the finance of the Association will be made at the meeting after tea. Bells: Penistone (8), 11.30-12.45; Conisborough (8), 12-1; Silkstone (6), 12.30-1.45; Bolsterstone (8), 1-2; Eastwood (8), 1.15-2.30; Wortley (8), 2-3; Walkley (6), 2.30-3.30; Ranmoor (10), 3.15-4.10; Sheffield Cathedral (13), 7-9; Wortley and Ranmoor in the evening by arrangement. - W. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9426

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Halse, Sept. 26 Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. tea, please. - A. H. Reed, 41 George Street, Taunton, Somerset.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Guildford District.— Quarterly meeting, Sat., Sept. 26, at Hascombe (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Dunsfold (6) also available 3-4 p.m. and in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. Barnett, Yew Tree Cottage, Hascombe, Godalming, by Sept. 21. 9567

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.-Meeting at St. Thomas, Helmshore, on Sat., Sept. 26, to ring for Flower Festival. Everyone welcome for ringing from 2.30 onwards. Cups of tea at 5, followed by evening ringing.—P. Dyson, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint quarterly meeting, Elloe Deaneries and Ladies' Guild, at Whaplode, Sat., Sept. 26. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Porter, 12 Exeter Drive, Spalding (Tel.: 4462), by Wed., Sept. 23. 9433

SUFFOLK GUILD (S.W. District) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N. and N.E. Districts).-Joint meeting, Stoke-by-Nayland, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (essential) to Mrs. King, 1 Crossfields, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester, Essex, not later than Mon., Sept. 21.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD 25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

This will be held at Carmarthen on Saturday, October 10. Cost approximately 30 shillings per head, depending on total numbers. Will all those interested please contact John Prytherch, 33 Haven Park Close, Haverfordwest (office telephone: Milford Haven 2461), so that an estimate of numbers can be obtained. 9585

DORCHESTER, DORSET ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS Visiting ringers have recently been arriving to find that there is no ringing. The undermentioned are the relative times of ringing at present. Times of service ringing have recently been

changed and ringing now takes place as follows: 1st Sunday of month — 5.45 p.m. 2nd ,, ,, — 9.45 a.m. 5.45 p.m. ,, ---3rd 5.45 p.m. 11 11

" — 9.45 a.m. " — 9.45 a.m. 4th ,, ,, 5th 5th ,, ,, — 9.45 a.m. Practice night: Tuesday, 7.30-9 p.m. R. H. Duke

9599 UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

recent Summer Tour. Deeply touched by continued kind remembrances of old friends.

Sincere thanks and best wishes. "Semper Eadem," York.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION Saturday, October 10, 1970

ANNUAL DINNER

at the Grand Atlantic Hotel, Weston-super Mare 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Price 28s. 6d. Tickets from Miss M. Legg, Drove Farm, Locking, Weston-super-Mare, before Oct. S.a.e., please. 9612

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

The Society welcomes all freshers coming up in October. Please contact Peter C. Randall, in October. 32 Coventry Road, Warwick, for details.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

DINNER-DANCE Southport - October 31 Book the date.

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MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

welcomes all freshers.

Please contact the secretary, William M. Taylor, 125 Church Street, Wolverton, Bucks.

It is hoped that practices will begin on Tuesday, October 6.

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COLESHILL, BIRMINGHAM FLOWER FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 12

Northern Routes:

Rushall (6), 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Aldridge (6), 10.15 a.m.-11 a.m.

Little Aston (6), 10.45 a.m.-11.30 a.m.

Shenstone (6), 12.15 p.m.-1 p.m.

Perry Barr (8), 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

Aston (12), 2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. Castle Bromwich (6), 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

Erdington (St. Barnabas) (8), 5.15 p.m.-6 p.m. Subject to confirmation.

Elford (6), 9.15 a.m.-10 a.m. Tamworth (10), 10.15 a.m.-11 Polesworth (6), 11.45 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Grendon (6), 12.45 p.m.-1.30 p.m. Atherstone (8), 2.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. Mancetter (5), 4.15 p.m.-4.45 p.m. Kingsbury (8), 4.45 p.m.-5.30 p.m.

Southern Routes:

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Ringing festival and supper party, Sat., Oct. 24. Party to be held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell; tower and other details 9542 later.

> SUFFOLK GUILD Presentation and dedication of Master's Badge of Office GREAT THURLOW

Saturday, September 19
Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.
Names for tea to Ven. K. O. Child, Gt. Thurlow Vicarage, Haverhill, by September 16. 9478

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
THE 90th ANNUAL FESTIVAL
will be held at OXFORD on Saturday, October 3, 1970.
a.m. Service in Cathedral.
b.m. Social half-hour in Dining Hall. 11.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m. Luncheon in Dining Hall. (Tickets 10s. 6d. each.) 1.15 p.m.

Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance and s.a.e., must reach Miss D. J.
Pollard, 49 Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, September 28.
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Outing, October 24. 25th anniversary dinner, November 28.

For further details you are invited to contact the master: Nigel Thomson, 6 The Holt, Wal-9569

lington, Surrey.

THE OTHER DAVID J. MARSHALL

There seemed to be a slow response to the invitations to the marriage at Daventry in July of David J. Marshall and Pamela M. Major. The bride's father is treasurer of the R.D.C. and his usual "requests" are left until another day. However, word got round and friends and ringers gathered in bright sunshine to give symbolic treatment to the splicing.

Daventry ringers fired with their usual precision before and after the ceremony and next day a band made an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Marshall Delight Major. However, amends were made at a later date and the peal was scored with the bridegroom conducting. The organ was played by the master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Mr. Malcolm J. Tyler, and included Stanley's Bell Allegro.

Miss Clare Chapman, daughter of the Daventry ringing master, was a bridesmaid and the best man was Mr. Malcolm Mc-Connachie, a school friend of the couple and a former local ringer.

The happy couple made their getaway in an ex-Army vehicle, camouflaged in a most unmilitary-like fashion, and the latest report was that computer punchings still keep dropping out in the most unexpected places, but they feel well and truly married.

J. K. F.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry Archdeaconry.—Joint monthly meeting with Lei-cester Diocesan Guild (Hinckley District), Sat., Sept. 19. Afternoon ringing at Witherley and Mancetter. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Evening ringing at Witherley and Mancetter—Nuneaton also available 6.30—8 p.m. Details for ringing times as Hinckley District. Names for tea to F Parker, Church Road, Witherley, Atherstone, by Wednesday, please.—George Pluckrose. 9632 CROYDON RINGING FESTIVAL.—No ringing

at St. Mary's, Beddington, 1.30-2.30, Sept. 12 9625

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ments. Evening ringing.—G. Cheetham. 9623
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E. H. K. (This cancels advert 9602 on page

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Southern Branch. — Practice meeting, Wakefield (12), on Tues., Sept. 15. Bells available 19.00–21.00 hours.—A. C. B.

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September 19
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Handbells during the service.
Tower open for ringing from 8 p.m. All welcome.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for September 7, 1945.

Under the heading "Peal Ringing in

Kent," 12 peals were rung in a week, all being conducted by P. A. Corby.

Referring to the quick peal at Beccles (3 hours and 13 minutes), "B." wrote "You might ring a fair peal there in 3 hours and 55 minutes, but ten minutes longer would be better."

In certain cases where learners are unusually mentally alert call changes can serve a certain purpose, but almost everywhere the practice of Original or plain hunting on five and six bells will prove far more profitable.—Rev. E. S. Powell on teaching learners. teaching learners.

R. F. B. Speed asked all ringers and intending ringers coming up next term to communicate with him at Caius College, Cambridge.

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listen to.

At Hyde, Cheshire, Miss Mary Elkins rang her first peal, Double Norwich, on the 2nd, conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Thomas W. White rang the treble at Holy Trinity, Guildford, for Grandsire Triples. Two peals of Minor on handballs at Stokener Trept, were conducted by bells at Stoke-on-Trent were conducted by

R. S. Anderson.

Three letters on the firing of bells were printed from William Ambler, Fred J. Lambert and Charles A. Bassett.

50 YEARS AGO September 10, 1920.

The 14 bells at Buckfast Abbey were being rehung with new fittings by Messrs. William Aggett and Sons of Chagford.

A peal of Minor at Frant, Sussex, was rung by six of the Lambert family: Richard B., William H., Frederick J. (jun.), Frederick J. (sen.), Reginald E. and Robert T.

Bristol Surprise Major rung at Leiston included five Bailey brothers, and another at Worlingworth had four Baileys, whilst at Whitley Bay five ringers named Gofton took part in a peal—also Bristol Surprise Major.

The deaths were announced of George Balls (58), Earl Soham, Suffolk; Richard W. Baker, (56), Langham, Rutland; John Blackburn, (73), Staincliffe, Batley, Yorks; John Wymer, Wymondham, Leics; and Samuel Paice (64), Wokingham, Berks.

The leader spoke of bell restorations and of the peglect of bells in churches in the

of the neglect of bells in churches in the Metropolis, and a correspondent (Charles Withecomb) lamented the condition of the bells at St. James', Bermondsey, which were almost unringable.

Daniel T. Matkin conducted his first peal—Grandsire Doubles—on handbells at Ludlow, Salop, William R. Nash and Percy Lane ringing their first on handbells.

A team on a day excursion into Suffolk rang touches at Polstead, Stoke Nayland and Stratford, and Mr. C. J. Sedgley conducted.

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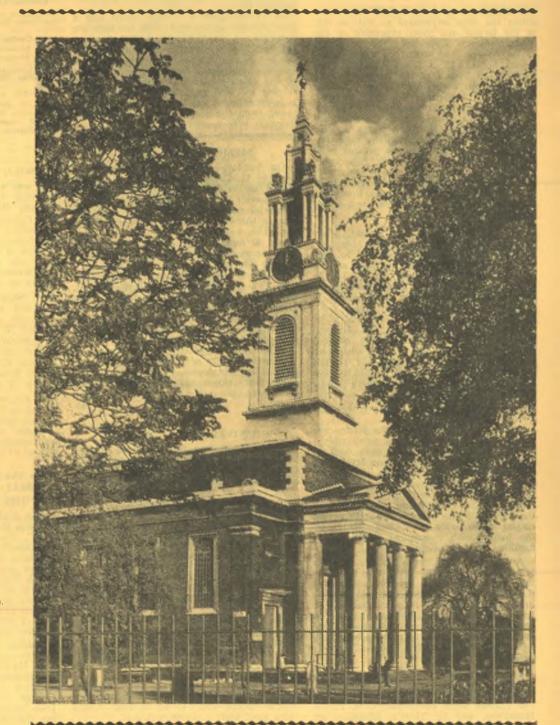
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St. James,
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St. James, Bermondsey, S.E.

Since the early years of the 19th century, Bermondsey has been part of South-East London, as it is no more than two or three miles from the City on the south bank of the River Thames. St. James's Church stands just off Jamaica Road, in the centre of an area where old terraced houses stand side by side with modern blocks of flats, and its fine Classical steeple will be well known to those who travel on the railway which runs along a viaduct nearby from London Bridge and Charing Cross Stations to Kent and Surrey.

The church was built in 1827-29, and is surely the most impressive as well as one of the largest and most expensive of the "Commissioners' Churches." The architect, James Savage, had some years earlier designed St. Luke's, Chelsea, and it is interesting to note that for Bermondsey he reverted from the Gothic to the Classical style. The proportions are very pleasing, and when the present restoration and redecoration are completed the interior will be most beautiful and well worth a visit. Such a vast building is in many ways unsuitable for the needs of the present local church community and some re-arrangement of the seating, etc., is being made; however, many people will be glad that, thanks to the Friends of Friendless Churches and other bodies, the restoration was possible.

As at Chelsea and at many other churches of this period, Thomas Mears II, of Whitechapel, was commissioned to provide a ring of bells for Bermondsey, and so in 1828 he cast a 25 cwt. ring of ten in the key of D and hung it in what appears from outside to be quite a small tower. It is said that the metal was provided from cannon brought back from the Battle of Waterloo, and if this is true one can perhaps imagine that some of the original thunder of the guns still remains when one hears the ten bells being rung. For, though excellence of tone can never be said to have been one of Thomas Mears' strong points, yet the tenor is quite a grand and powerful bell, and the whole ring has a certain presence.

The frame and nearly all the fittings are still the original ones. It was presumably a matter of principle that as many bells as possible should be hung on one level, and the installation is certainly a skilful one from this point of view, the treble and third being the only bells on a second tier. However, this arrangement means that all the ropes fall very close to the walls of the ringing room, which is immediately below the belfry, with consequent difficulties in handling and rope-sight.

A tablet in the church records that the bells were rehung in 1897, but this "rehanging" cannot have involved more than the replacement of gudgeons and bearing brasses, as few other fittings appear to be later than 1828. A few peals have been rung, the last being one of Caters in the 1920's, and this is known to have been very hard work. By 1930 the bells had become derelict.

Early this year the same company of enthusiasts who had re-opened such neglected rings as those at St. Paul's, Shadwell (across the Thames from Bermondsey), St. Paul's. Homerton, and St. Mary's, Islington, approached the vicar of St. James's, the Rev.

Michael Whinney, with a view to restoring the ring. Mr. Whinney and the P.C.C. accepted the proposal with enthusiasm, particularly as it was appropriate to bring the bells back to life at the time of the general restoration of the church, and the go-ahead was soon given by the architect, Mr. Anthony Swaine, and by Mr. Alan Frost of the C.C. Towers and Belfries Committee, who kindly made a preliminary inspection. Five months of evening and week-end work ensued, including repairing, renewing, altering, adding, painting and testing, and the full ring was first heard for morning service on July 12.

Mr. Frost made a further report and it was generally agreed that while the bells are certainly not easy to ring and need the careful handling of experienced ringers, they are not in any way unsafe. A quarter peal may be rung on the day of the rededication of the church later this year, and further ringing will take place from time to time. It is even hoped locally that a band can be raised from the parish to ring at least the front six bells more regularly.

MEMORIAL QUARTER

On Sunday, August 30, 12 friends of Mrs. E. D. Catherall, whose death we reported earlier this year, met and rang a fine quarter peal of Stedman Cinques as a memorial tribute for her loyalty and service to the Church of St. Laurence, Reading. The writer and Mrs. Rampton are proud to think of the distance the friends came to pay homage. (Two had rung with her for 50 years.)

The band stood as follows: William Hibbert 1, Joyce Parsons 2, Albert Tyler 3, Kathleen Chilcott 4, David Parsons 5, John Hibbert 6, William Coles 7, John Napper 8, Michael Chilcott (Conductor) 9, Roger Overington 10, Brian White 11, William Rampton 12.

Afterwards, as good ringers, all went to the usual place of refreshment, silently toasted her and departed their various ways, some of the ringers (as can well be realised) having to go quite a distance to reach home.

W. H.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES

Our summer tour this year was in East Anglia and held from August 17 to August 23. The company met in Cambridge, and after ringing there and at the detached Norman tower at Bury St. Edmunds "home" was made at St. Clements Church Hall, Ipswich, for the first part of the week. The second half of the week was centred on Norwich, and the week ended in a climax by ringing the 12 at St. Peter Mancroft for Sunday service as well as at three other Norwich towers.

During the week about 40 churches were visited, including St. Mary the Virgin's, East Bergholt (5). The standard of ringing was fair, with the usual Surprise methods being rung, but perhaps the tour was best noted for the variety of unusual methods attempted, including Tolly Cobbold.

A quarter peal was scored at Pulham Market, and generally a successful week was had by all.

The society thanks all for attending (members and non-members) and extends a warm "thank you" to all in East Anglia who gave such a warm welcome.

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WILL THEY NEVER LEARN?

It was a coincidence that on the same day that "Over the Roof" appeared in The Ringing World (page 671), another theft was reported from the same church and committed by the man who had watched the remaining bells being lowered. He boasted of his part in the theft of some of the bells; and the following report from the Western Morning News of August 27 is sent by Mr. John Fidler:

Stole Lead from Church Roof

Nearly five months after being jointly convicted of stealing the bells from the disused St. Edmund's Church, Exeter, a 26-year-old man appeared before Exeter magistrates for stealing lead from the roof. He was Ronald William Hannaford, of St. James Road, Exeter, who was gaoled for a total of nine months.

A six months suspended prison sentence passed in March for the joint theft of the church bells was enforced, and included in the total of nine months was one month's imprisonment for £100 outstanding from a fine of £120 made at his March appearance.

From The Times, 7/3/19. BELL SALE AT CHRISTIES "THE BELL OF THE CLOUDS"

The chief feature at Christie's sale yesterday was the "Clog and Air," or "Clog na Neal" (the Bell of the Clouds), a bell traditionally associated with St. Seran of Iniscatha, Scattery Island, and of which the vendor was Mr. Marcus Keane, J.P., of Beach Park, Ennis. The bell, the original portion of which dates back from the 10th century, was described in the "Times" of August 13th, 1918, and has attracted a good deal of attention while on view during the last few days.

Bidding for it was started yesterday at 100 guineas and at 1,250 guineas fell to Mr. Harding, with Mr. Harman as the underbidder. We are informed that Mr. Harding was acting on behalf of Mr. George W. Panter, M.A., Fellow of the Irish Society of Antiquaries, who is presenting the bell to the Irish Nation, the custodian to be the Royal Irish Academy

ABOUT THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

THE SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FOLLOWING a detailed survey of 253 towers in Yorkshire by Mr. Norman Chaddock, this committee was set up on his proposition in 1958 to investigate and report upon the state of Sunday service ringing throughout the British Isles and to make recommendations for improvement. A 10-page report summarising the results of the survey, together with appropriate recommendations, was laid before the Council in 1959. The Ringing World gave full support with publicity and supplementary articles.

A thousand copies of extracts from the report, with recommendations, were circulated to church authorities in every diocese and archdeaconry.

The impact of the survey in encouraging ringing associations to examine their responsibilities and initiate action where needed was impressive.

Following this "mammoth" task the committee was given responsibility for educational aspects of ringing, and its work has continued unabated for 12 years.

A sequel to the survey was the Council's publication "Ringing for Service," which gives valuable advice to ringers and others on the recruitment of ringers and the organisation of the local band. In this project and in the report on the survey Mr. Philip Gray played a leading role.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow and Mr. Frank Lufkin undertook initial action and responsibility in connection with theological col-

Over the years various tasks, such as the Council's recruiting leaflet and the Collection of Belfry Prayers, have been entrusted to the committee. In 1964 two members of the committee were selected to go to Washington, where their experience was of great assistance in the "crash course" in training ringers for the new cathedral.

One of the most beneficial developments over recent years has been the establishment of day and residential weekend courses which have, amongst other things, brought ringers in contact with educational authorities and opened their eyes to the value of ringing as a culture and a discipline. The Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee has played an important part in pioneering and promoting bellringing courses. Outstanding examples are: (1) the annual weekend courses at Hereford, organised by Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton in conjunction with the Hereford Guild. For some of the students here, during the 1969 course, lectures and practical sessions extended over five days, a new experiment which proved successful and this has been repeated.

(2) The annual course at Grantley Hall, Yorkshire, organised by Mr. Norman Chaddock for the West Riding County Council. Courses here have continued annually for ten years and various new techniques have been tried and developed progressively.

Assistance by correspondence and in person has been given in connection with other courses organised by various associations. Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who joined the committee following his term of office as president, has been a first choice as lecturer on many of these courses, and his vast store of knowledge and equipment has enhanced many a weekend course.

The committee was also given the task of producing a tutor's handbook, Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton being mainly respon-



Mr. Norman Chaddock, former convener of the committee.

sible for drafting Part I (Bell Control to Plain Hunting) and Mr. Norman Chaddock being mainly responsible for Part II (Elementary Change Ringing).

Another major task was the production of a gramophone record for instructional purposes, illustrating good striking in simple methods, as widely practised for Sunday service ringing.

Mr. Clive Smith was appointed to the committee to help with the technical aspects and compile the master tape for this record.

Present and past members of the committee have devoted a great deal of time to its work. At peak times the convener has had an almost full-time job. Miscellaneous enquiries dealt with by him are received every few days, and many of these require much more than a formal answer. Replies include preparing and giving advice on such things as organising evening institute courses, syllabuses, recruitment and training, notes for talks and articles on bell-ringing, teaching techniques and loan of visual aids, tower open days, relationships with church authorities, Girl Guide and Boy Scout badges, striking contests, loan and sale of filmstrips on bell control, taperecordings and regular hire of the Washington film.

The committee's work has been of value to hundreds who are endeavouring to promote Sunday service ringing, often under difficult conditions. The appreciation expressed by many of these makes the work worthwhile.

In 1965, in his final report as secretary, Mr. E. A. Barnett, now vice-president of the Central Council, referred to the activities of the Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee as being a notable example of the Council's responsibilities for the welfare of the Exercise in general. WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The time may be ripe for another detailed survey of Sunday service ringing. Ringing as a hobby and as a way of expressing intellectual and physical achievement flourishes as never before. Is the quality and regularity of Sunday service ringing in the 5,000 or more "ringable" towers progressing at the same rate?

The opportunity is at hand for Council members, in their mood for change and the desire to take on responsibility, to ensure the continuity and expansion of this vital section of the Council's activities.

[This article was written when Mr. Chaddock was convener.—Ed.]

St. Albans District.

EXPERIMENTAL MEETINGS

Two experimental meetings have been arranged by the district, one in September and the other in November. At each meeting the evening ringing will be a social occasion, giving everybody a ring but with no attempt at serious instruction for learners. During the afternoon, however, the ringing will be at several towers and aimed at several different levels of ability.

At one tower the ringers will endeavour to produce good rounds and call changes and in helping learners through the difficult stages of plain hunting and ringing "inside." At the second tower a restricted number of ringers will have the opportunity of extending their repertoire to the slightly more difficult methods, whilst at the third tower it is hoped to arrange a quarter peal of Surprise Major for those who rarely get the opportunity to stand in one.

At each place there will be a nucleus of

At each place there will be a nucleus of competent ringers to ensure that the best possible chance is given to all to enjoy and achieve some measure of improvement in their ringing.

If the experiment is successful it is hoped, subject to modifications as experience indicates, to introduce this style of meeting on a regular basis with, possibly, "full" quarterly meetings in the traditional style.

A. W. R. W.

RAISING FUNDS

An article in The Notts Free Press about the bells and ringers at St. Wilfrid's Church, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, makes interesting reading, as well as appealing for financial help.

They Want Ring of Six
Bellringing in St. Wilfrid's Church,
Kirkby, all began about 400 years ago.
Then there was one bell, in 1800 there were
three bells and today there are five. Now
the dozen bellringers are thinking up
money-raising schemes for a sixth bell,
which must be the last since the tower
cannot hold any more.

The present band of bellringers, all girls between the ages of 12 and 16, except Mr. Sollis (tower captain) and the deputy tower captain, have been ringing for the past 15 months since the break-up of the previous band when most of the members left the area to go to college, leaving the tower captain to find new recruits.

The target which must be reached by the bellringers for the new bell is £313. This will be needed to complete the payment on the old clock bell which used to hang over the Stockwell Gate entrance to the Co-op, Mansfield. Most of the money will be spent on recasting the bell at the bell foundry in Loughborough.

One of the money-raising ideas which has already been put into action is a guess-the-weight competition of the new treble bell.

Other ideas for raising money include an old time dance and a prize draw. The band foresee that it will take them about two years to raise the money and would be pleased to hear of any original fund-raising schemes to help them with their task.

VILLAGE BELLS

Then let the village bells, as often wont, Come swelling on the breeze, and to the sun Half-set, sing merrily their evening song Now dying all away, now faintly heard, And now with loud and musical relapse Its mellow changes huddling on the ear.

—James Hurdis.

SOMERSET AUGMENTATION

The Mendip village of Ston Easton has an unpretentious Perpendicular church, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was well restored in the last century and has a modest tower, in marked contrast to that of Chewton Mendip, which has one of the more spectacular of the many famous steeples in the county. For some years the five bells, all cast by Thomas Bilbie, of Chew Stoke (1752/53), have been unringable, but on August 27 they were rededicated after recasting, with a new treble, and rehung in a new frame.

The church was filled for the service, which took the form of Choral Evensong, conducted by the vicar (Rev. Kelvin Williams), the rededication being performed by the Bishop of Taunton (Rt. Rev. Francis Horner West), who also gave the address. Ringers from all over the diocese attended the ceremony, with visitors from the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

Immediately following the prayer of dedication some perfectly-struck rounds were rung by a representative band, and after the service the ringing was under the direction of Mr. R. G. Beck, who saw that everyone had an opportunity for a touch.

The new ring, possibly the lightest in the diocese, has been recast by the Whitechapel Foundry and the "go" is excellent, although some experienced ringers found the front bells difficult to control at first, and there was admiration for the faultless rounds earlier in the proceedings. A band of learners has already been recruited and are under the tuition of the Chilcompton

The original tenor weighed 9 cwt., and the inscriptions have been retained in the recastings. The weights of the new bells are as follows: Treble, I cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb., B; 2nd, 1-3-20, A; 3rd, 2-1-17, G; 4th, 2-3-17, F sharp; 5th, 3-1-10, E; tenor, 4-0-21, D.

K. G. F.



The 1604 bell which once hung in St. Mary's Church, Wolverhampton. It was used for a time at Tettenhall Church, and now hangs outside the Church of Christ the King at Aldersley, Wolverhampton. There is every reason to believe that it once formed part of the old ring of five bells at Tettenhall, the other four now being at Codsall Church. (See Ringing World, page 714).



We had a brief reference on page 703 to the 51st wedding anniversary ringing for Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grant, of Headcorn, Kent. A photo taken on that occasion shows those who took part in the quarter peal rung that day.

Standing (l. to r.): Miss R. J. Vidler, Miss J. Churchill, N. C. Sheppard, A. Lee, R. Millidine, D. Taylor.

Seated: Rev. D. J. Pharoah, Mrs. W. Grant, G. W. Grant, Mrs. Pharoah.

PEALS AROUND THE WEALD

We printed last week the details of a peal tour and the following is a summary of the event:-

Twenty-seven peals were attempted, five were lost and one was stopped. The peal at Maidstone started at six minutes past eight in the morning, due to a service being arranged for 11.30 a.m. Wilfred Williams arrived at 11.30 a.m. to listen-and found no ringing!

Tony Smith rang 13 peals out of 14 and Ken Hesketh rang 12 out of 12!

"STAY AT HOME" PEAL WEEK
In mid-July several ringers in the St. Albans area discovered that during the first week in August they would be on holiday, and at home, with nothing to do! It was resolved to arrange an afternoon peal each day, and letters were written and friends with holidays and time to spare were contacted. On the Monday a peal of Cassiobury Surprise Major was rung at Knebworth, and on Tuesday a new composition of Rutland Surprise Major by Christopher Forster (another Hertfordshire local) was brought round rather fast at Norton.

The band ventured north on Wednesday to Clifton, Bedfordshire, where Superlative was lost through a miscall after 12 hours' very good ringing. The following day, in home territory at Barkway, a very good The following day, in peal of Easingwold Surprise Major was rung. Friday's attempt was at Old Harlow, Bouble Norwich Court Bob Major conducted by a well-known tenor ringer and exponent of the method. Unfortunately the composition did not seem quite normal and the attempt came to an untimely halt.

The week was most enjoyable (and cheap!) with everyone living at home. Seventeen ringers took part in five attempts and the only observation to be made is that Hertfordshire bells seem to know how to ring peals better than foreign ones! . . . O.K. . . O.K. . . . we'll stay at home next time! A. W. R. W.

ONE HUNDRED PEALS AT 14

Katharine M. Thorley, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Thorley, of Laxfield, Suffolk, completed her first 100 peals at the age of 14 years and 5 months by ringing the 2nd at Halesworth, Suffolk, to a peal of Pudsey Major on Bank Holiday Monday.

Born in Leeds on March 12, 1956, she was taught to handle a bell by her parents at Caldecott (Rutland) during the summer of 1965, and rang her first quarter there at the age of 10. Her first peal was rung at Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincolnshire, on October 28, 1967 (five Minor methods "inside") and she repeated this performance before the end of the year. Then followed a move to the rather remote village of Laxfield, in N.E. Suffolk, and this, coupled to the arrival of a second sister, led to a short period of comparative inactivity in ringing matters.

ROYAL AT 12

However, once things became organised again, peals became a normal part of her ringing life, and whilst still 12 years old she scored peals of Royal and Surprise Major and conducted a peal of Minor at the age of 13. Her century includes peal in 11 different Major methods and up to 14 methods of Minor. She has rung peals in 39 towers in seven counties and completed the circle in one. A member of the Ladies' Guild since the age of two weeks, Katharine had the pleasure of ringing in an all-ladies' peal a few days before her 14th birthday. Both her father and grandfather rang their first peals as teenagers and have reached three-figure totals, but it is from her mother that she has inherited her love of tower-grabbing, whose present total is around the 500 mark.

Having achieved an under-age place at the Rutland Girls' High School in 1966, Katharine is now a fifth-former at the Mills Grammar School in Framlingham and shortly takes the first of her "O" levels.

the tour

The Raving Ringers A TOUR IN DEVON

The annual tour of the Raving Ringers was in Devon from July 24 to August 2, 14 members (many new ones) taking part.

Everyone reached Withycombe Raleigh on Friday for the local practice and later proceeded to Frank Mack's house to sample the tiny ring of six horse bells in his garage and ten handbells in the bedroom. It was 11.30 p.m. before we finally reached our centre, Okehampton.

On Saturday we were joined by Beryl Simpson and rang at Throwleigh, where the pleasant six were greatly enjoyed. After ringing at Manaton we elected a second ringing master (Alan Flood) and had the first of many alfresco lunches before going on to Wolborough, where we enjoyed the fine eight. At Brixham, Yorkshire Royal and Stedman Caters were successfully brought round, while in contrast we rang some Devon-style call-changes on the eight at Upton (Torquay), which has a first-class local call-change band. At Babbacombe, the last tower of the day, we were met by Don Roberts, the secretary of the Guild of Ringers, who had assisted the organisers of

At Okehampton we rang for and attended morning service and later were welcomed by the vicar. Ringing in the afternoon was in Exeter, with a stop at the six at Tedburn St. Mary on the way. At St. Mark's, Exeter, some good ringing was enjoyed on the light eight, and here we were joined by Graham Austin (Liverpool), who had been delayed. At the Cathedral, where we rang for evensong, we were rather disappointed because a few days previously the tenor clapper had fallen out, thus bringing the aspirations of budding tenor-men to an abrupt halt. However, the minor ten were magnificent. Our last tower was at Teignmouth, where we rang for the holiday-makers' service.

On Monday we first went to Moreton-hampstead and in the afternoon Buckfast Abbey, where we were met by Father Paulinus Angold. After ringing we were privileged to ring the 7½ ton Bourdon bell. In the evening we rang at one of the outstanding eights of the tour—St. Saviour's, Dartmouth, and the last tower of the day

was at Bovey Tracey.

Percy Newton joined us on Tuesday and we rang on the last official ten of the tour at Cullompton and Yorkshire Royal was brought round. Probably the best eight of the tour was at Tiverton, and we hope that we did the bells justice.

The next day we rang three very good eights in the morning at Heavitree, Broadclyst and Ottery St. Mary, and in the afternoon we held our A.G.M. in Sidmouth. It was decided to hold next year's tour in Lincolnshire and the reunion at Stratfordon-Avon. Peter Heritage was elected master and later we rang at Woodbury.

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Thursday was our most strenuous day with 11 towers, two of which were in Cornwall (Poughill and Stratton). At Stratton, at the request of the local ringers, we rang a quarter peal for the local fete, just as we did in 1966 when we toured Cornwall.

Friday was not quite so strenuous (a mere ten towers), but the organiser had not taken into account the first tower. Brent Tor, at the top of a hill 1,200 feet up. The climb sorted out the fittest, the unfit just managing a few leads of Grandsire Doubles. In the afternoon we were joined at Plympton St. Mary by Norman Mallett and Bob Southwood, and an almost faultless touch of 8-spliced Surprise Major was rung. The lighter but excellent eight at Plympton St. Maurice went well and the evening was spent convivially, and to the accompaniment of traditional Ravers' songs the minibus made its way back to Okehampton.

We spent our last full day together in North Devon among some good eights— Great Torrington, Pilton, Chittlehampton, South Molton and Chulmleigh, whilst the eight at Barnstaple provided something of a challenge.

The next day we departed early for Exeter, where we rang for morning service at St. David's and Pinhoe, later proceeding home by a rather devious route—Wells Cathedral, where we rang for evensong. At East Pennard we inspected the world's heaviest ringable five, and at Trowbridge the local ringers kindly stood down to allow us to ring for service.

Thanks are due to the numerous clergy who allowed us to invade their towers and to Ron Russ, Chris Venn and Peter Heritage, whose arrangements went so smoothly.

D. C. B.



The entire party at Emmanuel, Plymouth (left to right): Graham Austin, Michael Church, Jim Hedgcock, Beryl Simpson, David Brown, Ron Russ, David Stone, Barry Eglesfield, Alan Flood, Peter Heritage, Brian Watson, Jeffrey Ladd, Chris Venn and Chris Clarke.

FINISHING THE EIGHTS

In 1968 a few of the less competent of the Stockport Branch decided that it would be a good idea to ring at all the ringable Cheshire sixes, and one of the party being the proud owner of a minibus we set out. A start was made at Mobberley, and we finished at Dodleston in the dark. Since then we have been a little less ambitious, but we have finished the sixes, taken in the twelves, tens, fives and fours, and are now finishing off the eights.

As the originator of the idea has gone, temporarily, South, and did not want to be left out of the eights, we went to Yorkshire on July 18—a dozen of us from Wilmslow, Bredbury, Chapel-en-le-Frith and Marple, including three learners.

We started at Silkstone, where there is a monument in the churchyard commemorating "an awful visitation of the Almighty, which took place . . . on the 4th June, 1838." "On that eventful day the Lord sent forth his Thunder, Lightning, Hail and Rain," which caused 26 human beings to be drowned in the local coalpits—eleven females ages varying from 7 to 17 years, and 15 males from 8 to 17 years. There is a pleasant ring of six in the church tower.

At Hoylandswaine the rope of the fifth did queer things. The sally dodged when you tried to catch it. At Penistone we had lunch followed by ringing on the glorious eight. A very steep hill took us to Shelley, scene of the Elmsley television mast disaster, and another pleasant six followed on close by Kirkburton's eight. Here we were joined by a gentleman who said he had already listened to us at Shelley. It was gratifying to find someone prepared to listen to us twice!

After tea we rang at New Mill (6, and very dark, narrow stairs), Holmfirth (8), perhaps our best ringing of the day, and Meltham (6), where we were rather overawed by photographs of local bands who had won striking competitions. Three of the local band turned up to listen, but we are not the kind of band that wins striking competitions, although we would like to be.

During the day most, if not all, rang something they had not attempted before or were just learning. Nobody would attempt Stedman Minor, although assured that it appears in Shipway, but then nobody seemed to have heard of Shipway!

We arrived back at our gathering place about 9 p.m., happy and tired, grateful to incumbents and local ringers who had done so much to make the day an unforgettable one.

A. W.

BRAIN TEASER SOLUTION (Ringing World, page 712.)

Let each ringer be known by the number of the bell which he rang in the first quarter peal.

Ten quarter peals were rung, the ringers standing as follows:—

(The tenor ringer has the ringers of the treble and fifth as his neighbours.)

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DISCOVERIES

Dear Sir, — We inspected recently two

derelict rings of bells and discovered:

At the Church of All Saints, Speke, Liverpool, a ring of three, cast by John Taylor and Co., dated 1874, with diameters 28 ins., 30 ins. and 33ins., and hung in a wooden frame and cast with canons.
The most interesting "find" was at the
R.C. Church of St. Michael, Ditton Hall, Widnes. This large church was built by the Stapleton-Bretherton family, who were also responsible for building the R.C. Church of St. Bartholomew, Rainhill, which contains a ring of six by Mears in 1848. Local rumour said that Ditton Church had a ring of bells, hence the investigation.

After the necessary permission, we ascended the tower and found some 20 feet above the bell chamber floor six bells hanging in a wooden frame, level with the louvres. All were cast by William Blews and Sons of Birmingham in 1878, and the details are: Treble: Diameter, 29½ ins., inscription, St. Raphael; 2: 32½ ins., St. Gabriel; 3: 35 ins., St. Michael; 4: 36½ ins., St. Bartholomew; 5: 40 ins., St. Joseph; tenor: 44½ ins., The Great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy; note: between E and F.
The bells are badly corroded and cast

with angular canons on wooden headstocks. Remnants of wheels are on all bells but only two have any part of the rims left. Stays are present on four of the bells.

Ropes have been fitted around the flights of the clappers and are attached to a primitive chiming apparatus. It is doubtful if the bells were ever swung and they certainly have not been rung within living memory.

We would be interested if any readers could give any further information.—Yours faithfully.

GRAHAM K. AUSTIN. IAN HEDGCOCK.

Huyton, Liverpool.

WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,-I regret that I must withdraw the record of a peal of Aylestone Surprise Major rung by the Bedfordshire Association at Maulden on April 4, 1964, since I have recently found that the composition is false. -Yours faithfully.

STEPHEN IVIN.

Bletchley, Bucks.

DIARY DETAILS

Dear Sir,-With reference to Mr. Forder's letter on page 674, I would have thought that Bill Viggers has enough to do without sending out questionnaires general secretaries. Surely it is an obligation for the secretaries to advise the alterations as soon as possible, and not wait to be chased! After all, I would not like to think that they wait for the bank to return cheques unpaid with the answer "Drawer's signature differs" before changing the signatories on the association's bank account.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID HERSCHELL.

Epsom Common, Surrey.

FALSE

Dear Sir,—Re the method "Gamston Surprise" rung in a quarter at Gamston on July 17 (Ringing World, August 21), I regret to say this method is false, and I am grateful to Mr. Cyril Wratten for pointing this out.—Yours faithfully,

Retford, Notts. C. PRESTON.

TOWER CAPTAINS—THE MAN OR* THE MONSTER?

Dear Sir,-The appropriate heading can fit any one of us in our dealings with visiting ringers or even our own local team.

Are we humane? In the case of the

local band this could mean buying the beer once a week, and to the visitors who write "Can we come?" a ready "Yes" if it is convenient or the rector is agreeable.

But how many of us do this? Don't we find it much easier to write "No" because we want to see a football match or can't be bothered to contact the rector, and of course only we can meet the visitors, no other local ringer is capable of this, and we cannot trust others to remove the clock chime, therefore it is much easier to write "No."

And of the peal bands-we don't want peals rung on our bells-if anybody is going to ring a peal here it will be the local band; we only ring call changes at the moment, but we might learn change ringing one day and then we'll ring a peal. "Never been one here yet and while I'm captain there won't be one."

Then we have the self-styled captain, a veritable one-man band, who manages to control the tower by winding the clock, fitting a rope or even just chatting up the rector with vague promises of teaching a local band.

'Once in, I stay in, and nobody rings here without I say so; now I've got the only belfry key there won't be any ringing unless I'm in charge; I shall do all the calling and occasionally, just to keep the rector happy, I'll fix up a Sunday ring; I must try to get the key to All Hallows as well, no ringing over there, either, I'll stop these tower grabbers."

Well, am I one of these? Doesn't sound like me, but it could be-or am I the tower captain who welcomes the visitors, shakes their hand individually and says "Come again when you're down this way, or "The occasional peal won't hurt, I think we'll ration them to four a year; see what the rector thinks in order of application."

I know which one I would rather be. TOWER CAPTAIN.

JEAN'S WEEK

An appreciation from a correspondent is given below:-

Jean Berriman's quarter peal week in Durham during the first week in August certainly gave those concerned some memories to take away with them—all with a strong flavour of Newcastle "Broon." Even though there were some splendid failures including Double Norwich and Yorkshire. not to mention two Minor catastrophies in Plain Bob — we did score at some Bob Major proved to be the attempts. staple diet; after a quarter in the method at Shildon some were photographed ringing the stuff on handbells and appeared thus in The Northern Echo. The fare was varied with Grandsire Triples, Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Minor for the chosen few, and an adventure into unknown fields for most with Middlesex Triples at Consett on the last day.

Thank you, Jean, for all the work you put into organising it all; thanks to Canon and Mrs. Berriman, too, for enduring our "Scrabble" and sleeping bags in St. Hilda's Vicarage for the week; and to Peter Howard, Geoff Soul and Martin Cass for transport. And thank you, everyone, who let us ring and let us in, making us all so very welcome wherever we went.

LOST LETTERS

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of The Ringing World, apologise to the incumbents and local ringers whom I contacted earlier this year in connection with a ringing tour in the Brighton area. fortunately, since moving, all the correspondence appears to have been lost and it therefore will not be possible to go ahead with the tour.

My most sincere apologies to all concerned.—Yours faithfully,

S TAYLOR

Maidstone, Kent.

THE HIGH TIDE OF THE COAST OF LINCOLNSHIRE—1571

Dear Sir,-There is much about this poem in The Church Bells of Lincolnshire under the description of the Boston bellsthe upshot was that the tune "The Brides of Enderby" was a piece of poetic fancy.

However, there is a case for the tune being just "firing"! In 1571 there was of course no change ringing as we now know it. Boston then had only five bells, and Mavis Enderby, which is a place nearby, had three.

Supposing the ringers at Mavis Enderby tower were the first in the district to fire their bells at weddings, then the practice of firing could naturally be referred to as "playing the Brides of Enderby." Moreover this warning "tune" was heard "full five good miles away," at which distance no tune or set of changes would be recognisable—but "firing" the five bells would have been unmistakable, and the obvious way of giving out a general warning. -Yours faithfully,

F. H. ERITH.

Colchester, Essex.

Dear Sir,-Although it is possible that Jean Ingelow was using the Brides of Enderby as a euphemism for the bells, as suggested by Peter Sotheran, I think it is much more likely that she was using a local name for a particular set of changes, much as we now use Queens, Tittums and Whittingtons.

This is by no means the poet's only reference to bells, and she displays an unusual knowledge of what was going on.
In her poem "Songs of Seven" we read:

"You bells in the steeple, ring, ring out your changes,

How many soever they be."

Perhaps the lady would have been a ringer had Victorian custom allowed such ringer had Victorian cally, a thing!—Yours faithfully, ROY COLLINS.

Farnham, Surrey.

OLD RINGING WORLDS

Dear Sir,-I have hundreds of old Ringing World copies dating from 1925 or 1926. If anyone would like to have them (or any belfry) would they please contact me. They can be had for uplifting, or carriage forward, but they fill several boxes and are heavy.—Yours faithfully,

C. SNOWDEN. 7 Eldindean Road, Bonnyrigg, Midlothian, Scotland.

BEING BRIEF

Dear Sir,-Your request to be brief in reporting outings, etc., reminds me of the Irish railway ganger who was also re-quested to be brief in his reports of "happenings." Following a derailment, his next report was "Off again, on again, away again, Finnegan."—Yours faithfully, DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Flints.

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Editorial

SECURITY

A tower captain, making a call this week from a tower in the Oxford Diocese, asked how many bell thefts had occurred recently. The members of his Parochial Church Council were very worried about the safety of their church bells and wanted advice on how to safeguard their ring.

We have reported about six thefts during as many months and there are many more we have not heard about. What then can be done to protect our valuable bells? It is not always the cost of the bell metal that is important but the fact that old and historic bells cannot be replaced.

Much depends, of course, upon the architectural design of the tower, the accessibility to the bell chamber and the location of the church. The habit of locking the tower (or church) door and hiding the key nearby is foolish and should be stopped. The old lock fitted to the door is often worn and a second (Yale-type) lock should be fitted. The steeplekeeper and tower captain should be responsible to see that the door or doors are securely fastened at all times.

The fitting of further locks to trapdoors, slides or whatever other contraption (if any) that leads to the bell chamber, is also essential and, although a nuisance, will help

deter any marauder.

We do not think there is a threat to towers where a live band of ringers operates, but the danger is to churches which are remote or closed (and often derelict!) and which possess one or more bells. The church authority in each case should be advised to take down the bells and store them in a safe place.

The classic we reported recently shows how unsuspecting is the church congregation. A single bell (3-4 cwt.) had hung in the turret and been regularly rung, but the bell was removed on a Saturday night, left on a ledge for all to see and taken away on Sunday night. The verger, clergy and congregation all took it for granted that the bell fittings had broken and would need attention, but nobody bothered to find out. The church stands in the centre of a village and beside a main road!

The police, when approached, will always advise on security, and when requested will make periodic checks. Clergy, sextons and weekday regular worshippers should also be alerted to the possibility of theft and asked to report anything unusual.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers might well appoint advisers (at a fee) to visit and deliberate with local church councils when asked to do so.

From Canada a christening—of new handbells. For 18 months Canadian handbell peals have been rung on an old set of eight gratefully borrowed from Aston (Birmingham) ringers by David Ingram. Now the "old faithfuls" are joined by 14 beautiful 60-year-old Mears bells. Ruth Horwood, of Kensington, kindly secured the bells for Bill Jackson and had them restored to their original perfection. Within days of their arrival in Toronto eight of these glorious bells were contentedly humming a "christening" peal of the Ilkeston variation.

Belfry Gossip

Spotted at the "proof" stage of a ringing publication recently—a handbell peal with the tenor "size 17 cwt. in A."

Ringing her first quarter peal at Asfordby, Leics, on August 26, was Lorraine French, who at the age of 11 rang her bell perfectly throughout. (Well done, Lorraine.)

First peal congratulations to Gerald H. Allen, Michael K. Till, Graeme P. Turner, Frank Preston, Jane A. Smith, Leslie G. Smith, Philip C. Evans.

Personal Records: J. David Clarke (50 peals), Ernest Preston (50), Alan G. Feaver (100).

Ringing World No. 3097, page 692. "In North Wales." Quote: "Monday we travelled via the coast road, first stopping at a church without bells at Bodelwyddan . . " Statement incorrect—Bodelwyddan has a ring of eight, tenor 14 cwt. odd in F, writes E. G. G.

"We have just returned from Lincoln, where we found the president of the Central Council and his family in magnificent health after a holiday abroad," writes a correspondent.

Two peals reported on page 618 of The Ringing World give the tenor weight at Bowdon, Cheshire, as 14½ cwt. The correct weight is 18 cwt. 5 lb. in E. The bells were recast in 1964, writes Alan G. Brown.

A recording of a quarter peal of Doubles rung at St. Audries, Somerset, on August 30, was made by Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Cape Town and sent to South Africa.

Endeavouring to unearth as yet undiscovered belfries in Germany is Marcus C. W. Sherwood's attractive sister, Claudia, who reports little success so far, but adds "the beer is good." (Perhaps that is all she is there for!)

In our "25 Years Ago" column in the August 14 issue we gave a quarter peal as rung at Eye, Suffolk, when in fact it was rung at Eye in Hereford (a few miles north of Leominster).

We have received from Canada a change of address two-colour announcement card (very elaborately printed) but with no details filled in. Would the sender please contact The Ringing World office?

The Croft family have scored another handbell peal of Bob Major whilst up in Lincoln—Kenneth's old home. James conducted from the tenors—his first as conductor. We are still hoping for Royal from the family—when mother can find the time to join the rest of the family.

The bells of Holy Trinity, Wickwar, Glos, are being rehung, and we understand that the work is now almost completed. John Taylor and Co. are carrying out the work and they are, we believe, also installing two trebles to make a ring of eight at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Warsop, Notts, and this work also is nearly finished.

Michael Livesey, who has been a ringer at Guisborough, Yorks, since 1959 and treasurer since 1960, leaves for Germany shortly to take up a new post in his profession as a chartered accountant. He will be much missed at Guisborough and he will no doubt miss his bellringing.

Overheard one Wednesday evening on a bus in Albert Square, Manchester: "I wonder why the Town Hall bells are ringing tonight," and the reply, "It must be for High Mass."

During the last few weeks we have received many reports of peal tours and requests to print the peals and the tour report in the same issue. This we have endeavoured to do. On Tuesday, September 8, in our first post we had 45 peal reports (including four tours) for publication, and the total "gratefully acknowledged" from these was—3s. 6d. from one tower. The six quarter peals in the same post produced 25s. A suggestion made by one reader is that quarter peals be printed in the larger (8-pt.) type now used for peals, and the smaller (6-pt.) face for peals. This would give approximately two and a half more pages for general matter. [It might be worth considering!—Ed.]

Some friends from the hotel where 1 am staying visited Lundy yesterdaay (August 28) and report that the bells are still in the church porch, writes Mr. R. S. Anderson, from Woolacombe, North Devon, whilst Mr. B. V. Mountjoy tells us that one of the bells is cracked because of corrosion and rust.

St. Andrew's, Farnham, Surrey, has a close link with the police! In addition to P.S. M. Blencowe and his son Peter they have Eddie and Jill Futcher, son and daughter of P.S. J. Futcher, and have now been joined by Anne Mills, daughter of P.S. G. Mills.

Complaints about bells appeared last month in the Gravesend (Kent) Reporter, The Kent Messenger and The Dartford and Swanley Chronicle, and in each case the usual exaggerated accusations were made of ringing for hours non-stop and having to close windows and doors to keep out the noise. A similarity between the reporting suggests that a journalist or similar correspondent had been encouraging residents to make complaints, but fortunately the clergy of the churches concerned refused to be inveigled into clamping down on the bell-ringing.

SCARBOROUGH AREA

On July 11 ringers and old friends from Scalby, Scarborough and Bridlington filled their coach for their outing to the Doncaster area. Thorne's bells were enjoyed, and many thanks to Mr. Leaske for meeting us. At Tickhill, we were rather disappointed to find a neglected belfry, the 7th which took more pulling than the tenor and is very odd-struck.

After an excellent meal in Doncaster we had to apologise to Mr. Johnson at Adwick-le-Street for being 20 minutes late. A happy hour was spent at Campsall, where Mr. W. Fay was able to visit an old friend. Tea was taken in Pontefract as a prelude to enjoyable ringing on the fine eight at All Saints Church. Our last tower was at Sherburn-in-Elmet, where the general verdict was that the youngsters handled these bells better than expected.

Ringing masters during the day were E. P. King, Michael Pickup, Pamela Rennard. Geoffrey Dykes and Alan Grundy. Our thanks for their efforts, also to all who met us (individual letters have been written!). E. P. K.

Quarter Peals

Iford, Cheshire. — Aug. 22, 2880 Minor T.B., Plain Bob): M. Foulds 1, Susan Chelford, Cheshire. -Brocklehurst 2, Linda Merrall 3, P. Broadbent 4, R. F. Andrew 5, B. S. B. Kear (cond.) 6.

Algarkirk, Lincs. -- Aug. 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bradley (first quarter) 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, D. Fensom 3, S. Johnson (first inside) 4, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 5, A. J. Single-Wedding compliment to David James and Ann Hilton (ringer of Kirton), married Aug. Also Aug. 21, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C Bradley 1, G. Smith 2, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 3, S. Johnson 4, D. Fensom 5, A. J. Singleton 6. 25th together for 3 and 5.

Asfordby, Leics. - Aug. 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: H. T. Bonshor 1, Karen French (first Grandsire) 2, R. Looker 3, C. E. Cooper 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, A. French 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robin-Also Aug. 26, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Lorraine French (aged 11, first quar ter) 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, O. Homewood

3, A. French 4, J. R. Ward 5, J. H. Cook 6. Ashchurch, Glos. — Aug. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles: E. C. Underwood 1, F. E. A. Matty 2, 1260 Rob Mrs. F. E. Garle 3, Miss I. M. Milton 4, J. Garle (cond.) 5, E. Hoare 6. For Sunday service; also a wedding compliment to Albert and Mary Wilkins.

Balderton, Notts. -- Aug. 30. 1260 (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Esther Vernon (first quarter) 1, Beryl N. Reed 2, R. M. Lane (first quarter) 3, K. C. Vernon 4, C. W. Reed (cond.) 5, A. Joynes (first quarter) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

Bidston, Cheshire.-Aug. 25, 1440 Bob Minor: Valerie Seddon 1, C. Seddon 2, R. Maudsley 3, R. Peers 4, C. B. Pemberton 5, D. Peers 6.

Bilton, Warks.—Aug. 22, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Carol A. Eveleigh 1, L. A. Whewall 2, P. M. Edgson 3, T. J. Frodsham (cond.) 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5, W. E. Burnell 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Bernice Frodsham (conductor's sister), previously a ringer at Bilton and Newbold, married this day to Mr. L.

Valcourt in Winnipeg, Canada. Boston, Lincs. — Aug. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: N. G. Spencer 1, Angela Moore 2, Julie Rushton 3, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 4, R. Moore (first inside) 5, M. Taylor (first quarter) 6.

Birthday compliment to W. E. Clarke.

Brewood, Staffs. — Aug. 22, 1260 Grandsire

Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, D. R. Hawksworth (cond.) 2, C. S. Dumbell 3, C. Griffiths 4, M. G. Williamson 5, P. R. Johnson 6, K. A. Russell 7, M. J. Bradley 8. In memoriam Roger L. Hawksworth

Bromsgrove, Worcs.-Aug. 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Potter 1, Joy Willcox 2, Louise Hogarth 3, C. Hawkins 4, Christine Salmon (first as cond.) 5, R. Harrison 6. First quarter for 2, 3 and 6. A farewell to Miss J. Willcox.

Buckingham.-Aug. 21, 1344 Bob Major: J. Tyler 1, Julie Tyler 2, Anna Ingram 3, M. Ingram 4, R. J. Corker (cond.) 5, C. W. J. East 6, A. D. Tyler 7, R. Sadowski 8. First Major 1, 2, 5, 7. Birthday compliments for 3 and 6.

Caldecott, Rutland.—Aug. 30, 1320 Doubles (five meth., two var.): W. A. Taylor 1, Peggy C. Jennings 2, Cynthia E. Barnett (cond.) 3, J. A. J. Groome 5. For Flower Festival.

Childwall, Lancs.-Aug. 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. D. Hawley 1, J. Dunbavin 2, A. Walsh 3, R. F. Mack 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. Wedding compliment to Miss J. Young and Mr. G. V. Morris.

Cossington, Som.-Aug. 26, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: G. H. Baldam 1, Miss S. A. Mayell (first Kent inside) 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, J. Kings-north 4, F. J. White 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6. Chinnor, Oxon.—Aug. 15, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. Wright 1, P. Wilkinson 2, W. Avery 3, T. Wright 4, C. Meakes (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. Also Aug. 22, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Rev. Canter-St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob): M. t 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, Miss C. Baker 4, A. Tyler 5, F. Keen 6. Conducted by 4 and 5.

Chiseldon, Wilts. - Aug. 30, 1300 Doubles (three methods): Ann Toomer (cond.) 1, Margaret Bowman 2, Jackie Purser 3, F. G. Cook 4, C. D. Wilkins 5, J. Pearce 6. A farewell compliment to Jackie Purser.

Drogheda, Co. Louth. — June 28, 1260 Bob Minor: J. B. Marchant (first Minor) 1, Jane

Potter 2, Carol Adams 3, D. A. McEndoo 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, Helen Hubert 6.

Dublin (St. Patrick's Cathedral). — Aug. 28, 1260 Bob Minor: W. D. Saarsteiner 1, Jane Potter 2, Carol Adams 3, D. A. McEndoo 4, C. J. Reede 5, M. Cubitt (cond.) 6.

Easton, Hants. - Aug. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Prisca Tremeer 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane 3, J. Huggins 4, A. Hoar (first Minor inside) 5, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 6. For church

Egremont, Cumb.-Aug. 28 and 29, 1440 Pl. Bob Doubles in hand: D. G. Kealey 1-2, K. M. Price (cond.) 3-4, C. F. Gates 5-6.

Farnham, Surrey. — Aug. 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hudson 1, Miss D. A. Wood 2, T. G. Bannister 3, Miss J. M. Collins 4, P. J. Rowe 5, E. J. Futcher 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, Oliver 8.

Gedling, Notts.-Aug. 14, 1260 Doubles (14 m/v): Miss S. Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, H. G. Wells 3, P. R. Wild 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5. Birthday compliment to H. G. Wells. Also Aug 16, 1320 Doubles (three methods): Miss Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, Miss S. O'Neill 3 P. R. Wild 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5, R. Adey 6. For the William Pye centenary.

Great Gaddesden, Herts. - Aug. 29, 1440 Bamborough S. Minor: Anne P. Bond 1, Rosemary J. Urban 2, Jean Dale 3, C. Valerie Mills D. Chandler (comp. and cond.) 5, F. M.

Byrne 6. First in method by all.

Harrow Weald, Middx.—Aug. 20, 1344 Sted-man Triples: Elsie K. Hart 1, H. G. Hart 2, Ruby G. Fardon 3, R. A. Fardon (cond.) 4, J. G. Nash 5, T. J. Lock 6, A. Cutler 7, E. H. Kilby 8. To commemorate the centenary of the birth of William Pye, generally acknowledged the most outstanding bellringer of all time and who was

known personally to all the band.

Hayes, Middx. — Aug. 2, 1260 Grandsire
Flebrary S. M. Britchford 1, F. W. Ellis 2, N. F.
Edwards 3, D. G. Pickett 4, A. M. Stacey 5, R.
G. Chappels 6, G. Dodds (cond.) 7, P. S. Venn 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. J.

Gorse (verger) and Mrs. Gorse.

Hutton, Essex .-- Aug. 20, 1260 Doubles (four methods): M. Balkwill (first Doubles) 1, J. Wallett 2, C. E. Hill 3, C. Willmington 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. A welcome to Rev. Eric de Lande Jones and his family.

Ipswich, Suffolk (St. Clement's). - Aug. 30, 1344 Bob Minimus: D. G. Salter (first as cond.) 1, P. W. Archer 2, A. R. Bridges 3, F. A. J. Steward 4. First of Minimus for all.

Evensona. Kilburn, London. -24, 1260 Grandsire - Aug. Triples: D. K. Gough 1, P. H. Machie (cond.) 2, Darvill 3, M. Wycherley 4, A. S. R. Bing 6, D. Woodward 7, Miss J. Dunning 8

Kingston, Dorset.-Aug. 23, 1344 Bob Major: G. W. Elmes 1, Betty A. Christopher 2, P. D Cull (first Major inside) 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, T. F. Collins 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, S. I. Bamforth 7, M. Foulds (cond.) 8. For Matins.

Lanchester, Durham.—Aug. 9, 1320 Doubles (three methods): Miss D. Tate 1, Miss C. Thompson 2, H. P. Thompson 3, R. Whaley Thompson 2, H. P. Thompson 3, R. Whaley (first in three methods) 4, A. C. Walker (cond.) 5, D. E. B. Reed 6. For Evensong.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. -- Aua. 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. B. Dorrington 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Bryony P. Moorby 4, I. J. Whitear 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, C. D. Collin 8. For Holy Communion

Langar, Notts.-July 19, 1320 Bob Doubles Miss S. Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, P. R. Wild G. Wells (cond.) 4, J. R. Rigby 5 3, H.

Langdon Hills, Essex. — Aug. 29, 1440 P.B Minor: Eleanor Clems 1, Cheryl Pretlove 2, K Lucas (first Minor inside) 3. Janice Manterfield 4. S. C. Wood (first in the method and longest length) 5, G. I. Lucas (cond., circled tower, 100th quarter) 6. First Minor and longest length 2, 4. For the flower festival. Also Aug. 30, 1260 Bob Doubles: Janice Manterfield 1, Cheryl Pretlove 2, K. Lucas (cond.) 3, G. I. Lucas 4, S. Day 5.

Little Missenden, Bucks.-Aug. 17, 1260 Bob Doubles: F. Onions 1, Louise Evans 2, C. M. S. Botting (first inside) 3, A. K. Fortin (cond.) 4, D. Francis 5, G. M. Botting 6. Half-muffled in memoriam W. E. Redrup, who was responsible for starting change-ringing in this tower after

London, W.C. (St. Clement Danes') .--Aug. 30, 1344 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Elsie Hart 1, Elsie Savory 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, P. W. Butler (first Stedman) 4, H. G. Hart 5, B. C. Watson 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, W. G. Knight 8. Evensong.

London, E.C. (St. Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield).—Aug. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. K. Gough 1, M. R. Wycherley 2, Margaret P. Byrne 3, Deborah Bishop 4, A. S. Bishop (cond.) For Evensong, in the Octave of the Patronal

Malvern, Worcs (Priory). — Aug. 27, 1280 Bob Major: J. E. Lawrence 1, G. C. Bagley 2, Mrs. R. M. Morris 3, E. C. Barber (first Major inside) 4, A. T. Wingate 5, D. Price 6, I. Bellamy 7, R. G. Morris (cond.) 8. First on the bells since rehanging.

Malvern Link, Worcs.-Aug. 30, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): E. J. F. Rose 1, N. Bellamy 2, I. Bellamy 3, R. C. Sayers 4, G. C.

Bagley 5, R. G. Morris (cond.) 6.

Minster-In-Sheppey, Kent.-July 5, 1260 Bob Doubles: Dawn Goodwin (first quarter) 1, Susan Goodwin 2, Joan Exeter 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Jill C. Singleton 6. Also July 12, 1260 Bob Doubles: Susan L. Drury (first quarter) 1, Joan Exeter 2, Susan Goodwin 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Jill C. Singleton 6. For Festival Evensong. Also July 19, 1260 Bob Doubles: Dawn Goodwin 1, Jane Bryant (cond.) 2, Susan Goodwin 3, D. P. Leworthy 4, Glynis M. Poppleton 5, Denise Little 6. For Evensong. Also July 26, 1260 Minor (Single Oxford, Bob Minor): Susan Goodwin 1, Jane Bryant 2, Mira Ford 3, Glynis M. Poppleton 4, P. D. J. Beal 5, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 6. First in two Minor methods 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Matins. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor by a local band. Also Aug. 16, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Wendy Poppleton (first quarter) 1, Jane Bryant 2, Mira Ford 3, P. D. Susan Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Rayner 6. For Choral Eucharist. Also Aug. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles: Dawn Goodwin 1, Brenda A Godfrey 2, Susan Rayner 3, Jane Bryant 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, Susan Goodwin 6. compliment to Anne and Paul Taylor on the birth of their first child, Michael John.

New Alresford, Hants.-Aug. 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Smith (first Triples) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Ann Palmer (first Triples inside) 3, Jane Dando 4, A. Hoar 5, J. Huggins L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 7, A. Hoskins 8. Evensona

Northfleet, Kent.—July 22, 1440 Bob Minor: R. M. Thompson 1-2, G. K. Terris 3-4, P. D. Hepburn (cond.) 5-6. First quarter in hand for 1-2 and 3-4.

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Northfleet, Kent. — Aug. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ainslie M. Reeve (first Triples) 1, S. Sandford 2, Elizabeth A. Thompson (first Triples inside) 3, R. M. Thompson (cond.) 4, G. H. Terris 5, R. J. Thompson 6, P. D. Hepburn 7, D. Wilkinson 8. To commemorate 50th anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles (1920) and faunching of a restoration appeal in

North Mymms, Herts. - Aug. 23, 1264 Bob Major: Julia E. Indge (first on eight) 1, Sue J. Farnes 2, G. H. Austin 3, Jennifer M. Indge 4, D. J. Smith 5, B. G. Greenwood 6, T. J. Lock (cond.) 7, J. E. T. Wiseman 8. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the installation of two

trebles.

Patshull, Staffs. — Aug. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary A. Stubbs 1, S. G. Pick 2, S. G. Bowley (first quarter) 3, M. G. Williamson A. Russell (cond.) 5, S. W. Illidge 6.

Pattingham, Staffs.—Aug. 16, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Rosemary A. Stubbs (first quarter) 1, M. G. Williamson 2, T. Reynolds 3, N. A. Bramall 4, K. A. Russell (cond.) 5, B. Gwilliam 6. For Evensong; also a "get well" wish to Peter Sell, in hospital following a car accident. Also Aug. 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, N. A. Bramall (first of Triples inside) 2, T. Reynolds 3, D. R. Hawksworth 4, S. G. Pick 5, K. A. Russell 6, M. G. Williamson (cond.) 7, P. R. Johnson (150th quarter) 8

Polesworth, Warks.-Aug. 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Allsopp (first quarter) 1, A. Allsopp 2, S. Allsopp 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also 1260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, S. Allsopp 3, M. Allsopp (cond.) 4, D. Hiorns 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong. Both half-muffled in memoriam the former Bishop of

Portsmouth, Hants.--Aug. 24, 1280 Cambridge S. Major (tenor covering): J. H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Miss R. E. Halford 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, L. D. Duguid 5, Miss E. W. Keys 6, A. A. J. Buswell 7, H. L. Hatfield 8, A. H. Hoodless 9. First Surprise Major 3, 7. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

Prestwich, Lancs.-Aug. 19, 1280 Bob Major: Manning 1, Jane Reynolds 2, F. Reynolds (cond.) 3, J. Preston 4, N. Harrop 5, A. E. Reeves 6, G. Sanders 7, A. Ward 8. For the 50th anniversary of A. E. Reeves' first peal.

Pulham Market, Norfolk.-Aug. 20, 1280 Bob Major: Hilary C. Glazebrook 1, Mary Pollard 2, K. Morgan 3, Margaret Twigg 4, Jean Sanderson 5, B. Couzens 6, M. Tompsett 7, C. Bainham 8. An engagement compliment to Merrilyn Chambers and John Bull (Cardiff secretary) by U. of W. Society.

Quantoxhead, West, Som. — Aug. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Arnold 1, Dr. Winifred N. Kingsbury 2, L. Lyddon 3, Comdr. J. Aldridge 4,

Sommerfield (cond.) 5. Rainhill, Lancs.—Aug. 24, 1260 Bob Minor: L. Saavedra (first quarter) 1, J. Dunbavin 2, C. Walsh (first inside) 3, A. Walsh 4, W. R. Birchall 5, G. K. Austin (cond.) 6. For St. Bartholomew's Day.

- Aug. 15, 1260 Stedman Ringmer, Sussex. -Doubles: Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 1, J. V. Lonsbrough 2, E. M. Laming Macadam 3, R Kennard (cond.) 4, W. G. Merritt 5, K. King First of Stedman Doubles by all.

Ripley, Derbys.—Aug. 25, 1260 Bob Triples: J. A. Smith 1, D. W. Flower 2, D. Hird 3, C. Davis 4, A. E. Clayton 5, P. L. R. Hayward 6, L. G. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Leary 8. First in the method 2, 3 and 7.

Shipham, Som.-Aug. 24, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: H. J. Coombs 1, A. Perry 2, A. Coombs (cond.) 3, P. Blacker 4, M. Canon (25th quarter) 5, R. Perry (75th quarter) 6.

Shrewsbury, Salop (St. Chad). — Aug. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. B. Bennett 1, Mi

Miss P. C. Stocken 2, R. H. Newton 3, Mrs. E. Stevens 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, P. J. Evans 6, E. F. Willcox 7, J. Crum 8. A farewell to Rev. David Alcock (curate) and his family, moving to Taunton, Somerset.

Silsden, Yorks.—Aug. 28, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): R. Brown 1, Ruth Richardson 2, P. Carbutt 3, M. F. D. Burton 4, R. Cater 5,

F. Moreton (cond.) 6.

Stanton Drew, Som.—Aug. 27, 1320 Doubles (three methods): M. Canon 1, P. Blacker 2, A. Coombs (cond.) 3, H. J. Coombs 4, P. Devrell 5.

Stanwell, Middx .- Aug. 9, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. G. Lane (cond.) 1, Miss L. J. Smith 2, S. Saban 3, A. B. Stokes 4, Miss D. J. Perryman J. Goddard 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Goddard.

Stapleford, Cambs. — Aug. 28, 1260 Bob Doubles: A. Kellock 1, Lynn V. Bedford (first inside) 2, Jean F. West 3, M. R. Kitson 4, R. I. West (cond.) 5, J. Bates 6. Also Aug. 30, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Lynn V. Bedford 1, Jean F. West 2, M. R. Kitson 3, Stephanie Boddy 4, R. I. West (cond.) 5, J. Bates 6. For Eucharist.

Stockton, Salop.—Aug. 8, 1260 Doubles (12 meth./var.): S. W. Illidge 1, K. A. Russell 2, D. R. Hawksworth 3, M. G. Williamson 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. Bennett 6. Most methods to a quarter 2, 3, 4, 6. Farewell compliment to the vicar (Rev. F. A. R. Chapman).

Stoke - sub - Hamdon, Som. — Aug. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Venn 1, Miss J. Bowron 2, H. Warr 3, E. Venn 4, G. Rendell (cond.) 5, H. Pester 6. 21st birthday compliment to Timothy Penny (Metropolitan

Stone, Glos .- Aug. 30, 1440 Bob Minor: R. Booth (first quarter) 1, Alison M. Child 2, Jennifer E. Bell 3, Elizabeth E. Starling 4, C. J. Bell 5, E. G. Mould (cond.) 6. For Flower Festival.

Stratton, Cornwall.-Aug. 30, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. W. V. Conduct 1, P. Raithby 2, H. Trewin 3, B. V. Mountjoy 4, H. Heard 5, J. W. Raithby 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. W. Sangwin 8. With best wishes to Brian Vince on his appointment as headmaster at Cotleigh, Honiton,

Sutton - cum - Lound, Notts. - Aug. 23, 1260 Singles: T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe 3. On the eve of the Patronal Festival.

Also Aug. 30, 1260 Singles (two methods): T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe 3.

Sydney, Australia (St. Andrew's Cathedral). Aug. 9, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Bro. F. Batterschill (Strathfield) 1, Bro. G. Williamson (Parramatta, St. John) 2, Bro. R. Bampton 3, Bro. J. B. Watts (Renown) 4, W. Bro. R. Ferris (Cumberland) 5, W. Bro. W. Rowe (cond.) (Welcome) 6. For the combined United Grand Lodge of N.S. Wales annual service.

Thornbury, Glos.-Aug. 25, 1260 Bob Triples: G. Jackson 1, Jennifer E. Bell 2, Elizabeth E. Starling (first Triples inside) 3, G. T. Collins 4, S. Poole 5, C. J. Bell 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. A farewell to 2 and 6, also their sister, Nicola, leaving the district.

Trowbridge, Wilts .- Aug. 28, 1259 Grandsire Caters: T. Twinney 1, Mrs. F. Penn 2, F. Penn 3, E. Shepherd (cond.) 4, G. Davis 5, R. Purnell 6, N. Spencer 7, D. Orledge 8, F. Slatford 9, Lucas 10. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Harding. Mr. Harding has been a local ringer for over 50 years.

Trumpington, Cambs. - Aug. 15, 1288 Bob Triples: C. S. Brooks (first quarter) 1, Jean F. West 2, R. A. Currell (first Bob Triples inside) 3, Stephanie E. Boddy 4, Pat Hurworth (25th quarter) 5, M. R. Kitson 6, P. J. Bagshaw (first Bob Triples as cond.) 7, A. A. Kellock 8. Also 1440 Doubles (three m/v): A. A. Kellock 1, Jean F. West 2, Stephanie E. Boddy 3, P. J. Bagshaw 4, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 5, C. S. Brooks 6. First three m/v 1, 2, 5 and 6.

Upwey, Dorset. — Aug. 23, 1320 Doubles (three methods): P. D. Cull (first Doubles) 1, M. Foulds 2, C. J. Culi (first Doubles) 3, C. H. Smart 4, S. I. Bamforth (first Doubles as cond.) 5, E. G. Carpenter 6. For Evensong.

Wakefield, Yorks.-Aug. 27, 1344 Bob Major: Stella M. Brown 1-2, T. W. Strangeway 3-4, R Brown (25th as cond.) 5-6, Gail Cater 7-8. For Julia Rachel Cater, born August 4.

Wareham, Dorset. — June 21, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. F. Smith (first quarter) 1, T. F. Collins (cond.) 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, G. W. Elmes 4, G. E. Thoday 5, M. J. Dew 6. Also July 12, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. W C. Lawson 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, P. R. Keough 3, M. J. Dew 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, G. W. Elmes 6, Mary E. Elmes 7, T. F. Collins (cond.) 8. Also July 6, 1344 Bob Major, at 21 Mill Lane: Mary E. Elmes 1-2, G. W. Elmes 3-4, S. I. Bamforth (first in hand) 5-6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7-8.

FAMILY RINGING TOUR

William Butler's latest campanological inspiration of a family ringing tour came to him conventionally at a meeting of the Cockcroft Society, and the Wells and Livingston car loads were immediately involved. Plans were laid for a rendezvous on August 13 at Great Haseley, Oxon, and we all made it! There we enjoyed the very pleasant six and were only sorry that time prevented us from accepting the local ringers' invitation to coffee. We moved on to the anti-clockwise eight at Long Crendon, where a photograph of Rev. F. E. Robinson reminded us of the famous Long Crendon Society, a forerunner of the present Oxford Guild. Despite screams for food, our next stop was at Nether Winchendon (an anti-clockwise five) and we were delighted that Mr. Orchard (an octagenarian-plus) could join us. We also watched with interest the antics of the ringers of the fourth, whose rope passed deliriously near a gently undulating clock weight.

After lunch we visited North Marston (another fine six). Here we found we were a little "backward with our Forward"! We rang at Granborough (an 8 cwt. five) and then at Padbury, where we made good use of the easy-going six, and so to Steeple Claydon, the last tower before tea, where again we found a pleasant ring, the second bell having a rather unique sound, or so we thought . .

Sustenance was again needed so we converged on an already well-trampled picnic spot, discharging food, children and thermos flasks in all directions. Those elevated on chairs were fascinated by our more primitive equipment, particularly the carpets of unknown lineage (Aubusson?). On to Twyford, the final tower, and another good ring, where we received a warm welcome.

Navigating homewards proved erratic due to a dispute as to wot the map said, wot the man in the pub said and wot the signposts said; anyway, despite a divergence at a crossroads we all arrived home safely and are already planning the next trip, which in view of the complement of the weaker sex and stronger teenagers will be restricted again to light bells. We are grateful to all incumbents and to all those who met us at the towers. Finally, we are indebted to David Livingston, who secured the selected bells—his first foray into the uncharted depths of outing organising! J. B.

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made
By singing "Oh how beautiful," and sitting

in the shade,

While better men than we go out and start their working lives

At grubbing weeds from gravel paths with broken dinner knives.

Kipling.

Wendens Ambo, Essex.—Aug. 27, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: R. A. Currell 1, F. Harper 2, Pat Hurworth (first Cambridge Minor) 3, Jean Sanderson 4, B. J. Couzens 5, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 6.

Whetstone, Leics.—Aug. 25, 1260 Doubles (four methods): P. Atkins (first quarter) 1, M. P. Brown (first in more than one method) 2, M. G. Wood 3, Carol I. V. Brown 4, J. E. Harrold (cond.) 5, D. C. Clark (first quarter) 6.

Whittlesford, Cambs. — Aug. 29, 1260 Bob Doubles: L. J. York Moore 1, LIz Bird (first of Doubles inside) 2, R. A. Currell 3, Pat Hurworth 4, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 5, A. Kennedy 6.

Peals

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.
Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (13½ cwt.)
5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by P. J. Nicolls.

Paul Reading

2 William Birmingham, jun.

3 Peter Dyson 4 Paul Boucher

5 Peter Broadbent

6 Ronald F. Andrew
7 Brian S. B. Kear (Conductor)

8 Christopher L. D. Munday
First of Treble Bob as conductor.
farewell to the Rev. D. A. Mitchell.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

HONINGTON, Warwicks, All Saints. Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (13 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (12 methods: Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Buxton, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

1 Peter C. Randall 2 Frances Dodds

3 Ramon A. Sheashy 4 E. C. Gareth Higgs

5 Anthony J. Cox 6 Geoffrey W. Randall (Conductor) 50th as conductor.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, Warwicks, St. Botolph.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (14 methods: 3 extents Stedman, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Columb, Cliffords Pleasure, Southrepps, Little Aston, April Day, Old Bob, Ken-

nington and Norfolk).

1 Michael D. Fiander

*2 Linda M. Allen
3 Phillip M. Edgson
4 Julian G. Edgson

5 Aubrey G. Eveleigh (Conductor) †6 Gerald H. Allen

*First of Doubles. †First peal. First in 14 methods for all. A wedding compliment to Guy Edgson and Gina Mapp, married at this church, also to Larry Valcourt and Bernice Frodsham, married in Winnipeg, Canada.

SHIRLEY, Warwicks, St. James.
Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (61 cwt.)
5040 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Parker.

Peter C. Randall
2 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)

*3 Linda M. Foot *4 R. David Baker

*5 Anthony J. Cox *6 John K. Foot 7 Charles P. Quartley 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

*First of Double Norwich. First in the method as conductor. A compliment to Ian and Ann Maycock on the birth of a daughter, Nicola Ann.

WELLESBOURNE, Warwicks, St. Peter. Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (10 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Peter H. Mackie 2 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)

3 Elizabeth Mackie 4 Lawrence Mackie

†5 John Ariss 6 Anthony J. Cox

*Has circled the tower to peals. †First inside. For European Conservation Year.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HARTLEPOOL, Co. DURHAM. St. Oswald.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (21 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

1 Phillip Rogers

2 George S. Deas3 Maris C. Stephenson4 Eric N. Harrison

5 Malcolm E. Johnson

6 Jack Roach Michael Maughan (Conductor)

8 Kenneth Lawson Ian G. Campbell

10 Ronald Ducker

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

RODBOURNE CHENEY, Swindon, Wilts, St. Mary.

Fri., Aug. 21, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (8 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1 Derek Dancey

2 W. Bertram Kynaston

3 Peter Tombs
4 Lewis F. Cobb
5 Derek J. Carr (Conductor)

6 Maurice A. New

With the compliments of the band to Derek J. Carr and Jill Howard, married at this church the following day.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire, St. Mary.
Sun., Aug. 23, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12½ cwt.)
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (3
methods: 1760 Cambridge, Yorkshire, 1600
Lincolnshire, 84 changes of method and
all the work).

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

*1 Robert A. Hatcher

†2 Leslie Evans

*3 Michael V. Powell *4 John F. I. Turney *5 Ralph C. Godsall

*6 Frederick R Harris †7 Norman R. Mattjngley 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)

*First of Spliced Surprise Major. †First of 3-Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor. To mark the opening of the Three Choirs Festival in Hereford.

PRESTEIGNE, Radnorshire, St. Andrew. Sun., Aug. 16, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (15 cwt.) 5184 OXFORD AND KENT T.B. MAJOR

(Ilkeston variation.) Composed by Edwin Timbrell.

Janet M. Aston 2 Leslie Evans

3 Peter L. Hughes

4 John F. I. Turney 5 Michael V. Powell

6 Norman R. Mattingley 7 Frederick R. Harris 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor) First in the variation by all except 2nd.

MUCH DEWCHURCH, Herefordshire,

MUCH DEWCHURCH, Herefordshire, St. David.
Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents, 17 methods: Oxford, Nicholaston, Wight, Double Oxford, Winchester, Andover, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

1 Reginald G. Powell

2 Ralph C. Godsall
3 Norman R. Mattingley

3 Norman R. Mattingley 4 Michael V. Powell

5 S. Barnaby Bell 6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor) *Most Minor methods to a peal. For the Feast of St. Symphorian.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION KNEBWORTH, Herts, SS. Mary and Thomas a Beeket.

Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (12½ cwt.) 5056 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Christopher I. Rowson.

1 Keith J. Walpole
2 Elizabeth Forster

3 Joyce M. Clarke

4 Jennifer A. Dunning 5 Robert H. Newton

6 David C. Brown
7 Andrew W. R. Wilby
8 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor) First in method by all.

NORTON, Herts, St. Nicholas.

Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (9 cwt.) Composed by Christopher Forster.

1 John R. Ketteringham

2 Elizabeth Forster

*3 Joyce M. Clarke 4 Robert H. Newton

5 Christopher I. Rowson

6 David C. Brown 7 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor) 8 Andrew W. R. Wilby

*First in the method.

BARKWAY, Herts, St. Mary Magdalene. Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (16 cwt.) 5184 EASINGWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Christopher Forster.

1 Robert H. Newton

2 Elizabeth Forster 3 Joyce M. Clarke

4 David C. Brown

5 Jeremy R. Pratt
6 Anthony R. Carter
7 Keith J. Walpole
8 Andrew W. R. Wilby (Conductor)
First in the method by all the band, in the county and for the association.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics, St. Dionysius.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (184 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by Frank Bennett.

Alec R. Jones
 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
 Peter D. Bailey

4 Roger N. Scholes
5 William A. Thow
6 Richard M. Wilson
7 Clive J. Mobbs

8 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor)

21st birthday compliment to Roger Scholes.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs, St. Peter. Sat., Aug. 1, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (10³/₄ cwt.) 5000 PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR (27 changes of method.)

Arranged by Jack Bray.
*1 John G. Hall (Conductor)

†2 Robert Harrison 3 Melvyn A. Rose

†‡4 Peter Saunders †5 Jack Parker

†6 Geoffrey Bromfield *7 Richard H. Hall

*8 Roger Hippisley

*First of Spliced Major on tower bells. †First of spliced. ‡First of Major. For the 1,301st anniversary of the founding of a church in Barton.

BOSTON, Lines, St. Botolph.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. 29min. (211 cwt.) 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

James Hedgcock

*3 William S. Croft 4 John R. Ridley

5 Geoffrey R. Parker6 Nigel P. A. Goulding7 Keith E. Game

8 Tony Skilton 9 John Pladdys

10 Graham K. Austin

*First of Caters on tower bells. In conjunction with the 350th "Mayflower" celebrations.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ST. BRIDES MAJOR, Glam, St. Bridget. Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (11 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (2 extents Rev. Canterbury, 5 April Day, 10 Stedman, Plain Bob, 15 Grandsire).

1 Thomas T. Yeomans
2 James Clatworthy
3 Paul W. Thomas (Conductor)
*4 Michael J. Dew

5 William H. Harford

6 William T. Petty

*First of Doubles.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

ROTHERHITHE, S.E., St. Mary.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (184 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. Pitstow.

1 Robin J. Collis (Conductor)

*2 Mary E. Morgan

3 Richard L. Jones

*4 Geoffrey R. Beck

5 Laurence C. Way 6 Kenneth J. Rider 7 Peter N. Felton 8 Michael J. Uphill

*First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

OXFORD SOCIETY

OXFORD, Magdalen College.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (19 cwt.) 5019 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by J. E. Chilcott.

Raymond J. Talbot

2 Cyril A. Wratten
3 Brian R. White (Conductor)

Peter H. Mackie

5 G. Robert Mordaunt

6 Ian C. Maycock

7 Jeremy R. Pratt 8 Robert H. Newton

9 John E. Camp 10 Francis A. White

To mark the retirement of Dr. C. A. Cooke, Senior Bursar and Fellow of the College since 1944.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berks, St. Andrew.

Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (21½ cwt.) 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1 Harry E. Wells
2 Anita D. O'Brien
3 John H. Napper
4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

5 Anthony R. Peake

Jack Pryor

7 Timothy G. Pett 8 Bernard F. L. Groves

7th wedding anniversary compliment to Bob and May Smith.

STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE, Berks, St. Denys.

Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (81 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Heywood's transposition.)

Frederick Sharpe

2 Walter F. Judge 3 Norman H. Leslie

Francis A. White
Brian R. White (Conductor)

First on the bells since they were hung in a new frame by Mr. F. A. White, of Appleton.

CHIEVELEY, Berks, St. Mary the Virgin. Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (12½ cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*1 Michael K. Till

2 Henry Lawrenson

*3 Graeme P. Turner †4 David Livingston

5 William Butler (Conductor)

6 Harry E. Wells

*First peal. †First inside.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD IN DORSET

LYME REGIS, Dorset, St. Michael the Archangel.

Mon., Aug. 17, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (10½ cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. R. Kench.

1 Kilby R. Holtom

2 Barry E. Saunders

3 Shirley E. Ruddlesden

4 Christopher C. Stokes 5 Stanley M. Ruddlesden

6 Raymond A. Vickers
7 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)

8 Alan A. Paul

WAREHAM, Dorset, Our Lady St. Mary.

Tues., Aug. 18, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (151 cwt.) 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stanley Jenner.

1 Kilby R. Holtom 2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden

3 Stanley M. Ruddlesden

4 Raymond A. Vickers
5 Christopher C. Stokes

6 Alan A. Paul 7 Barry E. Saunders

8 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM,

Dorset, St. Candida and Holy Cross. Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (17 cwt.)

5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Christopher C. Stokes

1 Christopher C. Stokes
2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
3 Raymond A. Vickers
4 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
5 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
6 Barry E. Saunders
7 Patrick I. Chapman
8 Alan A. Paul

CATTISTOCK, Dorset, SS. Peter and Paul. Thur., Aug. 20, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (131 cwt.) 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by F. Bennett.

1 Raymond A. Vickers 2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden 3 Patrick I. Chapman 4 Stanley M. Ruddlesden

5 Christopher C. Stokes 6 Graham C. Paul (Conductor) 7 Alan A. Paul 8 Barry E. Saunders

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EASTON NESTON, Northants, St. Mary.

Fri., Aug. 7, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (10 cwt.)

5184 OVERTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. W. Roberts.

1 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
2 Raymond A. Vickers
3 Barry E. Saunders
4 Shirley E. Ruddlesden
5 Roger W. Smith
6 Rupert A. Clarke
7 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
8 Alan A. Paul

First in the method by all and for the

First in the method by all and for the The conductor's last peal as a

EXTON, Rutland, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sun., Aug. 23, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (12½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (St. Clements, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 Roger N. Scholes 2 J. Alan Ellis

3 Cynthia E. Barnett 4 Alfred Waller 5 John D. Cooper

6 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor) 21st birthday compliment to Roger Scholes.

COGENHOE, Northants, St. Peter.

Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (7 methods: Oxford T.B.,
Kent T.B., Cambridge, Double Oxford,
Pinehurst, St. Clements, Plain Bob.
1 Eric Billings

2 Selwyn J. Griffiths 3 Steven J. Bayliss

4 Christopher G. Chiplin *5 Barry R. Care (Conductor)

*6 Stephen B. Bell

*50th together.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts, St John of Beverley.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (13 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

*1 Brenda Exton 2 Pamela' C. Clarke †3 J. David Clarke

4 John C. Shonfeld
5 Thomas G. Goodwin
*6 Frederick R. Barber
7 Thomas O. Greasley

8 William L. Exton (Conductor)
*First on eight. †50th peal. First on the bells since augmentation to eight earlier this year.

GAMSTON, Notts, St. Peter. Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8 cwt.) 5040 BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Frank Preston

2 Katherine Burchnall

3 Grace Burchnall 4 Sidney Carnall

5 Harold Denman †6 Ernest Preston (Conductor)
*First peal. †50th peal.

ORSTON, Notts, St. Mary.
Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (94 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*1 Jane A. Smith 2 David W. Flower

3 Anthony E. Clayton

*4 Leslie G. Smith
5 Philip R. Wild

6 Peter L. R. Hayward (Conductor)
• First peal. A compliment to Leslie Smith on his acceptance to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

SUFFOLK GUILD

WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary.

nn., Aug. 23, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15 cwt.) 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR Composed by G. Lindoff.

1 Muriel R. Page

*2 Dorothy M. Durrant

*3 Katharine M. Thorley

*4 Christine Broadley

5 Leslie G. Brett

*6 Alan G. Feaver *7 Adrian Knights

8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
*First in method. A 16th wedding anniver-

sary compliment to Paddy and the con-

SPROUGHTON, Suffolk, All Saints. Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 Peter W. Archer

*2 Rev. Brian Redgers

†3 Roy W. Lockwood

*4 Kelvin Dakin

5 John L. Girt
6 John W. Blythe (Conductor)
*First in 7 methods. †First in 7 methods inside. In memoriam Col. Hughes-Reckitt (churchwarden), who died the previous

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert. TAININGTON, Sunoik, St. Ethelbert.
Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (7 methods: Double Court,
Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clements,
Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain).
*1 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)
2 Katharine M. Thorley
3 Christian Providence

3 Christine Broadley 4 Dorothy M. Durrant 5 Leslie G. Brett to Alan G. Feaver

*Conducted round the circle twice. †100th

BRANDESTON, Suffolk, All Saints. Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (74 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (1 2160 and 4 extents.) 1 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

2 Katharine M. Thorley 3 Christine Broadley

4 Leslie G. Brett 5 Walter W. Miller 6 Ernest G. Pearce

The conductor has now called peals from 250 different bells.

SCOLE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.
Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (4 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 callings).
*1 Katharine M. Thorley

2 H. A. Jack Mowle

3 Leslie G. Brett 4 Frank C. J. Arnold 5 Alan R. Bridges

6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor) *Completes the circle.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex, St. Stephen. Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (64 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES

(20 Plain Bob, 22 Grandsire.) 1 Frank H. Hicks (Conductor) 2 M. Iain Davey 3 E. Winifred Keys

4 Neil R. Vollar 5 James H. Lilley

First of Doubles and on five by 4th and tenor ringers.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. MEWAN, Cornwall, St. Mewan.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (Ten callings.)

*1 Roger Pengelly

2 Valerie C. Pengelly

3 F. Malcolm Bowers
†4 Margaret P. Byrne
5 Anthony J. Davidson (Conductor)
†6 Philip C. Evans
*First away from cover. †First of Doubles.

‡First peal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH **DIOCESAN GUILD**

RYDE, Isle of Wight, All Saints. Mon., Aug. 17, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (26½ cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. S. Wilde.

Gordon Benfield 2 Molly Marsh

3 Arthur G. Mason 4 John W. Stephenson

5 Alexander E. Marsh

6 M. Jack Pryor 7 Bernard F. L. Groves *8 Robert B. Smith (Conductor) *50th of Cambridge Surprise Major

BRADING, Isle of Wight, St. Mary.
Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (102 cwt.)
5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by E. Timbrell.

Robert B. Smith Arthur G. Mason

4 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)
5 M. Jack Pryor
6 Paul W. Miller

7 Alexander E. Marsh 8 Gordon Benfield

*First of Kent Major. †First of Major. A 45th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Tom East.

GODSHILL, Isle of Wight, All Saints.
Fri., Aug. 21, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (8\frac{3}{4} cwt.)
5040 MINOR (2 Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., 1 Plain Bob).
1 Arthur G. Mason
2 Robert B. Smith

2 Robert B. Shifth
3 Gordon Benfield
4 M. Jack Pryor
5 Bernard F. L. Groves
6 Alexander E. Marsh (Conductor)

*First of Minor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, Yorkshire,
Holy Trinity.
Sun., Aug. 23, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (22 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by William Barton.

1 Ronald Crabtree *2 Andrew Stott

*3 William A. Pallister 4 M. F. Digby Burton

5 Geoffrey Featherstone

6 R. Malcolm Harker
7 William E. Court
8 Frederick A. Munday (Conductor) *First on 8.

If a man will begin with certainties, he

shall end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.

-Bacon.

GEORGE BONHAM'S TOUR

All peals rung for the Yorkshire Association except that at Collingham.

OSSETT, W. Yorks, Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Sat., Aug. 8, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (27 cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Graham W. Elmes

2 Christine M. Carter 3 George E. Bonham

4 Martin Major 5 David R. Saunderson 6 Timothy F. Collins

7 Anthony R. Carter 8 Andrew W. R. Wilby (Conductor) 9 George E. Thoday

10 A. Patrick Cannon

HEDON, E. Yorkshire, St. Augustine.

Mon., Aug. 10, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (17 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stephen Ivin. Christine M. Carter

Mary E. Elmes

3 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) 4 Martin Major

5 Anthony R. Carter 6 Graham W. Elmes 7 David R. Saunderson 8 A. Patrick Cannon

PATRINGTON, E. Yorkshire, St. Patrick. Mon., Aug. 10, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (10 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 736 Superlative, 704 London and Rutland, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 Bristol and Yorkshire, 120 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by N. Diserens.

1 Martin Major *2 John W. Blackwood

3 George E. Bonham
4 Timothy F. Collins
5 Graham W. Elmes
6 Anthony R. Carter
7 Andrew W. R. Wilby
8 George E. Thoday (Conductor)

*First of 8-spliced.

ILKLEY, W. Yorkshire, All Saints.

Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (18 cwt.) 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Christine M. Carter Andrew W. R. Wilby *3 George E. Bonham

*4 Anthony R. Carter
*5 John W. Blackwood
6 Graham W. Elmes
7 George E. Thoday
8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*First in the method.

OTLEY, W. Yorkshire, All Saints.

Aug. 11, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (16 cwt.) 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR (132 roll-ups (Max.)).

Composed by Christopher Forster.

1 A. Patrick Cannon

2 Christine M. Carter

John W. Blackwood 4 Martin Major

5 George E. Bonham

6 Anthony R. Carter

*7 George E. Thoday

8 Andrew W. R. Wilby (Conductor) *50th in the method.

CAWOOD, W. Yorks, Compton Court Hotel.

Wed., Aug. 12, 1970, 1hr. 44min. 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-2 Julia A. Fellows

3-4 Graham W. Elmes 5-6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

TADCASTER, W. Yorkshire, St. Mary. Wed., Aug. 12, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (20 cwt.) 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

1 Mary E. Elmes *2 Christine M. Carter 3 Anthony R. Carter

4 George E. Bonham 5 Martin Major

6 David R. Saunderson
7 George E. Thoday
8 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor)

*First in the method.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

COLLINGHAM, W. Yorks, St. Oswald.

Wed., Aug. 12, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (7½ cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 576 Pudsey, Superlative, Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire; 448 Bristol; 384 Rutland, Uxbridge and London; 130 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 A. Patrick Cannon

2 John W. Blackwood

3 Timothy F. Collins
4 Graham W. Elmes
5 George E. Bonham
6 Anthony R. Carter

7 George E. Thoday (Conductor) 8 Andrew W. R. Wilby

First of 10-spliced by all except the conductor.

CAMPSALL, W. Yorks, St. Mary Magdalene.

Thur., Aug. 13, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11 cwt.)

5088 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR Composed by H. W. Wilde. 1 Andrew W. R. Wilby

2 Martin Major

2 Martin Major
3 Mary E. Elmes
4 Graham W. Elmes
5 George E. Bonham
6 David R. Saunderson
7 Timothy F. Collins
8 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor)

HEPTONSTALL, W. Yorks, St. Thomas the Apostle.

Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (18 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1344 Rutland; 1248 Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, 90 changes of method, all the work).
Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.
1 George E. Bonham

*2 Christopher M. Carter

*3 Martin Major
4 John W. Blackwood
5 Andrew W. R. Wilby
6 Anthony R. Carter

*7 David R. Saunderson 8 George E. Thoday (Conductor)

*First of spliced inside.

MARSDEN, West Yorks, St. Bartholomew. Fri., Aug. 14, 1970, 3hr. 22 min. (26 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

1 Martin Major

2 Mary E. Elmes *3 John W. Blackwood

4 Graham W. Elmes 5 Anthony R. Carter

6 George E. Bonham
7 David R. Saunderson
8 Andrew W. R. Wilby
†9 George E. Thoday
†10 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) *First of Cambridge Royal. †25th together. HARROGATE, W. Yorks, St. Peter.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (12 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by M. Hodgson.

Timothy F. Collins 2 Christine M. Carter 3 George E. Bonham

4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

5 Anthony R. Carter 6 Graham W. Elmes 7 George E. Thoday 8 A. Patrick Cannon

First peal on the bells. In conjunction with Harrogate Arts and Music Festival, also a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. P

Handbells

Cannon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts, 114 Park Street Lane. Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (13 in E.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Original.)

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 Julia A. Fellows 5-6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

7-8 Martin Major

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

NETTLEHAM, Lincs, 56 Sudbrooke Lane.

Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by Simon Humphrey. 1-2 Geoffrey R. Parker

3-4 Margaret A. Parker

*5-6 William S. Croft †7-8 John S. Croft

9-10 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

*First of Royal. †First of Royal on handbells.

LINCOLN, 9 Claremont Street

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 6min. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1-2 John S. Croft 3-4 Kenneth S. B. Croft

5-6 William S. Croft 7-8 James S. Croft (Conductor)

First as conductor.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts, The Old Vicarage.

Wed., July 8, 1970, 1hr. 43min. (14 in D.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 720's).

1-2 Mary C. Poyner 3-4 B. Stedman Payne

5-6 Harry Poyner (Conductor)

Birthday compliment to the ringer of the trebles.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EAST GRINSTEAD, Sussex, 17 Hurst Farm Road.

Tues., Aug. 11, 1970, 2hr. 7min. (11 in G.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).
*1-2 Louise M. Smith
3-4 Frank H. Hicks (Conductor)
*5-6 Laurence R. H. Smith

*First in hand. A wedding compliment to J. Duncan Weaver and Valerie A. Aikman.

A WEEK IN YORKSHIRE

The venue this year for Mr. George E. Bonham's peal tour was Yorkshire, and on August 8 ringers from Dorset, Cambridge, Herts and Lincs made their way to Ossett. After the usual greetings had been exchanged we ascended the tower for our first peal of Royal (Yorkshire). The ringing was not up to expectation but after the tenor ringer had been persuaded to produce some of his vintage skill the peal was completed in fine style. After a quick repose the party headed for its H.Q. (the Compton Court Hotel) at Cawood, a very pleasant village on the border of the East and West Ridings.

FIRST LOSS

Disaster struck quite early on Sunday, following our matins ringing at Wakefield Cathedral. A short journey down the M1 to Rotherham soon had us pealing out Cambridge Royal, the organiser suitably placed on the treble and the writer on the tenor. After only 12 minutes' ringing the rope of the tenor refused to come down at backstroke (very frustrating to the ringer!). It did, however, give the band an opportunity to refresh themselves. The "knockknock" master was at it again in the afternoon, and via Rawmarsh, Wentworth and Wath-on-Dearne we found ourselves in Barnsley, where we rang for evensong. Some of the party apparently had wandered and had sampled the new 12 at Sheffield Cathedral.

"YORKSHIRE AND SCORE"

An early start was made on Monday in order to get to Hedon, some 50 miles due east. The cry went up "Yorkshire and score": thus the major version was rung in sedate fashion. Those who were out spent the morning visiting Spurn Head and exploring the nature reserve, returning in good time to hear the last few courses of the peal. The first real test came in the afternoon at Patrington. The very unusual entrance into the belfry (a crawl through the transept roof) took us by surprise, but it did not put us off ringing a good peal of 8-spliced "all the work." At the conclusion we were almost blasted out of the tower by another well-known composition, this time for organ solo. Bach supplying the complexities. Kingston - on - Hull practice night and the Berni Inn rounded off our only day in the East Riding.

WHARFEDALE—"EE-BY-GUM"

Blazing sunshine and Wharfedale gave us a splendid tonic for the first peal of the

HANDBELLS—continued.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

OSSETT, Yorkshire, 33 Kingsway Close. Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (17 in A.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1-2 Margaret White

3-4 Patricia North

5-6 M. Alec Beaumont

7-8 Ian North (Conductor)

OSSETT, Yorkshire, 33 Kingsway Close. Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 1hr. 33min. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (14 methods: Havercroft, Barnsley, Felkirk, South Kirkby, Kent, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise, Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars, Oxford). 1-2 Margaret White

3-4 Patricia North 5-6 Ian North (Conductor) day, Glasgow S.M., at Ilkley. Our first taste of Yorkshire tail-ends or "tuffs" did not deter our efforts and George B. really distinguished himself in the star performance of the week. A late start at Otley enabled us to take full advantage of the warm weather, Bolton Abbey ruins providing an ideal setting for our handbell experts to show off their prowess. Rutland S.M. with 132 roll-ups kept our attention at Otley, where the organiser was at it again, coping quite well with the 5th rope like a true Indian! Guiseley's fish and chip shop was the next port of call, it being the largest in the country (according to the tenor king, that is).

COLLEGE YOUTHS' PEAL

Wednesday's first attempt was at nearby Tadcaster, where the press were given full details of the tour and where Pat really showed his skill. Three members of the party had opted out by staying in the hotel and ringing a peal in hand (Bob Minor being scored). They later came across to Tadcaster to hear what had developed into a very fast peal of Double Norwich on the rather noble eight. After a short ride to Collingham we squeezed into the small belfry to ring 10-spliced Surprise for the College Youths (a unique feature for a Bonham tour!). A suggestion that we visit York Arts Centre for a ring did not materialise, it being found closed upon arrival. This disappointment was followed by a second — unpalatable steaks in a nearby steak-house.

Our timekeeping record went overboard on Thursday as the morning peal at Campsall started an hour late, Superlative proving tricky although the conductor had chosen one of his "stock" compositions. We made up time by arriving at Selby Abbey early to find Norman Chaddock in the churchyard preparing to record our ringing. Unfortunately a shift and a miscall sealed our fate after almost two hours, so we consoled ourselves by listening to Norman's recordings and drowning our sorrows. Following an excellent meal back at our hotel, the first public performance of the "Bonham Song" was given, copies of which had only just caught the printing presses in time.

YORKSHIRE-FRENCHMEN

A long drive the following morning across the West Riding brought us to Heptonstall, where yet another peal of spliced was rung (4-spliced by Davies) and included three "firsts." Before commencing the peal we had to "eject" two gentlemen whom the writer/conductor thought were local ringers but soon discovered were Frenchmen on holiday. Our bilingual expert put matters to rights and we were left in peace. During the peal, another, in hand, came to grief in the parish hall. Marsden saw the third attempt for Cambridge Royal, this time successful, but it was evident that we were tiring and the peal finished in almost total darkness as we had forgotten the light switch. A gloomy journey back to Cawood ensued, where we had left the tenor king to his own devices all day, but Alan Barber had arrived from Cambridgeshire for the Saturday attempts.

Alas! the last day was upon us, and soon we were speeding towards Harrogate to be welcomed by the incumbent and the press. Rutland S.M. was chosen for the first peal on the magnificent 12 cwt. eight. The peal was part of the Harrogate Festival of Arts and Sciences, we being greatly indebted to the incumbent for allowing us the privilege of ringing here.

Doncaster brought the tour to a close, but the treble rope did not stay the course and descended upon its ringer after almost three hours of London S.M. Grateful thanks was extended to George for organising such an excellent tour before we finally dispersed. Our thanks also go to incumbents and ringers in Yorkshire who made us welcome and for making our stay there G.E.T. an enjoyable one.

UPON A RING OF BELLS

Bells have wide mouths and tongues, but are too weak

Have they not help, to sing, or talk, or speak.

But if you move them they will mak't appear,

By speaking they'l make all the Town to hear.

When Ringers handle them with Art and Skill,

They then the ears of their Observers fill. With such brave Notes, they ting and tang so well,

As to out strip all with their ding, dong, Bell.

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Ringers who took part in the first quarter peal by a local band at Harrold, Beds, for many years. They are Ken Wildman, Jennifer Wildman, Thomas Groger, Alan Collings, Kevin Booker, Nick Cartny.

Essex Association.

A.G.M. REPORT JUST RECEIVED

On Spring Bank Holiday Monday, members and friends from all over the county assembled at Chelmsford Cathedral for the 91st A.G.M. of the Essex Association of Change Ringers.

The service held in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. Hilary Connop-Price.

After the service, a little over 100 members and visitors crowded into the Chapter House of the Cathedral for the business meeting. The master of the association, Frank B. Lufkin, for the first time wore the badge of office, which was presented to the association by the Southend and District Guild of Change Ringers on the winding up of the guild.

After the preliminary formalities of the meeting had been dealt with, the report was formally adopted. The master, in his annual report, spoke of the "Ginger Group" which had been formed to go into different aspects of the association's activities with a view to streamlining and modernising the association as a whole. This committee decided to form six more sub-committees, each with a particular subject to explore, namely: (1) Education and public relations, (2) Social events, (3) Handbells, (4) Finance, (5) Care of bells, (6) Ringing (tower bells). It was pointed out, however, that it was a long-term policy and that continuity was the desired objective.

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The master urged all active ringers to do their best in encouraging ringing on Sundays at silent towers and to the giving of help to fellow ringers in need of tuition.

Tribute was paid to the previous master, the late Robert C. Heazel, who died last year after serving as an officer of the association for 20 years. Sincere thanks were given to Mr. Heazel's family, particularly his wife, who had requested that any tribute to him could be in the form of donations to the Essex Association's Bell Restoration Fund. Donations had been received with thanks from individuals and organisations from all parts of the country as a tribute to a man who was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

The treasurer in his report stated that the financial affairs of the association continued to show a healthy position, the balance on the General Account increasing from £17 14s. 11d. to £74 15s. 5d. He was glad to say that the functions held on an association basis during the years had been profitable, thanks to the efforts of members.

In the trustees' report members were reminded that the association's library had been moved from the belfry of Chelmsford Cathedral to the Reference Section of the Chelmsford Borough Library, under the expert care of the borough librarian. In view of the rarity of some of the books the practice of loaning books out was to be discontinued, but would be available for reference at the library.

The number of peals as having been recorded during 1969 amounted to 106; this was six less than that of the previous year, although if it had not been for the successful tour organised by Tom Lock the number would have been well down. It was alarming to note that only 15 members rang their first peals of which five scored their first altogether in a peal at Chigwell, and both they and the conductor are to be congratulated on this achievement. During the year a peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Danbury by officers of the association to mark the 90th anniversary of the association.

After some considerable discussion it was decided that one of the rules should be altered, enabling each district to have a master, secretary and treasurer, one deputy master and a committee representative.

The officers of the association remain unchanged: Master, Frank B. Lufkin; hon. secretary, P. Saltmarsh; hon. treasurer, P. J. Eves; auditors, Miss V. Cross and G. H. Isgar; trustees, J. Clarke, P. J. Came and D. A. S. Symonds.

It was also pointed out that because Miss Hilda Snowdon did not wish to stand as deputy master, and no other nominations being received, the post was vacant for 1970. The master said that Miss Snowdon had not been well during the last 12 months and hoped that she would soon return to full health.

The following were honoured by life membership for services given to ringing: S. Clark (Fyfield), Mrs. A. Crampion, C. Jay (Rettendon), C. L. Matson (South Benfleet), F. May (Rayleigh), J. Negus (Elmdon) and H. Watts (Stansted).

RINGING AT HARROLD

Over the past 18 months a new band of ringers has been taught at Harrold (Beds), where previously the bells had been silent for several years. Four quarters were rung in one week-end, because in teaching a new band one has to keep everybody's interest, otherwise the numbers attending start to decrease. Similarly, problems can arise from pushing a few ringers hard so that they ring methods well before their fellows. At Harrold we have brought the band forward as one. Out of a total of 16 recruits 12 are still ringing, and in the quarter peals rung ten different ringers took part, and included seven first quarters and one first inside. I enclose a photograph of the band which rang the first quarters and one first inside.

The bells at Harrold are now rung for every service each Sunday and the tower is beginning to attract ringers from other towers to the Friday evening practices.

We hope that in the next few months and for many years to come Harrold ringers will make a good contribution to ringing in North Bedfordshire. A. J. C.

YESTERDAY?

Children dear, was it yesterday
We heard the sweet bells over the bay?
In the caverns where we lay,
Through the surf and through the swell
The far-off sound of a silver bell?
When did music come this way?
Children dear, was it yesterday?

-Matthew Arnold.

In bringing the meeting to a close, the master once again thanked members for their support, and also the Provost for the use of the Cathedral for the day. An excellent dinner was then served in the Cathedral Hall, with the following towers open in the afternoon and evening: Sawbridgeworth, Bishop's Stortford, Ashdon, Littlebury, Saffron Walden and Stansted. grand tea was served at Saffron Walden in the comfortable surroundings of the Friends Meeting Hall.

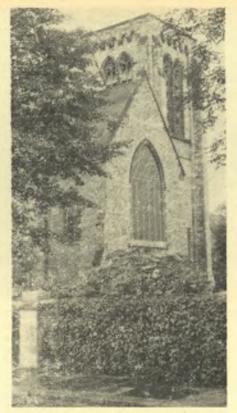
EMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH. CENTENARY

The city of Plymouth may be approached from six directions, but perhaps the most imposing and impressive is that coming in from Tavistock, when you travel over the wonderful expanse of Dartmoor, entering into the Mannamead area. Coming from this direction on any Sunday you will hear the very fine ring of bells of Em-manuel Church, and on any Thursday evening (wind, of course, being favourable).

This year is a very important one in the life of Emmanuel, the Parish Church of Compton Gifford, as it has reached its centenary. One must admire the foresight of those Christians of 100 years ago, who de-cided that a church should be built at Mannamead, right in the country at that time, with just a few villas scattered around, and the now busy shopping centre of Mutley Plain just beginning to take shape. Emmanuel stands now in the centre of a very thickly populated residential area of the city.

Plymouth 100 years ago was one of three small towns, each with its own council, lying between the Rivers Plym and Tamar, the other two being Devonport and Stonehouse. The whole, with much extension of boundary, now forms the city of Plymouth and covers an area of approximately 50-60 square miles.

It was in December, 1866, that the vicar of Charles (Rev. D. Greaves) and the new curate-in-charge of Compton (Rev. G. A. Fletcher) circulated the principal inhabitants of Compton and Mannamead, and all in the vicinity, asking them to attend a meeting to adopt measures for providing a new church at Mannamead. Rapid progress was made and on June 17, 1869, the Rev. D. Greaves laid the corner stone for the first part of the building. ceremony he announced that the church was to be dedicated to "Emmanuel" in-



stead of the customary saint, by the express desire of the ladies who gave the land, the Misses Revel

On September 19, 1870, Bishop Temple consecrated the completed section of the new Church of Emmanuel.

With the first part of the church built and legally constituted as the Parish of Compton Gifford, the Rev. G. A. Fletcher continued his ministry, no longer as curatein charge, but as vicar.

Work continued until Emmanuel Church was finished as we have it today, standing back from the main road and with a very pleasant forefront.

The ring of eight (tenor $21\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.) was hung by Messrs. Warner and dedicated on December 5, 1903. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on December 5, 1953, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the bells, and was conducted by the present captain, Mr. J. P. Sims, who has held that office since 1946. The writer became hon. secretary during the last war. The bells were rehung in 1939 by the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Pullen, whose photo is in the belfry.

The present vicar (Rev. Roy Harris) is the 10th vicar; his predecessors were: Rev. G. A. Fletcher (first vicar), 1870–1878; Rev. G. B. Berry, 1879–1912; Rev. F. Finn. 1912–1928; Rev. Arthur Champion, 1928–1929; Rev. R. C. Knox, 1929–1939; Rev. J. W. Morris, 1940–1946; Canon B. Chapman, 1946–1932; Pickon, Walching, 1953–1959. 1946–1952; Bishop Wakeling, 1952–1959; the Ven. Peter Young, 1959–1965. The Rev. J. W. Morris continued his ministry which position he still holds. in Paris, Bishop Wakeling, to the joy of all Emmanuel folk, has recently been appointed Bishop of Southwell. Bishop Wakeling is a ringer and during his incumbency at Emmanuel never failed to join the ringers in the belfry on Old Year's Night and rang rounds. The Ven. P. Young left to become Archdeacon of Cornwall.

Several hundred visitors have visited Emmanuel in post-war years for ringing at both Sunday services and on practice nights, and it is hoped this brief history may bring back memories of pleasant holidays spent in the district.

The centenary celebrations of thanks-giving and praise at Emmanuel extend from September 19 to October 4.

H. H. T.

THE TEN BELLS AT ASHFORD

At a service of thanksgiving and inauguration of the ten bells at St. Mary's Church, Ashford, Kent, on August 22 there was a goodly company present, including ringers from a wide area. It took the form of Evensong, the bellringers' hymn changing God" opening the service. The address was given by the vicar (Canon N. M. G. Sharp), who also gave the Blessing.

The following information was included in the service paper and tells its own story: We bid you welcome this day to our Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin to give praise and thanksgiving for the completion of the work culminating in the augmentation of the ring of eight bells to

This year is rather special to us in Ashford in that we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the building of our churcha fact recognised by the Archbishop of Canterbury when he visited Ashford to dedicate the new treble bell and the refurbished chapel.

The former ring of eight bells was rehung in 1965, lower in the tower, in a two-tier iron and steel frame designed to house ten bells, by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. At the same time one of the two clock bells, hung "dead" for chiming, was recast to a weight and note suitable as the 2nd bell to the future ring of ten. The ringers of Ashford were given the task of raising the necessary money to provide the new treble

Although a proportion of wedding fees had been put to the "Ten Bell Fund" for some time, it was not until early 1969 that the work began in earnest to raise the money. As well as raffles, rummage sales and coffee mornings, the tower was opened on various Saturdays to allow visitors to see how the bells are rung, the bell frame and the view from the top of the tower.

It was realised that using these methods it would be some years before the necessary money would be available and therefore, at the same time, a search was made for disused bells. In some nine months over eight cwt. of bell metal was collected from various towns and villages in Kent, including Maidstone, Whitstable and Faversham—even a bell which warned some of the Ashford ringers that they were late for school was included, and the metal taken to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

On May 28 in the presence of some of the Ashford band, the new treble was cast
using the metal collected—and was tuned the following week.

The bell was collected from the Whitechapel Foundry on July 3 and installed, together with the wheel, headstocks and ropes, in the church at the base of the tower ready for the dedication, which was performed by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury on July 5.

At the end of July the bell was raised to the bell frame and installed, together with the clock bell, in the vacant pits—the work being undertaken by Mr. Harry Parkes, of

the Whitechapel Bell Foundry (himself a local ringer at Ashford for many years) to-gether with local members of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers.

Details of the bells are as follows: Tenor, 21cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb., 1796; 9th, 14–3–9, 1620; 8th, 12–1–14, 1898; 7th, 9–1–17, 1633; 6th, 7–2–2, 1651; 5th, 6–0–0, 1620; 4th, 6–1–0, 1762; 3rd, 5–0–17, 1762; 2nd, 4–3–26, 1965; treble, 4–2–12, 1970. The treble is inscribed "Subscribed by Ashford Ringers and Friends," and bears the 400th anniversary mark of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

TO BE RESTORED?

The bells of St. Martin's, Ruislip, Middle-sex, have been going very badly for many The cracked headstock of the 3rd bell is being replaced by a metal one and the wooden frame has been tightened by the bellfounders, who are of the opinion that a new metal frame is needed. They can do no more with the old wooden one and there is still a very great deal of movement when the bells are rung. The headstock of the treble also has been found to be wormeaten. Because of this, St. Martin's ringers are holding a social and dance on October 3rd as a beginning to a bell restoration fund.

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ENGAGEMENT

BENNETT-CALVERT.—The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bennett, of Newton-le-Willows, Lancs, and Dorothy, only daughter of Mrs. M. Calvert and the late Mr. J. Calvert, of Marske-by-Sea, Yorks.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

EDWARDS — QUINNEY. — The marriage of Norman F. Edwards to Josephine A. L. Quinney will take place on Saturday, Sept. 26, at All Hallows Church, Twickenham, at 12.30 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. Future address 104 Sutton Court Road, London, W.4. 9650

MARRIAGE

KNIGHT — GAZELEY. — The marriage took place at St. Mary, Hendon, on Sept. 16, of Walter Knight and Dianne Gazeley. Address until departure for Australia at the end of October is 9 Grove Terrace, London, N.W.5. 9655

SILVER WEDDING

STEWARD — BRUNSKILL. — At All Saints Church, Sproughton, on Sept. 14, 1945, by the late Rev. E. Lester, Ronald Steward to Mary Brunskill. Present address: 381 Humber Doucy Lane, Ipswich. 9647

GOLDEN WEDDING

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PERSONAL

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Would Mr. R. F. Romney, of Broad View,

Would Mr. R. F. Romney, of Broad View, Hadlow Road, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent, please contact this office as his copy of The Ringing World has been returned marked "Not known."

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—As from Sunday, Sept. 6, there will be no ringing at St. Lawrence Church, Chobham, Surrey, until further notice as the bells are being retuned. 9657

the bells are being retuned.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY will
welcome ringers coming up in October on Sun.,
11th: St. Cross, 9.30 a.m.; St. Mary Magdalen,
10 a.m. Also termly meeting, St. Catherine's
College, 8.15 p.m., Tuesday, 13th. Further details from Colin Wyld, 82 Abbots Walk, Wye,
Ashford, Kent.

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READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY of Change Ringers welcomes any ringers coming up in October. See you during Freshers Conference. For further details contact Sue Taylor, 51 Alexandra Road, Reading, RG1 5PG. 9626

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, SWANSEA.—Ringers going up to U.C.S. are asked to contact D. J. Leech, Room 140, Applied Science Building, during first week of term, for particulars of college ringing activities. 9676

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UNIVERSITY OF KEELE.—New students are invited to contact Janet Lawson, Hawthorns, Keele, Staffs, ST5 5AE, for details of ringing activities. 9681

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

EGHAM, SURREY.—GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—On Thursdays, Sept. 17 and 24, Oct. 1 and 8, silenced bell practices for initial tuition, correction of handling faults and learning how to instruct beginners for tower captains and would-be instructors. Open practices for these weeks only on Tuesdays. Please note that a performance of Handel's Messiah, conducted by Wyn Morris, will take place at Egham Church on Sat., Oct. 10, at 7.30 p.m. Admission by programme at door 7s. 6d. 9638

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—A combined practice will be held at Bentley on Sat., Sept. 19. Bells available 6 p.m. —S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9594

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—An advanced practice will be held at Aldershot on Tues., Sept. 22, at 7.30 p.m. This practice is for anyone wishing to learn Kent, Stedman or any of the Surprise methods, etc.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9593

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

—Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice at Usk,
Fri., Sept. 25, 7.30–9 p.m. Double Norwich and
Surprise.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Bledlow, Sat., Sept. 19, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Practice meeting, Clewer (6), near Windsor, Frl., Sept. 25, 7-9 p.m.—9649

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Worthen, Salop (6), Fri., Sept. 25, at 7.45 p.m. 9671

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Barrington (6), Sept. 19. Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Service, tea, etc.—R. J. D. 9604

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry Archdeaconry. — Joint monthly meeting with Leicester Diocesan Guild (Hinckley District), Sat., Sept. 19. Afternoon ringing at Witherley and Mancetter. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Evening ringing at Witherley and Mancetter.—Nuneaton also available 6.30—8 p.m. Details for ringing times as Hinckley District. Names for tea to F. Parker, Church Road, Witherley, Atherstone.—George Pluckrose.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Hemingford Abbots, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Warkworth Surprise, Grandsire Minor.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9583

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Thorley, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting. Sawbridgeworth (8) 7-9 p.m. Names for tea essential to K. Westwood, 85 Waytemore Road, Bishop's Stortford (Tel.: 56043).— K. Westwood, Dis. Sec. 9616

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting, Sat., Sept. 19, St. Paul's, Walden, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea. Names to Mr. L. Dennison, 50 Strathmore Road, Whitwell, Hitchin. — F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 9610

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Striking competition, Waddington, Sept. 19, 2 p.m. (Team reps 1.45.) Names for tea to R. F. Smith, 66 Station Road, Waddington, Lincoln

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— N. and E. District.— St. Michael's, Wood Green, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells 4.30 p.m. Service 5.15, followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing. Christ Church, Southgate, 3-4.30 p.m.—E. H. K. (This cancels advert 9602 on page 726.)

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, Sept. 19, at Yarwell, 2.45-3.45 only. King's Cliffe, 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Special methods: Erin Minimus, London Surprise Minor. Book teas to R. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough. 9580

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.— Newark District.—Crawford cup contest final to be held at North Collingham (6), Sat., Sept. 19, at 2.30 p.m. South Collingham (5) and South Scarle (5) bells also available, 2.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to P. Raithby, Dis. Sec., 205 London Road, Balderton, Newark. Visitors welcome.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.

Striking competition, Sat., Sept. 19, Shareshill.

Draw 2.15 p.m. Test piece: 240 changes of any method of Doubles or Minor. Half-an-hour's general ringing afterwards. Own arrangements for tea, prior to evening handbell tune playing course at Shareshill Parish Hall, 6.30 p.m., when Mr. George Askew, of Brewood, will demonstrate his system of tune playing requiring no knowledge of music. Anyone (including non-ringers) from anywhere welcome to attend or take part. Ideal for small teams wishing to try carols, etc.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 9469

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Sept. 19, Ringmer (St. Mary the Virgin, 8), 3 p.m. Please bring picnic tea. Break for tea approximately 5.30, followed by business meeting, in Village Hall. 9541

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Autumn festival, Ladock (8), Sept. 19. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Towers open: Probus (8), St. Erme (6). Names for tea to Miss B. J. Duck, 1 Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 9336

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Clent, Sat., Sept. 19. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Election of branch officers at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. B. C. Ashford, 17 Old Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. Any names not received will not secure tea. I MEAN THISI — M. D. Fellows, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Halse, Sept. 26. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41 George Street, Taunton, Somerset.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Ringing contest at Westoning, Sat., Sept. 26. Practice ringing 3 p.m. Draw for places 4. Contest 4.15. Tea and results in old school 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. A. Keene, Wrest Park Lodge, Silsoe, Beds, not later than Sept. 23. Bands may be entered on day. 9641

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.
—Church Lawton, Sept. 26, Bells (8) 3 p.m.
Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Kerr,
107 Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire, by Sept.
23. 9668

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Meeting, Sat., Sept. 26, Rawmarsh. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Hiner, 24 East Avenue, Rawmarsh, Rotherham. 9659

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The diocesan striking competition will be held at Willingham, Cambs, on Sat., Sept. 26. Draw at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. General ringing in the evening. Copies of the rules may be obtained from gen. sec. Names for tea, please, except competing ringers, to H. S. Peacock. 8 Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — Meeting will be held at Stansted (8) on Sat., Sept. 26. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. —G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 9675

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.— Meeting, Hutton (5), Sat., Sept. 26. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. G. Jones, White Gable, 19 Wiggins Lane, Billericay 52964. Evening ringing at Shenfield (6). 9642

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Frampton Cotterell (6), Sept. 26, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. Drew, 45 Mill Lane, Frampton Cotterell, by Wed., Sept. 23. 9666

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Quarterly meeting, Sat., Sept. 26, at Hascombe (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Dunsfold (6) also available 3-4 p.m. and in evening. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. Barnett, 4 Clappers Orchard, Alfold, Cranleigh, by Sept. 21. 9567

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint quarterly meeting, Elloe Deaneries and Ladies' Guild, at Whaplode, Sat., Sept. 26. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Porter, 12 Exeter Drive, Spalding (Tel.: 4462), by Wed., Sept. 23. 9433 OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—White Horse

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — White Horse Branch.—Autumn meeting at Hinton Waldrist, Sept. 26. Bells (6) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45, followed by tea and business meeting in village hall. Further ringing afterwards. Everyone welcome. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24 Good-lake Avenue, Faringdon, by Sept. 24. 9632

lake Avenue, Faringdon, by Sept. 24. 9633
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury
Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Sept. 26, at
Downton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5
p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24 West
Street, Wilton, by Tues.. 22nd.

Street, Wilton, by Tues., 22nd. 9661
SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Mansfield District.—
Meeting, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Sept. 26. Bells 2.30
p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea
to Mr. E. J. Sollis, 4 Lime Avenue, Sutton-inAshfield, Notts, NG17 4BS, by previous Wednesday. Evening ringing at Pinxton till 9 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — South West District. — Meeting, Preston, Sat., Sept. 26. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. O. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston, Sudbury, by Thursday, Sept. 24. 9605 SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — Practice meeting at Brightling (8) on Sat., Sept. 26. Bells available 3-4.30 and 6-8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by previous Wednesday, please. — Christine M. Baldock, Div. Sec., Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex. 9670

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Leeds and District Branch.—Next meeting, Sat., Sept. 26, at Batley (8). Branch striking competition in afternoon, general ringing in evening. Names for tea to Mr. L. Sheard, 20 Suffolk Avenue, Batley, by previous Tuesday.—R. Cater, Branch Sec. 9621

ANDOVER DISTRICT. — Autumn quarterly meeting and striking contest at Longparish, Sat., Oct. 3. Draw for competition 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Open ringing at Barton Stacey (6) from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Tonge, Forton, Longparish, Andover. 9664

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting with Frome Branch, St. Mary's, Bathwick, Oct. 3. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (names to P. R. Stubbs, 3 Powlett Road, Bathwick, Bath). St. Mark's (6) and St. Matthew's (6) available after meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — Annual district meeting at Tonbridge, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to S. Jenner, 1 Middle Walk, Tunbridge Wells, by Sept. 30.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Striking competition. This will be at Flixton (Manchester) on Sat., Oct. 3. Names for tea to Mr. P. Mason, 64 Whitelake Avenue, Flixton (Phone: 061-748 6880).

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SUFFOLK GUILD (S.W. District) and ESSEX
ASSOCIATION (N. and N.E. Districts).—Joint
meeting, Stoke-by-Nayland, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells
(8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea
(essential) to Mrs. King, 1 Crossfields, Stokeby-Nayland, Colchester, Essex, not later than
Mon., Sept. 21. 9604

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD

welcomes all students from the Brighton area. Practices are at St. Nicolas on Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Sat., Oct. 10, Crosthwaite, near Kendal. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. K. M. Price, 46 Claife Avenue, Windermere. No name, no tea. Meeting after tea. — T. F. Metcalfe.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oswy Street contest at Sturton-le-Steeple (11 cwt.) on Oct. 17. Entries from extra-diocesan towers invited. Write to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, for details.

DORCHESTER, DORSET

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS RINGERS' FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 20 Services:---

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. Mattins. 6.30 p.m. Evensong Preacher:

Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, M.A., B.D., Rector and Rural Dean

Bells available for services and 3.15-6.30 p.m. 9598

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

We look forward to meeting all freshers on Bazaar Day. Write for details of our various activities to: Miss Pattie Clapham, St. Ivo House, St. Ives, Huntingdon, PE17 4RS.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

The Society welcomes all freshers coming up in October. Please contact Peter C. Randall, 32 Coventry Road, Warwick, for details. 9578

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
THE 90th ANNUAL FESTIVAL
will be held at OXFORD
on Saturday, October 3, 1970.

11.30 a.m. Service in Cathedral.
12.30 p.m. Social half-hour in Dining Hall.

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1.15 p.m. Luncheon in Dining Hall.
(Tickets 10s. 6d. each.)

Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance and s.a.e., must reach Miss D. J. Pollard, 49 Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, September 28.

Ringing arrangements:

The list of towers will be circulated with the luncheon tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss Pollard.

W. Butler, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9538

EMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

September 19 - October 4
FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS
September 19

Ringing 3 to 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Service at 7.30 p.m.

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RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

AUTUMN MEETING at NORTHAMPTON

Saturday, September 26, 1970. PROGRAMME

as per leaflet.

J. A. Hoare, 6 Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, Glam.

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Obituary

MR. BERNARD ASH

Captain of the Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, tower since 1960. Mr. Bernard Ash died in Epsom Hospital on September 1 after a long illness. A full report will be in our

MR. EDWARD DANCE

A ringer at Whitchurch, Hants, for 14 years, Mr. Edward Dance died on September 4. An appreciation will be included in the R.W. next week.

MR. EDGAR SHERWOOD

Following a considerable period of failing health, Mr. Edgar Sherwood, former captain of the St. Peter's. Ash, ringers, died in Northfields Hospital, Aldershot, on Sept. 9. More details will be printed later.

FAMILY AFFAIR

An action picture in The Western Daily Press recently showed Andrew Short, Mrs. Rosemary Short and Mrs. Dorothy Strong in the tower at Nailsea, Bristol, and the article quoted that campanology had become a family hobby with Mrs. Dorothy Strong, her daughter, Rosemary Short, and grandson, Andrew.

Mrs. Strong, of Goss Lane, Nailsea. started 20 years ago and was followed by

Rosemary when she was about 14.
Sixteen years and four children later, Rosemary is still pulling the bell ropes. She was joined eight months ago by her son, Andrew, aged eight.

"I had a break when I had the children, but was able to pick it up again," said Rosemary, of Church Lane, Nailsea. "There are so many different methods

that I never stop learning."

Six-vear-old Sarah will be the next member of the family to join in and already she goes to watch her brother, Andrew, at practice.



LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION .- Axbridge - Practice, Axbridge (6), Sept. 26, Branch. -

p.m.—M. Legg. 967/ ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—District practice, Terling, Thurs., Sept. 24, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. H. Dis. Sec. 9680 GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

North Cotswold Branch.
 Practice meeting at Stow-on-the-Wold (8), Sat., Sept. 26, 6-8 p.m.
 L. Dowdeswell, Sec., The Lodge, Maugersbury Park, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. Tel.: Stow 350.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch. — Autumn meeting at Revelstoke (Noss Mayo), Sat., Oct. 3. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at Newton Ferrers. Numbers for tea, please, by Mon., Sept. 28.—R. A. Southwood, 11 Sydney Close, Plympton. Phone: Plymouth 36891 9678

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Northern District.—Surprise practice, Norton, Thurs., Sept. 24, from 7.30–9 p.m. 9679

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.

-Sat., Sept. 26, meeting at St. Cuthbert Parish
hurch, Lytham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 9687 PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .-- Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Collingtree on Sat., Sept. 26. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Henman, 1 Church Lane, Brafield-onthe-Green, Northampton (Tel.: Cogenhoe 748), by Tuesday previous.

> SAXON CHURCH, ST. NICHOLAS Worth near Crawley, Sussex FLOWER FESTIVAL September 25 and 26 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Harvest Festival, Sept. 27. Open 12 till 6.30. Bells (6) available each day from 1.30 to 8.

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STILL GOING STRONG

The Waltham Forest Guardian of August 14 gave the following account (and picture) of Charles Hughes who has been "at it" for 65 years. A retired compositor, he is married and has a grown-up family.

"How do most people celebrate their 84th birthday - certainly not by ringing church bells 5,040 times for nearly three hours.

"But that's the way Mr. Charlie Hughes, of 92 Stanley Road, South Woodford, chose to mark it. "Mr. Hughes has been the captain of St. Mary's

Church, Leyton, since 1928. "On Saturday night at St. Mary's Mr. Hughes was in full swing up to 8 p.m. Afterwards he commented: 'Phew! But I don't feel so bad considering.'

"A member of Essex Association of Bellringers, Mr. Hughes has been bellringing for 65 years. He has rung in over 200 churches, including St. John's, Leytonstone.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for September 14, 1945

A large gathering of the Surrey Association met at Croydon bell foundry by invitation of Mr. C. F. Johnston, with peace celebrations and the future of the foundry for casting bells very much in mind.

A handbell peal of Bob Major at Burgess

Hill was rung by Mrs. E. A. Barnett 1-2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4, Miss M. R. Cross 5-6 and E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7-8. It was Mrs. Marshallsay's 100th peal.

Four letters were printed about the practice of firing the bells-from H. Pailing (Notts), George Ward (Abergavenny), John Segar, jun. (E. Retford) and W. Mathews Bucklebury).

Letters also were from Malcolm Melville (Lichfield) and Edwin Goate (Beccles) about

fast peal ringing.

At Sherfield English, Hants, in a peal of Bob Major, Robert E. Turner rang his first (on the treble), Ernest A. Jurd first inside and John H. Hunt conducted his first peal.

Miss Madeline M. Lyon rang her first peal (3rd to Stedman Triples) at Washingborough, Lincs, conducted by John A. Free-John Bragg rang his first in the method.

James E. Bailey and Herbert E. Audsley rang their 50th together at Dartford, the latter conducting Stedman Triples.

CHURCH BELLS

(R.W., Sept. 14, 1945)

Can you express a world's desire today
Ye ancient bells—the bells of peace? And will you voice for us what we would sav

That henceforth wars must cease? Ye who have told a nation's joy or grief. Called her to prayer, proclaimed her firm belief

In God, shared all the greatness of her past, Ring in a future greater still-

A righteous peace that surely shall outcast

All hate—all lust to kill.

Forget your tragic silence through long years of pain

And with compelling music, speak for us again.

Miss E. M. Storr (Exmouth) won a prize for this poem in the C. of E. Newspaper.

50 YEARS AGO September 17, 1920

Master Tony Price, son of the Vicar of Shouldham, and aged 14, rang his first peal (Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor) and was complimented on his success as he only started ringing at Easter.

The membership of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was given as 2,900.

Alfred Pitstow had a long letter printed about the "Preservation of Conductors" a discussion (by mail) which occupied several sections over many weeks.

The possibility of a peal of Stedman Triples in Vancouver was suggested by Mr. A. C. Limpus when a new set of ropes was received.

At Ilkeston, Derbys, two James Georges rang in a peal of Stedman, whilst another in the peal was Henry George. Two days later at Duffield the two James rang Kent T.B. Major.

George Marriner and Albert Harman rang Kent Major together at Reigate. George Hoad conducting.

At Llanelly a three-method Minor peal was rung by Alfred, John H., Sidney T. and Alec R. Rackman, James P. Hyett and Charles Edwards (cond.) being the other two ringers.

COMPOSITIONS 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL D. D DODDED

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First rung at Southwark Cathedral July 19, 1970.

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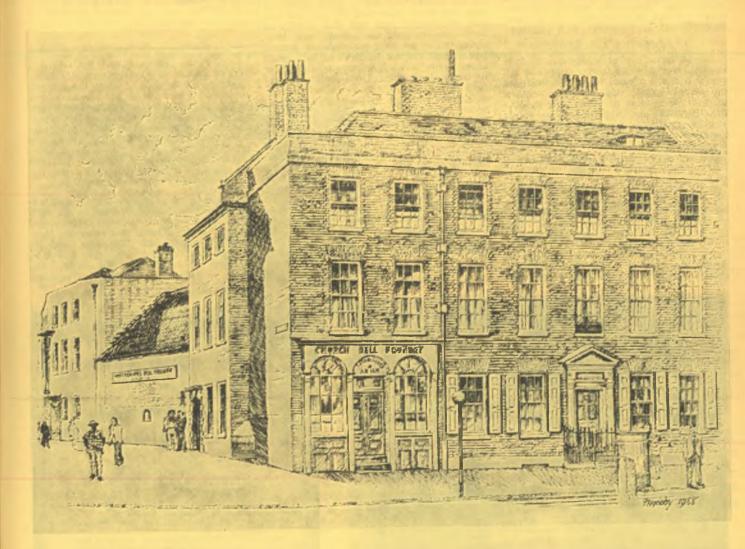
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Whitechapel Foundry

Looking Forward-to the Next Four Hundred

It's a surprising place altogether: one expects, in the Whitechapel Road, to see the littered pavements, the kosher butchers' shops, the dreary foothills of the rag trade. though a few buildings - but fewer every year-still show some signs of faded dignity. But to come upon Number Thirtyfour, in the dustladen gale which always seems to be blowing down the wide street, is a constantly-recurring surprise even to those who know it well—this handsome early Georgian façade of mellow red brick with its pedimented doorway and its win-dow shutters, the oak-grained shop front and the Victorian wire mesh screens with "Church Bell Foundry" emblazoned on them in gold. True, this is still, after many centuries. London's workshop area, and bellfounding is a heavy industry when all's said and done, but when all other industries, especially those involved with metal, seem doomed to surround themselves with corrugated iron and blackened, gaunt steel skeletons, here is one branch of metalworking able to present a face to the world which says "What they say is not true: making things in metal can still go hand in hand with dignity-even with elegance."

TRADITIONS CHERISHED

If you haven't already deduced it from outside, one step inside the door will tell you that this is a place where old traditions are cherished and a long history is a matter of pride. You come in beneath the strickles for "Big Ben" and in the glass case before you are hundreds of bygones of the firm's history — models, drawings, photographs, fragments of bells, sets of stamps, letterheads and accounts. The office, with its big double-sided partners' desk, is warmly panelled, and among the new, old and curious bells in the yard outside the old "Guv'nor," A. A. Hughes, used to tap one by Robert Mot as he took visitors past it with the superb throw-away remark: "This is one of our bells which we have brought in for repair; we cast this one in 1597." In the foundry itself there seems to be the same atmosphere of a craft in which things change slowly if at all: look at the Vic-

torian steel engravings from Cassell's "Magazine of Art." 1854, and you can recognise some of the building around you; if the workmen no longer wear those paper caps in the pictures they may well be using tools which look the same, and the modern tuning machine stands in what looks very like the stone kerb which surrounded the one donkey power affair which came from the Gloucester foundry in 1844.

THE REAL IMPORT

Yet if you think that this is all ancient craftsmanship and immemorial custom you will have missed the real import of what's happening here. Robert Mot would have soon got the hang of the furnace which melted the metal here 20 years ago, but he wouldn't even recognise the oil-fired rotary one which stands in the corner today for what it is. As well as the old stone kerbing in the tuning room you will see a highly sophisticated electronic instrument for measuring musical pitch-no substitute for the trained human ear but a great saving in time and work. Alongside the elm and cast iron headstocks you will find fabricated steel ones designed on entirely new principles; there are new materials in ground pulleys and clapper bushes and in a small room nearby a whole battery of equipment for making all those 2,400 replica Liberty Bells, using the most ancient of all foundry techniques with the materials and methods which are applied to jet engines. You will find a great respect here for the work of ancient craftsmen; a traditional method of doing something is not discarded until a new one is conclusively proved to be better: looking at an old six which has come in for augmentation I've heard them say: "They're not the kind of bells that we'd cast now, but they're good bells, cast by good workmen, and we're good enough workmen to make a couple of trebles to fit them, even though it would be easier to scrap them and cast a new eight." But respect is one thing and stagnation another.

Mixed here with the air of bygone ages, the air breathed by Mot and Bartlet, Phelps,

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Lester, Pack, Chapman and the rest is a bracing breeze of experiment and forward thinking, which since the war has brought into being a new design for handbells, new casting techniques, new approaches to tuning, new patterns and materials for frames and gear, and not least the great radial frames of Liverpool and Washington and their little but even more revolutionary brother the Expo Belfry—and all this side by side with a steady output of restoration and repair work along traditional lines.

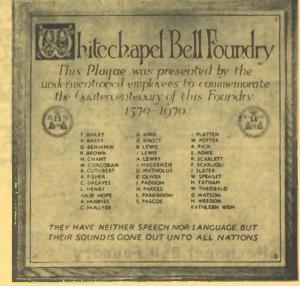
I have heard people mourn the swallowing up of the local foundries in the early 19th century which allowed Whitechapel to grow at the expense of Gloucester, Hertford, Downham and Aldbourne, and it's easy to say that the better founders were put out of business by the worst. But don't we too often judge the vanished

(Continued at foot of next page)



William and Douglas Hughes.

[Photograph: Kenneth Newman.



The Quatercentenary Tablet.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AFTER

CROYDON CELEBRATES AND GIVES THANKS

One hundred years ago, following a disastrous fire which destroyed the parish church (and tower) of St. John's, Croydon, those attending the service of rehallowing and rededication gave thanks for the magnificent and imposing structure which replaced the original building. On September 12 this year about 130 bellringers and friends congregated in the now even more beautiful parish church to take part in a special service for church bellringers, also to give thanks for one hundred years of continuing prayer and praise and marking the centenary of the rebuilding.

The service took an unusual form and was divided into four parts, each related closely to the purpose and function of the ringing of church bells. The first part, The call to worship, found the full choir, servers and vicar (Canon R. O. Bowlby) assembled under the tower and, following the introductory sentences and responses, processing to the chancel, whilst the hymn, the Old Hundredth ("All people that on earth do dwell"), was sung. Prayers, confession and the Absolution followed.

The second part, Craftsman's Art, included the anthem "Rejoice in the Lord alway" (Henry Purcell), sung by the choir. This is also known as the Bell Anthem and it was beautifully executed and much enjoyed. The local tower master (Mr. Kevin Taber) then read from the New English Bible a passage from the Second Book of Chronicles which was followed by an extract from a book by F. H. Crossley on "Church Towers (English Church Design)", read with much expression by Miss Wendy

Wallace, of St. Mary's, Addington. The choir and congregation joined in the hymn "Angel voices ever singing," which was sung with tremendous gusto, the crescendos echoing around the lofty building.

"RING OUT, WILD BELLS"
Working together, the title of the third section, was made up of a further Bible reading (Corinthians i, 12) by Mr. Brian E. Jeffrey (SS. Peter and Paul, Edenbridge) and Mr. Keith Game (St. Mary Magdalene, Reigate), followed by the well-known poem "Ring out, wild bells" from Tennyson's "In Memoriam." The Vicar of Croydon then ascended the pulpit and delivered an interesting and inspiring address on the theme "Team Work," which was well received by the congregation.

The fourth and final part of this service of thanksgiving was To the Praise of God and included a prayer for bellringers and one for faithfulness to their craft. At the one for faithfulness to their craft. At the close the hymn "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven" was sung and the vicar gave the benediction. A collection taken was for

Brian Jeffrey, Kevin Taber, Wendy Wallace. Canon R. O. Bowlby and Keith Game, who took part in the service.

tions, William and Douglas Hughes were hard at it, getting down to the "real" work of the day.

Then in comes Ron Brown, to each of them in turn, with the request "Would you please come out into the shop for a few minutes." No reason given, no questions asked, the two brothers, not knowing what it was all about, did as they were asked and found assembled in the moulders' shop all the staff. Union meeting?—Not likely! General complaint?—Doubt it.

Then George Knott stepped forward beside a table upon which was placed a mysterious parcel wrapped in a grey blan-ket which we had not noticed before and made a proclamation.

feel part of the family . . . couldn't let this year go by . . . some permanent record ... all associated with it ... He then unveiled the tablet shown in the photo-



the Croydon Churches Housing Association, the nominated charity during this centenary vear.

As the congregation left, the organist (Mr. Michael Fleming) played Louis Vierne's voluntary "Carillon," which provided a fitting climax to a wonderfully uplifting service.

Tea and biscuits were served in the hall for any needing light refreshments, but many moved off to the tower, into the town or to one of the other churches where ringing had been arranged. During the day special routes had been planned to give visitors a chance to ring whilst travelling to and from Croydon and, with one exception, all were used and enjoyed.

Lunch had also been laid on for the benefit of long distance ringers, includ-ing those from Kent and Essex (a coach from Braintree) and one lady from Peterborough. The organiser for the festival of ringing was Mr. Kevin Taber, and he is to be congratulated on the success of the func-tion, which in the early stages appeared to be hanging fire. The unsettled weather and at times torrential rain did not in any way dampen the enthusiasm of those attending and although returning holiday - makers, Farnborough Air Show and road repairs at various points caused motoring delays and difficulties, these were soon forgotten when the bells began pealing.

graph. Beautifully designed and engraved. with foliage and bells incorporated in the "W" of Whitechapel, and conceived and put into effect entirely by the foundry staff, it took the brothers Hughes completely by surprise.

It has now been installed in a place of honour in the main entrance, surrounded by the pictures which tell something of the foundry's history and the bells it has made.

The Ringing World Committee, the editorial staff and the whole bellringing Exercise extend good wishes to Mrs. A. A. Hughes and her sons, William and Douglas, on the unique occasion of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry quatercentenary.

Whitechapel Quatercentenary (continued) foundries by their best work? The 1830s and 1840s were a poor time for bellfounding generally, and I know of no founder, the Rudhalls included, who turned out consistently good bells at that time. The development of transport and the trend of industry everywhere was bound to put many bell foundries out of the race, and we can be glad that one of the most ancient and most honourable was able to survive, even by devouring its fellows and rivals, so that it could make outstanding contributions to the craft at the opening of its fifth century.

J. G. M. S.

THEIR SOUND IS GONE OUT UNTO ALL NATIONS

Monday, September 7 was like any other Monday. Phone calls, visitors from home and overseas, the usual queries from the foundry about jobs in hand and by mid-afternoon, to make up for the interrup-

Obituary

MR. BERNARD ASH

Mr. Bernard Ash, aged 59, the author whose researches into the men and events of the Second World War threw new and sometimes controversial light on its history, died in Epsom Hospital, as reported last week. For the past 15 years he lived at Knowle Park, Cobham, Surrey. He leaves a widow and one son.

Born in Liverpool, he had a varied career and was latterly manager of a computer

For a number of his books Mr. Ash was accorded access to special material by the Admiralty. His book "Someone Had Admiralty. His book "Someone Had Blundered," a vigorous account of the sinking of the "Prince of Wales" and the "Repulse," caused a great stir on publica-

Mr. Ash was a well-known figure in local life and a leading member of St. Mary's Church, Stoke D'Abernon, where he was captain of the tower for ten years.

His body was received into the church the evening before the funeral, when a halfmuffled quarter peal of Bob Doubles was rung. One of the ringers was his 14-yearsold son, Alex, who rang his first quarter. Five of the six ringing had been taught by Bernard.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. John Waterson (rector) and two hymns written by Mr. Ash were sung, one being a hymn he composed for the bellringers' meeting held at St. Mary's this summer.

Cremation was at Randall's Park, Leatherhead.

Mr. Ash graduated with first-class honours from Oxford. In his twenties he was a councillor on Paddington Borough Council.

His publications include: "Silence for His Worship," "Omega Street," "Three Men Went to War," "Fitchell's Inn," "Burning Glass," "Too Deep the Sea," "Someone Had Blundered," "Norway 1940," "The Lost Dictator" and a history of the City of London called "The Golden

CANON R. H. ROBINSON

An obituary notice in The Times last month announced the death on August 19 of Canon Reginald Henry Robinson, D.D., M.A., at the age of 89. Canon Robinson was the son of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the now legendary ringer and the first man ever to score 1,000 peals. Although himself not a ringer, Canon Robinson was an honorary member of the Peterborough Guild and, in the words of a correspondent, "a saintly and impressively knowledgable biblical scholar." He was Canon Emeritus of Peterborough Cathedral and one time Dean of Calgary, Canada. His father was the finest ringer of his time and the author of "Among the Bells," of which few copies now seem to remain.



MR. EDGAR J. SHERWOOD

As briefly recorded last week, Mr. Edgar Jabez Sherwood, of East Wyke Farm Cottage, Ash, Surrey, died in Northfields Hospital, Aldershot, following a long period of failing health. He was 70 and had farmed all his life until his illness, when he handed over East Wyke Farm to two of his sons. Brian and John. His other son, Peter, is a qualified accountant and an officer of the Guildford Guild, whilst his only daughter, Sylvia, is married to a doctor and lives with her family in Kent. During the long period of indifferent health, as well as the last months of serious illness, Edgar was devotedly nursed by his wife, Lilian, to whom all extend their deep sympathy.

Coming to Ash from Middlesex 50 years ago, Mr. Sherwood took up bellringing with the then stoney band of ringers at St. Peter's and was largely instrumental in turning it into a change-ringing tower. help from Aldershot and by recruiting new members a regular team of change-ringers was built up, and his own family helped in no small way. About 20 years ago the bells were recast and rehung in a new frame, the ringing chamber modernised and improved, and this was brought about mainly by Mr. Sherwood, together with the members of the band ringing at that time at St. Peter's Although he had only rung a few peals,

Edgar encouraged others to ring them and he was, himself, very fond of quarter peal ringing. A staunch supporter of the Guild-ford Guild, he and his family were unobtrusively generous in every way and particularly supported their own parish church.

The funeral service was on September 14 at Ash Parish Church and was followed by cremation at Aldershot. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service and there was a representative gathering in the church to pay an affectionate farewell to a much-loved and highly respected Christian gentleman and bellringer. The rector (Rev. H. Jackson) conducted both the service in the church and the committal at Aldershot and in the evening further ringing took place.

MR, W. E. REDRUP

It is with much regret that the death of William E. Redrup (Bill) is recorded at the early age of 61. He died on July 30. Bill was taught to handle a bell by his father when he was nine years old at Amersham, Bucks, and a firm friendship developed with the writer which lasted until the end. He became one of the most expert 6-bell ringers and conductors in the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch of the O.D.G. and trained a first-class band at Amersham which rang difficult Surprise Minor methods for Sunday services.

He rang in the first peal of London Surprise Minor for the Guild at Amersham and he was one of five Bills in the first (Superlative) when Stoke Poges bells were augmented to eight. He was a good cricketer and had played for Amersham for some years. With the coming of the war in 1939 he joined the local police and after the war he drove a delivery van for 15 years. He joined the band at Little Missenden for a time and was responsible for putting many on the road to success. He eventually gave up ringing, although he continued to take the R.W.

His widow, Beryl, is nursing at Amer-sham Hospital and his son, Robert, is curate at Maidenhead, and to both we convey our deepest sympathy and condo-A. D. B. lence.

MR. EDWARD DANCE

On September 4 the death occurred of Mr. Edward Dance, of Whitchurch, Hants. A keen churchman, he was tower correspondent, churchwarden and an enthusiastic member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. He had been a ringer for 14 years and I was privileged to know him all that time. He attended all district meetings and had acted as a marshal at the striking competitions during the last eight years.

The respect and esteem with which he was regarded was evident when on the Sunday evening following his death members representing district towers of Andover (Burghclere, Highclere and Whitchurch) met and rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to his memory, the bells being halfmuffled. For six members of the local band listening this was the first time they had heard their bells rung half-muffled. Taking part were D. Samways (first on eight) 1, Mrs. J. Tarrant 2, R. Wimlett 3, M. Goss 4, J. Wimlett 5, T. Tarrant 6, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 7, W. Mulford 8.

May he rest in peace.

ERNEST FITCH

On August 19 Ernest Fitch passed away at the grand old age of 92. He was one of the pre-war St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, company, and although he only rang the tenor behind he was a faithful member for many years. Most of his peals were of Stedman Cinques and Caters and he was a good striker.

Like many another St. Mary-le-Tower man he spent his working life at Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies as a maintenance fitter. Ernest Fitch was also a fine singer and over 50 years a chorister. May he rest in peace.
G. W. P.

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Editorial

DULL READING?

"I gather quite a few ringers miss the controversial things we used to have (in the R.W.). Our local newspaper has more bite than the present Ringing World! However, I wish you well in your efforts at stopping controversy. I suppose it pleases the majority, but to me it is dull reading."

We wonder how many of our readers feel the same as our correspondent who supplied this piece of logic. From time to time we receive letters and messages about too much (apparent) "back-biting, ill-will, jealousy and bad feeling" among bellringers "who ought to be more Christian in their views and outlook."

We do not agree with these views. In every organised society there are those who like to "stir it up," to use a common expression, and bellringers are normal human beings (in spite of what the general public think!) and from all walks of life. As one gets older, tolerance to other people's ideas and prejudices becomes more pronounced, and the possibility of becoming dull is a danger. However, the variety of interesting items which daily arrive on the editorial desk will, we feel sure, prevent any R.W. of the future being completely dull.

AN UNUSUAL "FIRST"

The scene: a field in deepest Dorset as dusk approaches on a lovely evening in late August. Six members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths-the master, one of the C.C. representatives and a trustee, together with their wives—"clothed in woolly wraps," except for the master who, being in the medical profession, had forgotten that nocturnal vigils can be chilly ones, ascend a hill in complete silence. Skirting the edge of a cornfield when they reach the top, they plunge through a hol-low, avoiding as far as possible nettles and brambles, to a copse on the far side. Here they settle as comfortably as the ground will allow and, still with no word spoken, they peer anxiously ahead.

The minutes pass—nothing happens apart from the odd rustle in the undergrowth and the alarm call of a blackbird overhead; surely that will scare everything within miles? Maybe no-one is coming out tonight. Or perhaps they have already left by the back door. Half-an-hour now, the light is failing fast, but this is the opportunity of a lifetime and no one wants to move until all hope has vanished.

Then—suddenly—yes, there it is. Have the others seen it too? Well, we shall soon know. Just as suddenly the face, scarcely visible in the near-darkness but for the white streak running down it, senses that someone is there and is gone in an instant.

But not before four of the band had seen their first badger, two of them at the first

Belfry Gossip

A quarter was rung by two former Haseley (Oxon) ringers and their families, with best wishes to the new Haseley band.

The peal for the Truro Guild at St. Gulval recorded in shortened form (page 702) was submitted with the wrong date and is reprinted in this issue in correct form (and the correct month!)

Forms for peals are available free from our office. A slightly modified form has now been printed and a 9in. x 4in. stamped addressed envelope will bring a supply to applicants.

Personal records: Christopher W. Woolley (1,000 peals), Kevin M. Price (200), Stephen Ivin (500), Katharine M. Thorley (14) 100, Stephen Fenwick (100).

New method this week is Blaenafon Surprise Major rung at the Church of St. Peter, Blaenavon, Mon.

New conductors: Roman E. Sadowski, Elizabeth Stevens, Morley P. Tobin.

Peal and quarter peal cards are a personal service dealt with by the previous editor, Mr. T. W. White, to whom all inquiries (or complaints) should be addressed. A separate copy must be submitted for these cards

(which are 16s. for 12, minimum).

Still in his thirties (but only just!), J.

Martin Thorley has now rung 100 peals with his eldest daughter, Katharine. The 100th was scored at Tannington, Suffolk, not quite three years after their first together.

The Central Council "Good Striking" record is sold out, we learn from Mr. Norman Chaddock. It would be interesting to know what the demand would be if a second pressing was made.

The quarter at Huntington, Yorks, on August 30, was the first for Christine Sanderson, 12-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Sanderson of the local company, and the first quarter for 23 years for Mr. L. J. Atkins, who moved to Yorkshire two years ago from Clevedon, Somerset.

Campaigning for a recruit (in a few years' time) the ringers at Thrapston dedicated a quarter peal to 2-years-old Claire Steward, who, although living within 20 yards of the church, has never complained about the bells!

Young Jeremy Piron rang the second to London S.M. at Husborne Crawley, Beds, ten days before his 12th birthday! He therefore equals that rung by Margaret Beamish, who was exactly that age when she scored London Major. Jeremy is the youngest male to ring this method. (Congratulations.—Ed.)

First peal congratulations to John E. Elsworth, Philippa Garrard, Walter Seward, Julia H. Whitehead, Peter E. Hine, Jeremy M. Gough, Nigel Bellamy, Geoffrey W. Young, Julia A. Tyler, Adrian D. Tyler, Denise Hogarth, Christopher J. Cull (12), Miles W. C. Lawson.

Does anyone know which bells were heard on the "Saturday Play—The Volunteer" on B.B.C. Radio? Some very brisk six-bell rounds crept into the background, writes P.S.

Mr. Peter A. Slight, who has been a stalwart member of the Grantham band for many years, is leaving for teachers' training college in Birmingham, and the good wishes of his colleagues go with him.

Generally, the ringing at all towers visited during the Croydon Festival was of a high standard, but at St. John's itself this left much to be desired at times. The chief cause was the new ropes on the back seven bells, which, not having been pre-stretched, were very much like elastic, and even the more experienced peal ringers had great difficulty in handling. However, the local team are probably grateful that the work of "settling in" the new ropes has been largely done for them.

We hear that the famous tenor king from Surrey had about five shots at setting a tenor in a tower recently and was ap-plauded when he eventually succeeded. (And this was not at Croydon!)

The organiser of the J. R. K. tour of Lancashire is grateful to all who took part and helped in the arrangements and also for their patience and co-operation. success of this year's tour and the desire for one next year prompts him to suggest that S.W. of Bolton may be explored in

"We were very fortunate this year to keep a 100 per cent. record throughout the week. The only bad luck was with the publication of The Ringing World! We had rung what we thought was a new method at Stowmarket (which is what we named it on Tuesday). On Thursday it was published as rung to a peal two weeks previous and named Stonehenge!" writes Howard Egglestone, sending a tour report.

MEMORIAL DEDICATED

On Sunday, August 30, during morning service at St. Nicolas, North Stoneham, a memorial tablet to the late Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis was dedicated by the rector (Rev. R. E. P. Serecold).

The tablet, on the belfry wall, bears the inscription "In loving memory of Thomas Hunt Francis and his wife Margaret, bellringers at this church, killed in a car accident March 8th, 1970."

Present were members of the family, the master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild (Mr. R. R. Savory), the secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (Mr. J. E. Barnes), together with other ringers from the area who took part in ringing before the service.

Afterwards, during a short private service, the asnes of 10m and interred at the foot of the tower.

D. J. F. vice, the ashes of Tom and Margaret were

FOR THE FIRST TIME

this year we have a backlog of peals. This week we have received 136 reports (the average is 60-70) and we are compelled to hold back four peal tour lists but will endeavour to clear them during the next month.

1,000 PEALS

have been rung by Christopher W. Woolley, of Bushey Heath. This fine achievement was reached with a handbell peal of Spliced Surprise at Watford. We hope to give a break down in the future but understand Mr. Woolley is now abroad for some months.

Letters

TRUE HARMONIC TUNING

Dear Sir,-I was very interested to read the informative letter from Mr. W. E. Box on page 614 of The Ringing World. This letter is most enlightening, and Mr. Box obviously has great knowledge of the

When we consider the effect of bells on the individual ear we are treating to some extent with personal preference with all the factors which influence a person's discernment and taste. Mr. Box feels unable to accept what I say about Hemony bass and treble bells. Just before putting my pen to this paper I listened to a recording of the great carillonneur, the late Jef Denyn, whom Mr. Box mentions. The recording is of the Mechlin carillon, also mentioned by Mr. The playing is a revelation in beauty, control and technique. However, I still maintain that the bass bells are poor in comparison with those of a better modern instrument. Mr. Box mentions a shrill "plonk" in modern small bells. This is just the description I would apply to the Mechlin trebles. Surely the trebles of both carillons and light rings produced nowadays do not "plonk"—rather they sing tunefully. Some modern bells are shrill indeed, but this is far to be preferred to the dead, dull tones so favoured by our Victorian foun-ders of the mid-1900's. It would be interesting to know what modern bells Mr.
Box has in mind. Has he heard the recent carillons and rings produced by the Loughborough Foundry—particularly the carillons for Spokane, U.S.A., and Canberra, Australia? Also such trebles as those of the 12 at Solihull cast very recently, etc.?

Most keyboard instruments have a range over which they sound most effective to the human ear and certainly a carillon is at its

weakest in the treble.

In an issue of The Sunday Times in 1920 a correspondent complained that bells tuned on the modern harmonic principle "have a dirge-like, mournful howl," whilst "the old tuned rings have a bright, cheerful This he attributed to the succeseffect." sion of octaves and fifths in harmonics which he said was against the laws of harmony, whereas old rings with their strike notes and sevenths (instead of the octave) give the effect of an incomplete cadence, and so brighten the sound of a bell when

Anyone who has tried to take the notes of bells will know how rare is the accuracy of the latter part of this statement if ever Mr. Cyril Johnston of the former Croydon Foundry took up this matter. He said "it is hard to believe that a bell is more pleasing to the ear if its hum-note (or octave below the fundamental) is at the interval of a seventh below-in preference to an octave below." He advised his readers to try it on the piano. He then offered to have two rings—one in "sevenths" and the other in "octaves" of the fundamental placed side by side with a competent band of judges. If the sevenths won, then he would present £50 (not a small sum in 1920) to the writer of the original letter.

It is a matter of fact that the Taylor family developed the science of true har-monic tuning—the Taylor true-harmonic principle before the advent of Canon Simpson. Mr. Box casts doubt on this. When the Dutch and Belgian founders knew nothing of this between the two world wars at least three carillons each were supplied to these two countries from the Loughborough

CORRECTING AN ERROR

Dear Sir,-It has come to our attention that the handbell peals which we have rung in Canada over the last few months have not been reported in accordance with the regulations of the Central Council. Specifically, the peals should have been called Spliced Treble Bob Major, and the number of methods, number of changes in each method and number of changes of method should have been given.

To correct this error, I give below the complete information, together with the dates on which the three peals were rung.

Tues., June 16, 1970.
5280 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR
(2 methods: 1728 Oxford, 3552 Kent, Worcester variation, with 102 changes of method).

Thurs., July 16, 1970. 5120 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR (2 methods: 2432 Oxford, 2688 Kent, Worcester variation, with 122 changes of method).

Tues., July 28, 1970. 5184 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR (2 methods: 672 Oxford, 4512 Kent, Ilkeston variation, with 42 changes of method). Yours faithfully,

JOHN OWEN.

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

THE SAWSTON PEAL

Dear Sir,-We are grateful to the Central Council for accepting the peal of Minor rung at Sawston last November, and hope that the ten members who voted against us will be consoled with the fact that we can ring Minor without a cover, though we still have not enough in the band to ring Major. We believe that we are the only tower in the Ely Association to ring a peal with a purely local band, and wonder how many of the peals published are rung by locals of that tower.— Yours faithfully.

MICHAEL R. LING.

Sawston, Cambs.

and Croydon foundries. Perhaps the greatest of these was that supplied in 1921 by John Taylor and Co. for Rotterdam Town Hall (destroyed in the 1939-45 War). Certain proof of the superiority of English tuning at that time.

Words of Mr. F. C. Meyer taken from a book by Graham Price form a fitting con-

1. A carillon and a ring require that all the bells be in good tune among them-

2. To be musically agreeable each bell must have at least the first five tones of the harmonic series within each individual bell

in good tune.

3. The tone of a bell whose principal harmonics are in tune will sound clear, true, bright, golden, sweet, sonorous and harmonious in quality, appealing to the affections-musically-and blending well with

The tone of a bell whose principal harmonics are not in tune will sound proportionately false, muddy, dull, leaden. sour, lifeless and inharmonious in quality, unsympathetic to the affections-musicallyand incompatible with other tones.

Certainly the Taylor true-harmonic principle produces the former.-Yours faith-

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I give notice of an attempt for 12,096 Lincolnshire Major on handbells to be made on October 10, 1970, at 13 Tudor Road, Wheathampstead, Herts, starting at 11 a.m. The attempt will be made for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. -Yours faithfully, Maidenhead, Berks. C. I. ROWSON.

Sept. 17, 1970,

B.B.C. RADIO BRISTOL

Dear Sir, — A new radio station has opened up in Bristol on a local basis on the V.H.F. wavelengths. This is known as "B.B.C. Radio Bristol." Prior to going into actual daily broadcasts, I was approached by the Director of Religious Broadcasts to advise on a selection of rings of bells which could be used for opening up broadcasting on Sunday mornings at

Recording has now commenced with towers in the Bristol area, and will give a selection for a period of about six to nine months. This local service will allow for some of the lesser known towers to be heard over the air, and will include B.B.C. library recordings of peals rung at Bristol Cathedral, Evercreech and Ditcheat. St. Saviour's Parish Church, Coalpit Heath, will be heard at the commencement of their Festival Week on Sunday, September 20, and St. Peter's, Dyrham, near Bristol, on the morning of Sunday, September 27. Should any tower within a radius of 25-

30 miles of Bristol have any unusual ringing functions, or anniversaries of an historical nature, such information should be passed directly to me so that it can be brought to the notice of the programme producer. It might be possible to get this new radio station interested.—Yours faith-

fully,

WILLIAM F. SCUDAMORE, Master,

Gloucester and Bristol Assn. County Police Station, Coalpit Heath, Bristol.

WONDERFUL EXAMPLE

Dear Sir,—Here at Wadhurst, the church and chapel congregations regularly join forces and on Sunday it was the chapel's turn to be host, thus there was no evening ringing and my wife and I took advantage of this and went out to enjoy the sun, and called in to have a ring at Westham, the home tower of Alan and Christine Baldock, general and district secretaries respectively of the Sussex County Association.

Three weeks previously Christine had given birth to their second daughter, and one would have thought that this would keep her away from ringing for a while and curtail Alan's activities, but not so. In the morning they both went ringing, wheeling the pram into the church to the belfry arch, where the baby was watched or nursed by willing helpers, while little Rachel played happily in the belfry. Afterwards Alan stayed to sing in the choir while Christine took the children home. In the evening the role was reversed, Christine staying and Alan returning home. This no doubt will be the order of things for weeks to come.

What a wonderful example to the ringers whom they serve and represent, and it follows the pattern set by their predecessors, Bob and Betty Percy, of Willingdon.

The Sussex County Association are fortunate indeed to have such people for their officers.—Yours faithfully,
CHARLES A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst, Sussex.

Loughborough, Leics.

Quarter Peals

FIVE QUARTERS IN A DAY August 31

Tollesbury, Essex. - 1264 Bob Major: Mary Tollesbury, Essex. — 1264 Bob Major: Mary Roast 1, Susan Spurgeon 2, E. W. Roast 3, T. Spurgeon 4, P. J. Came 5, P. J. Eves 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8. Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Essex.—1260 Bob Minor:

Caroline Phillips 1, Christine Murray 2, J. Clarke 3, E. W. Roast 4, J. E. G. Roast 5, T. Spurgeon

(first as cond.) 6.

Goldhanger, Essex. — 1264 Bob Major: Caroline Phillips (first Major) 1, Christine Mur-ray 2, J. Clarke 3, P. J. Came 4, Mary Roast 5, J. E. G. Roast 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, P. J. Eves (cond.) 8.

Great Totham, Essex.—1260 Cambridge and St. Clement's: Susan Spurgeon 1, T. Spurgeon 2, E. W. Roast 3, P. J. Eves 4, J. E. G. Roast

(cond.) 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6.

Maldon, Essex.-1280 Cambridge S. Major: J. Clarke 1, Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, T. Spurgeon 4, P. J. Came 5, P. J. Eves 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8.

Beeston, Notts. — Sept. 2, 1260 Bob Minor: Beryl M. Shuttleworth 1, Claire Smart 2, A. Boulton 3, R. M. Day 4, E. Shuttleworth (cond.) 5, P. Jones 6. Birthday compliment to Michael D. McLean.

Berry Pomeroy, Devon. — Aug. 31, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Thompson 1, S. Carter 2, R. F. Shepperd 3, P. N. Chambers 4, Alison C. Read (first Triples and first inside) 5, Rev. P Angold (first Triples) 6, G. J. L. Read (cond.) 7, R. J. Edden 8.

Blackmoor, Hants.—Aug. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Stubbington 1, Mary Sutcliffe (cond., 50th quarter) 2, Rev. C. J. Butler 3, D. J. Cooper 4, M. E. Cass 5. For parish baptism

service.

Bray, Co. Wicklow. -- Sept. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles: H. J. F. Hynes 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, C. E. S. Hall 3, A. R. MacKenzie 4, R. Corson 5, J. Shields 6. To welcome the birth of Hywel Derwen Lewis.

Broomfield, Essex.—Sept. 5, 1260 Bob Minor: A. Boyle 1, Anne Edwards 2, Marilyn A. Free-man 3, M. J. Smith 4, B. Reeves 5, K. W. Brown (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to

Steven Cliff and Esme Whybrow.

Church Eaton, Staffs.—Aug. 14, 1260 Doubles (four m/v): Carole Pursall 1, Cynthia Humphreys 2, C. L. R. Bainham 3, R. Riley 4, J. L. Humphreys 5, Yvonne Fellows 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Damerham, Hants .--- Aug. 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Baverstock 1, Mrs. M. Gage 2, Mrs. M. Coward 3, R. Gage 4, J. Baverstock

5, D. Kerley 6.

Dartmouth, Devon (St. Petrox).-1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Wills (first quarter) 1, R. J. Edden 2, R. F. Shepperd 3, Rev. P. Angold 4,

G. J. L. Read (cond.) 5, A. G. Thompson 6.
Ealing, Middx (St. Mary). — Sept. 6, 1260
Grandsire Triples: Dr. Sybil Aldridge 1, M. Grandsire Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, W. G. Wilson 4, P. N. Felton 5, F. Bishop 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service; also 60th birthday compliment to Wilfrid G.

Grantham, Lincs. — Aug. 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. Bird (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Hardy (first Triples) 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, D. Leafe 4, B. Buttery (cond.) 5, L. Squires 6, H. R. Woods 7, P. Smith (first Triples) 8. For Evensong.

Guisborough, Yorks.— Aug. 2, 1260 Bob Minor: R. S. Barclay 1, Lynnette Banwell 2, R. J. Harris (first quarter) 3, M. R. Franks 4, L. Franks 5, E. M. Livesey (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Haddenham, Cambs .- 1260 Bob Minor: Miss A. Alsop 1, G. Markwell 2, W. Murrells 3, F. Sharpe 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Harpenden, Herts.-July 19, 1260 Bob Minor: Catherine M. Bew 1, Dianna Kingham 2, E. Broome 3, F. Jacklin 4, A. Wilby 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6. To congratulate Robert and Katherine Hardy on the birth of Anne Melinda.

Harpole, Northants. — Sept. 6, 1260 Doubles (five methods): G. C. Paul 1, Bridget Paul 2, B. Hendry 3, J. K. Foot (100th quarter peal) 4, A.

P. Cannon (cond.) 5. For Matins.
Hatfield, Herts.— Sept. 6, 1260 Stedman
Triples: Susan Farnes 1, A. F. Cull 2, D. J.
Smith 3, B. Greenwood 4, S. Huckle 5, E. Edmondson 6, G. H. Austin (cond.) 7, E. Chambers 8. For Evensong.

Kea, Cornwall.-Aug. 30, 1260 Bob Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. Locke 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.)

C. J. Dunstan 6.

Kingston Seymour, Som. — Sept. 4, 1260 Doubles (three methods): D. Willis 1, E. Baker 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, L. Childs 6. Birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. - Aug. 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Stone 1, C. E. Bulleid 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, S. G. Elsey 4, G. J. Collett 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, C. D. Collin (cond.) 7, J. Knipe 8. For Evensong.

London, E. (St. Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney).—Aug. 23, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: R. G. Brown 1, W. A. Theobald 2, Patricia M. Clarke 3, H. G. Weedon 4, K. Poole 5, N. Thomson 6, R. A. Hunt 7, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) For evening service.

Lympne, Kent.-Aug. 16, 1320 Doubles (seven meth./var.): R. Stainer 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Taylor 3, B. G. Butcher 4, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 5, A. S. Braben (first quarter) 6. Also Aug. 23, 1260 Bob Minor: A. R. Day 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, M. J. Taylor 4, B. G. Butcher 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6.

B. G. Butcher 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6.
Madeley, Staffs.—Aug. 30, 1260 Doubles (two
methods): H. Buckley 1, Mrs. P. Whalley 2, P.
Whalley 3, V. Matkin 4, D. K. Whalley (cond.)
5, J. Higginson 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6.
Marcham, Berks.— 1260 Doubles (three
methods): R. Park 1, Shirley Goble 2, N. Booth

R. Bennett 4, C. J. Peaple (cond.) 5, B. Finnigan 6. For Evensong.

N. Stoneham, Hants. — July 14, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: C. Noakes 1, R. Le Marechal 2, B. J. Fry 3, C. Butler 4, R. E. J. Dennis 5, D. J. Forder 6. Jointly conducted by 5 and 6 (bobs called alternately). Also Aug. 18, 1440 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: R. Green 1, B. J. Fry 2, J. Croft 3, Linda V. Cull 4, J. P. Colliss 5, D. J. Forder (cond.) 6. Dedicated to absent

Norton St. Philip, Som. - Sept. 3, 1440 Bob Minor: Janet Parker 1, P. Devrell 2, Susan Willis 3, F. Mogford 4, H. J. Coombs 5, A. Coombs (cond.) 6.

Packwood, Warks.—Sept. 2, 1280 Bob Major: D. R. Randall 1, P. C. Randall 2, Pam Whitfield J. R. Randall 1, P. C. Randall 2, Pam Whitteld 3, D. P. Crawley 4, Shirley E. Jones 5, R. A. Sheasby 6, B. R. Danby 7, A. J. Cox (cond.) 8. Wedding compliment to Susan Heyworth and Lawrence Haines; also birthday compliment to Brian Danby.

Polesworth, Warks.-Aug. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Quimby 1, M. Allsopp 2, A. Allsopp 3, R. Knight 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also Aug. 30, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: Mrs. A. Allsopp 1, M. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, A. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong. Ringstead, Northants. — Aug. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Althorpe (first quarter) 1, Miss J.

Ayres 2, Miss J. A. Green 3, D. J. Attley 4, V. A. Headland 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. For Evensong and in memoriam Mrs. S. Crowe.

Rothley, Leics. — Aug. 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Poole 1, Rosemary Spray 2, Thelma Staples (cond.) 3, T. A. Yates 4, R. Spray 5, J. Durance 6. For flower festival Evensong.

St. Albans, Herts (St. Peter).-Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Royal: Rosemary A. Howard (first in ten) 1, Angela M. Wilton 2, Elizabeth Forster 3, Joyce M. Clarke 4, Dawn Owen 5, T. C. Holland 6, H. V. Frost 7, K. J. Darvill 8, J. E. Ewer 9, C. Forster (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

Sowerby, Yorks.-Aug. 29, 1440 Bob Major: Jean Pollard 1, Mary Pollard 2, Anne Barmby 3, G. Turner 4, F. Linfoot 5, I. Roberts 6, A. Naylor (cond.) 7, A. Rogers 8.

Thrapston, Northants. - Aug. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: Jane Freeman (first attempt) 1, Brenda Baker (first inside) 2, Sally Diamond 3, Elizabeth Tingle 4, P. Curtis 5, S. Bell (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Claire Steward.

Silsoe, Beds.-June 25, 1260 Doubles (seven m/v): J. M. Randall 1, T. R. Harris 2, C. Catlin 3, T. P. Harris (cond.) 4, P. A. Keene 5, D. A. Eddy 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. L. G. Colls, formerly Rector of Ampthill, Rector of Sandy and U.M.C.A. missionary in the Diocese of Zanzibar.

Thursby, Cumb. — Sept. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: Jennifer Bell (first quarter) 1, D. Bell 2, Norma James (first quarter) 3, P. Bell 4, J. M. Roscamp 5, J. W. Brownrigg (cond.) 6.

Peals

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, St. Michael. Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (26 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (5 methods: 1152 Londinium, 1152 Lyddington, 1008 Cambridge, 864 Prittlewell, 864 York-shire, with 90 changes of method).

Composed by John H. Fielden.

1 Alan R. Patterson 2 Andrew N. Stubbs 3 Richard S. Starkie

4 David P. Hilling (Conductor) *5 David E. House

6 J. Henry Fielden 7 Richard A. G. Inglis

8 John N. Diserens 9 John M. Jelley

10 Noel J. Diserens
11 Michael P. Moreton
12 Robert C. Kippin

*300th peal.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire, Holy Trinity.

Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 39min. (25½ cwt.) 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

1 Robert C. Kippin 2 David P. Hilling

3 Andrew N. Stubbs 4 David F. Moore

5 J. Henry Fielden
6 John N. Diserens
7 David W. Friend
8 David E. House (Conductor)

Alan R. Patterson 10 Noel J. Diserens 11 Michael P. Moreton

12 John M. Jelley

LICHFIELD, Staffs, Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.

., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (31½ cwt.) 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(No. 3 version.) Composed by Peter Border.

1 John G. Gipson2 Wilfred Williams

3 John H. Fielden 4 David E. Rothera

5 Philip J. Rothera 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh

7 Peter Border (Conductor)

8 David E. House 9 George W. Pipe 10 Ralph G. Edwards

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

BATHAMPTON, Bath, Som, St. Nicholas.

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (71 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (Plain Bob and Grandsire).

1 K. G. Weekes 2 Miss P. D. Freeland

3 P. J. Deverall

4 Mrs. P. A. Weekes

5 C. G. Jones (Conductor) 6 P. D. Powell

A farewell to Miss B. A. Bruford, of this tower, leaving for Newfoundland.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, Som, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (23 cwt.) 5056 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR Composed by Timothy F. Collins.

1 Melvyn J. Hiller 2 Cuthbert W. Powell *3 Stuart I. Bamforth

*4 Edward G. Mould *5 Michael Foulds

7 Graham W. Elmes 8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) *First in method.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, St. James. Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (18 cwt.) 5056 OTFORD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Avril Ivin

2 Kathleen A. Marriott 3 Ronald J. Sharp 4 Anthony H. Smith 5 Edgar T. Skipsey

6 C. Michael Orme 7 Keith H. Fleming *8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

*500th peal. First in the method by all.

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (29 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by John A. Burford.

1 Charlotte M. Harris

*2 Jeremy Piron 3 Jill K. Orme

4 Kathleen A. Marriott 5 Anthony H. Smith 6 Frank W. Rivett

C. Michael Orme

8 Martyn J. Marriott 9 David R. Saunderson 10 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

*First on ten bells (aged 11).

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Wirral Branch)

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire, St. Barnabas. Tues., July 21, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (23½ cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. James M. Pemberton

2 Ernest T. Carvell

3 Donald Peers *4 John E. Elsworth 5 Robert Peers

6 John Hyden

Alexander J. Martin (Conductor)

8 Eric J. Gilbert
*First peal. A farewell to ringer of 4, moving to Wokingham.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, St. Michael

and All Angels.
Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 3hr. 44min. (264 cwt.)
5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES Composed by Arthur Knights.

John W. Griffiths 2 Mrs. G. H. Randles

*3 Christopher J. Jones *4 Roger Green

5 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor) †6 Robert Peers

7 Alan J. Brown 8 Michael J. Platt 9 George H. Randles

‡10 Eric J. Gilbert 11 Geoffrey Sparling *12 Michael Thomson

*First on 12 Bells †First in method. ‡First of Cinques. First of Cinques as conductor. The ringer of 3rd has now completed the Grandsire family.

GAWSWORTH, Cheshire, St. James. Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (11 cwt.)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

William H. Dowse 2 Derek F. Yates 3 Roland W. Morant

4 Ian M. Holland 5 Geoffrey A. Edwards *6 John R. Scott

7 Raymond J. Ballard (Conductor) †8 Frank R. Morton

*First Surprise Major inside. †350th for the guild.

ST. IVES. Hunts, All Saints.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. Cox.

F. John Nelson

2 Stephen Yates

3 A. Pattie Clapham 4 R. Brian Mills 5 Michael J. Platt

6 Denis Mottershead

7 John Robinson (Conductor) 8 Philip G. K. Davies

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Suffolk, Cathedral of St. James.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (30 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by J. A. Burford.

1 F. John Nelson 2 Timothy Wylie 3 Susan E. Davis 4 R. Brian Mills

5 Alan M. Barber 6 Stephen Yates 7 Michael J. Platt

8 John Robinson 9 Philip G. K. Davies

10 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (11 cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stephen Ivin.

John Robinson

2 Frank E. Haynes 3 Susan E. Davis 4 Timothy Wylie 5 F. John Nelson

7 Philip G. K. Davies (Conductor) 8 Michael J. Platt

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, St. Peter. Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (71 cwt.)

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by M. S. Bruce.

1 Geoffrey A. Edwards 2 Derek Yates

3 Roland W. Morant 4 Raymond J. Ballard 5 Michael J. Platt

6 Ian M. Holland

7 Frank R. Morton 8 Ivor R. Nichols (Conductor)

POYNTON, Cheshire, St. George.

Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (133 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (11 methods: Single Oxford, Cambridge S., Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 John E. Brough

2 Roland W. Morant

3 Ian M. Holland

4 Raymond J. Ballard

5 Geoffrey A. Edwards 6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, St. Peter.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (14 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

John Bell

2 Sidney Hough 3 Susan Davis 4 Eric Roughley

5 Timothy Wylie 6 F. John Nelson

7 Geoffrey R. Gardner (Conductor)

8 Denis Mottershead

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

BURTON HASTINGS, Warwickshire, St. Botolph.

Mon., Aug. 17, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (6\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES (42 extents).
*1 C. C. Gareth Higgs
2 William Noon

*3 David W. Mountford †4 Richard J. Woodward

5 George Pluckrose (Conductor) *First on five bells. †First in method.

BRINKLOW, Warwickshire, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (8½ cwt.) 5340 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (7 extents.)

*1 Philippa Garrard

2 R. Joy Pluckrose †3 Barry J. Elliott 4 David W. Mountford

5 C. C. Gareth Higgs

6 George Pluckrose (Conductor)
*First peal. †First of Minor. First in the method for all,

POLESWORTH, Warwickshire, Abbey of St. Editha.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (11\frac{3}{2} cwt.) 5040 MINOR (11 methods: Single Oxford and Plain Bob; Oxford T.B.; Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet; Double Oxford, Thelwall St. Clements, Childwall; Kent T.B.;
Cambridge S.; Plain Bob).
1 C. C. Gareth Higgs

2 Frances Dodds 3 Anthony J. Cox 4 Raymon A. Sheasby

5 R. David Baker * 6 Geoffrey W. Randall (Conductor)
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Sheasby, grandparents of the ringer of the 4th.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMOR-LAND ASSOCIATION

KESWICK, Cumberland St. Kentigern.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES Composed by John Holt.

*1 Walter Seward

2 Alan Capstick 3 Mary Dodd †4 Douglas T. Sim

5 Michael Bangham †6 David G. Kealey 7 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

8 Graham Eilbeck *First peal. †First of Triples. Half-muf-

fled in memoriam Rev. Canon G. K. Carpenter (vicar 1939-49).

We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.

Wilde.

IRTON, Cumberland, St. Paul.

Sun., Aug. 30, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (16 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- John Hosfield
- 2 Mary Dodd 3 Douglas T. Sim
- 4 Alan Capstick
 5 Colin F. Gates
 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

First peal on the bells.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY, St. Peter.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (114 cwt.) 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by George Freebrey.

*1 Julia H. Whitehead

- *1 Julia H. Whitehead
 †2 Reginald Wallis
 3 Colin F. Roadley
 4 William Allsopp
 5 David K. Walklate (Conductor)
 6 Arthur F. Hall
 7 Kevin A. Betesta
 †8 Michael Willis
- *First peal. †Have circled the tower. 21st birthday compliments to W. Allsopp and K. Betesta.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

CALVERLEIGH, Devon, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 23min (5½ cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
*1 Brian V. Mountjoy
2 Gillian R. Cleaver
3 Timothy C. Hine
†4 Peter E. Hine

- 5 A. Nicholas Hine
- 6 John N. Longridge (Conductor)

*First of Minor. †First attempt.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

WETHERSFIELD, Essex, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (5 methods: 2 Cambridge Surprise, 1 Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clements, 2 Plain).

- 1 Josephine A. Brown *2 Anne C. Simkins 3 Robert J. Lindsell
- *4 Colin H. Gillingham
- 5 Dennis A. S. Symonds 6 Peter G. Brown (Conductor)

*Most methods to a peal.

SOUTHMINSTER, Essex, St. Leonard.

Sun., Aug. 30, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (12 cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by H. Poyner.

1 Keith W. Brown

- 2 Josephine A. Brown3 Yvonne A. Towler4 Richard J. Harrison

- *5 Peter Sawyer
 6 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)
 7 Peter G. Brown
- 8 James L. Towler *First of Surprise. For the Flower, Festival.

Let us now praise famous men-Men of little showing-For their work continueth And their work continueth, Broad and deep continueth-

Greater than their knowing. -Kipling. DANBURY, Essex, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES Composed by J. Carter.

*1 Terry Earle

- *2 Andrew S. Hudson 3 James L. Towler 4 Richard J. Harrison

- 5 Dennis A. S. Symonds 6 Harry J. Millatt 7 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)

†8 Yvonne A. Towler

*First of Stedman Triples. †Has circled the tower

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

STOW--IN-THE-WOLD, Glos, St. Edward.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (27 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

- (J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

 1 Leonard C. Dowdeswell

 *2 Bernard H. Taylor

 3 Hilda C. Taylor

 4 Brynley A. Shackleton (Conductor)
- 5 Alan Ewins 6 Eric J. Taylor 7 Frank G. Wilton
- 8 Paul Clifford

*First of Grandsire Triples inside.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sun., Aug. 23, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (10¼ cwt.) 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by Geoffrey Dodds.

Eric J. Taylor

- *2 Malcolm P. Taylor *3 Clare R. Taylor *4 Helen R. Taylor *5 Hilda C. Taylor *6 Bernard H. Taylor

- 7 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) 8 Thomas F. Metcalfe *First on 8. †First of Major inside.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CHOBHAM, Surrey, St. Lawrence.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (10 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by E. John Wells.

- *1 Denise Wood †2 Jeffrey P. Ladd 3 Peter J. Rowe
- 4 Judith M. Collins

- 5 P. Roy Collins
 6 Edward J. Futcher
 7 E. John Wells (Conductor)
- †8 Christopher K. Hill *First of Major. †First of Plain Bob Major. †Has circled the tower. Last peal on the bells before overhaul.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

EASTNOR, Herefordshire, St. John the Baptist.

Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Oxford Bob, Rev. Canter-

- bury, 3 Plain Bob). *1 Jenny M. Gough
- 2 Barbara E. Luckes
- *3 Nigel Bellamy

 *4 Geoffrey W. Young

 5 Patrick G. Hickey

 6 S. Barnaby Bell (Conductor)
- *First peal. 18th birthday compliment to Miss Amaryllis Bell-Richards.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Herts, St. James the Apostle.

Thur., Sept. 3, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12 cwt.) 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Christine M. Carter

- 2 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)
- 3 Anthony R. Carter *4 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

- 5 Robert E. Hardy 6 Andrew C. D. Mayes 7 Christopher W. Woolley

8 John R. Southey *Circled the tower. First in the method by all, Half-muffled in memoriam Edith Mary

ST. ALBANS, Herts, St. Peter.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (23 cwt.) 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Gerald Penney

Chivers (rector's mother).

- 2 Peter N. Mackley
 *3 Harold V. Frost
 †4 Terence C. Holland
 5 John E. Ewer
- 6 Christopher Forster (Conductor)
- Kenneth J. Darvill
- 8 Andrew W. R. Wilby

*Has circled the tower four times. †First of Surprise.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CITY OF LONDON, St. Lawrence Jewry.

Sun., Sept. 6, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (25 cwt.)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by Simon Humphrey.

- 1 Keith G. Game
- 2 Charlotte M. Harris3 Dorothea M. Robotham
- 4 Alan D. Flood
- 5 Tony Skilton 6 John A. Howard

- 7 Tony Lewis
 8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

LIVERPOOL, Lancs, Cathedral Church of Christ.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 4hr. 28min. (82 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

- Composed by P. Border. Dennis H. McCormick
- 2 John H. Fielden (Conductor)
- Mary R. Fielden 4 Martin Snape
- 5 John J. Durham 6 Robert A. Beresford
- Geoffrey Fothergill James E. Andrews
- 9 Cyril Crossthwaite 10 Dennis R. Jones 11 Jeffrey Brannan
- C. Barrie Dove Peter H. Gardner

SLAIDBURN, West Yorkshire, St. Andrew.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (151 cwt.) 5040 ORIGINAL MINOR

- Douglas T. Sim
- *2 Mary Dodd *3 Hugh F. Pettifer 4 Alan Capstick
- *5 David G. Kealey
 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
- *First in the method. First on the bells since 1949.

LEYLAND, Lancs, St. Andrew.

Aug. 29, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (23 cwt.) 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by G. W. Debenham.

1 Lawrence Walmsley

2 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)

Alan Capstick

*4 David G. Kealey †5 John D. Nixon *6 Richard Palmer

†7 Stanley Anderton †8 Stanley Walmsley †9 John H. Fielden

†10 Kevin M. Price *First of Royal. †First of Oxford T.B. Royal. For the 750th anniversary of the church.

MELLING, Lancs, St. Wilfrid.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (10 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES & MINOR (2880 Minor, 1 St. Clement's College, Kent T.B., Original and Plain Bob, 2160 Doubles, 4 Single Oxford, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire, 1 240 Grandsire).

1 Mary Dodd 2 Hugh F. Pettifer 3 Douglas T. Sim 4 Alan Capstick 5 David G. Kealey

6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
First of Doubles and Minor by all and for the association.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

COPT OAK, Leics, St. Peter.

Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (9\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley, York, Durham, Camp Surfleet).

1 Peter D. Bailey 2 Frank Chambers 3 Arthur E. Rowley 4 Ron D. Hughes

5 Alec R. Jones 6 Roland Beniston (Conductor) A 65th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. Albert Mason (for many years a warden) and Mrs. Mason.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Fri., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.) 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by F. C. W. Knight.

1 Cherrill L. Everard

*2 Clive J. Mobbs *3 B. Stedman Payne 4 Hazel J. Nichols

5 E. Guy Slater 6 J. Richard Perkins

7 Ron D. Hughes (Conductor) 8 G. Ronald Edwards

*25th together. 21st birthday compliment to Richard S. Moore (Birstall).

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LLANTWIT MAJOR, Glam, St. Illtyd.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (113 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (5 240's, 32 120's.)

1 David Bounds 2 Cyril F. Cook 3 Paul W. Thomas (Conductor)

4 Raymond J. Mayle 5 William T. Petty 6 Michael J. Clarke

Wedding compliment to the tower captain, Peter G. Mayle, and Wendy Mitcham, married immediately after the peal.

BLAENAVON, Mon, St. Peter.

Wed., Sept. 2, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (9 cwt.) 5088 BLAENAFON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. R. Mayne.

1 Paul W. Thomas 2 James Clatworthy

2 James Clatworthy
3 David J. Llewellyn
4 Howard W. Egglestone
5 Nicholas W. H. Simon
6 Tudor P. Edwards
7 Paul A. Williams
8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor) First peal in the method.

BLAENAFON SURPRISE MAJOR —56—14—56—38—14—1258.36.12.56. h.l. 78. l.e. 12 D.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

CAMBRIDGE, St. Mary the Great.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (28 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Brian D. Threlfall 2 Claudia A. Critchley 3 Jack L. Millhouse

4 G. William Critchley 5 Bernard F. L. Groves

6 Basil Jones (Conductor) Arthur G. Mason

Affulr G. Mason
8 Alexander J. Martin
9 Geoffrey R. Parker
10 Alan F. Scholfield
11 Robert B. Smith

12 Brian Harris

To mark the appointment of Rev. S. Booth-Clibborn (Lincoln) as vicar.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DISS, Norfolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (233 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 Frank C. J. Arnold 2 Adrial Walton

3 Richard J. W. Housden 4 Thomas E. Spight

5 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

6 Geoffrey R. Parker 7 Henry Tooke 8 H. William Barrett

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 3hr. (233 cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

1 Claudia A. Critchley

2 Arthur G. Mason

3 David G. Adams

4 G. William Critchley

5 Basil Jones 6 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)

Brian Harris 8 Robert B. Smith

WYMONDHAM, Norfolk, SS. Mary and Thomas of Canterbury.

Sun., Aug. 30, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (26½ cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. B. Smith.

Geoffrey R. Parker

Claudia A. Critchley

Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

Arthur G. Mason

5 G. William Critchley 6 Jack L. Millhouse Alexander J. Martin

Bernard F. L. Groves 9 Basil Jones

10 Brian Harris

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (16½ cwt.) 5088 VERMONT SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 H. George Hart

2 Elsie K. Hart *3 Peter J. Heritage *4 Brian W. Hall

*5 Peter Pearce 6 Frank Reed

*7 D. Kay Adkins (Conductor)

*8 Philip Bosworth *First in the method.

WITNEY, Oxon, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. (16½ cwt.) 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by W. Barton.

Peter Coveney

2 Shirley M. Drew 3 Terence J. Hester 4 Michael Rose

5 G. John Collett

6 Leonard C. Edwards 7 Philip H. Tocock

8 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

KINGHAM, Oxon, St. Andrew. Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (12½ cwt.) 5024 XANTHUS SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Mayne. *1 Peter Coveney 2 Elsie K. Hart

*3 Michael Rose *4 Peter Pearce

5 H. George Hart *6 Frank Reed

*7 D. Kay Adkins (Conductor)
*8 Bertram J. Coggins.

*First in method.

DRAYTON, Berkshire, St. Peter. Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (94 cwt.)

5056 LATHKILL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Wratten. (No. 30.) 1 Leonard Stilwell 2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)

3 Terence J. Hester 4 Peter Pearce

5 G. John Collett

6 John J. Durham 7 William Birmingham

8 Frank Reed

First in method for all and for the guild.

CHURCHILL, Oxon, All Saints.
Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (103 cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.

Terence J. Hester

2 Peter Pearce 3 G. John Collett 4 Valerie Willard

5 Michael Rose 6 John J. Durham

William Birmingham 8 Frank Reed (Conductor)

STOKE GOLDINGTON, Bucks, St. Peter. Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (131 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents, 18 methods: Carlisle and Chester; Rossendale and Stamford; Lightfoot and Wearmouth; Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; London and Wells; Westminster and Allendale; Cam-bridge and Primrose).

1 David A. Hope *2 Joyce M. Clarke

*3 Elizabeth Forster *4 David Redfearn *5 Robert E. Hardy

8 Frank Reed (Conductor) *First in 18 methods.

CLANFIELD, Oxon, St. Stephen. Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (12³/₄ cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Leonard Stilwell

Terence J. Hester 3 Michael Rose 4 Brian W. Hall

*5 G. John Collett 6 Leonard C. Edwards 7 William Birmingham

8 Frank Reed (Conductor)

*First in method.

BURFORD, Oxon, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 3 hr. (173 cwt.) 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

1 Malcolm Journeaux 2 Brian C. Watson 3 Peter Pearce

4 G. John Collett 5 Thomas W. Timms 6 William J. Dixon

7 William Birmingham 8 Philip H. Tocock (Conductor)

SOUTHLEIGH, Oxon, St. James the Great.

Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (10 cwt.) 5056 AYNHO SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Wratten. (No. 30.) 1 Terence J. Hester

2 Elsie K. Hart3 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)4 Valerie Willard

5 H. George Hart 6 Michael Rose Leonard C. Edwards

8 Frank Reed First in method for all and for the guild.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, Bucks, All Saints.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10 cwt.) **5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

*1 Julie A. Tyler 2 Mrs. A. K. Ingram *3 Adrian D. Tyler †4 Cliff W. J. East

‡5 Maurice G. Ingram

6 Roman E. Sadowski (Conductor)
*First peal. †First of Minor. ‡100th peal. First as conductor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

EDGBASTON, Birmingham, St. Bartholomew.

Wed., Aug. 12, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (10 cwt.) 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1280 Cambridge, Superlative, London, 1312 Bristol, with 112 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

John N. Lindon

2 Bryan D. A. Woolley 3 Stephen W. Barton 4 Gerald C. Hemming

5 Kenneth J. Hesketh6 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)7 Maurice F. Edwards

8 Clifford A. Barron

HARBORNE, Birmingham, St. Peter.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (10 cwt.) 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (Martin's Befores.)

*1 Denise Hogarth Joyce Barton

3 Richard J. Tibbetts

4 David Flint

5 Stephen W. Barton 6 Paul Evans

John N. Lindon 8 Clifford A. Barron (Conductor) *First peal. Half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Leonard Wilson (former Bishop of Birmingham), a resident of the parish of Harborne.

EDGBASTON, Birmingham, St. Bartholomew.

Wed., Sept. 2, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (10 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Arthur Craven.

John F. I. Turney Richard J. Tibbetts 3 Lynda M. Deebank

4 A. Bryan Ellsmore 5 E. John Keddie

6 Maurice F. Edwards 7 Michael J. Fellows 8 Stephen W. Barton (Conductor)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

PIDDLEHINTON, Dorset, St. Mary the Virgin.

Wed., June 17, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (10 methods: Munden and Chester, Carlisle, Wells, London, York and Durham, Surfleet and Bever-

ley, Cambridge).

2 Mary E. Elmes 3 Melvyn J. Hiller *4 Stuart I. Bamforth
5 Graham W. Elmes
6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*Most methods.

HILTON, Dorset, All Saints.

Wed., July 22, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (16 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Mary E. Elmes *2 Christopher J. Cull Philip D. Cull 4 Stuart I. Bamforth

5 Graham W. Elmes 6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) *First peal (aged 12).

HAZELBURY BRYAN, Dorset, SS. Mary and James.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (15 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (9 methods: Single Court and Double Court, Single Oxford, Thelwall and Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob).

*1 Miles W. C. Lawson
2 Mary E. Elmes

†3 Philip R. Keough 4 Stuart I. Bamforth 5 Graham W. Elmes

6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) *First peal. †Most methods. 100th as conductor. Most Plain Minor methods for the

Salisbury Guild.

BURTON BRADSTOCK, Dorset, St. Mary. Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Munden, Chester, Carlisle, London, Surfleet, Beverley Cambridge).

1 Ross G. W. Robertson

2 Stuart I. Bamforth 3 Melvyn J. Hiller

*4 Edward G. Mould
5 Graham W. Elmes
6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) *Most methods.

BOURNEMOUTH, Hampshire, St. Peter.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (20½ cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. S. Wilde.

*1 Philip D. Cull 2 David L. Cull

†3 Barry J. Fry 4 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

5 Philip R. Keough 6 Ross G. W. Robertson ‡7 Stuart I. Bamforth 8 Frederick E. Collins

*First of Surprise Major. †First of Surprise Major inside. ‡First of Cambridge Major.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, Dorset, Minster Church of St. Cuthberga.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (293 cwt.) **5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS** Composed by A. Knights.

1 Ronald N. Marlow *2 Cuthbert W. Powell

*3 Mary E. Elmes

†4 David R. Baxter †5 Melvyn J. Hiller 6 Ross G. W. Robertson *7 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*8 Graham W. Elmes

9 Rev. Roger Keeley 10 Thomas J. Setter

*First of Grandsire Caters. †First of Caters.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

PREES, Salop, St. Chad. Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B., 1 Oxford T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

1 Elizabeth Stevens

*2 Patricia C. Stocken 3 Edward V. Rodenhurst 4 Reginald H. Newton

5 Ernest F. Willcox 6 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor) *First in three methods.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

ASPLEY, Notts, St. Margaret. Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (9 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by George Hughes. 1 David Hind

2 Peter Hayward 3 Peter W. Brown

4 Richard Thompson 5 Reginald J. Stretton

6 Trevor H. Kirkman

7 Anthony E. Clayton 8 George A. Dawson (Conductor) Wedding compliment to Sarah Taylor, daughter of Paul Taylor (Loughborough).

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STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

CANNOCK, Staffs, St. Luke.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14 cwt). 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

L. Christine Slater

*2 Patricia C. Stocken

3 Philip J. Day 4 Philip R. Johnson 5 Philip J. Evans

6 Richard C. Stevens

7 Elizabeth Stevens (Conductor)
8 Ernest F. Willcox
*First on eight. First as conductor. mark the wedding of Gillian Bosworth-Smith and David L. Birch, which took place in this church earlier in the day.

SOCIETY OF NEW FOREST YOUTHS

EASTON, Hants, St. Mary the Virgin. Fri., Aug. 21, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (6\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 MINOR (4 methods: 1 Oxford T.B., 2 Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Plain Bob.)

1 Jennifer L. Quaife 2 Mary Sutcliffe 3 Barry J. Fry 4 John P. Colliss

5 Roy Le Marechal 6 R. Brian Walton (Conductor)

First peal on the bells. To the Glory of God. "O clap your hands together, all ye people:

O sing unto God with the voice of melody.' (Psalm 47 vi, inscription on the treble).

SUFFOLK GUILD

NORTH LOPHAM, Norfolk, St. Nicholas.

Sun., Aug. 30, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Katharine M. Thorley

2 Muriel R. Page 3 Leslie G. Brett

5 Desire C. Diett
4 Dorothy M. Durrant
5 Alan G. Feaver
6 Adrian Knights
7 Frank C. J. Arnold
8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

BUNGAY, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (15½ cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1 Alan G. Feaver 2 Dorothy M. Durrant

3 Muriel R. Page

4 William Flatt

5 Adrian Knights

6 J. Martin Thorley 7 Cecil W. Pipe

*8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor) *Has rung peals on the 34 ringable eights in the county.

HALESWORTH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (18 cwt.) **5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Composed by A. Craven. 1 Leslie G. Brett

*2 Katharine M. Thorley

*3 Muriel R. Page

*4 Dorothy M. Durrant *5 Alan G. Feaver *6 Adrian Knights

7 Cecil W. Pipe

8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*First of Pudsey. This was Katharine M. Thorley's 100th peal (aged 14 years, 5 months).

EARL STONHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (6 each St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Grandsire, Plain, Win-chendon Place and Rev. Canterbury). 1 David J. H. Barber

*2 Kelvin Dakin

3 Rev. Brian Redgers

4 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey (Cond.)

*5 Roy W. Lockwood

*First of Doubles.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene. Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (21½ cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by W. E. Critchley. 1 Leslie G. Brett

2 Katharine M. Thorley

3 Muriel R. Page 4 Stephen J. Bedford

5 Ernest G. Pearce 6 Walter W. Miller 7 Adrian Knights

8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

SURREY ASSOCIATION

LONDON, St. Olave, Hart Street.

Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (11 cwt.)

5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (14 methods: 448 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, 192 Cornwall and Cray,

with 130 changes of method). Composed by Norman Smith. Rosemary J. Cotton

2 Nigel Thomson

Christopher Forster 4 Alan D. Flood

Norman Summerhayes
A. Keith P. Poole
Jeremy R. Pratt (Conductor)
Andrew W. R. Wilby

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Southern Universities Association)

EXETER, Devon, St. Mark.

Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12½ cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Pitstow's.)

John N. Longridge

2 Robert H. Newton 3 Catherine M. Bew

4 David R. Cox 5 Terry G. Williams *6 R. Ian West

7 David L. Nibbs 8 Michael J. Bew (Conductor)

*First in method.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN **GUILD**

BRECON, Brecknockshire, St. Mary.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (16 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 Michael R. Meadows

*2 Stephen Fenwick 3 Peter S. Bennett

4 James Clatworthy 5 James R. Taylor 6 Paul A. Williams

7 D. John Hunt

8 J. Michael Lakin (Conductor)

*100th peal.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

GULVAL, Cornwall, St. Gulval.

Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 3hr. (13 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES (Hubbard's five-part.)

*1 John J. George

2 Geoffrey W. Taysom 3 Canon A. S. Roberts †4 W. Reginald Curtis

†5 Anthony P. Smith †6 Timothy J. Bell

[†]7 F. Malcolm Bowers (Conductor)

8 Denis Stephens

*First of Triples. †First of Bob Triples. For the Feast of the Transfiguration.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

CIRENCESTER, Glos, St. John the Baptist.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (29 cwt.)
5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Composed by Albert M. Tyler.
1 Ian C. Maycock (Conductor)
2 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden
3 E. Mary Bliss

4 Anthony J. Cox 5 Nicholas W. H. Simon 6 Jonathan G. Rose

7 Edward G. Mould 8 Arthur R. Wright 9 Peter C. Randall 10 John T. Parsons 11 Patrick J. Bird

12 Colin C. Monson

A thanksgiving for the arrival of Nicola Ann Maycock and Gillian Dawn Wright, daughters of the ringers of 1 and 8 respectively; also a wedding compliment to Colin C. Monson (ringer of 12) and Janet Pretty.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

WEM, Salop, SS. Peter and Paul.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (123 cwt.) 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Morley P. Tobin M. Irene Brown

*3 Reginald H. Newton 4 J. Clifford Skidmore

5 A. Bryan Ellsmore

6 Peter J. Brown 7 Gerald C. Hemming

8 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
*First of London. A birthday compliment to Gerald Hemming.

FECKENHAM, Worcs, St. John.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (12 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 736 Superlative, 704 London, Rutland, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, 576 Bristol, 544 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by N. J. Diserens. Reginald H. Newton

2 M. Irene Brown3 Morley P. Tobin4 Robert Edwards

5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

*6 Peter J. Brown

7 Arthur C. Berry
8 Gerald C. Hemming
*First of 8-spliced. A compliment to David and Carolyn Draper (of the local band), married this day.

A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal. Wilde.

BRIDGNORTH, Shropshire, St. Mary Magdalene

Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 2hr, 36 min. (8½ cwt.) 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.
Reginald H. Newton

Margaret A. Swain Alan M. Jones

Leslie Smith J. Clifford Skidmore

John J. Durham

7 Morley P. Tobin (Conductor) 8 Michael J. Fellows

First as conductor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

DORE, Derbyshire, Christ Church.

Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (114 cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Ian M. Holland.

1 William H. Dowse 2 Geoffrey A. Edwards 3 Frank R. Morton 4 Raymond J. Ballard

5 Roland W. Morant 6 Richard Farnsworth

7 Ian M. Holland (Conductor)

8 Richard S. Starkie

BOLSOVER, Derbys, SS. Mary & Lawrence.

Thur., Sept: 3, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (14³/₄ cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

John E. Turley

Cyril Rusby 2 Cyfir Rusby 3 Geoffrey A. Edwards 4 Michael J. Platt 5 Roland W. Morant 6 Raymond J. Ballard

7 Frank R. Morton

8 Ian M. Holland (Conductor)

HULL, Yorkshire, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (25 cwt.)
5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
1 Robert W. Sherriff
2 Maris C. Stephenson
*3 Roderick R. Horton

4 Peter Church

5 F. Neville Pailing 6 Jack L. Millhouse Michael Maughan (Conductor)

8 Geoffrey R. Parker 9 Ian G. Campbell 10 Ronald Ducker *First of London Royal.

CAMPINGOLOGISTS' TOUR

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter. , Aug. 1, 1970, 3hr. 32min. (42½ cwt.) 5042 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS Composed by S. Jenner.

Timothy Wylie John Robinson

3 F. John Nelson (Conductor)

4 Kenneth R. Davenport

5 Geoffrey Davies
6 Richard J. Tibbetts
7 Raymond J. Ballard
8 Geoffrey R. Gardner
9 Ronald R. Warford
10 Charles A. S. Webb
11 David W. Friend

12 C. Barrie Dove

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle. Sun., Aug. 2, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (11½ cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox. Christopher J. Easton

Geoffrey Davies 3 F. Hector Bennett 4 Stephen Yates

5 Raymond J. Ballard 6 Richard J. Tibbetts

7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) 8 Philip G. K. Davies

EASINGWOLD, Yorks, St. John the Baptist and All Saints. Mon., Aug. 3, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (9\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Philip G. K. Davies

2 F. Hector Bennett

3 Stephen Yates

4 Christopher J. Easton

5 Geoffrey Davies (Conductor)

6 John Robinson

7 Kenneth R. Davenport 8 Richard J. Tibbetts

RIPON, Yorks, SS. Peter and Wilfrid. Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (23 cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by Stuart Armeson.

F. Hector Bennett John Robinson

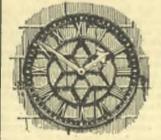
3 Stephen Yates

4 V. Henry Fielden 5 Richard J. Tibbetts 6 Geoffrey Davies

Raymond J. Ballard

8 Philip G. K. Davies
9 Ronald R. Warford
10 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
For the Feast of St. Wilfrid.

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Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

Peter S. Philpott

2 Stephen Yates 3 Raymond J. Ballard 4 Richard J. Tibbetts

5 John Robinson

6 Kenneth R. Davenport
7 Philip G. K. Davies (Conductor)

8 Geoffrey Davies

KILDWICK, Yorks, St. Andrew.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (15¼ cwt.) 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Arthur Craven.

Peter S. Philpott 2 F. Hector Bennett

3 Stephen Yates 4 Raymond J. Ballard

5 Geoffrey Davies (Conductor) 6 Kenneth R. Davenport 7 Richard J. Tibbetts

8 John Robinson

GUISELEY, Yorks, St. Oswald.

Wed., Aug. 5, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (163 cwt.) 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR Arranged by Richard J. Tibbetts.

Christopher J. Easton 2 Iris M. E. Lemare 3 Geoffrey Davies 4 F. Hector Bennett

5 Raymond J. Ballard
6 Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)
7 Kenneth R. Davenport
8 Philip G. K. Davies

HEPTONSTALL, Yorks, St. Thomas the Apostle.

Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (181 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 Peter S. Philpott

2 Philip G. K. Davies 3 Raymond J. Ballard (Conductor)

4 Kenneth R. Davenport

5 F. Hector Bennett 6 John Robinson 7 Stephen Yates

8 Geoffrey R. Gardner

BRADFORD, Yorks, Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (251 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 Christopher J. Easton 2 F. Hector Bennett

3 Stephen Yates 4 J. Henry Fielden

5 Michael G. Dodson 6 Michael J. Platt

7 Peter H. Gardner 8 Philip G. K. Davies

9 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) 10 David W. Friend

FAR HEADINGLEY, Yorks, St. Chad.

Thur., Aug. 6, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (18½ cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, with 69 changes

of method and all the work).
Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.
1 Peter S. Philpott
2 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
3 Kenneth R. Davenport

4 Richard J. Tibbetts
5 Raymond J. Ballard
6 Geoffrey R. Gardner
7 Ronald R. Warford

8 John Robinson

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire, 52 Wellington Road.

Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 2hr. (14 in C.) 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by John Reeves.

1-2 David Atkinson 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

5-6 Gerald Moorhouse

7-8 John Gander

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of Mrs. C. K. Lewis's first peal (August 25).

MARPLE, Cheshire, 43 Leigh Avenue.

Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 2hr. 33min. 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.

1-2 Ron F. Andrew 3-4 Alan F. Scholfield

5-6 Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)

7-8 Peter Broadbent

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMOR-LAND ASSOCIATION

THORNHILL, Cumberland, Mont Egre.

Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES (42 extents, maximum callings.)

*1-2 David G. Kealey
3-4 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*5-6 Colin F. Gates *First in hand.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Fri., Aug. 21, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (15 in C.) 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Reeves. *1-2 John R. Southey

3-4 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

5-6 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)
*7-8 Trevor N. J. Bailey
*First in method on handbells.

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive. Wed., Sept. 2, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (15 in C.)

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1216 London, 1184 Wembley, 1120 Cambridge, 800 Bristol and 800 Superlative,

with 140 changes of method). Composed by Stanley Jenner.

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin *3-4 Christopher W. Woolley

5-6 Roger Baldwin

7-8 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

*1,000th peal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 1hr. 45min. (14 in D.) 5040 MINOR (14 methods: Alperton Alliance and Crayford Little Court; London and Single Court; Double Court and Reverse; Plain and Single Oxford; Double Oxford, St. Clement's College and Hereward; Yaxley Alliance and Liitle Bob, College).

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley *5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) *200th peal and 175th as conductor.



LADY ST. MARY'S RINGERS, WAREHAM, DORSET

A group taken after the tower A.G.M. earlier this year: Back row (left to right): M. C. N. Brown, M. J. Hill, A. J. Hill, M. F. Smith,

P. Tucker, Penny Dew, Mandy Preston.

Centre row: Jenny Tanner, T. F. Collins, Mary Elmes, V. J. Baker, Betty Christopher (secretary elect), R. G. W. Robertson, Claire Brown.

Front row: M. J. Dew, Frances Brown (retiring secretary), G. W. Elmes (retiring captain), C. T. Brown, Judith Robertson, P. R. Keough (captain elect).

SCOTLAND AGAIN!

If anyone had suggested it was possible to ring at all the Scottish towers (except the most northerly-Inverness) over the Bank Holiday week-end they would have been laughed at, especially had they known that ropes would have to be fitted at Inverarary.

However, the organisers of the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild made their plans well in advance and with the help and co-operation of the Scottish ringers the party set out on the Friday by coach, ringing on the way on the ten at St. Helens Parish Church, Lancs, and the very nice light eight at St. Thomas's, Eccleston, where Mr. Hurst met us. He rang the tenor remarkably well considering he is blind.

Next came St. James's, Poolstock, Wigan, where interest was taken in the peal boards showing two men ringing the tenor in each peal recorded, and in one case two on the seventh. Despite this, the bells have not received any attention since that time and go remarkably well.

The ten at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Lancaster and the eight at Lancaster Priory completed Friday's programme before travelling overnight to Inveraray. Arriving in plenty of time for 8.30 breakfast, by 10 a.m. the glorious ten were sounding out over Loch Fyne and the surgunding houses

rounding houses.

For us all these bells will be something long remembered, at least four of the party ringing their first of Cambridge Royal, and the two hours spent were very rewarding. Lunch was taken at the Anvil Restaurant and then on through beautiful mountain scenery to Dunblane Cathedral, where again the bells left a lasting impression.

An extra bell not mentioned in "Dove" and hung for ringing proved to be a sharp fifth, enabling us to ring a middle six, and this proved interesting. A contrast was the light eight at Ailoa, and they were much enjoyed before heading for the hotel in Edinburgh and a good night's sleep.

On Sunday we enjoyed service ringing at the Cathedral and again were impressed with the bells before ringing on the light five at Fettes College immediately afterwards. The bells are housed in a most impressive pile, proving what bellhanging can do, as the bells are hung at the top of a stair turret.

St. Cuthbert's eight can only be described as a glorious ring, whilst the final eight in Edinburgh (St. James's, Leith) made a change from Taylors with a Mears 1866 eight.

From here we travelled the 55 miles to ring for Evensong at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow (another beautiful ten), where Cambridge Royal again went well, and Paisley, where we rang after the evening

Monday, our final day in Scotland, and for all of us our first trip across the Forth Bridge. At ten o'clock we were ringing on the eight at Old Steeple, Dundee, an old Mears eight rehung last year, followed by a similar ring at St. Paul's Cathedral. We then moved back into England, ring-

ing on the eight at Carlisle Cathedral and then to the 14cwt. eight at St. Elisabeth's, Carlisle. Here a surprise awaiting us was to find a modern church (only built in the last three years); the bells, transferred from the demolished Church of St. Stephen, Carlisle, are a very useful ring.

And so ended a tour to be remembered

by all. G. D.

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ON UNIVERSALITY-No. 3

In a recent letter Giles Thompson set out various groups of courses based on fixing one bell in its home position for the 12 possible + courses and in the same or another position for the 12 possible

— courses. The resulting sets of 24 are
true to various combinations of f.c.h.
groups. Some of Giles' results Some of Giles' results were groups. wrongly given and his list is not complete. The correct results are given below; the notation a/b means the two sets of 12 courses having, respectively, either bell a fixed in a+ and b— or the bell b fixed in b+ and a-.

2/2 true to all g h i k n o p r s u CDEF. 3/3 & 4/4 true to all c f i l p r s B C D F. 5/5 & 6/6 true to all ceghilmnors

BEF 2/3 & 2/4 true to all dfioprs ABF. 2/5 & 2/6 true to all e g i r s A B C. 3/4 true to all bilnoprs ABCE. 3/5 & 4/6 true to all c i 1 r s A E. 3/6 & 4/5 true to all b c i l n r s D. 5/6 true to all b g h i l m o r s

While these sets are extremely useful, further results may be obtained for other combinations of f.c.h. groups by a simple extension of the fixed bell principle. basic idea is that of fixing one pair of bells in two pairs of positions. I have not seen a UC published having this property.

BCDF.

First select two position-pairs which we will call a,b and c,d. These may have one position in common, eg. 3,4 & 4,6. To obtain a UC for any given combination of f.c.h. groups it is a necessary and sufficient condition that none of the individual f.c.h. (both + and -) in this combination must have bells a and b in any of the positionpairs a,b b,a c,d or d,c. (This automatically means that bells c and d will also not fall in any of these positions.) If this condition is met, there are 24 true courses for the f.c.h. chosen, and these are the 24 courses where either of these bell-pairs does fall in these positions. The true set of 24 will thus consist of four sets of six, in each of which a pair of bells is fixed. The fixed pair must be the same pair through-

As an example, here is the f.c.h. group t:

24536 36452 62453 53246) 25346 43526 26354 24653 32564 32645 46235 45263

None of the previous types of UC is true to this group. Examining the individual members of group t it will be found that (a) position-pairs 3,5 and 4,6 and (b) position-pairs 3,4 and 5,6 fulfil the conditions above. Considering (a), the true 24 courses will be the four blocks of six having the skeleton structures either 03050,05030, 00305 and 00503 or 00406, 00604, 04060 and 06040. For (b) these skeletons will be either 03400, 04300, 00034, 00043 or 00056, 00065, 05600, 06500. We are not concerned about the sign here, although each set of six naturally consists of three each of + and -.

Some of the more useful results based on investigations of all the possible position-pairs are given below. This list is very incomplete, as some results are not worth the effort of using. Some of the compositions below are just about OK by the Central Council, but after this year's meeting, who knows?

4.5 2.5 & 2.6 3.6 true to all c e f i m n r s BDE. 4,5 2,4 true to all c e i k n p r s B D F. 2,4 2,5 true to all c g i k o p s u C. E. 3,5 4,6 true to all e g i m o r s t A B C D E F. 5,6 2,5 & 5,6 2,6 true to all f i 1 m o r B C.

5,6 3,5 & 5,6 4,6 true to all g h i l o p r BDEF. 4,5 5,6 & 5,6 3,6 true to all i k o p r s BF. 3,4 5,6 true to all f g i m s t C D E F.

I have not managed to join up the courses of this last set. Any offers?

4ths	B 3rds	5ths	H	23456
S	S	S		25634 32654
S 2S		S S		35426) 35624 A
S	S S			23654 52634
	A			53624
S	S	S		25436 34562
	SS	S 2S		54263) 24563 B
В	with S	at *		36542
	В			26543
S	S	S S -	_	56342 23456

The singles are made in 1278 and the two bobs are in 1456. The composition is true to all e g i m o r s t A B C D B F, and is the first UC I have seen for group t. As given, this is a 5120 for methods of groups C and F. For group A it is 5184 and for B is 5056; in these instances the composition must be reversed. Groups D and E cannot be fitted in without losing too many changes, so this composition is not as universal as it might be. Similar restrictions apply to 8ths place methods, where the singles are of course called in 1238.

5ths	2nds	3rds M	Н	23456
S	s s	s s s	2S* (2S)	42356 42653 32456 63452

Repeat 3x, Add S W between 2S* in alternate parts. Omit (2S) in one part only. Singles at M, W, H in 1234; those at 2, 3 and 5 in 1278, True to all c e f i m r s n B D E.

2nds	M	5152 W	3rds	23456
(S)	S	S	S	42563 62543

Repeat 12x, omitting (2S) in two places 12 courses apart. For 5152 call the S3rds only in four places, each six courses apart, and omit one of the resulting 2S W. Singles at 2, 3 in 1278; those at M and W in 1234.

True to all c e i k n p r s B D F.

ROBERT E. HARDY.

RECENT EXAMPLES OF BELLFOUNDING

I would like to draw the attention of your readers to a number of recent augmentations and new rings of bells in the Midlands. It would appear that the Loughborough Foundry, which has been responsible for the rings I wish to mention, is embarking on a period of great achievement in bellfounding. This is probably due in no small measure to the energy, ability and musical knowledge of its present principal, Mr. Paul Taylor.

Aspley, Notts, has a ring of eight (tenor

9 cwt.) which are, in the minds of many who ring in the area, the height of perfection. There is a perfect balance in the go of these bells which makes ringing quite effortless. J. T. and Co. can be congratulated on all aspects of this ring.

St. Thomas, Stourbridge, Worcs, once had a lumpy ring of eight, which were hung too high in the tower, and which swung alarmingly under the strain. They are now an excellent ring of ten. The bells are hung after the pattern of the Taylor 12 at Evesham. Although on the same level the castings are split into three distinct groups in order to distribute the stresses over the whole tower.

Ruddington, Notts, bells were last year recast into a lighter ring of eight and rehung in a new frame lower in the tower. They were originally in a two-tier wooden frame. They are now a fast-going ring which it would be difficult to strike badly.

Through the efforts of Mr. Gordon Lane the ring of six at Kingsbury, Warks, has been recast, augmented to eight and rehung in a new metal frame, making this a fine

ground floor ring.

Many other rings could be mentioned in detail if space permitted. The recast and rehung 23 cwt. ten at East Retford; the old ring of eight at Southwell Minster, recast and augmented to 12; St. Peter's, Nottingham, where the ring of ten was partly recast, augmented to 12 and rehung in a twotier metal frame; the augmentation at Whatton from six to eight are just four of the excellent rings of bells in Nottinghamshire dealt with by Taylors. Also, mention should be made of the augmentation of that glorious ring of ten to 12 bells at Solihull. P. C. R. H.

CHANGES IN ST. ALBANS

The St. Albans District Committee of the Hertford County Association has recently co-opted several new members on to the committee in anticipation of the departure of three leading members.

Mrs. Alice Talbot-Ponsonby will be leaving in October as her husband has been appointed curate at St. Martin's, Salisbury. The Rev. Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby is also a keen ringer and the absence of both will be felt not only at Radlett but in the district as a whole. Mr. Kenneth J. Darvill is to be married at the end of October and will be living at Beaconsfield, Bucks. He has agreed to continue as a committee member until the A.G.M. The district ringing master, Mr. Andrew W. R. Wilby, will also be standing down at the end of the year as, from September, he is taking up an appointment in Nottingham, although he will be returning home at most week-ends for the

time being. The district is fortunate in that several competent ringers have recently moved into the area, and it is hoped that they will be able to support the district activities; a warm welcome certainly awaits them!

HOTEL-WITH BELL BAR

A luxury hotel recently opened in the Midlands is the Post House, Leicester, at the junction of Narborough Road South and Braunstone Lane East. A four-page illustrated folder, of newspaper size, enumerates the amenities available for the traveller, but the one which must be of most interest to bellringers is the Bell Bar. This, says the advertisement, is the only bar in Britain with a campanologists' carpet.

The carpet in the Bell Bar has an original and appropriate pattern, recognisable instantly to any campanologist as being based upon bell change ringing. The carpet specially designed by Allan Ballantyne features a series of rectangles of differing size and pattern based on the change ringing method of Double Bob Minor. The zigzag motif of the curtains is, again, illustrative of the bell ringers' diagram for executing, in bellringing parlance, a Plain Hunt.

The hotel's Bell Bar is adjacent to the Wyvern Grill Room, and its design incorporates items salvaged from the old Bell Hotel, Leicester,

In the Bar itself, also from the old Bell Hotel, known to many Leicester folk, are the bright red and green sallies, or bell rope ends, used now as decorative features.

Sending the folder, Mrs. Jill Staniforth tells us that the architect in charge of the building, which opened recently, is Mr. John Sanson, of Castle Hill Avenue, Berkhamsted, Herts. He is a bell ringer and made himself known after sending a donation to the T.W.W. fund.

Any ringer visiting Leicester should make a point of calling to sample the comforts of the Bell Bar at the Post House.



At the conclusion of their marriage service at Holy Trinity Church, Ash Priors, Taunton, Mr. Keith Beale and Miss Frances Gadd took their turn at ringing the church bells, accompanied by the bride's stepfather, Mr. Albert Knight, and two of the bridesmaids, Miss Marian Beale and Miss Susann Somers.

maids, Miss Marian Beale and Miss Susann Somers.

The couple met through their common interest in church bell ringing. Mr. Beale being deputy ringing master of the Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, tower captain of Holy Trinity Church, Taunton, and secretary to the Church Council. Mr. Knight is captain of the tower at Ash Priors, the bride being one of the band, while the bridegroom's sister, Marian, rings in the Holy Trinity tower and Miss Somers at St. George, Wilton, Taunton.



Under a heading "Old Bells Peal Again" The Ipswich Evening Star of August 20 gave a very good picture (here reproduced) and a write-up about the peal of Minor (page 719). It said:—

"Last night the bells of St. Mary's-at-the-Quay Church in Key Street, Ipswich, were heard over the town. The church is now used as a headquarters for Ipswich Boys' Brigade and the bell tower has not been used regularly since the 1939-45 War. The ringers were all members of the Suffolk Guild of Bellringers and one of them, Mr. Frank Lufkin, said: 'We all ring for religious services and national holidays. Tonight we were ringing for our own pleasure.

"'Ipswich was the Mecca of church bell ringing in the 1920s, and it's good to hear the old bells peal now and again,' he said. The picture shows the ringers outside the church. Left to right: John Girt, Walter Arnold, Keith Whittell, Martin Thorley, Frank Lufkin and Alan Bridges."

The last peal was in July, 1968, for George E. Symonds' 94th birthday.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY"

was sung with gusto on September 5 at Willow Grove, Middlesex, when a jolly party was held to celebrate Wilfrid Wilson's 60th. Between 20 and 30 guests—the majority bellringers—were wined and dined luxuriously, the mountains of food and good company being the main features. Naturally handbells were part of the proceedings and a good time was had by all! Next day (in spite of the late night) a good quarter was rung at Ealing for Wilfrid's anniversary.



Miss Katharine M. Thorley, of Laxfield, Suffolk, who has, at the age of 14 years 5 months, rung 100 peals (R.W., page 732).



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ELDERKIN.—On April 11, 1970, at H.H. the Aga Khan Platinum Jubilee Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya, to Sarah and Derek, a daughter, Bronya. a sister for Jessica and Freya. 9690

HALLETT .- To Janet and Mike, of Prittlewell, on September 7, a son, Neil Edward. 9717

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MARTIN - MASON. - At St. Peter's, Commercial Road, Southampton, on Sat., Oct. 3, at 2.15, Alan Howard, eldest child of Vera and Edwin Martin, of Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh, Hants, with Muriel Jean, elder daughter of Evelyn Mason, F.S.C.T., and Stanley Mason, of Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, and sister of Christine (Mrs. Peter Arnold, S.R.N., of Fawley, Hants). Both sisters formerly towerand handbell ringers in Nuneaton and Southampton. Newly-built future home just completed near Romsey, Hants.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CAWLEY.—During the coming academic year David's term-time address is King's College Hostel, Vincent Square, Westminster, S.W.1. Tel.: 01-834 7316.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

The telephone number of Alan Buswell, of 12 Park Road, Denmead, Portsmouth, PO7 6NE, is Waterlooville 54178. S.T.D. Code 070-14. Work number: Portsmouth 23023. S.T.D. Code 0705. 9715

"That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience." -Titus ii, 2,

PAMELA BROWN. - Is your new address a secret? If not, please let me know what it is .-9720

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

MID-DEVON. — Bed, breakfast and dinner.
Good centre for touring. Mrs. A. Fidler, "Highcroft", Bow, Crediton. Also 4-berth caravan at
Sandymouth Bay, near Bude. — Vacancles September. Bow 379. 9302

MISCELLANEOUS

LANCASTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. - Any ringers starting at the University or St. Martin's College this session are invited to contact Robert Stokes, 1 Orchard Avenue, Harpenden, Herts, for details of Guild activities. 9695

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL.—Ringers coming up to University College, Cardiff, this term are in-vited to join In the ringing at the Cathedral: Sunday, 10.15-11; 3-4; 5.30-6.30 p.m. P.N Tuesday, 7.15-9. 9700

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY will welcome ringers coming up In October on Sun., 11th: St. Cross, 9.30 a.m.; St. Mary Magdalen, 10 a.m. Also termly meeting, St. Catherine's College, 8.15 p.m., Tuesday, 13th. Further details from Colin Wyld, 82 Abbots Walk, Wye, Ashford, Kent. 9662

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-North Dorset Branch.—As the secretary is going abroad for some months, all communications should be addressed to the assistant secretary, Miss R. M. Julius, Gwyers, Stourton Caundle, Sturminster Newton, Dorset. A new election will take place at the A.G.M. in December.

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS .- Set of 12 (minimum) 16s. Additional cards 3d. each. Separate copy essential.-Write T. W., Ringing World Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey. 1001
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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice -A Hallowe'en social evening will be held on Sat., Oct. 31, in St. John's Hall, Ravenna Road, Putney. Come and have a rousing prelude to the Saints-the more the merrier!

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIA-TION.—Dunster Branch.—Evening practices at Sampford Brett (6) on Sept. 26, 7 p.m., and at Timberscombe (8), Oct. 3, 7 p.m.—E. R. T. B.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION .--Ilchester Branch. - Practice meetings: Oct. 3, St. Mary, lichester (5, 11 cwt.); Nov. 7, St. Mary, Nortonsub-Hamdon (6, 18 cwt.); both 7-9 p.m.-Mrs. M. M. Legget, West Coker 208. 9683

CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH.— The monthly practices will continue on the first Saturday in each month, commencing at 6.30 p.m. except on Oct. 3. 9684
EGHAM, SURREY.—GUILDFORD DIOCESAN

GUILD .-- Chertsey District .- On Thursdays, Sept. 17 and 24, Oct. 1 and 8, silenced bell practices for initial tuition, correction of handling faults and learning how to instruct beginners for tower captains and would-be instructors. Open practices for these weeks only on Tuesdays. Please note that a performance of Handel's Messiah, conducted by Wyn Morris, will take place at Egham Church on Sat., Oct. 10, at 7.30 p.m. Admission by programme at door 7s. 6d. 9638

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. -Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Lacock (6), on on., Oct. 5, 7 p.m. 9700 GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

-Wotton-under-Edge Branch.-Tues., Oct. 6, at 7.30 p.m., Wotton-under-Edge (8), 8-bell method practice. Methods: Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples. 9693

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. -Monmouth Branch.—Evening practice at Usk, Fri., Sept. 25, 7.30-9 p.m. Double Norwich and 9636

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Practice meeting, Clewer (6), near Windsor, Fri., Sept. 25, 7-9 p.m.—

A. L. Pearson. 9649 ST. ANDREW'S AND DUNDEE UNIVERSITIES BELLRINGING GUILD.—First practice takes place on Mon., Oct. 19. All first year ringers welcome. For details contact Ruth Hewson or G. Garner in Cage.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD .-Christchurch and Southampton District.—Special practice in elementary methods at Hordle on Tues., Sept. 29, 7.30–9 p.m.—Gillan Davis, Dis.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .-- The cesan striking competition will be held at Willingham, Cambs, on Sat., Sept. 26. Draw at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. General ringing in the evening. Copies of the rules may be obtained from gen. sec. Names for tea, please, except competing ringers, to H. S. Peacock, 8 Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, 9669 Huntingdon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - N.W. District. -Meeting will be held at Stansted (8) on Sat., Sept. 26. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- Southern District .-Meeting, Hutton (5), Sat., Sept. 26. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. G. Jones, White Gable, 19 Wiggins Lane, Billericay 2964. Evening ringing at Shenfield (6). 9642 OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — White Horse 52964.

Branch.—Autumn meeting at Hinton Waldrist, Sept. 26. Bells (6) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.45, followed by tea and business meeting in village hall. Further ringing afterwards. Everyone welcome. Names for tea to C. R. Miles, 24 Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon.

SOUTHWELL GUILD. - Mansfield District.-Meeting, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Sept. 26. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Sollis, 4 Lime Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, NG17 4BS. Evening ringing at Pinxton till 9 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD. - South West District .-Meeting, Preston, Sat., Sept. 26. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. O. Hunt, Manor Cottage, Preston, Sud-9605

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. - Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting with Frome Branch, St. Mary's, Bathwick, Oct. 3. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (names to P. R. Stubbs, 3 Powlett Road, Bathwick, Bath). St. Mark's (6) and St. Matthew's (6) available after meeting.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. water Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chedzoy, Oct. 3. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to M. J. Stone, 25 Lyndale Avenue, Bridgwater. 9696

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Oct. 3, Turvey, Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Everyone welcome.-C. M. Payne. 9709

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Oct. 3, Brailes. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing after tea. Also Shipston-on-Stour bells (6), 2.45-3.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. M. Field, 56 Jeffs Close, Brailes, Banbury, or to me. Your full support, please, for this lovely ring of bells. —Н. А. М. 9713

—H. A. M. 9713
CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND
ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Monthly
ringing meeting, Sat., Oct. 3, Arlecdon (8).
Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. Further ringing after tea. Visitors
to Lake District welcome.—D. T. Sim, Sec.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .-- Autumn quarterly meeting at Heanor (note change of venue) on Sat., Oct. 3. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Farnsworth, 5 Godfrey Street, Heanor, Derbys. - F

Ross, Gen. Sec. 9685
ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District. -Meeting, Chatteris, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea until 8.30. Special methods: Double Oxford and Chester Surprise.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — 9714

- N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bampton, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., with tea and business after. All welcome.
—G. W. Hollis. 9667

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. Hiscock, Milton Mead, Seale Lane, Seale (Runfold 2724), by previous Wednesday, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Oct. 3, Baldock (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and ringing after meeting until 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea available. 9716

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at Tonbridge, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to S. Jenner, 1 Middle Walk, Tunbridge Wells, by Sept. 30.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Striking competition. This will be at Flixton (Manchester) on Sat., Oct. 3. Names for tea to Mr. P. Mason, 64 Whitelake Avenue, Flixton (Phone: 061-748 6880) 9591

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Wootton, Dalegarth,

Burton-in-Lonsdale, Carnforth, Lancs. 9704
SUFFOLK GUILD (S.W. District) and ESSEX
ASSOCIATION (N. and N.E. Districts).—Joint meeting, Stoke-by-Nayland, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (essential) to Mrs. King, 1 Crossfields, Stokeby-Nayland, Colchester, Essex. 9604

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District. — District meeting and Guild striking competition, Oct. 3, Countesthorpe. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea in church hall. Short business meeting afterwards. General ringing 3 p.m. until service and after striking competition, subject to number of entries. Names for tea to Mr. G. T. Dudley, 37 Cosby Road, Countesthorpe, Leicester, LE8 3PD (Wigston 2853), by Wed. Sept. 30, please.-Ron Hughes. 9384

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ludham, Oct. 3. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea/ business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. Clarke, Bankura Lodge, Nor-wich Road, Ludham, Great Yarmouth, by previous Catfield (5) also available after Wednesday. 9729

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield (8), 3-5.30, and Eckington (8), 7-8.30, Sat., Oct. 3. Cups of tea only Eckington.—R. Fletcher.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Sat., Oct. 3, "Goose Fair" meeting. Ringing, St. Mary's, Nottingham, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing at St. Peter's, Nottingham. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Beardsley, 139 Surgeys Lane, Arnold, Nottingham, by Sept. 30.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Cambridge District) and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. —Joint meeting, Oct. 10, Barton, 3–4 p.m. Service at Haslingfield, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Haslingfield.—J. S. 9703

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. -Wotton-under-Edge Branch. - Sat., Oct. 10, Berkeley (10). Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.
Names for tea to G. Minors, 1 Hesterville Villas. Purton, Berkeley, Gloucestershire, by Thursday, October 8.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD .- Sat., Oct. 10, Half-day Ringing School at the Isle of Axholme towers, 1-8 p.m. Details from Mr. M. A. Rose, 81 High Street, Belton, Doncaster, Yorks. 9590

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ON HANDBELLS and GRAND BAZAAR

to be held at Moulton Secondary School Saturday, October 3, 1970 2.30 p.m. Admission 1s. Moulton bells (8) available in the evening.

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1170 - 800 YEARS - 1970 FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 4-11 St. Mary's, Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Service ringing: Sundays, 4th and 11th—9.15–9.45, 6–6.25, 7.45–8.45.

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> OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD THE 90th ANNUAL FESTIVAL will be held at OXFORD

on Saturday, October 3, 1970. 11.30 a.m. Service in Cathedral. 1.15 p.m. Social half-hour in Dining Hall.

1.15 p.m. Luncheon in Dining Hall.

(Tickets 10s. 6d. each.) 12.30 p.m.

Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance and s.a.e., must reach Miss D. J. Pollard, 49 Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, September 28. Ringing arrangements:

The list of towers will be circulated with the luncheon tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to Miss Pollard.

W. Butler, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9538 RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

AUTUMN MEETING at NORTHAMPTON Saturday, September 26, 1970.

PROGRAMME

as per leaflet. J. A. Hoare, 6 Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, Glam.

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ST. PETER'S, LOWICK, NORTHANTS. FLOWER AND HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 3 and 4. Ringing:

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Due to a weather-damaged tower, all ringing has ceased.

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Sundays-9 till 10 a.m. and 2 till 3 p.m. C. R. Jenkins, Sunnyside, East Compton, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4NR

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Mollington Banastre Hotel, Mollington,

near Chester. Saturday, October 31, 1970 6.15 for 6.45 p.m.

Tickets 32s. 6d. from Mr. A. J. Martin, 28 Glenmore Road,

Oxton, Birkenhead.

Early application necessary as accommodation is limited.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS 333rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER

November 7, 1970 (6 for 6.30)

at Walbrook Restaurant, Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, E.C.,

the Master, Mr. A. R. Kench, in the chair. Reception room and bar open at 5.30 p.m. Tickets (40s.) from secretary.

Early application, please (closing date October 26).

J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 (01-673 2720). 9691

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Saturday, October 10, 1970 ANNUAL DINNER

at the Grand Atlantic Hotel, Weston-super Mare 6.45 for 7.15 p.m. Price 28s. 6d. Tickets from Miss M. Legg, Drove Farm, Locking, Weston-super-Mare, before Oct. 5. 9612 S.a.e., please.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Leeds and District Branch)

SPECIAL MEETING AT EARLSHEATON (8)

The last public ringing of these bells, prior to demolition of the church, will take place on Saturday, October 3, between 2.30 and 5 p.m.

A tea is being provided; names must be sent to Mr. Hemingway Dransfield, Ellenroyd, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, by the previous Tuesday.

Evening ringing is arranged at Horbury (8) in support of the church's flower festival.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS A SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

will be held in

The Vestry Hall, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, on Saturday, October 3, at 6 p.m.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL ARRANGEMENTS

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING, 1971.

Will peal organisers please make their applications for rings of bells in the Diocese of Coventry during the 1971 Spring Holiday period to Mr. P. Stone, 99 Keresley Road, Coventry, Warwickshire, so that general ringing and peals 9722 can be arranged together.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION 1970 ASSOCIATION RINGING COMPETITION

will be held at

Holy Trinity Parish Church, Wickwar, Glos.
Saturday, October 3, 1970.
2-5.30 p.m.: Competition ringing at Wickwar.
6 p.m.: Festival service; address by the Archdeacon of Gloucester.

6.45 p.m.: Declaration of results and presenta-tion of the Croome Trophy.

Ringing Programme:-

11 a.m.-12 noon, Berkeley (10); 11.30 a.m.12.30 p.m., Stone (6); 12 noon-1 p.m., Tytherington (6), North Nibley (6); 12.30-1.30 p.m.,
Tortworth (6), Cromhall (6); 7.30-8.30 p.m.,
Wotton-under-Edge (8).

The recently-rehung bells of Wickwar (6) will be available for open ringing following the competition.

Names for tea essential. (Cost 3s. 6d.) Names to Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham, GL53 9PL (Tel. No.: Miserden 232). by Monday, September 28. 9726

QUARTER PEALS

should be submitted written on one side of the paper only and laid out in the form used in the R.W. Please study this carefully before sending YOUR report. We have no special forms for quarter peals.

LETTERS

for publication should be signed and address of sender appended. If not for publication kindly put "Not for publication" at the head of the letter. We do not guarantee to print all of or any letter received.

KEN RIDER TAKEN ILL

Ringers will be sorry to hear that Mr. Kenneth Rider, of Rotherhithe, S.E., was taken seriously ill on Saturday morning, September 12, and was rushed into Guy's Hospital, Southwark, where it is believed

an operation was performed.

Ken had returned from a peal tour of Shropshire on the Friday and was to have attended a wedding on the day he entered hospital. We understand he is progressing and would welcome letters and visitors to Astley Cooper Ward, Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.1. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing The Ringing World:—

Personal. — E. Retford outing 5s., R. Jones, Bermondsey £1 1s., R. Steward £1 15s., Randwick Festival 5s., H. R. M. Marshall 3s.

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Quarter Peals. — Thursby 3s., Kingston Seymour 7s. 6d., Polesworth (2) 4s., Packwood 4s., Ringstead 3s., Haddenham 2s. 6d., Hatfield 4s., Braughing 3s., Whitby 6s., Asfordby 3s., Hen-singham and others 7s., Allesley 5s., Dittisham 4s., Sidmouth 4s., Ealing 3s., New Mills 4s., Haworth 5s., Randwick 3s., Meole Brace 3s., St. Chad, Shrewsbury 4s., Coleshill 4s., Stisted 3s., Duffield 5s., Dronfield 6s., Scarcliffe 2s. 6d., Stapleford 4s., Mildenhall 4s., Benhall 12s., Blythburgh 3s., King's Lynn 4s., Eastbourne 4s., Confield 2s. Gosfield 3s., Evercreech 5s., St. Clement Danes 4s., Croydon 5s., Scunthorpe 5s., Piddlehinton 3s., Lytchett Matravers 3s., Liverpool 4s., Lech-lade 4s., Piddletrenthide 2s. 6d., Week St. Mary 3s., Malvern Link £1, Withycombe and others 10s., Polesworth 6s., Rochford 4s., Mitcheldean 3s., Birch-in-Rusholme 6s., Carbis Bay 3s., Mid-hurst 5s., S. Cadbury 3s., Arlecdon 8s., Blew-bury 2s. 6d., Witham 5s.

I.O.W. HOLIDAY

Sandown, Isle of Wight, was the venue for Jack Pryor and associates' family-cumringing holiday this year. Introductions having been made in the course of attendance at the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild meeting at Brading on August 15 and service ringing the following evening, the first of the week's three peals, Cambridge at Ryde, was rung on Monday morning. Ted Marsh (Havant) joined the band on Wednesday for Kent Treble Bob at Brading, his first peal for nearly 20 years, and Friday's peal was Minor in four methods at Godshill.

The usual seaside activities were enjoyed by all, including a paddle boat regatta in which Bob and May took the honours, and a visit to the Anglers Inn, when the menfolk, in their determination to get a head start on the ladies following by car, took

a short cut across the fields.

The conclusion of a successful week was duly celebrated on Friday evening when the town crier of Sandown and Shanklin ap-peared in full regalia in the hotel dining room to proclaim a welcome to the visiting bellringers and congratulate them, and particularly 79-years-old Mr. Arthur Mason. upon the successful completion of their peal attempts. His own duties were successfully completed by serving champagne to all members of the party.

I don't pretend to understand the Universe—it's a great deal bigger than I am people ought to be modester. -Carlyle. LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

WALTERS.—Clarke's address from September 28 will be: 64 Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire. Telephone: 021-354 3617.

MISCELLANEOUS

SOUTH MYMMS, HERTS.—Ringing has ceased at St. Giles Church as the bells are shortly to be recast and rehung. An advertisement will be printed when the tower reopens.

KENILWORTH. — Please note that as from Sept. 23 weekly practice at St. Nicholas', Kenilworth (Warwicks), will be on Wednesdays from 7.30 until 9.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting at Wragby (6), Oct. 10. Names for tea, please, to T. Tarbatt, 7a Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, by Wednesday previous. No names, no tea.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN AS-DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN AS-SOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Newcastle on Sat., Oct. 3. Ringing: Fenham, 1.30–3; St. Stephen's, 2.30–3.30; Cathedral, 6.45–9. Busi-ness 3.30 and tea 5, both at St. Stephen's. Service 6 at St. Stephen's. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12 Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-D. A. Bayles, 12 Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street (Tel.: 3504). 9734 ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech

District.—Meeting at Walpole St. Andrew, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Own arrangements for tea. Everyone welcome.—D. Feek, Dis. Sec. 9745

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. -Meeting at Westhoughton (8), Sat., Sept. 26, 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 4-5.30 p.m., due to weddings. Special methods: Rutland and Plain Bob. All welcome.—Pauline Tallis, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South and West District.—Evening practices: St. Mary, Staines, Fri., Sept. 25, 7.45-9.15; All Hallows, Twickenham, Thurs., Oct. 8, 7.30-9.—C. H. R.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD,-Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Kelmarsh, Sat., Oct. 3. Names for tea to P. A. Turner, 26 Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby, by Tuesday

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Middle Littleton, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Drew, Monsal, Bredon, Tewkesbury, by Oct. 7. Evening ringing at Cleeve Prior, 7 to 9.

AMENDMENTS NOTIFIED

Page 577.—Bob Major at Hedon: ringer of 5th Clive W. Temperton.

Page 616.—Quarter peal of Bob Major at Llandaff duplicated (original on page 597 in-

correct).
Page 656.—Quarter peal, Eastbourne: D. Snoswell's first of Bob Doubles.

Page 658. - Wootton Wawen peal: conductor Peter C. Randall.

Page 659.-Doubles at Norton, Northants: ringer of 4th William Collins (not S. F. Webb).

Page 661. — Washington, D.C., handbell peal composed and conducted by Simon Humphrey. Page 664. — Outing report for Gosforth read Gosfield.

Page 679.—Leicester Cathedral, method: 5007 Stedman Caters.

Page 695.—Quarter at Little Horsted: method St. Simon's Bob Doubles, not All Saints Doubles.

Page 717.-Peal for Essex Association was at Purleigh not Maldon.

Page 723.—First Gossip paragraph: David Hird (not Herd), of Chesterfield (not Ripley).

Early in the morning Hear the razor roar; There's silver in the stubble now That wasn't there before. But the leaves are getting greener And spring is on the way; Girls are getting prettier And younger every day!

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for September 21, 1945

Because of the great increase in ringing long touches, following the cessation of hostilities, it was decided to cease publication of any touches less than a quarter peal in length.

At Bocking, Essex, three members of the Wiffen family—Lewis, Arthur and Albert—rang in a peal of Superlative, the lastnamed being the conductor.

At Ewell, Surrey, a peal of Superlative was rung for the wedding of the Rev. K. C. Davis and Miss W. E. Bishop.

Nolan Golden composed and conducted Double Norwich at St. Giles, Norwich, whilst at Rocester, Staffs, a peal of Minor was rung with a cover bell!

L.A.C. Peter Bond wrote from Ceylon about Limpsfield Chart Church, a few miles from his home.

"Is peal ringing an art?" asked H. P. G. in a letter to the R.W., finishing: "Can any ringer think of an art which is practised or appreciated in doses of three to four hours without a second's break?

A way of reinforcing bell ropes was the subject of a letter from Peter Laslin, of Stockport.

James George (aged 91) rang 7-8 for Grandsire Triples in hand—his 1,279th peal.

50 YEARS AGO September 24, 1920

The Lancashire Association has always been one of the best managed of the ringing organisations.—Leader.

The first Surprise peal (Superlative) ever rung by eight brothers was rung by the Baileys at Leiston, Suffolk.

The newly-restored bells of St. Francis Xavier, Salisbury Street, Liverpool, were opened with short touches and a large gathering attended.

Eleven peals out of 14 attempts were successful in a William Pye tour, one peal of Stedman Cinques being stopped because of illness. named and a si

A quarter peal of Stedman Caters at Southgate had six firsts on ten, and H. E. Balaam was congratulated on ringing with one arm, he having lost the other in the war.

Cambridge University Guild toured East Hertfordshire for a week and Crewe ringers had a day's outing to Derby.

A handy ring of six was installed in Bispham Church, Blackpool, and enough money was collected for two trebles, if it were possible to get them into the tower. The ringing chamber was only 8 ft. 6 in. square.

Michael Haighton, of Nantwich, Cheshire, tells us that in addition to bellringing his hobby is collecting parish magazines, of which he has between 300 and 400 collected from all over the world.

COMPOSITIONS

5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (16 methods)

By JOHN R. MAYNE

46532 — 2 New. Sup. New. Clif. 45362 — 2 Lond. Linc. Lond. Ful. 36452 — Yk. New. 64352 2 Lond. Camb. Wem. Bel. 63542 — 2 New. Yorks. Lond. Worc. 56342 — Eal. Wig. 34562 — Leics. Leath.	23456	M	_		Methods
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5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Arranged by J. R. KETTERINGHAM

23456	M	W	H
54632 43265 52364 54263 24365		2	_

Repeated.

1344 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

B. & W. R5 (B. B. S. B. B.)

Repeat 3 times. Composed by George H. Randles for the Gresford ringers and was rung for the first time on March 1, 1970.

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 The first bob in each part puts a bell
- in fifths for five courses.

 3. Three bells are kept in front to the
- extent.
- 4. The last lead in each part is the first course-end reversed.

5056 TREBLE BOB SIXTEEN Arranged by JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	Н
54326		2	2
25463	2	2	2
32654	2	1	2
23456	2		2

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St. Michael the
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The Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Southampton, is the city's oldest building. The exact date of its consecration is not known, but the experts agree that it must have been between 1065 and 1075 on various pieces of evidence, and so to make 1970 the time for the ninth centenary celebrations seems reasonable.

The massive Norman (some have thought Saxon) tower is the main feature which has come down to us from the original building although the central parts of the east and west ends also incorporate Norman work of the then cruciform church. The aisles were added about 200 years later to bring the church to its present shape. Like so many other churches, St. Michael's suffered from "improvements" in 1828. The old Norman nave arcade was pulled down, the three-gabled roof disappeared and the present slender but not very suitable columns were built to support a roof of very low pitch. This always caused trouble because nothing could prevent the rain driving under the slates in a gale. Fifteen years ago the condition of the roof became so bad that it had to be replaced by one of copper. This was only the start of a complete restoration of the church, which was undertaken as a preparation for the ninth centenary, when it became obvious that the structure was in a dangerous condition. This is now almost complete, the whole church having been "tied up" with great ring beams, new ceilings inserted, plaster stripped and renewed, walls limewashed, vestries reorganised, etc. As far as ringers are concerned, it was discovered that the ringing chamber floor was unsafe. In fact if a couple of dozen ringers had jumped on the floor together it would probably have collapsed completely! In putting in the new floor, it was discovered that the previous one had been made by hacking away some very fine Norman ornamentation at the base of a series of arches on each side of the tower to put in the main supporting beams. A little trapdoor in the new floor shows the best of the remaining Norman decoration. It is now hoped that St. Michael's is in a better state of repair than it has been for very many years. Almost £50,000 has been spent on the fabric in one way or another in the last 25 years.

THE BELLS

Now for the bells. The church has had bells from ancient times-how long, nobody knows. The earliest mention of the church in the city archives relates to the clock and bells. Until 1878 there was a ring of six which originally came from the Salisbury foundry. The second, third and tenor of these bear the date 1663 and the initials W. P. (William Purdue); the fifth has, in addition, R. P. (Roger Purdue) and is dated 1664. In 1680 Clement Tosier took over the foundry and the treble is inscribed: "Clement Tosiear cast mee in the year 1693." Actually it was a recast, for the churchwardens' accounts record: "Item; Clem Tosier for casting the Treble Bell and adding 1 qr. of metall, £10. Item; Carriage of Treble Bell twice to Sarum, £1 18s." In 1878 the ring was augmented to eight, the two new trebles being cast by John Warner and Sons. The tenor in E (some say E flat) weighed only 16 cwt. and was consequently very thin! Eventually it was cracked and in 1897 was brazed by Hero Ohlsson of Lenbeck. He contracted to do

the work on condition he could lock himself in the belfry so that nobody would learn the secret of his craft. It appeared to be successful, for I have never heard that it afterwards sounded any worse than the other bells. In 1923 the ring was recast by Gillett and Johnston and hung in a new iron frame. Then in 1948 two more trebles were added, cast by John Taylor and Co. from bell metal salvaged from the ruins of Holy Rood Church, destroyed in the 1940 blitz.

PEALS RUNG

Finally, some brief notes about the peals rung on the bells. The first was rung in 1894—Grandsire Triples, conducted by George Williams. The second was one of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1907, and 13 had been rung by 1914, one in 1909 being the first by an entirely local band. These were all the peals that were rung on the old bells. The first on the recast bells was in 1926, again conducted by George Williams, and only eight were rung prior to the second world war. Of the total of 21 peals at that time George Williams had rung in 19. Since the last war 102 have been rung, making the present total 123. This would have been more but for the enforced stopping of ringing whilst the spire was repaired and whilst the church was closed for its restoration (thus no peals in 1967, 1968 and 1970 so far). Since the augmentation to ten 96 peals have been rung on them, about 80 of which were Caters and Royal. Of the latter, no fewer than 23 different Surprise Royal methods have been rung—in most cases the first in the county and for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. Some of these were also the first in the method. In 1955 the only peal ever rung of Exercise Royal was rung. There will never be another because the manner of nomenclature has since been changed and all will be "Surprise" methods in future. Details can also be seen in The Ringing World of November 2, 1962, in an article recording the 100th peal on the bells.

So St. Michael's, Southampton, celebrates its 900th birthday with ringing, special services, a flower festival, a dinner, musical recitals, etc. The events will cover the month of October and the final services of thanksgiving will be on All Saints' Day. May the church long survive to lead the worship of the citizens of Southampton.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

INVALIDS

Michael Uphill tells us: "I have visited Peter Sell in hospital. Considering he has been in bed (and unable to get up) since July 26 he is in very fine spirit and eager to get hold of a bell rope again. He expects to remain at Kidderminster (Bewdley Road) Hospital, Ward 3-4a, until about the end of October, when he will go to his father's vicarage for about a month.'

Ken Rider, whose sudden illness was reported last week, is well on the way to recovery (no operation was performed) and hopes to be home very soon.

Whilst on a ringing outing on September 19 the well-known Cheshire ringer Mr. Harry W. Howard was taken ill with a heart attack in Wrexham belfry. He is in Wrexham Memorial Hospital, where he is likely to be for some time. All who know Harry will wish him a speedy recovery.

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Kent County Association. LOWER THAN AVERAGE

Many weddings and also a mass exodus of Kent ringers to Exeter for the wedding of an ex-Rochester District ringing master, Miss Joan Hayward, resulted in a lower than average attendance at the by-meeting of the Rochester District held at Meopham on September 5. However, those present enjoyed the hospitality of Meopham's inhabitants and the bells were kept going under the guidance of Mr. David Leworthy and Miss Wendy Austin in the absence of the ringing master. L. M.

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CONSERVATION YEAR

The master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Mr. J. N. Tyler) contributed the following to his guild's News Sheet, and whilst directed to members in his area we feel the Exercise as a whole could benefit from these words of wisdom:—

"This is not going to be a discourse on the preservation of wild life. Rather it is that the thought of conservation ought to remind us all of two very important duties that we, as members of the Guild, have.

"First, we all have a responsibility to-wards the upkeep of the towers in our diocese, for whether we use them often or only seldom, it is sure that if we do not make it our business to see that they are kept in repair and running order then there is every likelihood that they will suffer neglect, and generations yet to come will blame us for it. Then comes the time when fairly major work is needed. It is encouraging then to see how some even quite small communities buckle to and make every effort to raise money; but then it is also that our Bell Restoration Fund should be available to help. And this is how we can all help. It is my great hope that we shall see the size of this fund so increased that we can give generous grants towards major repairs, drawing only on the interest and leaving the capital untouched; and I very much hope that there is going to be a particular effort from every branch towards this end.

"But then, what use is a tower in good order if there are few ringers to use the bells? Constant instruction of beginners is the duty of every capable ringer, and in every tower there should be a band of learners. Indeed, I would go so far as to say that the tower where there are no learners is a dead tower-or at least it very soon will be! An unpopular comment? To some I expect it will be, but common sense tells us it's only too true. Teaching can be a disappointing task, but if we face it accepting that out of every ten who start perhaps only one or two will get anywhere, then we are being realistic. And what a joy and a reward it is when those few do get somewhere; it's worth all the frustration of the others! Nor should we wait patiently for the would-be ringers to come to us: we must go out and invite them in ourselves-that's really doing some missionary work!

"I believe that if these two duties could become realities then we could claim with honesty to be a live and active guild. And it's never too late to start, for as far as every sincere church bellringer is concerned, every year should be Conservation Year!"

TWO NEW BELLS

About 20 people were present at St. Michael and All Angels, Somerton, Som, on August 14, when two new bells arrived from the bell foundry of Taylor's at Loughborough; but more than twice that number were in the belfry a week later when the bells were tried out under the watchful eyes of Mr. Arthur Fidler, of Crediton, the bell-hanger, and the captain of the tower, Mr. H. E. G. Jeanes. The new bells are two trebles to complete a ring of eight, the tenor weighing 19\(\frac{3}{4}\) cwt. One of them carries the inscription "Raised by subscription and the perseverance of the Captain, H. E. G. Jeanes, 1970."

The bells were not rung again until September 5, when the Bishop of Taunton (the Rt. Rev. F. H. West, M.A.) dedicated the new bells at a special Evensong, which was well attended. Immediately after this service there was rung a touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. T. Setter, the captain of the tower at St. John's Church, Yeovil. Refreshments were served at Montecliffe School for members of the congregation and there followed an evening of ringing by all the ringers who were present.



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The new bells arrive at Somerton. Mr. H. E. Jeanes (tower captain) is standing on the left.

COMPETITION RINGING IN DEVON

Once the association eight- and six-bell competitions have been disposed of early in the summer, the way is clear for a whole succession of local festivals, many of which, though invitation competitions run by an individual tower, carry a good deal of prestige, which is why one finds the "Big League" bands travelling right across Devon to ring in them. The West Down band came down to take away the Down St. Mary Shield, and also collected the Torridge Vale Cup at Clovelly, being followed by Swymbridge in the first case and Down St. Mary in the second. "Mary-Down" returned the compliment by going north to beat West Down by one fault for the Yarnscombe Shield (Swymbridge came third in this one, but a fair way behind), and did the same at Poughill for the Poughill Shield. At Plymtree they also won the Shield, this time from Swymbridge,

One invitation competition which will surely be talked about for a long, long time was the Miners Rose Bowl at Widecombe, the trophy which the late Bill Miners gave during his lifetime so that he could have the fun of competing for it himself. Here the South Down ringers were in their best form (which is very good indeed), with West Alvington first and Plymstock second; Down St. Mary came third and Swymbridge fourth— and the marking was 10½, 11, 11½, 13! I cannot remember ever hearing of a competition in which the fourth place went to a band with 13 faults, nor one in which the standard was so high and at the same time so well matched. Down St. Mary say that this was the best ringing they ever did, but one "chitter" at the end of the lower was enough to put them into third place.

September sees a continuation of the pattern of invitation competitions, along with some of the local Deanery festivals which generally wait until harvesting is over. Swymbridge had their Charlie Holland Shield and Ted Holmes Cup on September 5, Bow has a competition for two shields on the 12th, and South Tawton an invitation competition on the 19th, while the Cadbury Deanery ringers will be holding their own festival on the same day on the light six at Washford Pyne. The 26th sees the Chawleigh Shield for the six-bell ringers and the Tawstock Shield (to be rung for at Torrington) for eight.

J. G. M. S.

OLD PEAL TABLET COSTESSEY CHURCH, NORFOLK "June 4, 1776

Twenty-two peals rung of this Company many a time without setting up the Bells.

The names of the Peals as under. Old Doubles Church doubles Grandsir The Dream Fortune The Nonesuch Interlope Hudibras Gog London doubles St. Simon's doubles Jack of both sides Cambridge delight New doubles Reading doubles Stedman Dunstan Do. The mare-maid St. Clement's Do. The Exodus Westminster Do. and Success Ringers' Names

Thomas Smith — Treble
John Smith — 2nd
Robert French — 3rd
John Carr — 4th
Saml Watson — Tenor
These are the ringers those Peals they did

Success to old England, and God save the King."

North Wales Association. HALF-YEARLY MEETING

This was held at All Saints', Gresford, on September 5, when more than 50 ringers and friends attended from all parts of North Wales, and two visitors from Eastbourne were also welcomed. After an hour's ringing under the direction of Mr. Fred Evans (master) the service was held at which the vicar (Rev. Oliver Hill) officiated, assisted by Rev. E. L. Cooke, vicar of Hope and president of the association). The vicar of Buckley (Rev. E. Jones) was also present. The vicar welcomed the members to Gresford and, quoting two ancient conundrums, he connected the work of man and bell in an interesting address.

Tea was served in All Saints' School by the Gresford ladies and was followed by the meeting under the chairmanship of the president. He thanked the vicar for the use of the bells, the Gresford ringers for their arrangements, the ladies for the excellent tea, and the organist for his services.

Members were reminded of the Ringing School to be held at Hope under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lewis, to which all were invited to attend. Mr. D. Millward suggested that all towers in the association should place a notice of their membership of the association in the porch of the church, and Mr. G. H. Randles further suggested that this should also give information to visiting ringers about times and arrangements for ringing at the church. The secretary (Mr. W. Cathrall) distri-

The secretary (Mr. W. Cathrall) distributed the new book of rules which has been compiled during the year. Arising from this, two new honorary associate members were accepted, Mrs. Eleanor Potts and Mrs. Mabel Faulkner; both have had a close association with the Gresford tower for 50 years.

After the meeting the ringing continued and a course of Grandsire Triples by a band of ladies was warmly applauded by the company.

FURTHER RESTORATION IN KENT

It was recently reported in these columns that the ring of eight at Elham was to be rehung. On reaching the ground, it was found that two more bells, the third and tenor, were cracked (the treble, second and fourth were known to be cracked), and it has therefore been decided to recast the whole ring. The old bells have now been broken up, and the Whitechapel Foundry are to recast the eight, with tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp, in place of the previous eight (tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F). This will increase the cost by many hundreds of pounds, and donations will be very gratefully received and acknowledged by the belfry treasurer, Mr. R. Mallett, 2 Braeside Cottages, Elham, Canterbury, Kent.

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In 1960 one of the finest rings in Kent, at St. Mary's, Chislet, was rehung in new fittings and framework, and justifiably became known for its resonant tone and easy "go." However, in 1967 the fourth cracked suddenly during Sunday service ringing and was silenced. The bell is to be recast in October at the Whitechapel Foundry, and it is hoped that the whole ring will be heard again properly for the first time in three years in good time for Christmas. This is a heavy and unexpected blow to so small a parish, and the vicar (Rev. G. Stephens) will be pleased to receive and acknowledge donations.

The Kentish Express reports that the heavy ring of eight at Cranbrook is to be placed in the care of John Taylor and Co. for rehanging, through the enthusiasm and exertion of the local band of ringers.

Bedfordshire Association.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Despite the torrential rain, about 24 members of the Biggleswade District bell-ringers journeyed to Roxton (5) for the afternoon's ringing of the September meeting. A buffet tea which had been prepared at Sandy by Mr. and Mrs. E. Skipsey and helpers was much appreciated.

Mr. S. H. Ashton was in the chair for a short business meeting. Two new members were elected and names were taken of members wishing to attend the district dinner at Norton in December. As members are still showing interest in the weekly practices, Mr. A. S. Smith said it was hoped to restart in the winter months but on different nights each week to give all members a chance to attend. During the evening Sandy's bells were rung and the ringing masters were pleased to welcome further members and visitors from surrounding associations.

M. L. M.

Ely Diocesan Association and Hertford County Association. JOINT MEETING

When the Cambridge District meeting was planned to be at Guilden Morden on September 12, members were surprised and pleased to hear that the association president (the Bishop of Ely) would be there as well. The Bishop is a ringer, though on this occasion he did not take a rope. The weather was discouraging and there were some weddings to be rung for, but there was a good attendance of members and also friends from the Northern District of the Hertford County Association, who had been invited to make this a joint meeting.

The Bishop conducted the service, with Mr. O. Kaye, a local ringer, as organist. There were babies and small children present, and the Bishop was clearly delighted to meet them as well as their families. Mrs. Kirby and her helpers had laid on a sumptuous tea which was enjoyed by all. J.S.

FAMILY OCCASION

September 12 was a real family occasion for William Rogers, of Tonbridge, when his grand-daughter, Josephine Kay Moody, was married at Rotherfield. Two of his other grand-daughters were bridesmaids, his grandson was best man and, all told, 11 of his grandchildren and two great-grandchildren were present. Unfortunately Bill was unable to get his family's permission to ring in the wedding peal! The band, however, very much enjoyed his hospitality afterwards at the Catts Inn.

EAST RETFORD OUTING

The East Retford outing on September 5 was to Leicester and its immediate vicinity. After the fine light eight at Birstall, where an ancient church has been enlarged by the addition of a modern extension, the party encountered the first 12 of the day at St. Margaret's, Leicester. Here some found their first opportunity to ring Maximus with a course of Little Bob.

Disappointment was felt when All Saints' was found locked and no key forthcoming. Nevertheless this was largely compensated for by the rest of the day, towers rung at being Leicester Cathedral, St. Mary-de-Castro, St. John the Divine, Aylestone and Syston. Methods rung included five Surprise and all the standard methods up to Maximus. As always, the day was a social occasion both for the ringers and their non-ringing friends, the usual ringing tour activities being continued until closing time.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild. SUMMER FESTIVAL

The annual summer festival was held on September 5 at Castor, near Peterborough, when 24 towers in Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire and Huntingdonshire were open for ringing. Good use was made of the bells by members of the guild and also a considerable number of visitors from many parts of the country.

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The Guild service was held in Castor Parish Church and was conducted by the rector (Rev. T. P. Adler). The guild president read the lesson and the address was given by past-president Canon G. F. Turner. Mr. J. Malcolm Tyler (guild master) was the organist. The opening and closing music for the service and the accompaniment to the last hymn was provided on handbells by the Peterborough Handbell Ringers. The collection for the guild bell restoration fund amounted to £6 13s. 1d.

Tea followed in the village hall and was attended by approximately 110 members and friends. An apology for absence was received from Mr. R. Turner, who had recently reached his 90th birthday and has completed over 70 years as a ringer. The general secretary was requested to write and convey the congratulations and best wishes of the meeting to Mr. Turner.

Notice was given of the Northampton Branch's "Festival of Music on Handbells" to be held on October 3 in Moulton Village School. As all proceeds from the festival bazaar and prize draw would be donated to the guild's bell restoration fund, members were urged to give the event their utmost support.

On behalf of the Peterborough Branch, Mr. Daw welcomed all members and visitors to the Peterborough area and expressed the hope that their visit had been an enjoyable

The vote of thanks to the numerous people who had been responsible for the excellent arrangements was proposed by Mr. John Foot and seconded by Mr. Richard Danby

The president closed the proceedings in the usual manner, and members dispersed to continue their ringing activities in the towers available. E. B.

Dunster Deanery.

HANDBOOKS FOR LEARNERS

The Dunster Deanery quarterly meeting was held at St. Decuman's, Watchet, on September 12. We were very pleased to welcome the association secretary, Mr. John Gilbert, and two members from the Taunton Branch. In spite of many members being on holiday we kept the bells going until the service at 4.30, which was followed by tea.

After an excellent meal (provided by the Watchet ladies) the secretary reminded all that it was time to start thinking of new officers for election at the A.G.M. It was decided that a monetary gift from visiting peal ringers should be spent on handbooks for learners

A return was then made to the tower, where Farmborough ringers joined in until 9 p.m. P. J. T.

RECORDS

The greatest number of Royal methods yet rung to a peal was accomplished at St. John's Church, Leicester, on September 19, composed and conducted by Anthony R. Peake; 75 methods were rung! And at Daventry the same day 9960 of London Surprise Royal was accomplished, Graham C. Paul conducting. It took 5 hours and 55 minutes to complete.

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Editorial

WEAKNESS OF INTELLECT

On page 739 of last week's Ringing World we recorded a peal for the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at St. Mary's Church, Rotherhithe. The copy was typed, the conductor's signature and address appended and everything appeared in order, including well-known names (except two) taking part. We were quickly informed by one member of the "band" that the peal was not rung, had never been arranged, that the "ringers" of the 2nd and 4th did not exist, and the whole thing was just a malicious attempt to cause trouble.

But with whom and for whom? There is only slight irritation in the editorial office that valuable space in The Ringing World has been wasted, and the perpetrator of this piece of idiocy can only snigger in private for he (or she) cannot publicise the childish effort. To do so would bring the scorn of every ringer—both young and old—on his (or her) head and he (or she) would be shunned, and yet without publicity what satisfaction is there?

Such peals, and other items, have appeared before, one quite recently. Normal individuals just treat the writer of such missives with contempt-even though unknown. For our part, having had denials from those whose names were printed (and we cannot see any of them including their own name in a fictitious report) we try to understand the weakness of intellect of such a person and trust that he (or she) will one day develop a sense of responsibility and be able to mix openly with his (or her) fellow men without the sense of guilt which must of necessity pervade at present.

RECTOR OF SANDRINGHAM

The Norton Subcourse and District ringers are sorry to have lost the Rev. Alan Glendining after seven years as rector of the Raveningham Group of Parishes. the start of Mr. Glendining's ministry in the Group a fund for the rehanging of Norton Subcourse bells was well under way, and he gave every support and encouragement to this. In 1964 he was elected as honorary member of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

All wish him well in his new work as rector of the Sandringham Group of Parishes (unfortunately a bell-less zone), which includes the Domestic Chaplaincy to H.M. the Queen.

Obituary.

FRANK REGINALD MITCHELL

Ringers from Kent will be sad to learn of the death under tragic circumstances on August 25 of Frank Mitchell. Though not a ringer he was an associate member of the Kent County Association and regularly attended meetings of the Rochester District and the A.G.M.'s. He enjoyed going on ringers' outings, many organised by his son, Laurence. He will be very much missed at Newington-next-Sittingbourne, where for 17 years he was churchwarden, and where his generosity played no small part in the recent restoration of the six bells. R. I. P.

Belfry Gossip

A quarter at Loughborough was rung with rather more than usual pleasure by the local ringers, for it was their special compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor, whose daughter was married that day. peals were also rung for this event.

A couple of errors have slipped in. The first is the last item on page 652. I doubt if the Salisbury Guild would wish to lay claim to us. (Come to think of it, I doubt if the Worcesters wish to, either, but they are stuck with us!) The other thing is the last item on page 664; the last full line thanking a Mr. Gerry Richards should read Mr. Gerry Edwards, writes R. G. M.

Laura Higginson, who is only 13, rang the treble at Patrington, Yorkshire, to her first peal, eight-spliced, and rang extremely well. She has been ringing for two years and was taught at Sutton, Hull, by Ron Ducker. Laura is quite accomplished in page 14. complished in many Minor and Major Surprise methods, and spent her holiday towergrabbing and managed a new tower each

Mr. E. J. F. Rose, of Upper Colwall, was aided in a grand double celebration by his ringing friends of Malvern Link on September 6. Not only did his ruby wedding fall upon this date, but four days previously was the 50th anniversary of his first peal. The event was marked by a quarter peal in which Mr. Rose rang the second.

The footnote to the peal of 5152 Superlative (page 648) should refer only to calls at Middle, "2" at Wrong and Home is two bobs, and the peal at Manchester was not my first peal of Stedman, nor my best, though it was certainly my last, writes Christopher I. Rowson.

In our "50 Years Ago" (Ringing World, page 667) the first peal of Stedman as conductor for A. D. Barker was incorrect. This was achieved on August 13, 1913, we are

A quarter peal was rung at Wheatley, Oxfordshire, for the induction of the Rev. H. Brasier. Mr. Brasier was previously vicar of Enstone in the Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Guild.

Writing from Nantwich, Cheshire, M. Haighton thanks the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association for "putting up with him" when he visits their area.

Commenting on the Editorial of September 11 (page 723) Mr. F. M. Bowers, of Penzance, Cornwall, suggests: "A good method of reminding ourselves of the chief purpose of ringing is always to have a prayer before the start. It just brings to mind where we are (in church) and our purpose for ringing. I wonder how many towers still keep this up today?"

Woman's Own for September 26 carried a very interesting article by Mrs. Joan Glazebrook, of Braughing, Herts, in "The Way We Live" column about being the wife of a bellringer. Peter, her husband (whose name often appears in The Ringing World), apparently makes a full-time hobby of bellringing, and his four children hope to emulate their father, and Mrs. Glazebrook, although not a ringer herself, obviously encourages this. An illustration of the Glazebrook family, with father "at the ready" with a bell rope, heads the article.

Confirming that Bodelwyddan, Flintshire, has a ring of eight (Ringing World, page 692), Mr. Charles A. Pound, of Hawkley, Hants, says that the Church of St. Margaret is known as the Marble Church and is very beautiful.

Sending details for a cover picture, Mr. R. J. Stevens, of Christchurch, New Zealand, delighted us by putting ten or a dozen different stamps on the packet—a really pretty and interesting collection, and much appreciated.

First peal congratulations to Penny Moriarty (handbells), Cecily Rock (handbells), Margaret P. Byrne, Joyce Richards, Clive Bradley (14), Keith Richardson (12), Laura Higginson.

Personal Records: Lawrence R. Pizzey (100 peals), James L. Towler (400), Cyril A. Wratten (500), Simon Humphrey (200), Clive J. Mobbs (50). New Method: Overstone Surprise Major

at Moulton, Northants.

The excellent article on "The Four-Bell Towers of Worcester" (page 675), compiled by P. Cattermole and C. J. Pickford, should have stated that the Addendum dealt with 3-bell towers.

Recently the bellringers at Crosthwaite, Westmorland, raised over £45 for belfry funds at a coffee evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens, of Telford, Salop, paid us a visit recently whilst holiday-making in Surrey. Mr. Percy Venn, of Hayes, has also called whilst working in Guildford.

Lindsay Messenger and Tim Wray of Grofield both rang in their first quarter peal of Bob Minor on September 1. This quarter has made local history, for it is the first quarter rung by a Sunday service band.

The young band who rang a peal of Doubles at Bicker, Lincs, on September 7, are to be congratulated, for the average age was just 14 years. (Keep it up, lads and lasses.—Ed.)

Twyning, Glos. — On September 2, 720 Twyning Surprise Minor: H. N. Evans 1, B. Spiers 2, Valerie Willard 3, J. Clements 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, L. C. Edwards 6. First 720 in the method.

TWYNING SURPRISE MINOR: 34—36.14—12—1236—14—16. l.e. 12. 165324.

"I absolutely and fully agree with your remarks anent 'Blackmail' . . . Should my letter not be published please do not return cash," writes a correspondent. (Thank you, we haven't !—Ed.)

"He rang excellently throughout the

whole peal (his first of Spliced Surprise) and is to be congratulated," writes a correspon-dent in sending details of four-spliced at Soberton, Hants. The ringer congratulated A. Patrick Cannon.

"We always look forward to the arrival of The Ringing World, to keep us up to date with developments and the movements of ringers," writes Kenneth S. Cross, of Salisbury, Rhodesia. We trust we shall continue to have news from Mr. Cross, but the

stamps, according to a label on the letter, "have no legal basis" and are accordingly surcharged. (We didn't pay, though.—Ed.)

Ringers in the North-West will be sorry to learn that Mr. H. W. Howard, tower captain at Davenham, Cheshire, was taken seriously ill in the tower of St. Giles, Wrexham, during a Northwich Branch outing on September 19. He was taken to the War Memorial Hospital, Wrexham, and is expected to be kept there for some weeks.

letters

VERSATILE BELLS

Dear Sir,-On a recent Sunday evening a group of ringers bearing odd names like Cannon, Border, etc., cannoned into the peaceful border town of Ellesmere, Salop, where they ascended the central tower of the old Norman church and rang excellent touches for Evensong, rounding off with call changes for a local lady-learner (she has since aspired to plain hunting).

Before leaving, this strangely-named party solemnly pronounced the eight bells to be out of tune, though it seems they were at some little variance as to which of

the bells were not in tune.

To be fair to these good ringers, however, the bells, off and on, have been the subject of similar controversy for at least half a century. An ancient ring, cast by Rudhall of Gloucester in 1727, this is almost certainly the oldest octave in Shropshire or, indeed, the north-west. The treble, fourth, fifth and sixth were recast in 1768 and the tenor (21 cwt. in E) in 1799. The bells were quarter-turned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1894 and again in 1952. Commencing with a peal of Grandsire Triples by a local band in 1730, there have been some dozen or so peals rung on them, three of these peals being mentioned in The Ringing World of August 28 under the heading "50 Years August 28 under the heading

Ago."
The intriguing, and somewhat amusing, feature is how very widely visiting experts have disagreed as to what is wrong with these well-going, but allegedly strange-sounding, bells, while, indeed, quite a few. well-known ringers—perhaps too polite do not appear to have offered any comment at all. Many have found the third out of tune, some the fifth, others have decreed that the seventh or tenor is wrong, yet others the second, while a few have decided that both the trebles are out of key, and so on. Manchester University ringers recently were more precise when they reported a flat treble and sharp fifth in your issue of September 11. At least one excellent ringer has declared the bells to be in the minor

key!

On the other hand, some ringers, less numerous perhaps, but certainly no less qualified, have spoken more favourably of these bells. Shortly after they were rehung, 18 years ago, the late Mr. Albert Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, told me he had found them "reasonably in tune" and it is worth noting that, had he found otherwise, his firm would have had the job of recasting them. The local ringers, too, including Mr. Frank James, considered somewhat of an expert in this field, and Mr. Arnold Whitehead (the tower captain) do not agree that the bells are seriously out of tune. When a touch is being rung, I, personally, find them far easier to "read" and check, either nearby or over a mile away across the beautiful mere, than, say, the grand but indecipherable Liverpool Cathedral ring at any distance.

Is it possible that some visiting ringers,

not having heard Ellesmere bells at any distance, are misled and bemused by rather exceptional tower acoustics, or is it that with many others, Messrs. James, White-head and I have become "immune" to the sound of these, my "mother" bells? Or can it be that, as I think Dr. John Spice once put it, old bells become mournful and saddened with the passage of time?—Yours faithfully,

Liverpool. TOM BUTLER.

LONDON ROYAL
Dear Sir,—Under "Belfry Gossip" in The Ringing World recently I observed that several readers have written to say that the first peal of London Surprise Royal was rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, in 1926. However, I send details as below from, I think, The Bell News, stating that the first peal of London Surprise Royal was rung at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on November 11, 1907, giving the names of all the ringers, of whom I am the sole survivor; this record also appears in the College Youths'
Peal Book. I would mention that I have a cutting of every one of my peals—a modest total of 381.—Yours faithfully, Oxhey, Herts. HENRY HODGETTS.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. On Monday, November 11, 1907, in 3 hr. 38min. at the Church of St. Dunstan, 38min. at the Church of St. Dunstan, Stepney. A Peal of London Surprise Royal, Stepney. A Peal of London Surprise Royal, 5040 changes. Tenor 31 cwt. William Truss treble, Henry Hodgetts 2, Hubert Eden 3, George N. Price 4, Frederick W. Brinklow 5, Henry G. Miles 6, William E. Garrard 7, Alfred B. Peck 8, Henry R. Newton 9, John W. Golding tenor. Composed by G. Lindoff and conducted by George N. Price. This is the first peal of London Surprise Royal ever rung, the method having been extended to ten bells by G. Lindoff of Dublin. by G. Lindoff of Dublin.

WHO WERE THEY?

Dear Sir,—At short notice the bells of St. Leonard-the-Less, Samlesbury, were re-quested for a peal. We permitted the request, only to find, on Sunday morning, that the visitors had left very short ropes and a broken stay behind them (without a note to tell us)

May I, through The Ringing World, point out how dangerous and ill-mannered this is. We at Samlesbury feel very strongly about this as there was very nearly an accident. We know nothing about the ringers except that they were visiting most of the towers

in our area.—Yours faithfully,

GLEN CLAYTON,

Blackburn. Tower Captain.

THE FROME PEAL

Dear Sir,—I have just been informed by the master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild that the peal rung at Frome on March 14 and credited to the Bath and Wells Association and the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild has not been accepted by the latter guild.

This is strictly in accordance with the Central Council Rules and Decisions (of which I was not aware at the time), that only the first-named guild or association for which a peal is rung is recognised.

The Ringing World has already given valuable space to publish the views of officers of both associations, the Bath and Wells being quite happy to record this peal as published. In neither letter was the Central Council ruling mentioned. The fact that there is also a Central Council ruling regarding seven- and nine-bell peals has not deterred my own guild from recognising the latter, which I consider a case of "don't do as I do, do as I say."

I regret that it has taken three months for the Guild Executive Committee to inform me of this Decision and also that they did not inform the guild annual meeting (which immediately followed the Executive Committee meeting) of this Decision. hope resident bands will remember that this rule exists and that the Central Council recognises peals for one guild only.—Yours

Highclere, Hants. GEOFFREY K. DODD.

COURSE AND CONFERENCE

Dear Sir,-Now that ringing courses are comparatively frequent our committee intends to hold a conference on the content of courses, and on ringing education generally, at Hereford, from April 15 to 18, 1971, parallel with the usual course at the College. We hope that anyone interested will come (please note the advertisement on the back of this issue), but it will be particularly helpful to have the assistance of at least one lecturer or organiser from the other courses that have been held. hope to have discussions in depth and a number of demonstrations of methods of teaching, in and out of the tower. — Yours faithfully,

WILFRID F. MORETON, Convener,

Sunday Service & Education Cttee. Wakefield, Yorks.

HELP NEEDED

Dear Sir,-Essential work has to be carried out on the bells and frame at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley, Herts. To raise the cost of this we are arranging to hold, on October 17, a 20-mile sponsored walk. I ask readers of our excellent weekly journal to help make our venture successful by sponsoring some of our walkers, or perhaps walking with us. Any offers of assistance will be gratefully appreciated.—Yours faithfully, 9 Falkland Road, Barnet. TOM PINK.

RINGING THE METHOD

Dear Sir,- Keith G. Game objects to the ringer of the treble or the tenor behind claiming "first in the method" (Ringing World, page 654). Although Mr. Game has pointed out that the ringer of the treble need not know anything of the blue line, and that it depends upon one's standards whether one can claim drumming the tenor behind as part of the method, I feel he is being rather hard on these humble partici-pants. That expression of anxious inquiry on the treble ringer's face may not be due to having lost his place; it may be a reflec-tion of the question: "Whatever made me say I'd stand in a peal attempt?" and the ringer of the tenor may be fighting boredom rather than a heavy bell. If one knows the blue line it can take more concentration to stick to the treble-bob work

After all, how many peals are rung with-

out the treble?

A SUPPORTER OF THE RABBITS' GUILD. (Name and address supplied.)

BAD LUCK

There have been many Dear Sir, calamities in the history of change ringing, but we are particularly sad about our recent misfortune. We wish to withdraw the peal of Minor in nine methods at Great Barrington on September 2. [This had not been printed and has been withdrawn.-Editor.] The perils attending those who attempt to splice Minor are greater than we had supposed.

Thinking that all 2nds place Plain Minor methods would splice in 360's we rang St. Clements and Childwall in this way. are, of course, false when rung like this. The tragedy is all the worse as the peal was struck excellently throughout; it had one "first inside in Minor" (aged 13) and Bernard Taylor "called" his first peal (aged 14).

For the same reason we wish to withdraw the quarter of Spliced Minor at Great Witcombe on June 13.—Yours sadly

ERIC J. TAYLOR. Cheltenham.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEALS

Duffield, Derbys.—July 25, 2520 Bob Royal: P. Roper 1, D. Davis 2, C. Davis 3, P. Rose 4, Marjorie Phipps 5, D. Peers 6, A. Else 7, J. Arkwell 8, M. Phipps (cond.) 9, D. Hird 10. Longest length of Royal for all except 9. Rung by an all-Chesterfield District band as a compliment to Mr. F. Adams, district chairman 1947–63, now in his 76th year.

Groby, Leics.—Aug. 22, 2520 Minor (11

Groby, Leics. — Aug. 22, 2520 Minor (11 methods): Hilary F. Watson-Walker 1, Mary H. Barrass 2, P. D. Bailey 3, R. D. Hughes 4, A. R. Jones 5, R. N. Scholes (most methods as cond.) 6. First half peal for all except conductor.

A peal attempt brought round.

SEVEN BY (MAINLY) THE TAYLOR FAMILY

Hensingham, Cumb.—Aug. 21, 1260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Tembey 1, Malcolm Taylor (first Stedman) 2, Clare Taylor 3, Helen Taylor 4, Hilda Taylor 5, Bernard Taylor (first Stedman Triples) 6, Eric Taylor (cond.) 7, J. E. Brown 8.

Triples) 6, Eric Taylor (cond.) 7, J. E. Brown 8.
Crosthwaite, Westmorland. — Aug. 24, 1296
Beverley S. Minor: Helen 1, Malcolm (first in method) 2, Clare 3, Hilda 4, Bernard (cond.) 5, Fric 6

Upper Cam, Glos.—Sept. 1, 1440 Norwich S. Minor: Malcolm 1, Clare 2, Helen 3, Hilda 4, Bernard 5, Eric (cond.) 6. First in method for all. 25th quarter for the family.

Quinton, Warks.—Sept. 1, 1296 Minor (720 Spliced Kent and Oxford, 576 Cambridge): Bernard 1, Malcolm 2, Clare 3, Helen 4, Hilda 5, Eric (cond.) 6.

Toddington, Glos.—Sept. 6, 1296 Surfleet S. Minor: Hilda 1, Clare 2, Malcolm (first in method) 3, Helen 4, Eric 5, Bernard (cond.) 6. For Evensons

Much Marcle, Hereford.—Sept. 4, 1440 Warkworth Surprise Minor: Malcolm 1, Clare 2 Helen 3, Hilda 4, Bernard 5, Eric (cond.) 6 First in method for all.

Linton, Herefords.—Sept. 4, 1260 Hereward Bob Minor: Clare 1, Helen 2, Malcolm (first in method) 3, Hilda 4, Bernard (cond.) 5, Eric 6.

Allesley, Warks.—Sept. 6, 1280 Bob Major: I. F. Garvie 1, H. G. Summers 2, L. M. Callow 3, Pamela Taylor (first quarter) 4, R. D. Baker 5, R. Winter 6, P. Stone 7, W. A. Stote (comp.

and cond.) 8. For Matins.

Aylesbeare, Devon. — July 8, 1260 Bob Doubles: Julie Hatswell (first quarter) 1, M. Cain 2, H. L. Crisp 3, J. M. Carter 4, D. A. Wills (first Doubles in method as cond.) 5, L. Paver 6. Also July 29, 1260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. Queenie Retter 1, G. T. West 2, G. E. Retter 3, W. Wale (first quarter) 4, D. A. Wills (cond.) 5, A. Phillips (first quarter) 6. Also Sept. 2, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. Howes (first quarter) 1, C. L. Barr 2, F. D. Mack 3, J. M. Carter 4, D. A. Wills (cond.) 5, A. Phillips 6.

Asfordby, Leics.—Sept. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: Susan Rex 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, Mrs. M. Stimson 3, A. French 4, J. R. Ward 5, H. Clayton (cond.) 6

Backwell, Som.—Aug. 26, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: T. G. Phillips 1, Hillary Derham (first in method) 2, Heather Kippin 3, Carole Patey 4, G. H. Pullin 5, E. T. Lee 6, J. Brain 7, P. J. England (cond.) 8. Half-muffled in memoriam several parishioners who have died recently, two very tragically.

Benhall, Suffolk.—Aug. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles:
J. Peters 1, R. Peters 2, M. Peters 3, M. Baldry
4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6. For
morning service. Also Aug. 30, 1260 Bob
Doubles: J. Peters 1, G. Finch 2, R. Peters 3,
M. Peters 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, M. Baldry 6,
For evening (flower festival) service. Also Aug.
31, 1320 Bob Doubles: J. Peters 1, M. Baldry
2, M. Peters 3, R. Peters 4, T. Hughes (cond.)
5, A. H. Archer 6. Also Aug. 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Peters 1, M. Peters 2, M. Baldry
3, R. Peters 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. H.
Archer 6. For St. Mary's, Benhall, flower festival First Granders for all except 6

Wal. First Grandsire for all except 6.

Bladon, Oxon. — Sept. 7, 1260 Doubles and
Minor (four methods): R. Franklin 1, C. P. Turner 2, J. Collett 3, W. F. Judge 4, J. E. Judge
5, M. J. Turner 6. Conducted by 2, 4 and 6.

Beddington, Surrey.—Aug. 9, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Lewis (first quarter) 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, F. D. Jennings 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 5, Jean L. Kimber 6. Wedding anniversary compliment to Chris and Julia Stocker. Also Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. M. Y. Stocker (first quarter) 1, Julia Stocker 2, Jean L. Kimber 3, Kathleen E. Chilcott 4, A. G. Clark 5, R. J. Cook 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, F. D. Jennings 8.

Blewbury, Berks. — Sept. 12, 1260 Stedman Triples: Jane Wells 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, Mary Wells 3, H. E. Wells 4, H. L. Bishop 5, J. P. Blond 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, W. Corderoy 8. Wedding compliment to Helen Gardner and

Graeme Horton.

Blythburgh, Suffolk. — Sept. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Peters (first Minor) 1, C. J. Gibson 2, T. Hughes (first Minor) 3, P. S. Bedford 4, A. Knights 5, W. S. Girling (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to George Finch, of Marlesford.

Bowdon, Cheshire. — Sept. 13, 1264 Bob Major: D. A. Hogg 1, Felicity Ashworth (first inside) 2, Kirsty R. Fisher 3, Ann Roberts (first quarter) 4, Catherine M. Kay 5, D. Cormell 6, A. J. Brown (cond.) 7, A. Twyman 8. Wedding compliment to David Stratton and Susan Hogg, local ringers, married the previous day.

Braughing, Herts.—Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Tott 1, P. Hunt 2, P. Glazebrook 3, W. Hunt 4, K. Westwood 5, L. Luck 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, E. Mardell 8. For Holy Com-

Carbis Bay, Cornwall. — Aug. 27, 2040 Bob Minor: G. W. Taysom 1, Margaret P. Byrne 2, Janet S. Evans 3, T. R. Hart 4, F. M. Bowers 5, T. J. Bell (cond.) 6. Peal attempt curtailed.

Carhampton, Som.—Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Arscott 1, Miss P. Tuckett 2, E. Tyndale-Biscoe 3, A. Chubb 4, R. Watts (cond.) 5, G. Fisher 6. For Evensong.

Clevedon, Som.—Aug. 11, 1280 Bob Major: V. H. James 1, Rosemary Myers 2, G. Beech 3, P. Gardner 4, Helen Kirkpatrick 5, B. H. Goodliffe 6, P. L. R. Hayward 7, R. W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 8. First Major 1, 3, 4, 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. James.

Co. Fermanagh (Garrison Youth Hostel).— Sept. 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: Katharine J. Maundrell 1-2, S. C. Walters (cond.) 3-4, W. T. Perrins 5-6, D. Barton 7-8.

Coleshill, Warks. — Aug. 24, 1260 Doubles (nine meth./var.; 7, 6, 8 covering): Dawn Holly (first quarter) 1, Linda Deebank 2, L. L. Willis 3, M. Edwards (cond.) 4, D. L. Hooper 5, G. Williams 6, A. Ensor 7, H. Walker 8. Halfmuffled in memoriam Rt. Rev. Leonard Wilson, one-time Bishop of Birmingham.

Croydon, Surrey (St. John's).—Sept. 6, 1295 Grandsire Caters: K. Taber (cond.) 1, E. Razzell 2, Mrs. S. Bianco 3, S. A. Nicholls 4, G. Newman 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, N. Brown 7, D. Brown 8, A. J. Brown 9, I. M. Parry 10. For Evensong.

Dittisham, Devon.—Sept. 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Edden (cond.) 1, Rev. P. Dowling 2, R. F. Shepperd 3, Rev. P. Angold 4, G. J. L. Read 5, W. Collier (first quarter) 6. Wedding compliment to Miss S. Tucker and D. Eastly; also 81st birthday compliment to tenor ringer.

Dronfield, Derbys. — Aug. 18, 1320 Bob Doubles: M. P. Phipps (cond.) 1, J. D. Arkwell 2, D. Millington 3, G. E. Williams (first quarter) 4, D. N. Peers 5, I. Hardy (first quarter) 6. A welcome to Rev. J. Goldsmith (curate) and to mark the birth of a son to Jill and Tony Bethel (churchwarden).

Dunkerton, Som.—Aug. 24, 1272 Durham S. Minor: Janet Parker 1, E. T. Lee 2, J. Brain 3, P. J. England 4, J. Maggs 5, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 6.

Eastbourne, Sussex (St. Mary's). — Aug. 25, 1260 Bob Triples: Kathleen M. Reynolds (first Triples) 1, P. Fox 2, D. I. Ramsay (first Triples) 3, H. G. F. Reynolds 4, L. J. Baldock 5, T. M. Barlow 6, I. J. Rees (first P.B. and Triples as cond.) 7, I. N. Clark 8. First in method by all. Half-muffled in memoriam D. H. Hogarth and D. Rees, both ringers at this church.

Evercreech, Som.—Sept. 4, 1440 Cambridge S. Royal: A. P. Beck 1, Judy Beck (first Royal) 2, G. Massey 3, Clare Higby 4, H. J. Sanger 5, D. McKay 6, D. Massey 7, E. Naylor 8, R. E. Beck 9, E. J. Chlvers (cond.) 10.

Elland, Yorks.—Sept. 6, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Ruby Mortimer 1, Mary Pollard 2, Gean Pollard 3, Anne Barmby 4, P. Birket 5, A. Naylor (cond.) 6, H. Jones 7, A. Rogers 8. Also Sept. 8, 1320 Kent Minor: P. Birket 1, Ruby Mortimer 2, Gean Pollard 3, Anne Barmby 4, H. Jones 5, A. Naylor (cond.) 6. Both for Patronal Festival of the B.V. Mary.

Enfield, Middx. (St. Andrew).—Aug. 2, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Linda J. West 1, D. J. Duggan 2, Margaret D. Twigg 3, R. R. Wood 4, H. Howson 5, A. S. Baker (cond.) 6, P. G. Twigg 7, R. M. Luxon 8. In memoriam Rt. Hon. lain Macleod, late chancellor and M.P. for Enfield West. First in method by all.

Filton, Glos. — Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss C. Blount 1, A. N. Blount 2, Miss H. Blount 3, Miss M. N. Haslum (cond.) 4, D. C. Haslum 5, Miss W. A. Miller 6, Wedding compliment to Richard and Valerie Smith.

Gosfield, Essex.—Sept. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: L. Messenger (first quarter) 1, S. Sudbury 2, S. Burdon 3, I. Messenger 4, T. Wray (first quarter) 5, H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6. First ever local quarter.

Great Bowden, Leics. — Sept. 5, 1440 Cambridge Minor: Hazel J. Nichols 1, G. Slater 2, J. Hunt 3, E. Cowd 4, H. Bray 5, R. Martin (cond.) 6.

Grantham, Lincs.—Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Royal: D. A. Frith 1, R. H. Cook 2, L. Squires 3, A. Short 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, B. Buttery 6, V. P. Evans 7, D. Rooke 8, R. H. Woods 9, P. A. Slight (cond.) 10. For Evensong. Also Sept. 6, 1232 Bob Major: P. A. Slight 1-2, R. H. Cook 3-4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5-6, B. Buttery 7-8. First Major in hand by all.

Great Haseley, Oxon. — Sept. 2, 1320 Bob Doubles: Christina Bowles 1, Julie Tyler 2, G. J. Tyler 3, T. S. Bowles 4, A. D. Tyler (cond.) 5, S. H. Young 6.

Hammerwood, Sussex.—Sept. 6, 1320 Doubles (five methods): Helen Dodds 1, Joyce Dodds 2, C. Bainham (cond.) 3, Frances Dodds (50th quarter) 4, G. Dodds 5.

Harmston, Lincs.—Sept. 5, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: J. Rigby 1, Susan O'Neill (first Surprise Major) 2, Anne P. Leigh 3, J. Thorley 4, H. G. Wells (first Yorkshire) 5, A. J. Jackson 6, F. J. Jackson 7, J. E. Cook (cond.) 8. By Society of Rambling Ringers

Herne, Kent.—Aug. 8, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire and P.B.): J. Legg (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Niblett 2, J. Pladdys 3, D. Cawley 4, D. Niblett 5, G. Holness (first quarter) 6. For induction of Rev. D. Bretherton.

Honiton, Devon. — Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Travers 1, Miss G. Stamp (first inside) 2, F. Stamp 3, W. Sparkes 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6. For evening service.

Huntington, Yorks.—Aug. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine B. Sanderson (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Mrs. D. E. Sanderson 2, Mrs. E. Chapman 3, R. J. Sanderson 4, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 5, L. J. Atkins 6. For Evensong.

Hurworth, Co. Durham. — Sept. 5, 1260 Bob Minor: Judith Robson 1, Anne Johnson 2, Lesley Robson 3, Jane Bryant 4, E. Pannel 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. First attempt by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

(cond.) 6. First attempt by 1, 2, 3 and 4. Hyde, Cheshire. — Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: Anne Snowball (first quarter) 1, Christine Andrew 2, Sylvia Smith 3, Margaret P. Booth 4, Ann C. Bennett 5, N. Bennett (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Kidlington, Oxon. — Sept. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. P. Turner 1, W. F. Judge (cond.) 2, J. E. Judge 3, M. Journeaux 4, J. Cleaver 5, P. Franklin 6, T. P. Franklin 7, P. Sampson 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Victor Webb (aged 84), life-long lover of Kidlington and its bells.

Kingsdon, Som. — 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. L. Parker 1, Mrs. C. Gratton 2, D. Pollard (first inside) 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, C. Gratton 6. Wedding compliment to Janet Lisa Benjamin and John Watts; also a birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

Lane End, Bucks. — Sept. 6, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): T. E. Wright 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, T. N. Wright 4, C. Meakes (cond.) 5, R. Meakes 6. For Harvest Thanks-

Langdon Hills, Essex. — Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Doubles: Eleanor Clems 1, Janice Manterfield (first as cond., aged 12) 2, G. I. Lucas 3, K. Lucas 4, D. Stott 5, W. White 6.

King's Lynn, Norfolk (St. Margaret),-Aug. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Curston 1, R. Newson 2, R. Harrop 3, W. W. Cousins 4, Needham 5, L. W. Houghton 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, G. Allum 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Newson.

Leadenham, Lincs. — Sept. 5, 1260 Minor (three methods): Susan O'Neill 1, J. Thorley 2, H. G. Wells 3, J. Rigby 4, A. Jackson 5, F Jackson (cond.) 6. By Society of Rambling

Lechlade, Glos. — Aug. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Bridget Hardisty 1, W. E. Gearing 2, Janet Powell 3, P. Kirby 4, H. N. Evans (cond.) 5, J. Ryman 6. A farewell to Janet Powell,

leaving for Australia.

Lincoln (St. Mary-le-Wigford with St. Mark). -Aug. 23, 1272 Minimus (six methods): Dianne Davis 1, A. W. Froggatt 2, Susan A. Faull 3, E. J. Parkin (cond.) 4. A farewell to Rev. S. Booth-Clibborn and family, moving to Great St. Mary's, Cambridge,

Liverpool (Our Lady and St. Nicholas).-Sept. 6, 1264 Bob Major: Susan D. Cowan 1, Elizabeth Cosnett (first attempt) 2, J. N. Brown 3, Gwen I. Howlett 4, T. Lee 5, E. C. Birkett 6, G. C. Sparling (cond.) 7, B. Wakefield 8. For Even-

Llandaff, Glam (Cathedral). - Sept. 6, 1260 Stedman Triples: Judith Ashcroft 1, Anne Cooke 2, Shelagh Plumb 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, N. A. James 5, D. G. Clift 6, D. J. Llewellyn 7,

J. Clatworthy 8. For Evensong.

Loughborough, Leics (Parish Church) .-6, 1335 Stedman Caters: R. B. Smith (cond.) 1, Hilary F. Watson-Walker 2, J. Saddington 3, R N. Scholes 4, D. G. Farrar 5, E. C. Weaver 6, W. A. Thow 7, P. W. Brown 8, R. M. Wilson 9, A. E. Clayton 10. For Evensong, and to celebrate the marriage of Sarah Margaret Taylor to Michael Joseph Bassett, which took place the previous day.

Lytchett Matravers, Dorset. - Sept. 4, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Mary E. Elmes 1, M. Lawson (first Surprise) 2, T. F. Collins (cond.) 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, G. W. Elmes 5, S. I.

Bamforth 6.

Malmesbury, Wilts.—Aug. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Player 1, P. A. G. Watts (first inside) 2, H. G. Blanchard 3, P. W. Holroyd 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, J. E. Billings 6. For United Churches Evensong; also birthday compliment to treble ringer.

Malvern Link, Worcs. - Sept. 6, 1280 Bob Major: E. G. Barber 1, E. J. F. Rose 2, R. Sayers 3, Mrs. R. M. Morris 4, G. W. Edwards 5, G. C. Bagley 6, J. Clements 7, R. G. Morris (cond.) 8. To celebrate the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. F. Rose; also 50th anniversary of Mr. Rose's first peal.

Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.--Sept. 5, 1440 Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: Patricia C. Stocken 1, Jennifer M. Beech 2, P. J. Evans 3, N. R. Holland 4, F. Beech 5, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 6.

Midhurst, Sussex.—Aug. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lyn V. Hallett 1, Marilyn J. Burn 2, Stella M. Knight 3, M. K. Till 4, K. C. Knight (cond.) 5, J. J. Charlton 6. For Evensong; also a farewell to Marilyn Burn, leaving for Hitchin.

Mildenhall, Suffolk. - Aug. 23, 1264 Bob Major: H. Iving 1, P. Goodwin (first inside) 2, Miss A. M. Richmond 3, C. Nunn 4, Miss S. E. V. Potter 5, A. F. Ballam 6, B. E. Whiting 7, M. J. Rose (first as cond.) 8.

THREE IN ONE EVENING

Mitcheldean, Glos. — July 6, 1320 Bob Doubles: Margaret Somme (12, first quarter) 1, Nicola Jordan (12, first inside) 2, Nicola Paton (12) 3, R. Smith (14, first as cond.) 4, Ann Brain (16) 5, Susan Paton (15) 6. Also 1260 Bob Doubles: N. Brain (13, first quarter) 1, Nicola Jordan 2, Nicola Paton 3, Susan Paton 4, Ann Brain (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6. Also 1260 Bob Doubles: Margaret Somme 1, Nicola Jordan 2, Nicola Paton 3, R. Smith 4, Susan Paton (cond.) 5, Ann Brain 6.

Monken Hadley, Herts.-Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Triples: M. Soper 1, F. MacFarlane 2, Harriet Platten 3, R. Fisher 4, J. Platten 5, C. Ward 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Bradbrook 8. First inside 2 and 4. For Evensong.

Nailsea, Som .- Sept. 8, 1260 Doubles {two methods): Mrs. R. Short 1, L. Childs 2, D. Willis 3, W. Neath 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A 70th birthday compliment to ringer of 6

New Mills, Derbys,-Sept. 5, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: B. F. Trueman (first Major) 1, W. Birmingham, jun. 2, Elizabeth A. Hibbert (first T.B.) 3, B. S. B. Kear 4, P. Boucher 5, P. Andrew 7, M. Foulds (cond.) 8.

Old Portsmouth, Hants (59 High Street) .-Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean M. Berriman 1-2, R. W. Willans (cond.) 3-4, B. J. Fry 5-6

Old Swinford, Worcs. - Sept. 6, 1356 Bob Minor: B. L. Wootton 1, M. P. Tobin 3, B. R. Sutton 4, C. W. Cooper 5, J. Warr 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, A. D. Roden 8. For Matins.

Oxford (St. Giles) .- Sept. 6, 1344 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Gardner 1, P. Walker 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, Elizabeth Barber 4, J. Hartley 5, Pearce 6, P. Tocock (cond.) 7, F. A. H. Wilkins For Feast of St. Giles.

Pagham, Sussex .- Sept. 5, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Joy Houghton 1, Belinda Street 2, Susan M. Wills 3, P. M. Wills 4, P. Stevens (cond.) 5. A wedding compliment to Patricia Clark and Michael J. Wake.

Piddlehinton, Dorset. -- Sept. 2, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: T. F. Collins (cond.) 1, C. J Cull (first Surprise) 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, G. W Elmes 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, S. I. Bamforth 6.

Piddletrenthide, Dorset. - Sept. 9, 1320 Doubles (71 m/v): Helen A. Haines 1, I. Calvert 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, R.

Haines 5. First in 71 m/v for all.

Polesworth, Warks .- Sept. 5, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, M. Quimby (cond.) 6. First Minor by all. Also Sept. 6, 1320 Doubles (two methods): S. Allsopp 1, R. Knight 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5,

Culimby 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hlorns (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong.

Radlett, Herts.—May 23, 2160 Radlett Delight Minor: Rev. J. Orme 1, F. W. Ellis 2, K. J. Darvill 3, Alice Talbot-Ponsonby 4, A. R. Carter 5, A. W. R. Wilby (cond.) 6. To mark the ordination of Rev. Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby,

Randwick, Glos.-Sept. 3, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. Simpson 1, Susan Williams (cond.) 2, M. Kay 3, Sara Cornock 4, R. Cornock 5, Hon. Rev. N. Morrison 6. Half-muffled on 2nd anniversary of the death of Miss Edna Harper, who gave the second bell to Randwick Church.

Raveningham, Norfolk. - July 18, 1320 Doubles (three methods): J. W. Forder 1, Long (cond.) 2, F. C. Gunton 3, J. M. Clarke 4, N. P. J. Cossey 5. A wedding compliment to Mr. Paul Nicholson and Miss Sarah Bacon (daughter of Sir Edmund and Lady Bacon, of Raveningham Hall).

Ringstead, Northants. - Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: F. Crosier 1, Miss C. Yeomans (first inside) 2, Miss J. Green 3, W. Whitmore 4, V. Headland 5, D. J. Attley (cond.) 6. For Festal Evensong,

Rochford, Essex. — Aug. 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tipping 1, P. Sloman 2, P. Bedford 3, Mary Wilkinson 4, Valerie Jones 5, S. Halliwell 6, G. Bacon (50th quarter, cond.) 7, Sylvia Bedford 8. For Evensong; also a wedding compliment to David Sloman and Penny Halliwell.

Scarcliffe, Derbys. — July 25, 1320 Doubles (four methods): L. Coe (first Doubles) 1, Marjorie Phipps (most methods) 2, D. Hird 3, J. D. Arkwell 4, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 5. First quarter on the bells. To welcome the new vicar, and as a compliment to John Watkins (tower captain), prior to his wedding.

Shrewsbury, Salop (St. Chad).—Sept. 6, 1264 Bob Major: P. A. Thompson 1, Mrs. A. Williams 2, Miss V. Bennett 3, Miss P. C. Stocken 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, R. H. Newton 6, E. F. Willcox 7, P. J. Evans (cond.) 8. For Evensong and to welcome Rev. C. Fraser and Mrs. A. Williams to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

Stapleford, Cambs.-Sept. 4, 1440 Minor and Doubles (Pl. Bob, April Day): Lynn V. Bedford 1, Jean F. West 2, Stephanie E. Boddy 3, Julie Barnes 4, M. R. Kitson (25th quarter) 5, R. I. West 6. Conducted by 5 and 6. Also Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Doubles: A. Kellock 1, Jean F. West 2, Stephanie E. Boddy 3, J. Bates (first inside) 4, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist.

Scunthorpe, Lincs. - Sept. 8, 1260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): Mrs. P. Blenkhorn 1, Miss F. A. Lacey 2, W. Bains 3, Mrs. J. E. Finn 4, F. T. Lacey 5, F. Lord (cond.) 6.

Sidmouth, Devon. - Sept. 5, 1386 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Turner 1, A. Mingo 2, Marion Baker 3, B. F. Coles 4, P. C. Davis 5, E. W. Rowe 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, P. Selway 8. A wedding compliment to James M. Clarke and Joan M. Hayward, married at Withycombe Raleigh.

South Cadbury, Som.—Sept. 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Miles 1, R. Raymond 2, K. L. Laver 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, F. L. Andrews 5, T. Mead 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. Olding (former ringer) and Mrs. Olding.

Stisted, Essex. — Aug. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: Wendy E. Earle 1, R. J. Lindsell 2, Jennifer Syder 3, C. H. Gillingham 4, A. R. Syder 5, T Earle (cond.) 6.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol. - Sept. 6, 1296 Cam bridge S. Minor: A. Crofts 1, Alison Brown 2, Gillian Thomas (first Surprise) 3, Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 4, Joan Gray 5, P. Gray 6. For

Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk. - Sept. 6, 1320 Bob Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk. — Sept. 6, 1320 Bob Doubles: C. J. Pledger 1, J. A. Mayle 2, W. A. Perry (cond.) 3, D. A. Smith (first quarter) 4, A. E. Peacock 5, A. R. Cowan (first quarter) 6. Also Sept. 10, 1320 Bob Doubles: C. H. Steward (first quarter) 1, Valerie J. Cowan (first quarter) 2, W. A. Perry 3, A. E. Peacock 4, J. A. Mayle (cond.) 5, A. R. Cowan 6.

Stourbridge, Worcs (St. Thomas).-Sept. 10, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. F. L. Smith 1, Mrs. M. I. Brown 2, J. Macefield 3, J. Warr 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, P. J. Brown 6, M. P. Tobin 7, G Westwood 8, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 9, A. D. Fellows 10. For farewell visit to this church of Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, retiring Bishop of Worcester.

Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.—Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Lyne 1, J. A. Print 2, C. J. Pickford 3, C. R. Steed 4, D. Bates 5, M. Reed 6, J. L. Findon (cond.) 7, D. White 8. For service.

Totternhoe, Beds. - Sept. 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Newman 1, F. J. Cook 2, P. R. Aslett 3, R. J. Scott 4, W. Sear 5, M. Stacey 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. For festival of flowers. Also Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Stephenson 1, F. J. Cook 2, June Sinfield 3, R. J. Scott 4, M. Stacey 5, J. G. Newman 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. For Parish Communion (by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans) on the 750th Patronal Festival of St. Giles.

Tuxford, Notts.-July 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Janet C. Sayer 1, S. Carnall 2, B. Birkett 3, D. R. Chambers 4, H. Denman 5, J. A. Coates (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Arthur Fox (tower captain).

Washington, D.C., U.S.A. (Cathedral).-Aug. 23, 1260 Bob Triples: Ashtone Applewhite 1, Ann Gardner 2, Janis Hensley 3, Quilla Roth 4, Marjorie Batchelor 5, S. Humphrey 6, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 7, J. G. Fanfani 8. To celebrate the birth of a son (Charles Andrew) Elizabeth and Richard Dirksen. Also Aug. 30, 1440 Bob Royal: Margaret Fanfani 1, Kit Matthew 2, Mary Osterhaus 3, Quilla Roth 4, Janis Hensley 5, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 6, Mar-jorie Batchelor 7, S. Humphrey (cond.) 8, R. J. Dirksen 9, J. C. Baldwin 10. First Royal 1 to 7 inclusive. Farewell to John and Beryl Baldwin and welcome to Tom Griffith-Jones. Also Sept. 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline M. Humphrey (first Triples) 1, Ashtone Applewhite 2 Marjorie Batchelor 3, Quilla Roth 4, S. F. Royal 5, S. Humphrey 6, R. S. Dirksen 7, J. G. Fanfani A welcome and farewell to Stephen Royal. Also Sept. 7, 1384 Plain and Little Bob Major: Ann Gardner 1-2, S. Humphrey (cond.) 3-4, S. Dirksen 5-6, Marjorie Batchelor 7-8. Fi Spliced Major for all, and in U.S.A. Also Sept. 7, 1260 Stedman Triples: Quilla Roth 1, Ann Gardner 2, Marjorie Batchelor 3, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones (first Stedman) 4, S. Humphrey 5, E. Martin 6, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 7, J. G. Fanfani 8. For Labor Day.

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Peals

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, St. James. Tues., Sept. 8, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (18 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Ronald J. Sharp *2 Jeremy Piron

3 Robert R. Churchill 4 Anthony H. Smith

Martyn J. Marriott Robert L. Piron

7 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

8 C. Michael Orme *First of London.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

(Yorkshire Association)

PATRINGTON, Yorkshire, St. Patrick.

Sun., Aug. 30, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (10 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 1120 Rutland, 896 Yorkshire, 672 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 576 Bristol, 448 Pudsey and Superlative, 224 London, 108 changes of method and all the work). Composed by R. J. Parker.

*1 Laura Higginson

2 Peter Church

3 Maris C. Stephenson 4 F. Neville Pailing

5 John R. Leary (Conductor) 6 Ronald Ducker

7 Christopher L. D. Munday

8 Ian G. Campbell

*First attempt.

BEVERLEY, E. Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (34 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(No. 3.)
Arranged by J. R. Mayne.

Roddy R. Horton

*2 Peter Church
3 Maris C. Stephenson
4 John R. Leary

*5 F. Neville Pailing *6 Malcolm E. Johnson

7 Michael Maughan (Conductor)

8 George S. Deas 9 Ian G. Campbell

10 Ronald Ducker *First in method. First in method for the society.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

HILLSBOROUGH, Co. Down, St. Malachi.

Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (19 cwt.) 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)

2 Jennifer Field (Newnham) 3 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)

4 R. S-Bradley (Clare) 5 D. Barton (Selwyn)

6 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn, Conductor)

7 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) 8 S. C. Walters (Pembroke)

First in method by all and for the guild.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

TENBY, Pembrokeshire, St. Mary.

Wed., Aug. 19, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12½ cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland; 640 Bristol;
Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Yorksire; with 142 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

John Bell

Neil Bennett (Conductor)

Christine Andrew Giles B. Thompson

Geoffrey R. Gardner Michael D. Fishwick

Frank Osbaldiston

8 Richard S. Starkie

ROSTHERNE, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (22\(\frac{3}{4}\) cwt.) 5040 MINOR (St. Nicholas, Heatherslade, Gower, Rev. Canterbury, Cambridge S., St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Reb.) Bob).

Paul Maddock

2 David A. Godfrey
3 Harry W. Howard
4 Frederick S. Sutton
5 Geoffrey A. Edwards
6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

225th as conductor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire, St. Giles. Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (7 cwt.)

*5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

1 Derek H. Walters

*2 R. David Baker *3 Charles P. Quartley

4 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)

5 Anthony J. Cox 6 Peter C. Randall

John K. Foot

8 Geoffrey W. Randall

*First of London Major. In memoriam Mrs. A. Wilson, benefactor of this church.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY, All Saints' Cathedral.

Tues., Sept. 8, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (19 cwt.)

5079 STEDMAN CATERS Arranged by R. A. G. Inglis.

David W. Friend (Conductor)

2 Gordon A. Halls 3 Joseph C. Woolley

Samson Walklate

5 Brian A. Tomlinson 6 Harold Taylor

7 Clive A. Thrower 8 Geoffrey Paul 9 John F. Murfin

10 Iain Wilson

By members of the Cathedral band as a wedding compliment to Mr. John Stennitt of the Cathedral band. BASFORD, Nottingham, St. Leodegarius. Thur., Sept. 3, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (143 cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton

Timothy Wylie

2 Nora Carlisle 3 Susan E. Davis

4 Roger Day 5 Brian A. Tomlinson 6 William L. Exton

7 Denis R. Carlisle 8 Peter Bellamy-Knights (Conductor)

EAST RETFORD, Notts, St. Swithun.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (23 cwt.) 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Clive A. Thrower

2 Timothy Wylie 3 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor) 4 Brian A. Tomlinson

5 Robert M. Chambers 6 David W. Parkin

7 Gordon A. Halls

8 Rev. Frederick Ross 9 Denis A. Frith 10 David W. Friend

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SOBERTON, Hampshire, St. Peter. Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (13½ cwt.)

5376 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1344 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 150 changes of method).

Composed by C. I. Rowson.

Geoffrey K. Dodd

2 Beryl R. Simpson 3 Peter J. Munday 4 Alan D. Flood

5 Richard L. Underwood 6 Timothy F. Collins 7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)

*8 A. Patrick Cannon

*First of spliced.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

5AWSTON, Cambs, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (13 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*1 Joyce Richards †2 Keith Page

3 Ivan Start

4 David Richards

5 Brian Page

6 Michael R. Ling (Conductor)

*First peal. †First inside.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD RADNOR, Radnorshire, St. Stephen. Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (16 cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (9 methods: 2 each St.
Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury,
Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Grandsire, and 12 variations).

1 Reginald Preece

1 Roghand Hece
2 Bryan Giddings
3 Robert A. Hatcher (Conductor)
4 Frederick R. Harris

5 John W. Hope 6 Danzey H. Watkins

*First in 21 methods/variations. Wedding compliments to Norman and Marlene Evans and also to David and Anne Hughes.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Herts, St. James the Apostle.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12\(\frac{3}{2}\) cwt.)
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Arranged by S. Humphrey.
1 Andrew W. R. Wilby

*2 Helen Dodds

3 Christine M. Carter 4 Barry R. Eglesfield †5 Trevor W. Groom 6 Andrew C. D. Mayes

7 David R. Saunderson 8 Anthony R. Carter (Conductor)

*First of Yorkshire Major. †First of Yorkshire.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down, SS. Philip and James.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (12 cwt.)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

1 Andrew S. Marland

2 Katharine J. Maundrell

3 J. Roderick N. Lebon

4 Nicholas J. H. Small

5 Dale Barton

6 Richard Green

7 S. Clarke Walters

8 Richard H. Youdale (Conductor)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ST. DAVID'S, Pembrokeshire, St. David's Cathedral.

Tues., Aug. 18, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (25 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. Smith.

1 Christine Andrew
2 Margaret P. Booth
3 Geoffrey R. Gardner
4 Giles B. Thompson

5 Frank Osbaldiston

6 Michael D. Fishwick 7 Richard S. Starkie

8 Neil Bennett (Conductor)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leics, All Saints. Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (16 methods: Kent and Oxford T.B.; Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst; St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton; Beverley and Surfleet S.; Double Court; Grandsire; Cambridge S.; Plain Bob). *1 Hilary F. Watson-Walker *2 Kenneth Burdett

*3 Peter D. Bailey *4 Ronald D. Hughes

*5 Alec R. Jones 6 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)

*Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, All Saints.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (30½ cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Composed by Andrew Hudson. 1 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)
*2 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
3 Alec R. Jones

4 Martin Green
5 Rupert A. Clarke
6 Burley P. Morris
7 John Bramley

8 A. James Poynor

9 Robert B. Smith

10 E. Alan Jacques

*First on ten and first of Stedman. celebrate the marriage this day of Sarah Margaret, elder daughter of Paul and Merle Taylor, to Michael Joseph Bassett.

ANSTEY, Leics, St. Mary.

Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (10½ cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Richard M. Wilson

Hilary F. Watson-Walker

John H. Sunderland

†4 Robert M. Kilby 5 William A. Thow

7 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)
Clive J. Mobbs

*First of Major and in method. †First of Major inside. On the eve of the Feast of St. Mary.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., Sept. 8, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (6½ cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven.

1 Ronald D. Hughes 2 Richard J. Clifton

3 Arthur E. Rowley

4 Roger N. Scholes

5 Frank Chambers

6 Alec R. Jones
7 G. Ronald Edwards

8 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

SWEPSTONE, Leics, St. Peter.

Sun., Sept. 13, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (103 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (16 methods: Kent and Oxford T.B.; Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge S., Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton; Double Bob and Fulbeck; Double Court;

Grandsire, Plain Bob).

1 William A. Thow

2 Hilary F. Watson-Walker

*3 Clive J. Mobbs

†4 Ronald D. Hughes

5 Alec R. Jones

6 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)

*50th peal. †50th for the guild. Most Minor methods to a peal by all. Evensong.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BICKER, Lines, St. Swithun.

Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (8 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

*1 Clive Bradley (14)

Yvonne Singleton (14) 3 David Fensom (15)

†4 Stephen Johnson (13) 5 Michael J. Belcher (Conductor, 15)

*6 Keith Richardson (12)

*First peal, †First inside, Average age, 14 years.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints.

Wed., Sept. 9, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (16½ cwt.)
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Arranged by A. R. Carter.

1 John R. Ketteringham 2 Eric Edmondson

3 Christine M. Carter

4 Joyce M. Clarke 5 David C. Brown

*6 David Redfearn

7 Alan D. Flood 8 David R. Saunderson

9 Anthony R. Carter (Conductor) 10 Harold W. Rogers

*First on ten. First of Royal as conductor.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk, SS. Mary and Margaret.

Tues., July 7, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Court,

St. Clements, Plain Bob, Kent T.B.)

1 Christine M. Clarke

2 James W. Forder 3 Norman P. J. Cossey

4 John M. Clarke

5 Frederick C. Gunton

6 H. William Barrett (Conductor) A farewell to the Rev. Alan Glendining,

seven years rector of the Raveningham Group of Parishes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

COSGROVE, Northants, St. Margaret.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (10 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents, 14 methods: Carlisle and Chester; Chester and Munden; London, Wells and Cunecastre; Beverley and Surfleet; Cambridge and Ipswich; Bourne; Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Bourne and Hull).

1 Janet Pearson

*2 Katherine S. Hardy

3 Elizabeth Forster

4 Joyce M. Clarke †5 Brian G. Greenwood 6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

*Most methods to a peal. †First of Surprise and first of Minor.

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MOULTON, Northants, SS. Peter and Paul. Tues., Sept. 8, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (16 cwt.) 5024 OVERSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by Murray Coleman.

1 Pamela B. Dacre
2 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)

3 Eric Billings 4 Brian R. Danby 5 Richard J. Danby

6 Stephen B. Bell 7 Barry R. Care 8 Barrie Hendry

First peal in the method.

OVERSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

-38-14-58.12.36-14-38-34-18.

F. b d.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral of St. Philip. Thur., Sept. 10, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (31 cwt.) 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by Peter Border.

Norman J. Goodman

2 Enid Lawson

2 End Lawson
3 Richard J. Tibbetts
4 Kenneth J. Hesketh
5 Stephen W. Barton
6 Terry R. Hampton
7 James W. Belshaw
8 George E. Fearn
9 Michael J. Fellows

10 Peter Border (Conductor)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

NOTTINGHAM, St. Mary.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 3hr. 35min. (36 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by W. Pye.

1 Peter L. R. Hayward 2 Sheila M. Anthony

3 Maris Stevenson 4 Peter Church

5 Edmund Shuttleworth

Peter Hawcock

George A. Dawson (Conductor)

8 Philip Jones
9 Ian G. Campbell 10 Ronald Ducker

A golden wedding compliment to Walter and Annie Nichols.

NOTTINGHAM, St. Peter with St. James. Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (19\(\frac{3}{4}\) cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*1 Pamela C. Clarke

†2 John R. Leeming (Conductor) †3 Susan M. O'Neill

*4 H. Geoffrey Wells ‡5 Peter L. R. Hayward *6 Derek Stainsby

*7 Brian M. Buswell 8 Robert Preston

9 R. Brian Mills 10 J. David Clarke

*First of Royal. †Completes Minor to Maximus, even numbers. ‡Completes Minor to Maximus, even numbers, in one year. First of Royal by resident members of Bingham District.

SUFFOLK GUILD

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Sept. 6, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (16 cwt.) 5152 DOUGAL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton. Walter W. Miller

Stephen Bedford

Muriel R. Page 4 J. Martin Thorley

Adrian Knights 6 Cecil W. Pipe

7 Ernest G. Pearce 8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

First in the method by all and for the guild.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert. Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (10 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (Two 2160's and one extent.)

Muriel R. Page *2 Leslie G. Brett

†3 Katharine M. Thorley 4 Vernon B. Bedford

‡5 Stephen J. Bedford

†6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*Completes the circle. †100th together. ‡First of Cambridge Minor.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THAKEHAM, Sussex, St. Mary.

Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (91 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob).

1 Ruth E. Halford

2 Bronwen J. Davies 3 Christopher Renyard

*4 Andrew P. Reeves
5 Patrick M. Wills

6 Philip Stevens (Conductor)

*First in 7-Minor A wedding compliment to Patricia Clark and Michael J. Wake, married at Pagham on September 5. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH **DIOCESAN GUILD**

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (26 cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by A. S. Hudson.
1 Heather A. Kippin
2 Katherine J. Maundrell

Neil Bennett

4 Richard H. Youdale
5 Frederick W. Ellis
6 Frank L. Harris (Conductor)

Gwilym Salmon John Hartless

9 Philip N. Tubbs 10 Edward J. Chivers 11 Robert C. Kippin *12 James A. D. Woolford

*50th 12-bell peal.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall, St. Anta and All Saints.

Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (9½ cwt.) **5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

1 Geoffrey W. Taysom *2 Margaret P. Byrne

3 Janet S. Evans T. Roy Hart

5 F. Malcolm Bowers

6 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)

*First peal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WAKEFIELD, Yorks, All Saints Cathedral.

Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Arranged by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

*1 Mrs. Daisy Whittaker

2 Anne E. C. Whittaker

3 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

Robert Cater

R. Anne Johnson 6 Peter Carbutt

7 George D. Johnson8 George E. Hancock9 Trevor Tarbatt

10 Douglas Barker

*First away from tenor. To welcome Julia Rachel Cater.

OSSETT, Yorks, Holy Trinity.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (271 cwt.) 5075 ERIN CATERS

Composed by J. M. H. Hunter.

1 Patricia North 2 Gail Cater

3 Iris Lemare

4 Margaret White 5 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor) 6 Robert Cater

7 Ian North

8 Frederick A. Munday 9 David S. Lockwood

10 Trevor Tarbatt

First of Erin Caters for the association.

Handbells

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

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Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (13 in G.) 5496 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (4 methods: 3840 Plain Bob, 576 each of Double Bob and Little Bob, 504 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 275 changes of method)

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten.

1-2 Martyn Hawkes
3-4 Howard W. Egglestone
5-6 Hugh N. Evans

7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (15 in C.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 version.)

Composed by Neil Bennett. 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor) 5-6 Roger Baldwin

*7-8 Bernard F. L. Groves 9-10 Frank C. Price

*First of London Royal on handbells.

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A., at the National Episcopal Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

Tues., July 28, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (17 in A.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by Simon Humphrey.

*1-2 Ann Gardner

†3-4 Richard S. Dirksen 5-6 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

*7-8 Marjorie Batchelor ‡9-10 Penny Moriarty

*First of Royal. †First of Royal in hand. ‡First peal. First of Royal in hand in North America.

ISLINGTON, Ontario, Canada, 50 Ravensbourne Crescent.

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 12min.

5088 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR (2 methods: 768 Oxford, 4320 Kent, Ilkeston variation, with 48 changes of method).

Composed by Nolan Golden.

1-2 David R. Ingram 3-4 Derek M. Sawyer 5-6 William H. Jackson

7-8 John Owen (Conductor)

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A., 4929 Hillbrook Lane.

Thur., Aug. 8, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (17 in A.) 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Simon Humphrey.

*1-2 Cecily Rock

3-4 Marjorie Batchelor

5-6 Ann Gardner

†7-8 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)

*First peal. †200th peal.

GRANTHAM RINGERS

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

STAMFORD, Lincs, All Saints.

Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (14 cwt.)

5040 SPLICED MINOR

(11 methods—7 extents: 1 March Delight; 2 March Delight; 3 March and North Muskham Delight; 4 North Muskham Delight; 5 Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst; 6 St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton and Plain Bob; 7 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob).

1 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

2 Vaughan P. Evans 3 Peter A. Slight 4 David R. Baxter

5 Melvyn J. Hiller

6 Brian Buttery

Wedding compliment to Maureen Simons (Stamford) and John Milton (Bristol).

UFFINGTON, Lincs, St. Michael and All Angels.

Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (13 cwt.)

5040 SPLICED MINOR
(19 methods—7 extents: 1 March Delight; North Muskham and East Bridgford Delight; 2 Boston and Selby Delight; 3 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; 4 Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall and Buxton; 5 St. Nicholas, Heatherslade and Gower; 6 Single Oxford and Plain Bob; 7 Reverse Canterbury).

*1 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)
2 Peter A. Slight

3 Melvyn J. Hiller *†4 Vaughan P. Evans

5 Brian Buttery
6 David R. Baxter
th together. †Most methods. A fare-*50th together. well to Rev. Peter Fluck.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Lines,

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Lincs,
St. Andrew.

Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15 cwt.)
5040 SPLICED MINOR
(23 methods — 7 extents: 1 Redcar Surprise,
Beighton S., Appleby S.; 2 Pattiswick S., Tering S; 3 March Delight, North Muskham D.,
East Bridgford D., Selby D., Boston D.; 4 Kent
and Oxford Treble Bob; 5 St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst; 6 St. Nicholas, Heatherslade, Gower; 7
Single Oxford and Plain Bob). Single Oxford and Plain Bob).

1 Vaughan P. Evans 2 Denis A. Frith (Conductor) 3 Melvyn J. Hiller

4 Brian Buttery

5 David R. Baxter

6 Peter A. Slight An engagement compliment to Janet Hardy and Ian Strachan Robinson.

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HORBLING, Lincs, St. Andrew.

Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (9 cwt.)

Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (9 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED MINOR (31 methods—7 extents: 1 Thorn Surprise Minor, Ripley S.M., Rhyl S.M., Luton S.M., Fyfield S.M., Broomfield S.M.; 2 Redcar Surprise Minor, Hatfield S.M., Appleby S.M., Beighton S.M., Pattiswick S.M., Terling S.M.; 3 March Delight, Staveley D., Selby D., Boston D., East Bridgford D., North Muskham D.; 4 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor; 5 St. Clements Minor, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pineburgt, 6 St. Micho. Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst; 6 St. Nicholas, Heatherslade, Gower; 7 Plain Bob Minor, Single Oxford).

1 Vaughan P. Evans 2 Peter A. Slight *3 Brian Buttery.

4 Denis A. Frith (Conductor) *5 David R. Baxter *6 Melvyn J. Hiller

*Most methods.

THORNHAUGH, Northants, St. Andrew.

Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 2hr. 21min. (6 cwt.)

5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

(130 methods and variations—19 methods: New Bob, St. Vedast, Huntspill, Blaisdon, St. Simon,

St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, St. Nicholas, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rev. St. Sebastian, All Saints, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, Stedman, Grandsire

and 111 variations).

Variation numbers: 1-4, 9-16, 21, 23-26, 31-35, 41-45, 61-64, 69-72, 77-80, 91-94, 99-102, 107-110, 121-124, 129-132, 137-140. 321-352, 371-386,

> 1 Denis A. Frith Vaughan P. Evans

*3 Melvyn J. Hiller 4 Peter A. Slight (Conductor)

5 Brian Buttery

*Most Doubles/methods/variations to a peal.

WANSFORD, Northants, St. Mary.

Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 1hr. 59min. (3 cwt.)

5040 SPLICED MINOR
(15 methods—7 extents: 1 London Bob, Lytham, Westlecott; 2 College Bob, Wavertree, Rodbourne; 3 St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton; 4 Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst; 5 Single Oxford; 6 Reverse Canterbury; 7 Plain Bob).

1 Vaughan P. Evans

2 Brian Buttery

3 Melvyn J. Hiller 4 David R. Baxter 5 Peter A. Slight

6 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

EGGLESTONE'S EFFUSION

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SUFFOLK GUILD

CHELMSFORD, Essex, Cathedral of SS. Mary the Virgin, Peter and Cedd.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. 29min. (34 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by Roderick Pipe.

1 Yvonne A. Towler 2 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

*3 Bruce Martin 4 Cyril A. Wratten

†5 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

Brian Bladon Stephen Fenwick

8 Paul A. Williams 9 James L. Towler 10 Cecil W. Pipe 11 James R. Taylor 12 D. John Hunt

*First of Maximus inside. †First on 12. ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Clark.

HOLLESLEY, Suffolk, All Saints. Sun., Aug. 23, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (17 cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Henry Dains.

Paul A. Williams Margery A. Wratten Yvonne A. Towler

4 Stephen Fenwick 5 Bruce Martin

6 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor) 7 Cecil W. Pipe

8 James L. Towler *First in the method.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Paul. Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (21 cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Bruce Martin Cyril A. Wratten

Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

4 D. John Hunt (Conductor)

5 Stephen Fenwick Paul A. Williams James R. Taylor 8 Brian Bladon

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary

the Virgin.
Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (8 cwt.)

5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL Arranged by John R. Mayne. Margery A. Wratten

Stephen Fenwick *3 Yvonne A. Towler *4 Brian Bladon

5 James R. Taylor *6 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

7 James L. Towler †8 Cyril A. Wratten 9 Cecil W. Pipe 10 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

*First of Rutland Royal. †500th peal.

ELVEDEN, Suffolk, SS. Patrick and Andrew.

Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (17 cwt.)

5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

1 Bruce Martin 2 Brian Bladon 3 James R. Taylor
4 Howard W. Egglestone
5 Paul A. Williams
*6 Cyril A. Wratten
*7 James L. Towler

8 D. John Hunt (Conductor)

*First in the method.

STOWMARKET, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Mary.

Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (20 cwt.) 5088 STONEHENGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John R. Mayne.

D. John Hunt

2 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
3 Cyril A. Wratten
4 Paul A. Williams
5 Cecil W. Pipe

6 Stephen Fenwick James L. Towler

8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

First in method by all.

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk, St. Margaret. Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (13 cwt.) **5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR** Composed by Stanley Jenner

Margaret E. Egglestone

*2 Bruce Martin 3 Yvonne A. Towler 4 Howard W. Egglestone

5 D. John Hunt (Conductor) *6 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

*7 Cecil W. Pipe *8 James L. Towler

*First in the method.

PAKEFIELD, Suffolk, All Saints and St. Margaret.
Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (8 cwt.)
5088 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR

Wed.

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

†2 Margery A. Wratten †3 Stephen Fenwick 4 James R. Taylor 5 Cecil W. Pipe

6 Brian Bladon

†7 Paul A. Williams 8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor) *100th peal. †First in the method.

WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary. Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (15 cwt.) 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 James L. Towler

2 Howard W. Egglestone

3 Paul A. Williams

4 Cyril A. Wratten

5 James R. Taylor 6 Brian Bladon Cecil W. Pipe

8 D. John Hunt (Conductor)

DEBENHAM. Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene. Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (21 cwt.) 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Charles H. Martin. 1 Yvonne A. Towler

*2 Stephen Fenwick

3 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey 4 Bruce Martin

5 D. John Hunt 6 Brian Bladon

7 James R. Taylor 8 James L. Towler (Conductor) *First in the method.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk, Bramford Lodge. Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. 1-2 Jennifer M. Taylor

3-4 James R. Taylor 5-6 Howard W. Egglestone

7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

EYE, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Paul. i., Aug. 28, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (19 cwt.) 5088 SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Rev. H. Earle Bulmer.
1 Cecil W. Pipe
2 Paul A. Williams

Brian Bladon

James R. Taylor

5 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey *6 James L. Towler

7 D. John Hunt

8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor) *400th peal. First in the method by all.

HENLEY, Suffolk, St. Peter. , Aug. 28, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (8 cwt.) 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by W. Barton.

1 Margery A. Wratten 2 Stephen Fenwick

3 Yvonne A. Towler 4 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

5 Bruce Martin 6 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
7 Paul A. Williams

8 Brian Bladon

HORRINGER, Suffolk, St. Leonard. Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (9 cwt.) 5120 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton. Yvonne A. Towler

*2 Paul A. Williams
3 James R. Taylor
*4 Stephen Fenwick 5 Brian Bladon

6 Cecil W. Pipe

7 James L. Towler 8 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor) *First in the method.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD BOWDON, Cheshire, The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (18 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1344 Rutland, 1248 Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. 1 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)

2 H. Muirhead (Newnham)

3 N. J. H. Small (Sidney Sussex)
4 F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)
5 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn, Conductor)

6 D. Barton (Selwyn) 7 V. Nutton (Selwyn) 8 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)

On the birthday of Lois M. N. Ridgway (vicar's daughter).

CHESTERFIELD, Derbyshire, St. Mary

and All Saints.

Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (25½ cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. Pye.

1 F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)

2 H. Muirhead (Newnham, Conductor)

3 C. W. Woolley (Selwyn) 4 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn) 5 J. B. Cooke (Queens') 6 W. T. Cook (Jesus)

A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn)

8 R. S. Bradley (Clare)
9 J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's) 10 A. F. Scholfield (Clare)

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire, St. Helen.
Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (15½ cwt.)
5088 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by C. W. Woolley.
*1 A. F. Scholfield (Clare)
2 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)

3 J. B. Cooke (Queens')
4 R. D. St. J. Smith (Selwyn)
5 W. T. Cook (Jesus)

6 J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)
7 C. W. Woolley (Selwyn, Conductor)
8 C. M. P. Johnson (St. John's)

*50th with the guild. 750th by the guild.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

Quarter Peals

Week St. Mary, Cornwall. — Sept. 9, 1276 Cambridge S. Minor: Mrs. M. A. Large 1, J. W. Conduct 2, Miss J. Quaife 3, H. Trewin (first in method) 4, H. Stacey 5, B. Walton (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Margaret and Jonathan Noel Large.

Westminster (St. Clement Danes').—Aug. 23, 1264 Bob Major: Margaret Chappell 1, Leslie C. Tibbitts (50th quarter) 2, M. Wareing 3, C. E. Willmington 4, G. H. Walker 5, A. M. S. Stracey 6, D. A. Tovell 7, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 8.

Willimington 4, G. H. Walker 5, A. M. S. Stracey 6, D. A. Tovell 7, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 8. Wheatley, Oxon. — Sept. 10, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Hilary McGowan 1, Christine Baker 2, I. M. M. O'Reilly 3, E. F. Putt 4, C. Smith 5, K. H. Harris 6. Conducted by 2 and 5. For Induction of Rev. H. Brasier as vicar. Whitby, Yorks. — Sept. 5, 1260 Bob Minor

tenor covering): J. Lamerton (first in method)

1, S. R. Elwick 2, A. V. Coates 3, P. Sotheran
(first Minor) 4, R. M. Franks 5, D. Elwick (first
Minor and as cond.) 6, F. H. Lamerton 7. A
golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F.
Taylor.

Withycombe Raleigh, Devon.—April 23, 1260
Grandsire Triples: G. T. West 1, D. A. Wills 2,
F. W. Williams 3, J. M. Carter 4, H. L. Crisp
5, C. L. Barr 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E.
Knight 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Brig. the
Rev. H. B. B. Butler. Also May 3, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. Mary I. Mack 1, F. W.
Williams 2, H. L. Crisp 3, G. T. West 4, F. D.
Mack (cond.) 5, A. E. Knight 6. For Evensong.
First Doubles in method 2, 3, 4. Also May 17,
1260 Bob Triples: Mrs. Mary I. Mack 1, W. J.
Harvey 2, D. A. Wills 3, F. W. Williams 4,
H. L. Crisp 5, G. T. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.)
7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong. Also May
24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Harvey (first
quarter) 1, Joan A. Hayward 2, H. L. Crisp 3,
R. L. Horder 4, J. M. Clarke 5, G. T. West 6,
D. A. Wills (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For
Evensong. Also June 14, 1260 Bob Triples: G.
T. West 1, Mrs. Mary I. Mack 2, D. A. Wills 3,
J. A. Foster 4, C. L. Barr 5, F. W. Williams 6,
F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For
Evensong; half-muffled in memoriam Rev. F.
Metcalfe (curate). Also June 28, 1260 Bob
Minor: Mrs. Mary I. Mack 1, D. A. Wills 2, F.
W. Williams 3, G. T. West 4, H. L. Crisp 5,
D. Mack (cond.) 6, A. E. Knight 7. For Evensong. Also July 5, 1260 Bob Triples: Mrs. Mary
I. Mack 1, Joan A. Hayward 2, F. W. Williams
3, G. T. West 4, H. L. Crisp 5, D. A. Wills
5, M. Clarke (first as cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8.
For Evensong. Also July 12, 1260 Oxford Bob
Triples: G. T. West 1, D. A. Wills 2, F. W.
Williams (100th quarter) 3, C. L. Barr 4, H. L.
Crisp (first in method) 5, J. M. Clarke 6, F. D.
Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8.
For Evensong. Also July 26, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire; 6, 4 8 covering): Wendy Harvey 1, D. A.
Wills (cond.) 2, C. L. Barr 3, Jean Rignell 4,
F. W. Williams 5, G. T. West 6, W. J. Harvey
7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong.

Woodborough, Notts.—July 5, 1364 Minimus (53 m/v): Sarah E. Boden 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. L. R. Hayward 3, H. G. Wells (cond.) 4. For Feast Sunday. Also July 10, 1440 Minimus (63 m/v): A. A. Boden 1, P. R. Wild 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also July 12, 1272 Minimus (Single Court and Plain Bob): A. E. Clayton 1, D. W. Flower 2, A. A. Boden 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond., 75th on the bells) 4. Also July 17, 1272 Stanton Minimus. P. R. Wild 1, D. W. Flower 2, A. A. Boden 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also July 20, 1260 Minimus (62 m/v): A. E. Clayton 1, H. G. Wells (cond.) 2, D. W. Flower (75th on the bells) 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Also Aug. 16, 1368 Minimus (58 m/v): H. G. Wells 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Also Aug. 21, 1260 Plain Bob Minimus: Dianne E. Holland 1, P. L. R. Hayward 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. R. Wild 4. Also Aug. 30, 1272 Seconds Bob Minimus: G. P. Butler 1, A. E. Clayton 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also Sept. 4, 1268 Lowdham Minimus: Sarah E. Boden 1, P. R. Wild 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 1, R. M. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also Sept. 4, 1268 Lowdham Minimus: Sarah E. Boden 1, P. R. Wild 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 1, R. M. Thompson 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Birthday compliment to Patricla M. Hayward 4. Birthday compliment to Patr

Kent County Association RAFFLE FOR R.W.

A friendly welcome is always assured to ringers by the happy band at Woodchurch (one of the Ashford District's most loyal bands), and a successful meeting was held there on September 5.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and by service time over 50 ringers and friends were present. The service was conducted by the rector (Rev. R. D. Wain), Mr. H. Wilkinson, of the local band, read the lesson and Mr. Barnes was at the organ. The offertory, amounting to £4 10s., was donated to Tenterden Tower and Bell Restoration Fund.

Tea, generously provided, was served by the local band and friends in the village hall and a business meeting followed. At the conclusion the secretary proposed a vote of thanks to all who had assisted with the day's arrangements, particularly Mr. R. E. Pellett, who in spite of muddled notices had everything well under control. A raffle in aid of The Ringing World realised £4.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., under the direction of Mr. J. Hemsley, and notwithstanding the weight of the bells touches were invariably successful.

Towers represented were Appledore, Ashford, Brabourne, Folkestone, Hythe, Lympne, Mersham, Newchurch, New Romney, Rolvenden, Tenterden, Willesborough. Woodchurch and Wye. A. B.

Yatton, Som.—Sept. 12, 1280 Bob Major: R. W. Rice 1, J. Brain 2, Marjorie Legg 3, W. S. Rice 4, S. G. Smith 5, G. Prescott 6, G. Hebden 7, P. J. England (cond.) 8. In memoriam H. A. Price.

Wraxall, Som. — Aug. 28, 1280 Bristol S. Major: J. Brain 1, Diana Bridle 2, Carole Patey 3, G. H. Pullin 4, P. J. England 5, R. W. Rice 6, S. Brown 7, P. Bridle (cond.) 8.

Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincs. — Aug. 2, 1296 Primrose and York S. Minor: W. Holmes 1, C. Wade (cond.) 2, A. Wade 3, F. Hubbard 4, L. Blanchard 5, A. G. Payne 6. For the christening of Matthew John Samuel Payne.

PEAL WEEK-GRANTHAM RINGERS

A peal week in August was first suggested in the winter months, when holidays were being planned. It was decided that four members of the Grantham band would embark on the Week and so increase their knowledge of Surprise, Delight and Plain Minor methods. The towers were arranged by Denis Frith, who also obtained the services of David R. Baxter and Melvyn J. Hiller. Denis, who was to conduct the Minor methods, provided copious papers covered in diagrams, aides memoire, notes and general advice on the methods that were to be rung.

Monday morning saw us at Stamford (All Saints') with a peal in 11 methods, and our efforts on the pleasant six at Uffington brought the number to 19. Our thanks go to Mr. John Bluff for meeting us at both these towers. It was at Uffington that we learned that John was on holiday and so he was "roped in" for a peal of Major on Thursday at Heydour.

Witham-on-the-Hill (Tuesday) was eventful, and a peal in 23 methods came round after a couple of attempts, switching of ringers, and the last two extents being rung by the tenor man with his rope end lashing his forehead. Relaxation followed at the Six Bells in the village. We must have relaxed too much, as we suffered our first failure in the afternoon at Morton.

St. Andrew's, Horbling, brought us to the most methods in the week (31) and there then followed three failures—at Bourne, Heydour and Sempringham. With some of the band a little dispirited, we met on the Friday morning for a peal on the light five at Thornhaugh, Northants, with a peal in 130 methods and variations. The afternoon ringing on an even lighter six (tenor 3 cwt.) at Wansford was the fastest peal of the week in 15 Plain Minor methods and came home in 1 hour and 59 minutes.

We had scored only six out of ten but comforted ourselves with the fact that the ringing had been good and that we had attempted something different methodwise each time.



[Photo: Derek Folland, Crediton.

Tom Wright, of Down St. Mary, Devon, leads his daughter, Heather, into church through the ringing room for her marriage to Paul Madge, of Crediton. Heather, who rings with the Down St. Mary "B" band, is a student at St. Luke's College, Exeter, and will continue to ring in her home tower from their new home in Copplestone. We understand that Paul is to be one of his father-in-law's new recruits this autumn!

St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Dorchester, Dorset

Dear Sir,—I should be most interested to know if there are any ringers' pewter flagons in existence, apart from the one belonging to the ringers of St. Peter's, Dorchester. Little is ever written about the former habits of past generations of ringers, in the days when the flagon would stand ready filled in the belfry for the ringers to quench their thirst.

A brief account of the flagon belonging to the ringers of St. Peter's, Dorchester, is printed below, which it is hoped will be of interest to other ringers. — Yours faithfully,

R. H. DUKE,

Captain and Towerkeeper.

Dorchester, Dorset.

A RINGERS' PEWTER FLAGON (The only example known in pewter.)

For generations in the past it was common practice for ringers to have a well-filled flagon of beer or cider—anything up to six gallons in capacity—in the belfry, from which they drank heartily during their strenuous labours.

The St. Peter's, Dorchester, ringers' flagon is at present on loan and in the safe keeping of the Dorset County Museum next to St. Peter's Church, but is claimed, and exhibited, at ringers' meetings and on other special occasions.

In 1933 the flagon was found to be in a very bad state and was restored to its present condition. It was covered in black scale (i.e. corrosion) which was flaking off. and, underneath, a second layer of corrosion in the form of a hardish grey powder had formed, and so it would have continued until the point of disintegration had been reached.

It had obviously been entrusted to some inexperienced tinker to repair at some time as some very clumsy repairs had been made to the cover and handle, which at some time appeared to have been broken off. A puncture beneath the frontal inscription had been carelessly attended to. The chief danger was the possible loss of the finely executed inscription upon the front, but this was saved as it had been deeply cut.

The dimensions of the flagon are as follows: Total height to the top of the thumbpiece $15\frac{1}{8}$ in.; to top of cover 14in.; and to the lip $12\frac{3}{8}$ in.; the diameter of the base being $8\frac{5}{8}$ in. and of the lip $6\frac{1}{8}$ in. The weight is $10\frac{1}{2}$ lb. and capacity $1\frac{1}{4}$ gallons.

The inscription affords a fine example of the stiffly conventionalised Stuart mantling into which the actual lettering cuts at two points. It reads: "Feb. 7th, 1676. The Guift of Edward Lester wch is to remaine for ye use of ye Ringers of Dorchester for ever," and beneath the mantling is cut "St. Peter."

In the centre of the cover are struck the hallmarks of the maker, probably those of Samuel Attley (Old Pewter, Its Makers and Marks).

The flagon was restored by Messrs. Isher and Sons and the cost was shared by Mrs. Scott Nicholson, Archibald J. Irving Esq., Cyril C. Minchin Esq., Alderman J. E. Pink, Major John Richardson, D.S.O., and Howard H. Cotterell Esq.

It was hoped to exhibit this ringers' pewter flagon on Sunday, September 20, when St. Peter's, Dorchester, ringers were to hold their annual Festival Sunday.



The pewter flagon described above and a copy of the scrollwork and inscription.



North Staffs Association.
GONE TO ELY

Throughout its history the North Staffordshire Association has had as its president the Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent. On his appointment in 1956, the Ven. George Youll succeeded Ven. Percy Hartill, and over the years has always shown a keen interest in church bells and ringing. Mr. Youll has attended every annual meeting of the Association during his 14 years as president, even at some inconvenience.

It was with considerable regret that members learned recently of his resignation as Archdeacon to become Canon Treasurer of

Ely Cathedral.

Mr. Youll left North Staffordshire on September 16, and no opportunity occurred for the association to bid him farewell. In the circumstances four members,

In the circumstances four members, Messrs. G. S. Ryles (chairman), R. S. Anderson and George Biddulph (former chairmen) and R. Ballard (secretary) entertained him at an informal dinner and presented him with six cut glass sherry glasses and book token subscribed to by members.

The Archdeacon was deeply touched by the gifts and asked that his sincere thanks be conveyed to all members for their kind thought and generous gesture. He said he would take away with him many happy memories of times spent with ringers, and hoped that he would be able to meet the North Staffordshire ringers on some future occasion.

Sussex County Association SAMPLED THE HOPS

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held on August 22 at St. Giles, Bodiam, and the tower contains an excellent ring of six cast by Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1961.

Ringing in a variety of methods was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening and the Association's form of service was conducted by the priest-in-charge (Rev. E. G. Allsop), following which tea, arranged by Mrs. Allsop, was taken at the Church House.

At the business one new member was elected. Following the evening ringing a return was made to the Church House where a free sample of the products of Messrs. Guinness Hop Farms Ltd. awaited the party, being the gift of one of the directors of the firm which owns much of the land around Bodiam and on which they grow the hops from which their products are made.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild MEETING GATHERS MOMENTUM

In glorious weather, members of the Christchurch and Southampton District met for their quarterly meeting at Ringwood. It was a meeting which gathered momentum as the day went on, starting with some 20 ringers in Ringwood belfry in the afternoon and finishing with upwards of 60 members in the beautiful little Church of St. Michael, Sopley, for some evening 6-bell ringing.

The guild office was used at the service in Ringwood Church, conducted by the vicar, and about 35 sat down to tea prepared by Mrs. Olive Collins and her lady helpers in the church hall. A brief but very useful business meeting followed. Ringing was enjoyed on the eight at Ringwood (up to London Major) and on the six at Sopley, where some good striking in methods up to London Minor was heard. Perhaps this was due to a team of ladies who set the pace with a near-perfect 120 of Doubles early in the evening.

ANOTHER TRIP TO SCOTLAND

The report in a recent edition of The Ringing World of a short trip to Scotland listed three essential requirements, one of them being 13 willing ringers. We intended to take 12 ringers but, with a couple of late drop-outs, were left with only ten. Luck was on our side, for at our first tower in Scotland, St. Cuthbert's Edinburgh, where we were ringing for morning service, we met Helen Henderson, from Melbourne, Australia, and she was able to join us for the week. [It is also understood that one of the party, who shall be nameless to spare his blushes, continued to escort Helen for a further 24 hours or so after the tour ended!]

We spent the Sunday after our arrival ringing at the four towers in Edinburgh, where we value the friendly welcome at each tower. Two of the band, making inquiries outside Fettes College, had difficulty in persuading a lady that they were not wishing to ring the door bell, but the five light bells in the chapel. Here one or two of the band climbed through a window and traversed a parapet to watch the bells

in operation at close range.

On Monday we drove from headquarters at Linlithgow (The Star and Garter Hotel made us feel very much at home) north-wards to Inverness, where we admired the work put into furnishing the ringing room. We returned to Linlithgow via Loch Ness, Fort William and the ferry at Ballachulish, driving some 400 miles in the day and viewing with awe much of Scotland's wonderful scenery.

RECORDED FOR TV

Tuesday was a more restful day. Dunblane our ringing was recorded without warning by the B.B.C. Wales TV unit. The play-back greeted us as we left the tower, and this proved the cue for technical discussion on cutting out wind noise from recordings. Owners of tape recorders in the band eyed with envy the £50 piece of apparatus used by the B.B.C. to protect their mike from interference.

St. Paul's and St. Mary's, Dundee, were also visited, but many of the party went to the wrong St. Paul's, arriving at the right tower just in time to ring before we were due to move on. At. St. Mary's the con-ductor, resplendent in his kilt, called some changes so that two Dundee ringers could

join in the ringing with us.

Wednesday was the great day for our
"Taylor" enthusiasts, when we drove to Inveraray, swept water from the tower, fitted ten ropes and coached one of our members through his first course of London Royal. An intrepid carpenter continued to work on top of the tower whilst we rang, having first watched us raise the bells in peal-his first sight of ringing. Although the sound of the bells inside the tower is spoiled by the concrete floors, re-cordings taken outside confirmed that these are indeed a fine toned ring of ten. planned to join the local practice at Paisley on our way "home," but found that Paisley ringers were on holiday and we had the bells to ourselves. It was unfortunate that one car arrived late through stopping to photograph Highland cattle at close quarters, but we still managed to fit in five touches of Surprise Major, including Glasgow and six-spliced, on this very pleasant ring of eight. We spent a friendly evening at our hotel, ringing handbells after closing time, and being rewarded with a spirited rendering of "Ye banks and braes," and entertained by the presence of the local police constable drinking his lemonade and pocketing crisps for his night's rounds.

TOUR-WITH A DIFFERENCE

When your wife says: "I've arranged a ringing holiday for you," you listen very carefully. Such was the situation in Basildon New Town earlier this year. What she really meant was that there was a fortnight when she would be minding some children and her husband could be free. From this beginning a start was made to plan a holiday for up to 12 local ringers, travelling by Utilabrake.

Overnight accommodation could only be

found at Shipham in Somerset and at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Abercrave in South Wales. We settled for this and bought cheap maps of the areas, pasted them on card and proceeded to add small home-made flags to mark the various rings of bells. Then commenced the seemingly endless task of letter writing, mainly to 6bell towers. A handbook was duplicated, containing methods and spaces for towers, and excitement mounted as the replies began to come in and the planned tours for the various days began to take shape.

It was at about this point that the organiser began to have doubts. There was one adult and nine young people, whose ages ranged from 11 to 15. Seven were from Langdon Hills and the others from Downham and Orsett. Their experience was in some cases only nine months and some tower totals were barely into double figures but they were keen. Well, we could always settle for call-changes if necessary; but what about raising and lowering bells singly in places where this was always done in peal? We therefore checked that all could do this singly and determined to begin with three in peal and work up.

We set off on August 1, and our first tower turned out to be the most unusual. One bell was minus a stay (we found it tied to the rope as a warning), another was minus a rope, the ringing room was minus

The next day, in Glasgow, seven of the party went to the wrong cathedral, leaving the small remainder, with two ladies who met us, to ring Minor on the back six of this 32 cwt. ten. There was time for only a short touch on the ten before service. Luckily we were allowed to ring again after the service, and appreciated the fine tone and easy "go" of this Taylor ten.

We were now left with only one ringable tower to visit in Scotland, and after spending Friday in various pursuits we met at Alloa. At least, most of us met at Alloa to ring, but the occupants of one car arrived very late and very merry, with a complicated story about being shown round a cooper's yard and sampling whisky from a milk bottle. Ringers from Alloa kindly provided coffee for those of us who did not have to hurry back to the hotel. When settling our bills that evening, our hotel manager paid for drinks all round, and would not charge for an extra room we had booked and not used. (A hotel to be revisited!)

We left Linlithgow next morning and crawled through dense traffic from Carlisle southwards, but arrived at Worsley in time to ring in the early evening. After taking group photographs we dispersed to our various destinations in Leicestershire and Somerset. Our thanks go to all incumbents for their willing permission to ring and to the many ringers who welcomed us to their

towers.

The party comprised Dave, George and Hilda Massey, David and Glenda Orledge, Roy and Wally Rice, Peter England, Roger Kendrick, Roland Cook and Helen Henderson.

part of the ceiling and the belfry part of its floor. We certainly heard our Minimus on the odd four, but what could we say to the lady who met us outside and asked if we liked the bells!

Highlights of the holiday were the visits to practices at Bath Abbey and Wrington, where some scored their first on ten. Having consolidated our Stedman we managed our first course of Carter at Nempnett Thrubwell, after waiting for the organ tuner to finish. The heavy sixes at Publow and Axbridge were voted by some the best of the holiday although others preferred Penhow in Monmouthshire. Our plain courses of Plain Bob Triples at Castle Cary and Machen were quite promising. We greatly enjoyed the lovely setting and bells of Over Stowey, where we attempted to ring cartwheel call-changes but found it difficult to close the handstroke lead.

VILLAGERS' INTEREST

Having worked our way steadily through touches of Plain Bob Minor, we commenced our second week with a good first course of Double Oxford at Llanfaes. At Bronllys that evening several villagers and holidaymakers turned out to watch through the door of the detached tower. It was here that some of the change-ringers had trouble with call-changes called local style. After our ring at Cadoxton Mr. Gwyn Lewis very kindly guided us to Neath and saw that everything was in order before we rang. The second Wednesday evening, when we rang at New and Old Radnor, was particularly enjoyable and on the former bells we managed a good course of Kent (our first). This inspired the youngsters to suggest Cambridge and a good course was rung at Llangynwyd the following evening.

Further inspired by this unexpected success they decided that London must also be rung, and late into the night voices could be heard chanting the work of the blue line and agreeing that it was hard. As usual we had to wait for easy bells before we could try, and after a couple of attempts we managed three-and-a-half leads before someone was lost, and that was the best we

could do.

bells and left.

It has to be admitted that towards the end of the holiday late nights were beginning to have an effect, and in attempting to ring more difficult methods we lost the precision which we had steadily built up during the first week. We rang very badly at Llanblethian and were disappointed not to do justice to the heavy six at Huntspill, where we had hoped to ring Huntspill Doubles but somehow had difficulty catching the tenor sally. We must also admit that after having difficulty obtaining the key at Stogursey and not being able to decide whether the chime hammers were off or on we felt we could not ring there. So we rang a course of Bob Minor on the hand-

Throughout the holiday we progressed from raising and lowering three until we could manage five quite well if we were lucky (does it really depend on luck, as it seems to?). We did occasionally try six but found that needed even more luck.

The final tower total was 65, and in spite of a late return home on the final Saturday five of Langdon Hills' bells were taken up in peal before the Sunday morning service, and Plain Bob and Double Oxford Minor replaced the usual Doubles.

Our apologies to Somerset and South Wales that we sometimes did not ring as well as we ought; but if it's any consolation, you have contributed to progress in our small area of Essex. G. I. L.

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RIRTH

CHOWN.—On Sept. 14, to Celia and Malcolm, 12 Hillside Road, Nether Heyford, Northants, a son, Jonathan Idris, brother for Christopher.

DEATH

HEAZEL. - Dorothy, wife of the late Robert Heazel, at Saffron Walden Hospital on September 15, 1970, after a long illness patiently and bravely borne. Cremation at Great Parndon was on September 23.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ROUSE .- As from October 17, 1970, the address of Marcus and Heather (hon. sec., Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Marlborough Branch) will be 39 Norris Close, Chiseldon, Wilts. 9730
SKILTON.—Until further notice Tony will be

sleeping at 43 College Road, Canterbury, Kent. Tel. 63209.

WOOD. - The address of Peter, Marian and family is now 20, Newbiggen Street, Thaxted, Dunmow, Essex, CM6 2QR.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- S.W. District .- Evening business meeting, Dagenham, Oct. 10. Ringing 6-7.30 p.m. Business followed by ringing 9 p.m. This month's weekday meeting St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on 29th. 9742

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road tube), Mon., Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. 9773

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - S. and W. District.—Evening practices: All Hallows, Twickenham, Thurs., Oct. 8, 7.30-9; St. Mary, Staines, Fri., Oct. 30, 7.45-9.15.—C. H. R. 9760

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Banbury and District Branch.—Practice, Wardington, Oxon, on Thurs., Oct. 8, 7.30.—B. J. Davis, Hon. Sec. 9766

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Witney and Woodstock Branch. - The branch practice on Oct. 5 will now be held at WOOTTON and not as previously arranged. - E. R. Venn, Branch

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY .-Evening practice meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, near Burton-on-Trent, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells (8) available 6.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome.

M. S., Gen. Sec.
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH CESAN GUILD.-Portsmouth District. - District practice, St. Peter's, Titchfield, on Wed., Oct. 7 Methods: Plain Bob, Oxford till 9 p.m. and Kent T.B. Minor. 9658

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. - Bath Branch.-Quarterly meeting with Frome Branch, St. Mary's, Bathwick, Oct. 3. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (names to P. R. Stubbs, 3 Powlett Road, Bathwick, Bath). St. Mark's (6) and St. Matthew's (6) available after meeting.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Oct. 3, Brailes. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service Further ringing after tea. Also Tea 5. Shipston-on-Stour bells (6), 2.45-3.45 Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. M. Field, 56 Jeffs Close, Brailes, Banbury, or to me. Your full support, please, for this lovely ring of bells. -H. A. M.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Autumn quarterly meeting at Heanor (note change of venue) on Sat., Oct. 3. Bells available from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Farnsworth, 5 Godfrey Street, Heanor, Derbys. -Ross, Gen. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN AS-SOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Newcastle on Sat., Oct. 3. Ringing: Fenham, 1.30-3; St. Stephen's, 2.30-3.30; Cathedral, 6.45-9. Business 3.30 and tea 5, both at St. Stephen's. Service 6 at St. Stephen's. Names for tea to Service 6 at St. Stephen's. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12 Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street (Tel.: 3504). 9734

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech District.—Meeting at Walpole St. Andrew, Sat.,

Oct. 3. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Own arrangements for tea. Everyone welcome.-D. A. Feek, Dis. Sec. 9745

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —1970 ringing competition, Wickwar, Glos (6), Sat., Oct. 3. 2.30-5.30 p.m. Competition ringing. 6 p.m. festival service. Towers available for open ringing.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Meeting at Seale, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Mrs. Hiscock, Milton Mead, Seale Lane, Seale (Runfold 2724), please.-S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9699

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Sat., Oct. 3, Baldock (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and ringing after meeting until 8.30 p.m. Cups of tea available.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Tonbridge District.—Annual district meeting at Tonbridge, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to S. Jenner,
1 Middle Walk, Tunbridge Wells. 9665
SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly

meeting, Escrick, Sat., Oct. 3. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Own arrangements for tea.—L. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9:

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT .-- Monthly meeting, Dronfield (8), 3-5.30, and Eckington (8), 7-8.30, Sat., Oct. 3. Cups of tea only at 9727 Eckington,-R. Fletcher.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .-Division.—Practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 3: Danehill (6), 3-4.30 p.m.; Lindfield (8), 6-8.30 p.m Cups of tea provided at the Tiger Room, Lindfield, at 5 p.m. Please bring own food.-Jean 9770 Osbon, Div. Sec.

EGHAM, SURREY .- GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—On Thursday, Oct. 8, silenced bell practice for initial tuition, correction of handling faults and learning how to instruct beginners for tower captains and wouldbe instructors. Open practice Tuesday. note that a performance of Handel's Messiah, conducted by Wyn Morris, will take place at Egham Church on Sat., Oct. 10, at 7.30 p.m. Admission by programme at door 7s. 6d. 9638

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting at Wragby (6), Oct. 10. Names for tea, please, to T. Tarbatt, 7a Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, by Wednesday previous 9731 No names, no tea,

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Oct. 10, Cople (6), 3-5. Tea at Willington (6) 5 p.m. Ringing to follow in evening. Come and buy your tickets for the social on Oct. 17.—A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clowne, Oct.

10. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. G. Hunt, 9 East Street, Clowne, Chesterfield.—Malcolm Phipps, 9780

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION —Central District. — Meeting, Chester-le-Street, Sat., Oct. 10, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to lan Wintrip, 20 York Terrace, Chester-le-Street. Tea 5 p.m.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Cambridge District) and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. —Joint meeting, Oct. 10, Barton, 3-4 p.m. Service at Haslingfield, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Haslingfield.-J. S.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Whitminster (6), Oct. 10, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting and tea at Frampton, 5.15 p.m. Bells (6) available afterwards. Names for tea to P. Gould, Deans Way, Gloucester, by Oct. 7.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. - East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cotleigh, on Sat., Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. W. Sparkes, Burnside, 9774 Cotleigh.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Western District.—Apsley End (6), Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. V. Good, 44 Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead

LADIES' GUILD .- Midland District .- A joint meeting will be held with the Syston District of the Leics Diocesan Guild on Sat., Oct. 10, at Thurnby. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Pawley, 8 Anthony Drive, Thurnby, Leicester,

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. -Branch. — Meeting, Penwortham, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please, to J. Ascroft, 9 Kew Gardens, Penwortham, Preston, no later than Wed., Oct. 7. Special methods: London S. Major and Stedman Triples.-D. G. Lawson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Wigan Branch. -Meeting, Ormskirk (8), Sat., Oct. 10, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Halsall (6) All very welcome.-C. D'Aeth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Middleton, Sat., Oct. 10.
Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. K. Miller, 27 Scarfield Drive, Rochdale (Tel.: 41405), by Wed., 7th. Grant to be made from branch fund at this meeting.—G. Cheetham. 9754

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Syston District) and LADIES' GUILD .- A joint meeting will be held at Thurnby on Sat., Oct. 10. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. 9740

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sat., Oct. 10, Half-day Ringing School at the Isle of Axholme towers, 1–8 p.m. Details from Mr. M. A. Rose, 81 High Street, Belton, Doncaster, Yorks. 9590

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - N. and E. District.—Meeting, Sat., Oct. 10, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall, and business. Evening ringing at St. Botolph, Aldgate. -E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. - The autumn meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 9721

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Tunstall, Oct. 10. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Ballard, 8 Copes Avenue, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 6BJ, Oct. 7. Please note change of date. 9751

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Bilton (6), Sat., Oct. 10. Names for tea to W. Burnell, Laburnum Cottage, 312 Bilton Road, Rugby, Warks, by Wednesday previous.-I. Webb.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. - N. Notts meeting, Oct. 10, at Sutton-cum-Lound (3) before tea and at Babworth afterwards. Names for tea to be sent to Mrs. L. Richardson, 19 Portland Place, Sutton-cum-Lound, Retford, Notts, by pre-Wednesday.

SUFFOLK GUILD. - North West District. -A.G.M., Sat., Oct. 10, Horringer (8). Bells from 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Potter, 3 Lucas Cottages, Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds. No names, no tea. - A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9752

TRURO GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn festival at St. Keverne, Sat., Oct. 10. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Higher Boskinning, Heamoor, Penzance. 9756

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. Christchurch and Southampton District.—Practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 10, Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. St. Michael's, Southampton, bells in evening. Names for tea to Miss Crabb, 159
Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park, Southampton,
SO2 4HA, by previous Wednesday.—Gilian
Davis, Dis. Sec. 9776

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-WORGESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Middle Littleton, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Drew, Monsal, Bredon, Tewkesbury, by Oct. 7. Evening ringing at Cleeve Prior, 7 to 9.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - The next quarterly meeting will be at Stratford-on-Avon on Sat., Oct. 17, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea by Sept. 15, please.

H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, near
Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. Tel. Harbury

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chalford (steel 6), Sat., Oct. 17, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford, Glos.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Cheriton, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Munt, Little Gatton, School Lane, Newington, Folkestone, by Thurs., Oct. 15.—A. B. 9653

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Manchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. James', Birch-In-Rusholme, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea, followed by further ringing in the evening. Names for tea to Miss Betty Ormrod, 46 Norton Street, Old Trafford, Manchester, M16 7QC (phone: 061-226 1932), by Wed., Oct. 14. No name, no tea. Everyone welcome. LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Oct. 17. Bells: Ibstock, 1.30-2.30; Heather, 2-3; Measham, 2.30-3.30; Packington, 3-4; Ashby, 3.30-4.30. Service at Ashby 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. Further ringing at Ashby after meeting. Names, please, to Mr. H. Beadsmoore, Glan Elan, South Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics, by Wed., Oct. 14, or if pen has been lost on the bus, to me (Markfield 2544), by Tues., Oct. 13. Everyone very welcome.

Ron Hughes. Oct. 13. Everyone very welcome.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and
District Branch. — Half-yearly meeting at Great
Tew, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells (8) available from
2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr.
H. Morley, The Square, Great Tew, Oxford.

1. Device Mars. Soc. Davis, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Spelsbury, Sat., Oct. 17. Ringing at Chadlington (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Spelsbury, 3. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Further ringing at Spels-bury until 7.30 and at Churchill (8) from 7.45. —P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford. Tel.: Kingham 472. 9769 9769

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6.30 p.m.
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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER-DANCE Saturday, October 31

The Royal Hotel, Southport. Tickets 33s. 6d. from Mrs. C. D'Aeth, 1 Grosvenor Place, Birkdale, Southport,

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) RINGING FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 17

Coulsdon (5), 10.15-11.15 a.m. Bletchingley (8), 12.15–1.15 p.m. Burstow (6), 3–4 p.m. Reigate (10), 6.30-7.30 p.m. Limpsfield (6), 11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m. Outwood (4), 2.30-3 p.m. Buckland (6), 4-5 p.m. Merstham (8), 7.30-8.30 p.m.

Service 5 p.m. at Buckland, followed by tea for those notifying Miss B. Minnion, 38 Josephine Avenue, Lower Kingswood, Surrey.-K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 9764

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(Eastern Branch) DINNER at the Star Hotel, Hall Quay, Great Yarmouth, on Saturday, October 31, 1970. 7.30 for 8 p.m.

Tickets 22s. each from the secretary. N. P. J. C. 9779 SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS Quarterly meeting CHISLEHURST, KENT Saturday, October 10

The Annunciation (8), 3-4.30.
Tea at the Village Hall, Church Lane (near St. Nicholas Church), 4.45, followed by meeting.
St. Nicholas (8), 6.45-8.15.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Learnington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB. Tel.: Farnborough (Kent) 53666. 9750

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS 333rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER

November 7, 1970 (6 for 6.30)

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J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 (01-673 2720).

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Saturday, October 10, 1970 ANNUAL DINNER

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Tickets from Miss M. Legg, Drove Farm, Locking, Weston-super-Mare, before Oct. S.a.e., please. 9612

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS A SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING will be held in

The Vestry Hall, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London. on Saturday, October 3, at 6 p.m.

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ber), 2s. 6d. To be published shortly: The Church Bells of Berkshire, 2nd Edition. Details and price later. 9548

Miss Susan E. M. Davis-Mr. Brian J. Read.

Because of her flowing wedding dress the bride was unable to climb the tower steps at St. Mary's, Ealing, on August 29, but before the marriage service the bridegroom and his best man did so and managed a pull to welcome the bride to church.

The happy occasion was the wedding of Miss Susan E. M. Davis and Mr. Brian J. Read, both ringers at Ealing. Both have been officers of their respective University Society. A large number of ringers from all parts of the country were at the ceremony.

Attended by four lovely bridesmaids dressed in blue, Susan entered the church on the arm of her father, Mr. Martin T. Davis. The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. E. Vevers), who gave an interesting address on the use of bells as a means of communication, comparing communication and understanding as of great importance in married life. Following the service about 100

Following the service about 100 attended the reception and later the couple left for a honeymoon on the Continent.

Brian, former pupil at Ealing Grammar School, having gained a first class honours degree in mathematical physics, is now reading for his Ph.D. at Sussex University, whilst Susan, former head girl at Walpole Grammar School, Ealing, and with a degree in mathematics, will be teaching at St. Mary's Hall, Brighton.

W. G. W. writes that he is proud

W. G. W. writes that he is proud to have been responsible for their early tuition in change-ringing.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oswy Street contest at Sturton-le-Steeple (11 cwt.) on Oct. 17. Entries from extra-diocesan towers invited. Write to H. Poyner, The Old Vicarage, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, Notts, for details.

LATE NOTICES

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ALL SAINTS, ROTHERHAM. YORKS.—As from October the practice night is changed to Tuesday instead of Wednesday until further notice.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn meeting of the Chester Branch will be held at Aldford (8) on Sat., Oct. 10. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Weaver, School Lane, Aldford, Cheshire, by Wednesday previous. All ringers and friends welcome.

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DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Extraordinary general meeting to be held at St.
Thomas' Church, Dudley, Oct. 10. Ringing at
Brierley Hill 3-4 p.m. Service at Dudley 4.30.
Tea and meeting 5. Evening ringing, Netherton,
6.15-7.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. J. Brown,
31 Renfrew Place, Wordsley, Stourbridge, by
Oct. 6. Will all members make every effort to
be at this important meeting. 9800

be at this important meeting. 9800 KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on Sat., Oct. 10. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Church Centre at approx. 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. C. Chatfield, 104 Shipman Avenue, Canterbury, by Oct. 7. Ringing: St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, 2.30—4 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Canterbury, after meeting until 9 p.m.—J. B. K.



ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Please note the advert printed on page 785 (first column). This will now be a full (afternoon) meeting at Chatteris.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — A.G.M., All Saints, Maidstone, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 45 Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.
—Monthly practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 10, 2.30—
4.15 p.m., Coltishall (6). Service 4.15. 5–8
p.m. at Scottow (6).

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Striking competition, Sat., Oct. 17, Gaywood. Start 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bells available after tea. Names for tea (including competitors), please, to Mr. C. Tovell, 18 New Road, Gaywood King's Lynn by Wed 14th—P.A. 9785

please, to Mr. C. Tovell, 18 New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn, by Wed., 14th.—P. A. 9785
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury
Branch.—Annual general meeting, Sat., Oct. 10.
Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H.
Lawrenson, 52 Kings Road, Newbury, Ringing
after meeting: Newbury, 6–8; Shaw, 7–9. 9789

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting to be held at Newport (8) on Sat., Oct. 10. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing In the evening until 8 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. C. Stocken, c/o 8a College Hill, Shrewsbury, by Wed., Oct. 7. 9794

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 10, Stedham (6), 3 p.m. Tea (Midhurst Church Hall) 5. Service 6 and ringing to 8 p.m. at Midhurst (6). Please notify for tea P. M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis.

SNOWDON DINNER

Saturday, October 31, 1970 Arcadian Hall, Market Street, Barnsley, 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Tickets 30s. (giving names) from A. C. Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US, enclosing s.a.e., by Wed., Oct. 28.
Ringing details to follow.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for September 28, 1945.

"I certainly think Cinques in 3 hr. 28 min. would be a bit too fast for me, as I can't think that quickly . . . "—P. A. Corby, in a letter about peal ringing.

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"... Why not establish five 720's (3600 changes) as a peal instead of 5040 this would cover most of the musical rows there are a large number of people to whom 3-4 hours continuous ringing is merely a nuisance," wrote S. G.

Several hundred church bells looted by the Nazis . . for possible conversion into arms were being sorted at Hamburg, the work being supervised by a woman campanologist.—The Times.

A peal of Stedman Cinques at Surfleet was conducted by Frank E. Perrins, and one at Birmingham by J. Frank Smallwood, whilst Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, had W. H. Hewett to conduct, and at Beckenham, Kent, Herbert E. Audsley conducted the same method when Frank W. Hicks and James E. Bailey rang their first of Stedman Caters.

Frank B. Lufkin conducted Kent Major from the treble at Brentwood, whilst at Surfleet a handbell peal of Double Norwich was conducted by Walter Ayre, ringing 7-8.

Some particulars of the family and early life of Henry Thomas Ellacombe were printed, being extracts from the life of his son, Canon H. N. Ellacombe.

50 YEARS AGO

October 1, 1920.

A ringing holiday in Hereford and Shropshire had eight peal attempts and nine failures but everyone enjoyed themselves. The failures were given the following reasons: (1) rope broke, (2) conductor asleep, (3) conductor lost, (4) rope slipped wheel, (5) man ill, (6) band off colour, (7) call missed, (8) too late for attempt, (9) band asleep.

The president of the Ladies' Guild, Miss Rosetta White, was married at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, to Mr. J. C. Salvaneschi.

Two trebles were added to the ring at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, bequeathed by Lt. R. V. Falconer, who fell in the war.

Grandsire Triples, an irregular six-part composed by Edgar C. Shepherd, M.M., was rung for the first time at Stoney Stanton.

A peal ringing tour in Essex resulted in 11 peals being scored, nine of which were conducted by William Pye, the other two by T. T. Gofton. All were peals of Surprise.

Men who would spend a Saturday afternoon within the four walls of a tower, working hard, perspiring freely, looking into each other's faces with that earnessness which the art of bellringing demands, were men out of the common.—Address by the vicar of Pendleton at the Lancashire A.G.M.

Messrs. A. H. Winch and G. Marriner (Leatherhead) were welcome visitors to a Sussex County Association meeting at Pulborough.

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The two following quarter peals are based on this touch and may be of value to those wishing to try something fairly easy.

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Repeated.

It will be seen that in each block of two courses the sixth makes the bob three times followed by a call at Home, when the sixth is dodging 5-6 down. Three times with bobs at Home produces 720 changes. With a single at the third part-end, the entire piece can be repeated to produce 1440 changes.

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In this quarter peal the 5th and 6th are fixed in thirds and fifths for the first half, and in their Home positions for the second half. A closer examination of the first half will reveal that the working bells are the 2, 3 and 4. If the conductor regards the Middle position (i.e. when the tenor is dodging 5-6 down) as a course-end, he will find that the lead-ends are as follows:

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A further examination will reveal that these lead-ends are the same as the course-ends in the second part (and in the same order) when the back four bells are in their natural position at Home (i.e. 5678).

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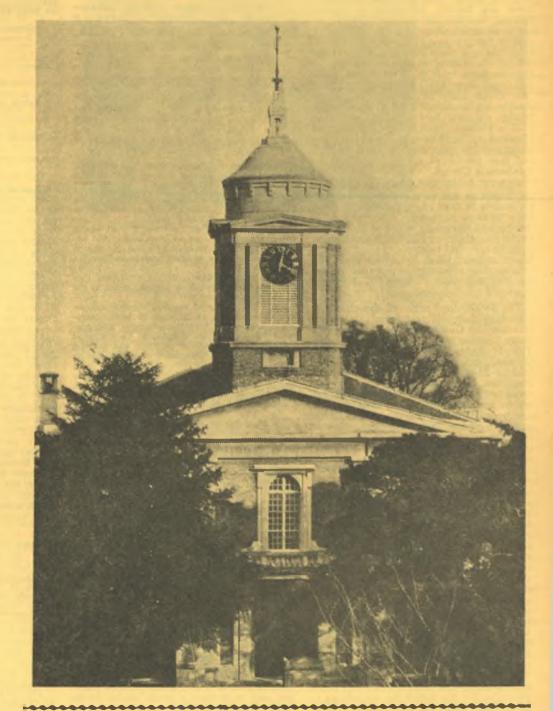
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St. John the
Baptist,
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St. John the Baptist, Egham, Surrey

Travelling from London along the great South West Road, the first relief from the flatness of the Metropolitan area comes as one crosses the Thames via the new Staines Bypass bridge. Stretching out to the right across the Medes is Cooper's Hill, capped by the R.A.F. Memorial and flanked by the acre of American soil given by the British people for the inspiration of John F. Kennedy. This sweep of green trees and meadows, with the Thames winding away in the foreground, is complemented by the view to the left of the town of Egham, nestling around its church. At night, when both the R.A.F. Memorial and the church tower are floodlit, the effect is equally striking. Not that the stranger would necessarily recognise the tower as that of a church, for it is one of the first of a small group, most of them built in London at the end of the Georgian period, and was in fact completed in 1820. It replaced a building dating from 1327, the porch of which now stands alone at the entrance to the churchyard, inscribed with a plate "John Wesley preached here in 1744." Prior to 1327 a Norman church, built early in the 12th century, must have been the first associated with the great event of June 15, 1215, and thus known as the Magna Carta or Runnemede Church.

Without doubt Archbishop Langton led the barons to this very spot to say prayers for success in their efforts to persuade King John to share his power. This resulted in the historic document which is recognised as the foundation of democracy world-wide. Replicas of the coats-of-arms of the 25 Surety barons chosen to defend the Great Charter are mounted around the gallery front of the present church, having been presented by their descendants.

The architectural style of the church is something quite different from our ancient Norman and Gothic churches and from the many churches built by the Victorians later. This is designed in what is called the Classical style and depends entirely upon straight lines and the minimum of ornamentation to achieve its looks. As you stand at the west end of the church and try to appreciate its design, note the vast unsupported ceiling, the fine sweep of the gallery front and the uninterrupted view of the shallow sanctuary (there is no chancel in this type of church). You are beholding a real "period piece."

LAST RECORDED DUEL

Dr. J. S. B. Monsell, vicar 1853-70, was a famous hymn writer, whose best known hymns include "I hunger and I thirst," "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" and "Fight the good fight." By a coincidence the last recorded duel ever held in England was on Cooper's Hill and the victim is buried in Egham Churchyard. From the parish records it is apparent that the size of the tower was dictated by finances, as the architect, Henry Rhodes, wanted it to be large enough to accommodate eight bells (presumably on one level), but as this would have cost £500 and there was only £300 left, a compromise was reached. It is interesting to note that the financing of this part of the building was from the sale of "the catacombs under the church at 30 guineas each." and although this may sound expensive for the period the records go on to say that "each one was capable of holding up to 14 bodies."

APPEAL

Will you please help us to add two new bells to those already ringing out over Runnemede, thus doing our part in our 150th anniversary year to maintain the heritage handed down to us.

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As there is a replica of Magna Carta in the ringing room it could be claimed that Egham boasts the oldest set of ringers' rules in the country, but a set which is less generalised appears in the parish records of 1820.—

Regulations for keeping better Order and Decorum In Ringing and Chiming the Bells at Egham Church

1st. That a list of the Names be kept in the Belfry of those Persons who attend for Practice on Monday and Thursday Nights.

2nd. That three of the Ringers shall attend alternately on Sundays or any other Day appointed for Public Worship to assist the Sexton on Chiming, or be refused admittance into the Relfry.

Belfry.

3rd. That the Sexton do not admit any Persons into the Belfry whose names are not in the list of ringers.

4th. The tolling of the Bell for Public Worship to commence at half-past 10 in the Morning and half-past 2 in the Afternoon and continue 10 minutes; the chiming to be continued steadily for a Quarter of an Hour, and the last Bell tolled till the Clergyman is in the reading desk.

5th. That the Sexton do sweep out the Belfry and passage to it, every Friday Morning before 9 o'clock and clean down the Stone Staircase leading to the Belfry or be fined 2 Shillings. 6th. The Ringers not complying with these

6th. The Ringers not complying with these Rules shall not be entitled to any Remuneration from the Parish and be refused the use of the Belfry on any particular occasion and the Sexton suspended from his situation.

7th. The Person appointed to the care of the Church to see these Rules carried into effect and make his report thereon to the Churchwardens and the Committee.

Of the bells themselves, the church guide claims that three were pre-Reformation. However, numbers 2 to 7 are inscribed T. Mears fecit 1819. These six did service until 1912, when Gillett and Johnston recast them, added a new treble and tenor and tuned them all on the five-tone Simpson principle. They were rehung in a massive H frame on two tiers with Nos. 2, 5 and 6 above.

Apart from 5 and 8, all swing in an E.-W. direction, but this is probably due to space limitation rather than stress consideration. They are equipped with short wooden stays operating against small metal slider blocks running on curved rails. Under the bells is a clock room, where wooden guides are used to produce a good "circle" in the belfry from the positions necessitated by the two-tier hanging.

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The bells swing mainly in the louvred portion of the tower so that the sound beats down in the immediate neighbourhood. Attempts have been made to alter this by the use of building board lined with a kapok made of seaweed, but this has not proved durable and the seaweed has attracted thousands of flies which hibernate there. It is now proposed to build a wall of lightweight building blocks behind the louvres up to frame top height. The remaining space will be baffled to throw the sound upward, with a remote control system for complete closure for practice.

The Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, in which Egham is one of the 15 towers with rings of bells, has ten eights, four sixes and a five. Thus for the majority to ring on a higher number than their own they have to go outside the district. In an effort to avoid this and to cater particularly for the present needs of their own band, the Egham ringers are working to augment their bells to ten. The band has a membership of 20 with currently another eight at the nearby Royal Holloway and Shoreditch Colleges. Their efforts so far have been mainly in the collection of paper, but other events are to follow. The amount to be raised is about £1,500, of which some £150 has already been given by local ringers.

PEAL RINGING

There have been 48 peals on the bells to date. Of particular note is that no local ringer had rung a peal before 1927, when W. A. Peck (who is still a member of the band), H. Worsfold and E. Burley rang in Parker's One-part Grandsire Triples to welcome back the vicar from a trip to Australia.

Prior to this, on April 13, 1914, William Pye and his band chose Egham for Bristol, when they rang four Surprise methods in the one day (London at Chertsey, Cambridge at St. Peter's, Staines, and Superlative at Old Windsor).

The first peal was seven methods Minor in October, 1901, and was the only one on

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Kent County Association Dinner

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION?

MR. FRANK E. DARBY LOOKS AHEAD

"Why is it we have so many different Associations when we could be one?... The chief advantage, as I see it, is that there would be no more friction over overlapping territories, no serious rivalries, which have occurred from time to time in different places. . . . The peal ringer, travelling over the country, would pay one subscription. . . I am not trying to sell you this idea tonight . . . but to say what I think might happen in the future. We are very jealous of our titles—our Diocesan Guilds and County Associations—and rightly so. We would have to adopt a title, one that has been spoken of over the years: a National Association."

The speaker was Mr. Frank E. Darby, vice-president of the Surrey Association, who was proposing a' toast to the Kent County Association at their annual dinner, which was held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Maidstone, on September 26. Between 130-140 attended, and presiding was Mr. E. A. Barnett, chairman of the Association, accompanied by Mrs. Olive Barnett. Others eated at the principal table were Canon C. C. Tufton (Vicar of All Saints, Maidstone), Rev. J. E. Robinson (Vicar of St. Nicholas, Leeds), Mr. Alan Berry (general secretary, K.C.A.) and Mrs. Anne Berry, Mr. C. A. Tester (secretary, Maidstone District) and Mrs. Olive Tester, Mr. A. Waddington (captain, St. James, Egerton) and Mrs. Waddington, Mr. F. E. Darby and Mrs. Darby, Mr. B. May and Mrs. May, and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Editor, Ringing World).

REMINISCENCES

Mr. Darby, who started ringing 50 years ago, continued by reminiscing on the happy times he had spent in the Kent County, mentioning the Barnett family, the Groombridges, senior and junior, and Mr. Phillip Corby. The Kent County Association, during its 90 years of existence, had achieved greatness and was in the forefront of the Exercise. It had lived in harmony with its neighbours, showing understanding and respect for them and had in consequence a peaceful life.

Mentioning many names of officers and leaders in the Association, Mr. Darby concluded: "While your membership embraces people such as these the Kent County Association cannot fail to prosper."

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Responding, Mr. Alan Berry said that one of the difficulties of a general secretary was that it is hard to know whether or not the association is making any progress-it is a sure thing that we either move forwards or backwards; there is no standing still. There are many ways in which progress could be made: stronger finances, more peals, better peals, more members, less unringable towers, better meetings, more activities. He went on: "Our peal record fluc-tuates from year to year, but we are definitely ahead this year compared with last year's total. The number of towers where restoration work is in hand or definitely anticipated is considerable. The registration of our Bells Restoration Fund as a charity has enabled the Association to reap the benefits of investment and, with other plans in mind, in future years it may be possible to make grants much higher than at present. Our membership last year showed a slight drop in numbers-was this because of the increase in subscription? District meetings seem on the whole to be well attended, although of course there is always room for improvement. We are in-deed grateful," concluded the speaker, "for all the assistance that we receive from our clergy, and it is a pity when many of them

leave us."

TAUGHT BY DAN COOPER

Canon Tufton, in his reply, said he did not have many qualifications to speak as a bellringer. He did start once at Beddington, under that excellent teacher and fine ringer Mr. Dan Cooper, and it was a sad day when he died at such an early age. The speaker then gave details of some of his researches into bells and bellringing. He expressed appreciation to the bellringers for what they are and what they do, and he admired the tremendous family spirit amongst them all.



Some of those who attended the dinner, photographed by the R.W. outside the Queen's Head Hotel. L. to r.: David Parks, Charles Sinden, Rosemary Ellis, Alan Berry, Alison Levick, Anne Berry, Graham Terris, Stuart Taylor and Stephen Garner.

"INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS"

Mr. A. Waddington, in proposing the toast of "The Church," said: "We are frequently reminded of the need for both church fellowship and Christian stewardship. I think on the whole our members can claim to enhance both."

As regards "Time, Talents and Money," which was the threefold call today, he instanced (1) the ringing for services, teaching and belfry maintenance; (2) the value of an experienced ringer joining a struggling band and the efforts required to keep a band together when once formed; (3) the belfry repair funds, which needed continued and increasing support. He mentioned a sponsored peal which raised £80.

"We inevitably come round to what might be called our 'industrial relations' with the clergy," went on the speaker, "In Kent we are fortunate in having not only ringing parsons but, with very few exceptions, a fine spread of 'ringable' parsons.

"Where there is an active regular band there is usually active co-operation from the vicar. It is a two-way partnership. Mostly the clergy are very tolerant of the ringers' greatest failing and nowadays seldom admonish us when we slink away during the 5-minute bell.

"The incumbent is the one who stands in a difficult position between ringing and the suffering public. In many towers with noisy bells complaints are justified. One good line of defence for the incumbent is to ask the complainant to help pay for the necessary measures of sound control—these need not be very expensive.

"In conclusion, let us honour the Church of the past for leaving us the grand heritage of our towers, people like Canon Helmore, who laid the foundations of our Association and the present clergy up and down the country, without whose support and encouragement we should not persist."

The health of "The Guests and Visitors" was drunk on the call of Mr. Colin Tester, who welcomed Canon Tufton, Rev. J. E. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Waddington, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Darby, the Editor of The Ringing World (who received certain criticisms, including some from leading K.C.A. members), Mrs. Mitchell (who had travelled from Brighton) and three other octogenarians — Messrs. Lewis Head, Fred Macey and Edwin Barnett.

Mr. Tester called on the members of the Kent County Association to drink a bumper toast to the many guests and visitors, which was cheerfully done.

A MAN OF MANY PARTS

The response, given by Rev. J. E. Robinson, was apt and highly amusing and at times the laughter drowned the following comments of the speaker. The Vicar of Leeds is obviously a man of many parts and a popular choice as an after-dinner speaker—especially for bellringers' dinners.

For the speeches the chairman introduced each speaker, and with anecdote and personal data often it seemed at the expense of the person proposing the toast; but all through the evening the programme flowed easily and happily along. There was never a dull moment. During a break there was a musical interlude given by Rosemary Ellis and Hilary Hinde, who received gifts from the chairman in appreciation for their part in the entertainment. A raffle, in aid of the Restoration Fund for the James Barham tomb in Leeds Parish Church, was drawn by the editor of the R.W., three prizes being awarded.

The proceedings continued with a full social round, everyone joining whole-heartedly in the happy spirit which abounded throughout the whole evening.

Keep your eyes wide open before marriage and half shut after.

Benjamin Franklin.

Obituary

MR. ARTHUR DREW

Captain and verger at All Saints Church, Lindfield, Sussex, for 40 years, Mr. Arthur Drew died recently at the advanced age of 87. He was well known among Sussex ringers and had played an active part in the life of the church in his own area.

The bells were rung half-muffled for the funeral, which was attended by many of his

ringing friends.

MR. W. A. ROUSE

William A. Rouse, who was aged 68, died suddenly at Great Holland, Essex, on September 3.

Bill was well known and liked both at St. Michael's, Kirby-le-Soken, and at All Saints', Great Holland, where he was a regular ringer until a serious illness five years ago prevented him from taking part. In the last few years he was made a life member.

Bill was interred at Great Holland, close to the tower, on September 9, and the bells were half-muffled for Sunday ringing morning and evening prior to the funeral date and were rung half-muffled after the interment.

LAST OF THE DAYS

The last member of the family of Fred Day, of the firm of Geo. Day and Sons, Eye, Suffolk, bell hangers, died from cancer in hospital on September 2, aged 73. She was the youngest, Dorothy, who lived with her husband, Mr. Penson, a retired schoolmaster, at Low Eaves, Manor Road, Barton-

le-Cley, Bedford.

Mrs. Penson was a teacher at Stradbroke
School, Suffolk, during the First World War and was also a church organist. She was cremated at Luton on September 9.

Her sister, Ella Kate Day (a spinster, also a retired school teacher), died at Eye on December 4, 1968, aged 84.

Her brother, Hubert Joseph Day, passed away at Eye on August 9, 1952, aged 63. He was the last member of the firm to do any tower work and he had done but very little in that field for a number of years His widow continued to live in Eye, at Bell Cottage.

EDWIN CHARLES EADES

Charlton Adam, in Somerset, lost one of its most faithful and respected parishioners with the death of Ted Eades (aged 70) on September 12, and this loss will be felt by all who knew him.

Ted became a choirboy at Charlton Adam when he was seven, and except for a brief spell in the Army and when living in the nearby village of Kingweston he was always in the choir stalls. For the past 16

years he was churchwarden.

He was a "regular" in the belfry at Charlton Mackrell for nearly 50 years and helped many "strugglers" over the "stile." and for a number of years was captain, taking over from his brother, Percy. About two years ago Ted and his wife worked very hard and raised money for a new set of ropes for the bells.

His health began to fail about 12 months ago and he was unable to attend any ringing activities, and in the tower he was

greatly missed.

On the day of the funeral his colleagues rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Sted-man, Grandsire and Bob Doubles (his favourite methods) to say farewell to cap-tain "Ted."



At the K.C.A. dinner on Sept. 26 a presentation of a cheque was made to Mr. B. W. May, who had served the Association as an officer for many years, latterly as hon. treasurer. Mrs. May received a bouquet. In the R.W. photo are (l. to r.) Mr. May, Mrs. May, Mrs. O. Barnett, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. O. Tester and Mr. C. Tester.

BELLS, RINGERS AND THE CHURCH

Speaking at a ringers' dinner last year, the Lord Bishop of Derby, the Rt. Rev. G. F. Allen, said that without doubt bells were the most effective external witness the Church had ever had, for, in the words of the poet, their sounds went into all lands, speaking in many different ways.

Although to many people bells and bell-ringing were relics of the time when there were very few clocks and watches, the Bishop assured the company that their message was just as relevant today to this modern world, with wars and racial tension, as it was over 100 years ago when Tennyson wrote of bells ringing for the common love of good.

Bells are an external witness of the Church's work and remind someone, somewhere, of God. Very often people ask whether the expense of bells can be justified as they are only a luxury nowadays, but if that argument is used, so is the choir, organ, vestments and whatever else you care to consider.

Ringers should be proud of their calling and service to the Church and, in turn, the Church and clergy should be proud of their ringers and give them the encouragement required to carry out this service with dedication and enthusiasm.

BELFRY SCREEN DEDICATED

During the bellringers' service at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on September 13, a glass belfry screen was dedicated by the vicar, Rev. M. W. Mansbridge. It was the gift of Miss May Vivien Godderidge and her sister, Miss Phyllis Godderidge, both former parishioners and bellringers who died last year, and was designed by Mr. Alan Wood, a member of the local band and a professional architect.

Following the dedication, rounds and queens were rung on a set of 12 handbells, donated to the church by Mr. F. V. Nash. The ringers, all members of the Coton band, were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, G. A. Bell, J. Draycott, L. Trevor and J. Evans. Tunes were also rung on a set of 24 handbells by three Coton members, augmented by three from Allesley. The preacher at the service was Rev. Martin Clarke, curate of St. Mary's, Atherstone, the most northerly of the Coventry diocesan towers. Mr. Clarke joined in the ringing of the ten tower bells after the service. Miss Vivien Godderidge was well known in Folkestone ringing circles for a number of years, having taken a teaching post there in 1927.

A philosopher may despise riches; but I'll bet his wife doesn't.

—Anonymous.



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Editorial

ONE YEAR GONE

"Congratulations on completing your first year of office (as Editor) so successfully. I hope you can carry on for many more as happily, for the sake of the 'comic' and the Exercise."

Last week a regular correspondent (of the younger generation) put this footnote to a letter, having realised that it was a year ago that a new (and inexperienced) editor was taking over the "hot seat." It was also mentioned recently at the K.C.A. dinner when, in welcoming the cditor, it was pointed out that he was not considered "new" any longer.

But what has been achieved during these 12 months? The first three were spent "sticking on stamps," examining files, getting to know the ropes and planning the new look R.W., which burst forth on January 9. This edition caused considerable comment, much being favourable, a percentage definitely "anti," but the majority accepting "with reservations."

Periodic amendments and further improvements to layout were made, and even now suggestions—some practical, some impossible—still arrive. ALL are considered.

The biggest obstacle to many of the ideas put forward is cost. What the Editor would like is another eight pages a week so that more technical and historical articles could appear, with more illustrations. A comment made by a discriminating and very respected lady (who is both peal ringer and guild officer) was: "I can't wade through all that solid small type—but I just love the chatty bits, the letters and the pictures," which is something of a guide.

In starting on the second year the Editor once more asks for tolerance and a special effort by every reader to help increase the weekly sales to 7,000 copies. This would ensure that the cost per copy would remain as now during 1971. The ever-increasing cost of paper, labour and postage is a continual anxiety, and only by the help of all ringers and readers can this spectre be laid once and, we hope, for all.

Heard in a London belfry.

"How do you spell 'canons' — the sort on the top of the bells? One 'n' or two?"

"You mean, do you spell them like a big gun or do you spell them like more exalted members of the clergy?"
"Yes."

"It must be the one 'n'—all the clergy I know are as crooked as the loops on top of a bell!"

WEDDING

One of the Great Mongeham, Kent, bell-ringers, Gillian Hawkins, was married on September 12 to Robin Wilson at the parish church of St. Martin, Great Mongeham. The bells were rung before and after the ceremony, and to mark the occasion a date touch was rung during the same evening.

Our picture shows the bride ringing after her own wedding. Robin and Gillian's future home will be in Leighton Buzzard, Beds

Belfry Gossip

A new ring of six will shortly be installed by John Taylor and Co. at Arnold, Nottingham. Taylor's have also completed the rehanging of the bells at Dulverton, Somerset.

It is very much regretted that Mr. Fred Greedy, of Newport, Mon., son of the late Mr. Charles Greedy, was rushed into the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, after being taken ill on September 21. Fred has been a loyal ringer at the Cathedral for many years and all wish him a speedy recovery.

The peal rung at Headcorn, Kent, and recorded on page 798 was forwarded by Mr. G. W. Grant (secretary), who said he was very pleased with the performance of his pupils. It was the first "local" effort since before 1928. A picture of Mr. Grant (and others) appeared on page 732 and at 75 he had hoped to take part in the peal but decided three hours might be too much. He did not want to let the others down and so Roger Sutehall (Egerton) stood in as a substitute.

The East Anglia Daily Times reported a wedding at Hoxne, Suffolk, where a recording of bells was used before and after the wedding. Mr. Claude Rush, of Felixstowe, sent us the cutting and adds: "Hoxne, pronounced Hoxen, is where King Edmund, of East Anglia, was tied to a tree and killed by arrows, eventually being buried at Bury St. Edmunds. This was 1,100 years ago. Hoxne Church tower is a fine one, containing five bells, tenor about 10 cwt. No ringing has taken place for years—the bells are not ringable. Villagers must have been taken by surprise by the recording, especially if it was part of a peal of Caters or Maximus!"



Personal records: Tony Skilton (50 peals), Margaret L. Ellwood (50).

New conductors this week include Nigel C. Sheppard (15) and Peter J. Devrell.

First peal congratulations to Elizabeth A. Hutton, Fred Richardson, Pat Hurworth, Richard A. M. Newman, Jane Churchill (13), David Taylor (15), Nigel C. Sheppard (15), Ronald Millidine, Bernard V. Thurman, Peggy E. Jennings, Jonathan Franklin.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Derby Cathedral, recorded last week, was for the wedding of Mr. John Stennitt, who has been a member of the band for 20 years. It was also the first by an "all-Cathedral" company since 1964.

If any guild or district secretary (or master) would like half-a-dozen copies of the R.W. (recent issues) for distribution among their members at meetings, in the hope of possible regular subscription, we will gladly send them free on request.

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Last year a suggestion was made for the formation of a ringing association for the legal profession. Mr. Paul Boucher, of Stockport, who followed up the enquiry, has heard nothing further about the suggestion and wonders if the possibility of such an association is still contemplated.

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The handbell peal of Plain Bob Royal printed on page 780, for the N. American Guild at Washington, is a duplication. It had already been recorded on page 700.

Mr. Ernest W. Rowe, who has been in business in High Street, Sidmouth, has now "sold up" and the premises closed. All will wish him a pleasant and happy retirement.

We understand that our suggestion of a Yale type lock on doors, etc., in churches for additional safety is not a good one as they are "useless for security." A 5-lever mortised deadlock would be better for doors 2 in, thick or cylinder deadlock for others.

Spending about five months at 8/2 Coniston Place, Colombo 7, Ceylon, is Mr. J. R. A. Muller, lately of Maidenhead, and he wonders if there are any other expatriate ringers in Ceylon.

The band at Wentworth, Yorks, was reconstituted in September, 1968, and has now rung the first quarter of Minor with all "locals".

Because of pressure of work the tenor man who was to have covered in a quarter at Stithians, Cornwall, arrived after the start. Nevertheless the band included his 6d. rope donation to the R.W. (Gratefully acknowledged!—Ed.)

At Sproughton, Suffolk, three quarter peals were rung during a festival of flowers and music combined with harvest thanksgiving and a display of bygones during September 12-13.

A very good picture in the local newspaper of Mr. and Mrs. George Swift, of Chalfont St. Peter. Bucks, ringing handbells, with a detailed report of their hobby, has reached us. It tells how, through bell-ringing, George met his wife, Mary, and of the continuity of ringing of father to son.

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Another cutting, from The Stratford Express, sent by Mrs. Winifred Riddy, of
Constantine. Cornwall, shows 54-years-old
Mr. John McPhale "playing" four bells at
All Saints Church, West Ham. He is seen
chiming, with a rope on each foot and one
in each hand, which he pulls whilst sitting
in a chair. His grandfather and he used to
chime eight between them.

Letters

APPRECIATION

Dear Sir, — I would like, through the pages of The Ringing World to place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Truro Diocesan Guild.

I have just spent ten months working in South-West Cornwall and from the time I first met the ringers in this area they were most friendly and helpful. I was made to feel welcome straight away in all the towers which I visited. At no time can I remember hearing a cross word or a loss of temper.

This environment plus the warmth and friendliness of the ringers made my time in Cornwall the most pleasant I can remember

since I started ringing.

It would not be fair to mention any names as the praise belongs to everyone. With letters being published these days from people "condemning" or having a "slanging" match, it will be a change to make known the kindness of the Cornish folk and say "Thank you, Truro ringers, for making me feel so much at home. Yours faithfully,

T. E. HOWARTH. Midshipman, R.N.

Portland, Dorset.

OUT OF SYMPATHY?

Dear Sir,-Under Belfry Gossip in Sept. 18 issue of the R.W. the subject of donations received with peal reports in propor-tion to quarter peal reports is again raised. This comparison, as usual, reveals that the majority of donations originate from quarter peals. The question I would ask you, sir, is on what grounds you consider it should be otherwise? Peals, in order to be accepted by the C.C., have to be published in its journal. Is it not, therefore, unreasonable to expect ringers to defray the publishing costs imposed by a rule which many are out of sympathy with? The financial millstone which the R.W. finds around its neck is originated by the C.C. and it therefore follows that the C.C. should be the body to overcome the problem.

The following are two possible ways in which this problem could be resolved. (1) The C.C. to impose affiliation fees on member guilds/associations to cover publishing costs; or (2) abolish the publication of peals except perhaps where the performance is of particular merit. Peal bands wishing to publish their activities could then utilise the

facilities of the notice pages.

Doubtless readers will have other probably better ideas, which I hope will be

forthcoming.-Yours faithfully. MIKE FISHWICK.

Littleborough, Lancs.

BELL OATHS

Dear Sir.-Your paragraph regarding the bell from Beach Park made interesting reading. In a book I have been reading recently, by Paul E. Peery, he refers to the custom of swearing oaths on bells, bearing in mind their ancient sacred associations. He states that as late as 1832 a justice in County Clare required a bell oath to be sworn on the Beach Park bell. At that time, apparently, thieves were so afraid of being brought face to face with this bell they would confess and return the goods rather than swear the oath! It is a pity modern thieves do not have the same respect for our playthings!—Yours faithfully.
COLIN GILLINGHAM.

Braintree, Essex.

THE PRESENT POSITION

Dear Sir,-On page 496 of The Ringing World there appeared an account of Mr. G. D. Armitage's week-end of ringing. This was of particular interest to members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association as it mentioned a quarter peal rung at St. Oswald's, Durham. These bells are listed in our current report as unringable, and I therefore made enquiries about what had changed to permit this quarter peal.

From Mr. Armitage's account I quote three paragraphs which seem most relevant:

"The tower at St. Oswald's received some attention a few years ago so I got the architect to agree that the tower was not unsafe for ringing. He expressed doubts about the frame, however. I told him that we had already had a trial ring five weeks previously, on the vicar's authority. At that ring I had Mr. R. H. Dove inspect the frame WHILE THE BELLS WERE BEING RUNG, and he, like myself, felt that although the frame was not in an ideal condition it was not unsafe. As you per-haps know, Mr. Dove used to be a belfry inspector for Gillett and Johnston and then for Taylor's.
"Now that the local populace has been

reminded what full circle ringing sounds like, as opposed to chiming, there has been much favourable comment, and it is hoped the local interest thus aroused will lead to a complete overhaul and rehanging-which is what the bells need to put them in an

ideal condition.

TETTENHALL BELLS

Dear Sir, — Charles Lynam, in "The Church Bells of the County of Stafford (1889)" gives the diameter of the 1804 bell at St. Mary, Wolverhampton, as 33 in. The back four at Codsall are given as 29½, 31½, 34 and 39 in. The bell at St. Jude, Wolverhampton, is given as 30 in. If the information given by Lynam, H. E. Green and the anonymous author on page 610 is all correct then Tettenhall gave away the second and fourth of their five-and still had four bells left to make a reasonable ring when added to the old bell at Codsall! This seems to me fairly good evidence against Mr. Green's theory of the origin of Codsall bells.—Yours faithfully. JOHN E. DAVID.

Peterborough.

LONDON ROYAL

Dear Sir,-I am sorry if the text of my article on the Surrey Association was in any way misleading. The error pointed out by Mr. Nash regarding the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal is regretted, though I would add that the inclusion of London and Bristol in the later peal at Beddington would appear more meritorious. The note on London Royal, however, was intended to read (as was in fact written down) that the Beddington peal was the first in the version universally rung today. The note in belfry gossip to the effect that the first peal of London Royal was rung at Brighton is in fact incorrect as this was only the first of the "No. 2" extension. The first beal of an extension of London to ten bells was the "No. I" version rung at Stepnev 19 years before the Brighton peal, in 1907. [As printed last week.-Ed.]

I hope this clears up the points raised and I thank readers for their comments. Yours faithfully.

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW. Putney, S.W.

"St. Oswald's bells continue to be chimed and notice is required if anyone wishes to ring full circle as the chiming hammers have to be cleared out of the way and

ropes put on.

I submitted this section to the architect and Vicar of St. Oswald's for their comments on (1) any of the points in the statement. (2) the circumstances in which permission was granted for the ringing of the quarter peal on Whit Sunday, (3) what would be the attitude to any further reduests for permission to ring at St. Oswald's. I wrote to Mr. Armitage to show which parts of his account had been in-

The Architect commented: "I take great exception to the statement made that the architect had agreed that the tower was not unsafe for ringing and I trust that this will be corrected as quickly as possible as it is absolutely untrue. My opinion on the ringing of the bells has been very clearly stated to the vicar and I have today written a further letter to him restating the grounds on which my opinion is based.
"I feel that I must leave him to make

any further comments on this subject which has been very thoroughly explored over the

past ten years.'

The Vicar commented: "I ought, in reply, to say that while I was willing for the bells to be rung by Mr. Armitage and others, we had a considerable and detailed enquiry about the bells previously conducted by the Rev. J. W. Rogerson and Mr. Serge Zvegintzov. The outcome at that stage had been that it was inadvisable to ring the bells until a new frame had been installed and the bells themselves looked at and in some cases recast. They were then put in order for chiming.

"I was most surprised when Mr. Armitage appeared several years later and seemed to imply that things were not as bad as they had appeared to be and that it was worth ringing them with an experienced band to see what sort of effect this would have. He also seemed to imply that the architect. while not in agreement, was not averse to such an attempt. I therefore gave permission if the churchwardens were in agreement. It was not my intention that this should be the precedent for ringing in the future, nor to suggest any kind of contradiction of the architect's previously ex-pressed views. Since the occasion of Mr. Armitage's visit to ring the bells I have received a letter of disapproval and disquiet from the Rev. J. W. Rogerson and also correspondence from the architect expressing disquiet. I appreciate your interest and shall be glad to give you any further information.

Mr. Armitage dissented from my view that it was desirable to give an account of what had gone on "behind the scenes" obtaining permission to ring on 'unringable" bells. I hope, sir, that you will agree with me that this is a matter of public interest and publish this letter. I regret that the holiday season has delayed the completion of the correspondence, but I have thought it better to suffer this delay in order to present the three views simultaneously. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Armitage for his information.

I hope that this letter makes quite clear what is the present position at St. Oswald's. Durham. What has been achieved by this quarter peal I leave for others to judge.-Yours faithfully,

DENIS A. BAYLES,

Secretary

Hon. General Secretary. D. and N. Diocesan Association.

Quarter Peals

Great Mongeham, Kent. - Sept. 12, 1970 Doubles (three methods): P. Hambrook 1, Mrs. F. Lawrence 2, Miss S. Rusdell 3, F. Rye 4, F. Lawrence (cond.) 5, K. Gatland 6. A wedding compliment to Robin Wilson and Gillian Hawkins. Longest length for 1, 3 and 6.

LONG LENGTH

Lanteglos-by-Fowey, Cornwall.-Sept. 12, 2640 Doubles (31 m/v): Hilary Dash 1, F. M. Bowers 2, A. Locke 3, T. J. Bell (cond.) 4, A. J. Davidson 5, P. C. Evans 6. Peal attempt curtailed.

Aldrington (Hove), Sussex. - Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Doubles: P. Morris 1, Diana M. Gough 2, J. N. Lambert 3, D. Kirkcaldy 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. J. Hood 6. Wedding compliment to Ann E. Sharpe and John Fowler.

Arlecdon, Cumb. — Aug. 29, 1260 Bob Doubles: F. Richardson 1, T. E. Brown 2, D. Sim 3, C. F. Gates 4, Mrs. M. Dodd (cond.) 5, W.

Seward 6.

Ash. Surrey.-Sept. 14, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Susan Levers 1, Marilyn Reay 2, Angela Smart 3, P. Smart 4, T. Page (cond.) 5, R. Backhurst 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Edgar Sherwood, former captain for 30 years.

Banwell, Som. - Sept. 19, 1256 Little Bob Major: P. J. England (cond.) 1, Margaret James 2, Hillary Derham 3, T. Chapman 4, E. Dibble 5,

C. T. Clarke 6, G. Hebden 7, S. G. Smith 8. First in method 3, 5 and 7. Belton, Leics.—Aug. 30, 1440 Treble Bob (1 Kent, 1 Oxford): D. W. Bee 1, H. J. Hazell 2, Hazel J. Nichols 3, P. Charlesworth 4, G. Slater 5. A. Rowley (cond.) 6.

Benhall, Suffolk. - Sept. 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Peters 1, R. P. Peters 2, M. Baldry 3, T. Hughes 4, M. Peters (first as cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. A birthday compliment to P. S. Bedford, of Aldeburgh.

Bexley, Kent .- Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: P W. Shonk 1, Pat Fox 2, Valerie L. Bowlzer 3, Brenda Coode 4, Mary R. Andrews 5, E. J. Coode (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a compliment to Rev. L. G. Thorogood on his ordination to the priesthood.

Bicker, Lincs. - Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, D. Fensom 3, W. B. Dawson 4, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 5, A. J. Singleton 6. For Even-

Birch-in-Rusholme, Lancs.-Aug. 23, 1260 Bob Minor: I. E. Margaret Manby 1, Catherine M. Kay 2, Pauline Tallis 3, P. Boucher 4, P. Dyson

5, S. N. Harrop (first as cond.) 6.

Brading, I.O.W. - Sept. 19, 1260 Doubles (three methods; 7, 6, 8 covering): K. Squibb 1, Jill Reed 2, L. Jamieson 3, A. Russell 4, T. F. East (cond.) 5, Ann Duff 6, I. Russell 7, E. Duff 8. First in three methods by all except conductor.

Bredbury, Cheshire. - Sept. 12, 1260 Bob Minor: Wendy J. Morris (first Minor) 1, A. Hibbert 2, Elizabeth A. Hibbert 3, B. F. Trueman 4, M. Foulds 5, S. I. Bamforth (cond.) 6.

Bredgar, Kent.—Sept. 12, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Hazel V. Mitchell (godmother) 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, G. Wood (godfather) 3, F. J. Dadson 4, L. Mitchell (godfather, cond.) 5, W. S. Edmed (father) 6. To welcome Stephen Robert Edmed into the Christian family, born July 10, baptised September 6.

Bredon's Norton, Worcs.-Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Attwood, jun. 1, R. Perks 2, R. Hick-mott 3, H. Plumb 4, K. Pratt 5, J. Attwood, sen. (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Farewell quarter to

treble (joining Merchant Navy).

Bridgend, Glam. - Sept. 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, H. Preece 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, G. A. Evans 4, H. D. Bryant 5, S. Coleman 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, B. V. Thurman 8. For Harvest Festival.

Burnham, Som. - Sept. 14, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. D. Short 1, S. Brown 2, J. Brain 3, E. Dibble (first Stedman) 4, P. Dye 5, C. T. Clarke 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, E. T. Lee 8. Carlisle, Cumb (Cathedral) .- 1260 Bob Minor:

Miss M. Atkinson 1, Miss S. H. Bennett 2, Miss R. M. Bennett 3, Rev. B. Redgers 4, J. Ling 5, Rev. L. R. Pizzey (cond.) 6, J. Boustead 7. First for 1, 2 and 3.

Cambridge (St. Mary the Great). -- Aug. 10, 1263 Stedman Caters: J. H. R. Freeborn 1, I. J. Quinney 2, R. W. Balls 3, H. F. J. Muncey 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 6, G. Pearson 7, H. C. Foster 8, B. D. Threlfall 9, A. Twyman 10. For the institution of Rev. Stanley Booth-Clibborn as vicar.

Cheddington, Bucks. - Sept. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: Christine Younger 1, Margaret Aslett 2, Hilary Aslett 3, P. Aslett 4, C. Younger (first inside) 5, C. F. Loke (cond.) 6. Birthday com-

pliment to Mrs. Joan Kingham.

Chinnor, Oxon.—Aug. 30, 1260 Doubles (8 methods): P. Wilkinson 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, F. Keen 6. First in eight methods for all except 2. A farewell to Mrs. Dawn V. Little, moving to Kirk Ella, E. Yorks.

Copt Oak, Leics.—Aug. 31, 1296 Beverley S. Minor: Hazel J. Nichols 1, R. Martin 2, P. Charlesworth 3, G. Slater 4, D. W. Bee 5, A.

(owley (cond.) 6.

Coulsdon, Surrey. - Aug. 30, 1260 Doubles (six methods): G. Long 1, D. Little 2, A. Smith 3, A. Brock 4, D. Atkins (cond.) 5. A farewell to Canon H. Herbert on retirement after 14 years as rector.

Croft, Leics. — Aug. 29, 1296 Cambridge Minor: P. Charlesworth 1, G. Slater 2, H. J. Hazell 3, D. W. Bee 4, R. Martin 5, A. Rowley (cond.) 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crick. Also Sept. 12, 1320 Bob Doubles: F. Watson 1, Kathleen Leamont (first quarter) 2, S. Harrison 3, Carol I. V. Brown (cond.) 4, M. Brown 5, W. Brown (first quarter) Wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. V. Moran.

Dagenham, Essex.-Sept. 19, 1260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. Barrett 1, D. Potter (first in method) 2, P. Bloomfield 3, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 4, Miss J. Pullen 5, D. Ralls 6, J. Armstrong (cond.) 7, W. Potter 8.

Easthampstead, Berks. — Aug. 30, 1260 Bob Triples: Joan Scott 1, Susan E. Rance 2, G. N. Scott 3, Joan A. Rance 4, C. N. Bailey 5, S. G. Scott 6, A. J. Rance (first in method as cond.)
7, W. C. Churchill 8. For Evensong.

East Molesey, Surrey .- Sept. 5, 1344 Grandsire Triples: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, C. E. Bulleid 3, Katharine Salvage 4, B. J. Stone 5, C. D. Collin (cond.) 6, Anthea S. Bruce 7, I. J. Whitear 8. A wedding compliment to Bryony Moorby and Richard Dorrington by All Saints' Society, Kingston.

Edinburgh (St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral). Sept. 19, 1260 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Royal: W. H. Pickett 1, Miss K. Bransom 2, Miss L. Martin 3, Miss J. Tomkinson 4, T. C. Win-deram 5, T. J. Winderam 6, A. Dempster 7, M. Pink 8, M. Peterson 9, J. M. Preston (cond.) 10.

Egremont, Cumb.-Sept. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles: D. G. Kealey 1-2, K. M. Price (cond.) 3-4, C. Gates 5-6. Also Sept. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: Denise McLean (first Minor) 1, Vera C. Bell 2, Mary Dodd 3, K. M. Price (cond.) 4, G. Tembey 5, C. F. Gates 6. Golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Rothery,

Fordingbridge, Hants.-Sept. 12, 1260 Grand sire Triples: F. E. Collins 1, E. G. Cork 2, Olive Collins 3, W. E. Cheater 4, S. C. Walker 5, W. Perrins 6, D. G. Andrews (first as cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8. For Patronal Festival.

Friskney, Lincs.-Sept. 11, 1320 Bob Doubles: N. Portess 1, E. W. Stow 2, Valerie M. Shaw (first as cond.) 3, G. K. Brader 4, S. W. Shrive 5, E. Vear 6. For Son et Lumière.

Froxfield, Hants. - Sept. 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. V. Harfield (first quarter) 1, Maureen Tipper 2, Karin Hatherly 3, Mrs. Ann Hall 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, F. Hagenbuch 6, A birthday compliment to Karin Hatherly.

Gloucester (St. Mary de Crypt).-Aug. 2, 1260 Kent and P.B. Minor: L. Barry 1, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 2, R. Hazell 3, R. Hunt 4, I. Goulter 5, P. Gould 6.

Hardington Mandeville, Som.-Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. G. W. Rendell 1, Miss B. Look 2, G. W. Rendell, sen. 3, J. Farthing 4, W. E. Turner 5, G. W. Rendell, jun. (cond.) 6. To mark the completion of 40 years in the ministry of Canon L. W. C. Sharland (rector) and 25 years of ringing by the conductor, who was taught at Hardington.

Halesowen, Worcs.-Sept. 13, 1260 Stedman Triples: I. Shilvock 1, A. B. Ellsmore 2, L. W. Clissett 3, B. E. Woodall (cond.) 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, M. L. Lashford 6, H. Shilvock 7, Greenhall 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A

Tromans and Mrs. E. Lay.
Halse, Som. — Sept. 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, R. Bartlett 2, T. Hancock 3, F. Morris 4, R. Cross (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Wedding compliments to Miss F. Gadd and Mr. K. Beale and Miss J. Tucker and Mr. J. Lang.

Hawarden, Flints.-Sept. 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Norah M. Randles 1, Rachel Collins 2, J. Capper 3, D. H. B. Millward 4, G. H. Randles (cond.) 5, W. Cathrall 6. A farewell to Rev. Baden Powell on retirement.

Hayes, Middx .- Aug. 16, 1296 Bob Major: M. Britchford 1, Joyce Dodds 2, J. M. Britchford 3, M. J. Palmer 4, R. G. Chappele 5, F. Corke 6, G. Dodds 7, A. Price (cond.) 8.

Hendon, Middx. — Aug. 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Dianne Gazeley 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, Elisabeth S. Spry 3, D. J. Gazeley Watson (cond.) 5, B. Livings 6. For Parish Communion. A compliment to Amanda and Brian Livings on the birth of a daughter, Jane Elizabeth. Also Sept. 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Gazeley 1, Ruth Foreman 2, J. Witham 3, Dorothea Robotham 4, G. Ellis 5, J. Smith 6, B. Watson (cond.) 7, A. Warren 8. Wedding compliment to Dianne Gazeley and Walter Knight, married this day.

Highclere, Berks.-Sept. 13, 1440 Bob Minor: A. P. Gwynn (first quarter) 1, G. K. Dodd 2, C. Kendall 3, M. Goss 4, D. Goss 5, P. L. Furniss (cond.) 6.

High Wycombe, Bucks.-June 9, 1260 Stedman Triples: Louise Evans (first Stedman) 1, Ann Parr 2, A. Clutton 3, A. K. Fortin 4, J. Simmonds 5, D. Francis 6, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 7, A. L. Timms 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. M. B. Parry-Jones, churchwarden.

Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.-June 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K. Mary Lambert 1, Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 2, H. W. Brown 3, D. Kirkcaldy (cond.)

(first quarter) 7, R. H. Tribe 8. For Evensong. Kilmington, Devon.—Sept. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Haines 1, D. B. Ellery 2, Valerie Calvert (first Doubles) 3, M. J. Hiller 4, I. Calvert (cond.) 5, A. D. Case 6.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.—Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Bulleid 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Katharine Salvage 3, I. J. Whitear 4, G. J. Collett 5, C D. Collin 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, J. Knipe 8. For Evensong. Also Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Katharine Salvage 1. Ann V. Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, A. M. Cluer 4, I. J. Whitear 5, C. E. Bulleid 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, J. Knipe 8. For the visit of Bishop Gilpin at Festal Evensong for Kingston Church Festival, 1970.

Kirton-in-Holland, Lincs.—Sept. 7, 1264 Bob Major: D. Flatters 1, D. Fensom 2, G. A. Flatters 3, H. Barsley 4, A. E. Flatters 5, M. J. Belcher R. Stephenson 7, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 8. Birthday compliment to treble ringer.

Leadenham, Lincs.-Aug. 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Elaine M. Rolfe 1, Susan M. Heath 2, Mitchell 3, F. Derry (cond.) 4, J. Benett 5, R. Ruthven 6. Half-muffled in memoriam William

North, many years a local ringer.

Lincoln (Cathedral).-Sept. 8, 1311 Stedman Cinques: H. J. Radley (first on 12) 1, J. L. Millhouse (cond.) 2, Gillian Radley 3, Kathleen Fox 4, Jennifer Freeman 5, G. R. Parker 6, W. Tom-linson 7, P. A. Sharp 8, H. Gibson 9, J. Walden 10, J. Freeman 11, P. Pitchford 12. For the Nativity of B.V.M.

London, W.C. (St. Clement Danes'). — Sept. 13, 1277 Grandsire Caters: W. G. Wilson 1, Mrs. S. Trotter 2, Mrs. H. E. Oatway 3, Mrs. J. Kelly (first Caters) 4, H. Falkner 5, Miss M. E. Lewis 6, A. M. Stacey 7, R. Cadamy 8, W. F

Oatway (cond.) 9, A. Fulwell 10.

Longwood, Yorks. - Aug. 23, 1320 Surprise Minor (three methods): A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis 5, I. Roberts (cond.) 6. Also Sept. 7, 1320 Spliced Delight Minor (four methods): same band, conducted by B. Ellis. Also Sept. 20, 1440 Spliced Treble Bob and Delight Minor (11 methods): same band, conducted by I. Roberts. All rung for Evensona.

Long Sutton, Som.—Sept. 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Rendell, sen. 1, G. Baldam 2, G. W. Rendell, jun. 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, R. J. Hunt 6. For the festival of flowers.

Loughton, Essex.—Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Barham 1, Glynis Perry 2, Christine Ottaway 3, F. Tomlin 4, R. E. Burbery 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6, J. P. Ottaway 7, E. J. Cross 8

Marlesford, Suffolk. — Sept. 7, 1260 Bob Doubles: G. Finch 1, M. Peters 2, H. Vince 3, T. Hughes (cond.) 4, M. Baldry 5, R. Peters 6. A birthday compliment to treble ringer, 80 this day.

Mersham, Kent.—Sept. 9, 1260 Bob Triples: Margaret Osborne (first quarter) 1, Brenda Davies 2, C. J. E. Wyld 3, P. Richardson 4, M. S. Lancefield 5, P. Staples 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, M. Osborne (first Triples) 8. Halfmuffled in memoriam Mrs. R. Brocklehurst, widow of Canon G. Brocklehurst, of Mersham, interred this day in her 101st year.

Milborne St. Andrew, Dorset.—Sept. 15, 1260 Doubles: P. C. Joyce 1, Mrs. L. Mears 2, C. W. Tidwell (cond.) 3, R. H. J. Mears 4, R. J. Mears 5, F. Bracher (first quarter, ringer for 47 years) 6. A welcome to Rev. John Harry Spruyt.

Milland, Sussex.—Aug. 21, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Nelson (first attempt) 1, K. Mary Lambert 2, D. Kirkcaldy 3, J. Kirkcaldy 4, J. R. Norris (cond.) 5, J. N. Lambert 6.

Mursley, Bucks. — Sept. 8, 1260 Bob Minor: Marian Addy 1, Mary Watson (first inside) 2, Hilary Aslett 3, P. Aslett 4, M. Jameson 5, C. F. Loke (cond.) 6.

Nettleham, Lincs. — Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Parker 1, D. Booth 2, Miss R. Wilson 3, Miss R. Redden 4, W. Booth (cond.) 5, C. Nicoll 6. A farewell to C. Nicoll.

New Alresford, Hants. — Sept. 6, 1320 Bob Doubles: S. G. Dando (first quarter) 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane E. Dando (Lond.) 3, A. Hoar 4, J. Huggins 5, A. Hoskins 6. For Evensong.

Newbold-on-Avon, Warks. — Sept. 6, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): Anne Rigby 1, J. G. Edgson 2, P. M. Edgson 3, T. J. Frodsham 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, K. Rigby 6. For family service.

Newmarket, Suffolk (St. Mary). — Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Doubles: R. Heath 1, Georgina Carter 2, H. Miller (first quarter) 3, D. Andrews (first inside) 4, A. Barber (cond.) 5, A. Mason 6. For Evensong on the first anniversary of the induction of the rector, Rev. P. May.

Newport, Mon (St. Woolos Cathedral).—Sept. 13, 1260 Stedman Triples: Marion R. Bennett 1, R. M. Esbester 2, P. N. Chambers 3, J. D. Hankin 4, R. Wallace 5, A. W. E. Bainham 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, M. J. Pryor 8. A farewell to the cathedral chaplain (Rev. H. Bird).

Newton-le-Willows, Lancs.—Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Triples: Ann Thomas 1, Lesley Mackbeth 2, E. Flint 3, R. A. Dorling 4, D. Bennett (cond.) 5, S. N. Harrop 6, F. Heyes 7, K. Edwards 8. Rung in farewell to Rev. D. D. Roberts (vicar), who leaves Newton after 11 years.

Northaw, Herts. — Aug. 30, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Ann Davison 1, J. Carter (first inside) 2, Margaret Croysdill 3, Jill Carter 4, G. Austin 5, B. Greenwood (cond.) 6. Wedding anniversary compliments to Mr. and Mrs. E. Davison.

Old Wolverton, Bucks.—Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Miller 1, A. May 2, F. Mynard 3, R. Haseldine 4, M. G. Hooton 5, A. Haseldine (first as cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

Ormskirk, Lancs.—Sept. 11, 1344 Bob Triples: J. Dilworth 1, D. Jones 2, Mrs. Perry 3, J. Roebuck 4, Mrs. C. D'aeth 5, M. Snape 6, J. Richardson (cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8. For C.M.S. service.

Orsett, Essex. — Sept. 16, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Miss S. A. Mayell 1, F. V. Gant 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, H. Smith 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. First in method 1, 4, 6. For the ordination of Stephen D. Holdaway, one-time ringer at Orsett.

Penzance, Cornwall. — Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Diane Carter 1, G. W. Taysom 2, Janet S. Evans 3, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 4, W. R. Curtis 5, T. J. Bell 6, A. J. Davidson 7, M. D. Smaldon 8. For parish feast, and with the best wishes of the band to John George and Elizabeth Grenfell, both ringers at Paul, married at St. John's, Penzance, on Sept. 9.

Pilton, Som. — Aug. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan M. Donaghue 1, Elizabeth A. Hutton (first quarter) 2, Susan E. Berry (first quarter) 3, M. G. Bartlett 4, Sheila Y. Jenkins (cond.) 5, C. R. Jenkins 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also Sept. 9, 1260 Bob Doubles: Alison J. Whiteley (first quarter) 1, V. G. Roberts 2, M. G. Bartlett 3, Sheila Y. Jenkins 4, M. J. Whiteley (cond.) 5, D. J. Buckley (first quarter) 6.

Polesworth, Warks.—Sept. 13, 1320 New Bob Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby (cond.) 2, M. Allsopp 3, R. Knight 4, D. Hiorns 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: Jane Myatt 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns 5, R. Knight (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Portsmouth, Hants (Cathedral).—Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Edna Jones 1, Jean Berriman 2, B. Fry 3, M. Cass 4, W. Willans (comp.) 5, C. Bryant 6, A. Buswell (cond.) 7, A. Hoodless 8. For Evensong.

Portsmouth, Hants (St. Mary). — Sept. 13, 1274 Bob Triples: Mrs. E. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. Hunt 2, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. Rolph 4, A. Burbidge 5, L. D. Duguid 6, J. F. A. Rolph 7, C. Harris 8. For the institution and induction of Rev. K. G. Gibbons as Vicar of St. Mary's, Portsea.

Pylle, Som. — Feb. 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Veronica M. G. Frewin 1, Susan M. Donaghue (first quarter) 2, Sheila Y. Jenkins (cond.) 3, M. G. Bartlett 4, C. R. Jenkins 5.

Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts. — Sept. 13, 1272 Minor (three methods): E. Buxton 1, Rosemary Willey 2, H. Hanson 3, L. Jolley 4, B. Bull 5, D. Stainsby (cond.) 6. In appreciation of Rev. A. Woodsford's three years' ministry in the parish; also a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Buxton.

Rayleigh, Essex.—Aug. 23, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss V. Nash 1, P. Giles 2, J. Laken 3, F. May 4, P. Sadler 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. In memoriam William Ellis. Also Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Sadler 1, B. Sadler 2, P. Giles 3, F. May 4, R. Tomlin 5, D. Belcham 6, T. Sharp (first as cond.) 7, G. Blower 8. To celebrate birth of a son to Peter and Pat Chapman. Also Sept. 13, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Josie Sadler 1, J. Warboys 2, Valerie Nash (first in method) 3, F. May 4, T. Sharp 5, J. Laken 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. A welcome to Neil Hallett, born Sept. 7.

Rayne, Essex. — Sept. 16, 1260 St. Clements Minor: F. Roper 1, J. Connell 2, J. Green 3, S. Sudbury 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, C. Gilling-Scalby, Yorks.—July 23, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Thomson (first quarter) 1, W. Hudson 2, A. Grundy 3, Pamela Rennard 4, E. P. King 5, M. Pickup (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, leaving the area. ham 6. First in method by all.

Scarborough, Yorks. — July 14, 1260 Bob Minor: Fiona Davis (first quarter) 1, Pamela Rennard (first inside) 2, E. P. King 3, A. Grundy 4, W. Hudson 5, M. Pickup (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, leaving the area.

Selston, Notts. — Sept. 19, 1260 Bob Minor: Mary Macknight 1, A. L. Rawson 2, A. Smithson (cond.) 3, S. Harpham 4, W. Riley 5, C. A. Jaques 6. First guarter 1 and 4.

Sheffield, Yorks (St. John, Ranmoor).—Sept. 19, 1260 Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Hibbert 1-2, S. I. Bamforth (first Minor in hand) 3-4, M. Foulds (cond.) 5-6.

Shorne, Kent. — Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth M. Gardner (first quarter) 1, F. J. Matthews 2, E. C. Stuart 3, A. E. Clayton 4, P. L. R. Hayward (cond., 100th quarter) 5, R. M. Thompson 6.

Silsoe, Beds. — Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Doubles: Mary J. Harris (13) 1, Margaret E. Harris (13) 2, Susan Catlin 3, C. Catlin 4, T. R. Harris (cond.) 5, D. A. Eddy 6. First attempt 1, 2. For special youth service.

Southgate, Middx. — Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: C. Thorne (first quarter) 1, Rosalind Thorne 2, D. Willcocks 3, Ammette Bradbury 4, W. Wainwright 5, J. Witham (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival family service; also as a wedding compliment to Elizabeth Thorne and Peter Overfield, ringers at Essendon, Herts. Also Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Doubles: C. Martin 1, Mary Piper 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. Wainwright 4, D. Willcocks (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

Southwark, S.E. (Cathedral).—Aug. 16, 1299 Stedman Caters: E. J. Adams (first of Stedman Caters) 1, Deborah Bishop 2, Doris E. Colegate 3, P. J. Simmonds 4, M. Hatchett 5, W. G. Wilson 6, C. M. Meyer 7, A. S. Bishop 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, K. J. Rider 10.

Sproughton, Suffolk.—Sept. 12, 1260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): I. Lockwood 1, R. Kersey 2, W. Lockwood 3, K. Whittell 4, E. Lockwood 5, R. Steward (cond.) 6. For festival of flowers and music. Also Sept. 13, 1260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): P. Archer 1, R. Kersey 2, K. Whittell 3, J. Hollis 4, J. Girt 5, R. Steward (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Matins. Also Sept. 13, 1272 Minor (720 Cambridge, 552 Kent): Barbara Clift 1, Elizabeth A. Bowyer 2, Margaret E. Egglestone 3, L. R. Parry 4, R. C. Groom 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. For Evensong and to welcome the Bishop of Dunwich.

Standlake, Oxon.—Aug. 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Raymont (first on tower bells) 1, V. Clifton 2, G. Elms 3, M. J. Turner 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5, C. P. Turner (first covering) 6. For 500th anniversary of Standlake Rectory (1470–1970). Also Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Raymont 1, V. Clifton 2, M. J. Turner 3, G. Elms 4, B. J. Coggins 5, C. P. Turner 6. Conducted by 3 and 5. For Patronal Festival.

Steep, Hants. — Sept. 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine M. Andrews (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Ann Hall 2, Miss C. Roberts 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, F. Hagenbuch 6. A birthday compliment to Catherine M. Andrews.

Stithians, Cornwall.—Sept. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, Kathryne R. Pearce 2, L. W. Allen 3, R. P. Pearce 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

Sutterton, Lincs. — Aug. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Belcher (cond.) 1, Julie Rushden (first quarter) 2, Angela Moore (first quarter) 3, H. Barsley 4, R. Stephenson 5, R. Moore (first quarter) 6.

Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.—Aug. 18, 1264 Bob Major: Jane A. Smith 1, P. A. Rose 2, P. R. Wild 3, C. Davis 4, L. G. Smith 5, D. Hird 6, P. L. R. Hayward 7, B. A. Sollis 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. N. Smith.

Thorley, Herts. — Sept. 13, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Hutley 1. K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, P. Glazebrook 4, W. Hunt 5, T. Camp 6. For flower festival.

Tollesbury, Essex.—Sept. 12, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Mrs. M. Roast 1, R. W. Leavett 2, Mrs. C. Hudson 3, A. Hudson 4, Mrs. Y. Towler 5, T. Spurgeon 6, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 7, J. Towler 8.

Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. — Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Attfield 1, A. Bailey 2, Anne Anthony 3, D. Misseldine 4, J. J. Bailey (cond.) 5, N. Piper 6. First quarter 1, 4, 6. A wedding compliment to John Rycroft and Lynda Corner and a farewell on their departure to Durban, South Africa.

Wentworth, Yorks. — Sept. 13, 1320 Doubles (six methods): R. M. Nalliah 1, D. E. Archer 2, M. King (cond.) 3, R. R. Nalliah 4, D. Hunton 5, R. Grundy 6. For Evensong, and a farewell to D. E. Archer. Also Sept. 20, 1440 Bob Minor: R. Grundy (first Minor) 1, R. R. Nalliah (first inside of Minor) 2, D. E. Archer 3, L. Hallows (first Minor) 4, D. Hunton 5, M. King (cond.) 6. For Battle of Britain Sunday Evensong.

Weston-super-Mare, Som.—Sept. 7, 1250 Rutland S. Major: Heather Kippin 1, R. C. Kippin 2, D. Gay 3, E. T. Lee 4, P. J. England (cond.) 5, R. G. Edwards 6, S. Brown 7, J. Brain 8.

West Retford, Notts. — Sept. 9, 1260 Bob Minor: H. Archer 1, S. W. Knights 2, Miss C. M. Wright 3, P. N. Mounsey (cond.) 4, B. Birkett 5, J. A. Coates 6. For the induction and institution of Rev. Colin Neild as rector.

Wilburton, Cambs.—Sept. 2, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Palmer 1, G. Markwell 2, W. Murrells 3, B. Hullah 4, C. Gimbert 5, A. Yarrow (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Robert Palmer, jun, aged 8 days, son of treble ringer.

Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, Notts. — Aug. 24, 1440 Norwich S. Minor: D. W. Flower 1, D. Oliver 2, T. H. Kirkman 3, R. J. Stretton 4, A. E. Clayton 5, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 6.

Peals

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

PILTON, Som, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (17½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (14 extents Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire). 1 Gwilym G. Salmon

*2 Elizabeth A. Hutton
3 Michael G. Bartlett
†4 Martin J. Whiteley
5 Sheila Y. Jenkins (Conductor)
6 Edwin G. Lambert

*First peal. †First in three methods. To welcome Roger Philip John, son of Cynthia and John Kirkham.

MILVERTON, Som, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (18 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Dexter's No. 2.) *1 Christopher G. Barnes 2 Arthur H. Reed

3 Adrian F. Arscott †4 Leslie H. Arscott 5 Frank D. Mack

6 Patrick J. Bird (Conductor)

7 D. John Hunt 8 Rodney A. Cross

*First of Stedman. †First of Triples. To congratulate Ashley and Sandra Pike on the birth of a son (David).

CHILCOMPTON, Som, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (20 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Beverley, London, York, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Cambridge).

1 Gwilym G. Salmon 2 Ronald G. Beck

3 Adrian P. Beck

5 Robert E. Beck 6 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)

CHURCHILL, Som, St. John the Baptist.

Mon., Sept. 14, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (144 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (6 methods). George Prescott (Conductor)

Marjorie Legg 3 Leonard Derrick

4 Cecil Mogford 5 Sidney G. Smith 6 James Lott

In memoriam E. J. Avery.

COMPTON DANDO, Som, St. Mary the Virgin.

Wed., Sept. 16, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Alan J. Coombs
2 Henry J. Coombs
3 Cecil Mogford

4 Robert Perry
5 Michael J. C. Cannon
6 Peter J. Devrell (Conductor)

First as conductor.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ELSTOW, Beds, Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helena.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (9\(^3\)4 cwt.) **5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR** (Seven extents.)

1 Kathleen A. Marriott

Jeremy Piron

3 Charlotte M. Harris 4 David A. Hope 5 Martyn J. Marriott 6 Anthony H. Smith (Conductor)

*First of Minor.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, St. Michael.

Sat., July 11, 1970, 3hr. 41min. (261 cwt.) 5280 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS

*1 Eric Roughley

2 F. John Nelson 3 John Robinson

4 Geoffrey Gardner

5 C. Kenneth Lewis6 J. Henry Fielden 7 Michael J. Platt

8 Peter Gardner 9 Richard Starkie

10 Alan Scholfield 11 C. Barrie Dove

12 Denis Mottershead (Conductor) *First on 12.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE. Cheshire, St. Michael & All Angels.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (15 cwt.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by Arthur Knights. 1 Michael Foulds (Conductor)

*2 Linda Merrall 3 Brian Schofield

4 William Birmingham, jun.

5 Peter Broadbent

6 Ronald F. Andrew
7 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights
8 Stuart I. Bamforth

*First of Major.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMOR-LAND ASSOCIATION

EGREMONT, Cumberland, SS. Mary and Michael.

Fri., Sept. 11, 1970, 3 hr. (13½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES Composed by Henry Hubbard.

Walter Seward 2 James E. Brown

3 Mary Dodd 4 Vera C. Bell 5 David G. Kealey 6 Colin F. Gates 7 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*8 Fred Richardson

*First peal. A farewell to the Rev. N. Whitton (curate).

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY, All Saints' Cathedral.
Sat., July 4, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (19 cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by J. A. Burford.

F. John Nelson 2 Sidney Hough

3 Kenneth Davenport

4 Roland H. Cook 5 Michael Thompson

6 Brian Mills Geoffrey Paul

8 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)
9 Neil D. Lomas

10 Geoffrey Gardner

CASTLETON, Derbyshire, St. Edmund. Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (11½ cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by D. R. Carlisle.

Peter D. Taylor

Rev. Fred Ross

3 Timothy Wylie
4 Sidney Hough
5 Herbert E. Taylor
6 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith
7 Geoffrey R. Gardner
8 Denis R. Carlisle (Conductor)
For the opening of the Music and Arts Festival.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BOURN, Cambs, SS. Helen and Mary. Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (14 cwt.) 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by A. M. Barber.

Bryan F. Sims Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

3 Georgina C. M. Carter

4 Martin Major 5 Donald F. Murfet 6 John G. Gipson

7 Jack S. Dear

8 David R. Saunderson

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10³/₄ cwt.) 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Simon Humphrey.

Jean Sanderson

Georgina C. M. Carter

*3 Pat Hurworth

4 Barry J. Couzens
5 Geoffrey Pearson
6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
7 Donald F. Murfet

8 John G. Gipson

*First peal.

CAMBRIDGE, St. Andrew the Great. Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. (10³/₄ cwt.) 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Nolan Golden.

Jack S. Dear

*2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor) 3 Georgina C. M. Carter

4 George E. Bonham

5 Allen Twyman *6 Donald F. Murfet 7 David R. Saunderson

8 George E. Thoday *100th together. 100th as conductor. First in the method by all except treble ringer.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., Sept. 8, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10³/₄ cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 576 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 384 London, Rutland and Uxbridge,

130 changes of method). Composed by Norman Smith.

1 Susan Rothera

2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor) 3 Donald F. Murfet 4 Geoffrey Pearson 5 Allen Twyman

6 Kenneth J. Hesketh 7 John G. Gipson 8 Philip J. Rothera

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Fri., Sept. 11, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (11 cwt.) 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by Simon Humphrey.

1 Frank Harper

2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)3 Barry J. Couzens

4 Marion Kemp *5 Richard A. M. Newman

6 Jean Sanderson John G. Gipson 8 D. William Newman

*First peal. A farewell to Richard Newman.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MAISEMORE, Glos, St. Giles.

Fri., Sept. 11, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (11 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Leslie Barry *2 Patricia M. Clarke 3 Ralph Hazell

4 Leonard Edwards

5 Patrick Allen
6 Trevor N. J. Bailey (Conductor)
*First of Bob Minor. First since 1931 and on the bells since rehanging in 1969.

NORTH CERNEY, Glos, All Saints.

Fri., Sept. 11, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (7 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (15 methods: College Exercise, Norbury; Oxford Treble Bob; Kent
Treble Bob; Cambridge and Beverley Surprise; St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton,
Double Oxford; Thelwall and Pinehurst; Fulbeck; Plain and Double Bob).

*1 Allan R. Strickland

†2 P. Donald Naylor

3 Shirley M. Drew †4 Anita D. O'Brien

5 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)

6 Geoffrey R. Drew

*First of Minor. †First in 15 methods.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

EARDISLAND, Herefordshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (12 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, 69 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Valerie M. Edge

*2 Leslie Evans

*3 Michael V. Powell *4 Frederick R. Harris

†5 F. John Keddie 6 Peter J. Wycherley

7 Norman R. Mattingley

*8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor)
*First of 4-Spliced S. Major. †First of
Spliced S. Major.

EASTNOR, Herefords uc St. John the Rantist.

Tues., Sept. 8, 1970, 2hr. 38.0 (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents in 21 methods) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet S.; Oxford and Kent T.B.; Oxford Bob, Nicholaston, Wight; St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst; St. Nicholas, Heatherslade, Gower; Double Oxford, Winchester, Andover; Plain Bob).

1 Janet M. Aston 2 Margaret L. Ellwood 3 Reginald G. Powell

4 Norman R. Mattingley
5 Michael V. Powell
6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor) Most Minor methods for all. A compliment to Claudia A. Sherwood on her G.C.E. successes

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Aug. 21, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (11 cwt.) 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 Geoffrey T. Horritt *2 Christine M. Carter

3 Anthony H. Smith 4 Martin Major

5 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

Anthony R. Carter 7 David R. Saunderson

8 Jack S. Dear *First of London Major.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD HAWLEY, Hants, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (16½ cwt.) Composed by John Pladdys. 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

E. Marion Key 2 Elizabeth J. Gibbs

3 James Hedgcock 4 Tony Skilton

5 Barnabas G. Key 6 Peter J. Heritage 7 Alan D. Flood

8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION LYMPNE, Kent, St. Stephen.

Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Robert P. Brotherston 2 Elizabeth A. Todd 3 Michael J. Taylor 4 Richard A. Birch

5 Brian G. Butcher 6 Colin J. E. Wyld (Conductor) First on the bells since restoration. compliment to Mr. Rowland Harman on retirement as a ringer and churchwarden for 39 years.

ROTHERFIELD, Sussex, St. Denys.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (234 cwt.) 5184 DITCHLING SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Margaret E. Oram
Edward F. P. Bryant (Conductor)
David C. Brookes

4 David Featherstone

5 Lawrence T. Pope 6 Walter H. Dobbie

7 Ian H. Oram 8 Stanley Jenner.

First in the method by all and for the association. Wedding compliment to Josephine K. Moody and David B. Heseltine, married immediately prior to the peal.

HEADCORN, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (21 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (720 each: St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire).

*1 Jane Churchill (13)

*2 David Taylor (15) †3 R. Jean Vidler

*4 Roger Sutehall
*5 Nigel C. Sheppard (15, Conductor)
*6 Ron Millidine

*First attempt. †First away from treble. †First of Doubles. A sponsored peal which raised £65 for church funds.

CITY OF LONDON, St. Lawrence, Jewry. Sun., Sept. 20, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (25 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Heywood's transposition.)

*1 James Hedge 2 John Pladdys

3 Keith G. Game

Tony Skilton

7 Hony Skillon Francisco Ronald K. Russ Michael J. Fellows Barnabas G. Key (Conductor) Martyn W. Harbott

*First of Stedman Triples.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

EVERTON, Lancs, Emmanuel.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (8\frac{1}{4} cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by John Carter.

* David G. V. Ellison

2 Jack N. Brown

3 James Dunbavin 4 James Hedgcock

5 Nigel P. A. Goulding 6 Graham K. Austin 7 Thomas W. Hesketh

8 John R. Ridley (Conductor) *First of Major.

BARBON, Westmorland, St. Bartholomew. Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (71 cwt.) 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINIMUS

Alan Capstick *2 Doreen Maclean

3 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) †4 Hilary J. Atkinson *First inside. †First in method.

LECK, Lancs, St. Peter.

Sun., Sept. 6, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (7 methods: 6 extents New Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Martin, Single Oxford, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon and Grandsire).

1 Hugh F. Pettifer 2 David G. Kealey 3 Alan Capstick

4 Colin F. Gates

5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) First in seven Doubles methods by all.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics, St. Dionysius.

Sun., Aug. 30, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (18\(\frac{1}{4}\) cwt.)

5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by York Green. (C.C.C. No. 100.)

1 Edward Cowd

2 Arthur Rowley 3 Philip Charlesworth

4 Harold J. Hazell (Conductor)

5 Raymond Martin 6 David W. Bee

7 Guy Slater

8 Bernard S. Payne First on eight as conductor.

LEICESTER, St. John the Divine.

Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (21 cwt.) 5079 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by R. A. G. Inglis.

1 Keith G. Game 2 Alan D. Flood 3 Peter J. Heritage

Jennifer A. Dunning

*5 Tony Skilton 6 John Pladdys B. Stedman Payne

8 Clive M. Smith
9 Richard A. G. Inglis (Conductor)

10 James Hedgcock *50th peal and first in the method.

GLENN MAGNA, Leicester, St. Cuthbert. Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (9 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Arthur Rowley Harold J. Hazell 3 David W. Bee 4 Raymond Martin 5 Philip Charlesworth 6 Guy Slater (Conductor)

First on the bells since rehanging. First of Minor as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part, 7th observation.)
1 Richard J. Clifton

2 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

3 Arthur E. Rowley 4 Ronald D. Hughes 5 Roger N. Scholes 6 Kenneth Burdett

Alec R. Jones 8 G. Ronald Edwards

LEICESTER, St. John the Divine.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (21 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE ROYAL (75 methods: 120 each of Abergavenny, Abing-

don, Albanian, Bedminster, Chepstow, Haslemere, Horfield, Leek, Metropolitan, Poole, Pudsey, Rutland, Stapleton, Swindon, and 80 each of Aldenham, Beigrave, Cambridge, Diseworth, Enniskillen, Evercreech, Feltham, Gosforth, Inverarary, Langley, Lincolnshire, London No. 3, Marsden, Oakham, Ossett, Pontefract, Shrewsbury, Staf-Oakham, Ossett, Pontefract, Shrewsbury, Staf-fordshire, Sunderland, Wallington, Wrington, York, Yorkshire, and 40 each of Appleton, Ave-bury, Banbury, Bedford, Bishopsworth, Bratton, Charmouth, Cherhill, Clifton, Cobham, Devizes, Edington, Fishponds, Grantham, Kegworth, Ken-nett, Lindsey, London No. 1, Luton, Merrywood, Minal, Minehead, New Durham, Osgathorpe, Ran-moor, Redcliffe, Ridgeway, Rochester, Sarum, Silbury, Stone, Superlative No. 1, Superlative No. 2, Vintry, Warwickshire, Wembley, Winchester, Yeovil; with 125 changes of method).

Composed by Anthony R. Peake.

1 David F. Moore Roger Baldwin Timothy G. Pett

James R. Taylor 5 Brian Bladon

6 John R. Mayne 7 John H. Fielden

8 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)
9 D. John Hunt

10 Noel J. Diserens

The greatest number of Royal methods yet rung to a peal.

For new methods see page 808.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Fri., Sept. 18, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1 E. Guy Slater 2 Ronald D. Hughes 3 Hazel J. Nichols 4 Clive J. Mobbs

5 G. Ronald Edwards

6 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor)

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ELSHAM, Lincs, All Saints.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (7\frac{3}{4} cwt.) \\
\tag{5040 SPLICED MINOR} \\
(20 methods: Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse, Fulbeck, College, Wavertree, St. Clements, Childwall, Norfolk S., Ipswich S., Cambridge S., Primrose S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Lytham, Thelwall, London Bob, Double Oxford, Circles Oxford, 152 North With 152 Single Oxford, Single Court; with 153 changes of method).

1 Harold Judd 2 William Bains

3 Melvyn A. Rose

4 Roger Hippisley 5 Richard Hall

6 John G. Hall (Conductor) Most methods by all.

WALESBY, Lincs, All Saints.

Sun., Sept. 13, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (121 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Washbrook's var. of T. Thurstans' 4-part.)

*1 Christine Molendo Peter A. Sharp

3 Kathleen Fox 4 M. Ian Minns

5 Susan E. Smith 6 John S. Croft

7 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor) 8 Geoffrey R. Parker

*First on eight and first of Stedman.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BEDWELLTY, Mon, St. Sannan.

Mon., Sept. 14, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (14 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Johnson's variation.)

1 Tudor P. Edwards 2 Mary E. Pryor *3 R. Mark Esbester

*4 Nevil A. James
5 Nicholas W. H. Simon
6 Paul A. Williams

7 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

8 Stephen Fenwick *First of Surprise inside.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam, St. Bridget. Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (11 cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(1 240, 40 extents.)

1 Michael J. Clarke

*2 David Bounds

3 William T. Petty (Conductor)

4 H. Donald Bryant

5 Raymond J. Mayle 6 Bernard V. Thurman †6 Bernard V. Thurman *First inside. †First peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex, All Saints. Thur., Sept. 10, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (7³/₄ cwt.) 5024 KINGSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John R. Mayne. Dorothea M. Robotham

2 Elsie K. Hart 3 Frank Reed

4 Claudia A. Critchley 5 H. George Hart

6 David Redfearn 7 Brian S. Watson

8 G. William Critchley (Conductor)
First in the method by all. For the centenary of the birth of William Pye.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex, St. Mary. Thur., Sept. 17, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (9\frac{3}{3} cwt.)
5056 WORTHING SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by A. G. Driver.

G. William Critchley (Conductor)

2 Joan Beresford

Claudia A. Critchley 4 Alick Cutler

5 Ruth M. Foreman 6 Brian S. Watson

7 Frank Reed

8 Thomas J. Lock First in the method by all.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BUNWELL, Norfolk, St. Michael and All Angels.

Wed., Sept. 9, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clements, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford T.B.).

1 Henry Tooke *2 Martin R. Kitson 3 Miss Adrial Walton

4 Thomas E. Spight 5 Frank C. J. Arnold

6 H. William Barrett (Conductor)

*First in seven methods. A 15th birthday compliment to Adrial Walton.

CASTLE ACRE, Norfolk, St. James. Wed., Sept. 9, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10³/₄ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Oxford T.B. and Kent

T.B. and three of Plain Bob). *1 Walter Curston

2 Owen A. Needham 3 Leslie W. Houghton

4 Walter Houghton 5 Norman V. Harding

6 H. William Barrett (Conductor)
*First peal since 1926. To welcome the

Rev. C. E. Scott to the parish on his retirement. (His son-in-law, Rev. J. H. Bloom, is rector.)

SCOLE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (4 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(1 2160 and 4 extents.)

1 Norman P. J. Cossey

2 J. Barry Pickup 3 Thomas J. Brock

4 Anne Corney

5 Michael J. Parker 6 Winston S. Girling (Conductor)

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

NETTLEBED, Oxon, St. Bartholomew. Fri., Sept. 11, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (7 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Oxford T.B., Kent T.B.,
Cambridge S., Double Oxford, Oxford Bob,
St. Clements, Plain Bob).

Alan R. Pink Leonard Stilwell

3 William Birmingham 4 Michael Hatchett

William Butler (Conductor)

6 Philip H. Tocock

60th birthday compliment: W. Birmingham.

BOYNE HILL, Maidenhead, Berkshire,

All Saints.
Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (17 cwt.)
5056 WYCHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Arthur Knights.

*1 Leonard Stilwell 2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)

3 William Birmingham *4 Ronald K. Russ
5 Michael Hatchett

*6 William Butler *7 Wilfrid G. Wilson *8 J. Keith Ward

*First in the method. With congratulations to William Birmingham and Wilfrid Wilson on attaining their 60th birthdays.

ADDERBURY, Oxon, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (24 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part, 7th observation.)

Diana Reeves 2 Pamela E. Powell

3 Jean Davis

4 Michael W. Coleman

5 John Carter

6 Robert A. Reeves 7 Edward R. Venn (Conductor)

8 Barry J. Davis

A wedding compliment to Christopher Holmes and Charlotte Bennett.

LONG CRENDON, Bucks, St. Mary. Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (194 cwt.) 5088 OMEGA SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Murray A. Coleman.

*1 Adrian D. Tyler

2 Rosamund M. Brown

3 Ronald K. Russ 4 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)

5 Michael Hatchett 6 Edgar J. Smith 7 William Birmingham 8 Philip H. Tocock

*First of Major. First in the method by all and for the guild. To welcome the Rev. S. Young as vicar.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

BRAUNSTON, Rutland, All Saints. Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (101 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 Plain Bob, 1 each Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Double Oxford and Kent T.B.).

1 Richard J. Chantler

*2 Peggy E. Jennings †3 J. Alan Ellis

4 Roger N. Scholes 5 Lionel Atton

6 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor) *First attempt. †Most Minor methods. thanksgiving for the recovery of Herbert Atton from his recent illness.

EASTON NESTON, Northants, St. Mary. EAST COKER, Som, St. Michael and Fri., Sept. 11, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10 cwt.)

5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

1 Julian C. Parker Bridget Paul

Graham C. Paul (Conductor) Shirley E. Ruddlesden

5 Raymond A. Vickers
6 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
7 Alan A. Paul

8 Barry E. Saunders

First in the method for all. To mark the wedding of the ringers of 2 and 3, which took place at Harpole on August 8, 1970.

LEICESTER, St. John.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 5hr. 55min. (183 cwt.) 9960 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(Beddington version.) Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Patrick I. Chapman Graham C. Paul (Conductor)

3 Barry E. Saunders 4 Roger W. Smith

5 Alan J. Frost 6 David J. Marshall

*7 Murray A. Coleman 8 Alan A. Paul

Stephen Ivin 10 Peter Border

*First of London Royal. The longest peal in the method.

NETHER HEYFORD, Northants, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sun., Sept. 20, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge S., Single Oxford, St. Clements and Plain Bob).

1 William Collins

*2 Malcolm J. V. Chown

3 Edward C. Garratt

4 John S. W. Townley

5 Stanley F. Webb

6 Barrie Hendry (Conductor)
*150th for the guild. To welcome Jonathan Idris Chown, born September 14, 1970.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

TEWKESBURY, Glos, Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

., Sept. 19, 1970, 3hr. 31min. (27½ cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

1 Mary E. Elmes

Katharine J. Maundrell

Rev. Roger Keeley 4 William T. Perrins

*5 Robert E. J. Dennis *6 Melvyn J. Hiller 7 Graham W. Elmes 8 John N. Longridge

Frank D. Mack

‡10 Richard A. G. Inglis 11 Frederick E. Collins 12 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*50th on 12. †First of S. Maximus and completes the Cambridge family. ‡75th on First of S. Maximus as conductor. A birthday compliment to Frederick E. Collins.

All Angels.

Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (13 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Timothy F. Collins.
*1 Christopher J. Cull

†2 Ruth A. Blackwood 3 Mary E. Elmes 4 David L. Cull 5 John W. Blackwood

6 Melvyn J. Hiller
7 Graham W. Elmes
8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
*First on eight. †First of Surprise Major inside.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND **YOUTHS**

SHOREDITCH, London, E, St. Leonard. Thur., Sept. 3, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (284 cwt.) 5024 PORTISHEAD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

R. Jean Henderson 2 Joan Beresford

3 Angela M. Wright4 John R. Pratchett5 Michael H. D. O'Callaghan

6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
7 John S. Barnes
8 Frank T. Blagrove

C.C.C. 31 C. First peal in the method. Composition of Yorkshire published in The Ringing World of November 25th, 1955.

SUFFOLK GUILD

GREAT THURLOW, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (4 methods: Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob).

1 Jennifer M. Whittell 2 Georgina C. M. Carter

3 Peter R. Mayle 4 David J. H. Barber

4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

6 Neville F. Whittell

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (101 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 methods: Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St.
Clements, Rev. Canterbury, Plain Bob).
1 Georgina C. M. Carter
2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

3 Neville F. Whittell 4 Jennifer M. Whittell 5 David J. H. Barber 6 Roy W. Lockwood

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, Suffolk, St. Martin.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (7 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge

S., St. Clements, Plain Bob).

1 W. Keith Whittell

2 Neville F. Whittell

3 Jennifer M. Whittell
4 Georgina C. M. Carter
5 David J. H. Barber
6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

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HARTEST, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (10 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (1 2160 and 4 extents.)

John A. Mayle

2 Georgina C. M. Carter 3 David J. H. Barber

4 Jennifer M. Whittell 5 Neville F. Whittell

6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

PENKRIDGE, Staffs, St. Michael and All Angels.

ept. 12, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (16 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Sat., Sept. 12, Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Stanley Illidge

Gerald Bowen

3 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
4 Charles F. W. Byre
5 Phillip H. Johnson
*6 Michael G. Williamson

David Hawksworth

8 Ian Friend
*First Bob Major. 21st birthday compliment to Elaine Beardsmore.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FELPHAM, Sussex, St. Mary.

Thur., Sept. 3, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clements, Single Oxford and Plain Bob).

1 Jonathan Franklin 2 Susan M. Wills

3 Ernest Treagus 4 Patrick M. Wills

5 Philip Stevens

6 Robert Wake (Conductor)
st peal. Wedding compliment to *First Michael J. Wake and Patricia Clark.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. MINVER, Cornwall, St. Menefrida.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (8½ cwt.) **5040 GRANDSIDE DOUBLES** (10 6-scores and 16 12-scores.)

Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)

2 Janet S. Evans 3 H. Gay J. Meyrick 4 T. Neil Hitchens

5 Anthony J. Davidson 6 F. Malcolm Bowers

With the best wishes of the rest of the band to Gay Meyrick and Neil Hitchens on the occasion of their engagement.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

EVERCREECH, Somerset, St. Peter.

Sept. 12, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (21 cwt.) 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL (Traditional composition.)

*1 Gordon H. Baldam 2 Hilary Muirhead

3 Heather A. Kippin4 Tudor P. Edwards

5 Anthony J. Cox 6 Jonathan G. Rose 7 Edward G. Mould

Peter C. Randall

9 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor)

10 Brian J. Wylde

*First of Surprise and on ten. 100th tower bell peal as conductor. First in the method for the society.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH **DIOCESAN GUILD**

BASINGSTOKE, Hants, St. Michael.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (141 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Christopher 1. Rowson

2 Helen M. Diserens
*3 John P. Colliss
4 Raymond E. Finch
*5 Howard E. J. Smith

6 Gordon Benfield

Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor)

8 John R. Pratchett *First in the method.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants, St. Mary, Portsea.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (17 cwt.) 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by F. E. W. Meadows.

1 John H. Hunt (Conductor)

Cynthia F. M. Rolph Susan M. Wills Ruth E. Halford

William F. J. Cope Albert F. W. Burbidge

Patrick M. Wills

8 John F. A. Rolph

A welcome to Rev. K. H. Gibbons, inducted on September 13, 1970.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

GT. COMBERTON, Worcs, St. Michael.

Wed., Sept., 16, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (8 cwt.) 5940 MINOR (3 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

1 Roger H. Hunt *2 Tony Freeman

3 Christopher Pickford †4 Shirley M. Drew 5 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

†6 Christopher Hims

*First Minor. † 25th together.

Handbells

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMOR-LAND ASSOCIATION

SCAWFELL PIKE (3,210ft.), Cumberland.

In the summit wall shelter of the highest Rung at 4 a.m. mountain in England. onwards.

Sun., Sept. 13, 1970, 2hr. 6min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

1-2 David G. Kealey 3-4 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

5-6 Colin F. Gates

Umpire: Douglas T. Sim.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

KINGSTONE, Herefordshire, Blackthorn.

Tues., Sept. 8, 1970, 3hr. (14 in D.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood. *1-2 Elizabeth Wycherley

†3-4 Peter J. Wycherley †5-6 Norman R. Mattingley †7-8 Margaret L. Ellwood §9-10 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

*First 10-bell peal. †First 10-bell peal in hand. ‡50th peal. §100th for the guild. First 10-bell peal in hand for the guild.

KINGSTONE, Herefordshire, Blackthorn.

Thur., Sept. 10, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (14 in D.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood. 1-2 Elizabeth Wycherley

3-4 Peter J. Wycherley 5-6 Norman R. Mattingley 7-8 Margaret L. Ellwood 9-10 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

25th as conductor on handbells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

SCAWFELL PIKE (3,210ft.), Cumberland.

The highest mountain in England. summit wall shelter. A midnight peal. Sat./Sun., Sept. 12/13, 1970, 2hr. 8min. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

1-2 David G. Kealey 3-4 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

5-6 Colin F. Gates

Umpire: Douglas T. Sim.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire, 80 Lambourne Drive.

Thur., July 16, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (16 in B.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

*1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning 3-4 Keith J. Walpole

5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

7-8 N. David Lane

9-10 Bernard F. L. Groves *11-12 Robert H. Newton

*First handbell peal of Maximus.

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire, 80 Lambourne Drive.

Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (15 in C.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL *1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning

*3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves *7-8 Noel J. Diserens

*†9-10 Frank C. Price

*First handbell peal of Cambridge Royal. †Completes Cambridge, Minor to Maximus, on handbells. First handbell peal of Cambridge Royal for the guild.

CROWTHORNE, Berkshire, Zermatt, Butler Lane.

Sun., Sept. 6, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (20 in E.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB FOURTEEN

(Traditional.)

1-2 Frank C. Price *3-4 David F. Moore 5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan 9-10 Bernard F. L. Groves

11-12 Noel J. Diserens 13-14 N. David Lane

*First on 14 bells. Rung after meeting short.

LONDON, The Belfry, St. Olave's, Hart St.

Wed., Sept. 9, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (13 in E.) 5152 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR

(R.W., 1970, page 648.) *1-2 Robert H. Newton

3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning 5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

*7-8 Keith J. Walpole *First handbell peal in the method.

CLAPHAM COMMON, London, S.W., 60 Northside.

Mon., Sept. 14, 1970, 2hr. 21min. (13 in E.) 5600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Middleton's.)

1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning 3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor) 5-6 Keith J. Walpole *7-8 Robert H. Newton

*First handbell peal in the method.

COX GREEN, Maidenhead, Berkshire,

80 Lambourne Drive.
Wed., Sept. 16, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (13 in E.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by Roger Baldwin. 1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning

3-4 Christopher I. Rowson 5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves (Conductor) 7-8 Noel J. Diserens

*9-10 Keith J. Walpole

*First of Surprise Royal inside. First of Cambridge Surprise Royal as conductor.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

SYSTON, Leics, In the belfry of SS. Peter and Paul.

Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 1hr. 43min. (14 in D.) 5040 MINOR (1 Oxford Bob, 6 Plain Bob). 1-2 Mary C. Poyner 3-4 Bernard S. Payne

5-6 Harry Poyner (Conductor)

John Ketteringham's Lancashire Tour

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs, St. Michael and All Angels.

., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (25½ cwt.) 5042 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS Arranged by P. Border.

1 Timothy Wylie

2 John R. Ketteringham 3 James E. Andrews

4 Geoffrey Bridges
5 Alan D. Flood
6 C. Kenneth Lewis

7 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)

Christopher Forster

9 Basil Jones

10 Derek Butterworth 11 Jeffrey Brannan

12 J. Barry Pickup

WORSLEY, Lancs, St. Mark.

Sun., Aug. 23, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (24 cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham.

James E. Andrews

Alan Flood

3 John R. Ketteringham 4 Timothy Wylie

5 John Illingworth

6 Christopher Forster 7 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)

8 Geoffrey Fothergill
9 Geoffrey Bridges

10 Jeffrey Brannan

DEANE, Lancs, St. Mary.

Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (12½ cwt.) 5376 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. B. Thompson. John R. Ketteringham

Geoffrey Fothergill

3 James E. Andrews 4 Alan H. Long 5 Timothy Wylie

6 Arthur Hall 7 Keith J. Walpole

8 Geoffrey Bridges (Conductor)

ADLINGTON, Lancs, St. Paul.

Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (131 cwt.) 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 640 each Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire, and 608 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, with 120 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by N. J. Diserens. John R. Ketteringham

2 James E. Andrews

3 Alan D. Flood 4 Timothy Wylie

5 Geoffrey Fothergill 6 Geoffrey Bridges 7 Keith J. Walpole

8 Christopher Forster (Conductor)

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs, St. John the Evangelist.

Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (124 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire, 864 each Superlative and Yorkshire, with 85 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies

1 Arthur F. Hall

2 Christopher Forster (Conductor)

2 Christopher Forster 3 Alan H. Long 4 Geoffrey Fothergill 5 Timothy Wylie 6 Alan D. Flood 7 James E. Andrews 8 Keith J. Walpole

BOLTON, Lancs, Debroyd, 4 Westgate Av.

Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (25 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. 1-2 Timothy Wylie

3-4 Geoffrey Bridges 5-6 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor) 7-8 John R. Ketteringham

PENWORTHAM, Lancs, St. Mary.

Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8½ cwt.) 5184 EASINGWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Forster.

John R. Ketteringham 2 Christopher Forster

3 Geoffrey Fothergill

4 Timothy Wylie 5 Alan D. Flood 6 Geoffrey Bridges

7 Keith J.

Walpole (Conductor) 8 James E. Andrews

HOGHTON, Lancs, Holy Trinity.

Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (13 cwt.)

5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Forster.

John R. Ketteringham Alan H. Long Arthur F. Hall

4 Christopher Forster (Conductor)

5 Timothy Wylie 6 Geoffrey Bridges

7 Alan D. Flood 8 Keith J. Walpole

BOLTON, Lancs, The Saviour.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 3hr. 13min. $(20\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Thomas W. Smith

Keith J. Walpole

Christopher Forster

Alan D. Flood

5 John R. Ketteringham (Conductor) 6 James E. Andrews

7 Geoffrey Bridges

8 Geoffrey Fothergill

NEWCHURCH, Culcheth, Lancs.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (12 cwt.)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

1 Alan D. Flood

2 Keith J. Walpole 3 Johi R. Ketteringham (Conductor) 4 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights

5 John Illingworth 6 Christopher Forster 7 Geoffrey Fothergill 8 Geoffrey Bridges

HYDE, Cheshire, St. George.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (18 cwt.)

5056 ALDWICKBURY D. MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Pitman. (Wratten No. 30.)

1 Neil T. E. Burnett 2 Geoffrey Bridges

3 John R. Ketteringham
4 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights
5 James E. Andrews

6 Geoffrey Fothergill
7 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)

8 Christopher Forster First peal in the method.

ALDWICKBURY DELIGHT MAJOR —38—14—1258—16—14—18—14—78. Bbdko.

A Week on the Isle of Wight HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BRIGHSTONE, I.O.W., St. Mary.

Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 John R. Southey

*2 Anne E. Thompson 3 Maurice W. Thompson 4 Barry R. M. Johnson

5 Steven D. Chandler 6 Andrew C. D. Mayes (Conductor)

*First of Minor. Bon voyage to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Woolley, leaving for a stay in Australia.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH **DIOCESAN GUILD**

ARRETON, I.O.W., St. George.

Thur., Sept. 10, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Cambridge Surprise, 1 each London Surprise, Kent T.B., Single Oxford,

St. Clements and Plain Bob).

1 Anne E. Thompson 2 Andrew C. D. Mayes 3 Barry R. M. Johnson

4 Steven D. Chandler 5 John R. Southey 6 Stephen J. Crawley (Conductor)

GODSHILL, I.O.W., All Saints.

Fri., Sept. 11, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (8\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(7 extents.)

1 Andrew C. D. Mayes

2 Anne E. Thompson

3 Steven D. Chandler

4 Stephen J. Crawley 5 John R. Southey

6 Barry R. M. Johnson (Conductor)

First of Surprise as conductor.

The trouble is that charity too often not only begins, but also ends, at home.

-Anonymous,

J. K. & CO. IN LANCASHIRE

The advance party of the John Ketteringham tour arrived in Liverpool on the evening of Aug. 21 and were able to listen to the peal in the Cathedral and, the remainder of the party joining up at Ashton-under-Lyne next day, Yorkshire Maximus was scored in which Geoffrey Bridges scored his 200th. On Sunday morning, whilst the other members of the party rang in Bolton for service, three others attempted a handbell peal in what we thought was a remote field. But after about half an hour an irate farmer drove his car right through the field accusing us of disturbing the grass, so we had our first loss.

The afternoon peal at Worsley was successful and Keith got his 50th as conductor. The Monday morning peal of Pudsey (Tim's special request) turned out to be a long one but Tim, Alan Long and Arthur scored a

first in the method.

PEALS LOST-BINGO WON

The conductor decided to stop the afternoon attempt at Westhoughton after about two hours and this was the first of five peals to be lost. Both attempts on Tuesday failed—London at Walkden and Lincolnshire at Parbold. Owing to a miscall the Lincolnshire came round at 1344 changes and was true! opportunity was taken to practise spliced for the next day, and a false touch of 900 or so changes was rung. In order to forget the losses all the party proceeded to Blackpool expecting to lose their money, but came back with three prizes from Bingo! At Adlington the next morning Chris Forster proved that he is awake sometimes by calling Jim Diserens' 8-spliced (much to our admiration!). It looked as if our luck had turned but Keith Walpole miscalled Chorley Surprise at Chorley in the afternoon after 2 hours and 17 minutes. We had had great difficulty in locating the key and started over an hour late, which did not help concentration.

SCORING SPLICED

Our next attempt for spliced (Davies's 5) at Farnworth was also successful and Alan Long rang very well in his first attempt. Here, also, Jim Andrews completed the circle for the second time. We did not get on very well with the bells at Radcliffe that afternoon, "Cannon's Delight" being miscalled after only a short time, and our

decision to try Stedman also came unstuck. (No doubt this was a relief to the workmen re-roofing the church.) Not to be done out of two peals that day four of us rang a good handbell peal in No. 2 bedroom of the hotel immediately above the sitting room so that the remainder of the party could listen.

Easingwold was decided on as the method for Friday at Penwortham and was the first in the method for J. R. K., Tim, Alan, Geoffrey and Jim. We had to replace two of the ropes (sixth and tenor) before we could start at Hoghton in the afternoon, and the tenor rope in particular was very springy. Despite the heat the peal was successful, not many of the c.r.u.'s being lost! This gave Arthur his first in the method. After reviving ourselves at the nearest hostelry some hard driving got us to Emmanuel, Southport, just in time to ring a touch of spliced.

J. R. K. had accepted an offer from the scheduled conductor to have another go at calling Lincolnshire on Saturday afternoon, not realising he was already calling in the morning, so he found himself spending all his spare time on Friday learning Starbuck's and Humphrey's (at least, that's what he said!). Anyhow, both peals came to a successful conclusion.

By this time the heat and ringing were beginning to have their effect and the evening was spent quietly eating and drinking. It was fortunate that Sunday was free, and after leaving Alan Flood at Manchester Piccadilly Station to keep a date with Sherborne we tried to get in to Old Trafford, but as some 27,000 people had been there before us, we made our way to the hills

Our marathon letter writer was rather disgruntled when the Monday morning attempt at Hyde started late owing to some local misunderstanding. However, the traditional attempt for a new Delight method came round at the appropriate time, giving Neil. Geoff Fothergill and Chris their first of Delight. A quick dash to Stockport cheered up our chief scribe, and so the tour finished with 11 peals scored and a very enjoyable, if tiring, ten days.

Our thanks to many people and in particular Jim Andrews, Don Lawson, Geoff Fothergill and last, but not least, Mrs. "Brukes."

P. M. I.



JOHN KETTERINGHAM'S PEAL TOUR

Left to right: Geoffrey Bridges, Arthur Hall, Tim Wylie, John Ketteringham, Alan Long, Jim Andrews, Alan Flood, Keith Walpole, Geoffrey Fothergill and Chris Forster.

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD SUMMER TOUR OF DEVON, 1970

Helped by Devonians Frank Shepperd and John Longridge, this year's University of Sussex Guild tour included some of the finest rings in Devon. Knowledge of the area was supplied by our former master, Ray Talbot, who at the last minute was unable to join us owing to pressure of work.

able to join us owing to pressure of work. A small convoy of cars, plus one minibus, met up at Sidmouth and proceeded down to Teignmouth, the centre of operations. From there forays into the surrounding Devon countryside were masterminded (pun) by Terry. The first full day's ringing, however, took place on August 15 in Exeter purposely to avoid the holiday traffic. It was a pity that the Cathedral tenor was clapperless but there is always another day to ring on the full 12.

Following a shattering storm on Saturday night we emerged on Sunday to ring for services in Teignmouth. From then on the weather was none too good all week, but our gallant party of 20 soldiered on in high spirits. On Monday we headed for Plymouth via Buckland, Widecombe-in-the-Moor and Tavistock. Tuesday, our less-rushed day, ended with a successful quarter peal at Brixham. The band's composition was half local and half guild, and for good measure we supplied a maid amongst our ringers (apologies, Marion)! On Wednesday we travelled north to Thorverton, Cullompton (a glorious ten), New Honiton, Old Honiton (an experience), Ottery St. Mary, Broadclyst and Newton St. Cyres.

Thursday was a special day as we had been invited to ring at Buckfast Abbey. What a fantastic ring it is, a great tribute to the Abbey builders, the Fathers themselves, and to the bellfounders. Between the Abbey visit and ringing at Buckfastleigh our railway enthusiasts managed a trip along the Dart Valley line. On Friday a peal attempt was made at Highweek whilst the others visited Torquay. The peal was lost, unfortunately, but the band rang a quarter before joining us at Babbacombe. After ringing at Paignton and Upton we finished the week's ringing programme at Stoke Gabriel (a recently rehung six).

Our thanks go to all incumbents and ringers who met us, and special thanks to our new friends, Frank, Bob, John, Don, Dick and Steve. Hope to see you in Sussex one day.

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY SUMMER TOUR QUARTER PEALS

Berry Pomeroy, Devon. — Aug. 20, 1260 Grandsire: Triples: C. McKay (first quarter) 1, J. Margaret Chappell 2, Susan Hopkin 3, T. G. Williams 4, B. J. Read (cond.) 5, M. S. Loveday 6, Susan E. M. Davis 7, Marion Kemp 8.

Highweek, Devon.—Aug. 21, 1344 4-Spliced Surprise Major (C, Y, R. Li): R. H. Newton (cond.) 1, Catherine M. Bew 2, R. I. West 3, Susan E. M. Davis 4, B. J. Read 5, D. R. Cox 6, D. L. Nibbs 7, M. J. Bew 8. First of spliced 3, 6, 7 and 8.

Woolwich, S.E. (St. Mary Magdalene).—Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Jones 1, Lorna Huckstep 2, C. Northeast 3, C. Harbutt 4, J. A. Humphrey 5, Deborah Bishop 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, T. Gibb (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

T. G. W.

At 18 our convictions are hills from which we look; at 45 they are caves in which we hide.

-F. Scott Fitzgerald.

A "COMING-OF-AGE"

On the first anniversary of the "firing out" of the Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's (for which the chief Pilgrim is said by some to have been responsible) the 21st Pipe's Pilgrims tour got under way, leaving the Cathedral for a "scientific" tour of the home of "change" ringing — Devon. The party journeyed to Heavitree, where Fred Wreford was waiting to welcome us with a grand Taylor ring to start the week.

Raring to go, the complete party and the all-important Robert at the wheel set out for Thorverton, the first tower on Monday. and Bill Simmonds was on the scene to grab his last eight in the county. A reluctance was shown to leave the next tower at Tiverton (Taylor, 1924)—good ringing on good bells. Next a visit to the Troyte family home—Huntsham. The last remaining member of the family has recently sold Huntsham Court and items in the auction were a set of handbells (£45) and a set of C. A. Troyte's books. The author of "Change Ringing" is buried in the churchyard beside his brother, Arthur, the compiler of "A Guide to the Steeples of England." Brigham Young rang with us here and then on to Uffculme, to be met by Arthur Fidler. Culmstock bells—1, 2, 4 Gillett and Johnston, the remaining five older; and so to Cullompton, where Surrey Pilgrims were delighted to meet Chris Barnes (ex-Streatham).

Tuesday. Hills, hot sun and cows brought us to Noss Mayo which contains the "new" Revelstoke. A view of Newton Ferrers and then Ugborough, the general consensus being that the bells are the front eight of a ring of 12. Through Totnes, with a glimpse of a 16th century cupola and the River Dart, to Brixham. A low ceiling, a fine tower and five founders are features here. The high spot of the day, Buckfast Abbey, came next, but we were disappointed not to meet Brother Angold. Once accustomed to the unusual acoustics in the ringing chamber the bells can be recognised as a fine ring of 12 (tenor 41 cwt.). Listening from the Abbey farmhouse to the back four being lowered in peal with "Hosanna" being rung as a drum note was an experience. Up the hill to the somewhat stark tower (with spire) of Buckfastleigh, with a glorious view through the mist of the Abbey below. The bells (Taylor, 1935) are in a two-tier metal frame—three above, five below. The last tower of the day was Buckland-in-the-Moor. A strikable eight, three trebles by Taylor, an augmentation of a 1760 Bilbie five, and here eight ladies rang a good touch of Bob Major. Features of the church are the tower screen (erected 1908 to the memory of a reverend gentleman), the "My Dear Mother" clock faces and the vestry in the churchyard opposite the tower.

Wednesday.—At Pilton the bells are 1 to 4 and 6 Taylor, 1853; 5, 7 and 8 Rudhall. 1712: rehung Gillett and Johnston, 1947, on ball bearings in existing frame; rehung Taylors, 1970, with new frame and fittings. Down a corkscrew hill to Combe Martin and Beethoven played by a Pilgrim on a piano in the church was an interesting background to the Mears and Stainbank eight, recast 1922 from an existing six. Through a shower of rain to Georgeham, where the bells were everhauled by Mr. Fidler in June. A nostalgic moment for two Pilgrims when they met in the porch the man who had married them some years ago. Through the oldest (?) borough in England and over Bideford Bridge to Appledore and a Pilgrims' 1,000th tower visited. Onward through heavy rain to Holsworthy, well known through these columns for its bells tune. They are played electrically by a machine installed by Gillett and Johnston in 1949, who also recast the bells with added weight from an eight of 1836 by Thomas Mears II. And so back to Exeter.

Thursday. - Along the Dart Valley and on to the Moor to High Bickington and cobbles. The 15th century carved pew ends and an even earlier font were much admired. Down a l-in-5 hill and up a l-in-4 to Hatherleigh; more cobbles and a fine shingled spire. Lunch was at the A.D. 1450 George Hotel. Thus to North Tawton, where we met Mr. Fidler again. The church possesses a sundial, an organ loft (very much in use) and a fine board recording a "peal" of 2861 Call Changes rung in 4 hours on 17.1.14. We next came to Newton St. Cyres to be met by Rev. J. M. G. Scott, the incumbent. The back five are by William Evans, of Chepstow, 1733; third Mears and Stainbank, 1908; treble and second Gillett and Johnston, 1951, in which year the bells were rehung and retuned. A quick tea at our hotel and on to St. Mark's, Exeter, a fine modern church with a fine Taylor ring (8 bells). The combination of metal frame and brick tower meant the inevitable clapper knock, which was very pronounced. Our piece de résistance of the week, Exeter Cathedral, came next. A brief tour of this magnificent building was very rewarding before ascending apprehensively to the ringing chamber. Having heard the bells at a distance on Monday evening, ringing them ourselves was very satisfying once we were accustomed to the acoustics and tower movement. Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Grandsire Cinques were successfully rung and rounds for those wishing to "try" the tenor. The next hour or so was spent in the entertaining company of Fred Wreford at a local hostelry.

Friday. - The previous evening at the Cathedral the chief Pilgrim had been in conversation with two American ladies and as a result they joined us for the day. A brief stop at Alphington for Sylvia to take a photograph of the church where she had rung a peal over 20 years previously, and so to Dawlish, with a six recast from a five by Pennington in 1784 and two trebles added in 1911. The bells were rehung in 1888 and 1950. Incumbents can be hard to come by these days, but if offered the 1536 value of this living (£25.5) I'm sure they would never get one at Dawlish! Bill Simmonds took us on a conducted tour until lunch time through Teignmouth, with its coastline railway and red cliffs to Torquay, with a view of Torbay, having passed St. Mary's Church. Mr. K. N. Roberts. general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, joined us and informed us that we could have had a ring at Babbacombe, his own tower. A glimpse of Lyme Regis and Portland Bill, through Newton Abbot to Highweek, where Superlative was a good start on good bells — Gillett and Johnston, 1935, recast from an eight comprising 1, 2 Taylor, 1919; 3 to 8 (?) Pennington, 1781.

Having negotiated Telegraph Hill, we arrived at St. Thomas', Exeter, which dates from 1261. Coats of arms on the chapel ceiling and the royal arms of 1682 were admired during a touch of Erin Triples on the eight, augmented 1923 by Gillett and Johnston, when they recast the existing six by Pennington, 1789, the treble of these having been recast by Mears in 1901. A quick tea and round the corner to St. David's. Up and over the roof into the

ringing chamber of a stone-faced brick tower containing an eight, a little difficult to ring. The church itself is very fine and after a brief look round two Pilgrims were harangued by a doctor who was finding it difficult to hold surgery whilst the bells were ringing. At last the final tower of the tour was reached - St. Petrock's, Exeter (the writer's 100th new tower this year). Inside the bells are virtually impossible to hear. They were restored after the First World War but fell silent in 1936 and were rededicated in 1962. The church is probably unique: its origins are Early English with extensions in 1413, 1513, 1587, 1828 and 1881. The last two extensions changed the direction from east/west to north/south and thus when walking down the aisles one passes through the original nave arcades.

The company gathered in the "functions" room at H.Q. for the traditional end of tour presentation to Jim and Sylvia. Grateful thanks were expressed to this hardworking couple for their efforts in producing yet another first-class tour, and Jim was presented with an expandable suitcase for his "globe-trotting" whilst Sylvia received a china donkey, a replica of "Arthur," for whom there is no substitute. Jim made his customary speech and said that he had intended to make this the last tour but had been persuaded by his wife to arrange at least four more to bring the total to 25 for a silver jubilee. The programme was tentatively announced as Cheshire, Lanca-shire, West London and possibly Ireland. Sylvia added that it was the company as much as the ringing that she enjoyed. Having gone to Bude for the evening Robert, our driver, had to wait until Saturday morning to be presented with a fine glass tankard and a cheque. Having said farewell to nine Pilgrims the remainder boarded the coach for the trip back to London and beyond. Lunch was at Amesbury and tea at Sunningdale.

So ended another tour, which had been so successful that virtually all the company made a provisional booking for next year. "POM-POM."

OVER THE HANTS/DORSET BORDER

On August 22 the ringers of St. Mary's, Fordingbridge, were joined by ringing friends from nearby districts for an enjoyable day's outing. The first tower visited was at Maiden Newton (6, 10½ cwt.), and here ringing from call changes to Doubles methods was enjoyed. At the next tower, at Axminster (a rather heavy eight) the back six were rung up in peal very successfully and some good ringing was experienced on the melodious bells (tenor 25½ cwt.). Afterwards all adjourned for well-earned refreshments and a little relaxation.

The next stop was at Lyme Regis, and here a few of the ringers took a dip in the sea. Tea was taken here, followed by ringing on the rather easy-going eight (tenor 10 cwt.), their tone being quite remarkable. On our way to Dorchester we experienced our first rain of the day and travelled through a thunderstorm. We rang at St. Peter's for an hour on the superb eight (tenor 20 cwt.) and were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Derek Sibson, who appeared to enjoy the bells as much as we did (and were more than helpful!). We had our traditional stop at the Cricketers' Arms in Wimborne, and all enjoyed a social drink and exchanged views on the day's ringing. Special thanks to Ron Marlow, who made the excellent arrangements.

E. M. R.

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MARRIAGE

SHEPHERD—GAY.—The marriage of Malcolm and Ruth took place at Wells Register Office on August 29. New address is 11 Morton Road, Great Totham, Maldon, Essex. Telephone: Wickham Bishops 8109.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Liz and Mike Hodge is now Flat 8, Horton Grange, Ray Mead Road, Maidenhead, Berks. Tel.: Maidenhead 24759.

PERSONAL

'Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."—St. Matthew xi, 29.

Will Miss M. Lambert please contact this office as her copy of The Ringing World has been returned from the College at Salisbury.

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Coach to annual dinner: depart Marple (4.45 p.m.) via Hazel Wilmslow, Knutsford, Northwich, A556 and A54 to Mollington. Anyone interested in joining coach en route contact F. Osbaldiston, 11 Willow Grove, Marple, Stockport, SK6 7AT Cost 10s 9810

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD (University, St. Luke, St. Loyes and Rolle Colleges).—First practice, for all freshers, at St. Mark, Exeter (on A38), on Thursday, October 8, from 6.30-8 p.m. 9799

HARROW WEALD, MIDDX .- There will be no practice at All Saints, Harrow Weald, on Mon-

day evening, October 12. 9813 HERBERT KNIGHT MEMORIAL.—The Chew Branch of the Bath and Wells Association are proposing to erect in Wrington tower a memorial to the late Herbert W. Knight, who was for many years chairman and ringing master of the branch. It is thought that many of his old friends would wish to be associated with this proposal. Any donations will be welcomed and may be sent to D. G. Yeo, Cheriton, 45 Rayens Cross Road, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS18 9EA

9812 Ringing Towers.—Because of devaluation and increased postal charges the annual subscription to Ringing Towers, the Australian and New Zealand quarterly, is increased from 5s. to 6s. to subscribers in the U.K. Subscriptions should be sent to Tom Lock, 57 Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, DENHAM, BUCKS.—
STIMARY'S CHURCH, DENHAM, BUCKS.—
Ringer'S Service, Sun Oct. 18, 6,30 p.m. Pollo

Ringers' Service, Sun., Oct. 18, 6.30 p.m. Bells available from 5.30 until 6.30. Refreshments to be served in vestry after the service. All visitors welcome

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD. members welcome. First practice St. Marie's R.C. Church, Norfolk Row, at 8 p.m., Oct. 9. Correspondence to R. Padbury, 14 Den Bank Drive, Crosspool, Sheffield, S10 5PE. 9748

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- S.W. District .- Evening business meeting, Dagenham, Oct. 10. ing 6-7.30 p.m. Business followed by ringing till 9 p.m. This month's weekday meeting at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on 29th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. - Cirencester Branch. - Rendcombe, Oct. 17 5.30-8.30 p.m.-J. Pearse, Branch Sec.

LEICESTER GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting, Hoby, Sat., Oct. 17. Ringing between 6.45 and 8.15 p.m. only.—S. N. Hall, Dis. Sec.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. Monthly practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 10, 2:30-4.15 p.m., Coltishall (6). Service 4.15. p.m. at Scottow (6).

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. -Evening practice meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, near Burton-on-Trent, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells available 6.30-8.30 p.m. All welcome.-C. M. S., Gen. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD .-Winchester -District. — Practice meeting, Ropley (6), Sat., Oct. 24. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. — lan McCallion, Dis. Sec.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn meeting of the Chester Branch will be held at Aldford (8) on Sat., Oct. 10. Ringing from 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Weaver, School Lane, Aldford, Cheshire. All ringers and friends welcome.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. -- Extraordinary general meeting to be held at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, Oct. 10. Ringing at Brierley Hill 3-4 p.m. Service at Dudley 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Evening ringing, Netherton, 6.15-7.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. J. Brown, 31 Renfrew Place, Wordsley, Stourbridge. Will all members make every effort to be at this 9800 important meeting.

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Cambridge District) and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. —Joint meeting, Oct. 10, Barton, 3–4 p.m. Service at Haslingfield, 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Haslingfield.-J. S.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. - East Devon Branch.-Quarterly meeting, Cotleigh, on Sat., Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mr. W. Sparkes, Burnside,

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Western District.—Apsley End (6), Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. V. Good, 44 Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on Sat., Oct. at approx, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. C. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Church Centre Chatfield, 104 Shipman Avenue, Canterbury, Ringing: St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, 2.30-4 p.m.; Canterbury. Stephen's, Canterbury, after meeting until p.m.-J. B. K. 9782

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — A.G.M., All Saints, Maidstone, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. T. Cullingworth, 45 Holtye Crescent, Maidstone. 9801

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Blackburn Branch.—The October monthly meeting will be held at Rishton on Sat., Oct. 10. Tower open at 14.30 hours. Cups of tea at 17.00 hours, followed by business meeting and further ringing.

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Members more than welcome, visitors very welcome.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec. 9815

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Sat.,
Oct. 10, St. Mary's, Church Road, Leyton, 2.30—4.30. Tea 5, New Church Hall, Lindley Road,
Leyton. St. John's, High Road, Leytonstone,
6.30—8. Next Surprise practice, St. Olave's,
Hart Street, E.C., Mon., Oct. 12, 6–8 p.m.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— N. and E. District.—Meeting, Sat., Oct. 10, at St. Botolph, Bishopsgate. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall, and business. Evening ringing at St. Botolph, Aldgate. -E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — The autumn meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Newbury Branch.-Annual general meeting, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to H. Lawrenson, 52 Kings Road, Newbury. Ringing after meeting: Newbury, 6-8; Shaw, 7-9. 9789

SUFFOLK GUILD. - North West District. -A.G.M., Sat., Oct. 10, Horringer (8). Bells from 2,30-9 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. follows. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Potter, 3 Lucas Cottages, Horringer, Bury St. Edmunds. No names, no tea.— A. F. Ballam, 9752

SURREY ASSOCIATION .- Northern District .-Regret that the quarterly meeting at Merton on Oct. 10 next is CANCELLED. — N. Thomson, Dis. Sec

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.-Practice meeting, Sat., Oct. 10, Stedham (6), 3 p.m. Tea (Midhurst Church Hall) 5. Service 6 and ringing to 8 p.m. at Midhurst (6) Please notify for tea P. M. Wills, 75 Annandale Avenue, Bognor Regis.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Middle Littleton, Sat., Oct. 10. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. for tea to Mrs. S. Drew, Monsal, Tewkesbury. Evening ringing at Cleeve Prior, to 9. 9735

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. -Nantwich, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Brough, 25 Queen's Drive, Nantwich, by Oct. 14. -W. Kerr. Hon. Sec.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. -- The quarterly meeting will be at Stratford-on-Avon on Sat., Oct. 17, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea by Oct. 15, please. —H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. Tel. Harbury 9644

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- N.E. District .- Meeting, Oct. 17, Wivenhoe. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe, Colchester, Essex. 9797

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Annual meeting, Cheriton, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Munt, Little Gatton, School Lane, Newington, Folkestone, by Thurs. Oct. 15.—A. B. 9653

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Annual district meeting, Frindsbury, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Rochester Cathedral from 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Philpott, 209 Cliffe Road, Strood.

—D. P. L.

LADIES' GUILD. — South Wales District. — Meeting, Aberdare, Oct. 17. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (sumptuous, 3s. per head) Gentlemen very welcome. Names for tea, please, as soon as possible. — J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 9804

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.-Market Harborough District. — A meeting will be held at Medbourne on Sat., Oct. 17. Ringing at Medbourne 3-5 p.m. Tea at Horse and Trumpet 5. Ringing at Hallaton 6-7.30 p.m.-L. W. Allen

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Quarterly meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Oct. 17. Bells: , 1.30-2.30; Heather, 2-3; Measham, 2.30-3.30; Packington, 3-4; Ashby, 3.30-4.30. Service at Ashby 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. Further ringing at Ashby after meeting. Names, please, to Mr. H. Beads-moore, Glan Elan, South Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics, by Wed., Oct. 14, or if pen has been lost on the bus, to me (Markfield 2544), by Tues., Oct. 13. Everyone very welcome. Ron Hughes.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- Chipping Norton Branch.—Autumn meeting, Spelsbury, Sat., Oct. 17. Ringing at Chadlington (6), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Spelsbury, 3. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Further ringing at Spelsbury until 7.30 and at Churchill (8) from 7.45.

—P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford.
Tel.: Kingham 472.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Striking competition, Sat., Oct. 17, Gaywood. Start 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Bells available after tea. Names for tea (including competitors), please, to Mr. C. Tovell, 18 New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn, by Wed., 14th.—P. A. 9785

wood, King's Lynn, by Wed., 14th.—P. A. 9785
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and
District Branch. — Half-yearly meeting at Great
Tew, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells (8) available from
2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr.
H. Morley, The Square, Great Tew, Oxford.—
2.777

B. J. Davis, Hon. Sec. 9777
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting, Eynsham, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells (6) 2.30 to 4 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Eynsham (6) 6-7 and Cassington (6) 7-8. Names for tea to Mr. A. E. Hicks, Merton Cottage, 47 Acre End Street, Eynsham, Oxford, OX8 1PF, by previous Wednesday. 9816

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A.G.M., Charminster, Oct. 17. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Mears, Styles Close, Puddletown, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lytchett Matravers, Oct. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5, Lion Hall. Lytchett Minster bells 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Oakley, Fairfield, Middle Road, Lytchett Matravers, Poole. 9686 9686

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD .-Alton and Petersfield District.—Quarterly meeting, West Meon, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Bells until 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by 12th, please.—C. E. Bassett, 85 Brook Lane, Warsash. Tel.: Locks Heath 2404.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch.—Next meeting, Carlton-in-Cleveland (8), Oct. 17. Bells from 3 p.m. Picnic tea. Committee meeting 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. - Edward Hudson, Branch 9818 Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. Meeting at South Church, Bishop Auckland, at., Oct. 24, 3 p.m. For tea advise Mrs. Cook, 28 McCullagh Gardens, Bishop Auckland, Wed., Oct. 21

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSO-CIATION. — Meeting, Morton, Oct. 24, 2.30—8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names without fail to Mr. H. Smith, The Laurels, Station Road, Morton, Derbys (Tel. Tibshelf 104), by Wednesday previous.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Finedon, Oct. 24. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Chapman, 22 Sibley Road, Finedon, not later than Oct. 20.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO CESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 24, St. Peter's, Curdridge. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in the Reading Room, followed by the business meeting. Evening ringing till 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Pritchard, The Burns, Lake Road, Curdridge, SO3 2HH, by previous Wednesday, PLEASE.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Striking competition will be held at Ripponden on Oct. 24. Draw will take place at 2.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea (other than competitors) to Mr. J. Leaver, Jagger Green Dean, Holywell Green, Halifax, by Tues., Oct. 20.—A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec. 9786 20.-A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec.

> SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) RINGING FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 17

Coulsdon (5), 10.15-11.15 a.m. Bletchingley (8), 12.15–1.15 p.m.
Burstow (6), 3–4 p.m.
Reigate (10), 6.30–7.30 p.m.
Limpsfield (6), 11.15 a.m.–12.15 p.m.
Outwood (4), 2.30–3 p.m. Buckland (6), 4-5 p.m. Merstham (8), 7.30-8.30 p.m.

Service 5 p.m. at Buckland, followed by tea for those notifying Miss B. Minnion, 38 Josephine Avenue, Lower Kingswood, Surrey.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, October 24, 1970, 6.15 for 6.30, at the Trinity Banqueting Suite, The Trinity,

Worcester. Tickets, 19s. 6d. each, obtainable from branch secretaries.

Closing date October 21 Ringing, St. John's (8), 4-5.30. D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS Quarterly meeting CHISLEHURST, KENT

Saturday, October 10 The Annunciation (8), 3-4.30. Tea at the Village Hall, Church Lane (near St. Nicholas Church), 4.45, followed by meeting. St. Nicholas (8), 6.45-8.15.

Names for tea to J. S. Barnes, 56 Leamington Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB. Tel.: Farnborough (Kent) 53666. 9750

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS 333rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER

November 7, 1970 (6 for 6.30) at Walbrook Restaurant, Bucklersbury House, Walbrook, E.C.,

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Saturday, November 7, 1970 Taylor's Restaurant, Cannock. 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Tickets 30s. each from George Askew, Chelmorton, Coven Road, Brewood, Stafford

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

COUNTY STRIKING CONTEST FINALS HENLOW (6)

Saturday, October 17, 1970 3-5 p.m., followed by general ringing until 6.45 Cups of tea available during afternoon (Henlow). CLIFTON (8), 3-4.30 p.m. BUFFET AND SOCIAL EVENING

Henlow Parish Hall, 7 p.m. Tickets (5s.) available from district committees or M. Major, 92 High Street, Henlow, Beds.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

The Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster, Saturday, October 17, 1970
6.30 p.m.
Tickets £1 2s. from:
F. C. A. Bennett, 7 Rudge Heath Road,

Claverley, near Wolverhampton.

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SNOWDON DINNER

Saturday, October 31, 1970 Arcadian Hall, Market Street, Barnsley.

6.30 for 7 p.m.
Tickets 30s. (giving names) from A. C. Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US, en-closing s.a.e., by Wed., Oct. 28.

Ringing details to follow.

> LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER-DANCE Saturday, October 31

Tife Royal Hotel, Southport.
Tickets 33s. 6d. from Mrs. C. D'Aeth, 1 Grosvenor Place, Birkdale, Southport. The following towers will be open: 15–3.00 St. Cuthbert, Halsall (6).

3.30-4.15 Emmanuel, Southport (8) 4.30-5.30 Christ Church, Southport (8)

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the six. After the augmentation to eight the Surrey Association, Oxford Diocesan Guild and Middlesex County Association all rang peals within six weeks. The Cumberlands rang a peal on January 7, 1913, starting at 5.20 a.m. No explanation is given as to why the early start was made. The College Youths did not visit the tower until 1922 when, on May 13, they rang Stedman Triples. In 1934 the first peal ever of Chiltern Surprise Major was rung, followed in 1936 by the first of Pyrford Surprise Major and in 1938 by Cranbourne Surprise Major.

The first peal by an all-local band was in 1969, of Plain Bob Major, and included W. A. Peck. The second, rung to commemorate this the 150th anniversary of the church, was of London Surprise Major.

DETAILS OF THE BELLS
Treble (25½", 3 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb., F). — In
Memoriam Baron Sir John Henry William von

Schröder, Bart.

2nd (26\frac{1}{4}", 3 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb., E).—O Praise the Lord Our God in this Blest Place. T. Mears of London facit 1819. Recast by Gillett & Johnston Croydon 1912.—Also on 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. 3rd (281/16", 4 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb., D).— O Come let us Worship and Fall Down and kneel

before the Lord our maker.
4th (30\frac{4}{3}", 5 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb., C). — Trew
Jegon, J. Keates, H. Brumbridge, C. C. Wetton. 5th (331, 6 cwt. 3 gr. 14 lb., B flat).-This peal of bells was purchased by subscriptions and ordered to be made by T. Burton, J. Robinson

Gates, Ch. Wardens.

6th (36", 8 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.).-This church was rebuilt & the first stone laid by LD VIST BUCKLEY—The Rev. T. BISSE, W. H. Free-mantle, E. W. Edgell, BN Torin, J. Reid, G. Gostling Lay Rector, The Rev. J. W. Gostling Vicar, T. Burton, J. Robinson, Ch. Wardens.

7th (4017, 12 cwt. 19 lb., G) .- O Lord God forgive us our sins. Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us in the hour of death & in the day of Judjment, Good God deliver us. Amen.

Tenor (44%", 16 cwt. 3 gr. 26 lb., F) .bell, together with the smallest one, was added to the other six, which were restored A.D. 1912. Trevor Nicholson B.A. Vicar, J. Hopkins, W. J. Hill, Ch. Wardens.

MAGNA CARTA

The Surety barons of Magna Carta were: Stephen Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury; William Marshall; Hugh Bigod, Earl of Norfolk; Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Hertford; Richard de Clare, Earl of Clare; William de Hardell, of London; William de Huntingfield; William Mallett; Geoffrey de Mandeville, Earl of Essex; Richard de Percy; Saher de Quiney, Earl of Winchester; Eustace de Vesci; Robert Vere, Earl of Oxford; Geoffrey de Saye; Robert de Roos; William de Mowbray; William de Lanvallei; John de Lacye; William de Fortibus, Earl of Albemarle; John Fitz Robert; Robert Fitz Walter; Henry de Bohun, Earl of Hereford; William d'Albini, Baron of Belvoir; Roger de Montbegon; Roger Blgod, Earl of Norfolk; Richard de Mont-

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LATE NOTICES

PLEASE NOTE: The Kent County Association meeting (advertised under afternoon meetings) at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, is now on October 24 (not 10).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHURCHILL. - The new address of Mr. and R. Churchill is 62 Station Road, Ridgmont, Bedford. No telephone yet. Still tower captain, Husborne Crawley

TALBOT-PONSONBY .- From Oct. 12 the address of Rev. Andrew and Alice Talbot-Ponsonby will be 22 St. Martin's Church Street, Sallsbury,

WILLGRESS.-Bevan, Freda, Ian and Allson now live at Conifers, Long Road, Lawford, Manningtree, Essex. Telephone No. Manningtree

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. -- Chew Branch. — Practice meeting, Nallsea (6), Sat., Oct. 17. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec. 9831

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Joint meeting, Sat., Oct. 17, Eastern and St. Albans
Districts. Essendon 3-4.30 p.m. and service.
Tea 5. Evening ringing, All Saints, Hertford,
6.15-8.15 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss
S. Farnes. 22 Glebe Cottages, Essendon.—S. E.
James, F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 9829

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Liverpool Branch. — Meeting, Sefton, Oct. 17. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 3.30 (while wedding in progress). Tea 5.30 p.m. in Punch Bowl.—

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. -- Caine Branch. - Meeting, Heddington, Sat., Oct. 17. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Hacker, Downs View, Hed-dington, Caine, Wilts. 9837 SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern

Division.—Practice meeting, Oct. 17, Henfield (St. Peter, 8), 3–8 p.m. Tea will be available. Names for tea to Mrs. Kirkcaldy, Div. Sec., 29 Manor Gardens, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks (Tel. Hurstpierpoint 3735).

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Kettering Branch.—Afternoon practice, Oct. 10, at Stoke Albany (6), 3-5 p.m. Short business

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bingham District.—Meeting, Oct. 17, Lowdham (5). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Blackshaw, 36 Stratford Road, West Bridgford, by Wednesday previous.

25 YEARS AGO Taken from The Ringing World for October 5, 1945

What is not generally recognised is that the possession of an ear keen enough to appreciate the finer points of bell music is by no means universal, even among the best bands.—Leader.

James Higgins rang his first 10-bell peal Appleton (Grandsire), conducted by Walter F. Judge.

Stedman Triples at Farnham included Wm. Viggers, Sgt. John Freeman and Cpl. Fredk. A. H. Wilkins, with Alfred Pulling conducting.

Peal ringing is not an art, but merely a part of the art of ringing, in just the same way as one looks at the performance of a Beethoven symphony, not as an art in itself but as a part of the art of music.-Richard A. Post, of Headington, Oxon.

The experiences of Alfred Williams, of Bexley, Kent, who was with the Fleet Air Arm in Australia, were told in a letter from J. E. Bailey, of Dartford.

A meeting held in Llanfigan, Brecon, was attended by 14 ringers. The eight bells, not often rung, were in a church used regularly only in summer, but several peals had been rung in the tower. One cottage is near the church and the nearest farm is half-a-mile away.

50 YEARS AGO October 8, 1920

What is really wanted is some sort of central authority by whom all new compositions should be examined before any claim to originality should be admitted.— Leader.

Gladys Bateman rang in a peal of Kent T.B. Major at Holme Lacy, Hereford, the first lady to achieve a peal in the county, and she repeated that honour in Shropshire two days later.

A peal of Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes' was in honour of the tercentenary of the sailing of the "Mayflower" and the Pilgrim Fathers.

Ar Whitley Bay, Northumberland, in a peal of London Surprise Major, James E. Richard A., Joseph A., R. Alder and Thomas T. Gofton all took part.

At Knighton, Leicester, a peal of Grandsire Doubles was the first peal on the bells, which had been a five since 1880.

Items of news marked "Press Matter

Only" and in an unsealed envelope required only a ½d. stamp.

Mr. G. E. Symonds wrote regarding "old peals by new composers," and said Mr. Annable's peal of Bob Major was capable of 410 variations.

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This was included in an illustrated and well-written article in The Hertfordshire Mercury about a meeting of the Eastern District of Hertford County Association held at Aspenden recently. Various ringers attending were interviewed and their comments recorded, including the one quoted above, made by Mr. A. Van de Zande, of All Saints, Hertford.

5040 SURPRISE ROYAL (See page 799) NEW ROYAL METHODS

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Stone -50-16-1270-18-14-58-16-70.16 -36.9 cl

Minal -50-16-70-38-14-58-16-70.14 78.14.9 cl

Devizes 36.70.36.14-1258-38-14-50,16-16.70. -58--7

Ridgeway --30--16--50--18---14--38.16---16.70.58. 34.58.3 е

Cherhill --30--16--50--18--14--50--16--50--16. 34.5 f

Sarum -30-16-50-18-14-50.36-16.70.16. 58.34.1

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By R. N. SCHOLES

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Several readers have written to say that the 1344 Grandsire Triples (page 768) is false; the handstroke treble now at the first course end (1532476) is the same as that at the 4th.

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St. Michael's, Yorktown, Camberley, Surrey

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St. Michael's, Yorktown. Camberley, Surrey

STANDING ON A HILL beside the A30 arterial road, as churches go St. Michael's is not old. At one time part of the two hamlets. Camberley and Yorktown, were attached to the parish of Hawley, just over the Hampshire border, and until the formation of Guildford Diocese in 1927 was in that of Winchester. In 1847 it was found that "300 persons were living more than two miles from any church and three from the parish to which they belonged." Signed by four neighbouring clergy, a petition was made for a church at Yorktown, and in the following year a parcel of land was granted from the Royal Military College estate.

With a chancel from abridged designs by Sir Gilbert Scott and nave with the small ventilation spire, St. Michael's was a modest building erected with the local freestone. This was consecrated on May 6, 1851, by the Rt. Rev. Doctor Sumner, Bishop of Winchester, and became a separate parish church. In 1859 the north and south aisles were added. In 1888 the eldest daughter of the vicar died, and he and his wife caused the tower and spire to be built. A brass below the west window records: "The Tower and Spire of this Church were built by Ellen Middleton and her husband Frederick Matthews Middleton, to the Glory of God and the dear memory of their beloved daughter Freda, A.D. 1891." A fund was started to provide a ring of bells and on October 5, 1895, the tower, spire and bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Southampton.

ABOUT THE BELLS

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Tenor: 45", 15 cwt. 1 qr. "The tradesmen of Yorktown and Camberley gave me,

1891.

On plain bearings, the bells hung in a very substantial oak frame which had a rather short life. In 1935 it was found that movement in the timbers was having a detrimental effect on the masonry of the tower, and in the following year the bells went to the foundry of John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The canons were cut off, the tenor retuned and the whole ring hung on ball bearings in an iron frame. By the removal of metal each bell is now approximately ½ cwt. lighter, the tenor now being 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. Reinstalled, the dedication took place on October 23, 1936. by the Rt. Rev. C. H. Golding-Bird, Asst. bishop of Guildford.

The bells are rung from the ground and have been heard "on the air" several times. To shorten the very long draught a faculty has now been granted to install a gallery 10 feet up. The ringers are committed to raising some of the cost, and contributions would be welcome (as indeed are all visitors as well). Ringing is every Sunday, at 9.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Practice, Wednesdays.

Over 50 peals have been rung on the bells and the peal book contains some well-known names from the past, among them the Rev. F. E. Robinson, George Gilbert and Alfred H. Pulling, and in the present Michael J. Church, who is a member of the local band. The parish magazine for October, 1895, giving full details of the dedication service on a Wednesday evening. states: "At the conclusion, the first peal was rung by a band of the Winchester Guild of Bellringers, a large number of the congregation remaining in church to watch the proceedings." The method was Holt's Original composition, 5040 Grandsire Triples. conducted by Henry White. As this took 3 hours I minute it must have been near midnight when it came round. (Bell News, October 12, 1895, gives details.)

An interesting peal is recorded for Sunday, July 25, 1897: 5184 Plain Bob Major in 3 hours 15 minutes, "composed and conducted by Frank Bennett." A footnote states: "The composition is now rung for the first time."

Incidentally it may be of interest to note that the title, Yorktown, is now obsolete. Having become incorporated in the township of Camberley. Yorktown is only used locally to indicate that sector of the town. Visitors to Camberley find "Dove" misleading on this point. RAYMOND BATH.

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SPONSORED RINGING

As the first effort to raise money for the new Mitcheldean Community Centre, the young ringers from Mitcheldean, Church volunteered to attempt three sponsored quarter peals in one evening. 5.30 p.m. the ringing commenced and, three quarter peals later, seven tired, sore-handed but happy young ringers finished their self-appointed task, and by their unselfish efforts earned £30 for the fund. The ringing also achieved two first quarters, one first inside and one first as conductor.

As this attempt was arranged and carried out entirely by the young people themselves, it proves that initiative and enthusiasm among our young ringers is still very much in evidence. A. A. P.



The young band who rang three sponsored quarter peals in one evening at Mitcheldean, Glos. L. to r.: Nicola Jordan (12), Margaret Somme (12), Susan Paton (15), Nicola Paton (12), Ann Brain (16), Rowland Smith (14), Nigel Brain (13).

WHEN AUTUMN LEAVES DID FALL

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD HOLDS ITS FESTIVAL

The sun shone brilliantly for most of the day on October 3 and the streets and colleges of Oxford were thronged with thousands of people from many parts of the world. There were the mini-skirted young (and not so young) ladies, others wearing maxis and midis, spruce young men and long-haired and bearded ones too; but over them all the music of the bells from church towers passed almost unnoticed, for such sounds are all part of the life in this city of spires, towers and bells.



The Bishop of Oxford (Rt. Rev. H. J. Carpenter), who retires in December after 16 years in the diocese, photographed by the R.W. at the festival. Miss Elizabeth Sharpe, Miss Elfie Klemenjak (an Austrian lady) and Mr. Frederick Sharpe (deputy master) are also portrayed.

The gateman at Christ Church College was polite but very insistent: "You cannot park in here, sir. Bellringer? Try the next gate down the road." And so to the next gate, where a large notice stated that no parking was permitted except with the express permission of the Dean. However, that gentleman was not to be seen and nobody else was interested and so we parked. trusting the Dean would agree that the Oxford Diocesan Guild's festival was worthy of reporting in the columns of The Ringing World and that the editor was also worthy of a parking space for his car.

The wind was blowing strongly through the cloisters, corridors and gateways of this magnificent old college and cathedral, now in the hands of cleaners, restorers, builders and other multifarious trades, the work costing, no doubt, a considerable sum, but all very worth while and essential.

THE FESTIVAL SERVICE

About 200 were present in the cathedral and a bright and happy service was conducted by the Guild's clerical master, Canon C. Elliot Wigg, the crucifer being the deputy master, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, with the Bishop of Oxford (Rt. Rev. H. J. Carpenter) being seated in the sanctuary. hymns were well chosen and sung lustily: "Unchanging God," "Ye holy angels bright," "Immortal, invisible, God only wise," with the Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100). Mr. Sharpe read the lesson from Isaiah 60 and the prayers included one for the Oxford Guild. The organist was Mr. Kemsley (from Wilmslow) and the choir of boys, young ladies and men were from various towers in the Oxford Guild, chorister-bellringers who led the singing with obvious harmonious pleasure.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS

In his address to the assembled congregation the Bishop (who is the Guild president) spoke of his experiences among the ringers in his diocese when visiting the many churches during his work as bishop. It gave him the greatest thrill always. Ringing combined a healthy exercise, a great sense of rhythm and movement, skill and team work, and it played a real part in the worship of the church.

Bellringing also was doing good youth work, for youth did not only want entertaining, as was generally supposed, but to have something to do that was worth doing. Bellringing did just that. In the Oxford Guild they were fortunate in their leaders, Canon Wigg and Frederick Sharpe.

Continuing, the Bishop quoted the collect for St. Michael's Day and compared the ringers' work with that very well known prayer. "We ought to reflect more often," he said, "on God's creation and the wonderful order of things which He has given to us. We must give thanks to God for worship which we share with the holy angels, and for the particular part we play in summoning people to join in that worship; we give thanks for His succour and

for our opportunities of helping others. He has given His creation a wonderful order and we must thank Him day by day for it," concluded the Bishop.

At the close of the service there was a retiring collection for the Guild's Restoration Fund

LUNCHEON AND SPEECHES
The wonderful dining hall of Christ
Church College was the scene of a social hour before luncheon was served, about 160 sitting down. On the platform were seated the master (who presided), the Bishop, Mr. Sharpe, Miss E. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker (treasurer and vicepresident respectively), Mr. and Mrs. Kemsley, and Miss M. Cross, Dr. J. Baldwin and Mr. H. Oglesby (stewards), Miss Elfie Klemenjak, Mr. W. Butler (general secretary), Mrs. J. Kelley, Mr. W. G. Wilson (vice-president) and Mr. C. W. Denyer, (editor. The Pinging World)

(editor, The Ringing World).

The loyal toast was followed by one to the Church and State, given by Mr. W. Butler, who spoke of the formation of the Guild nearly 90 years ago and compared the number of clergy then to the numbers now. Today the Bishop of Oxford was the president and the Bishops of Dorchester, Buckingham and Reading and three archdeacons were vice-presidents and in 1885 the Archbishop of Canterbury was patron. The speaker then gave several amusing anecdotes and concluded by asking the company to rise and honour the toast.

BISHOP RETIRING

The Bishop in replying said he was the last bishop to be recommended for appointment by Sir Winston Churchill and had been for nearly 16 years in the diocese. He would be retiring from Oxford in December and moving over the border into Gloucestershire, but he looked forward to disguising himself and slipping into Oxford to meet again the many bellringing friends that he had made. We were, he said, all members of the Church and members of the State and were therefore toasting ourselves. He thanked everyone for what they did for the Church and wished continued success and prosperity to the Oxford Guild. Occasionally he had a letter of complaint from a parishioner about the bellringing, and he always told them if they lived near a church that had bells they must expect to hear them. He thanked the company for the way they had drunk the toast,

Dr. J. Baldwin proposed the toast of "The Visitors" and mentioned many pre-

(Continued overleaf)

Among those attending were Miss D. J. Pollard (Abingdon), who received special thanks for her help in the organisation, Mr. P. Walker (Oxford Society), Miss Clare F. Dolphin and Mr. Ernest J. Gower, both from Warwick.

[R.W. photo.



sent who had travelled long distances and to whom they extended a special welcome. He then gave an interesting account of his year in the U.S.A. and his ringing activities there, emphasising the fact that in England ringers could make almost as much noise as they liked, but this was not the case in America for it was limited considerably.

RINGING WORLD APPRECIATED

In welcoming the editor of The Ringing World, Dr. Baldwin said how much the new typeface and layout were appreciated, as were the variety of articles and items printed. [Applause.] He appealed to the assembly to keep the paper alive by sending in regular contributions to the editor. He also suggested that amendments which were given at frequent intervals should always be together and not included as belfry gossip items as had begun to happen recently. It helped those who tried to keep records accurately for they could then turn to the proper page for that purpose.

The toast was well received. The editor in responding first thanked the Guild for their hospitality to the guests and agreed to keep amendments as one item in future. He pointed out that these were not necessarily all printers' errors and asked all contributors to submit copy separately. on one side of a sheet only and not to put peals, quarter peals and reports on the same piece of paper as sometimes happened.

Continuing, Mr. Denyer referred to a proposal that one day there might be a national association, as had recently been suggested, and gave his opinion as to what an uninteresting paper the R.W. would then be with only divisions, sections and subsections recording peals and reports.

The Oxford Guild is a strong, healthy and influential body, he stated, and if a national society ever came about they in that guild would have a big say in such matters. He thanked them for the support they always gave to The Ringing World and asked the visitors to drink a toast to the continuing success and prosperity of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

The visitors responded with enthusiasm.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

Many visitors left the hall to grab many of the 26 towers which had been made available for their exercise and pleasure, the Bishop retired and the master opened the business meeting. Following the signing of the minutes a count of those attending was taken to ensure a quorum was present, and this having been established the following items were disposed of: (a) the honorarium to the deputy master to be as before, and tives' expenses. Both these items were carried

The detail concerning grants from the Restoration Fund was held over until the next meeting as no information was available. A discussion followed on fixing the date of the 1971 A.G.M. at Dorchester and it was agreed to revert next year and in future years (except 1972) to the first Saturday in July. In 1972 the Oxford Society would be holding its centenary on that date and the Guild will therefore avoid any clash with this event.

GUILD OUTING?

The general secretary, in other business, put forward a suggestion that the whole guild should try to get together for a day's outing. It would be a big event but could be done if each district co-operated. As many as 500 or 600 might make the jour-

AT THE FIRST ATTEMPT

On September 5 ringers of St. Paul's Society, Papanui (N.Z.), rang the first peal for the Society. Last year a peal of 42 Doubles methods-variations had been planned, but as the year progressed alterations to the bell frame for the augmentation to six bells intervened, and it became clear that a peal could not be rung before the installation of the new treble. This took place on January 24 with the dedication a week later, and then thoughts turned to

Minor rather than Doubles, Two quarters of Plain Bob and one of Kent T.B. were rung and it seemed that a good excuse for a peal would be the 90th anniversary of the old back five bells. This anniversary fell due in July, but the band were not yet ready. Finally September 5 was chosen, and right up to this time opinions were divided as to whether or not Kent and Oxford T.B. should be included. A peal of Plain Bob was less exciting but more likely than other methods to be achieved by the inexperienced band.

We played safe, and a peal of 5040 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 3 hours 42 minutes at the first attempt (recorded in this issue). The ringers are members of the St. Paul's Sunday service band - the first all - New Zealand team to ring Cambridge S. without the assistance of ringers from England.

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ney, although catering would be a problem. It was agreed to put the suggestion to the committee with a view to getting opinions.

Mr. Sharpe voiced a comprehensive vote of thanks to the many who had contributed in a variety of ways to the undoubted success of the festival, and this was accorded with acclamation.

In a few minutes the hall was empty as each and every one went their way-some to view Great Tom, some to continue a tour of the available towers and some to visit or revisit the galaxy of beautiful buildings which are always a joy and a wonder.

The 60-mile journey back to Farnham was pleasant indeed the beautiful autumn tints among the trees, the ever-changing shadows and sunshine, the many crossings of rivers with the varied craft moored or scurrying along, their owners making the most of what remains of a beautiful sum-Certainly a day to remember.



[Photo: John Terrance

MARRIED HIS PUPIL

The wedding took place at St. Thomas a Becket Church, Pagham, Sussex, on Sept. 5, between Michael J. Wake and Patricia Clark, the weather being bright and sunny. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by Canon T. H. Franklin (Vicar of Sidlesham) and was attended by several ringers from the district.

The bells were rung before and after the wedding by friends and relatives from Chichester, Felpham and Pagham.

Mike and Pat are both regular ringers at Felpham and Pagham, having met when Mike was assisting in teaching a band at Pagham after the bells were rehung. Pat was one of the learners and is now an accomplished ringer and they both intend to continue their ringing.

After the photographs were taken outside the church the bride and bridegroom returned to the belfry to be photographed with the ringers and rang a few rounds with the bridegroom's parents and the bridegroom's brother (who was best man). After the reception a quarter peal was rung by members of the Chichester and Pagham bands. Peals were also rung in seven Minor methods at Felpham and Thakeham.

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Editorial

ROPESIGHT

Observant readers will have noted with pleasure that Ropesight is now again available in the Snowdon series—obtainable along with Grandsire from Christopher Groome (see advert). I have, I suppose, had a greater connection with the Snowdon series than any other ringer since the death of Mr. J. A. Trollope, but the reputation of Ropesight is such that it would be invidious of me to review the new edition (the thirteenth) as if it were a new publication now presented to the Exercise.

I must first, however, congratulate Mr. Groome on being able to publish this edition for sale at only 8s. The tenth (1946) and eleventh (1950) editions, which I have before me, were priced at 3s.—they were probably straight reprints from standing type of the earlier editions. The present issue has, I imagine, only been possible at the price by the use of a modern lithographic process, making an exact copy of earlier editions.

I cannot avoid expressing my regret, though I can understand the reason, that the opportunity was not taken to modernise the 19th century format and language for much the same reasons as it has been found necessary to do this for the Bible. This would have meant a new printing, at greater cost, but careful editing could have reduced the volume by at least 50 per cent. without affecting the usefulness of the explanations. Indeed, they would have been clearer and more comprehensible to a generation brought up on strip cartoons and present day press articles and TV programmes.

The major part of Ropesight is a series of chapters dealing with changes on, respectively, four, five, six, seven and eight bells; all in the Plain Bob method, just as would be expected of Jasper Snowdon, a Yorkshireman, writing in 1879. But today we should expect the chapters on five and seven bells to deal with Grandsire. Confusing to the reader? only if you persist in regarding Grandsire as a different method. But explain that Grandsire on five bells is Plain Bob on four with an additional hunt bell, and that Grandsire on seven bells is Plain Bob Minor with an additional hunt bell, and a good deal of the confusion is gone. And the usefulness of the book to a beginner has increased tre-mendously. I believe that if Ropesight had been modernised as was Grandsire in 1948 and Stedman in 1938, then such is its reputation that it would have sold at a higher price, if that had proved necessary-and I would have risked my money for the chance to prove it.

But we must all be glad that newcomers to the Exercise have now at last the chance of obtaining a copy of this most famous of the Snowdon series with, in addition to the chapters mentioned above, the detailed chapters on handling a bell, ringing rounds, pricking changes, conducting and calling round, raising and falling in peal, rope splicing and proof of Plain Bob Major. But above all, with its author's emphasis on the accurate striking which can only be attained by good bell management and careful listening by the beginner at the rope's end.

W. G. W.

Belfry Gossip

Well-known ringer Martyn Hawkes has been appearing regularly on ITV recently as the driver of the Mini in the Shell petrol advertisement who is amazed at the number of miles his car does to the gallon!

Stubbed cigarette ends in tower and nave were found by Rev. C. J. W. Faulkner, president of the Northampton Branch, in his church (Harlestone) after a snatch by touring ringers from elsewhere.

St. Mary's, Addington, Croydon, are hoping for support at practices from outside sources. They have six "dolly birds," a steeplekeeper and captain, and as the dollies are studying for exams at times the practices are a bit thin. Practice nights, Mondays, 8.15. Secretary: Penelope Cocks, 11 Crossways, Addington.

Going abroad to Ndola, Zambia, in the near future, are Jeff and Sandra Claughton, of Highmead, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey, and are relying on their family at home to forward the R.W. until the end of the year when they hope to indulge in an air mail copy direct. Jeff is taking up a post in the city engineer's department which will last for three years, and both hope to meet fringers in that part of Africa and trust ringging friends will keep in contact. (We wish them good luck in their new post.—Ed.)

The East Anglian Daily Times gave an excellent picture and article to 10-years-old Laurence Payne, of Whepstead, Suffolk, who, finding he could not sing, took over the job of honorary verger. He rings the bells on Friday, gets the hymn boards ready and generally makes himself useful round the church. He has eight brothers and sisters, five of whom sing in the choir!

The oldest bell in the Northampton District is thought to be at Great Billing—tenor by John Yorke, cast about 1370—writes Geo. F. Roome in the Northampton Branch Newsletter.

Assisting Mr. Frederick Sharpe in the translation and compilation of a book on Austrian bells, Miss Elfie Klemenjak (an Austrian) was a welcome visitor to the Oxford festival on October 3. Her classic beauty was outstanding and added considerably to the attractions of the principal table at the luncheon.

When difficulties occur. trouble threatens or help is required, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson is always willing to oblige. Forty-two quires of Ringing Worlds delivered to a London wholesaler were returned to Guildford because of the SOGAT delivery dispute, but a phone call to Waterloo 5000 had Wilfrid nipping round the corner and arranging things with the firm concerned, and we trust all R.W.s eventually were delivered, even though a day late. The Oxford Guild also appreciated W.G.W.'s help for the large amount of duplicated paper work which he had executed on their behalf. (But then he is one of their vice-presidents!)

The Cambridge Surprise Major peal at Malmesbury was rung by eight of the Sunday service band of St. Mary's, Cheltenham—the first of Surprise by the band.

The East Anglian Daily Times of September 22 gave a heading "A Suffolk Idyll" to a September sunshine picture of Monks Eleigh, which enhanced this idyllic scene in an unspoilt Suffolk village.

The peal of Lincolnshire at Framsden on September 28 was rung as a compliment to the composer, Mr. Charles J. Sedgley, to commemorate his taking part in the second-ever peal of Cambridge Maximus in September, 1910. This was rung at Ipswich by a local band.

Mr. Leslie Dobbie, of New Bridge Avenue, Milton Regis, Kent, is finding life desperately lonely since the loss of his wife and appeals to ringers—in particular a lady—to join him in his ringing activities.

Congratulations were extended to the general secretary of the Oxford Guild at their festival recently, when it was announced that he had become engaged to Miss J. Barker (both are Thatcham ringers).

In recent months Walter Smith, of East Quantockshead, Som, has not had the best of health: it was a pleasure to have him ringing in the quarter peal at Over Stowey on September 22. Like all loyal ringers, as soon as he felt fit and well he was back ringing at the first opportunity.

That popular young ringer Peter England recently celebrated his 21st birthday, and to mark the event an inscribed tankard was presented to him by his fellow ringers at Yatton, Somerset, where he is vice-captain; they also rang a quarter peal to honour the occasion

No fewer than 25 first peals are recorded this week, and some very young people amongst them. In New Zealand five rang in a peal, at Crimplesham four succeeded at their first attempt and at Mickleton all six of the band, including the conductor, were first pealers. All this augurs well for the Exercise and we wish further successes to each and every one of these 25.

First peal congratulations to Keith Record, Dawn Owen, Brian McDowell, Christopher Oakes - Monger, Janice Flight, Gillian Spence, Jillian Richardson, Mary Spence, Ronald Stevens, Ross Williams, Alan Craggs, David Kennedy, David Briggs, Alfred Symonds (14), Christine Hudson (14), Brian Sayers (14), Michael Mann, Michael Fairfax, Roy Kibblewhite, David Hart, Martin Reed, John Nicholls, William Morrey, Susan Godwin, David Tomlinson.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe writes that he has just completed 23 tower and bell inspections (in three weeks) and asks that other inspections anticipated be deferred until he has submitted reports of those already examined.

Personal records.—F. William Midwinter (300 peals), Roger Baldwin (600), Thomas J. Lock (1,100), Susan M. O'Neill (25), and new conductors: Bernard Taylor and John Nicholls.

By collecting wastepaper and paper sacks from farmers and smallholders Belton (Northants) ringers have added £76 10s. to their bell fund. Something like 12 tons of paper was handled.

According to a national newspaper the Liberty Bell in America (cast 1752), which is cracked, is to be the subject of a complaint to Whitechapel Bell Foundry next month, when the president of a body called the Procrastinators visits London. That body says the crack was caused by shoddy British workmanship, but Mr. Douglas Hughes, of the Whitechapel foundry, puts the blame on the (American) incorrect hanging and their messing about with the bell. (Should be an interesting meeting.—Fd.)

Letters

WILLIAM PYE

Dear Sir,-I thank most sincerely your correspondents for the fine articles written on the occasion of my late father's centenary; also the bands who rang peals and

quarter peals.

I feel that a special "Thank you" is due to the men of Suffolk, in which county my father rang many of his early peals. His first of Double Norwich was at Lavenham and New Cambridge at Grundisburgh. It was a great privilege to be invited to Grundisburgh to call the peal of Cambridge Royal for this special occasion. The generosity and fine hospitality of Suffolk which my father found in his day is still carried on by the present generation, led by such men as "Jim" Pipe and Les Brett. May they be spared many more years to carry on the fine work.—Yours faithfully, ERNEST W. PYE.

Sawston, Cambs.

A QUANTITY CALLED "Q"

Dear Sir.—The recent correspondence on the tuning of bells seems not to have mentioned the possibility that in addition to the method of tuning the decay-time of the vibrations may be of considerable impor-tance to the pleasing (or otherwise) sound of the bells when rung in changes.

As a radio engineer I have in mind a quantity called "O": the ratio of the energy stored to the energy given up during each cycle of vibration, and which determines the time taken for each bell to give up its

vibrational energy.

During relatively slow ringing, say on six bells, a longer "tail" to the decaying vibrations of each bell would be tolerated, whilst this would tend to smear the notes of a faster sequence, say on 12 bells, so as to make them indistinguishable. Conversely, bells which are "short of breath" might be clearly separable by the ear even when rung closely behind one another.

Is it possible that the long-persistent hum heard in the background of some of our more sonorous bells may be attributable to their high "Q" factor rather than which particular tones were selected in the tuning

process?

When ringing I have often been distracted (from the method!) by what I can only describe as "secondary music" — a strange contrapuntal "tune" which accompanies changes struck on "musical" rings of bells, and which I take to be due to intermodulation between the various strike notes and the various components of the background hum, but distinct from either. I wonder whether one of the experts would care to comment on the above?—Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY C. BAGLEY.

Malvern Link, Worcs.

Kevin Taber, of Croydon, writes: "Regarding the comments in Belfry Gossip as to the condition of the ropes at St. John's. Croydon, for the festival ringing, I must point out the new ropes had in fact been prestretched for as long as two weeks on clock weights and they have now been used for two months. One quarter peal has been rung by the local band on them. However, it was perhaps unfortunate to have new ropes on for such an occasion as open ringing, and on behalf of the Croydon Society I should like to apologise if the day's enjoyment was in any way marred for the visitors.

LUNDY ISLAND BELLS

Dear Sir,-I made an inspection of the bells on Lundy in 1964—the only bell inspection for which I have had to travel by paddle-steamer! They were then on the floor of the porch and I understand they are there still. The problem of disposing of them in any way at all is much complicated by the transport difficulty, as there is no quay at Lundy Island and they would have to be transferred somehow down a very rough, steep track and into a small vessel lying offshore.

The frame had been partly dismantled for safety; the cast iron trusses between the oak sills had rusted to the appearance of lace curtains, with the salt spray blowing through the large openings in the tower. The tower was seriously cracked above the doorway, and in view of the situation, which will require a special frame to resist the weather condition and the unlikely prospect of keeping a ring of bells manned, the outlook is less bright than some of your correspondents may suppose.

The bells were fitted with bolt-through crown staples and two of these had rusted right into the bells. On the 4th expansion had cracked the bell, and by now the same may have happened to the 7th.

My version of the inscription differs somewhat from Mr. Mountjoy's, but as I cleaned the bells carefully before making it (and as it makes better sense in Latin) I think it's correct. I may, however, be wrong about the 3rd and 4th: with the bells on the floor it was difficult to tell which was which, but the diameters ought to make the order which I suggest.
Treble. — HORAM.PRECANDI.JAM//ADVENISSE.

MONEO 1897 (I give warning that the hour of prayer has

come.)

2nd.—Nothing.
3rd.— CAROLUS.CARR.SOCIETAS.NOS // FUDIT

A.D. 1897. (Charles Carr & Company cast us, 1897.) 4th.—UT.FIEREMUS. H.R.H. VICARIUS//

(H.R.H., Vicar, had us made.) (The Rev. H. R. Heaven was in fact owner of Lundy, which is in the parish of Appledore. He was not vicar although he acted in that capacity.)

5th.—CONFUSE.AGITATAE.PERICLA DECLARIMUS.

(Swung confusedly we announce dangers.)
6th.—RETRO.PULSANTE.IGNES.INDICAMUS.
(Rung backwards we tell of fires.)
7th.—RECTE.SONANTES.GAUDIA//

PRONUNCIAMUS. (Rung correctly we announce joys.) Tenor.-ANIMIS.CEDENTIBUS.DICO.VALETE (To the souls of the dying I say farewell.)

The diameter of the tenor is 43" I have it on the authority of the late A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who rang the bells, that they were not a very good eight.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Newton St. Cyres, Exeter.

POOLSTOCK BELLS

Dear Sir. The statement regarding Poolstock St. James' bells, Wigan (R.W., page 762), not having received any attention is incorrect. The bells were hung in 1896, the 7th rehung about 1929 and all the bells were rehung in 1938. The 7th was rehung again in 1960, but the bells will never go well until a metal frame is put in and metal headstock put on the bells .-- Yours faith-

W. FARRIMOND. Coppull, nr Chorley,

STRIKING COMPETITIONS

Dear Sir, A good argument in favour of the striking competitions which are now increasingly popular and widespread is that on these occasions the complexity of the method becomes of secondary importance to ringing the bells in accurately-struck changes. It seems to me, therefore, that to award extra points for a particular method is to defeat the object of what is after all a striking competition, and as it places a less advanced band at a disadvantage some towers may be deterred from taking part for this reason, which is a pity.

But a practice which makes fair assessment impossible is that of allowing a team to include ringers who are not members of the tower concerned, as the band itself may well be below strength or lacking sufficient skilled members of its own. Awards made to towers on this basis are rather meaningless, to say the least, and such rules do nothing to encourage the maintenance of full Sunday service bands. — Yours faith-

fully. Lincoln.

M. L. MANN.

THE SAWSTON PEAL
Dear Sir.—With reference to Michael Ling's recent letter concerning the peal at Sawston, in which it was stated that the peal was believed to be the only one to be rung for the Ely Diocesan Association by a "purely local band," I beg to inform him that a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at March on September 29, 1956, by the local team of Sunday service ringers.

I have no idea whether that peal was the first by a local team for the Association. It was not the first time that March ringers had achieved such a peal. In 1815 a local team rang one to the accompaniment of crackling bonfires and noisy fireworks, the occasion being November 5. The Elv Diocesan Association had not been formed

then.

It is pleasing that the Sawston peal has received official recognition, for an effort such as that, successfully concluded by a local band, is truly a milestone and one that is comparatively rare nowadays. Yours faithfully,

TREVOR A. BEVIS.

March, Cambs.

WHITECHAPEL QUATERCENTENARY

Dear Sir, The excellent account of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry of September 25 reminded the members of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, of their last outing to some London churches before the Second World War, in 1938. Thrir first call was at the foundry, and after a look round the late Mr. A. A. Hughes showed them the beautiful and symmetrically-shaped four ton tenor contemplated for Liverpool Cathedral. which he struck several times for all to hear its magnificent tune and to be among the first to hear it.

Through unavoidable circumstances it was not settled in the proper place until about ten years afterwards. A wag once wrote and asked: "Is it Mears and Stainbank, or Stain and Mearsbank, or Mearsbank and Stain?"—Yours faithfully.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich, Suffolk.

"What though unmarked the happy workman toil.

unthanked of man the And break stubborn clod?

-Jean Ingelow.

It is enough, for sacred is the soil,

Dear are the hills of God."

THE LAUGHTER OF MUSIC

"Change ringing has been called the laughter of music. But it is much more than that to all of us. It decorates the fleeting time with arabesques of coloured sound, which forms a fitting accompaniment to the motions, be they joyous or sorrowful, of those that hear it. The soul-compelling powers of bells, it is true, have been minished since the waning of the Middle Ages, the great age of Christianity, when Earth seemed the ante-chamber of Heaven, and the strait gates of mortality stood always ajar.

"We no longer believe that the music of bells laughs to scorn and drives away the blue malignant mists which brood over a plague-smitten land. And since we cannot believe in it, so salutary a miracle is now impossible. But in the countries of the vine, at any rate, there are many simple Christian folk who are sure that the clangour of great bells will break and dissipate a storm of lightning and pelting hail more effectively than the wide-mouthed noise guns invented for the same purpose.

"Yet the love of change ringing, which caused England to be called the 'Ringing Isle' in a bygone century, is still quick in the hearts of Englishmen. Therefore we wish good fortune to all the fraternities of bell-ringers, both great and small, who ply their long descended craft—a noble athletic pursuit indeed—in innumerable belfries, and have the art always to turn a holiday into a holy day

"Change ringing will doubtless remain the Englishman's favourite form of music in the heavens, for he is still the most conservative of racial types in all matters that appeal to that giant heart of memories and tears and laughter, which is called nationality

"It is good tidings to know that a tower is to be built and a fine carillon installed therein at Loughborough as a war memorial to the fallen townsmen." — The Morning Post, 1920.

WOLVERHAMPTON PENSIONERS

This band was formed some years ago for the purpose of assisting with ringing at mid-week weddings, and on Tuesday afternoon, August 25, Mr. Bert Morton (senior member of the band) arranged a very enjoyable outing into Shropshire for the members. Ringing took place at Cound, Berrington and Atcham, three delightful small villages near Shrewsbury.

At the conclusion of the ringing at Atcham (the church is on the left bank of the Severn) the party adjourned to the riverside lawn of the adjacent hostelry and enjoyed their drinks in the evening sunshine.

The day ended with a meal in Wolverhampton, when Fred and Joan Bennett were the guests of the members. This gesture was in return for hospitality extended to the Pensioners by Fred and Joan a year ago.

The Pensioners thank Mr. W. Lloyd, of Cound, himself a Pensioner, for his assistance with this outing, and also Rev. G. S. Lloyd (Atcham) and Rev. Donovan Allen (Berrington) for the use of their bells.

The Universities' Association.

AN AUSTRALIAN SLANT

It is tantalising to read the list of towers covered in a week's ringing tour in England when your nearest ringing neighbour may be 60 miles away, and to grab 25 towers you have to cover over 5,000 miles. Having accomplished this, there is only one choice left—England. So after four years of saving and six months' travelling I was in time for the 1970 U.A. tour in Northamptonshire.

We were centred in Knuston Hall, Irchester, and on August 22 the company of 45, loaded with hampers of food sufficient for an army of ringers, set out for the first of the 55 towers on our list.

With an average of eight towers a day we had about an hour's ringing in each, which allowed everyone one or two good rings and there was a chance for all to try new methods. Each day two different ringing masters were appointed and the majority seemed satisfied with the difficult job they performed. The tour had been very well planned by Richard Speed, who was unfortunately in America on business, but his wife, Anne, was a capable deputy.

The area is rich in rings of eights and sixes with the occasional heavy five, such as at Leighton Bromwell. Daventry had a well-going light ten, and Kettering a heavier ten in an impressive spire. The Saxon tower at Earl's Barton was celebrating its millennium while we were there.

There were some embarrassing moments, as when, with a well-known bellfounder in our midst, a vicar with tower problems informed our expert that he did not trust these bellfounders for an accurate report. He would rather trust the local carpenter.

Northampton churches have a fine selection of brasses, which can be well combined with a ringing tour, and a surprising number of ringers found themselves carefully rubbing a brass while the writer dashed off for a ring. We also had an American statistician in tow when he realised the mathematical side of our art. He has now departed with various recordings, including an explanatory talk by Dennis Bayles with handbell demonstration.

Two quarters were attempted and rung, one of Cambridge Surprise Minor and one

of Plain Bob Minor (the latter in hand at 7 a.m., which was an achievement after a night of table tennis, drinking, singing and bridge until 2 a.m.).

At the business meeting I felt envious about the tour plans for Essex and Devon in the following years, and I must be content with the 1972 A.N.Z.A.B. tour in New Zealand, even it does mean three towers instead of a hundred.

HELEN J. HENDERSON,

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

Knuston Hall, Northants.—Aug. 28, 1260 Bob Minor: P. Rogers 1-2, J. D. Cheesman 3-4, Helen Henderson 5-6. Rung during U.A. tour week.

- (1) Front row: Pat Underwood, Ted Hudson, Allen Twyman, Shirley Bolton. Back row: Dennis Bayles, Jonathon Speed, John Underwood, Michael Mulvey (obscured) and Mark Damerel.
- (2) Standing: David Martin, Helen Henderson, Malcolm Melville, Catharine Speed, Geoffrey Horritt (back) (obscured), Gregory Speed (front), John Leeming, Betty Dobbie and Frances Mulvey, Sitting: Michael Mulvey, Andrew Bolton and Robert Bolton.





Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

Blackmoor, Hants. - Sept. 19, 2520 Doubles (four methods): R. E. J. Gill 1, Miss M. Sut-cliffe (joint cond.) 2, A. M. R. Gill 3, D. J. Cooper 4, M. E. Cass (joint cond.) 5, G. A. Cane 6. Longest length for 1, 3, 4 and 6. First half peal for 5. For Patronal Festival; also a farewell to the vicar.

DATE TOUCHES

Heathfield, Som.—Sept. 19, 1970 Doubles (2 meth./var.: 1 spliced): K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, L. T. Hancock 2, F. J. Morris 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5. First date touch by all. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Beveridge.

Roughtown, Lancs.-Sept. 10, 1890 Minor (4 methods): A. Wheeler 1, W. H. Nield 2, B. D. Holt 3, G. Rigby 4, A. Farrand 5, G. Nield (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. John Clayton, former ringer of St. George's and

St. John's churches, Mossley.

FOR BATH AND WELLS 80th ANNIVERSARY Exton, Som.—May 25, 1260 Doubles: K. Lee 1, Mrs. M. A. Durbin 2, K. E. Beale (cond.) 3,

Knight 4, D. Clayton 5, T. Hancock 6.

Hawkridge, Som.—May 25, 1260 Doubles: K Beale (cond.) 1, D. Clayton 2, A. Knight 3, Hancock 4, R. Cross 5, M. Durbin 6. Skilgate, Som.—May 25, 1260 Doubles: Mrs

A. Durbin 1, K. Lee 2, K. E. Beale (cond.) A. Knight 4, R. A. Cross (100th quarter) 5. Withypool, Som. — May 25, 1260 Doubles: Miss F. Gadd 1, K. Beale (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. A Durbin 3, K. Lee 4, A. Knight 5, R. Cross 6.

Halse, Som.—May 31, 1260 Doubles: F. Pike
1, K. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss F. Gadd 3, A. Knight
4, R. Cross 5, A. Smith 6.
Ash Priors, Som.—May 31, 1260 mixed
Doubles: F. Pike 1, T. Hancock 2, Miss F. Gadd A. W. Knight 4, K. Beale (cond.) 5, L. Tucker 6.

FOUR IN A DAY September 19, 1970 Odcombe, Som.—1260 Doubles (4 methods): Mrs. C. Gratton 1, R. Parker 2, Mrs. D. Crocker 3, A. F. Keith Prime 4, C. Gratton (most methods)

as cond.) 5, Mrs. L. Parker 6.
East Chinnock, Som.—1320 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure B. Doubles: Mrs. D. Crocker 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, A. F. Keith Prime 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker (first in method as cond.) 5. 50th to-

gether 2 and 5.

Haselbury Plucknett, Som.—1320 St. George's Day Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, R. Parker 3, C. Gratton 4, A. F. K. Prime (first in method as cond.) 5, Mrs. D. Crocker 6.

North Perrott, Som .- 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, April Day): Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2. A. F. Keith Prime 3, R. Welch 4, R. Parker (cond.) 5, C. Gratton 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Poy Welch.

Aldermaston, Berks. - Aug. 28, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Brimley (first quarter) 1, Freda Wilcox 2, D. Livingston 3, M. Till 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, Janet Livingston 6. Also Sept. 11, 1260 Minor (Pl. Bob, Rev. Canterbury): Janet Livingston 1, P. Corderoy 2, J. J. Hill 3, D Livingston 4, M. Till 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6 Also Sept. 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Brimley 1, Janet Livingston 2, W. Butler (cond.) 3, D. Livingston 4, M. Till 5, J. J. Hill 6. Also Sept. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Butler (cond.) 1-2, J. J. Hill 3, P. Corderoy 4, M. Till 5, R. Tibbles 6

Aldridge, Staffs .-- July 25, 1260 Single and Double Oxford Minor: D. J. Bates 1, J. P. Burton 2, Daphne Appleby 3, F. Beech 4, R. Riley 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. After peal attempt. Also Aug. 27, 1260 St. Clements Minor: Sylvia J. Langford 1, S. Yates 2, Daphne Appleby 3, D. J. Bates 4, J. P. Burton 5, R. Riley (cond.)

Alloa, Clacks.—Sept. 19, 1260 Bob Doubles: L. Robson 1, M. Wilson 2, H. Glover 3, B. Wilson 4, R. Aitchison (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6. A compliment to Canon J. M. C. Hannah on his retirement.

Almeley, Herefords. - Sept. 14, 1296 Minor (720 Bourne, 576 Cambridge Surprise): Hatcher (cond.) 1, B. Giddings 2, F. R. Harris 3, T. Jones 4, T. Bound 5, J. W. Hope 6. pliment to Colin and Jill Lewis on the birth of a second son, Hywel Derwen.

Ash Priors, Som.—Sept. 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, F. Morris 2, R. Bartlett 3, T. Hancock 4, A. Knight (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6.
Wedding compliment to Gillian Crichton and
David Fisher. Also Sept. 13, 1260 Mixed Doubles: F. Pike 1, T. Hancock 2, F. Morris 3, A. Knight 4, R. Cross (cond.) 5, P. Tucker 6. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

Babbacombe, Devon.-Sept. 20, 1260 Stedman Triples: Catherine Chambers 1, W. monds 2, K. Fursdon 3, S. Peirce 4, J. L. Read 5, W. S. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7. For Evensong; also farewell to J. F. Murray 8. treble ringer. First Stedman 1, 8. Also Sept. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mavis Hawkins 1, J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, Rev. P. A. Wooster 4, W. Simmonds 5, W. S. Wayman 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. F. Murray 8. For 25th anniversary of Rev. A. B. de Tabley Andrews' ordination to the priesthood.

Barking, Suffolk.—Sept. 16, 1260 Bob Minor:

Jennifer E. Barnard (first quarter) 1, Janet M. Barnard (first inside) 2, Elizabeth A. Bowyer 3, Margaret E. Egglestone 4, L. J. Parry (cond.) 5,

W. Egglestone 6.

Lincs. - Sept. 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Smith 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 3, S. Johnson 4, R. Howard A. Singleton 6. Birthday compliment to 4.

Bishop's Cleeve, Glos .- Sept. 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Baker 1, R. Sadowski 2, Miss B. Eden 3, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 4, A. Lawrence 5, C. T. Burridge 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, P. Mustoe 8. For Evensong; also a farewell to Miss B. Eden.

Bishop's Sutton, Hants. -- Sept. 13, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): A. Hoskins 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Jane Dando (cond.) 3 Ann Palmer 4, J. Huggins 5. For flower festival

Blackmoor, Hants.-Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: G. A. Cane 1, Miss M. Sutcliffe 2, A. M. R. Gill 3, Rev. C. J. Butler (first Minor) 4, D. J. Cooper 5, M. E. Cass (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to the vicar.

Bradpole, Dorset.-Sept. 22, 1344 Grandsire Triples: Helen A. Haines 1, R. Haines 2, Valerie Calvert (first Triples inside) 3, I. L. Andrews (50th quarter) 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, D. B. Ellery 6, I. Calvert 7, A. D. Case 8. A compliment to 4 on the birth of his son, Timothy Mark.

Butterwick, Lincs.-Sept. 23, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Butler 1, G. A. Flatters 2, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 3, A. E. Flatters 4, R. Baines 5, G. H. Campling 6.

Cattistock, Dorset.-Sept. 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Calvert 1, R. Haines 2, Helen A. Haines 3, D. B. Ellery 4, M. J. Hiller 5. First silent and non-conducted quarter for all.

Charlton Mackrell, Som. - Sept. 15, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. L. Parker L. Crocker 2, Mrs. C. Gratton 3, R. Parker 4, Gratton (75th quarter, first as cond.) 5, A Callow 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Ted Eades, interred this day at Charlton Adam.

Chigwell, Essex .- Sept. 13, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Marion A. Cass 1, G. H. Walker 2, Leslie C. Tibbitts 3, D. A. Tovell 4, P. W. Dickinson 5, J. E. Murfitt (cond., 100th quarter) A wedding compliment to Mary Dickinson and Andrew Morris.

Coddington, Notts .- Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. L. W. Tomlinson 1, J. A. Curtis 2, D. E. Kirton 3, P. F. Curtis 4, D. J. Tysoe (cond.) 5, J. Draycott 6.

Colchester, Essex (St. Peter).-Aug. 16, 1280 Rutland S. Major: Doreen Fairhead 1, Yvonne Towler 2, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 3, P. Sawyer (first Surprise) 4, E. E. Davey 5, B. W. Fairhead N. Avis 7, J. Towler 8. Also Sept. 20, 1312 Bristol S. Major: H. J. Millatt (cond.) 1, Yvonne Towler 2, S. Pettman (first touch in method) 3, M. Howes 4, N. Avis 5, B. W. Fairhead 6, J. Towler 7, C. W. Pipe 8. Both for Evensong.

Crimplesham, Norfolk.—Sept. 15, 1320 Bob Doubles: A. Symonds 1, Christine Hudson (cond.) 2, B. Sayers 3, S. G. Elsey 4, M. Mann

Constantine, Cornwall.-Sept. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Riddy 1, Rosemary Guy 2, C. P. Mossop 3, J. G. Jeans 4, K. N. Mossop (cond.) 5, K. Clarke (first quarter) 6. Halfmuffled in memoriam Samuel John Moyle, ringer and sidesman, and Cuthbert Peters, 50 years chorister and 20 years cross bearer.

Curdridge, Hants .- Sept. 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. M. Stevenson 1, P. Page 2, Miss B. J. Daysh 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, K. Har-rison 5, H. L. Hatfield 6, E. W. Colley (cond.) 7, N. George 8. Half-muffled in gratitude for the life and work of Dr. A. S. Pern in the parish of Botley.

Diss, Norfolk. — Sept. 6, 1264 Bob Major: Kathleen Tebble 1, T. G. Boast 2, A. G. Harrison 3, L. Ainley 4, H. B. Fuller 5, A. Cook 6, C. Pease 7, M. J. Rose (cond.) 8. For Evensong; also birthday compliment to Harry B. Fuller. East Budleigh, Devon.—Aug. 25, 1280 Double

Oxford Major: J. Miller 1, C. F. Mew 2, Janet M. Bull 3, B. J. Bull 4, M. A. Rose 5, J. F. Underwood 6, R. P. Hippisley 7, J. G. Hall (cond.) 8. First in method for all.

Eckington, Derbys.—Sept. 21, 1296 Little Bob Major: P. J. Flavell 1, M. P. Phipps 2, E. Dorice Kelly 3, Marjorie Phipps 4, I. P. Bell 5, Kelly 6, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 7, D. Hird 8. First in method 1, 5 and 6.

Essendon, Herts.-Sept. 20, 1272 London S. Minor: T, J. Lock 1, B. G. Greenwood (first in method as cond.) 2, Sue J. Farnes 3, Helen J. Henderson 4, Paula Healing 5, G. H. Austin 6. First in method 2, 3, 5, 6. Wedding compliment to Elizabeth and Peter Overfield, local ringers.

Freiston, Lincs .- Sept. 23, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Pl. Bob): G. R. G. Butler 1, G. A. Flatters 2, G. H. Campling 3, R. Baines 4, A. E. Flatters M. J. Belcher (cond., 50th quarter) 6.

Gotham, Notts.—Sept. 13, 1320 Doubles (3 methods): A. F. Bowley 1, S. Wood 2, R. A. Metcalfe 3, M. A. Newell (first quarter) 4, T. H. Kirkman (cond.) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam George Gibson, a former ringer and sidesman.

Halling, Kent.-Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: S. R. Osenton 1, G. A. Round (first Minor inside) 2. Phyllis R. Osenton 3, G. H. Terris 4, C. T. Osenton 5, G. K. Terris (cond.) 6. A farewell to G. A. Round, leaving for Nottingham.

Handsworth, Yorks. - Sept. 26, Bob Major: J. E. Turley 1, P. J. Hollis 2, I. P. Bell 3, Stephanie Boyles 4, Judith J. Gilbert 5, J. J. L. Gilbert 6, D. J. Kelly (cond.) 7, C. Rusby 8.

Halse, Som. — June 23, 1260 Doubles: J. Thomas 1, K. Beale (cond.) 2, S. Foskett 3, T. Hancock 4, A. W. Knight 5, R. Cross 6. Henfield, Sussex.—Sept. 12, 1260 Stedman

Triples: Judith Brooks (first in method) 1, T. Lewis 2, Rosemary Gates 3, M. G. Foster 4, M. Hansford 5, Sheila Foster 6, , D. Kingstone Also Sept. 18, G. Kibblewhite 8. 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. E. Cruttenden 1, D. J. Parsons 2, C. M. McNeal (first Triples) 3, Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, C. Shephers F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, C. A. Cruttenden 8. For Harvest Festival; also a welcome to Rev. P. H. Barry (former vicar).

Henlow, Beds. — Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Downs 1, P. Jewell 2, L. H. By-waters (cond.) 3, D. Hope 4, R. Fuller 5, R. Cousins 6. For flower festival.

Honiton, Devon.—Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Stamp 1, D. Travers 2, C. Manley 3, T. Travers 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, F. Stamp 6. For Evensong.

Hutton, Essex.—Sept. 20, 1260 Doubles (three methods): A. Brunwell 1, J. Wallett (cond.) 2, C. E. Hill 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Harvest Festival.

Hythe, Kent. — Sept. 21, 1264 Bob Major: Helen Rowland 1, R. J. Birch 2, H. Deacon 3, P. Richardson 4, D. C. Manger 5, J. A. Hemsley 6, P. R. Staples (first Major as cond.) 7, R. A.

Ipswich, Suffolk (St. Clement). - Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: Margaret Brown (first Minor) 1, Diane Stillwell 2, D. G. Salter 3, H. J. Wightman 4, F. A. J. Steward 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) First inside for 2, 3 and 4.

Ipswich, Suffolk (St. Matthew).—1260 Minor

(720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): Sept. 13, D. G. Salter 1, P. W. Archer 2, A. R. Bridges 3, F. A. J. Steward 4, J. Girt 5, J. Hollins (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Iddesleigh, Devon .- Sept. 8, 1260 Bob Minor:

G. Cleaver 1, N. Hine 2, E. Cleaver 3, P. Hine 4, T. Hine (cond.) 5, B. Mountjoy 6. Intwood, Norfolk. — Sept. 16, 1260 Doubles (Plain, Grandsire): G. R. G. Butler 1, J. Illingworth 2, G. A. Flatters 3, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 4, G. H. Campling 5.

Kettering, Northants.-Sept. 20, 1260 Stedman Triples: S. Robinson 1, Miss E. Tingle 2, L. Toesland 3, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 4, J. Weaver 5, L. G. Gates 6, R. J. Cowley 7, J. Mitchell 8. For the 90th birthday of R. F. Turner (Kettering).

Kirton, Lincs. - Sept. 24, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss J. Coleman 1, G. A. Flatters 2, Mrs. A. J Singleton 3, R. Baines 4, A. E. Flatters 5, M. J Belcher (cond.) 6, J. Vandewalle 7. First quar-

ter 1 and 7. For Harvest Festival

Langdon Hills, Essex,-Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: Cheryl Pretlove 1, Janice Manterfield 2, S. J. Clarke 3, K. I. Lucas 4, S. J. Day 5, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 6. First Minor 3, 5. First Minor Also 1260 Doubles (three by a resident band. methods): Eleanor Clemo 1, K. I. Lucas 2, S. J. Day (first inside in more than one method) 3, J. Clarke 4, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. F. White 6.

Lewisham, London, S.E. - Sept. 6, 1280 Spliced S. Major (six methods): C. P. Starbuck (cond.) 1, Rosemary Cotton 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, Jennie Starbuck 4, A. H. Long 5, D. Gebbett 6, D. G. H. Hollis 7, J. R. Pratt 8. For

Evensona.

Leyland, Lancs. — Sept. 17, 1282 Cambridge S. Royal: L. Walmsley 1, D. G. Lawson 2, M. Snape 3, Mrs. C. D'Aeth 4, R. Palmer 5, J. Richardson 6, J. D. Nixon 7, D. R. Jones 8, J. Ashcroft 9, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 10. Leyland Festival of Flowers and 750th anniversary celebrations.

Leyton, Essex .- Sept. 12, 1260 Bob Doubles: A. Poole 1, Elizabeth A. Dunlop 2, J. A. Beldon 3, M. Wareing (cond.) 4, R. W. Pascoe

(first Doubles) 5, W. E. Hazelton (first quarter) 6. First in method 1 and 3. London, W.C. (St. Clement Danes'). — Sept. 20, 1289 Stedman Caters: M. H. O'Callaghan 1, Miss J. Reynolds 2, E. J. Ladd 3, Miss J. Quaife J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, C. J. Bassett 6, B. E. Walton 7, P. J. Simmonds 8, D. P. Smith 9, Lewis 10. For Evensong. Also Sept. 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: T. Mann 1, J. W. Stephenson C. E. Wright 3, D. Blows 4, J. Fowler 5, C. C. M. Pain 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, F. Scoones For the service of commemoration and thanksgiving on Battle of Britain Sunday.

Lower Beeding, Sussex.-Sept. 12, 1264 Bob Major: Anne Staecey (first Major) 1, D. Kingstone 2, Judith Brooks 3, F. H. Gates 4, G. Kibblewhite 5, M. G. Foster 6, T. Lewis 7, M.

Hansford (first quarter as cond.) 8.

Lympne, Kent.-Sept. 6, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Lorraine Thomas 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, B. G. Butcher 3, Judith Brooks 4, R. A. Birch (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Todd 6. 13th birthday compliment to treble ringer. For Matins. Also 1260 Bob Minor: R. Stainer 1, B. G. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, J. Hemsley 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, M. J. Taylor 6. For Evensong. Also Sept 12, 1200 Kent T.B. Minor: M. J. Taylor 1, R. Brotherston 2, Judith Brooks 3, Elizabeth Todd 4, B. G. Butcher 5, R. A. Birch (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1320 Doubles (9 meth./var.): A. R. Day 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, B. G. Butcher 4, M. J. Taylor 5, A.

S. Braben 6. For Evensong.

Marston, Oxon. — Aug. 29, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): C. R. Miles 1, R. H. Jones 2, N. Booth (first as cond.) 3, A. Gammon 4, L. R. Porter 5.

Mitcheldean, Glos. — Aug. 9, 1260 Bob Doubles: N. Brain 1, Nicola Jordan 2, R. Smith 3, Ann Brain 4, Susan Paton (cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Paton 6. For the baptism of Margaret Somme (aged 12), ringer at Mitcheldean.

New Alresford, Hants.-Sept. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Colliss 1, A. P. Smith 2, Jane Dando 3, C. Noakes 4, I. M. McCallion 5, D. R. Fallick 6, R. Le Marechal (first Triples as

cond.; 50th quarter) 7, R. Green 8.
North Lopham, Norfolk. — Sept. 19, Grandsire Triples: Pauline A. Hopkinson 1, A. G. Harrison 2, C. E. G. Banham 3, C. Catchpole 4, F. Sutton 5, P. D. Taylor 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, T. G. Boast 8. To welcome Pauline Hopkinson and Peter Taylor to Norfolk.

Ottery St. Mary, Devon.-Aug. 26, 1280 Bob Major: Hilary Hall (first Major) 1, Judith M. Miller 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, M. A. Rose 4, B. J. Bull 5, J. F. Underwood 6, R. G. Hippisley J. G. Hall 8.

Petrockstowe, Devon. - Sept. 8, 1260 Bob Minor: D. Cleaver 1, G. Cleaver 2, N. Hine 3, P. Hine 4, T. Hine (cond.) 5, B. Mountjoy 6.

Plymouth, Devon (Emmanuel), - Sept. 19. 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. Steere 1, Virginia L. Drake 2, Sylvia Young 3, D. G. M. Pearce 4. Mallett 5, H. H. Thomas 6, J. P. (cond.) 7, F. R. Hocking 8. Preceding opening service of centenary celebrations at the church.

Polesworth, Warks.-Sept. 20, 1320 Doubles (11 methods): Jane Myatt 1, M. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, R. Knight 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, T. 6. For Family Communion. Also Sept. 20, 1260 Winchendon Place Doubles: Jane Myatt 1 D. Hiorns 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, M. Quimby 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6. Evensona

Portbury, Som.-Sept. 25, 1260 Doubles (four variants). I. Ramsey 1, Helen Kirkpatrick 2, B. H. Goodfiffe 3, I. Newell 4, R. W. Willans (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. For flower festival concert.

Preston Plucknett, Som.-Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Doubles: Rachael Chant (first quarter) 1, M. Shaw (first inside) 2, D. Hammonds 3, W. Shaw 4, Marion Martin (first quarter) 5, J. C. Taylor (cond.) 6. For Evensong and a thanksgiving for the maistry of Rev. David Nye.

Quorn, Leics. - Sept. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: Hilary F. Watson-Walker 1, Maureen Clulow 2, Frances F. Pegg 3, N. Green (first Minor inside) D L. Alderton 5, C. J. Mobbs (cond.) 6. Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson-Walker.

Ramsbottom, Lancs. - Sept. 19, 1260 Bob Triples: Anne Hartley (first quarter) 1, S. M. Barnet 2, G. O. Sanders 3, Catherine M. Kay (first Triples) 4, Kirsty R. Fisher (first Triples) 5, P. Boucher 6, P. Dyson (cond.) 7, J. D. Sherwood 8. Farewell to Anne Hartley and Lindsey Faye Cowburn.

Redhill, Surrey.—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss F. Illman 1, K. Dallison 2, G. Charlton 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, D. D. Arfield 5, G. A. West (cond.) 6, H. Comber cover. For dedication festival; also a welcome to the grand-daughter of Mr. H. Comber.

Selby, Yorks. — Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Sinden 1, Miss S. Parker 2, Miss K. Swann 3, Miss E. Foster 4, A. Sinden 5, M. Sinden (cond.) 6. First guarter for 2, 3 and 4. For Evensona.

Sidcup, Kent.-Sept. 9, 1440 Bob Minor: D. Kerley 1, C. Sims 2, C. Mundy 3, P. Dale 4, M. Hansford 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. Rung for the service of induction of Canon S. L. S. Allen as vicar.

Silverton, Devon.-Sept. 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bibey 1, R. J. Hutchings 2, W. J. Ransom 3, H. Ransom 4, W. E. Richards (cond.) 5, F. S. Down 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Ransom.

Southampton, Hants (St. Mary). - Sept. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Diana Bromley (first quarter) 1, Joy Butler 2, N. Shepherd 3, C. J. Butler 4, M. J. Butler (cond.) 5, B. V. Butler 6. To welcome Rev. Ronald J. Milner as rector.

Stansted, Essex.—Sept. 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Westwood 1, D. J. Cheeseman 2, A. Dixson 3, D. R. Hutley 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. R. Holman 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Edith Watts.

Stapleford, Cambs. - Sept. 26, 1320 Bob Minor: Lynn V. Bedford 1, R. I. West 2, R. A. Currell (25th quarter) 3, Marion Kemp Newman 5, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to the vicar's son and treble ringer.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol.-Sept. 13, 1272 London Minor: P. Scott 1, Helen Henderson 2, Hilary Muirhead 3, Joan Gray 4, W. Willans 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. First London 1, 2, 5. Arranged for Helen Henderson (of Melbourne). Also Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 1, Valerie Vincent 2, Alison Brown 3, Gillian Thomas 4, D. Bentley 5, P. Gray 6. For Evensong; also for ordination in Bristol Cathedral as priest of Rev. Barrie Morrison (curate, Stoke Bishop).

Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey. - Sept. 10, 1260 Bob Doubles: Wendy Gilbert 1, Marian Randall 2, Pamela Tappin 3, T. Walker 4, D. Boniface 5, A. Ash (first quarter) 6, Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bernard Ash (captain, 1960-1970).

Stoke Goldington, Bucks. — Aug. 27, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Catherine J. B. Speed (first quarter, aged 12) 1, Jo Mount (first of Surprise Minor) 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, D. Martin 4, C. Bainham 5, G. M. Soul (first as cond.) 6, A 21st birthday compliment to Jeremy D. Cheesman.

Stokesay, Shropshire. — Aug. 16, 1260 Bob Doubles: Susan Jones (first quarter) 1, D. Ferguson 2, P. Thompson 3, N. Cullum 4. Fletcher 5, A. Phillips (first quarter) 6. For the baptism of James, grandson of the vicar.

Strensham, Words .- Sept. 16, 1440 Strensham Surprise Minor: B. Spiers 1, H. N. Evans 2, C. A. Wratten 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. First in the method.

STRENSHAM SURPRISE

-36.14-12-1236-34-16 l.e. 12 154632 Tealby, Lincs.-Sept. 8, 2520 Bob Minimus: M. I. Minns 1, A. C. A. Hopkins 2, E, J. Parkin 3, D. W. Bee 4. Conducted jointly by all. First half peal of Minimus 2 and 4.

Thornbury, Glos.-Sept 19, 1260 Bob Triples: Mrs. E. Chapman 1, Jennifer E. Bell 2, Elizabeth Starling 3, G. Jackson (first inside) 4, S. Poole Collins 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. G. Exell 8.

Thorverton, Devon.-Sept. 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Ford 1, R. B. Ford 2, W. H. Baker 3, M. T. Butt 4, E. W. Ford (cond.) 5, H. W. Butt 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Robert B. Ford, churchwarden for 25 years, ringer for

Thurmaston, Leics. - Sept. 26, Minor: Elaine Smith 1, J. A. Howard 2, J. Anne Rickaby 3, B. S. Payne (cond.) 4, H. M. Payne 5, C. Holland 6. For the 750th anniversary of the dedication of the local church.

Truro, Cornwall (Cathedral).-Sept. 22, 1260 Bob Royal: T. N Hitchens (first on ten) 1, Janet S. Evans (first on ten) 2, F. M. Bowers 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, A. Carveth 5, Rev. D. Burnett 6, R. P. Pearce 7, G. F. Dunstan 8, T. J. Bell 9, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 10. A farewell to the ringers of 1, 2 and 9.

Tunstall, Kent.-Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Bearne 1, N. F. Bearne 2, D. J. Payne 3, B. Roberts (first quarter) 4, T. Barton (cond.) 5, P. Lynas 6. For Evensong; also wedding compliment to Jane Bearne and John Francis.

Wantage, Berks. — Sept. 13, 1260 Stedman Triples: P. G. Davies 1, H. V. Booker 2, Shirley Goble (first in method) 3, K. Leach 4, H. Bishop 5, J. C. Baldwin 6, H. White (cond.) 7, J. K. Pain 8. For Evensong, and to welcome home John and Beryl Baldwin from U.S.A.

Warminster, Wilts .- Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): L. Hawkins 1, Miss K. Starling 2, Miss M. Wynne 3, Miss M. Scammell (first inside) 4, N. Knee (cond.) 5, Mrs. D. Hutchins 6, E. Norris 7, P. Roynon 8. For festival of be'ls.

Welton, Lincs. — Sept. 10, 1260 Minor (St. Clements, Pl. Bob): C. V. Cade 1, M. I. Minns 2, Vivienne West 3, G. A. Dixon 4, A. C. Hopkins 5, D. W. Bee (first Minor as cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to the conductor.

Westbourne, Sussex. - Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Triples: Denise Ramshaw 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, N. Vollar 3, N. George 4, C. J. Alder 5, E. Treagus 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, L. F. Ensor 8. First Triples 1, 3, 4, 5, 8. For Evensong.

Westleigh, Devon. — Sept. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Cleaver 1, P. M. Hine 2, B. Mount-joy 3, P. E. Hine 4, N. Hine 5, T. Hine (cond.)

Widford, Herts.—Sept. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: Jill P. Carter 1, Margaret L. Croysdill 2, D. J. Smith 3, R. W. Ellis 4, A. M. S. Stracey 5, J. D. Woolford (cond.) 6.

Wigtoft, Lincs.-Sept. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: G. W. Burrell 1, H. Barsley 2, A. E. Flatters 3, R. Baines 4, G. A. Flatters 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6.

Witham, Essex.-Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: E. Bright (cond.) 1, J. Warner 2, T. Monk 3, H. Cross (first Minor) 4, W. Butler 5, P. Chapman (first Minor) 6. A welcome to H. Cross; also for the birth of a son to P. Chapman.

Peals

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION

(Papanui Society) PAPANUI, New Zealand, St. Paul.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (6\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Gillian Spence

*2 Jillian Richardson

*3 Mary Spence *4 Ronald Stevens *5 Ross Williams

6 Raymond Idle (Conductor)

*First peal. First by the society.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

ASHCOTT, Somerset, All Saints.

Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (12 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (3 extents Stedman, Antelope, New, Huntspill, Union and Grandsire and 4 each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin).

*1 Gerald Brown

†2 John Chaplin 3 John Coombs

4 Stanley Lewis 5 John S. Walton (Conductor)

6 William Warren

*First in 12 methods. †First in 12 methods inside. 25th as conductor.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Mon., Sept. 14, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (29 cwt.) 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

1 Linda Fleming

Anthony H. Smith Malcolm C. C. Melville

4 Martin Major

5 Ronald J. Sharp

6 George Amor 7 Robert L. Piron

8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)
9 C. Michael Orme

10 Keith H. Fleming

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, St. James. Tues., Sept. 22, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (18 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Stephen Ivin.
1 C. Michael Orme

2 Linda Fleming

3 Robert L. Piron

4 Anthony H. Smith 5 David R. Saunderson

6 Robert R. Churchill

7 Keith H. Fleming 8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Sun., Sept. 27, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (29 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 Version).

1 Avril Ivin

2 Jennifer M. Taylor3 Keith H. Fleming

4 Kathleen A. Marriott 5 Frank W. Rivett 6 Martyn J. Marriott 7 James R. Taylor 8 David R. Saunderson

9 C. Michael Orme

10 Stephen Ivin (Conductor) Rung in connection with St. Paul's flower festival.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs,

St. Peter.
Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (18\frac{3}{4} cwt.)
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4
methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland; 69 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

1 Andrew R. Queen

2 F. John Nelson (Conductor)

3 Susan Davis

4 Eric Roughley

5 Raymond Ballard

6 Timothy Wylie 7 Michael Platt

8 Geoffrey R. Gardner

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HARTLEPOOL, Co. Durham, All Saints, Stranton.

Tues., Sept. 22, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (13 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

*1 Alan Craggs 2 Enid Lawson

*3 David H. Kennedy

*4 David Briggs

5 Margaret Lawson

6 Ann Lawson

Kenneth Lawson (Conductor)

8 Thomas M. Cox

*First peal.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CRIMPLESHAM, Norfolk, St. Mary. Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr, 35min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*1 Alfred Symonds (14) *2 Christine Hudson (14)

*3 Brian Sayers (14)

*4 Michael Mann

5 Ernest H. Mastin (Conductor)
*First attempt. In memoriam Ernest C. Cousins (died September 12, 1969), remembered by all.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

TERLING, Essex, All Saints.
Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (11 cwt.)
5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 736 Superlative, 704 London and Rutland, 608 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Pudsey, 576 Bristol, 544 Yorkshire: 120 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by N. J. Diserens. Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)

2 Josephine A. Brown

3 Yvonne A. Towler *4 Richard J. Harrison

†5 Philip J. Rothera

6 James L. Towler 7 Keith W. Brown 8 Peter G. Brown

*First of Spliced Major. †Circled the tower.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

MICKLETON, Glos, St. Lawrence. Sat., Sept. 5, 1970. 3hr. 2min. (15\frac{1}{4} cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

1 Michael F. Fairfax 2 Roy F. Kibblewhite

2 Roy F. Ribblewille 3 David T. Hart 4 Martin G. Reed 5 John W. Nicholls (Conductor)

6 William G. Morrey
First peal by all. Half-muffled in memoriam
Frederick G. Kinchin, tower captain for 25

HANNINGTON, Wilts, St. John the Baptist.

Sun., Sept. 6, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (10½ cwt) 5040 DOUBLES (4 methods: 2 extents St. Simon, 15 Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury, 10 Grandsire).

1 Kevin J. Harris 2 P. Donald Naylor *3 Stephen E. Mitchener

4 Roy H. Jones
5 Leonard R. Porter (Conductor)
6 C. Richard Miles

*First in four methods.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, Glos, St. Mary the Virgin.

Fri., Sept. 18, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents, 10 callings).

*1 Susan L. Godwin

2 Eileen M. Godwin

William A. Godwin (Conductor)
Peter W. Bartlett
Patrick A. Bartlett
Raymond G. Pearson

*First peal.

tenham.

MALMESBURY, .Wilts, St. Paul,

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. *1 Robert Newman

2 Margery A. Wratten 3 Valerie Willard 4 Peter Baker

5 Martyn Hawkes

6 Laurence E, Hitchens
7 William A, Farmer
8 Cyril A, Wratten (Conductor)
*First Major. By eight members of the
Sunday service band of St. Mary's, Chel-

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (12 methods: Norwich S. Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet S., Oxford T.B., Hereward, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clements, Childwall and Plain).

1 Helen Taylor *2 Malcolm Taylor

3 Clare Taylor 4 Hilda Taylor

5 Bernard Taylor (Conductor)

6 Eric Taylor *First inside to Minor. First as conductor. First in 12 methods for all. 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to Eric and Helen Taylor, and a farewell to Hilda, going to Birmingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SWINDON, Wilts, Christ Church.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (22 cwt.) 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by C. W. Roberts,

Composed by C. W. K.

1 Peter Minchin
2 Beryl R. Simpson
3 Bernard F. L. Groves
4 Christopher I. Rowson
5 Richard L. Underwood
6 Peter J. Munday
7 Stanley G. Ponting
8 Frank W. Lewis
9 Michael I. Church (Co

9 Michael J. Church (Conductor) 10 Geoffrey K. Dodd

*First T.B. First in method for all (except 3) and for the Guild.

WARFIELD, Berks, St. Michael. Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (13\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
(No. 3 Version).

Composed by C. K. Lewis,

- 1 Joyce A. Parsons 2 David E. Parsons
- 3 David C. Brown 4 Bernard F. L. Groves
- *5 W. John Couperthwaite
- 6 David J. Forder 7 Frank W. Lewis 8 Geoffrey K. Dodd 9 Michael J. Church (Conductor)

10 J. Alan Ainsworth
*First of London Royal. First of London Royal as conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WAKEFIELD, Yorks, All Saints Cathedral. Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 3hr. 46min. (35\frac{1}{4} cwt.) 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE **MAXIMUS**

*1 David Redfearn

- 2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3 Claudia A. Critchley
- 4 Jennifer M. Taylor 5 G. William Critchley
- 6 Brian Bladon
- †7 Thomas J. Lock
- 8 Roger Baldwin

- 9 James R. Taylor
 10 Frank T. Blagrove
 ‡11 James A. D. Woolford
 12 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
 *First of Maximus. †1,100th peal. ‡First of Cambridge Maximus.

ST. ALBANS, Herts, St. Stephen.

Wed., Sept. 16, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents in 24 methods: Carlisle, Chester and Munden; Rossendale and Stamford; Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; Lightfoot and Wearmouth; London, Wells and Cunecastre; Westminster and Allendale; Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull).

*I Dawn Owen

- 2 Elizabeth Forster
- 3 Joyce M. Clarke 4 Robert E. Hardy 5 Steven D. Chandler

6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
*First peal. Most methods to a peal by all

except the conductor.

RADLETT, Herts, Christ Church. Tues., Sept. 22, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (3 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 extents Kent, 4 Plain Bob).

1 Michael C. Donmall
2 Frederick W. Ellis
*3 Brian J. McDowell

4 Alice Talbot-Ponsonby

*5 Christopher J. Oakes-Monger

6 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor) *First peal.

BARKWAY, Herts. St. Mary Magdalene. Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (16 cwt.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Craven.

- 1 Walter Hunt *2 Janice Flight
- †3 Richard F. Prime ‡4 Peter C. Warboys †5 Peter J. Glazebrook †6 Albert E. Richardson

†7 Leonard Luck

8 James A. D. Woolford (Conductor)
*First peal. †First in method. ‡First of
Kent Major. A farewell to Janice Flight, leaving for Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FOOT'S CRAY, Kent, All Saints Mon., Aug. 17, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (3\frac{1}{4} cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (1 extent Shipway's and New Bob, 4 Winchendon, St. Nicholas, Stedman, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, 6 St. Martin and Grandsire, 8 St. Simon).
1 Tony Lewis (Conductor)

2 Margaret E. Oram 3 Michael H. O'Callaghan

4 Ian H. Oram 5 D. Paul Smith

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION BLACKBURN, Lancs, Cathedral. Sun., Sept. 13, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (7 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

1 Susan Hill

2 Ian Smith

- John Parsons (Conductor)
- 4 James Skeats 5 Bryan Hill

6 Maurice Hill

To welcome the birth of a son (Simon Anthony) to Audrey and Maurice Hill.

BILSBORROW, Lancs, St. Hilda.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 3hr. 5min (14 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE **MAJOR**

Composed by S. Humphrey.

- Margaret Crossthwaite
- 2 Geoffrey Fothergill
- *3 Roger Wettenhall 4 James Cunliffe
- *5 Richard Palmer
- *6 Kevin M. Price
- *7 Stanley Anderton
- 8 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)

*First in method.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION INTWOOD, Norfolk, All Saints.

Sun., Sept. 6, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (6 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).

1 Henry Tooke (Conductor) *2 Adrial Walton

- 3 Frank C. J. Arnold
- *4 Gordon D. Elvin 5 Thomas E. Spight
- *First of Grandsire Doubles.

MARSHAM, Norfolk, All Saints. Wed., Sept. 23, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (7\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Nolan Golden.

- Maureen P. Cubitt
- 2 Mrs. Hanbury F. Carter
- 3 Hanbury F. Carter *4 Keith Record
- †5 John Knights
- 6 Richard J. W. Housden
- 7 H. William Barrett
- 8 George Sayer (Conductor) *First peal. †First in the method.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

OXFORD, St. Thomas the Martyr.

Wed., Sept. 16, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (2 methods: 2 extents Plain Bob, 40 Grandsire).

Kevin J. Harris

- *2 Andrew W. Kay 3 Roy H. Jones (Conductor)
- 4 C. Richard Miles 5 Leonard R. Porter
- *First of Doubles and inside. A farewell to L. R. Porter, leaving for Loughborough.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, Bucks, St. Peter. Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (13½ cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents, 18 methods: Carlisle and Chester; Rossendale and Stamford; Lightfoot and Wearmouth; Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; London and Wells; Westminster and Allendale; Cambridge and Primrose).

1 David A. Hope *2 Joyce M. Clarke

*3 Elizabeth Forster *4 David Redfearn

*5 Robert E. Hardy
6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

*First in 18 methods.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

PATTISHALL, Northants, Holy Cross.
Tues., Sept. 22, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (15 methods: Pinchurst,
Double Oxford, Thelwall, Buxton, St. Clements and Childwall; Netherseale; Cambridge and Ipswich; Beverley and Surflect,
New York Control of Control Control of Norwich; Kent with Oxford; Plain Bob).

1 Selwyn J. Griffiths

2 Barry R. Care

3 Murray A. Coleman

4 Stephen B. Bell

5 Burley P. Morris

6 J. Malcolm Tyler (Conductor)

NORTHAMPTON, St. Edmund.
Thurs., Sept. 24, 1970, 3hr. 2min, (18 cwt.)
5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Eric Billings 2 Stanley M. Ruddlesden

- *3 Jonathan R. B. Speed 4 Raymond A. Vickers

4 Raymond A. Vickers
5 Alan A. Paul
6 Burley P. Morris
7 Patrick I. Chapman
8 Richard F. B. Speed (Conductor)

*First of Surprise.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

ELSTON, Notts, All Saints.
Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (9 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (2 Oxford Treble Bob, 2 Kent Treble Bob and 1 Oxford Bob. St. Clements and Plain Bob).

- Grace Burchnall Katharine Burchnall

3 F. William Midwinter 4 Frederick G. Hooper 5 A. Harry Hawcroft

6 William L. Exton (Conductor)
In memoriam Neville Brown, died August
19, 1970, aged 53 years.

GIGGLESWICK-IN-CRAVEN, W. Yorks, St. Alkelda.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10 cwt.) 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.
*1 H. Geoffrey Wells

2 Peter Humphrey

†3 Susan M. O'Neill C. Richard Daft

5 Robert Preston

Peter J. Hawcock Philip E. Jones

8 George A. Dawson (Conductor) *First on eight. †25th peal. First in

method by all except 7. A compliment on their forthcoming wedding to Roger Ball (Marchington) and Carol Bilsborough

(Giggleswick).

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts, St. Wilfrid. Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (13½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(42 extents).

*1 David L. W. Tomlinson

†2 Frederick G. Hooper (Conductor)

3 Stephen J. F. Mitchell

Derick E. Kirton Martin F. Mitchell

† 6 F. William Midwinter *First peal. †100th peal together, ‡300th For Harvest Thanksgiving.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

WALSALL, Staffs, St. Matthew.
Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (26 cwt.)
5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Composed by W. H. Barber.
1 A. Elizabeth Stevens

2 Richard J. Warrilow *3 Ruth A. E. Fairbrother

*4 Jennifer M. Beech *5 Roland T. Wakefield 6 Reginald H. Newton

*7 Edward R. Fairbrother

8 Frank Beech †9 Ian Friend

10 Neville R. Holland 11 Richard C. Stevens

12 Ernest F. Willcox (Conductor)
*First on 12. †Rung Plain Bob from Minor

to Maximus. First on 12 as conductor.

SUFFOLK GUILD

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary

the Virgin.

Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (8 cwt.)

5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (12 methods: 576 Ashtead, Bristol and Lincoln-shire; 384 Cambridge, Cray, Lindum, Lon-don, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge Yorkshire; with 133 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

1 Ernest G. Pearce 2 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

*3 J. Martin Thorley

4 Dennis Knox

*5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe
6 Cecil W. Pipe
*7 Michael J. Howes
8 Leslie G. Brett
*Most Surprise Major methods to a peal. Most Surprise Major methods by a resident guild band.

Handbells

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

CONGRESBURY, Som., Stonewell Lane. Thurs., Sept. 24, 1970, 1hr. 40min. (14 in D.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*1-2 Peter J. England 3-4 Margaret Chapman

5-6 Tom Chapman (Conductor)

*First in hand

CONGRESBURY, Som., Stonewell Lane. Mon., Sept. 21, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (14 in D.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Tom Chapman. 1-2 Jennifer M. Taylor

3-4 Margaret Chapman 5-6 James R. Taylor

7-8 Tom Chapman (Conductor) To celebrate the coming-of-age of Peter J. England.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MALMESBURY, Wilts, Lady Chapel of the Abbey.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (15 in C.) 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (six 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (six methods: 1920 Plain Bob, 1440 Double Bob, 576 Rev. Bob, 576 Little Bob, 288 Wellington L.C., 216 Gainsborough L.B., with 299

changes of method).

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten.

1-2 Martyn Hawkes 3-4 Valerie Willard

5-6 Hugh N. Evans 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive. Mon., Sept. 21, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (15 in C.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 Version).

Composed by John R. Mayne,

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor) 5-6 Roger Baldwin *7-8 Julia A. Fellows

†9-10 Martyn L. J. Jordan

*First of London Royal. †First of London Royal on handbells.

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Wed., Sept. 23, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (15 in C. 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. Severn. *1-2 John R. Southey

3-4 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

5-6 John R. Mayne †7-8 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)

*First of Treble Bob in hand, †600th peal,

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road. Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (15 in C.) 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by John Reeves.

1-2 J. David Atkinson 3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

*5-6 John M. Jelley *7-8 Alfred Ballard

9-10 Gerald Moorhouse

*First of Oxford T.B. Royal on handbells. First of Oxford T.B. Royal on handbells for the Guild,

HINCKLEY, Leics, 128 Leicester Road. Wed., Sept. 9, 1970, 1hr. 45min. (15 in C.) 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (42 extents,

*1-2 Robert B. Smith

3-4 Alfred Ballard (Conductor)

5-6 John Vernon

*First Stedman Doubles on handbells, completing Stedman from Doubles to Cinques on tower bells and handbells.

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road. Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 21min. (15 in C.)

5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Albert J. Pitman *1-2 David F. Мооге

3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

5-6 John M. Jelley *7-8 John W. Bramley

*First of York on handbells.

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road.

Tues., Sept. 22, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (15 in C.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE **MAXIMUS**

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

*1-2 Rupert A. Clarke 3-4 Robert B. Smith

5-6 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)

7-8 Alfred Ballard 9-10 John M. Jelley

11-12 David F. Moore *First of Surprise Maximus on handbells.

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Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 12min. (11 in G.)
5112 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (seven methods: 1664 Double Bob, 1616 Plain Bob, 752 Rev. Bob, 252 Wellington L.C., 252 Gainsborough L.B., 184 Crayford L.C.; with 311 changes of method).

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten.

*1-2 Martyn Hawkes
3-4 Valerie Willard
5-6 Hugh N. Evans
7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

*First in seven methods in hand,

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WAKEFIELD, Yorks, 5 Copley Lane, Robin Hood.

Sun., Sept. 27, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (17 in A.) 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by R. B. Smith. 1-2 Stella M. Brown

3-4 Ian North 5-6 Patricia North

7-8 Margaret White

9-10 Robin Brown (Conductor)

First on ten as conductor.

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CLAVERLEY, Salop, All Saints.

Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 3hr. 13 min. (15 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.
A. Patrick Cannon

7 George E. Thoday 8 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

NORTHOP, Flintshire, SS. Eurgain & Peter. Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (113 cwt.) 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by H. Law James.

7 J. Alan Ainsworth (Conductor)

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE

YOUTHS

ECCLESTON, Cheshire, St. Mary the

Blessed Virgin. ., Aug. 29, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (26\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

LLANDIDLOES, Montgomery, St. Idloes.

Sun., Aug. 30, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (9 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

8 J. Alan Ainsworth (Conductor)

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffs, St. Giles.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (16½ cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
(No. 3 version.)
Composed by Peter Border.

Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)

2 Wilfred Williams

4 J. Alan Ainsworth

5 David E. Rothera 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh

3 Peter Border

Peter Border

3 John S. Mason

Tudor P. Edwards

4 George E. Thoday

5 A. Patrick Cannon

8 Ralph G. Edwards

1 John S. Mason 2 Tudor P. Edwards

3 Rev. Giles C. Galley 4 David E. Rothera 5 George E. Thoday 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh

J. Alan Ainsworth

Wilfred Williams

3 Kenneth J. Hesketh 4 Robert E. J. Dennis 5 David E. Rothera 6 Tudor P. Edwards

7 Ralph G. Edwards

A. Patrick Cannon

3 Rev. Giles C. Galley 4 Robert E. J. Dennis 5 David E. Rothera

George E. Thoday John S. Mason

Kenneth J. Hesketh

J. Alan Ainsworth

2 Peter Border

8 Peter Border (Conductor)

6 Rev. Giles C. Galley

WILFRED WILLIAMS' BORDER TOUR

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SHREWSBURY, Salop, Collegiate Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (19½ cwt.) 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(No. 3 version.) Composed by Peter Border.

1 Wilfred Williams 2 Tudor P. Edwards

3 Robert E. J. Dennis 4 Kenneth J. Hesketh 5 David E. Rothera

6 George E. Thoday 7 John S. Mason

8 R. Kingsley Mason 9 Ralph G. Edwards 10 Peter Border (Conductor)

MARKET DRAYTON, Salop, St. Mary. Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (17½ cwt.) 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin. A. Patrick Cannon

2 Donald G. Clift 3 Robert E. J. Dennis 4 George E. Thoday 5 Rev. Giles C. Galley

6 R. Kingsley Mason 7 Tudor P. Edwards

8 Peter Border (Conductor)

BROUGHTON, Staffs, St. Peter. Sun., Aug. 23, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (15½ cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Norman Smith. Norah M. Randles

2 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)3 George E. Thoday

4 Basil Jones

5 George H. Randles6 John S. Mason7 Robert E. J. Dennis

8 Ralph G. Edwards

CHURCH STRETTON, Salop, St. Lawrence.

Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (11 cwt.) 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Peter Border

2 Robert E. J. Dennis 3 Kenneth J. Hesketh 4 Tudor P. Edwards 5 David E. Rothera

6 John S. Mason

*7 R. Kingsley Mason 8 George E. Thoday (Conductor)

*50th of London S. Major.

COALBROOKDALE, Salop, Holy Trinity. Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (19 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL (2 methods: 2520 Cambridge and London, 40 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

1 Wilfred Williams
2 Tudor P. Edwards
3 George E. Thoday
4 Robert E. J. Dennis
5 Kenneth J. Hesketh 6 David E. Rothera 7 Rev. Giles C. Galley

8 Ralph G. Edwards 9 R. Kingsley Mason

10 Peter Border (Conductor) In memoriam Selwyn Sanders.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

GRESFORD, Denbighshire, All Saints. Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (24 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

Peter Border

2 John S. Mason
3 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
4 David E. Rothera

5 George H. Randles 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh 7 Tudor P. Edwards 8 A. Patrick Cannon

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

WREXHAM, Denbighshire, St. Giles.

Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (24 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by Peter Border.

Peter Border (Conductor)

2 John S. Mason 3 Robert E. J. Dennis 4 Rev. Giles C. Galley 5 David E. Rothera 6 George E. Thoday 7 A. Patrick Cannon

8 Kenneth J. Hesketh

9 R. Kingsley Mason 10 Wilfred Williams

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION CLIVE, Salop, All Saints.

Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (25 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, Bourne, York, Norwich, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge).

1 Wilfred Williams

2 J. Alan Ainsworth 3 Robert E. J. Dennis

4 Peter Border

5 George E. Thoday (Conductor) 6 R. Kingsley Mason

SHREWSBURY, Salop, St. Chad.

Thur., Aug. 27, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (39½ cwt.)

5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Wilfred Williams (Conductor)

2 Tudor P. Edwards 3 Robert E. J. Dennis

4 Kenneth J. Hesketh 5 Rev. Giles C. Galley 6 David E. Rothera

7 John S. Mason 8 Ralph G. Edwards

9 George E. Thoday

10 R. Kingsley Mason 11 J. Alan Ainsworth

12 Peter Border

SHIFNAL, Salop, St. Andrew.

Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (183 cwt.)

5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. George E. Thoday Arthur V. Pearson

3 Rev. Giles C. Galley 4 Peter Border (Conductor)

5 John S. Mason

6 J. Alan Ainsworth 7 A. Patrick Cannon

8 Ralph G. Edwards

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BARRIE DOVE'S TOUR Diary of a Peal Week

Friday. — Discovered that several of the tourists, including one of the organisers, would be unable to participate. Battle headquarters established at The Flat and supply lines via Whitelock's and the Nag's Head.

Saturday. — First attempt of the week—London Major at Brighouse—traditionally fired out amid hangovers and muttering. Reached Halifax after an unconducted tour of the West Riding, although because of depleted numbers we could only man the light eight. Result—a good peal of 9-spliced.

Sunday.—Lie in. Feeling much more relaxed, and, augmented by a couple of our worthy part-timers, we managed Cambridge Royal at Pontefract (St. Giles), where the treble ringer heard his bell for the first time while ringing down. Evensong ringing at Leeds Parish Church, followed by customary entertainment.

Monday. — Wortley deterred those who remembered a fiasco here the previous year and, rather like football vandals, we left certain shoes and shirts outside the ringing chamber. A good peal of Rutland was scored, however, despite much sweating and groaning on the back end. Over to Bolsterstone to wrestle with the clock hammers. Watford was achieved here, while litt!e woolly finger-pads showered the floor; this was to become a popular feature.

Tuesday. — Pontefract All Saints is an ingenious blend of the old tower and a small new church set within the charred but impressive ruins of the original building. Local legend tells of fairies in the ringing chamber and it may have been these who disrupted our Ashtead in parts. But a steady peal was secured on the very pleasant eight.

Sherburn-in-Elmet was only an emergency tower and is not an easy option for a peal at the best of times. Our band, unrested from the beginning of the week. rang Bristol and collapsed – fortunately after it was safely concluded.

Wednesday.—After an hour of fine Ealing at Idle, Bradford, the newly-inducted vicar asked us to stand as a result of complaints. Having run the gauntlet of one formidable lady ourselves, we appreciated his feelings if not his policy. In the afternoon Oxenhope was again a stop-gap tower, with broken stays and decaying ropes giving one member a bad case of Bellhangers' Droop. Lighting problems complicated matters and Zebedee was shaky enough to justify calling round at the quarter. Our smallest ringer performed from a pile of boxes and hassocks as tall as himself, giving rise to speculation on the direction of his eventual fall.

Thursday. — Disaster Day. By this time we were down to a bare eight ringers, with no possible rep!acements, and the discovery that our mini-ringer had gone ill meant that we had to cancel attempts at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, and Bishop Auckland, probably the two best towers of the week. Ron arranged a ring at Chapel Allerton for us at short notice and, having picked a Surprise Minor method out with a pin, a well-struck peal of Northumberland was rung. Evening handbell ringing proved popular with the neighbours.

Friday. — Cambridge Royal at Marsden was reduced to a quarter—of course, once the decision had been taken the ringing miraculously improved! We were chagrined to hear the opposition peal tour doing better there in the afternoon, with local

LETTER ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,-I have noted with interest the recent correspondence regarding composi-tions (rather the lack of) of "Original" tions (rather the lack of) of Minor. One very elementary aspect of the principle seems so far to have been overlooked by Minor ringers, which makes the process of obtaining a composition of Original for any number of bells quite a simple matter. The plan which can be used is a direct parallel with that used by Robert Roan in the 17th century to obtain an extent of Plain Bob Minor from Reverse Grandsire Doubles. In the case of Original, the method which bears such a relationship is simply Plain Bob itself (and thus Reverse Grandsire on working backwards). All that needs to be done is simply to calls bobs in Original Minor at the same interval as bobs are called in Plain Bob Triples (the unit in each case being the lead for Plain Bob and two changes for

For example, the simple touch of bobs Wrong and Home repeated (Wrong here I call tenor 5-6 up) for Bob Triples produces, when transposed, the following touch of Original:—

	123456 214365	
-	241356 423165	4ths
	432615 346251	
	364521 635412	
	653142 561324	
	516234 152643	
	125634	Lead

Repeated.

Now a touch "Wrong and Middle" (five courses) for Bob Triples produces a plain course of Single Court. An extent of Original (Single Court) when transposed to Bob Triples produced an extent of Bob Triples. Such an extent is given in Rope-

people who for once enjoy hearing their bells. At this tower gates have to be shut to keep sheep out—a coincidence, since we had a shepherd ringing with us. He seemed to be a jinx, but perhaps he just had a baa-d influence on us. A fine peal of 17spliced was then scored at Saddleworth.

Saturday.—Break-up day, in every sense of the word. A clapper broke at Leeds after two-and-a-half hours of the ill-fated Zebedee (who wanted a Z for their alphabets?) and the ringing itself broke up at St. Francis', Holbeck—possibly the effect of not being able to stand out of an occasional attempt and sleeping on the floor for a week.

Standards in general seemed to be rather higher than last year and the ringing consistently better. Although we lost more peals this time there was a greater effect of tiredness and mechanical failure than before and the choice of towers was reduced by three tours picking the same area within two weeks. So advance warning—Dorset has been chosen for next year's invasion!

BISHOP BELL.

sight (page 90) by Annable and is simply the standard calling of Single Court Minor adapted to Bob Triples.

As can be seen, calling by the treble can be directly transposed to calling by the seventh in Bob Triples by the following

Original (Treble)	Bob Triples	(7th)
Lead	Home	
Out	Wrong (5-6	up)
In	Middle (5-6	down)
4ths	4ths	
Home	In	
Wrong	Out	

I shall conclude by giving two examples of extents of Original transposed from Bob Triples. Several peals of Triples are to be found in Ropesight and in many reports from the last century and the early years of this one.

	Hubbard) M H	720 Original Out In Lea		
=	3 3			3
5x repeated. SS Home halfway and end.		5x repeated. SS Lead halfway and end.		
W	м н	Out	In	Lead
In Out 4ths	— 3 — 3 3 3		d. —	3333
4 x re	neated.	4 x r	epeate	d

I hope this brief analysis of the two "methods" is sufficient to enable more peals to be rung of Original, if not of Bob Triples! There can now be no valid reason for including pure "Single Court" in a peal of Original.—Yours faithfully,

Heslington, Yorks. DEREK J. JONES.

THE INVENTION OF BELLS

We are told that the inventor of the improved gallows—"the new drop," as it was called—was the first to be hanged upon it; that the builder of the first Eddystone lighthouse was the first to lose his life there; that the inventor of the guillotine in France was said to be the first to be executed upon it—although the latter, like many traditions, is fictitious—and many other cases of similar fates of disaster attending inventors of one kind or another.

The same fate, tradition tells us, attended the inventor of bells, who is said to have been a monk in the monastery of St. Gall, Switerland, whose name is stated to have been Tancho. Having produced his first bell, its sound was so sweet and solemn that it was at once adopted as an indispensable portion of the ornament of church and chapel and, soon after, of religious services themselves. Charlemagne hearing it and perhaps believing that an increased value in metal would produce a richer tone, sent him a sufficient quantity of silver to form a second bell. The monk, tempted by the facility of turning the treasure to his own use, brought forward another specimen of his skill, but of mixed and inferior metal. At the first swing of the clapper, and before the just but severe Emperor was aware of the fraud, it broke the head of the dishonest founder, who had apparently gone too near to witness the action of the tongue. bell was thenceforth looked upon with veneration, as the discoverer of the unjust manufacturer.—Northampton Branch News-

Het Willeluiden or Dutch Change Ringing



The illustrations show the ringers after the first 120 on handbells and chiming in the Grote Kerk (note the massive

timbers).



English ringers tend to regard Europe as a cultural desert of campanology. Any ringer going abroad for work or holiday thinks that it will be a farewell to ringing for a time. There are plenty of bells. The Dutch and Belgians play tunes on carillons, the French and Germans have big bells and clash them like "the artillery of God," and the Swiss have a room of antique bells in the Zurich Museum. Many places have something of interest, but change ringing stops at the English Channel.

Recently this gloomy picture has been changed and a group of Netherlanders have been studying change ringing in the town of Dordrecht, not far from Rotterdam. Dordrecht is a charming old town busily and rapidly modernising itself, but retaining many delightful sights and a notable church, the Grote Kerk. It is an interesting town to live and work in, but it lies off the main tourist tracks and is not often visited by English people.

To the English viewpoint, the arrangement in Holland is peculiar and interesting. I am not sure that I have all the facts correct, as the language barrier gets a bit tricky with these technicalities, and I have to simplify a rather complex situation, which is quite different from that in England. As a rule the church has little or no jurisdiction over the tower. In Napoleonic times the towers were taken over as lookout posts and placed under the civic authorities, who usually retain control even to this The church may have the right to ring one or two bells for services, but that is about all. The municipal authorities, working through a small carillon committee. are responsible for the tower, bells and clock; they pay for any repairs and upkeep and appoint the "beiaardier."

This gentleman is a salaried official and although he may have other sidelines it can be a full-time profession, especially if he has the care of two or three towers. He has studied for a period of years at one of the carillon colleges and besides being a first-class musician he is able to do all normal repairs and upkeep to a complicated instrument, and is a mine of information about the history, technique and all aspects of the carillon art. He has to arrange much of his own music, especially if topical tunes are to be played. He plays the carillon for festivals sacred and secular, and at certain

times each week, often on Saturday afternoons during the market. In the summer
he organises evening concerts when other
"beiaardiers" come and play for an hour.
Booklets are issued, giving details of visitors
and their programme; a map of the surrounding district shows "recommended listening places," and evening strollers listen
critically. Programmes are chosen with
widesoread interest and it can be suddenly
affecting to an English exile when "Greensleeves" or "The Londonderry Air" burst
out in a mixture of folk songs.

The Dordrecht beiaardier, Jaap van der Ende, had become interested in the English ideas and wanted to know more about them. Apparently in the college curriculum the students are told something like this: "The English Istrange people] do not ring tunes on their bells but ring them in mathematical sequences and each bell needs one man to ring it." As the Dutch carillons often have 48 bells, this conjures up a picture of 48 men marching up the tower!

Bellringing is an unknown activity to the average Englishman and the difficulties of finding out anything about the English method in Holland were great. However, in 1969 a group of Dutch people met together to study campanology. They started without any outside help, using at first a collection of metal bars rather like the separate bits of a xylophone. People came, people went, but it settled down to a regular six or eight. As this was a civic activity, they met in the Town Hall (Stadskantoor), and coffee was supplied.

Ropes were fitted to eight bells of the Grote Kerk carillon so that they could be chimed, and at Christmas. 1969, the first course of Grandsire Triples was chimed out over Dordrecht. Was it perhaps the first in Europe?

Early in 1970 a set of handbells was bought and progress speeded up. By the way, the Dutch firm of Petit and Fritsen supplied them within three weeks of the order. Part of the "Elementary Handbook" was translated into Dutch and duplicated as "Elementaire Beginselen van het Wisselluiden" and bobs and singles were studied.

An historic evening was May 20, 1970, when 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung on handbells, which could possibly be the first by a non-English-speaking team in ringing history! Details are: 1 A. C. de Landtsheer, 2 Anneke Dicke, 3 Micke Jansen, 4 A. Dekker, 5 J. van der Ende (conductor), 6 K. J. Krouwel. (First 120 by everyone!)

On Saturday afternoon, May 23, the same team (1 and 3 changing places) went to the Grote Kerk and a very creditable 120 Grandsire Doubles sounded over Dordrecht.

The summer concerts started on June 4 with an English evening, when works by Handel, John Bull, William Byrd and Jeremiah Clarke were performed. The public were invited to the ringing room and a short explanation of change ringing was given with a demonstration by the Dordtse Wisselluiders. The local newspaper gave a full report of the evening, with pictures and comments.

If any ringers visit Dordrecht, an interesting evening can be enjoyed:—

Weekly practices at Stadskantoor, Wednesday at 8,30 p.m.

Chiming on the Grote Kerk bells on certain Saturdays after the carillon playing, usually 3 to 3.30 p.m.

Contact (Holland) for latest information is Mijnheer Jaap van de Ende, Tol 6, Schoonhoven, Z.H.

Schoonhoven carillon has also had eight bells adapted for chiming and it is hoped to start a study group here.

Tentative plans are being made for a visit to England to learn how to handle tower bells, and watch changeringing. To add verisimilitude to the chimes of Dordrecht and Schoonhoven, old sallies are desired to splice into the ropes; they would be a most acceptable gift.

It will be interesting to see how this group develops from this promising start. Does anyone know of any similar non-tenelish group studying change ringing? Is it the first in Europe?

Further information can be obtained from H. P. Thompson, 3 Hallgarth Terrace, Lanchester, Durham, who works in Dordrecht at various times.

True Harmonic Tuning

AN INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE ARTICLE BY C. D.

FOLLOWING the article (February 20th) on the advent of accurate bell tuning in this country in the 1890's, for which the Taylor foundry and Canon Simpson can justly claim joint credit, I hope that the following review of true harmonic tuning in England will help to complete the picture. Based as it is on only seven years or so of looking, listening and note-taking in belfries confined largely to the southern part of the British Isles, I am afraid that it cannot hope to be a complete survey; and I very much welcome any details of omissions which kind readers care to send to The Ringing World.

I am assuming that readers know about the "true harmonic" or "five tone" principle and how it differs from "old style" tuning; the subject is explained in Mr. Frederick Sharpe's The Church Bells of Herefordshire and elsewhere. In no way do I wish to decry old style tuning but I must confine this review to founders who produced true harmonic bells (either by design or by accident!) and certain bells which have become

true harmonic by retuning.

The obvious starting point for this review is 1896, the year in which Taylors of Loughborough installed the first ever true harmonically tuned rings of bells in British belfries—the very first is said to be at Norton, Derbyshire (8, 15½ cwt.). I have come across several Taylor bells of 1896, and even one or two of 1895 which could be classed as transitional, a good example being at Ewerby. Lincs, where only two out of the six bells added to make ten are really true harmonic. The year 1897 saw the casting of the glorious octave $(25\frac{1}{4})$ cwt.) at Heavitree, Exeter, which a great many ringers must know and admire, but this of course is only one of many excellent Taylor rings of the late 1890s. With their bellhanging perfected in, I think, 1895 and their tuning quite suddenly perfected in 1896 (with none of the teething troubles experienced by Gillett and Johnston and others) there was to be no looking backwards at Loughborough. Only recently has the tenet "old style bells are for old style foundries" been relaxed in the case of certain recastings and augmentations. One point leaves me curious: from time to time one finds an almost perfectly tuned Taylor bell cast long before 1896 (and not retuned since): for example, Leafield, Oxon, tenor (1874) — how was it that the foundry did not "tumble to it" sooner? This is not to say that some of their old style rings are not fine in their own right (St. Paul's Cathedral. Cambridge Roman Catholic Church, etc.), but it seems from such rings as Winshill, Staffs (6, 17 cwt., 1868, retuned since), and the tenor at Bridgwater (also 1868) that their bells were nearer to true harmonic in the 1860s than later on.

ALMOST EXCLUSIVE

Apart from its last few years, the 19th was a century of almost exclusively old style tuning, of short and sometimes exceedingly thick bells, of Thomas Mears II and Lord Grimthorpe. Some grand rings and individual bells resulted and, although I for one would cheerfully consign Big Ben to the melting pot, I have a sneaking admiration for the great tough Warner quarter-chime bells. appallingly out of tune as they are.

The relatively little known founder who might have altered all this, had he not got into financial difficulties and been taken over by Thomas Mears II (who was doing famously and doubtless had no time for

new ideas) was William Dobson, of Downham Market. True harmonic tenors seem to have been his forte: Camberwell. Lon-don, 1823; Sturminster Newton, Dorset, 1827 (5th, not tenor—the latter is an older bell and is mentioned below); Southoe, Hunts, and Corfe Castle, Dorset (both 1828), but the quality and tuning of his ring of eight (19½ cwt., 1821) at Poole. Dorset, and his ring of five at Rippingale, Lincs (13 cwt., 1830, augmented and re-tuned by Taylors in 1935), make it very clear that he knew and understood what true harmonic tuning was about. That he could also achieve it is remarkable: that he could not do so invariably is not surprising when one considers that he had no tuning lathe. Sadly William Dobson's efforts lead no further and his worth is now almost unrecognised: not only this, but his only ring of 12 (Pier Head, Liverpool) has been destroyed, and Poole, possibly his finest surviving ring (I have heard Diss but not Wisbech, yet) has been all but wrecked for ringing purposes by the shunting around that went on when the bells were augmented to ten in 1937, and (to remedy the rope circle) the moving of the ringing room downstairs, where there is a low ceiling and the bells are almost inaudible.

SCHIZOPHRENIC FOUNDER

John Briant, of Hertford, seems to have been something of a schizophrenic founder; on the one hand he could produce "broken glass" rings like Wolverton, Bucks (6, 12 cwt., 1820) and on the other such glories (retuned in both cases) as Adderbury, Oxon, (6/8, 20 cwt., 1789) and Hatfield. Herts (7/10, 23½ cwt., 1786), though as it is some time since I heard either of these I may have overestimated them from a true harmonic point of view! A remarkably good ring of Briant's in its original condition is at Swaffham Prior, Cambs (6, 10 cwt., 1791), and a perfect individual bell is the fourth (1816) at Little Munden. Herts.

Throughout the 18th century the Rudhall foundry at Gloucester was very much to the fore, although I cannot help feeling that the quantity of Rudhall bells sometimes exceeded their quality and that the foundry tends to be overrated nowadays. That at least two of the Rudhalls cast many fine rings is beyond doubt and occasionally a bell with almost perfectly true harmonics turns up (the fourth at Whitminster (Abraham II, 1722) and the second at Chipping Campden (Abel, 1737) for example). While such were perhaps "accidents," rings such as at Chipping Sodburv (5/6, 16 cwt., Abel, 1753). Wilmslow (6, 13½ cwt., Abraham II, 1733) and Burton-upon-Trent, St. Modwen's (8, 19 cwt., Abraham II again, 1726), retuned or otherwise, suggest that there may have been a conscious striving after true harmonics. However, famous rings such as at Painswick (10/12, 25¾ cwt., Abraham II, 1731) and Ledbury are unequivocally old style.

Rings cast by the Evans foundry at Chepstow, though far less numerous, often compare very favourably with the Rudhall enuivalent—Winterbourne, Glos (6, 20 cwt., 1757) and the back eight at Leominster (22\frac{3}{4} cwt., 1755)—but, while Evans bells lack the more aggressive old style characteristics they certainly are old style. A notable exception is the 10th ("Oldham," 331 cwt., 1729) at Exeter Cathedral, as retuned by Taylors in 1902. Whitechapel bells of the 18th century are almost in-

variably old style; Thomas Lester occasionally produced an exception (Little Glemham, Suffolk, tenor) though there is no evidence to suggest that he knew what he had got once he had got it!

A contemporary of Lester's was Thomas Bilbie I, of Chewstoke; on the whole a more sympathetic founder than his competent but very much old style son, Thomas Bilbie II. Yeovil tenor (40\frac{3}{4} cwt., 1728) is perhaps his masterpiece, though Mears and Stainbank must share the credit for this (they retuned it in 1931). His fourth and tenor at East Pennard (1740), grand as they sound, are very imperfect harmoni-

cally.

Other notable founders of the 18th century were the Eayres of Kettering and St. Neots and their successor, Thomas Osborn (William Dobson's predecessor) but they like the rest, were on the whole striving after effects other than those produced by true harmonics. I dare say that the Bagleys, of Chacombe and elsewhere, deserve mention, but I regret that I am not yet well enough acquainted with their productions to discuss them. Thomas Russell, of Wootton, Beds, deserves to be remembered if only for the tenor at Blunham (I am not referring to the "go"!) and the fifth at Brampton (both 1741).

Since writing the above last March, the Prices' (father and son) letters in The Ringing World and a visit to Gedney, Lincs, have made me realise how much I had underestimated Thomas Osborn, and how much his successor William Dobson must have owed to him. Previously the bells of Osborn's which I had heard had all been like Sleaford (8, 19 cwt., 1796) or Godmanchester (7/8, 19½ cwt., 1794)—that is to say good, but definitely old style. The ring at Gedney (5/6, 14 cwt., 1794), however, is harmonically excellent, at least since retuning and the addition of a treble by Taylors about 1910. It is almost impossible to believe that Godmanchester bells came from the same founder in the same year.

Edward Arnold, of St. Neots and Leicester, is not a founder whom I had previously included in my reckonings but I must now do so on account of perfect true harmonic bells of his at Thurlby and West Deeping. Lincs. More and more I realise how reckless it was to embark on this review before having heard every single bell in the British

Isles!

On the subject of Somerset founders, I ought to add that Thomas Bilbie (I) can safely be regarded as an old style founder apart from his Yeovil tenor, but that two Bridgwater founders (Thomas Bayley and John Kingston) seem to deserve mention on account of near true harmonic bells at Honiton Old Church, Stoke St. Gregory,

The 17th and latter part of the 16th centuries were, on the whole, early for complete rings but produced more individual bells with true, or nearly true, harmonics than either of the two succeeding centuries, Some 17th century bells are pretty rough to look at but this certainly is not true of Hugh Watts II, of Bedford and Leicester, perhaps the pre-eminent founder of the era. Many of his bells have been very ably retuned (mostly at Loughborough) and, indeed, they seem to be especially responsive to such treatment (Long Buckby, Northants 4/5. 15½ cwt., 1624) and Great Barford. Beds (5, 16 cwt., 1636). I have not so far heard as many Watts bells as I should have liked and I have only found one which is harmonically perfect without retuning—the third at Brixworth (1622).

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—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting (Surprise Major), Bishop's Cleeve (8), Wed., Oct. 21, 7.30 p.m. 9858

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"George Ewart Evans, in his 'The Farm and the Village,' mentions the custom in the Blaxhall and Tunstall district, the sexton ringing the bell at 8 a.m. for the start and at 7 p.m. for the finish of gleaning.

"Sometimes the bell was but a hand affair rung by the farmer."

LATE NOTICES
DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Pyworthy, Sat., Oct. 31. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Holsworthy bells (8) in the evening.—R. G. Pearce, Branch Sec. 9884
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

North Cotswold Branch.—Practice meeting at Chipping Campden (8), 6-7.30 p.m., Oct. 24.— L. Dowdeswell, Sec., The Lodge, Maugersbury Park, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. 9883

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Hinckley District. — Meeting, Earl Shilton, Sat., Oct. 24.
Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in
Baptist Chapel. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. W. Sturgess, 9 Church Street, Earl Shilton, by Wednesday previous. Visitors welcome. — J Watkins, Dis. Sec. 9887 9887

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bicester and District Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Sat., Oct. 24, at Islip. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by A.G.M. Ringing at Wood Eaton only after tea. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3 The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7AN, by Wed., Oct. 9882

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Eastern Division.-Practice meeting, Hooe (5), Oct. 24. Bells available 3-4.45 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. I. Smith, 1a Pear Tree Lane, Little Common, Bexhill-on-Sea, by previous Wednesday, please. Money for dinner tickets must be with me by date of meeting.— Christine Baldock, Div. Sec. 9894

Obituary

DR. A. S. PERN

A one-time lay canon of Portsmouth Cathedral, a churchwarden from 1914-1970, Dr. A. S. Pern died on September 14 at Botley, near Southampton, where he had lived all his life. He was 83. During the last war he served in the R.A.M.C. and was in Italy doing hospital work for the Allied

A bellringer for many years, he rang at Curdridge and was a capable "standard methods" ringer, but did not have the time to spare for peal ringing. His father was also a family doctor in Botley, although it is not known if he also had been a bell-

Because there are too few bells in Botley half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Curdridge in gratitude for the life and work of Dr. Pern in the parish of Botley, as follows:-

Curdridge, Hants.—On Sept. 17, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. M. Stevenson I, P. Page 2, Miss B. J. Daysh 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, K. Harrison 5, H. L. Hatfield 6, E. W. Colley (cond.) 7, N. George 8.

DEFEAT AVENGED

Mr. Eric J. Taylor, of Princes Road, Cheltenham, writes: "This is to avenge our defeat when we rang the false peal in 12 methods on September 2." The family have scored 5040 Minor in 12 methods, with young Bernard conducting his first (recognised) peal, which was a 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to father and mother and an au revoir to daughter Hilda, off to Birmingham. Although the family have now separated temporarily, no doubt their exploits will be renewed during holiday seasons.

62 YEARS A BELLRINGER

Mr. Bertram Keeble, for 62 years a bellringer at St. Peter's Church, Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, and for 40 years the clock winder. has just passed his 80th year, and the Bury Free Press depicts Mr. Keeble looking remarkably strong and fit with a rope in his hands. A retired farm worker, he occupies his time looking after the 1,000-years-old church, ringing as often as he can and keeping his mind (and body) occupied.

Bertram lives with his 70-years-old wife, Miriam, and when not at the church he works on his one-acre allotment garden, and we all wish him the health and strength to continue his many jobs. (Details from C. R.)

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Suffolk Guild PRESENTED WITH MASTER'S BADGE

Saturday, September 19, at All Saints, Great Thurlow, was not only a happy but quite historic day for the Suffolk Guild. Mr. R. A. Vestey, already a generous patron towards church and bells, presented the Guild with a master's badge and ribbon of office in a simple but charming dedication

service, conducted by Archdeacon Kenneth Child.

From early afternoon the fine-sounding six were heard over the picturesque village Thurlow, a village not only well cared for but with a distinct air of community spirit. About 70 ringers from all parts of Suffolk and beyond attended the service and handbells were rung from the chancel steps.

After receiving the badge from the donor the archdeacon pronounced a blessing and the guild chairman, John Blythe, presented it to the ringing master, Howard Egglestone.

Mr. Vestey was thanked for his keen interest in the Suffolk Guild and after a splendid tea, prepared by the village ladies. the master not only thanked those responsible for making the occasion possible but said he looked upon the badge as proof that the art was very much alive in the diocese. Of particular pleasure to all was the fact that the silver and enamel work was execu-

that the silver and channel houthend, ted by Peter Sloman from Southend.
Ringing continued until 9 p.m., concluding a very enjoyable day.

St. David's Guild BADGE DESIGN DISCUSSED

The quarterly meeting was held on September 12 at Llandovery (a very pleasant light six). Towers represented were Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Llandeilo. Llandovery, Llanelli, Llandyssul, Pembroke and St. Florence.

Ringing commenced at 2.15 p.m. and continued until the service at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the vicar (Rev. C Thomas), the lesson being read by D. J. Morgan. The organist was Simon Rogers. An excellent tea followed in the Church House, served and prepared by the ladies of the parish, who were thanked on behalf of the Guild by Elizabeth Thomas, of St. Florence.

The vicar presided at the business meeting, at which the four new members from Llandyssul who were present were warmly welcomed. Mr. Williams (Carmarthen) was thanked for all the help he had given training the Llandyssul ringers. It was agreed to hold the 25th anniversary dinner on October 10 and the menu was selected. There was some discussion regarding new

badges and it was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the officers. Seven new members were elected.

Ringing was later resumed until 7.30 p.m. B. M. R.

KICKED THE BUCKET-LITERALLY

A huge bandage around the leg of that well-known ringer Arthur D. Barker has had several of his friends worried. Arthur's eyesight is not what it used to be and when walking out of bright sunshine into a shady spot at his home a week or two ago he failed to see a galvanised bucket which he kicked and which retaliated by flinging its handle up and clouting him on the shin. Hospital treatment, of course, and bruising even to blackness up and down the legbut it hasn't kept Arthur out of things and he turned up as usual to perform his duties as treasurer of his beloved Oxford Guild.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for October 12, 1945

On the question of publishing or not publishing a peal of Minor with a cover bell the leader stated it was customary to publish accounts of any performances sent in as peals and not to attempt to discriminate between them. The duty of the editor was advisory not judicial.

At a meeting held at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, on September 29, it was decided to form a guild of ringers of the diocese with the title of St. David's Diocesan Guild of Bellringers.

A non-conducted peal of Bob Major on handbells at Sittingbourne was John E. Spice's 250th peal.

A peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Old Windsor was the first of Triples as conductor by Wm. Birmingham and the first in the method by Wm. Judd and Ronald Noon.

The Worcestershire and Districts Association annual dinner was revived with a capacity attendance in the only room in Worcester capable of seating 72 people.

During a brief visit of his ship to Japanese waters A. R. Pink, of H.M.S. Duke of York, sent details to the R.W. of a bell in the Roman Catholic Church in Yokohama which was about 12 cwt. and had an inscription Bollee and Sons. Founders, Accordeurs au Mans, France, 1874.

50 YEARS AGO

October 15, 1920

The 500th issue of The Ringing World was quite an event in the Exercise. "May we appeal to our friends who already stand and have stood loyally by us to use their best endeavours to win for us the support of their fellow members of the belfry who do not at present subscribe individually to The Ringing World."—Leader (which is still applicable today.—Ed.)

Herbert Audsley conducted his first peal (Kent Treble Bob Major) from the treble at Crayford, Kent, as did Leonard Mannering (Stedman Triples) at Aylesford, Kent.

A local band at Gorseinon, Glam, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples all ringing their first of Triples, except A. J. Pitman, who conducted.

A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the Newark-on-Trent band to celebrate the revival of "Gofer" ringing, an old time custom and carried on for six Sundays.

A band of eight ladies attempted a peal of Stedman Triples at Clapton which failed after nearly two hours. The ladies were Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Miss Upsher, Mrs. John Thomas, Miss Stella Davis, Miss Gladys Bateman, Miss Evelyn Steel, Miss Edith K. Parker (conductor) and Mrs. W. J. Kemp.

After 17 years' silence the ring at Grundisburgh, Suffolk, was heard again after being restored by Messrs. F. Day and Son, of Eye.

At a Bath and Wells meeting at Westonsuper-Mare one of the members produced a photographic block map showing all the towers in the diocese, which was to be reproduced in the annual report.

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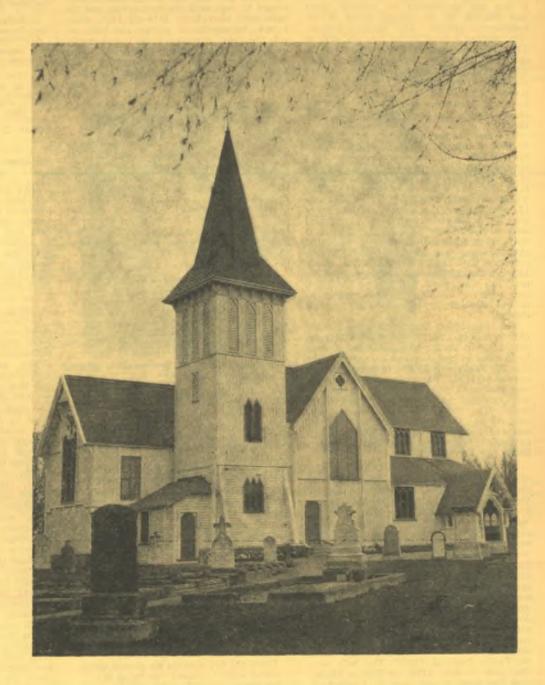
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St. Paul, Papanui, New Zealand

IN CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, there are two rings of bells, and they are nearly the same age: St. Paul's (cast 1880) and the Anglican Cathedral's (cast 1881). In the 1850s the early days of the colony, Papanui was a small village of sawyers about three miles to the north of Christchurch. Its population in 1851 was about 200. The Maoris gave their name to the settlement from the flat boards sawn from the 70 acres of native wood nearby: "papa" means flat and "nui" means a board.

A swamp lay between the village and Christchurch, but the road, which was finished in six years in 1857, was for 20 years nothing better than a cattle track, and it was not uncommon for bullock drays and coaches to be bogged down in the treacherous ground. The village's population reached a peak in the late 50s (692 in 1857 compared to 953 in Christchurch itself), but this ceased when the native wood was exhausted and the sawmills were moved elsewhere. Nevertheless, it was not until the post-World War I years that Papanui began to lose its identity as a village by becoming absorbed into the growing area of Christ-

The first St. Paul's was built about 1852-53, one of the first churches on the Canterbury Plains. It was intended only as a of a nave only. It was intended only as a temporary building, and originally consisted of a nave only. It was very small and, according to a letter in the "Lyttelton Times" in 1862, there was room for only 12 adults after the school children were seated. A chancel, south aisle, porch, and later a north aisle were added, but it is not known when. In those early days the church music was supplied by a violin, a cornet, a flute and an accordion, and about 1860 an harmonium was obtained. By the mid '70's the church had become too small and some of the timbers were rotting, so it was decided in 1876 to build a new church.

The foundation stone of the present church was laid in 1876 by Bishop Harper, who 12 years earlier had performed a similar honour at the Anglican cathedral. new St. Paul's cost £1,856 to build and was opened in 1877. For a time the old church was used as a Sunday School, but later it was removed and became a blacksmith's The debt on the new church was paid off by 1903, and the building was consecrated by Bishop Julius, whose son was to become the next vicar and eventually Dean of Christchurch.

SHIPWRECKED

When a ring of bells was suggested after the new church had been opened, one of the parishioners, Mr. John Matson, promptly ascertained the probable cost and wrote out a cheque on the spot. Warners cast a ring of five at a cost of £285. They were shipped in the Knowlesly Hall, which was wrecked off the coast of South Africa, but the insurance on the bells paid not only for a second ring but also for the installation of gas in the church! This second ring forms the back five of the present ring of six. The old treble is about 3 cwt, and the tenor 63 cwt, in B flat. The total weight of the old bells is about 26 cwt. The inscription on the tenor is: "We Sing the Lord's Song in a Strange Land. St. Paul's, Papanui, 1880." The bells were dedicated in July 1880 by Bishop Harper and first rung by the Rev. E. Lingard, C. Cranston, F. Hudson, J. Sheriff, F. Blackmore, T. Hall. From November until the following August the recently-formed Cathedral Society of Bellringers practised on the Papanui bells until their own bells were ready in September, 1881. The Papanui bells were rung regularly until 1903, but when the wooden tower was built bells had not been thought of, and now the creaking and swaying of the whole structure was most alarming. When the 9 foot cross on the steeple fell down one day the bells were thareafter only chimed until 1912, when the tower had become so unsafe that it was dismantled and the present one, also wooden, was built. It is 12 feet square and 75 feet high. But the whole church continued to sway with the new tower, and the bells were silent from 1914 till 1926, when a new, heavily-braced gantry was built inside the tower, detached from it and deeply embedded into concrete. This proved quite satisfactory and the bells could be rung again. As a matter of interest, a railway line borders one side of the church property, and the passing trains shake the tower almost as much as the bells do, but it is quite safe.

FIRST PEAL

The Papanui ringers never formed themselves into a proper society, and by 1945 ringing had once again ceased and the fittings deteriorated. In April, 1950, the Cathedral Society rang the first peal on the bells to mark the centenary of the Province of Canterbury: 5040 St. Simon, Plain Bob and Grandsire in 2 hours 42 minutes, A. Lancefield conducting from the tenor; but still the bells remained silent for another

In 1964 the Cathedral Society was asked to train a local band and a Papanui Society was formed in May, 1965. In 1967 Mr. R. H. Idle, a ringer for 34 years, resigned as master at the Cathedral and was elected master at Papanui. At this meeting a sixth bell was mooted and a fund opened. Donations were soon forthcoming from parishioners and the local citizenry, and the Cathedral Society gave two generous grants.

To arrive at the correct pitch for the new bell, Taylors sent over a tuning fork: this and the bells were tape-recorded and the results sent back to Loughborough. The new treble was cast in 1969 and weighs 2 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. Its tone is decidedly sweeter than the old chip-tuned bells, but its pitch fits perfectly with the rest of the ring. It was dedicated by the vicar (Archdeacon Williams) and first rung on February 1. 1970, during a special dedication service.

The Society is now strongly established. Last year 176 rings were recorded, and the Sunday service band can now ring Surprise methods. The local high school provides plenty of learners and the light bells are ideal for learning on. On September 5, 1970, the Society rang its first peal, marking the 90th anniversary of the old ring of five: 5040 Plain Bob Minor, conducted by the master, R. H. Idle, the only member of the band who had rung a peal before.

R. J. STEVENS, Deputy Master.

If all be true that I do think. There are five reasons we should drink. Good wine—a friend—or being dry— Or lest we should be by and by-Or any other reason why.

-H. Aldrich.

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Middlesex County Association IN NORTH LONDON

Only six miles from the heart of London, on rising ground, stands the 19th century mediæval style church of St. Michael, Wood Green, with its 10 cwt. ring of six. It was here that the North and East District met on September 19 for their monthly meeting.

Despite a spate of weddings and the normal evensong, the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Sheen) graciously found time to conduct a short service.

The chairman welcomed several visitors, including Mr. A. P. Cannon.

Congratulations were extended to Mr. Alick Cutler, who recently completed his 500th peal for the Association and, at approximately the same time, celebrated his golden wedding, and to Miss Dorothea Robotham and Mr. Brian Watson, for ringing their first peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major respectively.

A map of the county of Middlesex, compiled by Mr. T. G. Hawkins and showing the situation of towers with bells, was brought to the notice of members. This is a most useful acquisition for the ringing chamber (and personal use) and copies sold readily, the income derived therefrom being, at Mr. Hawkins' request, placed in the Bell Restoration Fund.

Ringing continues to take place for midweek services at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Thursday, 1-1.30 p.m.) and St. Botolph,

Bishopsgate (Wednesday, 12.30-1.15 p.m.).
Gloria Simpson (Wood Green) and Celia
Badham (Hackney) were elected as ringing members, whilst the belfry election, prior to peal attempts, of Stephen Darvill as a ringing member and Stanley Jenner as a non-resident member, were ratified.

Thanks were extended by the chairman to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting before a return was made to the belfry, where a variety of methods was rung until 8.30 p.m. Ringing took place in the afternoon at Christ Church, Southgate. under the guidance of Ruth Foreman, who stepped into the breach and undertook the duties of ringing master at short notice.

E. H. K.

AT THE "GRAND ATLANTIC"

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION'S 80th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

"A meeting was held on Saturday, May 31st, 1890, in the Church Schoolroom at Highbridge to consider the suggestion that the work of the Bath and Keynsham United Deaneries Association of Change Ringers be extended beyond the limits of the Rural Deanery of Bath to that of the Diocesan Association." This notice was quoted by Mr. J. H. Gilbert, B.Sc., C.Eng, A.F.R.Ae.S., general secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, when at the Grand Atlantic Hotel, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, on October 10, the 80th anniversary dinner was held. The function was an undoubted success, having been well organised by a committee led by Mr. Gilbert, and about 180 attended from a wide area.

The Rev. H. F. Warren, master of the association, presided, accompanied by Mrs. Warren, and others seated at the principal table were the Bishop of Bath and Wells (Rt. Rev. E. B. Henderson), president, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilbert, Mr. W. F. Scudamore (master, Gloucester and Bristol Association) and Mrs. Scudamore, Mrs. E. Palfrey (president, Ladies' Guild), Rev. R. N. Longridge (president, Salisbury Guild), Miss M. Legg, Mr. J. Brain and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Editor, Ringing World).

Proceeding, Mr. Gilbert said the notice was circulated and as a result the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers came into being, the former Association being seven years old when the change was made. Details of their early meetings and of numbers attending were given by the speaker and some amusing and interesting items were read out. The first officers included the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith of St. Mary's, Bath, as master, and the first quarterly meeting was at Wraxall on October 11.

By 1907 there were over 1,000 members and the association had not looked back since those early days, the membership now being 1,850. Many other details were given and for this 80th anniversary year there had been six peals and 71 quarters, in which 62 towers took part with 42 people conducting.

Mr. Gilbert concluded by reading out the names of those who were at Highbridge on that memorable occasion in 1890, and then asked the company to rise and drink a toast to their memory,

The toast was followed by a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells rung by Mr. J. R. Taylor 1-2, Mrs. Jennie Taylor 3-4, Mr. R. C. Kippin 5-6, Mr. T. Chapman 7-8, Mrs. Margaret Chapman 9-10.

A POLICEMAN'S LOT

The toast to "The Church and Clergy" was drunk on the call of Mr. W. F. Scudamore, who in true police jargon addressed the president and read a dossier of his (the Bishop's) career, as one of a "clergyman extraordinary," trained at Cambridge and ordained in 1934. The speaker then gave many amusing but nevertheless authentic facts of the president's career which eventually proved him to be a "bishop extraordinary."

The ringers were there that evening to demonstrate their loyalty, and giving details of various religious sects who waved banners and called from door to door, the speaker said the Church of England was unique in that it had its church bells. Proceeding, he said that many bells of historic value were being catalogued in the Gloucester Association and suggested the Bath and Wells Diocese should do the same.

Rising to reply amidst sustained applause, the Bishop, who is a gifted and natural orator, treated the assembled company to a feast of wit and humour and with words of wisdom which were at once

appreciated and honoured. He also spoke of the swans on the moat around Wells Cathedral, of the bell which they ring, and of the many happy hours and pleasures he had enjoyed for the past ten years in the Diocese. At the conclusion all felt that the president is verily a bishop extraordinary, and he is obviously greatly beloved by his diocesan bellringers.

THREE IMPORTANT DUTIES

"The Work of Diocesan Ringers' Associations" was proposed by the Editor of The Ringing World, who first thanked the

valuable items to pay the clergy was mentioned by Mr. Denyer, who pointed out that this lead might be followed by other clergy who would consider selling the bells of the church if they were not used. Once these were gone they would never be replaced. He urged his hearers to take this threat seriously.

HANDMAID OF THE EXERCISE

The toast had coupled with it the name of the Rev. R. N. Longridge, who in reply said how important was the ringers' journal—the handmaid of the Exercise. There would be many incumbents, antiquarians, historians and members of the public who would peruse regularly the cover and inside of The Ringing World for the comprehensive details of the parish churches. It was a worthy alternative to Collins' Guide to the Churches, and at one shilling a copy it was an excellent production. He congratulated the Editor on the high standard achieved. Without it how would anyone in Somerset know what was going on in Dorset, he asked, and he offered congratulations to the Bath and Wells Association on their 80th birthday.



The committee who organised the dinner, photographed by the R.W. They are Mr. J. H. Gilbert, Mrs. Barbara Gilbert, Rev. H. F. Warren, Miss Marjorie Legg and Mr. J. Brain.

guild for inviting him to their dinner and for the very warm and friendly welcome he had received. He congratulated them on their 80th birthday and expressed appreciation for the support and encouragement extended to The Ringing World, which he hoped would continue, particularly in the task of increasing the circulation, which would help keep costs down.

Mr. Denyer then spoke on three duties which were, he felt, very important in the work of all associations and guilds:—

(i) To ensure that the church bells were rung regularly for services, and at all times to find and train recruits for that pur-

(ii) That they support the clergy and diocesan authorities in the tremendous task which faced the Church in these days of apathy and disbelief, by regular attendance at the tower and in attending the services as well.

as well.

(iii) To build up as quickly as possible and in devious ways the bell restoration funds These should be large enough to give the association officers the chance to offer £100 or £200 where bells were to be restored. When an offer like that was made it could well influence the incumbent and his P.C.C. in having the work carried out, whilst smaller sums might be brushed aside.

The recent news that Dr. Mervyn Stockwood of Southwark was to sell various

SHORT, NO RELIGION, SOME JOKES

He had been advised by his son, said the speaker, to make his speech "short, no religion and some jokes," which Mr. Longridge proceeded to carry out to the great enjoyment of the company. At the conclusion he expressed thanks to the association for the pleasure all had received that evening.

During the evening the Rev. H. F. Warren introduced the speakers and welcomed the visitors and at the end of the formal proceedings proposed thanks to Mr. Gilbert and the committee for the work of organising the event, and this received acclamation.

Handbells were again rung, three leads of Bristol Surprise Major being well accomplished by Messrs. Taylor, Kippin, Chapman and Mrs. Chapman. There followed a couple of hours of informality in which it was a pleasure to take part, many experiences being exchanged and views expressed on topical (ringing) subjects. Somerset folk—and their ringers in particular—are very friendly and have the gift of making visitors feel welcome. They spare no effort to ensure that everything is done for the pleasure and comfort of their guests.

Norwich Association.

AT HINGHAM Flower festivals, Sunday School outings and holidays took a serious toll on the attendance of the Northern Branch meeting at Hingham on September 5. Despite this the bells were rung to various methods under the leadership of the ringing master (Mr. T. E. Spight).

The service was conducted by the rector (Rev. W. F. A. Stones), the lesson being read by the chairman (Mr. G. Sayer).

It was decided to hold the annual branch meeting at Dereham in December. The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the rector and to Mr. J. R. Elliott.

The secretary found his visit to the Drayton Flower Festival well worth while. Much credit must go to the organisers and flower arrangers for their splendid work.

IN THE NORTH-EAST OF KENT

Ringers from several towers ranging from Cliffe-at-Hoo to Sittingbourne spent Bank Holiday Monday visiting the Thanet area of Kent. Towers visited included St. Laurence - in - Thanet, St. Peter - in - Thanet (where our regular driver once again had a "lesson"), Broadstairs, Herne (where some of the party were treated to a "jar" by the landlady of a local hostelry) and St. Alphege, Seasalter. A short stop was made for liquid refreshment on the way The tour was organised by Laurie Mitchell, and ringing supervised by Chris Osenton.

Salisbury Guild. FOUR NEW MEMBERS

The quarterly meeting of the North Dor-set Branch was held at Yetminster on September 12, with ringing also at Bradford The guild president (Rev. R. N. Longridge) was present, and he and the branch vice-chairman (Rev. R. A. Wells) conducted the service, the chairman (Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore) giving the address. The lesson was read by Mr. T. Bleathman, and handbells were rung by Miss S. Corry, Messrs. T. Bleathman, C. Longridge and M.

New members elected were Mrs. I. Perry and the Misses T. Foster, D. Newman and A. Perry (all of Yetminster). Mr. Woods spoke in appreciation of the work done by Mr. C. Longridge in organising the branch

outing.

Lincoln Guild CLAPPER FELL OUT

A quarterly meeting of Elloe Deaneries Branch was held at Whaplode on September 26. The function was joint with the Ladies' Guild and a brief business meeting was held, attended by about 30 persons. The bells were put to good use until about 7.30. when the fifth clapper fell out! Thanks to the invitation of Mr. T. Charlton, the ringers went over to ring until 9 at neighbouring Moulton.

Hertfordshire County Association VISITOR FROM AUSTRALIA

Walkern was the first tower for Northern District meeting. There was a good attendance, the visitors including one from as far afield as Victoria, Australia. Ringing catered for all tastes, whilst the children found alternative amusement in the ford! Ardeley, in its picturesque setting with the ducks and their ducklings swimming on the pond, was the scene for the second tower. Here ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise before the evening was rounded off in the Jolly Waggoner in the usual manner. M. M. R.

THE ASTON FESTIVAL

The Aston Village Society held a festival of music, flowers and bellringing from September 18-20 at the parish church of St. Mary, Aston, Hertfordshire.

Concerts were held on Friday and Saturday nights, each of which was preceded by 45 minutes' bellringing. The two Sunday services each had prior ringing and took a musical form with an organ recital and singing by the Aston singers, while the church was decorated with flowers.

The ringing, by the local band, was traditional call-changes, for which Aston is well known, and favourable comment on the striking was passed by at least one wellknown Devon call-change ringer. ringers present were L. A. Izzard (captain), F. J. Pallet (conductor), D. Chalkley, A. Gray, D. Scales, H. Harradence, R. Falder, D. Warren, W. Warren, G. Sapsford, P. Jones and G. Partridge. R. F.

IN SOMERSET

The Machen and Bassaleg (Monmouthshire) bellringers set out on September 5 for Bath and Wells. With the sun shining, our first call was at Publow, where all enjoyed the six, which are very mellow. The rector and his wife welcomed the visitors, and all enjoyed coffee and home-made scones on the rectory lawn. At Wells some of the non-ringers looked around the beautiful old town and the Cathedral. At Wookey we were again welcomed by the rector and later by the tower captain and his daughter. After lunch at Wells we were able to watch Morris dancers on the green.

At Midsomer Norton we rang the delightful eight and then on to Radstock, and again were met by the rector. We enjoyed ringing the six and afterwards left for our last ring on the eight bells at Bath (St. Michael with St. Paul). We set off at 8 o'clock and reached home safely. V. A. J.

MRS. EDITH WATTS

Mr. Herbert W. Watts, who has been captain of Stansted, Essex, tower for over 60 years, has been bereaved by the death of his wife, Edith Watts. To her memory, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on September 14 at St. Mary's, Stansted. Although not a ringer, Mrs. Watts took an interest in ringing activities and was a ready helper at teas for ringers' meetings at Stansted.

Obituary

MR. SIDNEY BALL

Ringers of Lewisham District and older members of Surrey will be sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Sidney Ball (captain of Dartford ringers for the past ten years) in Joyce Green Hospital on September 23 He was 64 and suffered a long and painful illness for more than a year. A month ago he seemed to improve, but unfortunately had a relapse and was admitted to hospital for a major operation, from which he did not recover.

He leaves a widow, a son (in Canada) and a daughter, both married. To them all our sincere sympathies are extended in their

bereavement.

Sid (as he was known) learnt to ring at Mitcham in 1922 and moved to Lewisham in 1940. He came to Dartford in 1956 and after two or three years succeeded to the captaincy. He had not rung many peals during his ringing career, his last being at Dartford in 1961, but he was a great ringer and took an interest in service ringing and helping youngsters. Until his illness he was regularly seen at Lewisham District meetings of the Kent County Association.

The funeral took place at Holy Trinity,

Dartford, on October 1, followed by cremation at Eltham. Amongst those present were members of the local band and representatives of the district. R.I.P.

R.G.R.

MR. C. A. THOMPSON

The South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Association has recently lost one of its oldest ringers by the death of Mr. Cecil A. Thompson, who was a member for over 50 years. He was 84 and had rung in 37 peals for the Association.

A regular service and practice night ringer at Redenhall until two years ago, he would cycle the five miles each way to ring. He was always good company and willing to go anywhere to help and to get a ring. He took a keen interest in beginners and was quite happy to join in rounds or callchanges with them.

He will be sadly missed by the Redenhall company and by the Association. A quarter of Bob Triples, half-muffled, was rung to his memory by members of the South Norfolk Branch at Redenhall, which was his favourite tower.

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Editorial

SECURITY

Dear Sir, -- As secretary to the managing director of Yale Locks and Hardware may correct the paragraph on security under

"Belfry Gossip," in the issue of October 9.
Firstly, the phrase "Yale type" is a misuse of the registered trade mark of Eaton Yale and Towne Inc., and no doubt the phrase was intended to describe the standard cylinder rim nightlatch which is produced by many other manufacturers besides Yale.
Secondly, the words "useless for security"

can be taken as defamatory of the goods manufactured by Eaton Yale and Towne Inc. We do in fact produce nightlatches where it is possible to deadlock the bolt against end pressure and the knob against rotation by a reverse turn of the key from the outside of the door.

The company also manufactures a wide range of lock and hardware products, including both cylinder and lever mortice locks and other high security devices. Insurance companies and the police do recommend Yale locks, the type of lock recommended depending on the level of security required. For tower security, especially where entrance to the belfry is from outside the church, they would suggest the Yale M.555 five-lever mortice deadlock and the Yale M.30001 double cylinder security mortice deadlock, the latter being only one of four locks to carry the British Standards Institute Kite-mark as conforming to their Standard 3621 for Thief Resistant Locks.— Yours faithfully,

BERYL E. CAWSER. Lichfield, Staffordshire.

The reason for publishing this letter as an Editorial is obvious. The term "Yale-type lock" is an accepted expression nowadays and we ourselves quoted from our correspondent (wrongly of course!). How-ever, it is gratifying that we have among us someone who can advise us on security for our bells and belfries, and we have invited Mrs. Cawser to contribute a general article on this subject for the benefit of the Exercise.

It is a most important subject and of in-terest to all. The securing of traps and slides between ground floor and bell chamber presents many problems, and we look forward to printing the information on how to overcome such difficulties.

A THESIS

Miss Deborah Power, a ringer from Ugborough, Ivvbridge. Devon, and a student at the West London College, has chosen for her thesis the theme "Church Bell Ringing" and we have been privileged to see a copy.

She has dealt simply and basically with a proportion of this very large subject from a beginner's point of view and has written chapters on the development of the art, the tower and the bell, bell handling, basic principles of change-ringing and the Exercise and its activities today. There are appendices listing the ringing associations, the numbers of rings and a short bibliography. and the whole is well illustrated.

time when Miss Power joins that select band of enthusiasts who devote some of their time and energy and ability to writing for The Ringing World. W. G. W. for The Ringing World.

We hope that we can look forward to the

Belfry Gossip

Mr. Jeans, who did so much work towards obtaining the money for the Somerton (Somerset) bells (Ringing World, page 771) tells us that approximately £128 more is required and he would be grateful for any contributions towards this amount.

An attractive Christmas card on sale at the Bath and Wells Dinner was that of Frome Church, which at 8s. a dozen is very reasonable, and moneys collected go towards the bell restoration fund. Mrs. G. Massey will satisfy all inquiries made to her

at Hurst, Spring Gardens, Frome.

Mrs. Cynthia Kirkham was for 12 years
a ringer at Northwich Church, Cheshire, and secretary until she and her husband went to West Pennard, Somerset, and took over the Apple Tree Inn. All ringers are made most welcome when in the area.

New Method: Ely Delight Minor, and New Conductor: Yvonne A. Towler.

Mr. E. H. Mastin, of Downham Market, Norfolk, sending us a peal and a quarter peal report, rightly says how proud the band are who rang the peal (Bob Doubles) at the first attempt. Two of the band can ring Surprise Major and other methods on five up to ten bells.

By ringing the 3rd to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at East Hagbourne, Berks, on August 24, John H. Napper became the seventh man to circle the tower. Those who know John's strong, silent ways will realise why this fact did not appear as a footnote to the peal-he didn't tell anyone!



JEREMY PIRON

of Bedford, who started to ring at the age of eight, following the rehanging of St. Paul's, Bedford, bells in 1966. In July, 1969, he rang his first peal—the treble to Grandsire Triples at Maulden, Beds, and this year he has rung Cambridge from Minor to Royal in addition to the recent peal of London Major already reported. Although taught by his father, Mr. Stephen Ivin has been, we understand, a major influence and a source of encouragement.
[We look forward to reporting more of

this lad's achievements.—Ed.]

First Peal congratulations to Linda Milligan, Hilary A. Skinner, Simon Reading, Pamela Taylor, Susan Bagguley, Sandra Bladon, Alvin Kellock, Robert Currell, Sheila Holland, Roger Booth, John Richardson, Elizabeth Grigg, Edward Dicken and Nigel Booth.

Personal Records: Peter Hughes (50 peals), Malcolm Loveday (25), Roger Hunt (50), Peter Robertson (50), Marcus Sherwood (175), Gerald Moorhouse (250), George Thoday (750), Stuart Bamforth (25), Paul Reading (50).

"I note with interest the inquiry of Mr. Paul Boucher with regard to a ringing association for the legal profession. replied to the suggestion appearing in The Ringing World last year but have heard nothing further. I wonder what response there was at the time?" writes K. E. Beale, of Taunton. (Perhaps the original instigator of the inquiry will let us know.—Ed.)

"Roger Wetenhall and I met and rang two peals together in October, 1931. We never corresponded (or met) until he wrote in July and said he would like us to meet. He called in August and as a result the peal was arranged for him," writes Mr. J. E. Cawser, of Lichfield, Staffs. The peal was Yorkshire Surprise Major at Claybrooke, Leics.

"The band would like to extend their good wishes to the tower captain, Ken Rider, on his recent recovery from illness," writes Mr. J. Pladdys, sending a peal report from Rotherhithe, S.E., and adds that they would like to associate the peal with the "Mayflower" celebrations at Rotherhithe on July 4, for which a peal was attempted (by an almost identical band) and lost through a broken rope.

Sending a quarter from Silkstone, Yorks, Frances A. Garfield says it was accomplished after considerable expense father's telephone bill! She hopes that Silkstone will be hitting the headlines in future, but the young learners could do with help from experienced ringers.

In a peal at Saffron Walden. Essex, after half a course the rope "tuck" came adrif: and John Ketteringham had three hours' ringing with three feet of rope flying around and pulling on a single end! Quite distracting.

The ring of six at Burrington, Devon, will shortly be heard again after rehanging, as also the six at Mathern, Monmouthshire, the work being carried out by John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough.

We ask all postal subscribers, when they have a change of residence, to supply the old address as well as the new. We also invite them to send us one shilling for cutting a new stencil, as this is the cost of these necessary cards. We often have halfa-dozen changes in a few months from some subscribers-mainly students-and we find it an expensive item.

Comments heard after a recent visit of the Cumberlands to Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire. "Best ringing from visitors for years," "Beautiful to listen to," "That is how bells should be rung.

In his letter referring to Winchester and Portsmouth Guild policy (Ringing World, page 774), Mr. G. Dodd points out that nothing personal was intended against the guild master, the observations being made about the guild policy and not a criticism of any individual.

letters

B.B.C. RADIO BRISTOL

Dear Sir .-- A letter from Fred Scudamore a couple of weeks ago reported the commencement of a new radio station—B.B.C. Radio Bristol, which is to open each Sunday with bell recordings from a selection of towers in and around Bristol.

Several interested Bristol ringers switched on their sets last Sunday to hear an announcement that they were just about to listen to a recording of Bristol Cathedral bells. Then, to everyone's dismay and horror, followed a couple of minutes of rough Doubles on the back five.

A hasty phone call to the B.B.C. revealed that the person in charge of the bell recordings is in fact a Methodist minister who knows nothing at all about ringing. He has been working to a tight budget and has adopted the policy of using recordings from the West of England B.B.C.'s library as far as possible. The Bristol Cathedral recording was made on Easter Day, 1966, when many of the ringers who normally attend were away for the Bank Holiday, and five bells had to be rung instead of the usual touch of Stedman Triples and a course or two of Surprise Major. This recording was taken without the knowledge of the ringers or any of the clergy (as far as I am able to ascertain) I might add!! Seeing that it was an Easter Sunday recording, the B.B.C. thought "Ah, this must be something special," so they dug it out from

the archives and put it on the air.

One principle and one question seems to arise from this incident. Firstly we seem to have taken several steps backwards in allowing the B.B.C. to broadcast something without being vetted by an experienced ringer. However, this has now been put right, as this in fact will be done before any further broadcasts are made. Also, the B.B.C. have promised to scrap the rough five-bell ringing and make a fresh recording of the Bristol Cathedral bells. secondly, the question I would like clarified is-have the B.B.C. any right to make recordings at random without the permission or knowledge of ringers or clergy and broadcast them as they feel inclined? I would be interested to hear the verdict of one of the Central Council Broadcasting Committee.—Yours faithfully,
D. JOHN HUNT.

Bristol.

A MILESTONE AND CELEBRATIONS

Dear Sir,—On Saturday, October 3, a milestone in the history of bellringing at Bolsover Parish Church in Derbyshire was passed when the 250th peal was rung on the bells. Although the method rung (Plain Bob Major) was simple compared with some of the peals rung on these wonderful bells, the important thing is that it was achieved by seven members of the local band plus Mr. A. B. Cooper, for many years the ringing master at Bolsover, who now lives at Hull.

The peal, which was rung during the harvest celebrations, also marked the 25th wedding anniversary of Leonard and Joan Coe and the 21st wedding anniversary of Harold and Joyce Wagstaffe, also the birth of the first grandchild to my wife and myof the first grands, self.—Yours faithfully, DENNIS COOPER

Bolsover, Derbys.

RECORD ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,-I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 11,111 Sted-man Cinques on handbells at The Wayside, 150 Narborough Road South, on Saturday, December 12, 1970, commencing at 9 a.m. Ringing will be conducted by Peter J.

Staniforth. The band will be as follows:—
1-2 David F. Moore
3-4 Robert B. Smith 5-6 Peter J. Staniforth 7-8 Alfred Ballard

9 10 John M. Jelley
11-12 Gerald Moorhouse.
Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Leicester.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED (Continued.)

Dear Sir,-Having completed the third quarter of 1970, it is time to report my observations, which follow a similar pattern as my two previous letters on this topic.

Totals **Donations** published acknowledged. 105 (£30-0-0d.) Peals 769 Handbell Peals 109 Ouarter Peals 1077 721 (£162-6-8d.)

In comparison with the previous quarter. published peals have decreased in their contributions to The Ringing World, whilst published quarter peals again show an increase. The respective figures are 13.654 per cent. and 66.945 per cent.

The total subscribed during the third quarter amounts to £262-0-6d. and is made

up as follows:-

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This shows an increase over the previous quarter but covers 13 issues instead of 12. Contributions from personal donors have increased, whilst those of peals and quarter peals have decreased. Peals account for 11.449 per cent. of this total, quarter peals 61.953 per cent., and personal donors 26.597 per cent.

As in previous letters, I am showing the breakdown taking an average of all peals (both tower and handbell) and quarter peals basing on six alternatively eight bells, with a 6d. contribution from each ringer. 45

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I am pleased to say that whilst compiling this quarter's statistics I have noticed far more 3s. and 4s. contributions, which leads me to believe that more bands are being just that little bit more generous in their We are much closer the 3s. minimum total figure than we have been before. Can we beat it during this final quarter?

The date for increased postal charges has now been confirmed and The Ringing World Committee will need all the financial help that it can get if it is to maintain the quality and price of our weekly ringing journal. Please do all that you can to help. The Ringing World's future is in your hands NOW.—Yours faithfully.

RICHARD J. CANN. Solihull, Warwickshire.

THEY WERE . . .

Dear Sir,—In response to the question "Who were they?" (Ringing World, page 774), I would inform Mr. Glen Clayton that "they" are the people whose names appear in this issue of the R.W. in connection with the peal rung at Samlesbury on September 5. I felt inclined not to reply to a letter couched in such terms, but as the names will be published in the report I feel that I must do so. The tour organiser (Rev. Michael Hart) has sent a separate letter to the vicar, expressing regret that Mr. Clayton had acted without consulting him (the vicar). It is regretted that the ropes were too short for the Samlesbury ringers the next day. Some of them were spliced and others taken up on the wheels by members of my band in the course of normal belfry maintenance. It is always difficult to judge after such repairs just how much higher the ropes are and we assumed that the local ringers would not feel too "put out," especially as it made the condition of the ropes better than before. We do, however, apologise for the inconvenience caused.

The stay on the third was severely cracked before we raised the bells and it did, in fact, fall off whilst the rope was being tried for length. The bell had to be rung without a stay during the peal. Clayton's statement that no note was left is incorrect, although I am prepared to accept that the note (which was fixed to the tower door) might have disappeared before the Samlesbury ringers met next day. We had left the tower to obtain a sheet of paper from one of the cars, and on returning found we were locked out. (Yale lock!) Thus we were unable to leave the note inside the tower, so fixed it to the door.

I would suggest that before letters such as Mr. Clayton's are sent to The Ringing World the "injured" party should make local inquiries first and so prevent inaccurate statements being printed and causing molehills to appear as mountains. —

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL UPHILL.

London, S.W.

ABOVE SEA LEVEL

Dear Sir,-I recently came across a paragraph in a local paper claiming that the bells of Holy Trinity Parish Church at Queensbury, between Bradford and Halifax, are the highest hung in England.

The building was erected in 1843, when the ring of six bells was given by Mr. John Foster, founder of the nearby Black Dyke Mills—home of what is perhaps the most famous brass band in the world.

The item in question gave the ground frame of the church as 1,142 feet above sea level and the bell frame as approximately 1,190 feet.

Does any reader know of the existence of bells in this country hung at a greater height above sea love, bury?—Yours faithfully,

A. H. ROBINSON. height above sea level than those at Queens-

Bradford, Yorks.

THE SAWSTON PEAL

(Ringing World, page 754.) Forty years ago a peal of Bob Doubles was rung for the Ely Diocesan Association at Downham Market, Norfolk, it being one of Bob Doubles by an all-local band. few months later a peal of Bob Minor was rung with the tenor as cover! It was the first peal conducted by E. H. Mastin, and also the first attempt by all the others in the band who were regular Sunday service ringers.-From E. H. Mastin.

Few know how to be idle and innocent. Irish Bell News.

Quarter Peals

QUARTER PEALS

should be submitted written on one side of the paper only and laid out in the form used in the R.W. Please study this carefully before sending YOUR report.

FOR HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Aldbourne, Wilts. - Sept. 27, 1260 Doubles (three methods, 1 and 3 leading): Peta Lloyd 1, C. Barnes 2, Frances Craig 3, T. R. Jones 4, T A. Palmer 5, G. A. Newman 6, A. G. Keen

(cond.) 7, S. Hale 8.

Beckenham, Kent. — Sept. Beckenham, Kent. — Sept. 20, 1264 Bob Major: I. B. McLeish 1, M. K. J. Powell 2, Freda Cannon 3, Angela Cornish (first inside) 4, Christine Shiers 5, Stephen Gay 6, J. Dafters 7, S.

A. Nicholls (first as cond.) 8.

Benhall, Suffolk. - Sept. 27, 1260 Pl. Bob Doubles: J. Peters 1, T. Hughes (cond.) 2, M. Baldry 3, M. Peters 4, R. Peters 5, R. Peck 6 Billingshurst, Sussex.-Sept. 27, 1260 Grand-

sire Triples: Janet Bland (first quarter) 1, Hailes 2, T. Banner 3, H. Wood 4, B. E. Matthews 5, G. C. Rix 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, H. Bland 8.

Blewbury, Berks. — Oct. 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, H. L. Bishop 2, P. E. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, M. Bishop 5, Claude 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, Cecil Corderov Corderov 8.

Brading, I.O.W. — Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: I. Russell 1, Mrs. J. Reed 2, L. Jamieson 3, C. Frye 4, A. Russell 5, T. F. East (cond.) 6, K. Squibb 7, E. Duff 8. Also a birth-day compliment to 7. First on eight for all but

Bradpole, Dorset.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Calvert 1, D. B. Ellery 2, I. Calvert 3, Helen A. Haines 4, R. Haines (cond.) 5, J. L. Glyde 6, M. J. Hiller 7, A. D. Case 8.

Caerleon, Mon. — Oct. 1, 1500 Grandsire Doubles: Stephanie Rollings 1, R. E. G. Wilkinson 2, Mary E. Owen 3, J. Hankin 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, E. Jane Williams 6.

Charlwood, Surrey.—Sept. 27, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Julie Dallison 1, Carol Gosling 2. Mary Dallison 3, K. Dallison 4, Marion Dalli-

son (cond.) 5, P. Skinner 6. Chinnor, Oxon.—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. R. G. Hazell (circled tower) 1, Dawn V. Little 2, E. Harmsworth 3, P. Wilkinson (first Minor inside) 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, F. Keen

Chiseldon, Wilts .- Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles (8 methods): Jackie Purser 1, Ann Toomer (cond.) 2, Margaret Bowman 3, C. D. Wilkins 4, F. G. Cook 5, J. C. Pearce 6. Most methods 1, 4, 5, 6 and as conductor. Also farewell to Margaret Bowman.

Colchester (Shrub End).—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mortimer 1, A. Gibbons 2, D. Cobb 3, A. Wright 4, H. Millatt (cond.) 5, Coulson 6. First in method for all except conductor.

Cosgrove, Northants. - Oct. 4. 1260 Cambridge S. Minor: Judith Kingston (first quarter)

1, E. J. Lambert (first Cambridge) 2, M. Hooton 3, E. R. Lambert 4, A. Haseldine 5, R. Haseldine (cond.) 6.

Dean Prior, Devon .- Oc.t 4, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: H. F. Myers 1, S. C. Pierce 2, A. N. Frost 3, A. W. Myers 4, G. E. Mudge 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6.

Drayton Parslow, Bucks.—Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles: Anne Williamson (first quarter) 1, Pamela Gough 2, Marion Addy 3, P. R. Aslett 4, C. F. Loke (cond.) 5, Hilary Aslett 6. First

in two Doubles by 2, 3 and 5.
Gotham, Notts.—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Doubles R. Plant 1, S. Wood 2, A. F. Bowley 3, M. A. Newell 4, T. H. Kirkman (cond.) 5. Also birthday compliment to the father of the 2nd.

Great Totham, Essex. — Oct. 4, 1260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): D. Knewstub 1, W Mills 2, G. Barber 3, F. Shynn 4, B. Keeble 5,

J. Shynn (cond.) 6. Havant, Hants. — Sept. 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Julia Harvey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Smith 2, L. Duguid 3, H. Milford 4, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, H. Allberry 6, M. Johnson 7, M. Marshall 8. For Evensong; also farewell to Julia Harvey, going to Bristol.

Longbridge Deverill, Wilts. — Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Jane Goodland (first quarter) 1, Heather Jones (first inside) 2. Kathryn Jones 3. Susanne Read (first inside) 4, R. F. Jones (cond.) 5, Ann Baggs 6, Ruth Jones 7, M. Few 8.

Long Sutton, Som .- Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Shire (first quarter) 1, L. Cornish 2, H. E. G. Jeans 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, G. Baldem 5, R. Paull (first quarter) 6.

Maldon, Essex.-Sept. 27, 1280 Bob Major: R. Bennett (first quarter) 1, Capt. N. Denson 2, Christine J. Towler 3, Yvonne A. Towler 4, B. E. Keeble 5, I. V. Foster 6, J. L. Towler 7, P

Malvern Link, Worcs. — Oct. 3, 1440 Bob Major: E. C. Barber 1, E. J. F. Rose 2, I. M. Bellamy 3, Ruth Morris 4, N. F. Bellamy 5, G. C. Bagley (first as cond.) 6, G. W. Edwards 7, G. T. Morris 8.

March, Cambs .- Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: M. Goakes 1, P. H. Langton 2, D. Feek 3, W. Moore 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. Also farewell to Roger High.

Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs. — Sept. 20, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Lucy Smith 1, Margaret L. Ellwood 2, C. W. Bowen 3, C. T. Collins 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5, J. B. Webb 6.

Moreton, Essex.—Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Doubles: Janet Peck (first quarter) 1 D. Morton (first inside) 2, Barbara Shaw 3, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 4. side) 2, Barbara Shaw 3, D. Linstell, 6.
M. Hollis 5, M. Coggins (first quarter) 6.

Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Dorothy M. Huggins 1, Ann Palmer 2, A. Hoar 3, J. Huggins 4, A. Reeves (cond.) 5, J. Hatch 6. Also farewell to Canon J. D. and Mrs. Rudd.

Netherbury, Dorset.—Sept. 30, 1260 Doubles (46 m/v): D. B. Ellery 1, I. Calvert 2, Helen A. Haines 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, R. Haines 5, Jesse Davis 6.

Slough, Bucks.—Sept. 27, 1440 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 720 Cambridge S.): W. Birmingham S. Hare 2, L. Stilwell 3, W. R. Hare 4, W. Gutteridge 5, D. C. Brown (cond.) 6.

South Petherton, Som. — Sept. 27, 1260
Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): G. Holman 1,
T. Marks 2, G. Glyde 3, E. Rice 4, R. C. Beale
(cond.) 5, R. Chedzoy 6.

Stapleford, Cambs. — Sept. 26, 1260 Bob Doubles: A. A. Kellock 1, Lynn V. Bedford 2, Julie Barnes 3, R. I. West (cond.) 4, M. R. Kitson 5, J. Bates 6. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Doubles: Lynn V. Bedford 1, Julie Barnes 2, A. A. Kellock (first inside) 3, M. R. Kitson 4, R. I. West (cond.) 5, J. Bates 6.

Swindon, Wilts (Christ Church).-Sept. 27, 1440 Bob Royal: Ann Wilson (first on ten) 1, Carol New 2, Pauline Wilton 3, Shirley Charity 4, R. Everall 5, L. Cobb 6, M. Sutton 7, P. Minchin 8, E. Sutton 9, W. Daniells 10. First Bob Royal inside for 2 and 5.

Syston, Leics.—Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Isobel Tomlinson 1, Elaine Smith (first in three methods) 2, J. Anne Rickaby (first as cond. in three methods) 3, J. Howard (first in three methods) 4, H. M. Payne 5, M. Finney 6.

Watford, Herts. - Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Ling 1, R. Bell 2, Jill Laud 3, D Laud (cond.) 4, R. Smith 5, A. Mayes 6, G. Seaman 7, S. Laud 8.

Westhoughton, Lancs.-Sept. 27, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Margaret Parker Tallis 2, Kathleen Higginson 3, J. E. Andrews 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, R. Jolley 6, T. W. Smith 7, G. Fothergill (cond.) 8. First Surprise 1, 2, 3. By Sunday service band. Also for installation of Rev. T. Davies as honorary canon of Manchester Cathedral

Whittlesford, Cambs. - Oct. 4, 1260 Roh Doubles: J. York Moore 1, Sheila Hinton 2, R. Currell 3, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 4, Hinton 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. Also for dedication.

Wilburton, Cambs .- Oct. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: E. F. Sharp 1, G. Markwell 2, F. Jackson 3, D. Edgley 4, W. Seekings 5, G. Yarrow (cond.) 6.

Woodeaton, Oxon. - 1260 Doubles: Harris 1, R. D. Bing 2, R. H. Jones (50th on bells, cond.) 3, C. R. Miles 4, L. R. Porter 5.

Abbot's Leigh, Som .- Aug. 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Ramsay (first quarter) 1, F. Broomfield 2, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, B. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6

Aldbourne, Wilts. - Sept. 29, 1260 Doubles (four methods, 1 and 3 leading): Frances Craig 1. Peta Lloyd 2, S. Hale 3, T. R. Jones 4, T. A. Palmer 5, G. A. Newman 6, A. G. Keen (cond.) Barnes 8. For the Feast of St. Michael 7. C. and All Angels.

Aldridge, Staffs.-Sept. 6, 1272 Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: R. Riley 1, Sharon McGonigle 2, Daphne Appleby 3, Cynthia Humphreys 4, J. P. Burton 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. For Matins.

Alfriston, Sussex.-Aug. 31, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wincup (first away from tenor) 1, Ann Sessford 2, Janet Percy (cond.) 3, Susan Percy 4, Betty Percy 5, C. Percy 6. For the

village fayre.

Axbridge, Som.—Sept. 10, 1272 Ipswich S.

Minor: J. Trimm 1, Susan Stott 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, A. Perry 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, C.

Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs. - Sept. 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Applewhite 1, R. Chafer 2, R. Harrison 3, H. Baldwin 4, J. Parker 5, A. Crowder 6, J. Bray (cond.) 7, J. Foreman (first quarter) 8. Half-muffled following the funeral of Edward Fowler, over 50 years a faithful service ringer at the local church.

Benhall, Suffolk. — Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Peters 1, M. Peters 2, T. Hughes 3, M. Baldry (first as cond.) 4, R. Peters 5, A. H. Archer 6. For Evensong.

Biggin Hill, Kent.-Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: Catherine Spicer (first Minor) 1, Penny Kift 2, Julia Collings (cond.) 3, D. J. Stocker 4, Mrs. B. Stocker 5, R. C. Kift 6. For Evensong.

Biggleswade, Beds.-Aug. 5, 1260 Bob Minor: Andrea Webster (first quarter) 1, Sheila Spriggs 2, Susan King 3, Sheila Smith 4, A. S. Smith 5, M. Mander (first as cond.) 6. For the 70th birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Billingshurst, Sussex.-Sept. 25, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: R. M. Cox 1, C. J. Champion 2, Sonia Hailes 3, G. Francis 4, F. H. Hicks 5, C. Rix 6, D. D. Smith (cond.) 7, B. E. Matthews 8. Wedding compliment to Ray and Ruth Banner.

Blunsdon, Wilts.-Sept. 30, 1440 Bob Minor: Anne Ford 1, E. W. Ford (cond.) 2, T. R. Collins 3, Susan Houghton (first Minor) 4, P. Naylor 5, D. I. Herring 6. Birthday compliment to Mr. Jack Vincent.

Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts .- Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): P. S. Gaisford (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Bradshaw (first inside) 2, A. Dyer 3, E. Wicks 4, G. Parson 5, P. Beaven 6, F. Box 7, A. York 8.

Bradpole, Dorset.—Sept. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Calvert 1, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 2, I. L. Andrews 3, Helen A. Haines 4, R. Haines A. D. Case 6.

Bredbury, Cheshire. — Sept. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Hibbert 1-2, S. I. Bamforth

3-4, M. Foulds (cond.) 5-6.

Bredfield, Suffolk.—Sept. 26, 1320 Grandsire
Doubles: J. Peters 1, R. Peters 2, M. Baldry 3,
M. Peters 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6

Bredon's Norton, Worcs. — Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Stallwood 1, R. Hickmott 2, J. Firkins 3, D. Trenfield 4, J. Attwood (cond.) 5, R. Draiper 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Guy Webb, churchwarden.

Caerphilly, Glam.—Sept. 3, 1280 Spliced S. Major (six methods): D. F. Moore 1, R. J. Sharp 2, E. W. Critchley (cond.) 3, E. Winifred Keys 4, A. V. Pearson 5, E. Edmondson 6, N. Donovan 7. P. Mehew 8.

Chiddingfold, Surrey. — Sept. 13, 1280 Bob Major: J. F. Payne 1, Marilyn Reay 2, Judith M. Collins 3, P. Payne 4, M. D. Fuller 5, R. Backhurst 6, A. D. Elsmore (cond.) 7, T. J. Wellen 8. For Patronal Festival; also 21st birthday compliment to Tim Wellen.

Clapton-in-Gordano, Som.—July 25, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Willans 1, Miss H. Kirkpatrick 2, S. Bateman 3, B. Goodliffe 4, G. Nabb (cond.) 5, A. Buswell 6.

Coulsdon, Surrey. -- Sept. 20, 1260 Doubles (four methods): A. Brock 1, D. Hands 2, G. Long 3, D. Little 4, D. Atkins (cond.) 5. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Winchendon Place B. Doubles: Pamela Cadman 1, G. Long 2, D. Atkins (cond.) 3, D. Little 4, A. Brock 5. First in method for

Cradley, Herefords. - Sept. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Lewis 1, I. M. Bellamy 2, N. F. Bellamy 3, J. Bury 4, R. Cooper 5, R. Sayers Half-muffled in memoriam F. E. Bury, (cond.) 6.

father of 4th ringer (ashes interred this day).

Cuckfield, Sussex.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire

Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, J. H. Lilley (cond.) 2,

F. F. Godsmark 3, Miss R. Stevens 4, G. F. C. Ford 5, S. Allen 6, E. Knapp 7, D. Cox 8. Harvest Festival; also welcome to Judith Hilary, daughter of George and Shirley Ford (born September 22); also to mark the 51st year as ringers of 1 and 3.

Cuddesdon, Oxford .- 1260 Bob Doubles: Isobel Nye (first Doubles) 1, K. P. Harris 2, L. R. Porter (cond.) 3, R. H. Jones 4, R. D. Bing 5.

Darley Dale, Derbys.—Sept. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dakin 1, E. Dakin 2, P. Taylor 3, D. Kingman 4, Miss P. Hopkinson 5, G. Paul-

son (cond.) 6, B. Fletcher cover.

1260 Roh (St. Peter). - Sept. 13, Derby Triples: Miss J. H. Whitehead 1, K. Betesta 2, W. Steen 3, C. F. Roadley 4, D. Walklate 5, R. Wallis 6, A. Mould (cond.) 7, Miss H. Bart-Also Sept. lett 8. For morning service. 1260 St. Clements Minor: Miss J. H. Whitehead 1, A. Mould 2, W. Steen 3, R. J. Wallis 4, M. A. Willis 5, D. Walklate (cond.) 6, K. Betesta

cover. For Evensong. Easton-in-Gordano, Som. — Sept. 28, Eastwood S. Minor: Susan Willis 1, E. T. Lee 2 P. J. England 3, P. Bridle 4, M. J. Horseman 5,

Brain (cond.) 6. First by all.

Exhall, Warks .- Sept. 27, 1320 Bob Doubles Rogers 1, D. Norman (first inside) 2, G. S Hall 3, J. Taylor 4, H. Curtis (cond.) 5, G.

27, 1440 Bob Farnborough, Hants. - Sept. Minor: R. H. Mills 1, Heather Peattie (first quarter) 2, H. P. Reed 3, J. R. Perrett 4, S. A. Reed 5, W. J. Couperthwaite (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Farnham, Surrey. - Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire M. Blencowe 1, R. Anne Collins 2, Denise A. Wood 3, Mary Turner 4, Judith M. Collins 5, E. J. Futcher 6, A. D. Elsmore (cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8. For Harvest Festival.

Forton, Staffs. — Sept. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Taylor 1, W. Reynolds (cond.) 2, B. Cotton 3, E. Lane 4, P. Talbot 5, D. Cart-

wright 6.

Frampton, Lincs.-Sept. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: Reynolds 1, L. Burrel 2, D. Fensom 3, Barsley 4, G. Burrell 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6. welcome a son to Rev. Sims and Mrs. Sims.

Gotham, Notts .- Sept. 30, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): R. Plant 1, J. R. A. Yates 2, A. F. Bowley 3, P. C. Selby 4, T. H. Kirkman (cond.) 5. Halfmuffled in memoriam George Draycott, a loval church member and 12 years churchwarden.

Hardwicke, Glos.—Sept. 6, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Jones 1, P. Screen 2, R. Screen 3, Miss J. Page 4, N. Amphlett (cond.) D. Tomlins 6.

Harlow, Essex.—Oct. 2, 1264 Bob Major: E. Elliott 1, E. Willett 2, C. Moore 3, R. Walker 4, D. Langdon 5, L. Whitby 6, E. Rochester 7, S.

Clark (cond.) 8.

Harpenden, Herts.-Sept. 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mary A. Coburn 1, Catherine M. Bew 2, Diana Kingham 3, Gillian Lunn (first inside) 4, A. Day 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6, F. Jacklin 7,

Diana Parrott 8. For Evensong.

Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middx. - Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Bailey (first quarter) Christine Ottaway 2, Maureen Hannay 3, Elisa-Ottaway 4, L. Hannay 5, C. (cond.) 6, A. Martin 7, J. Woolley 8. For Matins.

Helmsley, Yorks. — Sept. 26, 1260 Doubles (four methods): J. Leary 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 3, C. Davis 4, D. Hird 5,

Buckman 6.

Hersham, Surrey.-Sept. 20, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Miss H. Pady (first in method) 1, Miss King 4, C. Colcombe 2, J. Bailey 3, J. (cond.) 5, H. Colcombe 6. A farewell to Miss H. Pady, who is leaving for Norwich. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples: P. Hartt 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, J. King 3, Miss D. Colcombe 4, P. Davis (first in method) 5, E. Rowe 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, H. Colcombe 8. For evening service. Also Oct. 3. 1260 Doubles (five methods): Miss S. Wood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, P. Henry 3, J. Maybrey 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, J. King 6. For flower festival.

Hessle, E. Yorks .- Aug. 16, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: J. C. Hope 1, A. Hessey 2, G. P. Horton 3, R. W. Sherriff 4, R. R. Horton 5, K. Gatman (cond.) 6. For Evensong, Also Sept. 6, 1440 London S. Minor: R. Bing 1, J. Dunning A. Hessey 3, K. Gatman 4, D. Towne 5, R. R. Horton (cond.) 6. First London 3, 4. For Evensong. Also Sept. 20, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: J. C. Hope 1, A. Hessey 2, E. Moss (first Surprise) 3, R. R. Horton 4, M. Maughan 5, K. Gatman (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Horncastle, Lincs. - Aug. 22, 1260 Spliced Doubic, Plain and St. Clements Bob Minor: M. Whiting 1, H. Bennett 2, R. Bennett 3, H. Bars-M. Ling 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to H. Bennett.

Hurworth, Co. Durham.-Sept. 24, 1260 Bob Minor: M. Stewart 1, Anne Joh son 2, Eva Robson (first quarter) 3, Jane Bryant 4, E. War-

der (first quarter) 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. Ingoidmells, Lincs. — Sept. 26, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Stow 1, E. Pickering 2, V. M. Shaw 3, A. E. Flatters 4, R. Stephenson 5, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 6.

Intwood, Norfolk.-Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): Hazel Pady 1, A. Brookes 2, Jill Steed 3, A. J. Illingworth 4, P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 5. First by newly-formed Keswick Hall Society.

Kingston Seymour, Som.-Sept. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: T. Chapman 1, T. D. Hawkings (first in method) 2, D. James 3, S. Brown 4, P. J.

England (cond.) 5, S. G. Smith 6.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.-Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, C. E. Bulleid 4, J. Whitear 5, B. J. Stone (cond.) 6, C. D. Collin 7, A. M. Cluer 8. For Evensong.

Kirby Moorside, Yorks.-Sept. 26, 1440 Bob Minor: Celia Dawson 1, Susan Baggaley 2, P. Flavell 3, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 4, M. E. Buckman 5, D. Hird 6. First Bob Minor inside 3, 5.

Lamberhurst, Kent.-Oct. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: ean Beeken (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Collins Karol Ashby (first Minor inside) 3, D. Beeken (first Minor inside) 4, A. J. Leeves (cond.) 5, S. G. Waters 6.

Langdon Hills, Essex. — Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Cheryl Pretlove 1, Eleanor Clemo (first Minor inside) 2, K. Lucas 3, S. J. Clarke 4, S. Day 5, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 6.

Little Shelford, Cambs .- Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: Liz Bird (first Minor) 1, Stephanie E. Boddy 2, R. A. Currell 3, Pat Hurworth 4, M. R. Kitson 5, W. S. Deason (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to R. A. Currell.

Llanelli, Carms. - Sept. 2, 1280 Rutland S Major: T. J. Lock 1, Shelagh R. Melville 2, Helen J. Henderson (first in method) 3, E. R. Rapley 4, E. Winifred Keys 5, E. Edmondson 6, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8.

Long Ashton, Som.-Sept. 25, 1280 4-Spliced P. J. England (cond.) 1, Heather Surprise Major: Kippin 2, P. A. Rigby 3, Susan Moore 4, Vivienne Rigby 5, W. S. Rice 6, R. W. Rice 7, R. C. Kippin 8. First of spliced 4 and 5.

Luppitt, Devon. - Sept. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Crabb 1, Miss M. P. Barnard 2, Mary Sage (cond.) 3, T. J. Thorne 4, C. R. Broom 5, W. Broom 6. *85th birthday compliment to Miss Maud Bishop, P.C.C. secretary for

Maiden Newton, Dorset. — Sept. 26, 1440 Cambridge Minor: G. M. Hartless 1, Gladys D. Northway (first in method) 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, J. Hartless 4, T. Matcham 5, L. D. Smith (cond.) 6

Manchester (Cathedral).-Sept. 27, 1280 Bob Major: Miss M. Walshaw 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss I. E. M. Manby 3, S. N. Harrop 4, A. Ward 5, P. Boucher 6, W. Birmingham, jun. (first on eight as cond.) 7, R. F. Eccles 8. For Royal Signals Association service.

Marchington, Staffs.—Sept. 16, 1260 Bob Minor: E. Ann Eden (first Minor) 1, Theresa A. Parker (first Minor) 2, A. P. Sheldon 3, V. E. Holland 4, C. T. Collins 5, C. M. Smith (cond.)

Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent.-Sept. 20, Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: nard 1, R. M. Thompson 2, G. H. Terris 3, R Thompson 4, F. J. Matthews 5, E. C. Stuart (cond.) 6. A farewell to ringers of 2, 4 and 6; also the rector (leaving after ten years).

Marston, Oxford.—Sept. 27, 1272 Minimus: Isobel Nye (first attempt) 1, R. H. Jones 2, L. R. Porter 3, R. D. Bing (first Minimus) 4. For Farish Communion.

Nettleham, Lincs.-Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor Miss P. Frankland 1, Mrs. M. Parker 2, Miss R. Wilson (first Minor inside) 3, D. Booth 4, W Booth 5, C. Sharp (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Odiham, Hants.—Sept. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Green 1, J. P. Colliss 2, Betty J. Baysh 3, B. J. Fry 4, R. Le Marechal (first Minor as cond.) 5, R. B. Walton 6.

Over Stowey, Som. — Sept. 22, 1260 Bob Doubles: W. Smith 1, Valerie Stone 2, Brenda Jarvis 3, C. Clarke (cond.) 4, G. Nabb 5, C Herniman 6.

Pinner, Middx.-Sept. 19, 1260 Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Enid M. Bardsley 1, Rosemary K. B. Sanders (first quarter) 2, R. W. Sanders 3, K. B. Sanders 4, M. R. Hickman 5, D. E. R. Knights (cond.) 6, R. K. Rattenbury 7, J. B. Smith (first quarter) 8. For opening of "Pinner Week."

Polesworth, Warks .- Sept. 27, 1320 St. Hilary Bob Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby (cond.) M. Allsopp 3, R. Knight 4, D. Hiorns 5, Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also Sept. 27, 1440 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, D. Hiorns 3, A. Allsopp 4, M. Allsopp 5, R Knight (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Portbury, Som.-July 25, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Miss H. Kirkpatrick 1, W. Willans 2, V. James 3, G. Nabb 4, B. Goodliffe (cond.) 5, R. Haskins 6. A wedding compliment to G. Skelly and Miss J. Seamark.

Puriton, Som.-Sept. 29, 1260 Old Doubles Miss L. Bawden 1, G. Nabb (cond.) 2, Mrs. Beck 3, Mrs. J. Broom 4, R. D. Short 5, L. Pope For Patronal Festival. First in variation

Redhill, Surrey .- Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss F. Illman 1, R. Dallison 2, G. Charlton 3, Marion Dallison 4, D. D. Atfield 5, G. A. West (cond.) 6, H. Comber (cover) 8. For dedication festival and a welcome to the grand-daughter of Mr. H. Comber.
Rickmansworth, Herts.—Sept. 27,

Doubles: T. J. Bradbury (first quarter) 1, I. D. Harris 2, Miss M. A. Sears 3, H. A. Bradbury 4. D. M. Hibbert (cond.) 5, B. M. S. Campbell (first quarter) 6. For the induction of the Kenneth Francis as Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene. Harlow Common, Essex, former parishioner of St. Mary's, Rickmansworth; also a compliment to Geoffrey and Angela Hall on the birth of their

Ringmer, Sussex.—Sept. 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. A. Watkins (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Russell 2, R. Towler 3, Miss R. Lelliott 4, W. G. Merritt 5, K. King 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Towler.

Rochford, Essex.-Sept. 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Clark (first quarter) 1, S. Thumpston (first inside) 2, G. Bacon 3, J. Tipping 4, P. Sloman (cond.) 5, Miss L. Woodcock 6. To welcome Fiona, daughter of Eric Lucas, and Neil, son of Janet and Mike Hallett. Also 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Sadler 1. Sloman 2, Miss M. Wilkinson 3, Miss D Robotham 4, N. Avis 5, Miss V. Jones 6, G. Walker (cond.) 7, S. Halliwell 8. To welcome Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tabor.

Ruddington, Notts .- Sept. 5, 1260 Bob Minor: Yates 1, K. Walsh (first Minor inside) 2, A Newell 3, D. Osborne 4, D. Oliver 5, N. Handley 6, P. Barber (cover). Jointly conducted by 5 and 6. Also Sept. 12, 1440 Oxford T.B. Minor: J. Yates 1, K. Walsh (first T.B. Minor inside) 2, T. Kirkman 3, D. Osborne 4, A. Newell 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, P. Barber (cover). Also Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: H. Shipman 1. K. Walsh 2, D. Osborne 3, P. Selby 4, A. Newell D. Oliver (cond.) 6. For the first anniversary of the dedication of the new ring of bells.

Sandon, Herts.-Sept. 19, 1260 Bob Minor Mary Copsey (first quarter) 1, Jane Foster 2, G Smith 3, D. Hymas 4, G. A. Bainbridge (first as cond.) 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6.

Sandy, Beds. — July 18, 1260 Bob Minor: Sheila Spriggs 1, R. Mander 2, S. Ashton 3, M. Major 4, A. S. Smith 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. the flower festival.

Seale, Surrey. — Oct. 2, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Hiscock 1, Anka Rowe 2, Marilyn Reay 3, J. A. Collier 4, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 5, P. J. Rowe 6.

Shipley, Sussex .-- Sept. 26, 1440 Bob Minor: W. Cherriman 1. Mrs. R. Verrall 2, Susan Beck (first quarter) 3 K. May 4, C. Longhurst 5, R Verrall (cond.) 6 A birthday compliment to 3

Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex.-Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: Jean Pike 1, Felicity Pocock 2, Ruth Ha ford 3, Francesca V. McAlear 4, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. H. Lilley 6. For flower festival son (cond.) 5, J. H. Lilley 6. For flower festival.

Also Sett. 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D.

A. drews (first quarter) 1, Francesca V. McAlear

L. 'ean Pike 3, C. J. Champion 4, J. H. Lilley

H. Butler 6, R. P. Wood (cond.) 7, H. C. Weaver 8. A farewell compliment to 2 and 3

Silkstone, Yorks.—Oct. 1, 1440 Bob Minor . Carbutt 1, Frances A. Garfield (cond.) 2, R Fletcher 3, M. King 4, D. B. Tidball 5, H. Mann Rung muffled in memoriam Mrs. S. Harbidge

(grandmother of the conductor).

Solihull, Warks. — Sept. 25, 1277 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Christine Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Christine Hewitt 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, D. H. Walters 5, H. H. Fearn 6, R. J. Cann 7, E. T. Lloyd 8, G. E. Fearn (cond.) 9, E. J. Cole 10. An 85th birthday compliment to treble ringer. Also Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Leeson 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Muriel Reay 3, G. E. Fearn 4, D. H. Walters 5, A. Crabtree 6, R. J. Cann (cond.) 7, V. Green 8. For Evensong; also 750th anniversary of local church dedication.

Somerton, Som.—May 23, 1260 Bob Minor:
H. E. G. Jeanes 1, Miss S. Allen 2, Mrs. M. M.
Godley 3, J. Cornelius 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.)
5, F. J. White 6. For the wedding of Mr. M. R.
Gillingham and Miss L. R. Martin.

Southwark, S.E. (Cathedral). — Oct. 3, 1517 Grandsire Cinques: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, Juliet S. Stoy 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, B. J. Stone 4, C D. Collin 5, R. A. Grant 6, R. J. Collis 7, J. G Hall (first G. Cinques) 8, A. E. Bagworth 9, A J. Brown 10, K. G. Game 11, M. J. Uphill 12 Peal attempt called round. To mark the conse cration (September 29) of Rev. Hugh Montefiore

as Suffragan Bishop of Kingston upon Thames. Stapleford, Cambs.—Sept. 19, 1260 Doubles: J. Bates 1, Julie Barnes 2, Pat Hurworth 3, R. I. West (cond.) 4, M. R. Kitson 5, A. A. Kellock Half-muffled in memoriam grandmother of 2. Stoke Bishop, Bristol. - Sept. 27, 1260 Bob 1, Alison

Minor: W. Willans (150th quarter) 1, Alison Brown (first as cond.) 2, Mary Crofts 3, J. Collard 4, R. Gray 5, P. Randall 6. For Even-

Tamworth, Staffs. - Sept. 19, 1296 Bob Caters: Lin Cooper 1, G. H. Peers, jun. 2, Sheila Parsons 3, D. K. Lane 4, G. H. Lane 5, E. Elton 6, E. J. Dicken 7, G. H. Peers, sen. 8, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 9, A. A. Parsons 10. For flower festival.

Todmorden, W. Yorks (St. Paul, Cross Stone). Oct. 3, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: D. Owen 1, D. Bateman 2, C. Milthorp 3, B. Owen 4, G. Cheetham 5, J. Kershaw (cond.) 6. In memo-riam Miss H. Bell, former ringer.

Totternhoe, Beds.-Sept. 27, 1264 Bob Major: F. J. Cook 1, Sandra Claughton 2, J. G. Newman 3, R. J. Scott 4, P. R. Aslett 5, W. Sear 6, J. Claughton 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8. For

Evensong.

Trumpington, Cambs. - Sept. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: A. A. Kellock (first Minor) 1, Pat Hurworth (first Minor as cond.) 2, R. A. Currell 3, Stephanie E. Boddy 4, A. D. Lilley 5, M. R. Kitson 6. First Minor inside 3, 4. In memoriam Nora Grace Kitson. Also Sept. 16, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Currell 1, M. R. Ling 2, Pat Hurworth (first in method inside) 3, Stephanie E. Boddy 4, Marion Kemp 5, R. A. M. Newman 6, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 7, A. A. Kellock 8. Congratulations to M. Ling on the birth of a son. Also Sept. 20, 1274 Bob Triples: Liz Bird (first Triples) 1, A. J. M. Brookes 2, Kitty Willers 3, Stephanie E. Boddy 4, R. A. Currell 5, Pat Hurworth 6, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 7, A. A. Kellock 8. Farewell compliment to A. Brookes, leaving for Norwich.

Twywell, Northants.—Oct. 3, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: A. Idle 1, W. Whitmore 2, Miss E. Hall 3, Miss J. Green 4, F. Crosier 5, D. J. Attley (cond.) 6. First Surprise 3, 4, 6. In memoriam Mr. J. Ball (ringer at Gt. Addington).

Upton Grey, Hants. - Sept. 30, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: J. P. Colliss 1, Betty J. Daysh 2, R. Le Marechal 3, B. J. Fry 4, R. B. Walton 5, R. Green (cond.) 6.

THREE IN A DAY

Warnford, Hants.-Sept. 12, 1260 Bob Minor: S. C. Milliken 1, C. P. Smedley 2, Gladys D. Northway 3, G. M. Hartless 4, J. C. Banks 5. J. Hartless (cond.) 6. First Bob Minor inside for 2 and 4.

West Meon, Hants.—Sept. 12, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: Susan Hartless 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, T. Matcham 3, Elizabeth A. Banks (first Triples as cond.) 4, G. M. Hartless 5, J. Hartless 6, L. D. Smith 7, J. C. Banks 8.
Eling, Hants.—Sept. 12, 1260 Doubles (three

methods): S. C. Milliken 1, Susan Hartless 2, L. D. Smith 3, G. M. Hartless 4, T. Matcham (cond.) 5, Elizabeth A. Banks 6. First in three methods for 2 and 4.

Weare, Som. — Sept. 17, 1272 London S. Minor: A. Perry 1, Brenda Sheppard 2, J. Trimm 3, Susan Stott 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, C. Field 6

West Hallam, Derbys.—Sept. 12, 1260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. Liz Arnold 1, G. Bevan 2, M. House 3, A. Burton 4, G. Futers (cond.) 5, R. Trueman 6. First quarter 1, 3, 6. For Evensong, to mark the baptism of Jeremy Richard Tanner and Kevin John Birkinshaw.

Westham, Sussex.—Sept. 20, 1440 Bob Minor: Ann Smith 1-2, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4, A. R.

Baldock 5-6.

Whitfield, Glossop, Derbys.—Sept. 27, 1344
Bob Major: P. Broadbent 1, A. McFall 2, A.
Hibbert 3, Elizabeth A. Hibbert 4, B. F. Trueman
5, M. Foulds 6, R. F. Andrew 7, S. I. Bamforth (cond.) 8. First on bells since renovation. For harvest gift service.

Whitwell, I.O.W.—Sept. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Evans 1, C. H. Denness 2, A. Russell 3, A. Evans 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, I. Russell 6. in memory of the conductor's brother.

Whittlesford, Cambs. — Oct. 2, 1260 Bob Doubles: R. A. Currell 1, Elizabeth Bird 2, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 3, M. R. Kitson 4, I. G. Hinton 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. Birthday compliment to 2nd.

Winford, Som. — Sept. 24, 1440 Berwick S. Minor: Brenda Sheppard 1, J. Trimm 2, Susan Stott 3, C. Field 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, A

Perry 6. First in method by all.

Winscombe, Som.—Sept. 12, 1260 Grandsire

Doubles: S. Westlake 1, Brenda Sheppard
(cond.) 2, C. Avery 3, J. Sheppard 4, C. Field H. Hemmings 6.

Winterbourne, Glos.-Sept. 14, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): S. Holmes (first quarter)

1, Mrs. S. Drew 2, I. Gaplin 3, H. Taysom 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, T. Jefferies 6. Wootton, Oxon.—Sept. 27, 1260 Doubles (9 methods): M. Harrison 1, Pamela E. Powell 2. A. E. Hicks 3, E. R. Venn (cond.) 4, P. J. Heritage 5, E. D. Patching 6. Prior to the special service commemorating the wedding of the Rev. Mr. Calvert (diarist) at St. Mary's, Wootton, in

Wragby, W. Yorks. — Sept. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: Stella M. Prown (first on tower bells) 1, Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, R. Brown (cond.) 4,

Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, H. Brown (cond.) 4, G. E. Hancock 5, P. J. Charlesworth 6.

Yatton, Som. — Sept. 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Marchant 1, L. W. Pullin 2, T. Hawkings 3, G. Marchant 4, D. Hawkings (cond.) 5, S. G. Smith 6, P. Dye 7, L. Lawrence 8. By the local band as a 21st birthday compliment to

Peals-

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE **YOUTHS**

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex, St. Mary

the Virgin.
Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (22½ cwt.)
5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

A. Stephen Taylor

John R. Ketteringham

3 Jeremy R. Pratt 4 Andrew N. Stubbs 5 David C. Brown 6 Peter H. Mackie

Keith J. Walpole

Christopher Forster

9 David E. Rothera

10 Frank Reed

11 Christopher H. Rogers

12 J. Alan Ainsworth (Conductor)

LONDON, S.W., All Saints, Fulham. Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr, 5min, (18\frac{1}{2} cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. 1 Bernard J. Stone

2 Andrew N. Stubbs

John R. Ketteringham
Jeremy R. Pratt
Anthony R. Kench
David C. Brown
Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)

8 Peter H. Mackie 9 Frank Reed

10 Andrew W. R. Wilby

compliment to Geoffrey Bridges and Elizabeth Cozens on their engagement.

(Westminster Abbey Company of Ringers) CITY OF LONDON, E.C., St. Lawrence Jewry.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (25 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

John Phillips

3 William Critchley (Conductor)
3 William J. Rawlings
4 Harold N. Pitstow
5 Alan J. Frost

6 George W. Cecil 7 Michael P. Moreton

8 John H. Crampion compliment to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry on the occasion of its quatercen-

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

WINCANTON, Som., SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (15½ cwt.) 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

George W. Massey
Ronald G. Beck
Adrian P. Beck
Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

5 Walter S. Rice

*6 Peter J. W. Hardwick 7 Roy W. Rice

8 David G. Massey *First of London Major.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

CLEVEDON, Som., St. Andrew. Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (14 cwt.) 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (1088 London, 1280 Bristol, 1248 Cambridge; 1408 Superlative; 107 changes of method). Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Peter Bridle

2 Diana M. Bridle 3 Heather A. Kippin 4 Peter J. Munday 5 Peter J. England 6 David James

Tom Chapman 8 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)

For the 45th anniversary of the dedication of the recast bells.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ST NEOTS, Hunts, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (293 cwt.) 5056 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. W. Roberts.

George E. Bonham

2 Christine M. Carter
3 Georgina C. M. Carter
4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
5 David Redfearn

6 Anthony R. Carter 7 David R. Saunderson *8 George E, Thoday *750th peal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.
Tues., Sept. 22, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (13½ cwt.)
5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by A. Knights.

Stuart I. Bamforth (Conductor)

2 Brian S. B. Kear 3 Ronald F. Andrew

4 Peter Dyson

5 Paul Boucher 6 William Birmingham, jun.

Paul Reading 8 Michael Foulds

First Treble Bob as conductor.

CONGLETON, Cheshire, St. Peter. Fri., Sept. 25, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (13\frac{1}{4} cwt.) 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

1 Paul J. Atkins
2 Derek F. Yates
3 Roland W. Morant
4 Frank R. Morton 5 Raymond J. Ballard

6 Basil Jones 7 Roy Worrall

8 Ian M. Holland (Conductor) First in the method for the guild, and by all except conductor.

GOOSTREY, Cheshire, St. Luke. Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (6 cwt.) 5040 VALE ROYAL DELIGHT MINOR

1 Ronald F. Andrew *2 Stuart I. Bamforth

3 J. Stuart Coutts
4 Arthur E. Whiting
5 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

6 Michael Foulds *25th peal. First in the method.

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire, St. John the Baptist.

Sun., Sept. 27, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

*1 Linda E. Milligan †2 Roger G. Green

*3 Hilary A. Skinner ‡4 Jenny A. Green

5 Christopher J. Jones (Conductor)

‡6 Nigel W. Davies *First peal. †First of Doubles. ‡First of Doubles and of Grandsire. All are local ringers. Believed to be first peal by resident ringers since 1912.

BROUGHTON, Staffs, St. Peter. Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sid A. P. Heywood's transposition.

1 Roger G. Green 2 David Vincent

3 Christopher J. Jones4 E. Marion Key

5 Geoffrey Green 6 C. Kenneth Lewis

7 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor) 8 Leslie F. Smith

To the memory of Harry W. Howard (life member, Chester Diocesan Guild), who died September 30, 1970.

ECCLESTON, Cheshire, St. Mary the

Virgin.
Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (26¾ cwt.)
5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by M. Hodgson.

Raymond J. Ballard Derek F. Yates

3 Norman Sherratt
4 Ivor R. Nichols
*5 Roland W. Morant

6 Roy Worrall

*7 Frank R. Morton
8 Ian M. Holland (Conductor)
*50th together. First in method by all except conductor.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

SHIRLEY, Warks, St. James.

Mon., Sept. 21, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (64 cwt.)
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. Humphrey.
1 Colin D. Baugh

2 F. Mark Robottom 3 Hazel A. Mackenzie

4 R. David Baker

Anthony J. Cox

Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)

7 John K. Foot 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

KENILWORTH, Warks, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (4 methods: 1 Cambridge S., St. Clements C.B., Kent T.B. and 4 Plain Bob).

*1 Simon J. Reading 2 David P. Crawley

3 R. David Baker
4 Hugh J. Baker
†5 Paul Reading
6 Anthony J. Cox (Conductor)
*First peal. †50th peal. With best wishes
to Pam Whitfield and Paul Ebsworth (both of the local band) on their forthcoming marriage.

BULKINGTON, Warks, St. James.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (12½ cwt.) 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Norman Smith.

*1 Pamela Taylor

2 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor)
3 Jonathan Evans

4 George Pluckrose

5 R. David Baker †6 Brian A. Liggins

7 Geoffrey Pratt 8 Geoffrey W. Randall *First peal. †First inside.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SPONDON, Derbys, St. Werburgh.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 different extents)

*1 Julia H. Whitehead
*2 Colin J. Roadley
3 David K. Walklate (Conductor)
4 Arthur F. Hall
5 Reginald J. Stretton

6 Kevin A. Betesta *First Minor. For the wedding of John Stennitt.

DERBY, St. Luke.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (303 cwt.) *1 Julia H. Whitehead

2 David K. Walklate (Conductor)

4 Kevin A. Betesta
5 Reginald J. Stretton
6 Reginald J. Wallis

7 William Allsopp

8 Arthur F. Hall
*First of Triples. †First on eight. A welcome to the new vicar, Rev. Peter Peterkin.

BOLSOVER, Derbys, SS. Mary and Lawrence.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (14³/₄ cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1 Leonard Coe 2 Arthur B. Cooper *3 Susan Bagguley

*4 Sandra Bladon 5 Allan Keller

6 Dennis Cooper 7 Harold Wagstaff 8 Robert M. Chambers (Conductor) *First peal. First of Major as conductor. 250th peal on the bells. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment for treble and 7; also to celebrate the birth of first grandchild to 6.

WEST HALLAM, Derbys, St. Wilfrid.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (9½ cwt.)
5008 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by N. J. Pitstow.
*1 Julia H. Whitehead
2 Kavin A. Patente

2 Kevin A. Betesta *3 Colin F. Roadley *4 Arthur F. Hall

5 William Allsopp
*6 Reginald J. Wallis
7 Reginald J. Stretton
8 David K. Walklate (Conductor)

*First in method.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HARSTON, Cambs, All Saints.

Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (9 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (5 m/v: 2 Rev. St. Bartholomew, 10 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob).

*1 Alvin A. Kellock †2 Stephanie E. Boddy

†3 Pat Hurworth

†4 Allen Twyman †5 Martin R. Kitson (Conductor) *6 Robert A. Currell

*First peal. †First Doubles. ‡First in more than one Doubles. For Battle of Britain anniversary.

FORDHAM, Camlu, SS. Peter and Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (15 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Oxford, Norwich Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).

Peter G. Goodwin Chris L. Bell

2 Chris L. Beil

3 Mervyn G. Brown

4 Roger J. Palmer

5 Donald F. Murfet

6 George E. Thoday (Conductor)

*First in seven methods.

HARSTON, Cambs, All Saints.

Fri., Sept. 25, 1970, 2hr. 21min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 ELY DELIGHT MINOR (a 2160 and 4 extents).

Jean Sanderson

2 Georgina C. M. Carter3 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)4 Donald F. Murfet

5 Allen Twyman

6 George E. Thoday First peal in the method (3D:35).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex, St. Nicholas.

Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (6³/₄ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR 1 Ian V. Foster

2 Peter J. Sawyer

*3 Brian E. Keeble

4 Peter G. Pitt

5 James L. Towler

6 Yvonne A. Towler (Conductor)

*First inside. First as conductor.

MALDON, Essex, All Saints.

Fri., Sept. 25, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (13 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1 John A. Clarke
2 Ian V. Foster
3 Patrick J. Cross
4 Sandra J. Turner

*5 Brian E. Keeble

6 Yvonne A. Towler 7 Peter J. Sawyer

8 James L. Towler (Conductor) *First of Major.

BRAINTREE, Essex, St. Michael the Archangel.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11½ cwt.) 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Cecil J. Barker

2 Josephine A. Brown 3 Keith W. Brown 4 Peter G. Brown

5 Alan R. Syder 6 Philip J. Rothera

*7 Terry Earle

*8 Robert J. Lindsell (Conductor) *First in the method. For Patronal Festival.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEOPHAM, Kent, St. John the Baptist. Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (121 cwt.)

5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 960 Chesterfield, 800 London, 640 Cambridge, Stockport, Wembley, 480 Bristol, Superlative, Teston, with changes of method.)
Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Thomas Cullingworth

Tony Lewis

3 Margaret E. Oram 4 Philip J. Simmonds 5 Ralph Bird

6 Ian H. Oram *7 David C. Brookes

8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor)

*First of 8-spliced.

SEVENOAKS, Kent, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (16½ cwt.)

5058 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by John H. Fielden. *1 Sheila M. Holland 2 Philip J. Simmonds

3 Barbara A. Van Asselt
4 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
5 Doris E. Colgate
6 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
7 Andrew J. Corby

8 Philip A. Corby

*First attempt. A welcome to the rector (Rev. K. F. W. Prior).

ROTHERHITHE, London, S.E., SS. Mary and Paul.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. (181 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

From an idea by W. Willans. Valerie J. Howard

2-Philip R. Down
3 John Pladdys (Conductor)

Alan D. Flood

5 David A. Town 6 John W. Smith

Tony Skilton

8 John A. Howard

CITY OF LONDON, St. Lawrence Jewry. Sun., Oct. 4, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (25 cwt.)

5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. W. Parker. (C.C.C. 6.) I Michael H. O'Callaghan

James Hedgcock

Dorothea Robotham John A. Howard

5 Keith G. Game

6 Tony Skilton 7 Alan D. Flood

8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ABERGAVENNY, Mon, St. Mary.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (25 cwt.) 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by A. Knights.

Keith E. Game

James Hedgcock

3 Ronald K. Russ Gerald Bowen

5 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor) 6 David J. King

John Pladdys

8 John A. Howard 9 Clive M. Smith

10 Tony Skilton

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

STONE, Gloucestershire, All Saints.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*1 Roger G. Booth 2 Jennifer E. Bell 3 Ian P. Unsworth

5 Frank G. Bloomfield
6 Dennis A. Chapman (Conductor)

*First peal.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., Sept. 22, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (62 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by Roland Beniston.

1 G. Ronald Edwards 2 B. Stedman Payne

3 Arthur E. Rowley

4 Richard Clifton
5 David G. Massey

6 Roger Scholes 7 Frank Chambers

*8 Alec Jones

9 Roger Kendrick 10 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First of Bob Royal.

LEICESTER, St. Margaret.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (on light 8)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES Composed by F. H. Dexter. 1 W. Arthur Riddington

2 Martin Green 3 Roland H. Cook

5 Roland H. Cook
5 Rupert A. Clarke
6 M. Jack Pryor
7 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)
8 Alec R. Jones

LEICESTER, The Cathedral.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (25 cwt.)

5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed, by Roderick W. Pipe.

Basil Jones

2 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)

3 Martin Green

4 Murray A. Coleman 5 Geoffrey R. Parker 6 Burley P. Morris 7 Arthur G. Mason

8 Denis R. Carlisle

9 W. Arthur Riddington 10 Herrick B. Bowley 11 William J. Root

12 Robert B. Smith

CLAYBROOKE, Leics, St. Peter.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (133 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Alfred Ballard

*2 K. Paul Gilliver 3 Beryl E. Cawser

4 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)

5 Roger W. D. Wetenhall 6 Martin Green

7 Robin A. Gilliver 8 Roland H. Cook *Has completed the circle.

If Jesus Christ were to come today, people would not even crucify him. They would ask him to dinner, and hear what he had to say, and make fun of it.

-Carlyle.

NEWTOWN LINFORD, Leics, All Saints. Sun., Oct. 4, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (73 cwt.)

*1 Clive J. Mobbs 2 Brian G. Warwick †3 Alec R. Jones 4 Richard M. Wilson

5 John Richardson

†6 Arthur E. Rowley (Conductor)

*Has circled tower. †50th together. ‡First peal. To the Glory of God in thanksgiving for harvest.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

TWICKENHAM, Middlesex, All Hallows. Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (18½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

*1 Elizabeth Grigg 2 Leonard Stilwell

†3 Lesley A. Warwick †4 Jean Kelly 5 Anne Horsford

Affice Tronsicolor S. Loveday

7 Wilfrid G. Wilson (Conductor)

8 Leonard G. A. Morley

*First attempt. †First of Grandsire. ‡25th peal. Wedding compliment before the marriage of Norman F. Edwards and Josephine Quinney, both members of All Hallows' band.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire, St. Matthew. Mon., Sept. 21, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (91 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Dexter's No. 1.) 1 Norman W. Attaway 2 Arthur E. Rowley

3 Alec R. Jones

4 Gordon H. Lane 5 Frank Chambers

6 Robert B. Smith
7 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)

8 Percival W. Grice

For Patronal Festival, also with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Parsons on their silver wedding anniversary.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Fri., Sept. 25, 1970, 2hr. 24min. (61 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. G. Ronald Edwards 2 Sheila Parsons

3 Roger N. Scholes 4 Ron D. Hughes

*5 Kenneth G. Parker †6 Edward J. Dicken Arthur E. Rowley

8 Norman W. Attaway (Conductor)

*First on 8. †First peal.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BUNWELL. Norfolk, St. Michael and All Angels.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (10 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Walter Tyrell *2 Samuel Flatman

3 Alfred W. Foreman 4 Frank C. J. Arnold 5 Frank Pearson

6 C. Frank W. Phillippo (Conductor)

*First inside. On the eve of the Patronal Festival.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk, St. Marv.

Thur., Oct. 1, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (8½ cwt.)

5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Robert G. Walker 2 Janet House

3 David Cubitt 4 David Heighton 5 Richard J. W. Housden

6 John Illingworth

7 Carole A. H. Patey 8 David E. House (Conductor)

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (22½ cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods: 768 London and Rutland, 640
Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142
changes of method.)
Composed by Norman Smith.
1 Robert G. Walker
2 James B. Morley
3 Janet House

Janet House 4 Carole A. H. Patey 5 Peter Adcock

6 George P. Adams 7 Martin Cubitt

8 David E. House (Conductor)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

MARSTON, Oxford, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (5 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (3 methods: Plain Bob, Grandsire and Rev. Canterbury, and 20 variations.)

1 C. Richard Miles

*2 Nigel Booth

3 Roy H. Jones (Conductor)

4 Richard D. Bing 5 Alec Gammon

*First peal. A farewell to Leonard R. Porter, going to Loughborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 5hr. 55min. (183 cwt.) 9960 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(Beddington version.) Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Patrick I. Chapman
2 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
3 Barry E. Saunders
4 Roger W. Smith
5 Alan J. Frost

6 David J. Marshall

7 Murray A. Coleman

8 Alan A. Paul

9 Stephen Ivin

10 Peter Border

*First of London Royal. The longest peal in the method.

(This appeared in The Ringing World, page 800, as rung at St. John's, Leicester. We apologise for the error.—Ed.)

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

Sun., Sept. 27, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (19 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

1 Barry E. Saunders 2 Bridget Paul

2 Bridget Paul
3 Raymond A. Vickers
4 Christopher C. Stokes
5 Malcolm J. V. Chown
6 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
7 Alan A. Paul
8 Frie Pillings

8 Eric Billings

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

URCHFONT, Wilts, St. Michael.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. (21 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Edgar C. Shepherd
2 Norman G. N. Knee
3 James W. G. Twiney
4 Reginald F. Jones
5 Phillip S. Gaisford

6 Frederick S. Slatford (Conductor)

A compliment to Mr. W. Harding, churchwarden for 50 years. After meeting short for Stedman Triples.

STOKE ABBOTT, Dorset, St. Mary.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (14 cwt.)

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (14 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (20 methods: Grandsire, Stedman, Westminster II, Blackburn, St. Hilary, Dragon, New Bob, St. Vedast, Huntspill, Blaisdon, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob; 137 variations). Variation numbers: 1 to 16, 31 to 35, 42 to 45, 61 to 72, 77 to 80, 91 to 102, 107 to 110, 121 to 132, 137 to 140, 321 to 352, 317 to 402.

1 Mary E. Elmes 2 Ian Calvert

3 Graham W. Elmes 4 Melvyn J. Hiller (Conductor) 5 Timothy F. Collins.

Most methods/variations for all and for the guild.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

DAWLEY MAGNA, Salop, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (8 cwt.)
 5040 MINOR (1 Cambridge, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and 4 Plain Bob).

1 Patricia C. Stocken

2 Alan Glover

3 Reginald H. Newton 4 Philip J. Evans 5 Nevil Holland

6 Ernest F. Willcox (Conductor)

For Harvest Festival.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

NORTHAMPTON, St. Giles.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (24½ cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by John H. Fielden.

1 Ian C. Maycock
2 Susan Rothera

2 Susan Kotnera
3 Geoffrey Pearson
4 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
5 Anthony H. Smith
6 David E. Rothera
7 John G. Gipson
8 Peter S. Bennett

9 John H. Fielden 10 Philip J. Rothera

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. BREOCK, Cornwall, St. Breock.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

I Roger Pengelly

2 Anthony J. Davidson Valerie C. Pengelly

4 John Copping *5 David J. W. Bath 6 Timothy J. Bell (Conductor)

*First inside and on six.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (University of Sussex Guild)

BRIGHTON, Sussex, St. Nicholas of Myra. Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (18 cwt.)
5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Produced by C. I. Rowson.
*1 Susan E. M. Read
*2 David L. Nibbs

Catherine M. Bew

*4 Brian R. Read *5 Terry G. Williams

guild.

*6 Malcolm S. Loveday
7 Robert H. Newton
8 Michael J. Bew (Conductor)
*First in method. First in method by the

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH **DIOCESAN GUILD**

HENFIELD, Sussex, St. Peter.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (16½ cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Timothy F. Collins.

1 James H. Lilley

2 Mary E. Elmes

3 Ernest J. Ladd

5 Effect J. Eadd
4 William S. Croft
5 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
6 Ronald E. Stillwell
7 Graham W. Elmes
8 Frederick E. Collins

HIGHCLERE, Hants, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sun., Sept. 27, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (11 cwt.) 5088 HIGHCLERE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Arthur Craven,

1 Philip G. Taylor 2 Timothy G. Pett 3 Reginald W. Rex

4 Brian Bladon

5 Beryl R. Simpson
6 Maurice New
7 Michael J. Church
8 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

First in the method by all except 3 and 8. On the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Winchester for the Patronal Festival and centenary celebrations.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

DONCASTER, Yorks, St. George.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (304 cwt.) 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by D. Knox.

1 Alan W. Jackson 2 Patricia North

3 Ian North

4 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
5 Tom M. Cox

6 Ernest J. Padgett

7 J. Henry Fielden 8 Roger A. Smith

First in method for all except 4 and 7.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, 10 Eden Dr.

Thurs., Sept. 10, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Arranged by Alan F. Scholfield. 1-2 J. David Atkinson

3-4 Dan S. Pont

5-6 C. Kenneth Lewis

7 8 Alan F. Scholfield (Conductor)

9 10 Peter Broadbent

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines

Thurs., Sept. 17, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (15 in C.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by J. Nicholl.

1-2 Alan F. Scholfield 3-4 J. David Atkinson

*5-6 Gerald Moorhouse (Conductor)

7-8 William H. Dowse *250th peal.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, Derbyshire, 15 Horderns Road.

Fri., Oct. 2, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (18 in G.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
*1-2 Elizabeth A. Hibbert
*3-4 Stuart 1. Bamforth

5-6 Michael Foulds (Conductor)

*First on handbells. First on handbells as conductor.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

HILTON, Derbys, Elm Tree Farm.

Mon., Sept. 21, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (15 in C.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Johnson's variation)

*1-2 Robert M. Chambers
3-4 David F. Moore
5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor)
*7-8 David W. Friend

*First of Surprise in hand.

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road.

Tues., Sept. 22, 1970, 2hr. 51min, (15 in C.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

*I-2 Rupert A. Clarke
3-4 Robert B. Smith
5-6 Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor)
7-8 Alfred Ballard

9-10 John M. Jelley 11-12 David F. Moore

*First of Surprise Maximus on handbells. With the best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Rick Dirksen (Washington, D.C.) on the birth of a son.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

WINTERTON, Lines, Wicken, Westwinds Estate.

Wed., Sept. 30, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (17 in A.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1-2 Peter Saunders

3-4 Roger Hippisley5-6 John G. Hall (Conductor)7-8 Richard Hall

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada, 50 Ravensbourne Crescent.

Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 23min.

5280 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR (2 methods: 4000 Kent, 1280 Oxford, with 80 changes of method; Liversedge var.).

Composed by Ernest Morris. 1-2 David R. Ingram 3-4 Derek M. Sawyer

5-6 William H. Jackson

7-8 John Owen (Conductor)

First in this variation by the band, and in North America.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WAKEFIELD, Yorks, 5 Copley Lane, Robin Hood.

Thurs., Oct. 1, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (13 in E.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

1-2 Stella M. Brown *3-4 Thomas W. Strangeway 5-6 Robin Brown (Conductor)

†7-8 Gail Cater

*First in hand for 25 years. †First of Major in hand.

MICHAEL UPHILL'S TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE WORCES TERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSN.

PRESTON, Lancs, St. John the Evangelist. Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (24 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by H. J. Tucker.

*1 Keith G. Game
2 Richard L. Underwood
3 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
†*4 Christopher Hims

5 Peter S. Robertson

6 Ian Smith

† 17 Roger H. Hunt

†8 Christopher J. Pickford 9 Geoffrey R. Drew 10 Michael J. Uphill (Conductor)

*First of Royal, †First on ten. ‡25th together.

KIRKHAM, Lancs, St. Michael.

Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (20 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood. 1 Michael J. Uphill

2 Christopher J. Pickford

3 Roger H. Hunt 4 Peter L. Hughes 5 Peter S. Robertson 6 Richard L. Underwood

7 Rev. Michael S. Hart 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

First of Bob Major since 1846 (the first on the bells) and first peal since 1936. best wishes to Peter D. Sell for a speedy recovery from injuries sustained in a car crash.

GOOSNARGH, Lancs, St. Mary the Virgin. Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (7 cwt.)

5040 MINOR (Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Plain Bob).

1 Richard J. Stewart Christopher Hims

2 Christopher This 3 Philip S. Woods 4 Keith G. Game 5 Christopher R. Harris 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

LANCASTER, Lancs, The Priory and Parish Church of St. Mary.

Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (31 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.
*1 Christopher J. Pickford

†2 Christopher Hims 3 Rev. Michael S. Hart

4 Keith G. Game

5 Peter S. Robertson ‡6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood

7 Geoffrey R. Drew 8 Michael J. Uphill (Conductor)

*First of Treble Bob. †First in method. ‡175th peal.

HELMSHORE, Lancs, St. Thomas, Musbury.

Wed., Sept. 2, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (9 cwt.) 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by J. W. Parker.

Richard J. Stewart *2 Christopher J. Pickford

*3 Ian Smith

4 Peter L. Hughes 5 Christopher R. Harris

6 Christopher Hims

†7 Roger H. Hunt ‡8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

*First of Surprise. †First in method. ‡100th tower for a peal.

BLACKPOOL, Lancs, St. John the Evangelist.

Wed., Sept. 2, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (12 cwt.)
5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

1 Peter L. Hughes

*2 Ian Smith 3 Michael J. Uphill

*4 Christopher R. Harris 5 Rev. Michael S. Hart 6 Peter S. Robertson

7 Keith G. Game

8 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor) *First in method. First on the bells since 1946

BLACKBURN, Lancs, Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

Thur., Sept. 3, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (25 cwt.) 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by Edgar Bennett.

Michael J. Uphill 2 Philip S. Woods *3 Roger H. Hunt

†4 Peter S. Robertson 5 Peter L. Hughes

*6 Ian Smith

7 Keith G. Game (Conductor)
8 Rev. Michael S. Hart
9 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
10 Geoffrey R. Drew
*First of Caters. †First of Grandsire Caters.

CHIPPING, Lancs, St. Bartholomew. Thur., Sept. 3, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Plain Bob).

Richard J. Stewart 2 Christopher J. Pickford3 Michael J. Uphill 4 Christopher R. Harris

5 Christopher Hims

6 Peter S. Robertson (Conductor)

HASLINGDON, Lancs, St. James the Great. Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Arranged by M. C. W. Sherwood. 1 Christopher J. Pickford

*2 Peter L. Hughes Christopher Hims 4 Geoffrey R. Drew

5 Christopher R. Harris

6 Ian Smith †7 Roger H. Hunt

8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.) *First in method. †50th peal.

OSWALDTWISTLE, Lancs, Immanuel. Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11 cwt.)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by Simon Humphrey.

1 John T. Parsons 2 Michael J. Uphill

*3 Roger H. Hunt 4 Keith G. Game 5 Rev. Michael S. Hart

†6 Peter S. Robertson 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.) 8 Geoffrey R. Drew

*50th peal for the association. †50th peal.

BRINDLE, Lancs, St. James.

Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (12 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (Grandsire, Plain Bob).

*1 Christopher R. Harris

Peter L. Hughes Christopher J. Pickford (Conductor)

4 Philip S. Woods 5 Richard J. Stewart

6 Christopher Hims *First of Doubles, †50th peal.

RISHTON, Lancs, SS. Peter and Paul.

Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (15 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Rev. Michael S. Hart lan Smith

3 Roger H. Hunt Christopher R. Harris

5 Geoffrey R. Drew 6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood

7 Peter S. Robertson 8 Michael J. Uphill (Conductor) 50th as conductor. A welcome to Rev. Ernest W. Southcote, late Provost of Southwark, vicar of Rishton from September 22.

SAMLESBURY, Lancs, St. Leonard-the-Less.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (19 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Composed by J. J. Parker.

Keith G. Game (Conductor)

Michael J. Uphill Christopher R. Harris

4 Peter L. Hughes 5 Richard J. Stewart

6 Roger H. Hunt 7 Marcus C. W. Sherwood 8 Geoffrey R. Drew

LANCASHIRE RUN-AROUND

The plate on the gatepost introduces one to "St. Mary Magdalen's Vicarage—Surro-gate for Marriage Licences." Residents of Accrington might possibly be forgiven, therefore, for not realising that for a week this fine house was to be the headquarters of Michael Hart's "Peripatetic Pealers." In the vicarage our assault on Lancashire was planned and we adjourned to Rawtenstall belfry for a preliminary practice. The fol-lowing morning the local band at St. James' was joined for morning ringing on the pleasant, light ten. Three very fine octaves were visited during the afternoon— Clitheroe, Kildwick and Skipton.

Ringing commenced on August 31 with a well-struck peal of Bob Royal on the lovely bells at Preston, but at Kirkham that afternoon great difficulty was encountered ringing Stedman Triples due to the very long length of unguided—and new!—rope. This attempt was soon stopped but the vicar gave permission for another try that evening. It was decided to go for Bob Major, which had not been rung since the first peal on the bells in 1846. It was good to see our dear friend (and former vicar of Putney) Clifford Carver, who greeted us at the church. He has the neighbouring parish of Treales, and it was a pity Kirkham bells did not go sufficiently well to ring "These Treales things" which he has been waiting to hear since the first peal of Treales Surprise Major at Putney for his freales Surprise Major at Putney for his farewell. The Bob Major was scored and also rung as a "Get well" to Peter Sell, in hospital following a road crash. Simultaneously a peal of Minor was rung at Goosnargh. The only complete failure of the week occurred the following morning when Stedman was lost at Scorton after a

change of method from Yorkshire local ringers desiring to ring the first of Surprise on this 1879 Warner ring. We were elated with our success at Lancaster Priory on Tuesday, having been warned that we could not stay the course for three hours. A good peal of Cambridge entertained the inmates of the neighbouring building—Lancaster Gaol.

Wednesday afforded a "lie-in" for those exhausted by the Lancaster peal, and they later drove to Helmshore to hear Cambridge brought to a successful conclusion. This was followed by the first of Surprise at St. John's, Blackpool (and first peal since 1946!). We were surprised that permission had been given, as the church is in the centre of this busy town. After getting the Roman Catholic church, we accepted a bottle of sherry from the priests. (A good example of Christian unity!)

Thursday morning was spent visiting towers north of Blackburn, and in the afternoon a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on the Cathedral bells. A further peal of Minor was rung at Chipping that evening, during which, for a good hour, the local tower captain was standing by the curtain separating the ground floor ringing room from the church explaining to his very attentive vicar and another gentleman the intricacies of the art. All credit is due to them for keeping their voices down and we trust they enjoyed watching and hearing the third peal on the bells this century.

A peal of Yorkshire was rung at Has-lingden on Friday morning whilst arrange-ments were made for two peals that evening -at Brindle Vicarage to obtain permission from the vicar's wife (in the absence of the vicar) and at Rishton Vicarage, into which another old friend, Ernest Southcott (former Provost of Southwark) was moving in readiness for his induction on September 22. He was unable to give permission as he was not then incumbent, but a very obliging churchwarden did so. Later six went off to Brindle for a peal of Doubles, and the Oswaldtwistle band scored a good peal of Lincolnshire.

The start at Rishton was delayed as we could not get a clock hammer clear of the bell, but eventually several yards of rope round the chiming mechanism did the trick and a fast peal of Bob Major was rung. Two courses from the end we were alarmed by loud banging, then footsteps, followed by rattlings on the ringing room door, and finally silence. We feared somebody was upset at the length of ringing (it was the first peal for 18 years), but on leaving the tower the commotion was explained by a note: "Thank you for ringing. Came up the tower but couldn't get in. E. W. Southcott."

A most successful and enjoyable week ended with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Samlesbury. We are all grateful to Michael Hart for the use of his vicarage and to the two very capable and persevering "servants," Michael's mother and Stewart Pearce, who between them managed breakfast and the sometimes necessary evening coffee very professionally. M. J. U

Grow old along with me!

The best is yet to be, The last of life, for which the first was made;

Our times are in His hand Who saith, "A whole I planned,

Youth shows but half: trust God; see all. nor be afraid."

- Browning.



FORMER TOWER CAPTAIN WEDS

On September 5 several members of the Aldrington (Hove) St. Leonard's band were very proud to see their former captain, Ann Sharpe, married to Mr. John Fowler, and the following Sunday there was a quarter peal of 1260 Plain Bob Doubles rung in

honour of the happy occasion.

Prior to the wedding, at a small party, the ringers presented Ann with a set of smoke grey water glasses and matching jug. in appreciation of her services. For the past 12 years she has been a most loyal member of the band and during that time has held the offices of treasurer, vice-captain and captain. Although Ann will be living outside the parish the ringers expressed the hope that she would find time to visit them on occasions.

Coventry Guild RINGING COMPETITION AND **PRESENTATION**

The Coventry Guild ringing competition was held at Harbury on September 5 and proved to be a very popular event, 12 teams from nine different towers taking part. It was judged by Mr. B. G. Warwick and Mr. R. W. Pipe, their separate assessments agreeing within a few per cent. The results were: Rugby 13.3 faults, Warwick I 14.0, Chilvers Coton 18.9, Kenilworth 21.4, Allesley A 24.6, Harbury II 35.5, Dunchurch 42.8, Harbury I 45.5, Allesley B 48.5. Brinklow 71.2, Bulkington 91.8, Warwick II 158.5.

Unfortunately Rugby were one member short when they arrived at the tower, so a member of another tower rang with them to make up the team. As a result they were unable to win the cup but at least have the consolation that their ringing was of a high standard. The first team from Warwick were a close second but would have had to work very hard had the Allesley first team not had a trip near to the end of their course of Cambridge. The Bulkington team were very ambitious with Carlisle Surprise Minor, which finished with a splendid crunch!

After the competition tea was provided in the village hall, where the ex-guild pre-sident, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, was there to present the cup to St. Nicholas, Warwick I team. This, however, turned out to be the means for making him attend the meeting, as the president, Mrs. D. E. Beamish, presented him with a stainless steel tray and a set of cuff links as a mark of appreciation of his work for the Guild

during the past years. The service followed, with further ringing H. M. W. until 8.30 p.m.

Kent County Association

MR. LUCK CARRIES ON

The weather is always foul when the Canterbury District goes to Petham, but the welcome is always warm, as members were able to experience on September 12. This lovely church was gutted by fire in 1922 and most beautifully reconstructed. The present bells (tenor 64 cwt.) were the first ring produced by the Whitechapel Foundry departing from the old standard tuning. Lovely they were then and still are they lovely now. Ringing was under the leadership of Dr. D. H. Niblett. Evensong was conducted by Mr. David Cawley, the preacher being Rev. Christopher Donaldson, rector of St. Martin, Canterbury. The offertory was for the Chislet Bell Fund.
A bumper tea preceded the by-meeting,

presided over by the chairman, Mr. Bert Luck, and a message of goodwill was sent to the Vicar of Petham, who was indisposed. A goodly number of new members elected from a variety of towers testified to the fact that ringing is far from being a "dead duck" in the district. The news that Mr. Luck intended to vacate the office of chairman was greeted with dismay, and it was unanimously resolved that this popular gentleman be asked to reconsider his decision at least for another year. Mr. Luck, obviously moved, agreed: long may he chair us!

The general secretary (Mr. A. P. S. Berry) who, together with Mrs. Berry, was welcomed, drew the attention of members to the criticism of meetings in the R.W. and asked the meeting to give thought to the matter in their choice of officers, on whom the successful organisation of meetings depended. He also asked the district to think now of the forthcoming county A.G.M. to be held in the district next Easter. He wished the district well.

The members were entertained with tune ringing on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. J. Stockbridge, Mr. L. Huckstepp and Mr. and Mrs. G. Grey. Many then returned to the church or to the twin parish of Walthem, with its central tower and complete Joseph Hatch four. The tuning of these bells (tenor 8 cwt. in A) was solved by Mrs. Berry, who pronounced them to be the middle minor four of the front six of a ring of ten in C!

FESTIVAL OF BELLS

Evensong at the Warminster Minster Church of St. Denys on September 13 was celebrated as a festival of bells, which annually takes place to recognise the work of the bellringers in the church.

The ringing beforehand took the form of

a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles and the service, conducted by the Rev. A. T. Johnson, was opened by a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells by Messrs. E. Norris, E. C. Shepherd, N. Knee and F. Slatford (North Bradley). Lessons were read by Miss S. Howell and the tower captain, and instead of an anthem by the choir the handbells were rung to tunes by the Warminster Handbell Ringers, who had rung in the quarter peal. The sermon was preached by Rev. P. F. Tambling, rector of Zeals, himself a ringer. He took as his theme "Where you lead I will follow," as applied to ringing and normal Christian

At the conclusion of the service the belfry was thrown open to visitors, and many availed themselves of the opportunity to go "aloft" and "see how it's done." Ringing finally concluded at 8.30 p.m. Bath and Wells Association

ON A WET DAY

It was a very wet morning on September 12, when ringers of the Bridgwater Branch, together with families and friends, set off on their annual outing.

Our first tower was in Dorset-Sturminster Marshall, where we rang on the 18 cwt. six before proceeding to Bournemouth for lunch. Here some members of the party had to bale out the coach, and delay in leaving was caused by a lady ringer who had mislaid her spectacles while trying on the latest fashions.

We continued to Beaulieu for the afternoon, visiting the motor museum, Palace House and 13th century Abbey ruins, Tea having been taken here, our next tower was Brockenhurst, and the light six surprised some of the ringers. As the tenor was only 4 cwt. an all-ladies band was called upon for a touch of Bob Doubles.

The bells lowered, we made our way to Ringwood and travelled the more isolated roads of the New Forest. We were rewarded by seeing deer amongst the attractive scenery. Ringwood was our last and only 8-bell ring of the day, and after an hour we once more boarded the coach en route for C.K. Bridgwater and home.



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knight, following their wedding at St. Mary's Parish Church, Hendon, on Wednesday, September 16. The bride, formerly Miss Dianne Gazeley, has been a bellringer at St. Mary's for some years. The couple will leave for Australia at the end of October.

[Photo: Brent Studios, Hendon, N.W.

TRUE HARMONIC TUNING

(Continued from page 824.)

Another famous name in 17th century bell founding is that of Purdue. Thomas. of Closworth, Somerset, is justly famous for his work at Exeter Cathedral, and the 11th here ("Stafford," 41 cwt., 1676) and also the 9th are very fine bells indeed, at least since retuning by Taylors in 1902. The much lighter 11th at Redcliffe, Bristol, is by an earlier Purdue (Roger, in 1622) and is almost as fine (Taylor retuning in 1903); so too is his famous tenor at Queen Camel.

Since writing this I have seen that H. B. Walters ascribes Redc'iffe 11th to Thomas Stone, of Glamorgan. Whoever cast it, it is a magnificent bell. Queen Camel tenor is not, in fact, true harmonic but two of the many other Purdue bells which are are Hinton St. Mary tenor (1614) and Rampisham fourth (1615), both in Dorset and both by William.

John Wallis, of Salisbury, whose "plum" job was the provision of a ring of five bells (of which four survive) for Windsor Castle in 1612-14, produced several bells (but not really including these!) which are very good harmonically, perhaps the best being the tenor (20 cwt., 1618) of the sadly derelict ring at Cheselbourne, Dorset, the tenor (16½ cwt., 1612) at Sturminster Newton and the fifth at Hazelbury Bryan (1613) nearby.

It has been said that the Knight foundry of Reading produced a high proportion of bells with octave hum-notes, but I must confess to having never been especially impressed by its productions (with exceptions) such as at Great Haseley, Oxon (3/6, 1641), about which more below, and Hurstbourne Priors, Hants, fifth (1631); likewise I am not altogether convinced that Miles Graye I. of Colchester, deserves his exalted reputation. James, the first of the Keenes, of Woodstock, and Mears and Stainbank's tuning machine between them produced the very good tener at Brampton, Hunts (1630 and 1934): I should like to hear more bells of his of this quality and also of Henry Oldfield II's, of Nottingham, who cast the excellent 3rd, 4th and tenor bells (retuned by Taylors in 1895!) at Branston, Lincs. Judging from St. Clement's, Ipswich (6, 15) cwt., 1660 except tenor). John Darbie's tuning was uncommonly close to true harmonic: in fact the 2nd and 4th of his four bells (1677-78) at Hintlesham are almost perfect.

Some members of the famous West Country family of bell founders, the Penningtons, really deserve to be mentioned (equally there are other members whose work is a real disgrace to the art) but I must move on, or rather back, for a brief look at the 14th, 15th and earlier 16th centuries.

Pre-Reformation bells are think, very often notable for octave humnotes or true harmonics, although I have noted several in Dorset, from various foundries, including some which have responded to enlightened retuning, this time by the Croydon foundry. Carlton, Beds, tenor ought also to be mentioned in this connection; and at Great Ponton. Lincs. are two mediæval bells (the 2nd and 3rd) which are true harmonic without having had any retuning. There was, however, one very important mediæval foundry whose contribution to English tuning seems to have been rivalled only by Taylors' and William Dobson's, and that was in Exeter. On the strength of the contents of four Devon towers alone (Torbryan, Littlehempston, Churston Fer-rers and Gidleigh) one can safely say that Exeter had a succession of founders of exceptional talent. Some of their bells are, harmonically, little short of perfect, and this as early as the 14th and 15th centuries! If I dare to make a criticism it is that Exeter bells are sometimes better in tune with themselves than with each other. have the feeling that I am poaching on Rev. John Scott's territory, so I now propose to jump forward to the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries again.

The first of Taylors' competitors to join (or try to jcin) the true harmonic bandwagon was apparently Charles Carr, of Smethwick. Curiously enough we find both founders in the same tower, Carmarthen, in the same year, 1904, Carrs providing the tenor, frame and fittings, and Taylors the treble, 2nd and 4th bells! In 1907 Carrs cast quite a good chime (8, 4 cwt.) for Llanegwad, Carms. The tuning is not perfect but surely a commendable effort for a small foundry. In 1910 they provided five bells for Bridstow, Herefordshire, two at least of which are very good, though "hard" in tone; the total effect is spoilt by the poor 15th century (R. Hendley, of Gloucester) tenor and the wickedly out-of-tune trebles added by Mears in 1924.

The year 1907 was the first year of Gillett and Johnston's "Simpson" tuning (which they loudly claimed as such) with rings such as the light six at Launton. Oxon, and the augmentation from four to six at Wool, Dorset. The contrast between the firm's work (both tuning and hanging) in this and the previous year is astonishing; it is odd that, after a good start, Gilletts seem to have had such trouble with their tuning later on, with comparative "duds" such as the tenor at Hillingdon and disasters in the form of several bells breaking apart at the shoulder. I have heard it alleged that some of these troubles were due to sabotage! Their first major ring, I think, and a very fine one at that, was at Wimborne Minster, Dorset (10, 29½ cwt.). in 1911. But 1911 was a very busy year and included the casting of new rings for Wolverhampton (12), Wrotham, Kent (8) and Oakham, Rutland (8). Listening to rings such as at St. Peter's, South Croydon (10, 30½ cwt., 1912), one wonders whether Gilletts were actually aiming at a reduction in resonance; and many of their earlier bells have a rather lovable hollowness or "growl" about them. By the early 1920's, however, they had stopped experimenting and their tuning had settled down into such glorious rings as at Petworth, Sussex (8, 18 cwt., 1924) and Clerkenwell. London (8, 24³/₄ cwt., 1928). Regrettably, the firm's bellfounding came to an end in the mid-1950's, one of Gillett and Johnston's last rings being at Cranleigh, Surrey (8, 163 cwt., 1954).

(To be continued.)

Durham and Newcastle Association.

CLERICAL MEMBER

On September 12 the Central District of the Durham and Newcastle Association held a ringing meeting and their A.G.M. at the Church of St. Cuthbert, Stella, Blaydon.

Bill Tyson was re-elected chairman and ringing master, Bill Davison retired from the position of secretary (which he had held for three years) and Norman Johnson (of Blaydon) was elected in his place.

The Rev. R. Stephenson, rector of Stella, was elected as a clerical member of the N. A. J. association.



THE DEAN OFFICIATED

A lovely wedding took place in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., on August 8. when Dean Brian Whitlow officiated at the marriage of Ethel Margaret Izard, only daughter of Mr. E. W. Izard and the late Mrs. Izard, and Rev. John Sanford Twining. son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Twining, formerly of Gordon Head, Victoria, B.C.

The Cathedral choir, under the direction of Mr. Beal Thomas, led the singing of "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven" as the bride entered and rendered the chorale "Jesu, joy of man's desiring" during the signing of the register. Given away by her father, the bride was attended by her nieces. Miss Margot Izard and Miss Patricia Izard. Mr. Russell Twining, of Vancouver, was his brother's best man and the ushers were Mr. Richard Izard and Mr. Richard Twining. nephews of the bride and bridegroom.

As the bridal party approached and left the church the tower bells were rung by fellow ringers of the bride, among those taking part being the bride's brother. Mr. J. Arthur Izard, and two of her nephews. Mr. Ted Izard and Mr. Ian Izard. They were later joined by the bride's father, Mr. E. W. Izard, when handbells were rung at the reception in the garden of her home. 980 Arundel Drive, where the toast to the bride was proposed by Canon S. S. Wickens. Following the honeymoon at Point-no-Point, Jordan River, the couple will live at St. Mary's Rectory. Birch Hills, near Prince Albert, Saskatchewan (Box 447, Birch Hills)

Hereford Guild.

A CROOKED SPIRE

The quarterly meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Cleobury Mortimer on Cleobury Mortimer, September 5. pleasant, small country town midway between Kidderminster and Ludlow, has a crooked spire surmounting the tower of its parish church. The tower contains a pleasing ring of six, which was put to good use during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the branch ringing master (Mr. Harold Thomas).

The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. C. M. Oldroyd) and tea was provided by Mrs. Margaret Osbaldiston and her lady helpers. A feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers present, and Mr. Thomas saw to it that they had plenty of opportunities of ringing.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Alec Osbaldiston, the local tower captain, for making the arrangements for this very enjoy-

able meeting.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SANDERSON.—Jean has moved from Heffers to become assistant librarian at the Department of Zoology, Downing Street, Cambridge (Tel.: 58717), from Oct. 27. 9899

PERSONAL

"For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."-Psalm 100, 5.

Would Mr. A. Dempster, of 157 Petershill Road, Glasgow, N.1, please contact this office as his copy of The Ringing World has been returned marked "Gone away."

MISCELLANEOUS

HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING (Middlesex, Oxford, Ladies and London County).-The meeting is on November 14 and not as shown in the Ringers' Diary. Details later.-C. H. Rogers.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—IIchester Branch. — Bicentenary of bells, St. Michael's, East Coker (8, 13 cwt.). Peals, quarters, practices invited, weekend Nov. 27, 28, 29. Ring Gordon Rendell, Martock 2329.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD. --- Until further notice practice will be at Holy Trinity on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays and at St. Mary's on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - South Eastern District. — Practice at Galleywood, Mon., Oct. 26, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. H. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. -Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Malmesbury

1), Tues., Oct. 27, 7.30 p.m. 9809 LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIA-TION. — Monmouth Branch. — Monthly evening practice, Usk, Fri., Oct. 30, 7.30 - 9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Surprise.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIA-TION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charl-ton Horethorne, Oct. 24. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9845

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSO-CIATION. — Meeting, Morton, Oct. 24, 2.30—8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names without fail to Mr. H. Smith. The Laurels, Station Road, Morton, Derbys (Tel. Tibshelf 104).

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District, — Half-yearly meeting, Sat., Oct. 24, Trowbridge (12). Members and friends are asked to make a note of change in timing of programme: Service 3 p.m., followed by short business meeting; ringing 4-5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., with further ringing as required. Names for tea to Miss B. Johnson, 10 Lancashire Road, Bristol, BS7 9DL (Tel.: 48933). Please make every effort to be in time for the service as the bells cannot be rung before 4 p.m.—B. J. 9830

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. South Eastern District.—Ringing meeting in S.E. London on Sat., Oct. 24. Meet at St. Alfege Church (10), Greenwich, 1.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to me as soon as possible. — P. Shonk, Dis. Sec. (01-850 1014). 9868 9868

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Meeting, Chesham (6), Sat., Oct. 24. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to A. L. Pearson, 75 Pinkneys Road, Maidenhead. 9872

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Sat., Oct. 24, at Islip. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by A.G.M. Ringing at Wood Eaton only after tea. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3 The Cause way, Bicester, Oxon, OX6 7AN.

SUFFOLK GUILD .- Central District .- A.G.M., Sat., Oct. 24, Barking (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 at Barking Tye, followed by general meeting 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. E. Lester, 40 Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich. 9850
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO-

CESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 24, St. Peter's, Curdridge. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in the Reading Room, followed by the business meeting. Evening ringing till 9 p.m.

DEVON GUILD,—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Pyworthy, Sat., Oct. 31. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Holsworthy bells (8) in the evening.—R. G. Pearce, Branch Sec. 9884

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting, Westham (6), Sat., Oct. 31. Ringing 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.-R. Farley, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, Oct. 31. Ringing at St. Martin's, Ruislip, 3-4.30 Cups of tea available in St. Margaret's small hall, Belmont Road, Uxbridge, at 5 p.m. Please bring own food. Evening ringing at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, 6.30-8.30 p.m. All wel-

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Northampton Branch. — A meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Sat., Oct. 31. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Henman, 1 Church Lane, Brafield-on-the-Green, Northampton, NN7 1BA (Tel.: Cogen-

hoe 748), by Tuesday previous. 9897
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly general meeting, Sherborne St. John, Sat., 31. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea, Village Hall, 5.15. Also Monk Sherborne bells 2.30-4 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tues., Oct. 27, please. 9879

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Bedford District. — Meeting, Sat., Nov. 7, Goldington.
Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea.—C. M. Payne. 9914

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. - Western Branch. - Half-yearly meeting. Sat., Nov. 7, Workington (8). Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5. Own arrange-Bells ments for tea. Further ringing until 7 p.m. Everyone welcome!—D. T. Sim, Sec. 9904

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.— Meeting, Great Yeldham (6), Nov. 7. Bells 3 Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and handbell ringing, business meeting and tower bells. 9847

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION .--- Joint meeting with the Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford on Sat., Nov. 7. Ringing: Meole Brace (6), 3 p.m. Sat., Nov. 7. Hinging: Medie Brace (d), 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening at Meole Brace until 7. St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, 7.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Askey, 7 Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsby Wednesday before.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Monthly meeting, Basford (8), Nov. 7 Ringing 3 p.m. and after tea. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to E. Shuttleworth, 35 Holly Avenue. Breaston, Derby, by Oct. 30. 9881

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS 333rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER November 7, 1970 (6 for 6.30)

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W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec., S.D.G.

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> of TWO NEW TREBLE BELLS

Saturday, October 31, 1970 at 3 p.m.

Open ringing after service until 9.30 p.m. Buffet tea provided.

Numbers, please, to H. T. Rooke, 9 York Terrace, Warsop.

All welcome.

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SNOWDON DINNER

Saturday, October 31, 1970 Arcadian Hall, Market Street, Barnsley, 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Tickets 30s. (giving names) from A. C. Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US, en-closing s.a.e., by Wed., Oct. 28. Ringing details to follow.

DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL Saturday, October 24

BLANDFORD PARISH CHURCH Striking competition 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.

Tea in Corn Exchange 5.15 p.m. Open ringing afterwards. All Dorset ringers welcome.

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BOOK WANTED

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of new ring of six (Tenor 2 cwt. 3 gr. 13 lb.)

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Sibson (Rev.), 17 Museum Street, Saffron Walden. 9913

PRELIMINARY NOTICE SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE. DEDICATION

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RINGING FESTIVAL AND SOCIAL

Saturday, October 24. Due to unfortunate circumstances this function has had to be

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Dancing, games and entertainment.
A small charge will be made to cover cost of refreshments.

Numbers attending, please, to: C. F. Mew, 32 Wymond Street, S.W.15, or telephone 01-788 0733.

The more the merrier.

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CLEVELAND RINGERS TOUR **SCOTLAND**

(August 7-10)

On a rather miserable Friday morning in early August Mike Livesey's tour of Scotland started, after a delay for budding photographers to record the great moment. Thick fog was encountered for part of the

journey, which put us behind schedule, but we managed to make up some of the time and were not too late at the first tower, St. James', Paisley. For some reason, possibly because of the long drive beforehand, both experienced and inexperienced ringers seemed to find difficulty in striking the bells and the ringing here was probably the worst of the tour. A late departure enforced another fast drive to enable us to book in at Fintry Youth Hostel and then return to Glasgow Cathedral by early evening. A visit to the wrong cathedral first made us keep up our dismal record by arriving there late also, but we joined our hosts to get the ten in action for some improved ringing.

Although we had been unable to get Inveraray bells on the Saturday we decided to go there, hoping to see the bells and possibly briefly to join any band who might be ringing there. No one was about and the bells were locked up, so we moved on to Stirling.

The following morning we joined Harry Glover and his band at Alloa to ring for Sunday service on the enjoyable eight before making our leisurely way to the mag-nificent Dunblane Cathedral. We found the bells excellent and it is a great pity that they are not rung regularly. We rang at Dundee Cathedral for evening service and were intrigued by the Victorian extractor fan set in the floor. After the ringing we went to the roof of the tower, where there is a superb view of the city and road bridge.

Next morning we travelled via the impressive Tay and Forth road bridges to Edinburgh for the final ringing of the tour. First was the Cathedral, where most of us were able to ring our heaviest bell to date by grabbing the 42½ cwt. tenor and with the help of the local ringers we got the ten in action. In complete contrast we moved to Fettes College and the 21 cwt. five were greatly appreciated.

The tour was a great success and thanks are extended to Mike Livesey and to Richard Harris and Bob Crighton for their efficient and uncomplaining driving, even when occasionally faced with suspect navigators.

The following ringers took part: George Willerton, E. Michael Livesey, Alexander Robert Crighton, Fiona Crosby, Richard J. Harris, Ronald S. Barclay, Lynnette Bandal Leslie Franks. R.S.B.

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wick St. Lawrence, Oct. 24. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—M. Legg. 9922 LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting on Sat., Nov. 7, Rainham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting on Sat., Nov. 7, Rainham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to Mrs. C. Cheal, 49 Ivy Street, Rainham, by Thurs., Nov. 5. All welcome.—R. W. 9923 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Square, Blackpool, Sat., Oct. 31. Bells (8) 4—6 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual striking contest at Bolsterstone (8), Sat., Nov. 7. Draw 2.30 p.m. General ringing after tea. Names of teams and people requiring teas to R. Fletcher, 34 Dransfield Road, Sheffield, S10 5RN, by previous Wednesday. 9924

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD
—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at
Freshwater, Oct. 31. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service
4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.
—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 9926

The former Miss Margaret Izard, whose wedding is reported in this issue, is a very accomplished ringer and rang regularly at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C. On many occasions she has helped to entertain visiting ringers from the U.K. and when in England has rung at many churches, including Winchester Cathedral and Christchurch Priory.

The story on the cover about the bells at St. Paul's. Papanui, New Zealand, makes interesting reading and all bellringers in the British Isles will wish continued success to the St. Paul's Society and also to the Cathedral Society at Christchurch.

Returning to New Zealand after several months' stay in the British Isles, Mr. and Mrs. Armitage left on October 6. They have frequently popped in the office to have a chat and there is no doubt they—and we have enjoyed their holiday. We hope that we may meet again one day, but no doubt will see Mr. Armitage's name in the ringing items connected with Papanui.

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IN HIS 99th YEAR

Sending a subscription from Alhambra, California, Mrs. Ann Weatherby apologised for the delay but was disabled for several months with a broken right arm. Her husband, Mr. Ernest Weatherby, who is in his 99th year, did much of his peal ringing in the Guildford area, and Mrs. Weatherby adds: "My husband has been a subscriber to bellringing magazines since Church Bells in the late 1800s and still shows great interest in ringing. He is self-taught, learning bellringing from Snowdon's books and attending practice nights in various towns and villages."

Wedding



The marriage between Richard B. Dorrington, of Bilston, Staffordshire, and Bryony P. H. Moorby, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, took place at Kingston Parish Church on Saturday, September 5. The bride wore an ivory gown of Duchesse satin. The gown and full length veil were embroidered and made by her mother.

The reception was attended by 150 guests, 30 or more being ringers. The church porch was decorated with bell ropes, and handbells were rung at the reception.

TWO YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—On September 14, 1968, the Central Branch of our Lincoln Guild held its quarterly meeting at our village, when Mr. J. Freeman was our chairman, with Mr. J. L. Millhouse ringing master and Mr. G. R. Parker secretary.

The meeting was well attended but many snags and incidents presented themselves that were very annoying to the officers concerned.

The meeting was never reported in the R.W.

The various incidents inspired a local ringer to write the following rhyme, which all concerned would agree is absolutely true in every detail and I am sure now that the said officers have had time to cool down they will only recall it with amusement. Here it is:—

The Central Branch of Lincoln Guild Held meeting mid-September, And Scothern was the place they chose For long we shall remember.

It happened when our "Vic" was ill, So him they did not worry; We had a parson from away And he was in a hurry.

The village hall we tried to hire
To seat our forty ringers;
The young and old, some boys and girls
And one or two beginners.

The hall was booked some time before For horticultural show; It happens every year just then, A fact we all should know.

So then we tried the reading room, Said they "You wait and see, For probably at that weekend 'Twill be the football tea."

We told our problem to a friend Who said "You are a fool To run around the village so And never try the school."

We saw the powers that be up there "Oh, come to school," they said, "We'll set the tables up for you And find you all some bread."

The meal was over, past and gone. Geoff said "So now we pay." The ladies rushed in one and all To clear the pots away.

A local gent barged in the room
As minutes true were read;
"I hope you've all enjoyed yourselves
And had good tea," he said.

When Harold tried to make a speech, As odd as it may seem, That fearless man walked in again To fetch the salad cream.

Before the ringing master spoke
The chairman called a halt,
To make quite sure our friend in there
Did not require the salt.

The business meeting duly closed, Then back to church to ring; Some played the organ for a while But no one tried to sing.

They rang another touch or two
To make complete the day,
Then finished off on Dunholme bells
Until they broke a stayl

C. V. CADE, ringing captain.
Scothern, Lincs.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for October 19, 1945

The first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by all was rung at St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, it also being the first for the Midland Counties Association.

Harold J. Poole conducted.

Mr. T. Townsend was elected ringing master pro tem at a meeting of the Dudley

and District Guild held at Oldbury.

The band who rang a quarter of Grandsire Caters at Solihull contained five members of the Bragg family, it being conducted by E. C. Shepherd.

At a Devonshire Guild meeting at East

Budleigh the company included Preb E. V. Cox (president) and the Rev. C. Carew Cox (president of the Salisbury Guild).

We are not disposed to quarrel with Mr. Joseph Dyke when he says that occasionally his ears tell him that perfection is reached in ringing but we do think that "perfection" is a word which ought not to be

used of striking . . .—Leader.

William C. Shute conducted a peal of
Bob Minor at St. Paul's, Salisbury, in which Frederick E. Manns rang his first peal (on the treble).

At Braintree a handbell peal of Double At Braintree a handbell peal of Double Norwich was rung by Edwin Jennings 1-2, Christopher W. Woolley 3-4, John B. Woolley 5-6, Albert Wiffen 7-8. It was arranged and conducted by C. W. Woolley, being his 250th on handbells.

The annual meeting of the National Police Guild was held at Leicester, and at the luncheon the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were guests of honour.

50 YEARS AGO

October 22, 1920

A letter from G. P. Burton, of Bracondale, Norwich, called attention to the newly-formed Ypres League and the possibility of erecting a belfry tower on the battlefield containing a ring of bells for special occasions.

At the Central Northants Association meeting at Finedon it was agreed by a large majority that performing members should pay an annual subscription of 2s., with 6d. entrance fee.

The Norwich and Ipswich Association

held their annual meefing on a Wednesday, when 70 were present and a service was followed by luncheon in Ipswich Co-opera-

tive Hall.

On October 21, 1920, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. John's Church, Cardiff. [It is thought that Fred Bailey is the only surviving member of the band.—Ed.]

At Warnham, Sussex, Miss Florrie Wy-man rang the treble to Bob Major—her first peal, which was conducted by Oliver Sippetts.

The first peal on the bells at All Saints',

Tilney, Norfolk, was one of Bob Minor.
They were made a six in 1745.

At Monkseaton, Northumberland, five

members of the Gofton family rang a hand-bell peal of Stedman Caters, and at Leiston

four of the Bailey brothers rang a handbell peal of Stedman Triples.

A peal of Grandsire Triples for the Ancient Society of College Youths was scored by Arthur T. Morris, who tapped Carter's 12-part in 2 hours and 34 minutes before

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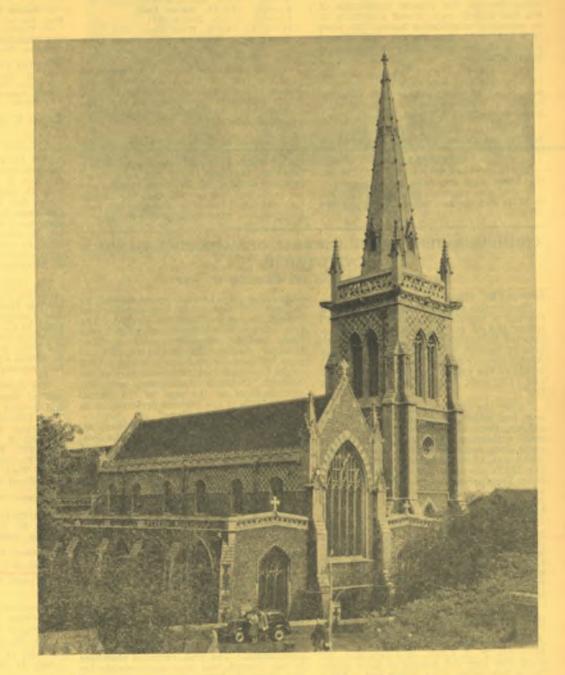
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St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk

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St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk

By GEORGE W. PIPE

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, now the Borough Church, is mentioned in the Domesday Survey as having been in existence in the reign of Edward the Confessor. Records show that it has always been associated with the civic life of Ipswich, indeed Merchant Guild of Corpus Christi (instituted in 1325) always had close links with the "Tower."

Unhappily these civic ties have tended to weaken over the past 100 years, although efforts are being made to restore a real feeling that once again the church and the town are as one.

These early foundations may surprise the visitor because the present appearance of this fine church owes almost everything to its extensive refashioning beween the years 1850 and 1868. Thus the nave and chancel arcades are the only mediæval remains of the structure.

There are some good brasses, an early 15th century font (one of a trio—the other two being at Helmingham and Grundisburgh), a Willis organ and a pulpit attributed to Grinling Gibbons.

The tower and spire, 176 feet high, was rebuilt completely in 1866, replacing a smaller one.

THE BELLS

The churchwardens' return of 1553 shows that there were five bells and one sanctus. The ring was augmented to eight, then ten in 1812, with the two trebles recast again in 1844/5.

The new tower in 1866 provided the opportunity to furnish Suffolk with its first and only 12 by the addition of a new treble and tenor and the recasting of the old 2nd and 6th to become the present 5th and 9th. The 7th was recast just after the last war. Details of the bells are as follows. (Notice the weights of the front four!)

Treble.—27", 5-3-5. Warner 1866.

2.—27", 4-3-3. Taylor 1845.

3.—28\frac{1}{2}", 5-1-0. Taylor 1844.

4.—29", 5-2-0. Hodson 1688.

5.—32", 6-3-9. Warner 1866.

6.—33", 7-0-0. Darbie 1671.

7.—35\frac{1}{2}", 8-1-0. Mears 1945 (originally Graye 1607).

8.—38", 10-3-0. Darbie 1671. 9.—43\frac{1}{2}", 14-0-11. Warner 1866. 10.—46", 17-1-0. Darbie 1671. 11.—51\frac{1}{2}", 24-0-0. Miles Graye 1610. Tenor.—57\frac{1}{2}", 32-0-0 (approx.). Warner 1866. in C sharp

St. Mary-le-Tower Society's achievements over the last 100 years are already well known. Suffice to say that up to 1963 nearly 400 peals were rung on the bells, most of which were on 12, many being Surprise methods.

Sadly the ring is in urgent need of restoration, no work apart from the recast 7th having been done on them since 1866/7. However, the first £1,000 has been raised (entirely through the efforts of ringers) and we in Suffolk are hopeful that the Church and civic authorities in Ipswich will soon recognise the importance of this work.

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the first post-war peal in the method, and this was J. Motts' last of Surprise Maximus. He had successfully guided the company from the Double Norwich Maximus in 1892 and had conducted all their performances. In all he was the conductor for 39 years — no mean feat. Early in 1923 he passed to his rest, joining his greatly loved brother William, who had died on September 29th, 1919, aged 57 years.

"On March 5, 1921, the local band rang

"In 1920 George E. Symonds took up residence in Ipswich and joined the St. Mary-le-Tower Society. When J. Motts died George was elected conductor, being aided by C. J. Sedgley. Many of the older members had either retired from ringing or had died. Much patient work was required to rebuild the company, which they successfully accomplished.

"On April 30, 1927, they rang the first peal of Superlative Maximus, William Pye and brother G. R. being among the band. Then followed on December 8, 1928, New Cambridge Maximus; November 30, 1929, the first of Yorkshire Maximus; September 13, 1930, Pudsey Maximus; February 3, 1938, Rochester Maximus; and February 2, 1939, York Surprise Maximus. Truly a magnificent record."

COMMEMORATION OF THE 1910 PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT IPSWICH

By EDWARD JENKINS and GEORGE W. PIPE

George Pipe writes:

"Earlier this year I wrote to Ted Jenkins (himself a Suffolk man and 'proud on it') telling him of our intention to commemorate the September, 1910, Cambridge Maximus at Ipswich by the Norwich Diocesan Association. He very kindly wrote a short article of the events leading up to the 1908 and 1910 peals, which is here published in full":—

"After the 1866 restoration, when Warners had added a tenor and treble to the old ten, there does not seem to have been much activity, although the College Youths came along and rang the first peal on them, which was, of course, Stedman Cinques. In the 1880's the two brothers Motts moved from Fressingfield to Ipswich, where they pursued their vocation as house decorators. James, the elder, established himself as leader of the company and in 1892 they rang the second peal ever of Double Norwich Maximus, the first having been rung at Norwich on January 20, 1817. For the Ipswich men this was a tremendous advance from the usual Treble 12 of those days. Subsequently they rang several peals of Double Norwich Maximus, all of which were conducted by James Motts.

"Early in the 1900's the news leaked out that the Gloucester people were practising Cambridge Maximus. A conversation with John Austin and more recent information from Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester, reveals that they did manage a plain course but a bob rather upset things and a fierce argument between the brothers Law James and Bankes James shattered the affair.

Circa 1906 the Ipswich men, assisted by William and George R. Pye and Bertram Prewitt, began practising the method. The first attempt failed, fortunately, for it was found that the composition used was false. However, on Saturday, August 15, 1908, all went well and the peal was achieved Well might Charles Borrett, then secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, write his own footnote to the peal in the annual report: 'This is the greatest performance in the history of campanology.'

"While the rest of the Exercise were recovering from their astonishment, the Sunday service band rang the second peal of Cambridge Maximus on September 17, 1910, and Charles J. Sedgley is the only survivor of that band, he having moved to Ipswich the previous year.

"The band for this peal was as follows: Edgar Pemberton Treble William P. Garrett 7 Arthur S. Boar 2 Chas. A. Catchpole 8 Edward Evans 3 Chas. J. Sedgley 9 Chas. H. Gillingham 4 William Motts 10 William L. Catchpole 5 Lewis W. Wiffen 11 James Motts 6 Robert H. Brundle Tenor Conductor James Motts.

Bill Garrett, incidentally, rang the 7th without a slider!

"It was this 1910 peal and the fact that Charles Sedgley (83) is still happily with us that prompted six Norwich and six Suffolk ringers to get together at St. Peter Mancroft on September 27 and ring the original composition. The peal, recorded elsewhere in this journal, was rung appropriately for the Norwich Diocesan Association, and thanks are due to our hosts for making the attempt possible.

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INVERARAY BELLS RECORDED

LONG-PLAYERS TO BE MADE

During late August, recordings of Inver-aray bells were made with a view to two gramophone records being produced in aid of funds for improvements in the towerin particular, sound and weather control. The arrangements were made by Mr. N. Chaddock. The aim is to produce a 7in. L.P. of mainly Scottish and traditional melodies played on the chimes by Mr. Ray Aldington of King's Norton, who plays the Bournville carillon, and a 12in. L.P. including some six-and eight-bell ringing, but mainly Caters and Royal. It is hoped that these will be available before Christmas, and progress will be notified to The Ringing World

In the picture, taken by Tim Lancaster, of The Dunoon Observer, are, left to right: Wilfrid F. Moreton, Ray Aldington, Elsie Chaddock, A. Ben Cooper, John N. D. Chaddock (behind Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson), David S. Johnson (behind Ian G. Campbell and Ron Ducker), Roddy Horton, Neville Pailing. In foreground: Norman Chaddock, Peter Church (behind chair), Maris Stephenson and Mrs. Michael Noble (chair-man, "Friends of Inveraray Bells").



Cambridge University Guild.

IN VARIED STYLE
Let's look at a few old Ringing Worlds to see the sort of way people write accounts of ringing tours . . . Yes, usually accounts of ringing tours . . . Yes, usually long after the event—well, that's all right, it's a month since I agreed to write this article. . . Hallo, here's something a bit different—it starts in the middle of the

On Wed., Aug 26, we went into the Peak District. Some good ringing was had in the morning at Glossop and Hope, but mist prevented us from enjoying the scenery to the full. In the afternoon a peal of Cambridge Royal was rung at Chesterfield (which, according to nearby residents, took 4½ hours to ring), while the rest of the party practised their six-bell ringing at Hathersage, Edensor and Chatsworth. .

Well, it's a start—a bit pedestrian though.
... Those old boys who wrote in The
Bell News had a certain charm about their

style. . . . On Tuesday, the 25th, a party consisting of members of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers set forth after a copious breakfast from Lyme Hall, Disley, the magnificent residence in which were so comfortably accommodated for the duration of their week's tour, and in fair weather proceeded by motor car to the pretty village of Marple, where the fine ring of eight bells which hangs in the ancient tower of the parish church was soon pouring forth its music over the adjacent valley. It was at this tower that the party had the good fortune to be joined by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, that ever popular . . . (etc.) After an hour's ringing the party proceeded to Hazel Grove, and thence to Stockport, where the magnificence of the fane is matched by the grandeur of 'the In the afternoon, after a light lunch, an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the historic bells at Ashton-under-Lyne was brought to an untimely halt by the temporary indisposition of one of the band. Meantime other members of the party displayed their skill to

the local audiences at Chapel-en-le-Frith and Taxal.

. . . Yes, but perhaps that sort of thing is rather old-fashioned these days-after all, the Editor is trying hard to give The Ringing World a modern image .

Monday, August 24. Prestbury bells were really groovy, dad, but Dunham Massey—boy, what a freak! Knutsford was cool, man, cool. Then this band rings this peal at Bowdon

No, perhaps not. Anyway, speaking of the Editor reminds me that he urges con-tributors to be brief—perhaps we could try

the Alfred Jingle touch?

Thursday—went west—Eccleston—capital bells— then Handbridge—Chester, in again, out again, no time to stop—fine six at Acton—only allowed ring back six at Barthomley—mechanical defect—Congleton—splendid bells, very—no peal attempt that day.

Brief, yes, but perhaps too condensed. So we're back where we started-and I don't suppose anyone's interested in reading what we did, anyway—I never read about other people's tours—so let's just finish off as quickly as possible.

Friday saw us in the Peak District again. The guild's 750th peal was rung at Darley Dale, and the band was hospitably entertained afterwards by Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, the incumbent, who also rang in the peal. Ringing also took place at Chelmorton, Ashford-in-the-Water, Matlock, Youlgreave and somewhere else-I forget

. Now, can we get all the other essen-

tials into one last paragraph?

Scores:—For: 3 peals out of 5 attempts; good time had by all. Against: 2 stays, 5 ropes, 1 tyre, 1 car door. Members present all or part of time 26. Grateful thanks to Alan Scholfield, whose hard work and organisation produced a really memorable "Guild Week," and to incumbents and towerkeepers for use of bells. There was also some ringing for those who arrived on the Sunday at the beginning of the week.

W. T. C.

Obituary

MR. JOHN BALL

John Ball was laid to rest on Sept. 30 in the churchyard at Gt. Addington, Northants, after a life spanning 86 years. For 70 of those years he served his village church as chorister, sidesman, churchwarden and bellringer, and in addition did many less glamorous tasks on its behalf, including the upkeep of the churchyard and maintenance

After being employed as bellhanger's assistant when the bells were installed in 1899 he, along with his brothers Francis and Albert, learned to ring under the tuition of the late Bill Gilbert, who walked from Raunds to teach his pupils. John, with his brothers, later figured in many peals rung by the Central Northants Association and afterwards the Peterborough Guild.

For those who knew him only during the last ten years his death is a severance of the link between the present band and the original one. He entered into most of our ringing activities despite the fact that many of the methods of his day have since lost

Following the death of his wife, John spent his latter years at the home of his stepdaughter at Derby, but returning to Great Addington for short stays at regular intervals-and always arriving on a Friday (practice night). The memory of this excited elderly gentleman clambering out of a car, with his jacket half-off by the time he reached the belfry door will always be uppermost in our minds. He loved coming back for practices and really enjoyed the company of younger ringers.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob rung open as a thanksgiving for his life and work was unfortunately lost a lead from home on the night of the funeral, but amends were made by one of Cambridge rung at Twywell on the following Saturday.

May he rest in peace.

F. E. C.

STARTED RINGING IN 1904



Mr. Louis Head, of Little Buckland Avenue, Maidstone, who is a very active 80-years-old and is a popular member of the Kent County Association, photographed recently by The Ringing World. He started ringing in 1904 at Lyminge, near Folkestone, and during the first war served in the Royal Flying Corps. He was the youngest composer in the Kent County Association, having composed a peal of Bob Major when he was 16.

Mr. Head has rung many peals and conducted between 130 and 150 of them. He still rings in the monthly quarter peals at Maidstone and is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

A golden wedding peal of Stedman Caters was rung on that auspicious occasion—October 5, 1968. Both Mr. and Mrs. Head are in excellent health, a state which all will wish them for many years yet.

RINGING WORLD FOR ROYALTY

When Prince George attended morning service with the Marquis and Marchioness of Exeter on September 6, at St. Martin's, Stamford Baron, Northants, a copy of The Ringing World lay on the table near the south door. Noting the cover picture (of St. Martin's) he asked if one was to spare. Mr. John Bluff promptly handed him one and gave him a brief description of the contents. Prince George is brother-in-law of the Duke of Edinburgh. J. H. B.

Guild of Police Ringers. NEW PRESIDENT

The A.G.M. of the guild was held on September 26 at Kettering, Northants, by kind permission of the Chief Constable, Mr. J. A. H. Gott.

Lunch was at Rothwell House Hotel, Rothwell, and the guests were Rev. E. G. Orland and Mrs. Orland, Chief Superintendent Ward and Mrs. Ward.

Ringing was arranged at six towers and the meeting was held at Kettering Police Station. The new president of the guild is Chief Superintendent R. Hagley of Guildford, and the new secretary-treasurer is P.C. George Cousins of Ross-on-Wye.

The next A.G.M. will be held at Bristol in September, 1971. W. J. F.

Bath and Wells Association.
"B" TEAM WINS

The fifth annual striking competition of Bath Branch was held in delightful summer weather at Bathford on September 19. Seven teams entered and a good standard of ringing was achieved. The judge was the past secretary, Mr. Alan F. Lee, and in his remarks he commented on the small number of whole faults incurred. The final placings were: 1 St. Mary's B (5½ faults), 2 Corston B (10), followed by St. Michael's (13), Abbey (17), Twerton (23), St. Mary's A (30) and Corston A (38).

The Vicar of Bathford presented the Harold Parfrey Memorial Shield to the winners, and the chairman of the branch thanked him for allowing the use of the bells, the Vicarage garden and the Church Hall (where tea was served). The chairman also thanked the local tower captain, Mr. A. B. Cannings, for his work, and the ladies who prepared and served tea.

Herts County Association.

ANOTHER DISTRICT HELPED

The Eastern District summer meeting was held at Aspenden, where the attractive church is situated in equally fine countryside. The pleasant eight were put to good use, but unfortunately many ringers were on holiday at this time. Our thanks to members of the Bishop's Stortford District who came over and helped. Owing to the absence of the ringing master (Mr. David Harris), Mr. A. Stracey took charge of ringing.

A visit by the local Press added to the activity and many of the band were interviewed and photographs taken. The bells were lowered at 8.30 p.m. B. J. W. F.

Leeds and District Branch.

STRIKING COMPETITION

For its annual striking competition the Leeds and District Branch decided this year to substitute the branch stage of the Yorkshire Association's new competition for its own. Consequently the event took place at Batley on September 26. The weather was fine and warm (always a help on such an occasion), enabling competitors to stand in the churchyard to listen to the performances of their rivals. A record ten bands entered, five of whom were ringing call changes, at least one person in each "not proficient at ringing changes in method form."

The judging was done once again by Mr. Noel F. Moxon (Cawthorne), who patiently sat in a curtained Dormobile outside the tower for over four hours.

The results were announced at the business meeting which concluded the event, and the band from Thornhill, ringing cartwheel Oxford T.B., were declared the winners. Two bands ringing Cambridge Minor (Leeds Parish Church and Chapel Allerton) were placed second and third respectively, with only one fault between them.

Mr. Moxon presented as the prize the

Mr. Moxon presented as the prize the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society's engraved tankard, to Dyson Scargill, captain of the Thornhill band, and said how pleased he was to see such enthusiasm for the competition which had come from the branch, particularly from the relatively young bands who had rung call changes.

The branch chairman (Robin Brown) congratulated Mrs. Janet Walker and the Cleckheaton band, who rang call changes,

and were placed fourth.

The Thornhill and Leeds Parish bands now go forward to represent the branch in the final of the association's competition to be held at the end of October.

R.C.

Rededication.

Wickwar, Gloucestershire

Sunday afternoon, September 20, was pleasant and warm. Ringers attending the rededication of the bells of the lovely church enjoyed a pleasant service in this delightful village just below the Cotswolds. The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. E. Akers Perry) assisted by the Rural Dean. During the service the first lesson was read by Police-Sergeant W. F. Scudamore, master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and the second lesson by one of the local ringers. Also present in the congregation were Miss E. M. Bliss, chairman of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and Messrs. A. Clayton and P. Brown, representing John Taylor and Co. the bell founders. An unusual feature of the ceremony was the accompaniment of the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God," on handbells. After the service the bells were sentatives of the association and founders.

General ringing followed.

All felt an excellent job had been made. The bells were found to run smoothly and to admit of good striking from the outset. The bells were cast and installed originally by Gillett and Johnston in 1908 and are a pleasant-toned ring. The restoration has been made possible by a legacy left by a

former ringer at Wickwar.

Guildford Guild. SECRETARY TAKEN ILL

The secretary of the Farnham District, Miss Sylvia Tate-Mitchell, became unwell and was unable to stay for the meeting at Seale on October 3, but the assistant secretary stepped into the breach.

The service, which preceded the meeting, was conducted by the recently-inducted rector, Canon Oldakre, who welcomed the company and expressed pleasure in meeting the ringers.

The company stood in silence in memory of Mr. Edgar Sherwood (of Ash), who was a founder member of the guild.

New members elected were David Turner, Joan Gillott, Tim Norris and Tony Poll (Farnham) and Simon Garrard (Seale).

The next district advanced practice was arranged for Farnborough in October, the date to be arranged with the local ringers. The meeting concluded with the master (Mr. T. Page) thanking the local ringers, the

rector, and also Alan Rapley (Grayshott) for playing the organ.

The meeting was followed with a varied

Lincoln Guild. IMPROVEMENT NOTICED

and lively programme of ringing.

At the second annual guild striking competition there was a very noticeable improvement in the standard of ringing over the previous year. However, only ten teams took part in the final, which was held at Waddington on September 19, one team from each of the Eastern and Elloe Deanery Branches and two from each of the others.

We were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Denis Carlisle as judge, and after a buffet tea he announced the results as follows: Stamford 90 faults, Algarkirk 101, Burton Stather 101, Winterton 63½, St. Giles, Lincoln, 119, Saxilby 80, Lincoln Cathedral 54, Bicker rang out, Grantham 84, Gainsborough 95.

The John Freeman Cup was presented to the conductor of the Cathedral team, together with a hand-written and framed certificate. A surprise was the presentation of a plaque, carved and donated by John Bluff (Stamford) to the conductor of the runners-up (Winterton).

D. A. F.

Editorial

OUR CALENDAR

Before the last war, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the Loughborough bell founders. distributed free a well-produced and attractive calendar which depicted churches in which the firm had carried out bell installation or restoration work. As far as we can ascertain there has been no similar production in post-war years, and this prompted the Editor to design something which would be attractive, useful and moderately priced

A limited "run-off" of 500 copies of a Ringing World calendar has been printed and consists of 12 towers from various parts of the country with a month and year-toview on each page. It is printed in sepia on cartridge paper and carries a diary panel for each month. We realise it is not an ambitious production but, being experimental, it was felt that it should be retailed to ringers at cost price and, if successful, could next year be improved and somewhat more elaborate. We believe that the first issue is reasonably attractive and will prove useful, as well as an advertisement for the bell-ringers' own weekly journal—The Ringing World.

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"THE SOUND OF THE CARILLON"

In our advertisement columns we give details of a tape recording made by the City and County of Newcastle upon Tyne of their Edith Adamson carillon, which plays eight well-known tunes and four Christmas carols. It is a well-balanced selection and has special appeal not only to Tynesiders but also to carillon and bells enthusiasts. Playing for around 15 minutes, it is recorded on one side of the tape, and the reverse (plain) side can be used for sending a personal message if given as a Christmas gift, or for other recordings.

Packed in a strong box and bearing an

attractive label of the bell tower, it is despatched in a specially padded envelope which can be re-used if required. A limited number of tapes has been cut and early application is advised. The cost is 21s.

and 1s. 3d. p. & p.

Obituary.

WALTER E. DAY

On the morning of Wednesday, October 14, Walter died in hospital at the age of 63 after a series of illnesses.

He was a consistent and loyal ringer at St. Andrew's, Banwell, Somerset, where he first pulled a rope in 1925. In 1954 he rang his first peal (tenor to Grandsire Triples at Winscombe) and often remarked that he bought a new pair of braces for the occasion! He was made captain in that year and proudly held the office until, in 1968, he handed the position to a younger man be-cause, as he said, "a young band deserves a young captain." That was the kind of man Walter was-modest and generous.

He will be greatly missed by his many friends, including the members of the parish church choir, in which he had sung

since he was a small boy.

Belfry Gossip

Details of ringing arrangements for the Snowdon Festival next Saturday at Barnsley appear in this issue. We regret these not published last week owing to a misunderstanding in our printing depart-

The Editor cordially thanks the many readers who have sent congratulations and good wishes on the completion of his first year in the editorial chair. couraging and very gratifying to have such messages, and to know that The Ringing World is doing what its first editor (and proprietor), John S. Goldsmith, set out to do-i.e. "to produce a bright and attractive bellringing paper devoted to ringers' interests and conducted on up-to-date lines" The limitations of the present paper are constantly realised by The Ringing World Committee, who do their best at all times to improve its image.

Sending an article on a ringing trip into Eastern U.S.A. (to appear in due course), Mr. J. M. Simpson, of Alta (Canada), adds: "There is quite an amazing English influence in the architecture of some of the churches and other buildings in Chicago, which is rather surprising in the mid-West of the U.S.A. Mitchell tower is, I believe, a copy of Magdalen College, and just across the street there is what I believe is a Unitarian church, the outline of the tower of which is very similar to Salisbury Cathedral and St. Wulfram's, Grantham, which was my old tower."

That popular and much-admired ringer, Edgar Shepherd, of Warminster, tells us that on October 10 he paid a flying visit to Solihull, where he was ringing master for many years, and rang a peal of Cambridge Maximus. Next day he conducted four courses of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and on the Sunday evening conducted a quarter of Grandsire Caters at Solihull, in which his old friend, William Leason (84!), rang the treble. adds that it was gratifying to know he could still manage a 12-bell peal and feel no illeffects—possibly because of the small modicum of ale consumed afterwards!

American youngsters are up-and-coming, too, says Bill Theobald. Alma Harward, one of Bill's proteges, at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, rang her first quarter peal (of Minor) there recently and was immediately ushered into a visiting band at Groton School to complete a quarter of Bob Major—her "first decent touch" on eight," Bill said afterwards. Some really hard, continuous and rewarding spadework was put in at Smith by Bill during his recent trip to the States—a shot in the arm that was truly appreciated by the keen student band there.

Canadian ringers remembered an old friendship when on a week-end trip to the States they read of Ruth Gay's wedding to Malcolm Shepherd. Ruth had been instrumental in starting Canada's handbell peal ringing two years ago before her return to England, and to compliment her the Canadians joined with Simon Humphrey at Smith College, Massachusetts, to attempt a handbell peal of Kent Royal. Although this was unsuccessful, a quarter peal of Bob Major on Groton School's bells the next day was completed and duly dedicated to C. H. the future happiness of Ruth and Malcolm.

Mr. John Camp has pointed out to us that it is the Oxford University Society that will be holding its centenary in Oxford in

Ringers get full publicity in the West Country we learn from one of our regular contributors. He says that some village teams are as important and popular as the football team—and have nearly as many

Mr. W. L. Exton and some of his Bingham Branch (Southwell Guild) members went over to Bottesford (Leicester Guild) on October 3 and rang an excellent peal of Bob Major for the wedding of the daughter of the tower captain (Mr. L. Box), and both Mr. and Mrs. Box said it really made their day!

The organist and choir who led the singing at the Oxford Festival came from Winslow, Bucks, not Wilmslow (which is in Cheshire!)

Royston Grosvenor has recently obtained his B.D. degree, and a peal of Bob Minor was rung as a compliment to him at Leigh,

Wistaston won Cheshire's best-kept village competition for over 600 inhabitants. The church possesses a musical ring of six by Gillett and Johnston (1921, tenor 6 cwt.). A peal rung on October 12 was to celebrate this success, but eventually was rung muffled as a tribute to the late Harry Howard.

Can any reader satisfy the curiosity of a reader by naming the church with a central tower that is shown at the beginning of the TV programme "Softly Softly"?

First peal congratulations to Godfrey S. Hall, Trevor C. Bonham, John F. Legg. John Pickering, John Garle and Iris Milton. New methods include Grafham S. Major,

at Eaton Socon, Hunts, and Bristol Alliance Maximus (Birmingham).

Personal Records: Muriel Reay (800 peals), Derek Tysoe (50), Ronald D. Hughes Roger Savory (300), David M. Hughes (25).

New Conductors this week are Susan M. Williams and Peter J. Devrell.

Gone to teacher training college (York), Helen M. Simpson will be missed at Greasley, Notts, where she was loyal to both church and tower. She conducted many quarter peals during the past three years, and members of her old band send her good wishes.

Sending the report of a quarter rung recently, Alastair Stracey told us that it was intended originally as a peal attempt, but church cleaners disturbed the band-at one period almost sweeping the floor under the ringers' feet. As this happened in the first 720 it was possible to salvage something by ringing a quarter.

Another quarter, from Prittlewell, had a postscript: "We have had a bad year at Prittlewell this year for quarters, mainly because we haven't been for them!"

"It has been our aim to score a quarter every month with the Sunday service ringers and so far we have reached No. 10 this year-so we are keeping our fingers crossed (except when ringing, of course) to get the round dozen," writes S. G. Scott, of Binfield, Berks.

Ringin); has been interrupted at York Minster since September 13 because of work on the foundations of the S.W. tower. The ringers have been told that the contractors are very happy for the bells to be used again with effect from Sunday, October 25.

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LETTERS

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DISCOURTEOUS—OR IGNORANT?

Dear Sir,-I would be very interested to know why some ringers, who as a fraternity are supposedly a "friendly lot," can be so persistently discourteous. Yet again I read of the misdeeds of a visiting band in a letter of protest from the tower captain.

May I bring to the notice of "anyone to whom it may concern" the particular discourtesy to which I have been subjected

during the last 12 months.

The telephone frequently rings, I answer, a stranger is requesting information about local towers and ringing times, etc., but does not give his or her name, and when asked to do so the reply is usually along these lines—"Oh, you won't know me, I am only visiting the district." These people These people call me by name although they do not know me. Why then the reluctance to give me a name to put to their voice? — Yours faithfully,

Manchester.

TOWER UNSAFE?

Dear Sir.—As organiser of the Suffolk ringers visit to North Wales recently I would like to thank Mr. Charles Pound for his remarks (Ringing World, page 773). This, I can assure him, was a slip up on the part of our Press renorter, was fully aware of the facts vailing at Bodelwyddan. I was vailing at Bodelwyddan. I was told by the vicar in February that extensive works were being carried out on the spire and that ringing was banned for the time However, anxious to have a ring on what I believe to be a lovely eight, I tried again in July and was told that Phase 2 was completed and Phase 3 about to be started, but that the architect advised no ringing. We did, however, visit this beautiful church, and local people seemed surprised that we had not been allowed to With such a fine building and only just over 100 years old, it did seem remarkable that the tower was not safe after such a short time.—Yours faithfully, Rougham, Suffolk. L

L. WRIGHT,

ONE SURVIVOR?

Dear Sir,-The peal by the Cumberlands at Egham on January 7, 1913, starting at 5.20 a.m., mentioned in the article on that tower (page 807) was the first of what should have been four peals in a day. The second, Double Norwich at St. Peter's. Staines, was successful, but the third. Kent Treble Bob at Wraysbury, ended after 2 hours and minutes because of a shift, and the band decided not to start for the fourth, Oxford Treble Bob at Old Windsor. Mr. Alfred H. Winch is. I think, the sole survivor of the band, of which my grandfather was one. Other well-known ringers who took part were John D. Matthews (master of the Cumberlands for more than 20 years) and two "1,000-pealers," William H. Fussell and John H. Cheesman.

The account in The Ringing World said the band were called at 4 a.m. for a 5 a.m. start. I doubt if a neal at that hour would be very popular at Egham today, aspecially on a Tuesday (as this was).-Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,-I wish to withdraw the peal of Spliced Minor rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Stamford on August 24. 1970 (Ringing World, page 780)—Childwall and Plain Bob on opposite sides of a single. My apologies to all concerned.-Yours faith-

DENIS A. FRITH

Grantham, Lines.

REEKS OF VINDICTIVENESS?

Dear Sir,-I am one of those who, upon the receipt of The Ringing World, looks through the list of Sunday service quarter peals, as I feel that they are much more a reliable pointer to the state of the Exercise than a number of Surprise peals by the same hand will ever be. The suggestion you publish in "Belfry Gossip" (page 735) reeks of vindictiveness. I have no wish to be vindictive but only to reflect on matters in a practical sort of way.

No! Ringers of Sunday quarters would not wish their names to be published in the larger type. They are out to prove at least two points. (i) They are using the bells for the purpose for which they were installed, and (ii) they show that their tower is not amongst those that are silent on Sundays. No individual is perhaps outstanding but all take a pride in something they have accomplished for this purpose.

The 6-pt. face used for publication of these looks the same as used for notices of meetings. etc. (for which advertisers have to pay 2d. per word). On that basis the quarters go a long way towards covering the cost of their publication. Peal reports do not pay for themselves. Therefore why publish them in the 8-pt. type at all?

All credit is due to those peal ringers who send a donation with reports, and many of these wish that the others were equally high-No amount of argument or preaching will instil a spirit of generosity into those who do not possess it, whether inside or outside of ringing circles.

Your correspondent, Mike Fishwick, has certainly raised a point, although I do not think it to be practical in the form he sug-The only peal reports which should be sent direct to The Ringing World are "Non-Association." and these should be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Others should be submitted through the guild peal secretary or peal committee accompanied by the fee required for publication. If this procedure were adopted the publication of "hoax" neal reports would be virtually impossible, firstly because anything doubtful could be investigated by the peal secretary or committee before submission for publication in The Ringing World, and secondly because a hoaxer would think twice about putting his hand in his pocket for the publication of a false report. At present he gets them published free, whether known to the Editor or not!

Peal fees could vary. of course. should be higher for multi-method peals (on the lower numbers) and for anything above eight-spliced Major, Royal or Maximus, as these all occupy more snace than a onemethod peal. The band should pay accordingly. Any refusal to submit a fee with the report would mean that it would not be published in The Ringing World. Therefore it also could not be accepted by the guild or association for publication in its annual report.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coundon, Coventry.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—I refer to page 659 of The Ringing World, issue 3,095. A peal of Spliced Doubles is reported late, after the original peal copy was lost. Listed below it are eight methods thought to have been rung for the first time, and thus named by the band concerned. Six of these were rung and named at Hambledon, Hants, on December 22, 1969, and are listed in the report on page 199 of The Ringing World, issue 3,072. These methods are: 57P Evening Star Place; 66P Cathedral Place; 64U Castlewood Bob; 67V Hambledon Bob; 69V Biddesden Place; 76U Broadhalfpenny Place.

In addition I should also point out that on page 199 are listed 16 variations thought to have been rung for the first time at Brockenhurst, Hants, on January 1, 1970, and consequently named. However, per-haps due to my report of the peal, four errors have appeared here: Bethlehem is Chevasse Place with Antelope Single; Bishop's Waltham is Maltby Bob with Antelope Single; Fareham is Callender Bob with Antelope Single; Shedfield is Montgomery-shire Place with Antelope Single.—Yours sincerely,

Totton, Hants. D. C. JACKSON.

NOT THE FIRST

Dear Sir,-With reference to the quarter peal rung at Scarcliffe, Derbys, on July 25, and quoted as the first on these bells, may I point out this is incorrect, as a combined Blackwell and Teversall band rang a quarter there on April 26, 1966 (three methods) for the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association.—Yours faithfully,

Newton, Derbys. W. RILEY.

"ROPESIGHT"

Dear Sir,-Referring to W. G. W.'s article on page 813. I would be prepared to doubt the advisability of teaching learners that "Grandsire on five bells is Plain Bob on four with an additional hunt bell, etc." It cannot be denied that in the plain course this happens to be true; however, the dodges in Grandsire occur at handstroke whilst in Plain Bob they occur at backstroke, and the effect of a call in the one method is vastly different to that in the other. I would therefore suggest that the very slight similarity between the plain courses these two otherwise very different methods is a matter to be "played down" and that learners should be taught them separately.

When learners can "hunt" reasonably well the next step is to teach them how to dodge. It is preferable that, in the first instance, they should do this on one stroke only. Because I consider it easier to learn to dodge at backstroke I always start my learners on Plain Bob (but this can only

be a matter of opinion).

What is important is that, whilst learning, they should not have to worry about which stroke the dodge is going to come on. I therefore think that one would not only be adding to their confusion (rather than dispelling it) by pointing out this small similarity, but would also be adding to the number of fired out touches on practice nights with, for example, "Plain Bob" learners having been coaxed into ringing Grandsire Triples (after being told that it was more or less the same as Plain Bob). trying to dodge at the lead end instead of the change after the lead end. And the confusion is going to come, anyway, when a bob is called, so there would appear to be no justification for connecting the methods in the way suggested by W. G. W in the first place. -Yours faithfully,

London, S.W. MICHAEL UPHILL.

Crayford, Kent.

CHIMING APPARATUS FOR SILENT TOWERS

Mr. George F. Roome, writing in the current issue of Northampton Branch "Newsletter" suggests chiming apparatus for silent towers without ringers. The cost of the apparatus would be relatively small, he writes, in comparison with the huge cost of a complete bell restoration, and no doubt a P.C.C. would look more favourably at this suggestion.

"Why then can't we put forward this reasonable suggestion to all P.C.C.'s with unringable bells—unsafe bells or with no ringers—to ensure that their bells may sound out on Sundays? Is it because 'full circle ringers' have a narrow and suspicious view on such a suggestion in that if a chiming apparatus was installed there would be a, further decline in ringing as we know it?

"Having thought seriously on this matter, I consider that a chiming apparatus can do a lot of good for the Church and bellringing, in that the parish will have a continuity in the event of their bells being unringable. Perhaps I may give a few instances where a chiming apparatus is used, was used, or needs to be used.

THREE INSTANCES

"(a) About five years ago, in a village some eight miles from Northampton, a tower (with five ringable bells) had, through the initiative of the vicar, a chiming apparatus fitted, to enable him to sound the bells for Sunday services, as the church was lacking in ringers. I am pleased to say that this tower has now a band of learners in training. Thus this was a case of continuity, in that the bells have been doing their duty—ringers or not being present, and that by the fitting of a chiming apparatus the bells were still able to be rung in full circle when required.

"(b) A tower (with a ring of eight) some nine miles distant was equipped with a chiming apparatus in the 1920's. Unfortunately, the apparatus was fixed (by order) so that the bells could not be rung in full circle. However, they were able to be chimed on the apparatus and were still in working order when a change of events occurred. The tower was restored in the late 1950's and efforts made to get the bells ringing in 'full circle' once again. This, however, entailed the removal of the apparatus which had previously been installed as a permanent fixture. I am pleased to say the bells are now regularly rung, and may they continue to sound out.

"(c) A sad case which has been questioned many times is the silent ten bells at St. Giles', Northampton. These, as many of you know, are rarely rung for Sunday service. However, I see no need for the bells to be silent on a Sunday if a chiming apparatus was fitted (even if it was only on six or eight of the ten bells). No obstruction to ringing in 'full circle' need arise and visits to this tower could continue as before. In the event of learners coming forward, the apparatus would be an additional advantage.

"Many 'full circle' ringers will cry out against the installation of such a device and indeed there are a few towers fitted with such an apparatus which is sadly neglected by ringers and church officials, but with an awakening and a lead from our guild officers I can envisage many of the silent bells in our church towers being sounded for Sunday services to the glory of God; whether it be by ringing full circle or on a chiming apparatus, they will indeed be doing the duty for which they were installed.

LESSER TOWERS of the SCARBOROUGH—BRIDLINGTON REGION

In this region of the Yorkshire coast are four active bands at five ringing towers of four or more bells—Bridlington Priory (8), St. Mary's, Scarborough (next to the Castle) (8), Scalby (6), Flamborough (4) and Wykeham (5, in the area's only detached tower; no local band).

A recent upsurge of enthusiasm is evident at these towers in a region where towers of five or more bells are comparatively rare. Yet it is quite surprising that a majority of the churches in the area contain at least three bells.

I have been fortunate to be able to spend a number of holidays in the past four years in the area, and when the weather has turned somewhat chilly I have turned my transport inwards from the coast to look at some of these churches. The aim is a "bell-hunt" of mainly non-Dove churches. Ground-floor ringing rooms are often misleading and if access to the bells can be gained one's visit feels more rewarding. A word of warning! Depart hurriedly if ladders are insecure or floors creak ominously.

One will find bells in good or bad condition. From a survey of the one-, two-, three- or four-bell towers in the area about half the bells appear to be fully sounded at least, although in some cases their condition is deteriorating. In the other towers only one of the bells is used, and in at least one case (at Folkton) none of the three bells appears to be used.

ON THE A.64 ROAD

Take the A64 from Scarborough and one comes to the Church of St. Martin at Seamer. As the ringing chamber (at ground-floor level) was locked, the vicar was contacted. In the west tower hangs a ringable three (tenor about 12 cwt.), rehung in a metal framework by Taylors in 1952—the framework is built for six bells. Hopes for augmentation do not appear too strong as the bells at present are not regularly rung and other financial matters are at present taking priority. However, a ring of six at Seamer would be a useful addition to the Scarborough region.

Move along the A64 and leave via the B1249 and climb up Staxton Hill to the top of the Yorkshire wolds. A halt at Foxholes will reveal, rather surprisingly, in the alcove of the small mid-Victorian church three ropes. Ascent to the bells will reveal an almost ringable Taylor ring of three, although the treble's wheel is somewhat shaky and the bell chamber is somewhat filthy.

Turn right from Foxholes and travel westwards along the valley of the Gipsey Race. Four villages, each about a mile or so from the other, have a church. All four churches have three bells; each church was either built or restored by the same architect, who in the 1860's had Taylors either to cast or recast the bells to form rings of three. At Weaverthorpe (a Norman church) "a man does them but he's not as good as the previous man," so said a local lady working at the side of a grave. Helperthorpe's Victorian church has a south-west tower. The ringing chamber was

"Even our Cathedral at Peterborough has a chiming apparatus and is regularly used. This is, as you may know, due to the fragile state of the west front. Also St. Matthew's, a church well noted for its music, is well satisfied with its chiming apparatus—again well used!"

quite clean but the ropes gave the impression of swing-chiming only. West Luttons had a chiming ring of three, and the fourth village church, at Kirby Grindalythe, had its ringing chamber and tower steps locked up, so their condition remains unknown. Some three miles south of the last-named village is the estate village of Sledmere, complete with a stately home. The church, in a well-kept, parklike setting, has a sturdy west tower and a pleasantly decorated interior. The worst feature was the three rather tatty-looking ropes, suggesting that the three bells were swing-chimed at the base of the tower. For a church which must get a lot of visitors, no guide book was available. Six villages and six rings of three bells!

PAID RINGERS

Move from Sledmere to the area east and south-east of Driffield (a near unringable six here, so I believe). At Burton Agnes, on the A166, again with a stately home, the church has a dilapidated and unringable ring of four bells. However, three churches near this church have ringable rings of three, all in good condition. The ringers at Rudston are paid for ringing. The large west tower at Nafferton also has three bells, and judging from the clock chimes there must be a tenor of about 10 cwt. vicar did not have the tower key on him on the day I called, but did know that new ringers were being trained so that his bells could continue to ring for the main ser-Near this encouraging situation is vices. another large church, at North Frodingham, with a Somerset-looking west tower. The church, with farm, and presumably the Rectory, stands on a slight hill away from the main village (in, apparently, a similar position as the famous church in Dorothy Sayers' The Nine Tailors). The tower staircase was accessible and the ringing chamber showed three fairly new ropes. In the relatively clean bell chamber in a metal framework with Hastings stays and plain bearings hangs a ringable ring of three (tenor about 12 cwt.). By the feel of the clappers they are all swing-chimed, at least. Travel towards the A165 and visit the old church at Beeford. I last visited the place four years ago and a note in the church said that the tower and its three bells were due for "eventual restoration." The same cannot be said for the final church of this survey, that at Leven, where there is a ring of four cast by Mears in 1845. These bells (tenor about 8 cwt.) are in a seemingly sturdy wooden framework and have fittings for full-swing ringing. Unfortunately the wheels are somewhat shaky and the bells, whilst still movable, have somewhat stiff bearings. All four of them are clocked by an apparatus in the ringing chamber. An enthusiast here, perhaps, could start a restoration.

Maybe most ringers will grunt at the thought of towers with three or four bells whatever their condition. Yet shouldn't we take an interest in them, especially if such towers have ringers, or at least ringable bells? The situation in the area I visited is encouraging (as at Rudston or Nafferton), or of hope (as at Seamer) or somewhat disappointing (as at Sledmere, Burton Agnes or Leven). Of course, the hopes that augmentations or restorations could take place is often "a head in the clouds" idea due to the finances of such projects. If the ringable threes or fours in this area had five, six or eight bells then . . . ah well, 'tis only wishful thinking. At least, I enjoyed the "hunting." Perhaps you might, as well.

Quarter Peals

FOR HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Allesley, Warks. — Oct. 4, 1264 Bob Major: Pamela Taylor 1, R. D. Baker 2, P. Stone 3, Deborah Eyles (first inside) 4, R. Winter 5, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 6, F. Shallcross 7, I. F. Garvie 8.

Ash Priors, Som.—Oct. 11, 1260 Doubles (4 methods, 3 spliced compositions, 2 variations): R. C. Hancock 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. M. Beale 3, R. A. C. Cross (circled tower three times) 4, A. W. Knight 5, F. Pike 6.

Barkingside, Essex.—Oct. 8, 1260 Bob Triples: Janet Peck (first Triples) 1, D. Morton 2, Deborah Knewstub 3, Susan Turcan 4, Jillian Turcan 5, Barbara Shaw 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Coggins (first Triples) 3.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leics. — Oct. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: B. S. Payne 1, J. Preston 2, F. W. Faulkner 3, P. J. Chambers 4, R. Wilmore 5, R. I. Kendrick (cond.) 6.

Bath, Som. (SS. Michael with Paul).—Oct. 4, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. R. J. Ball 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, Miss L. Stracey (first Stedman) 3, P. J. Devrell 4, A. Swatton 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, B. Sarll 8. Also for the ancient custom of the attendance of the Mayor and Corporation.

Belton, Lincs. — Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Pearson 1, Miss J. Arrand 2, S. Selby 3, D. Arrand 4, M. A. Rose (cond.) 5, C. Bower (first attempt) 6.

Bilton, Warks.—Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): W. E. Burnell 1, M. D. Fiander 2, A. M. Bulteel 3, L. A. Whewall (first inside) 4, T. J. Frodsham 5, D. G. Bulteel 6. Joint conductors 2 and 5.

Burnham-on-Sea, Som.—Oct. 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Ward (first Triples) 1, Brenda Sheppard 2, Marjorie Legg 3, S. Powell 4, J. Sheppard 5, G. Hebden 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, K. Brooks (first Triples) 8. For induction of Rev. R. C. Dean.

Burton Hastings, Warks.—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Edmands (cond.) 1, W. M. Noon 2, Sue Parsons 3, H. Lapworth 4, R. Bacon 5.

Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbys.—Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: W. A. Hibbert (first quarter) 1, Frances M. Hibbert 2, A. Hibbert 3, Elizabeth A. Hibbert 4, S. I. Bamforth 5, M. Foulds (cond.) 6.

Cleator Moor, Cumb. — Oct. 4, 1320 Bob Doubles: F. Richardson 1, G. Tembey 2, Miss V. Bell 3, W. Seward 4, Mrs. M. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6.

Combe Florey, Som.—Oct. 2, 1260 Bob Minor: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, A. H. Reed 2, F. C. Morris 3, L. T. Hancock 4, A. W. Knight 5, R. A. C. Cross 6.

Corston, Som. — Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. M. Parfrey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. B. Burton 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, M. S. Lapham 4, Mrs. E. M. Parfrey (cond.) 5, L. W. Jewell 6.

Cranham, Glos. — Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Morgan 1, R. Watts 2, R. Cornock 3, Sara Cornock 4, Susan Williams (cond.) 5, Alison Smith (first quarter) 6. Also a birthday compliment to 4th.

Devizes, Wilts (St. John). — Sept. 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Mortimer 1, P. Bushall 2, Pam Osborne 3, W. Beavan 4, J. Twinney 5, Bosborne 6, D. Bailey (cond.) 7, J. Potter 8. Also for Young Farmers' thanksgiving service.

Ealing, Middx (St. Mary). — Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Horsford 1, W. G. Wilson 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Dr. Sybll Aldridge 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, F. Bishop 6, M. Sprackling (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. East Hagbourne, Berks.—Oct. 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Reed (first quarter) 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Susan Reed (first inside) 3, L. F. Cox 4, A. H. Webb 5, C. J. Garlick 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, W. R. White 8.

Easthampstead, Berks.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joan E. Scott 1, G. N. Scott 2, Susan E. Rance 3, Joan A. Rance 4, C. W. Bailey 5, A. J. N. Rance 6, S. G. Scott (cond.) 7, W. R. Churchill 8. For Evensong. Also Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Triples: Joan E. Scott 1, Susan E. Rance 2, G. N. Scott 3, Joan A. Rance 4, C. W. Bailey 5, A. J. N. Rance 6, S. G. Scott (cond.) 7, W. R. Churchill 8.

Fulbeck, Lincs. — Oct. 8, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Bennett 1, Elaine M. Rolfe 2, S. J. F. Mitchell 3, F. Derry (cond.) 4, D. Kirton 5, C. Hencher 6

Harbury, Warks. — Oct. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: Elizabeth J. Clarke (first Minor) 1, Carole Couchman 2, Alison M. Hill 3, J. P. Checkley (first quarter) 4, C. E. Lawton 5, R. A. Sheasby (cond.) 6. Also a farewell to J. P. Checkley, leaving for Oxford.

Hendon, Middx. — Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Livings 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, D. J. Gazeley 3, A. F. Warren 4, B. C. Watson (cond.) 5, N. Gower 6.

Hensingham, Cumb. — Oct. 4, 1440 Bob Doubles: G. Eilbeck 1, Miss V. Bell 2, J. E. Brown 3, J. A. Haile 4, Mrs. M. Dodd (cond.) 5, J. Robinson 6.

Hook Norton, Oxon. — Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Newth 1, Joyce Tildesley 2, E. Wigg (cond.) 3, O. Hemmings 4, C. Sole 5, Patricia Sole 6, A. Charles 7, D. Clarke 8. First in method by all.

Ipswich, Suffolk (St. Margaret).—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: T. Culver 1, Brenda Coode 2, K. Small 3, K. Medhurst 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, P. Clarke 6, E. Coode 7, P. Shonk 8. Also to end a weekend in East Suffolk.

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Kidlington, Oxon. — Oct. 4, 1344 Grandsire
Triples: M. Journeaux 1, C. P. Turner 2, J. E.
Judge 3, M. J. Turner 4, J. Cleaver 5, P. J.
Franklin (cond.) 6, T. P. Franklin 7, P. Sampson 8. Also a welcome to the new vicar, Rev. M. P.
Poleston.

King's Lynn, Norfolk (St. Margaret). — Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Gagen 1, W. Cousins 2, W. Curston 3, O. Needham 4, C. Cousins 5, R. Newson 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, G. Allum 8.

Lympne, Kent.—Sept. 27, 1320 Doubles (nine meth./var.): Lorraine Thomas 1, G. J. Neilson 2, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 3, M. J. Taylor 4, B. G. Butcher 5, W. J. Beeching 6.

Monken Hadley, Herts.—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Macfarlane 1, Valerie Maynard 2, R. Fisher 3, M. Soper 4, C. Ward (cond.) 5, C. Kipa, 6, T. Pink, 7, J. Patten, 8,

C. King 6, T. Pink 7, J. Platten 8.

Oxford (St. Ebbe).—Oct. 4, 1680 Bob Major:
M. Harrison 1, Margaret Thow 2, C. Coles 3,
Liz Barber 4, E. Smith 5, Kay Adkins (cond.) 6,
R. Yates 7, R. Abbott 8.

Perry Barr, Birmingham. — Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: Alison M. Turney 1, Janet M. Aston 2, Hilda Taylor 3, F. J. Keddie 4, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 5, J. F. I. Turney 6.

Peterborough (St. John the Baptist).—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gladys Muncey 1, H. Goakes 2, M. Tyler 3, J. Riley 4, J. David 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6, R. Daw 7, F. Boyall 8.

Prittlewell, Essex.—Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Triples: Miss J. Sadler (first Triples) 1, Mrs. P. Sloman 2, D. Sloman 3, A. Cansdale 4, J. Belcham 5, P. Chapman 6, P. A. Sadler (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8. Also a compliment to Jennifer Emms on her

engagement.

Rayleigh, Essex. — Oct. 4, 1260 Stedman Triples: Janet Hallett 1, R. Tomlin 2, P. Giles 3, F. May 4, T. Sharp 5, D. Belcham 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Also to mark the arrival of Neil Jackson-Baker, son of a local ringer.

Rougham, Suffolk.—Oct. 4 1260 Bob Minor: M. J. Rose (cond.) 1, C. Hancock 2, R. Rose 3, D. Rose 4, L. Nice 5, D. Tamberlin 6.

Ruddington, Notts.—Oct. 4, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: N. Handley 1, P. Selby 2, J. Eborall 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, T. Kirkman 6, R. Stretton (cond.) 7, D. Oliver 8. First Surprise by local band. Also Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Selby 1, N. Handley 2, D. Osbourne 3, A. Newell 4, J. Eborall 5, R. Stretton (cond.) 6, D. Oliver 7, S. Adams 8.

Sawbridgeworth, Herts. — Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Minor (6, 8 cover): W. Aley 1, C. Moore 2, R. Walker 3, S. Brooks 4, P. Warboys (cond.) 5, S. Levey 6, E. Rochester 7, J. Dearman 8.

Stowting, Kent.—Sept. 27, 1300 Doubles (8 meth./var.): M. J. Taylor 1, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 2, G. J. Neilson 3, H. P. Yates 4, B. G. Butcher 5, W. J. Beeching 6.

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Thurnby, Leics. — Oct. 4, 1260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): L. Greenhow 1, H. L. Wykes 2, C. D. Glenton 3, P. F. Pawley 4, I. G. Glenton 5, J. J. Pawley (cond.) 6.

G. Glenton 5, J. J. Pawley (cond.) 6.

Wentworth, Yorks.—Sept. 27, 1260 Doubles (seven methods): R. Grundy 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, M. King 3, L. Hallows 4, D. Hunton (cond.) 5, K. Wigfield 6. Also for Evensong on Friends of Wentworth Church Sunday. Also Oct. 4, 1620 Doubles (seven methods): R. M. Nalliah 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, D. Hunton 3, L. Hallows 4, M. King (cond., 100th on the bells) 5, K. Wigfield 6. Longest length for 1 and 6.

Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts.—Oct. 4, 1264 Bob Major: Mary D. Gaydon (first on eight) 1, W. L. Exton (cond.) 2, H. G. Wells 3, D. W. F. Lazzerini 4, T. G. Goodwin 5, T. O. Greasley 6, F. R. Barber 7, J. R. Rigby 8.

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Wigston Magna, Leics.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Heighton (first quarter) 1, Nancy Haines 2, T. E. Harrold 3, R. J. Carter 4, R. F. Roe 5, J. L. Hough (first as cond.) 6, J. E. Harrold 7, C. H. F. Knight 8.

Withyham, Sussex.—Oct. 4, 1320 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Heighes 1, H. Vaughan 2, F. I. Hairs 3, R. Harris 4, D. Featherstone (cond.) 5, D. Watson 6.

Wiveliscombe, Som.—Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, K. Lee (first as cond., aged 13) 2, F. Casley 3, V. Gunter 4, G. Maidment 5, W. Nurcombe 6, C. Sparks 7, M. Bellamy 8. Worthen Salon — Oct. 2, 1260 Grandsire

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Doubles: Vivien Bennett 1, E. Ann Williams 2,
Patricia C. Stocken 3, L. Colley 4, E. F. Willcox
(cond.) 5, D. A. Passant 6.

Yatton, Som. — Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Lawrence 1, P. J. England (cond.) 2, P. J. Dye 3, T. D. Hawkings 4, G. Marchant 5, E. D. Hawkings 6, S. G. Smith 7, L. Lawrence

Aldridge, Staffs:—Sept. 13, 1260 Spliced Pl. Minor (six methods): Cynthia Humphreys 1, N. R. White 2, Daphne Appleby 3, J. P. Burton 4, R. Riley 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. First of six methods for all. For Evensong.

Ashtead, Surrey.—Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Triples: Miss F. S. Hamilton 1, Miss J. Wolfe 2, Mrs. G. M. Laver 3, J. V. A. Stedman 4, J. A. Laver 5, D. Barnes 6, R. D. Mills (cond.) 7, A. Mills (first quarter) 8. First in method 2 and 6. For flower festival.

Basingstoke, Hants (St. Michael).—Sept. 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: N. A. Weaver (first quarter) 1, J. R. Pratchett 2, Esme J. Weaver 3, H. E. Balaam 4, J. J. Hill 5, A. Taylor 6, J. Weaver (cond.) 7, B. G. Freeman 8. A compliment to Mr. S. H. Anstey on his retirement after 51 years as organist.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE Barnet, Herts.—Aug. 23, 1260 Doubles (three methods): D. Bailey (first quarter) 1, Jill Gordon 2, Mrs. M. Paternoster 3, Penny Coomber 4, P. M. Cuckson (cond.) 5, E. Paternoster 6. First of three Doubles by all except conductor. Also Aug. 31, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Ely 1, Penny Coomber 2, Jill Gordon 3, D. Willcocks 4, R. Adcock 5, P. M. Cuckson (cond.) 6. First Kent 2, 3, 4, 5. Also Sept. 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Amette Bradbury 1, Jill Gordon 2, Penny Coomber 3, Caroline Remnant (first attempt) 4, C. Ward 5, J. Whitham 6, P. M. Cuckson (cond.) 7, D. Willcocks 8.

Bradpole, Dorset.—Oct. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: I. Calvert 1, D. B. Ellery 2, Valerie Calvert 3, Helen A. Haines 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, R. Haines 6, A. D. Case cover.

Branston, Lincs.—Sept. 19, 1280 Minor (three methods): Anne P. Leigh 1, F. J. Jackson 2, W. R. Parker 3, A. W. Jackson 4, J. E. Cook (cond.) 5, E. J. Padgett 6. For Society of Rambling Ringers.

Buriton, Hants. — Sept. 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Hagenbuch (first away from tenor) 1, Maureen Tipper 2, R. Tipper 3, D. Hughes 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6. Birthday compliment to R. Tipper. Also Oct. 10, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. N. deCombe 1, Maureen Tipper 2, R. Tipper 3, H. deCombe 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. Hall 6.

Bushey, Herts.—Oct. 4, 1264 Bob Major: S. D. Carpenter (first quarter) 1, Anne H. Thompson 2, Lorna E. Bedford 3, C. W. Simpson 4, S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5, J. R. Southey 6, R. Baldwin 7, D. A. Carpenter (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Butler's Marston, Warks.—Sept. 21, 1264 Bob Minor: Gail Woolacott (first quarter) 1, W. A. Stote 2, H. G. Summers 3, B. A. Sellicks (first inside) 4, R. Winter 5, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 6.

Caerphilly, Glam.—Sept. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): E. Bundy 1, G. Hughes 2, I. Davies (cond.) 3, B. Bale 4, F. Reade 5, A. Knight (first quarter) 6, V. Jones 7, H. Everson 8. A get well compliment to Leslie James in St. Woolis Hospital, Newport.

Carlton Colville, Suffolk. — Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles: Christine P. Gorrod 1, P. G. Tovell 2, M. R. Davies 3, J. B. Gorrod 4, P. J. Gorrod (cond.) 5. For Evensong; also a farewell to the rector (Rev. D. G. Blyth).

Castor, Northants.—Oct. 3, 1260 Minor (three methods): Gladys Muncey 1, D. Banks (first inside) 2, G. Davis 3, F. Sismey 4, J. Cooper 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Wedding compliment to Graham Oliver (captain of local band) and Gwen Cave.

Cockermouth, Cumb.—Oct. 4, 1260 Stedman Triples: J. Brownrigg 1, R. Wetenhall 2, G. Tembey 3, D. Hunns (first Stedman) 4, R. Furminger 5, H. Byrom 6, S. Richardson (first Stedman as cond.) 7, J. Hulley (first Triples) 8. A compliment to Rt. Rev. W. E. A. Pugh, former Vicar of Cockermouth and Archdeacon of West Cumberland, on his consecration as Bishop of Penrith.

Coleshill, Warks. — Sept. 6, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob; 7, 6, 8 covering): D. L. M. Hooper 1, I. Lloyd (cond.) 2, Lynda Deebank 3, Dawn Holly 4, L. L. Willis 5, E. Connington 6, A. Ensor 7, H. Walker 8. For flower festival. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob; 7, 6, 8 covering): Dawn Holly 1, L. L. Willis 2, Ann Deebank 3, D. L. M. Hooper 4, M. F. Edwards (cond.) 5, E. Connington 6, A. Ensor 7, H. Walker 8. With best wishes to Dawn Holly and Elizabeth Clarke, leaving to further their education.

Cranford. Middx. — Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Doubles: Eunice Fildes (first quarter) 1, M. James 2, Josephine Pole 3, P. Woodgyer 4, J. Britchford (cond.) 5, Moya Britchford 6. For Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Colin Stevenson and Sheila Wright.

Deddington, Oxon.—Sept. 21, 1260 Plain Bob Triples: W. J. Cowley 1, P. E. Powell 2, E. R. Venn 3, M. Coleman 4, A. W. Ivings 5, W. Ivings 6, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 7, O. J. Hemmings 8. A wedding compliment to Janet D. Phillips and Raymond M. Fisher, married September 19. Dunsfold, Surrey.—Oct. 5, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Rosalyn A. Larkcombe (first quarter) 1, P. Payne 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, T. J. Wellen 4, M. D. Fuller 5, R. Cooper 6. A 21st birthday compliment to 4. Eardisland, Herefords.—Oct. 5, 1296 Cam-

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Earl's Croome, Worcs.—Sept. 30, 1440 Earl's Croome Delight Minor: F. Lawrence 1, Valerie Willard 2, M. Hawkes 3, B. Spiers 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. First in method.

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East Hagbourne, Berks.—Sept. 21, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. R. White 1, Mrs. G. Garlick 2, H. L. Bishop 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, L. F. Cox 5, R. B. Blond 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, W. Corderoy 8. In memoriam Mrs. D. M. Figgures.

Erdington, Birmingham (Abbey).—Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Triples: Alison M. Turney 1, Hilda Taylor 2, Sheila Insley 3, J. F. I. Turney 4, F. J. Keddie 5, R. J. Tibbetts 6, J. Insley (cond.) 7, M. Sulley (first quarter) 8.

Glasgow (St. Mary's Cathedral). — Oct. 4, 1280 Double Norwich: T. C. Winderam 1, A. Dempster 2, D. M. Graham-Service 3, T. J. Winderam 4, R. M. Preston 5, J. Preston 6, P. T. Fisher 7, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Gosfield, Essex.—Oct. 4, 1320 Bob Doubles: Alison Gifford (first quarter) 1, C. Gillingham 2, Susan Burdon 3, S. Sudbury (first as cond.) 4, I. Messenger 5, A. Smith 6. For christening of Vincent Brooke.

Great Gaddesden, Herts.—July 12, 1260 Cambridge and Bob Minor: A. P. Bond 1, J. M. Neal 2, J. L. Richards 3, M. A. Jackson 4, M. A. Gilbey 5, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 6. Also July 26, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. M. Neal 1, S. J. Crawley 2, J. L. Richards (cond.) 3, A. P. Bond 4, G. J. Parsons 5, R. K. Spooner (first quarter) 6.

Hemel Hempstead, Herts.—July 12, 1344 Bob Major: M. A. Gilbey 1, A. P. Bond 2, J. L. Richards 3, T. Wright 4, M. A. Jackson 5, P. W. Harper 6, B. M. Barker 7, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 8. For flower festival. Also July 19, 1260 Bob Triples: E. Sheehan Dare 1, A. P. Bond 2, J. M. Neal 3, J. L. Richards 4, G. J. Parsons 5, M. A. Gilbey 6, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 7. Also July 26, 1260 Doubles (seven methods): A. P. Bond 1, J. L. Richards 2, M. A. Jackson 3, J. M. Neal 4, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 5. Also Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: Natalia Hanson (first quarter) 1, M. A. Gilbey 2, E. Sheehan Dare 3, J. M. Neal 4, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 5, M. A. Jackson 6.

HALF PEAL

Hemel Hempstead, Herts.—Aug. 23, 2520 Bob Minor: J. L. Richards 1, A. P. Bond 2, J. M. Neal 3, G. J. Parsons 4, S. D. Chandler 5, S. J. Crawley (cond.) 6. A farewell to Graham Parsons, leaving for a year's U.S.O. in New Guinea.

Harwell, Berks.—Sept. 18, 1260 Bob Minor (tenor covering): S. J. Wells 1, M. Wells 2, T. G. Pett (cond.) 3, H. E. Wells 4, W. Corderoy 5, W. Gilks 6, D. Bosley cover. Also Sept. 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Diane Jordan (first quarter) 1, S. J. Wells 2, M. Wells 3, H. E. Wells 4, P. Butler 5, T. G. Pett (cond.) 6, W. Gilks 7, D. Bosley 8. Both rung during St. Matthew's weekend festival.

Hugglescote, Leics.—Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. 1. Smith 1, A. R. Pepper 2, Mrs. T. McAllister 3, R. Graves 4, H. Moult (cond.) 5, W. Goadby 6, J. Tovell 7, B. Hoden 8.

Ipswich, Suffolk (St. Clement). — Sept. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: Rev. B. Redgers 1, E. J. Lockwood 2, F. A. J. Steward 3, D. G. Salter 4, P. W. Archer 5, S. D. Pettman (cond.) 6.

Kewstoke, Som. — Oct. 1, 1440 Durham S. Minor: C. Field 1, J. Trimm 2, Susan Stott 3, Brenda Sheppard 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, A. Perry 6.

King's Lynn, Norfolk (St. Margaret). — Sept. 27, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): G. Allum 1, R. Harrop (cond.) 2, W. Curston 3, C. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, N. V. Harding 6, C. Toyell 7. For morning service.

Kidderminster, Worcs.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Caldwell 1, Stephanie Buckley 2, Freda Salter 3, M. J. Fellows 4, R. Rudd 5, J. G. Barker (cond.) 6, A. J. Wright 7, K. Bayliss 8. For Evensong; also a 76th birthday compliment to A. J. Wright.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. — Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley A. Hawes 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Katharine Salvage 3, A. G. Craddock 4, C. E. Bulleid 5, I. J. Whitear 6, C. D. Collin (cond.) 7, B. J. Stone 8. For Evensong.

Langdon Hills, Essex. — Oct. 4, 1260 St. Osmund Bob Doubles: Janice Manterfield 1, Cheryl Pretlove 2, K. Lucas (cond.) 3, S. J. Clarke 4, G. I. Lucas 5, W. F. White 6. First in method by all and by a resident band. Also 1260 Bob Minor: Eleanor Clemo 1, Cheryl Pretlove 2, S. J. Clarke 3, Janice Manterfield 4, S. J. Day 5, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 6.

Leytonstone, E.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Beldom (first Triples) 1, C. Willmington 2, R. Pascoe 3, P. Sippett 4, M. Balkwill 5, M. Wareing 6, K. Hughes (cond.) 7, R. Poole 8. To welcome Rev. C. T. Edmondson. Also Oct. 4, 1260 Stedman Triples: Leslie Tibbitt 1, M. Wareing 2, P. Sippett 3, D. Tovell 4, R. Brown 5, J. Murfitt 6, Dr. P. Chalk (cond.) 7, R. Pascoe 8. For baptismal service.

Lincoln (St. Mary, Wigford).—Sept. 20, 1272 Bob Minimus: Susan Faull (first as cond.) 1, G. Webster (first inside) 2, Vivienne West 3, J. Parkin 4. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

March, Cambs.—Oct. 11, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. A. Langton 1, P. H. Langton 2, A. Palmer 3, D. Feek (50th in tower) 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, M. Edgley (first quarter) 6. For morning prayer.

Minstead, Hants. — Oct. 11, 1260 Original Singles: Anne Longman 1, J. Hartless 2, B. F. Peachey (cond.) 3. First of Original and of singles by all. For Evensong; also a farewell to the rector (Rev. C. Rham) retiring after eight years in the parish.

Nailsea, Som.—Oct. 6, 1260 Doubles (four methods): P. J. Devrell 1, Susan Willis 2, L. Childs 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, R. Perry 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs (St. Giles).— Oct. 4, 1280 Oxford T.B. Major: T. L. Walley 1, Sharon Moore (first inside) 2, Patricia Mills 3, D. Pitstow 4, G. A. Moore 5, A. Thompson 6, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 7, R. Mitchell 8.

Northampton (All Saints). — Sept. 27, 1232 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Thomas 1, S. Foskett 2, Mrs. M. I. Foskett 3, E. J. Morris 4, J. A. Hoare 5, E. J. Franklin 6, Jack Brown (cond.) 7, L. T. Hancock (first Triples) 8. For sung Eucharist by members of the Railwaymen's Guild

Northleach, Glos. — Oct. 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. T. Sly 1, Mrs. W. A. Godwin 2, Miss E. M. Bliss 3, P. W. Bartlett 4, R. E. W. Wenban 5, P. A. Bartlett 6, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 7, T. W. Chambers 8. Birthday compliment.

North Stoneham, Hants. — July 14, 1263
Stedman Caters: Margaret Francis 1, R. M. Heyworth 2, Katherina J. Maundrell 3, T. H. Francis (cond.) 4, R. Green 5, D. C. Jackson 6, R. H. Youdale 7, R. E. J. Dennis 8, D. J. Forder 9, M. J. Thomas 10. For the induction of the vicar.

Northwich, Cheshire. — April 4, 1280 Bob

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Norton, Herts.—Oct. 8, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: R. H. Vigor 1, Rosemary Spicer 2, Margaret M. Roden 3, Brenda Harris 4, S. Gullick 5, B. Willett 6, I. R. Panton (cond.) 7, G. T. Horritt 8.

Overseale, Derbys.—Oct. 5, 1260 Doubles (5 meth./var.): F. G. Bailey 1, J. W. Cotton 2, A. Haynes 3, N. W. Cotton (cond.) 4, P. W. Grice 5, H. Shaw 6. Birthday compliment to 5.

Oxhey, Herts (22 Hillcroft Crescent).—Oct. 6, 1360 Bob Major: Jean Simpson 1-2, J. R. Southey (cond.) 3-4, C. W. Simpson 5-6, Lorna E. Bedford (first on handbells) 7-8.

Painswick, Glos. — Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Morgan 1, L. Barry (cond.) 2, Susan Williams 3, Sarz Cornock 4, R. Watts 5, F. Huckstepp 6, R. Cornock 7, F. Garland 8. Halfmuffled in memoriam Hon. William Bathurst.

Pembroke.—Sept. 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Pattison 1, N. C. Rogers 2, Prudence Pattison 3, Betty M. Rogers 4, P. C. Rogers 5, A. Lingard 6, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 7, P. R. Lindley 8. For Evensong and a 17th birthday compliment to the conductor.

Petersfield, Hants.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Petersfield, Hants.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, Sally Stacey 2, Mrs. A. Hall 3, D. Hatherly 4, R. Tipper 5, K. Sansom 6, K. Tipper (cond.) 7, F. Hagenbuch 8. After the induction of Canon R. Granger as vicar. Also Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Tipper 1, Maureen Tipper 2, Mary White 3, K. Sansom 4, R. Tipper 5, K. Tipper 6, E. Salmons (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Evensong.

Polesworth, Warks.—Oct. 1, 1320 St. Remigius Bob Doubles: S. Allsopp 1, M. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby (cond.) 3, P. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, A. Allsopp 6. For St. Remigius Day. Also on Oct. 4, 1260 St. Hilary Bob Doubles: J. Myatt 1, R. Knight 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, M. Quimby 4, D. Hiorns 5, A. Allsopp 6. For Evensong.

Rochdale, Lancs (St. Chad).—Sept. 30, 1260 Bob Triples: Mrs. L. K. Miller 1, A. Smith, sen. 2, D. Butterworth (cond.) 3, J. P. Partington 4, B. M. Boardman 5, M. H. Tompsett 6, M. D. Fishwick 7, C. S. Taylor 8. A farewell to Canon H. Nightingale, retiring after 17 years as vicar.

Saltburn, Yorks. — Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Major:
N. Pictor (first quarter) 1, Marion Stalker 2,
Barbara Rand 3, G. Kemball 4, P. Sotheran 5,
A. Jopling 6, P. Wishart 7, J. Halliwell (cond.) For Evensong.

Somerleyton, Suffolk .- Oct. 10, 1320 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. F. Crawford 1, R. P Peters 2, M. J. Peters 3, M. A. Baldry 4, W. S Girling (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer (50th quarter) 6. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Prettyman.

South Marston, Wilts. — Oct. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: A. R. Hooper 1, D. L. Jones 2, T. R. Collins 3, A. B. Rogerson 4, S. E. Mitchener (cond.) 5, P. Tombs 6. For Confirmation service.

Stanton-on-Hine Heath, Salop.—Sept. 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Brice 1, A. Glover 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, A. E. Gowen 4, P. J. Evans (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6, A wedding compliment to Miss Susan Davies (churchwarden's daughter) and Mr. Charles L. Raby.

Stratford-on-Avon, Warks. — Sept. 26, 1277
Grandsire Caters: F. C. Lyne 1, C. J. Pickford
2, Hazel Mackenzie 3, A. Borland 4, G. Ingram
5, R. C. Chapman 6, M. Reed 7, J. L. Findon (cond.) 8, C. R. Steed 9, D. Bates 10. First Caters 4 and 7.

Tettenhall, Staffs .- Sept. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: E. S. Butler 1, Miss T. Carter (first inside) 2, Miss L. C. Slater 3, P. J. Day 4, F. Carter (cond.) 5, A. G. Newman 6. For Patronal

Titchfield, Hants. - Oct. 4, 1440 London S. Minor: N. George 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, W. F. J. Cope 3, C. G. Bryant (first in method) 4, H.

L. Hatfield 5, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 6.
Twyning, Glos.—Sept. 20, 1260 Doubles (11 meth./var.): Mrs. J. Garle 1, F. Hawkes 2, Miss Iris Milton 3, F. Matty 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, J. Garle 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Iris Milton.

Wakefield, Yorks.—Sept. 27, 1263 Stedman Caters: Anne Whitaker 1, Anne Johnson 2, Gail Cater 3, R. Cater 4, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 5, G. Johnson 6, G. Hancock 7, G. Townend 8, T. Tarbatt 9, J. Wackett 10. With best wishes to Anne Johnson, going to Nottingham. Wareham, Dorset. — Sept. 27,

Wareham, Dorset. — Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Doubles: Betty A. Christopher 1, A. J. Hill (first inside) 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, G. W. Elmes 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, Dr. C. T. Brown 6. For Evensong.

West Bromwich, Staffs (All Saints) .- Oct. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. Telford 1, C. Williams 2, M. Turner 3, Sandra Bailey 4, F. Pickering 5, P. Pugh 6, J. R. Cotterill (cond.) 7, T. Day 8. For the rededication of the church and new organ. First quarter for 1, 6 and 8.

West Lavington, Wilts.-Oct. 1, 1260 Stedman Doubles: W. Beavan 1, Pam Osborne 2, D. Bailey (cond.) 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Hacker 5, P. Hacker First Stedman 5 and 6.

Wilburton, Cambs. — Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Palmer 1, G. Markwell 2, D. Murfett 3, B. Hullah 4, W. Murrels 5, A. Yarrow (cond.) Birthday compliment to 2nd, who has been a local ringer for upwards of 65 years,

Peals

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN. COMPTON DANDO, Som, St. Mary the Virgin.

Wed., Sept. 16, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (16 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Alan J. Coombs 2 Henry J. Coombs 3 Cecil Mogford
- Robert Perry

5 Michael J. C. Cannon 6 Peter J. Devrell (Conductor)

First in method for all except 3rd. First as conductor.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION CLIFTON, Beds, All Saints.

at., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (10 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Arranged by Stephen Ivin.

- *1 Dawn Owen
- †2 Joyce M. Clarke †3 Elizabeth Forster
- 4 Ronald J. Sharp

- 5 Claudia A. Critchley
 6 Martin Major
 7 Robert E. Hardy
 8 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
 *First on 8. †First of London Major.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, St. Thomas.

Fri., Oct. 9, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (14 cwt.) 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by I. M. Holland.

- 1 Basil Jones 2 Derek F. Yates 3 Frank R. Morton 4 Roland W. Morant 5 Raymond J. Ballard
- 6 William H. Dowse
- Roy Worrall
- 8 Ian M. Holland (Conductor)

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD EXHALL, Warwicks, St. Giles.

at., Sept. 5, 1970. 2hr. 16min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents). 1 E. C. Gareth Higgs

- *2 Godfrey S. Hall 3 Harry E. Curtis *4 Trevor C. Bonham
- 5 Jonathon Evans

6 George Pluckrose (Conductor)

*First peal. For Patronal Festival and the 50th anniversary of the installation of the two trebles.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

CRANHAM, Glos, St. James.

Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (9 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (9 methods: 11 Plain Bob, 10 Grandsire, 3 April Day, Kennington, Rev. Canterbury, Cliffords Pleasure, Southrepps, Northrepps and Rev. St. Bartholomew).

- 1 Diane I. Pobjoy *2 Shelagh Dennis
- *3 Geoffrey J. Clark
 4 Sara E. Cornock
 5 Susan M. Williams (Conductor)

*6 Roy Cornock *First of Doubles. First as conductor. Most methods by all.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire, St. Margaret of Antioch.

Fri., Oct. 2, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (81/4 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (14 methods: 960 Rutland, 768 London, 384 Lincolnshire, Pudsey Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, 256 Datchet, 192 Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Langley, Lindum and Painswick, with 147 changes of method).

Composed by Anthony R. Peake.

- *1 F. David Naylor †2 Anita D. O'Brien
- †3 W. Bertram Kynaston
- †4 Peter J. Heritage
- 5 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor) †6 Maurice A. New †7 Lewis F. Cobb

- 8 Brian Bladon

*First of Treble Bob Major. †Most Major methods.

BRISTOL, St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe. Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 3hr, 55min, (504 cwt.) **5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS** Composed by F. T. Blagrove.

- 1 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 2 James A. D. Woolford 3 Jennifer M. Taylor
- Jean F. Woolford
- 5 Brian Bladon 6 Roger Baldwin
- Thomas J. Lock
- 8 Frank T. Blagrove 9 James R. Taylor
- 10 David E. House
- 11 Robert C. Kippin 12 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

With best wishes to Gerald Penney and Janet Pearson, married at St. Albans Abbey this day.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

CHELMSFORD, Essex, Cathedral of SS. Mary the Virgin, Peter and Cedd.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (34½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

- *1 C. John Warbovs
- 2 Peter Sloman
- 3 Bernard C. Sadler 4 Thomas R. Sharp
- Peter G. Giles
- Stephen G. Halliwell
- Allen W. Cansdale David E. Belcham
- 9 Michael J. Hallett
- 10 Alfred J. House (Conductor)

*First on 10. By Prittlewell area members after the collation and installation of Rev. S. T. Erskine, vicar of Prittlewell, as honorary canon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SEASALTER. Whitstable, Kent. St. Alphege.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (3½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, 3 Plain Bob).

- *1 John F. Legg 2 David W. Grimwood

- 2 David W. Griffwood 3 John Pladdys 4 Cyril W. J. Beeching 5 Crawford T. Hillis (Conductor)
- 6 David L. Cawley

*First peal. First on the bells. To mark the 125th anniversary of the consecration of the church by Archbishop Howley, October 9, 1845.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., Oct. 6, 1970, 2hr. 39min. $(6\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

1 G. Ronald Edwards 2 Richard Clifton

Arthur E. Rowley *4 Ronald Hughes 5 B. Stedman Payne 6 David G. Massey

*7 Roger Kendrick 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in method. First in method as conductor.

MANCHESTER, Town Hall.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 3hr. 42min. (423 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by R. W. Pipe.

1 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)
2 Sheila M. Anthony
3 Beryl E. Cawser
4 Barry E. Saunders
5 Alan A. Paul
6 Graham C. Paul
7 Martin Cross

Martin Green 8 Rupert A. Clarke

9 J. Henry Fielden 10 Alan F. Schofield 11 Roland H. Cook 12 Richard E. Price

EARL SHILTON, Leics, SS. Simon & Jude. Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 3hr. 45min. (12 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Dexter's No. 1.)

1 Christopher M. Sturgess

2 George A. Newton *3 Valerie E. Watts

4 Allan Hough †5 John Pickering *6 Martin Kirk

Alfred Ballard (Conductor)

8 Rowland Proudman *First in method. †First peal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

EWERBY, Lines, St. Andrew.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (16 cwt.)

5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by D. A. Frith.

Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

2 Vaughan P. Evans 3 Peter L. R. Hayward *4 Michael J. Belcher 5 Frederick W. Pinchbeck

6 Melvyn A. Rose 7 John H. Parker 8 Alan G. Payne Brian Buttery

10 Philip H. Reynolds

*First on ten. Birthday compliments to Jane Wass and Brian Buttery.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

COITY, Glamorgan, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 43in. (11 cwt.) **5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

William T. Petty

Derek J. Godfrey
Paul W. Thomas (Conductor)

4 Thomas T. Yeomans 5 Nigel V. Hill

6 Raymond J. Mayle

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

DORNEY, Bucks, St. James. Sun., Sept. 6, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, Double Court Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clements, Double Bob and Plain Bob).

1 Monica Blagrove

Michael Hatchett Nobin J. Collis
David C. Brown
Frank T. Blagrove (Conductor)
Tony Price

For the 50th anniversary of Tony Price's first peal.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., Sept. 29, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. B. Stedman Payne

2 David G. Massey 3 Richard Clifton

*4 Roger Kendrick *†5 Ronald D. Hughes 6 Arthur E. Rowley 7 Frank Chambers

*8 Alec Jones 9 G. Ronald Edwards

10 Roland Beniston (Conductor) *First of Little Bob Royal. First in method as conductor. †100th peal.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH, St. Peter Mancroft 1. Sept. 27, 1970, 3hr, 47min. (38 cwt.) 5280 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by Charles Sedgley.

David E. House James B. Morley

Martin Cubitt Janet House

Michael J. Howes Cecil W. Pipe

7 David Cubitt 8 David Heighton 9 Dennis Knox

10 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
11 Howard W. Egglestone
12 George W. Pipe (Conductor)
Commemorating the 1910 Cambridge Maximus at Ipswich by the Norwich Diocesan Association, of which Charles Sedgley is the sole survivor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BLEWBURY, Berks, St. Michael and

All Angels.
Sat.. Sept. 26. 1970, 3hr. 10min. (19½ cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. P. Starbuck. Harold Dunsden

Mary Wells

James P. Blond Harry E. Wells

Robert B. Blond Peter R. Butler 6

William Butler 8 Timothy G. Pett (Conductor)

ABINGDON, Berks, St. Helen.
Sat.. Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (20 cwt.)
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
1 Michael C. E. Hodge
2 Robert G. Mordaunt

3 Peter H. Mackie 4 Nigel Thomson

5 Peter G. Holden 6 Timothy G. Pett 7 A. Keith P. Poole

8 Jeromy R. Pratt 9 Andrew W. R. Wilby

10 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks, All Saints. Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 41min. (30 cwt.)

5040 BELFAST SURPRISE MAXIMUS Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Jennifer M. Taylor

2 S. Katheleen M. Baldwin James R. Taylor

4 Brian Bladon 5 Roger Baldwin

6 Christopher H. Rogers

7 Frank T. Blagrove 8 David E. House

9 Noel J. Diserens
10 Derek E. Sibson
11 George W. Pipe
12 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

First of Maximus in the method.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

EATON SOCON, Hunts, St. Mary.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (13 cwt.) 5088 GRAFHAM SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger Bailey.

1 Stephen B. Bell 2 Barry R. Care

3 J. Malcolm Tyler 4 Alan J. Marks 5 Edward C. Buckby

6 Eric Billings

7 Richard J. Cowley 8 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor) First peal in the method.

GRAFHAM SURPRISE MAJOR 38 14-58 16-12-1458.36.14-78.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral. Thurs., Aug. 6, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (10 cwt.) 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. Baldwin.

1 A. Harold Fitter
2 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
3 Beryl E. Cawser
4 Stephen W. Barton

5 Terry R. Hampton 6 Maurice F. Edwards 7 Norman J. Goodman 8 George E. Fearn

EDGBASTON, Birmingham,

St. Bartholomew.
Wed., Sept. 9, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (10 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Howlett. *1 Alson M. Turney 2 Joyce J. Barton

3 David B. Flint 4 Richard J. Tibbetts 5 A. Bryan Ellsmore

6 F. John Keddie 7 John F. I. Turney 8 Stephen W. Barton (Conductor)

*First on 8. PACKWOOD, Warwicks, St. Giles.

Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (7 cwt.) at., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (7 cwt 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Frederick Dench. 1 Roderick W. Pipe 2 Arthur V. Pearson (Conductor) 3 Richard J. Tibbetts 4 John F. I. Turney 5 Stephen W. Barton 6 Derek J. Carr 7 Maurice E. Edwards

Maurice F. Edwards

8 Geoffrey Davies To welcome Charles Andrew Dirksen, born August 23, 1970.

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral. Sun., Sept. 13, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (10 cwt.) 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR (6ths place bobs.)

- Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

 George E, Fearn
 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
 Stephen W. Barton
 J. Edward Cawser
- 5 Vernon Green Maurice F. Edwards Norman J. Goodman
- 8 Kenneth J. Hesketh

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral. Thur., Sept. 17, 1970, 3hr. 26min. (31 cwt.) 5024 BRISTOL ALLIANCE MAXIMUS Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

Muriel Reay

- Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
- Norman J. Goodman J. Edward Cawser
- 5 Richard J. Tibbetts 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh
- Stephen W. Barton Terry R. Hampton Maurice F. Edwards
- 10 George E. Fearn 11 Michael J. Fellows

12 Peter Border First peal in the method.

BRISTOL ALLIANCE MAXIMUS -5T—14.5T.36.7T.58.16.70.18.9T—18—1T. 1.h. 1^T mx.

SHREWSBURY, Salop, St. Chad.
Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (39½ cwt.)
5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

- John N. Lindon
 John McDonald (Conductor)
- 3 Elizabeth Stevens 4 Richard J. Tibbetts
- Richard C. Stevens Reginald H. Newton Stephen W. Barton
- 8 Maurice F. Edwards
 9 Clifford A. Barron
 10 Ernest F. Willcox

EDGBASTON, Birmingham,

St. Bartholomew.
Wed., Sept. 23, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (10 cwt.)
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4
methods: 1440 Rutland, 1280 Cambridge,
1280 Lincolnshire, 1120 Yorkshire, with 69 changes of method and all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Joyce J. Barton 2 John F. I. Turney 3 A. Bryan Ellsmore 4 Arthur V. Pearson 5 Robert Edwards

7 Stephen W. Barton (Conductor) 8 Clifford A. Barron

STOKE PRIOR, Worcs, St. Michael. Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (9 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (Johnson's variation.)

1 John F. I. Turney 2 John S. Hopwood

3 Janet E. Blake 4 Colin C. Monson 5 David J. Bates

F. John Keddie Richard J. Tibbetts (Conductor)

8 Stephen W. Barton

BIRMINGHAM, St. Philip's Cathedral. Thurs., Sept. 24, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (31 cwt.)

5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by R. W. Pipe. Roderick W. Pipe

*2 Muriel Reay 3 Richard J. Tibbetts

- 4 J. Edward Cawser 5 Norman J. Goodma 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh Goodman
- Stephen W. Barton Terry R. Hampton
- 9 Maurice F. Edwards 10 George E. Fearn 11 Michael J. Fellows

12 Peter Border (Conductor)

*800th peal. A thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr. Leonard Wilson, former Bishop of Birmingham (1953-1969).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

MARLBOROUGH, Wilts, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (16 cwt.)

5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Norman Smith.

- Anthony R. Peake (Conductor) Anita D. O'Brien
- *3 Ann Toomer
- 4 Henry G. Keeley 5 Lewis F. Cobb
- Maurice A. New Allan G. Keen
- 8 Brian Bladon

*First of Surprise Major. First in method for all except 1 and 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Som, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (24½ cwt.) 5088 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

1 Ronald N. Marlow *2 Mary E. Elmes

3 A. Terence Collins 4 Graham W. Elmes

John N. Longridge Robert E. J. Dennis Frederick E. Collins

8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*100th for guild.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

BOTTESFORD, Leics, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (221 cwt.)

> 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Susan M. O'Neill

William L. Exton (Conductor)

John R. Rigby Thomas G. Goodwin Thomas O. Greasley 5

6 Robert Preston R. Brian Mills

8 John R. Leeming

*First of Plain Bob Major. A compliment to Glenda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard L. Box, and Raymond Elliot, married in this church immediately prior to the peal.

CODDINGTON, Notts, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (7 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(42 extents, 10 callings.) erek L. W. Tomlinson Derek L. W.

2 Jennifer A. Curtis 3 Derick E. Kirton 4 Paul F. Curtis

†5 Derek J. Tysoe (Conductor) ‡6 John Draycott

Umpires: F. G. Hooper and C. W. Reed. *First inside. †50th peal. ‡First of Doubles. First by the local Sunday service band. A sponsored peal in aid of the church organ.

SUFFOLK GUILD DEBENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene.

., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (21 cwt.) 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by G. Lindoff.

*1 Peter Archer *2 Muriel R. Page

*3 Stephen Pettman Rev. Lawrence Pizzey

5 Michael J. Howes *6 Adrian Knights

J. Martin Thorley

8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor) *First of Bristol.

WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Sept. 27, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (15 cwt.) 5056 ZEBEDEE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

1 Muriel R. Page 2 Dorothy M. Durrant

3 Katharine M. Thorley
4 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

Adrian Knights 6 J. Martin Thorley

Alan G. Feaver

8 J. Barry Pickup First by all and for the guild.

WORLINGWORTH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Thur., Oct. 1, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by T. B. Worsley.

J. Martin Thorley Muriel R. Page

*3 Ann Corney 4 J. Barry Pickup

5 Ernest G. Pearce 6 Walter W. Miller 7 Michael J. Howes

8 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

*First of Surprise.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Mon., Oct. 5, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (8 cwt.) 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (13 methods: 576 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Cray, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 126 changes

changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

*1 Michael J. Howes

*2 J. Martin Thorley

3 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

4 J. Barry Pickup *5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe *6 Cecil W. Pipe *7 Alan J. Munnings

*8 Leslie G. Brett

*Most Surprise Major methods. Most Surprise Major methods yet rung for the guild.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants, St. Nicholas. Wed., Sept. 9, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

- Roy Le Marechal
- *2 Janice M. Faithfull 3 Betty J. Daysh Patrick Page
- 5 Barry J. Fry *6 Anthony P. Smith
 7 Richard Green
 8 John P. Colliss (Conductor)

*First of Major. First of Major as conductor.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, St. Michael the Archangel.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (16½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. W. Pipe. (87's.)

*1 Barry J. Fry

2 Christopher S. M. Noakes

2 Christopher S. M. F 3 Colin J. Butler 4 Derek C. Jackson 5 David J. Forder 6 Richard Green 7 Edward W. Colley 8 George E. Evenden 9 Maurice J. Butler

10 R. Roger Savory (Conductor)
*First of Royal. Conductor's 300th peal. For the Patronal Festival and the 900th anniversary of the founding of this church. Also a 21st birthday compliment to 3rd.

LISS, Hants, St. Mary.

Sun., Oct. 4, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12½ cwt.) 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by Frederick W. Rogers.

1 David Fox

*†2 John P. Colliss

3 Norman Summerhayes
4 Michael J. Uphill
5 Edward W. Colley
*6 David M. Hughes

7 Roy Collins 8 R. Roger Savory (Conductor) *First of Double Norwich. †25th peal. For Harvest Festival and a welcome to Rev. G. Champness (as curate).

HIGHCLERE, Hants, St. Michael and All Angels.

Thur., Oct. 8, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (11 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 methods: 192 Ashtead, Bilsborrow, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolphire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudcolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pud-sey, Radcliffe, Rutland, Simonstone, Super-lative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, 128 Double Dublin and Rochester, with 157 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

1 Anita D. O'Brien 2 Beryl R. Simpson

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*Most methods. For the centenary of the church.

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HARTLEBURY, Worcs, St. James the Great.

Mon., Aug. 17, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (17 cwt.) **5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

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7 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)

*8 William Turner

*First Stedman Triples. Wedding compliment to Pamela Key and Donald Craven (local ringers), married here August 15.

AMBLECOTE, Worcs, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Sept. 12, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (7 cwt.)

5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by F. A. Holden.

Alison M. Turney Robert Edwards

Roderick J. Lees

4 Joyce J. Barton
5 John F. I. Turney
6 Colin C. Monson
7 Arthur V. Pearson
8 Stephen W. Barton (Conductor)

HARTLEBURY, Worcs, St. James the Great.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 51min. $(17\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

1 Morley P. Tobin 2 Sidney T. Holt 3 Roger H. Hunt

4 Michael G. J. Elson
5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

6 Peter J. Brown
7 Robert Edwards
8 Gerald C. Hemming

To mark the retirement of the Lord Bishop of Worcester (Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles-Edwards, D.D.).

WORCESTER, St. John's.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (15 cwt.) 5152 OXFORDSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

Thomas W. Lewis Christopher Hims

3 Roger Hunt
4 John Clements
5 Peter Wycherley
6 Cyril A. Wratten

7 Anthony R. Peake 8 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

ASHCHURCH, Glos, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 John Garle

*2 Iris Milton

3 Valerie Willard Christopher Hims

5 Peter S. Robertson

6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor) *First peal.

BRIDGNORTH, Salop, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8½ cwt.) 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

1 Alan M. Jones 2 Morley P. Tobin

3 Clifford Skidmore *4 Roger H. Hunt

5 A. Brian Ellsmore *6 Peter J. Brown 7 Gerald C. Hemming

8 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

*First of Pudsey. To welcome the new rector, Rev. P. H. Whittaker, rung after the induction service.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER, Yorkshire, St. George. Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (304 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. 1 Iris M. E. Lemare 2 Morley P. Tobin

Mortey F. Tobin
Clifford Skidmore
W. Eric Critchley
Michael G. J. Elson
Reginald H. Newton
Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

8 Gerald C. Hemming

Handbells

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

NETTLEHAM, Lincs, 56 Sudbrooke Lane. Tues., Oct. 6, 1970, 2hr. 21min. (15 in C.)

5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by Charles Severn.

1-2 Geoffrey R. Parker 3-4 Margaret A. Parker 5-6 George E. Feirn

7-8 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

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(Southampton University Guild)

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, Room J.86, Glen Eyre Hall, Bassett.

Fri., Oct. 9, 1970, 1hr. 52min. (16 in B.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-2 Richard Weeks 3-4 Steven J. Coleman

5-6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

SOUTHAMPTON, Lindum, 29 Hanley Rd.

Sun., Oct. 11, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (17 in A.) 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (4224 Plain Bob and 792 Gainsborough Little Bob). (Arranged, by K. S. B. Croft)

*1-2 John S. Croft
3-4 Kenneth S. B. Croft (Conductor)
*5-6 William S. Croft
*7-8 James S. Croft

*First of Spliced Major.

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MITCHELDEAN, Glos, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12 cwt.) 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1280 Cambridge, Superlative, London, 1312 Bristol, with 112 changes of method and all the work). Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Ruth M. Foreman

Eric Edmondson

3 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)

4 Gordon A. Halls Neil Donovan

6 Roland H. Cook 7 Thomas J. Lock

8 Richard E. Price

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CALDICOT, Mon, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Aug. 29, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (13 cwt.) 5120 LLANFAIR P.G. SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. Smith

*1 Janet L. Pearson

2 Leonard Stilwell 3 Edgar R. Rapley 4 Ronald J. Sharp

5 E. Winifred Keys

6 Frank H. Hicks John Sinfield

8 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

*First of Treble Bob. First in the method

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD PEMBROKE, Pembs, St. Mary the Virgin. Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (12 cwt.)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by G. A. Halls.

Leonard Stilwell

2 Frank H. Hicks E. Winifred Keys

4 Ronald J. Sharp

5 John Sinfield
6 Rev. M. C. C. Melville
7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)

8 Roland H. Cook

ST. DAVID'S, Pembs, St. David's Cathedral. Mon., Aug. 31, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (243 cwt.)

5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by W. E. Critchley

Eric Edmondson

2 Ruth M. Foreman

3 Edgar R. Rapley
4 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)

5 Neil Donovan Thomas J. Lock

7 Philip Mehew 8 Richard E. Price

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan, St. Illtyd.

Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (16 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

Leonard Stilwell

2 Rev. M. C. C. Melville *3 Helen J. Henderson 4 Shelagh R. Melville

5 E. Winifred Keys 6 Eric Edmondson

Gordon A. Halls 8 Neil Donovan (Conductor)

*First of Surprise on tower bells.

NEATH, Glam, St. Thomas.

Tues., Sept. 1, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (8 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Norwich, York, Durham, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge).

Eric Edmondson

Ronald J. Sharp Edgar R. Rapley

4 Neil Donovan

5 Rev. M. C. C. Melville 6 Roland H. Cook (Conductor)

BEDWELLTY, Mon., St. Sannan.

Wed., Sept. 2, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (14 cwt.) 5024 MONMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox.
Rev. M. C. C. Melville
W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
Ronald J. Sharp Gordon A. Halls

Thomas J. Lock Roland H. Cook

7 George E. Fearn 8 Richard E. Price

First in the method by all except 5 and 7.

Baptist. Wed., Sept. 2, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (83 cwt.) **5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

NEWTON Nottage, Glam, St. John the

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Leonard Stilwell

2 Edgar R. Rapley3 Ruth M. Foreman

4 Eric Edmondson 5 Neil Donovan

6 Frank H. Hicks E. Winifred Keys (Conductor)

8 Philip Mehew

LLANGIBBY, Mon, St. Kybi.

Wed., Sept. 2, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Arthur V. Pearson 2 W. Eric Critchley

3 Ronald J. Sharp 4 Richard E. Price

5 John Sinfield

6 Roland H. Cook 7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor) 8 George E. Fearn

CADOXTON, Glam, SS. Cattwg and Illtyd. Fri., Sept. 4. 1970, 2hr. 30min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (1440 Norwich. Cambridge, 720 London, Beverley, Surfleet).

1 David F. Moore 2 E. Winifred Keys 2 E. Willied Relysis 3 Shelagh R. Melville 4 Ronald J. Sharp 5 Rev. M. C. C. Melville 6 Roland H. Cook (Conductor)

ABERAVON, Glam, St. Mary.

Fri., Sept. 4, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (16 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. Smith.

Frank H. Hicks

2 Shelagh R. Melville 3 Edgar R. Rapley 4 E. Winifred Keys 5 David F. Moore

6 Neil Donovan Roland H. Cook

8 Philip Mehew (Conductor)

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN **GUILD**

LLANFIGAN, Breconshire, St. Meugan. Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (12 cwt.)

5924 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. R. Kench.

Neil Donovan

2 E. Winifred Keys

3 Ruth M. Foreman 4 Edgar R. Rapley 5 Eric Edmondson

6 Roland H. Cook (Conductor) 7 Thomas J. Lock

8 Philip Mehew

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

BLAENAVON, Mon, St. Peter.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (9 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. W. Washbrook. E. Winifred Keys

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5 Eric Edmondson 6 Neil Donovan

Philip Mehew 8 Thomas J. Lock (Conductor)

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TOM LOCK IN SOUTH WALES

The venue for Tom Lock's tour this year was South Wales, and on Saturday, August 29, ringers from Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Yorkshire, Sussex, Bedfordshire, Derby and Leicester made for the headquarters at Neath in brilliant sunshine. On the way peals were rung and enjoyed at Caldicote and Mitcheldean, giving the tour a flying start, although some found the journey from Caldicote to Neath rather trying. On the first evening we were welcomed by Mr. Edmund Morris and his wife, and we met the former on several occasions during the week.

Sunday was a free day, after ringing for morning service on the pleasant six at Neath. Two ringers renewed acquaintance with war-time Welsh friends, and others went swimming or touring.

Monday showed us some of the distances we would be travelling as we all went into Pembrokeshire. A good peal of Bristol was rung at St. David's, where we would have liked longer to enjoy this lovely spot, while others scored an equally satisfying peal of Lincolnshire at Pembroke. A visit to Haverfordwest in the afternoon enabled us to enjoy the sound of the mellow bells, but

no peal attempt was possible, mainly due to a broken rope.

On Tuesday, although a peal of Yorkshire was enjoyed at Bridgend, the band at Penarth lost what promised to be a good peal of eight-spliced when a rope broke. In the afternoon a peal of Minor was scored at Neath, but at Tenby an attempt for Bristol was halted when two bells crossed over. It was while waiting here for a latecomer (held up by traffic) that the sonic boom of Concorde was heard. Wednesday started better with both the

morning's attempts, Monmouth at Bedwellty, and Yorkshire at Newton Nottage, being successful. In the afternoon Bristol at Llangibby was scored, but owing to a late start at Llanelly there was only time for a quarter peal of Rutland to be rung. This was one of several times when we found the heavy traffic defeating us in our attempts to arrive on time. In the evening some of the party joined Swansea ringers at their handbell practice at the University, and enjoyed

the usual warm welcome.

Caerphilly and Lower Machen (the bestkept village in Monmouth), were the towers on Thursday morning, but a funeral at Caerphilly restricted the time available and a quarter peal of six-spliced was all there was time for. Again at Lower Machen two ringers were delayed, but permission was given for the attempt to be deferred to the afternoon. Unfortunately this attempt came to grief, and there was no consolation for these ringers when they arrived at Newport, where they found that the attempt Yorkshire Maximus had been set up after two hours as the ringing was not considered good enough. The evening was spent at St. John's, Cardiff, where we were welcomed by the local ringers at their practice.

Hones were high at Llandaff on Friday morning, where we attempted London Royal, but this, too, was set up after about two hours. There was consolation in that a peal of Minor was rung at Cadoxton, and in the afternoon a peal of Rutland was also enjoyed at Aberavon. Others of the ringers looked forward to a peal at Pentre, but un-fortunately one of the band travelled all the way to the wrong Pentre, leaving seven other ringers hoping he had not met with an accident. Again in the evening we were invited to join local ringers at their practice, this time at Cadoxton.

By Saturday the group was depleted, as some had returned home on Friday, but one

FIRST FOR 44 YEARS

Mr. H. W. Barrett, of Loddon, Norfolk, writes: "In the peal at Castle Acre, Norfolk, Walter Curston rang the treble and he last took part in a peal over 44 years ago at Terrington St. Clement (Kent T.B. Major on April 25, 1926).

"After the Castle Acre peal the ringers spent a very pleasant time at the home of Rev. C. E. Scott, who has come to live in the parish on retirement. The band were joined by the rector, Rev. J. H. Bloom, who is the son-in-law of Rev. Mr. Scott.

"Regarding the peal rung at Carlton Colville on August 3, when three 'firsts' were recorded, as the conductor I congratulate all three on their effort, but I must call attention to the excellent way in which Christine Gorrod rang the treble.

"After this peal the ringers, together with other members of the local band, were entertained to supper by the parents of Mary Solomon, the peal having been rung for Mary following her wedding on August

band rang two good peals at Llanfigan and Blaenavon, though both peals were perhaps slower than expected. The remaining five ringers were joined by three locals for an attempt at St. Mary's, Swansea, and all were disappointed when it came to grief.

Our score of peals rung (and enjoyed) was 13 out of 23 programmed, but our enjoyment was nearer 10 out of 10. Everywhere we met with a very warm welcome, and we wish the Editor would allow us room to mention all those responsible. We found much of the beauty of the South Wales countryside and some of it industrial areas, but the week passed far too quickly. Thank you, Tom.

IRISH BELL NEWS

The autumn issue of the Irish Bell News was produced by the versatile editor, Mr. F. E. Dukes, while recuperating from a car accident. His first ringing after this misfortune was with Cambridge University Guild during their visit to St. Peter's, Drogheda, with somebody standing behind him in case of accidents. Fred is, however, making progress; all want to see him in good health again. A ten bob sub-scription to Fred's quarterly now covers a three-years' subscription. May friends rally round him with many more ten shillings!

The Irish Bell News has purchased a new duplicator at a cost of over £50, and a 15years' depreciation has been allowed for. Other duplicating work helps to reduce losses on the publication.

As usual the Irish Bell News gives a comprehensive coverage not only of tower activities but of tours. These include the Cambridge University Guild in Northern Ireland, during which a peal of Belfast Surprise Major was rung, and David Smith's tour of 27 ringers and families which lasted a fortnight. Local tours are also reported, including Dublin University's. Snowballing took place on the Antrim plateau during the latter tour. Dorothy Johnston was tak-ing part in her first tour as master, and the official scribe writes: "She gained in confidence from a rather harassing tour, so much so that she is almost unmanageable."

Fred's "instruction" section contains the first of a new series, "Learning how to handle a bell" and calling positions in Kent Treble Bob.

Two of Fred's sallies of wit deserve wider circulation:

"Moral indignation is usually jealousy with a halo";

"The dictates of conscience make a reliable guide.



Eight members of the Middlesex Association who all knew and rang with William Pye and who rang a quarter of Stedman Triples at Harrow Weald (R.W., page 736) to commemorate the centenary of his birth. Left to right: J. G. Nash, A. T. J. Lock, Elsie K. Hart, R. A. Fardon, Ruby G. Fardon, E. H. Kilby, H. G. Hart.

TRUE HARMONIC TUNING

(Continued from page 844.)

In the meantime, strange things had been going on at Warners, arch-old style founders since the early 1850's. Their earliest non-old style bell that I know of is the tenor of 1911 at King's Somborne, Hants. It is unusually thin but has a fine tone and very good harmonics. The odd trebles, etc., of theirs which I have heard, dated 1912, have all been very good, too. Warners' first complete true harmonic rings did not come till 1913 and the succeeding years and were mever altogether successful (St. Mellons, Mon, 6, 11½ cwt., said to be 1913; Pocklington, Yorks, 6/8, 17 cwt., 1914; Christ Church, Erith, Kent, 8, 17½ cwt., 1915)—the heavier bells have an extraordinary, if highly individual, guttural sound. Cl ford Cathedral bells, although of Chelmscannot be classed as true harmonic; per-haps the founders decided to "play safe" in the case of such an important ring! The latest Warner bells which I have found are dated 1920 (at Botley, Hants, and Newport, Isle of Wight).

The Bristol firm of Llewellins and James seems to have done little bellfounding in our century; but the back four bells at Bishopstoke, Hants (1921, I believe), are examples of their efforts at true harmonic tuning (the 5th and 6th good; the 7th and tenor extraordinary but interesting).

THE LAST TO TURN

The very last English foundry to turn to true harmonic tuning—perhaps reluctantly, perhaps in desperation— was that at Whitechapel. Whilst it took Mears and Stainbank all of three decades to acknowledge the superiority of this form of tuning and to adopt it (and I can think of few rings cast by them in the meantime for which one should be grateful-Woburn (8, 24½ cwt., 1910) and Elveden (8, 17\(\frac{1}{4}\) cwt., 1923) are perhaps two) let it be said that once they had decided to take the plunge, they did so wholeheartedly and with excellent results. The octave of 1927 at The Good Shepherd, Preston, Sussex (13\frac{3}{4}\ \text{cwt.}), is said to be the first true harmonically tuned Whitechapel ring, with St. Ambrose, Bristol (8, 111 cwt.) and others following it in 1928.

It only remains for me to mention the subject of retuning old bells and the fitting of new bells into old rings. With each of the three major foundries, at least, the first rush of true harmonic enthusiasm evidently brought a wave of sometimes drastic, but often highly successful, retunings (rather than complete recastings) of older rings. The vast majority of old style bells are not, cf course, retunable to true harmonic standards. I have already mentioned Taylors' work at Exeter Cathedral (1902) which undoubtedly improved (and probably trans-formed) the old bells, and their retuning of the Watts rings at Great Barford and Long Buckby. In 1903 they drastically retuned what must have been very much an old style Whitechapel octave (1767) at Isleworth, Middlesex, with only partial success. This, however, is nothing to the effect that Gillett and Johnston's retuning in 1914 had on the Warner (1883) ring of six at Bagshot, Surrey: these bells have to be heard to be believed. The mediæval bells in Dorset (from three different foundries) which Gilletts retuned were obviously more responsive (at Sturminster Marshall, Durwe ton and Tarrant Keynston); the tenor at Tarrant Keynston is especially good. Few ears would detect that there are only two new bells in the ring of six at Great Haseley. Oxon, which they restored in 1925, so skilful was their retuning of the other four. Three outstanding retuning successes from Whitechapel are at Yeovil (10, 403 cwt., treble and 2nd recast, 1931), at Brampton, Hunts (6, 14 cwt., 3rd recast, 1934 and treble added since) and at Leckford, Hants (5, 8½ cwt., treble and 2nd added, 1934). Less successful were their added, 1934). Less successful were their efforts on a Wells (1821) ring of five at Deane, Hants (1927), and on a mixed ring of five at Shrewton, Wilts (1928).

Much has been said and written about the merits and demerits of inserting true harmonic bells into old style rings; surely the answer is that each case should be judged on its own merits. There are rings which, although predominantly old style, can be said to have been improved by the addition of true harmonic trebles or the recasting of the tenor; equally there are some which can be said to have been spoilt by the same means (especially when the bell to be recast has been not the tenor but the

bell adjacent to it).

To those who believe that Whitechapel recastings and augmentations have always been as sympathetic as the sixth at Aldgate, London, I recommend a visit to Kingsclere, Hants, or Litton Cheney in Dorset. Similarly, to those who think that Taylors cannot, or will not, cast old style bells I recommend a visit to Lodsworth in Sussex to hear the two trebles (1966) which they matched to a "broken glass" ring of four (1891)! Beyond that, campanologists must of course decide for themselves whether they prefer their recast tenors to sound like Canterbury Cathedral; St. Michael, Cornhill, London: and Lyng. Somerset (all Whitechapel old style) or Exeter Cathedral; Bruton, Somerset; and Ashburton, Devon (all Loughborough true harmonic).

Gillett and Johnston, so far as I know, only once departed from true harmonic tuning in the case of a recasting—at Thax-

ted, Essex.

May I end by saving that I hope I have not made any glaring errors or too many serious omissions; if any reader finds an example of either I shall be very pleased to hear about it. I hope, too, that I have been able to share some of the interest and enjoyment which I have derived from hearing really well-tuned bells and finding out who cast them.

Bath and Wells Association.
MEETING AT CHEDZOY

The autumn meeting of the Bridgwater Branch was held at Chedzoy on September 3, when despite competition from Bridgwater Fair during the day over 50 rang on the rather individual six. The service was taken by the vicar (Rev. R. Seywood), who thanked Mr. R. Dibble for his invaluable assistance in training the local band. A tea was waiting at the village hall and one individual was privileged by being allowed to sample a rather stronger local brew!

Mr. Herniman opened the business and proposed thanks to the vicar, the ladies and the organist, and a welcome was extended to the visitors. It was reported that the branch outing was very successful and the organisers were thanked for their hard work. A long (and rather fruitless) discussion took place on branch striking, in particular whether open or closed lead should be the policy. After much discourse and some practical "vocal examples" from the ringing master it was decided that for the time being at any rate both would be used at branch meetings, and, later, ringing continued in various methods—and both styles—until 9 p.m.

The next practices will be at St. Mary's, Bridgwater, in November, and Puriton in

December.

HANDBELLS ENTERTAINMENT

The Whittington Handbell Ringers of St. Michael's, Paternoster Royal, were an added attraction when All Saints', Benhilton, Sur-rey, held a flower festival in aid of its bell restoration fund on October 3.

The numerous visitors who came during the afternoon and evening were entertained for well over two hours with a variety of

Following tea the lady ringers were presented with bouquets. Visitors and prospective members are most welcome to attend the team's practice sessions held at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Mission to Seamen's Church, College Hill, E.C.

F. W. T.

Salisbury Guild. GOOD RINGING HEARD

The quarterly meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Lyme Regis on September 19, when six towers were represented. Visitors were warmly welcomed and some good ringing was heard. The guild service was conducted by Rev. J. H. A. Charles, and tea followed (kindly given by the local ringers and lady helpers) in the Church House.

At the business meeting the chairman (Mr. C. W. Powell) presided and announced the next meeting (the A.G.M.) at Brid-

port in November.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Yorkshire, Double Norwich and Cambridge. J. D.

Kent County Association. TONBRIDGE WIN

The first association striking competition was held at St. George's Church, Gravesend, on September 19, with one Sunday service band from each district of the association. The competing bands were Folkestone (Ashford District), Canterbury Cathedral, Bexley (Lewisham District), Rochester Cathedral, Maidstone (All Saints'), and Tonbridge, and the competition judges were Miss Joan Beresford and Mr. Tom Lock. After the competition a service was con-

ducted by the local incumbent, and later, at tea, the results of the contest were announced: I Tonbridge, 2 Canterbury, 3 Maidstone, 4 Folkestone, 5 Bexley, 6 Rochester. The arrangements for the competition were made by the Rochester District ringers. D. P. L. trict ringers.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. I.O.W. BRANCH OUTING

The Andover area was the choice for the 1970 outing on September 26. After coffee at Winchester we tried the light six at Upper Clatford and were joined by friends from Hornchurch, Essex. The eight at St. Mary's, Andover, sounded well, but our legs were a little shaky after a slightly perilous ascent.

After a ploughman's lunch we proceeded to Highclere and found the pleasant eight easy to strike to Triples and Major. Several younger members managed their first touch of Kent at Kingsclere, our next halt, and ringing was followed by an excellent high

tea at the Kingsclere Grill.

The light eight at St. Mary's, Overton, were rung at our last stop. Here we took leave of ringers from Essex and Andover who had joined us for the day. Our journey back was highlighted by handbell ringing and guitar playing, making a good conclusion to an excellent day's outing.

Our thanks to Mr. Tom East for organising the tour and to all tower secretaries, incumbents and those who met us.

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JORDAN - DOVE. - On October 10, at St. Andrew's, Starbeck, Harrogate, by the Rev. C C. Peake, vicar, Robert Henry, elder son of Mr. Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Dove, of Harrogate.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Sat., Nov. 7, Norton (8), 5.30-8.30 p.m. thern District.—Evening District.—Salar District.—Salar District.—Salar Guild.—Leicester

District.—Evening meeting, St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, Nov. 7. Bells 6–8.30 p.m. Everyone very welcome.—Ron Hughes.

LINCOLN GUILD .- North Lindsey Branch .-Evening meeting, Thornton Curtis, Sat., Nov. Six bells available 6-9 p.m. 9918

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIA-TION. — Monmouth Branch. — Monthly evening practice, Usk, Fri., Oct. 30, 7.30 – 9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Surprise.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - S. and W. District.—Evening practice at St. Mary, Staines, Fri., Oct. 30, 7.45-9.15; Surprise Royal practice at Hillingdon, Mon., Nov. 9, 8-9.30.-C. H. R.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Banbury and District Branch.—Practice meeting at Bloxham, Oxon, Fri., Nov. 6, 7.30 p.m.—B. J. Davis,

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. -- Witney Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting at Clanfield (8), Fri., Nov. 6.—E. R. Venn, Hon. Sec. 9951

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. -- Wimborne Branch. — Ten-bell practice, Tues., Nov. 3, at Wimborne Minster, 7.30-9 p.m. 9935

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. - No meeting Oct. 31. Members welcome at Warsop dedication. Monthly practice, St. Mary, Nov. 2 Special practice, St. Peter, Thurs., Nov. 12 Yorkshire R., Cambridge Max.; both at 7.30.

SUFFOLK GUILD .- S.W. District .- Beginners' practice, Polstead (6), Sat., Nov. 7, 2.30 p.m. onwards. Rounds, call-changes and plain hunting. 9863

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH CESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, St. Peter, Soberton, Thurs., Nov. 5, 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Grandsire Triples and 9889 Plain Bob Major.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIA-TION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice meetings at Porlock (6) on Sat., Oct. 31, and at Brompton Regis (5) on Sat., Nov. 14.-E. R. T. B. 9945

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting Oct. 31. Ringing at St. Martin's, Ruislip, 3-4.30 Cups of tea available in St. Margaret's small hall, Belmont Road, Uxbridge, at 5 p.m. Please bring own food. Evening ringing at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, 6.30-8.30 p.m. All wel-9915

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting in Edinburgh on Sat., Oct. 31. St. James, 1.30-3 p.m.; St. Mary, 3-5; and at St. Cuthbert from 6.30 p.m.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 9944

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO-CESAN GUILD .- Basingstoke District .- Quarterly general meeting, Sherborne St. John, Sat., Oct. 31. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea, Village Hall, 5.15. Also Monk Sherbo;ne bells 2.30-4 p.m. Numbers for tea to J. J. Hill, 67 Oakridge Road, Basingstoke. 9879

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. -Isle of Wight District.-Quarterly meeting at Freshwater, Oct. 31. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 9926 Bells 2.30 p.m. Service

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. -Bedford District. — Meeting, Sat., Nov. 7, Goldington. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing Bells (6) 3 p.m. after tea.-C. M. Payne.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry.--Monthly meeting, Sat., Nov. Whitnash. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15 Henley Road, Leamington Spa (Tel.: Leamington 26089).-H. A. M. 9955

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Ely District. —Monthly meeting, Sutton, Sat., Nov. 7. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after tea until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Single Court, Hexham Surprise. 9950

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.— Meeting, Great Yeldham (6), Nov. 7. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and handbell ringing, business meeting and tower

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD. -meeting, Nov. 7, Kirkheaton. Bells available 2.30 Names for tea, please, to J. R. Senior, 8 Dryclough Road, Crossland Moor. 9953

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Eastnor, Sat., Nov. 7. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury.

LADIES' GUILD.-Kent Branch.-Meeting on Sat., Nov. 7, Rainham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to Mrs. C. Cheal, 49 Ivy Street, Rainham, Thurs., Nov. 5. All welcome.—R. W. 9

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION .- Joint meeting with CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, at Kidsgrove on Sat., Nov. 7. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Annual committee meeting 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea (essential) to Mr. N. Sherratt, 101 Attwood Street, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Wed., Nov. 4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD,-South Oxon Branch.—Autumn meeting, Benson (8), Nov. 7.
Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea
(3s. 6d.) to lan O'Reilly, 12 Ambrose Rise,
Wheatley (Wheatley 8304), by Nov. 2. 9911
PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guils-

borough Branch.-Meeting, Clipston, Sat., Nov.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting, Steeple Ashton (6), Sat., Nov. 7. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Forward names for tea, please: Mr. J. Burbidge, 5 Church Street, Steeple Ashn, near Trowbridge, Wilts. 9934
SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—An-

nual striking contest at Bolsterstone (8), Sat., Nov. 7. Draw 2.30 p.m. General ringing after Names of teams and people requiring teas to R. Fletcher, 34 Dransfield Road, Sheffield, S10 5RN, by previous Wednesday. 9924

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) and SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Joint monthly meeting, Eastrington, Sat., Nov. 7. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. R. Ingram, High Street, Eastrington, Goole, before Nov. 4. - R. Ducker and L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. -Central District.—Ringing meeting, Lanchester, Sat., Nov. 14, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Alan Walker, 6 Ford Street Lanchester, by Wed., Nov. il, please. 9891

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD .-Meeting, East Grinstead, Sat., Nov. 14. Ringing: Hammerwood, 3-4.15; East Grinstead, 4.15-5. Tea in the tower room 5 p.m. (please bring own food-cups of tea provided). Service 6 p.m., followed by business and further ringing until 8.30. Tickets (30s. each) for the annual dinner on January 9 will be available at this meeting or from E. J. Ladd, 4 William Street, Tunbridge Walls 9947

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Cambridge District) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North Western District).—Joint meeting, Nov. 14, at Ickleton, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, short business meeting for Cambridge District mem-Evening ringing also at Ickleton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - South Eastern Dis--Meeting, Burnham-on-Crouch, Sat., Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome. - R. J. H. Dis. Sec. 9916

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Chertsey District.-Nomination meeting, East Molesey, on Sat., Nov. 14. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Matravers, 47a Walton Road, East Molesey, Surrey, by Wed. please. 9890

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gosberton, on Sat., Nov. 14. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. J. Porter, 12 Exeter Drive, Spalding (Tel.: Spalding 4462), by

Wed., Nov. 11.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN
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ringing meeting, St. Illtyd, Llantwit Major, Sat., Nov. 14. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., The Grammar School, Cowbridge, CF7 7YX.

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Mirfield (10), 1.30-2.30; Birstall (8), 2-3; Thornhill (6), 2.45-3.45; Batley (8), 3-4; Horbury (8), 3.30-4.30.

Tea and biscuits (nominal charge) available for all at Dewsbury Parish Church Hall from 4.30— 5 p.m., during which time the contest result will be declared.

All ringers are welcome to listen to the contest during the afternoon at Dewsbury Parish Church.

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Ringing meeting, Morpeth, Sat., Nov. 7, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. Stewart Gibson, 42 Townsend Crescent, Morpeth.

LATE NOTICES
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road tube), Mon., Nov. 2, 7 p.m. 9966
PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Harringworth (6), Nov. 7. Meeting in church 6.15 p.m. Ringing 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. 9963

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch. Evening Meeting at Fulbeck on Saturday, Nov. Bells (6) from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome. -G. R. P.

There was an attendance of 172 at the annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held at Worcester last Saturday. The Dean (Very Rev. Dr. E. W. Kemp) presided.



Wedding.

BASSETT—TAYLOR

A wedding of considerable interest to the bellringing Exercise took place at Lough-borough on September 5, when Miss Sarah Margaret Taylor, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor, of The Bell Foundry, Loughborough, was married to Mr. Michael Joseph Bassett, son of Comdr. and Mrs. Robert Bassett, of Albrighton, Wolverhampton. The ceremony was performed by Father Donald Anderson, an old school friend of the bridegroom, and Michael's brother was best man.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a dress of white brocade which she herself had made, and she was attended by her sister, Miss Frances Edith Taylor, who was attired in a dress of blue wild silk, which

she also had made herself.

Following the service a reception was held in the Senior Common Room, Rutland Hall, Loughborough, where the wedding cake, made and iced by the bride and her mother, was cut. Later the newly-married couple left for a honeymoon on the Isle of

Both the bride and bridegroom are employed at Fisons' Pharmaceuticals in Loughborough.

BELL STOLEN

Stephanie Green, of Potter's Bar, Herts, sends us the following:

Thieves risked their lives to climb about 40 feet outside a church near Brookmans Park and steal a 4 cwt. bell from the belfry on October 12.

Climbing a drainpipe outside St. Mark's Church, Essendon, Herts, they scaled a parapet and removed the £150 bell from its mounting. The bell rolled down the roof and damaged the parapet.

The theft was discovered by workmen re-

turning to carry on with repairs to the guttering and roof of the 100-years-old church.

St. Mark's Church is the "daughter" church of St. Mary the Virgin, Essendon. The bell at St. Mark's was only hung for chiming but has not been used for several years as the crown bolts were rusted and it was considered unsafe to toll it.

The annual peal attempt at Worcester Cathedral will take place on October 31. Mr. G. W. Critchley's band will commence ringing at 12.30 p.m.

25 YEARS AGO Taken from The Ringing World for

At Willenhall (Staffs) Frank W. Perrens conducted a peal of Cambridge Royal, in which G. William Critchley rang the third, this being his first peal of Royal, and, at Beddington John Saunders, Frank Hicks and George Humphries also rang their first of Royal.

G. Kenneth Williamson rang his first peal (at Aldershot), as also did Denison C. Allen and W. Dennis Evans, John Freeman conducting Bob Major.

A peal of Doubles at Thurlby, Lincs, was rung by A. Wade, B. Wade, C. Wade, T. Courton and W. Oldman, it being the first for all except for W. Oldman.

A letter from Mr. E. W. Izard told of the visit of Winston Churchill to Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., and of a peal of Grandsire Triples in which Douglas Boniface, Margaret Izard, F. Weatherby, A. King, E. W. Izard, A. B. Lomas, E. F. Salmons and E. Lake took part.

Mr. A. P. Cannon wrote regarding the speed of peal ringing and said he had rung quite a few fast peals on tenors of over 20 cwt. and that at the end he realised that had they taken ten minutes longer it would have been easier for him.

The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (president) presided at a meeting of the Oxford University Society held at New College Junior Common Room.

50 YEARS AGO

October 29, 1920.

At Louth, Lincs, a peal of Bob Major was conducted by Rupert Richardson, his 200th for the Lincoln Guild, and Walter Ayre rang his 50th peal.

Two tenor men, Thomas Griffin and John Stafford, covered for a peal of Stedman Triples at Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts. (Tenor 303 cwt.)

Arthur T. Morris took 2 hours and 54 minutes to tap a peal of Kent T.B. Major on handbells before five witnesses. It was for the Essex Association.

Miss Sarah Pigott was elected president of the Ladies' Guild in succession to Miss Alice White, who had held the office since the formation of the guild in 1912. Miss White had recently married.

The possibility of amalgamating the Yorkshire Association and the Cleveland Association was discussed at a meeting at Northallerton.

A meeting of the Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association was one of the best held in the district for some time, and one at Walkden (Bolton Branch) was also well attended—the tower being a particular favourite for meetings.

SOCIAL LIFE

There is a tendency for the wives and families of ringers to get left out of ringing social life. In order to remedy this, a large party of ringers and their families from Malvern Link, Leigh Sinton, Cradley and Colwall recently visited the Malvern Festival Theatre to see "The Pleasure of His Company." The event was most successful, and the visitors made a significant addition to the event of the property of the pro to the evening attendance figures!

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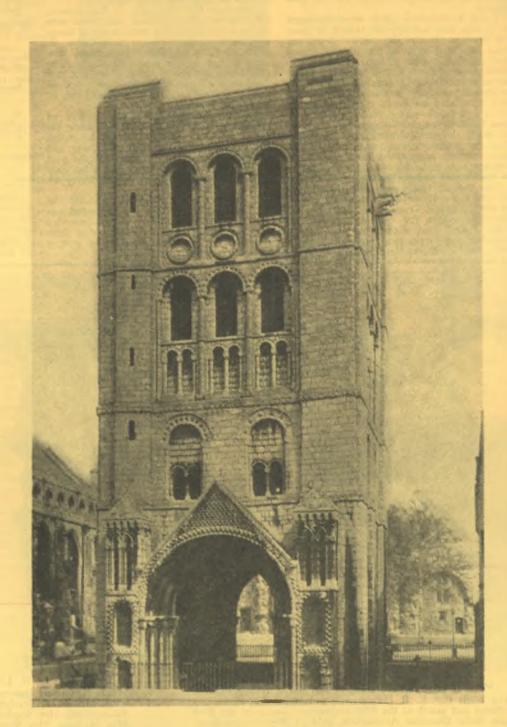
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St. James' Cathedral, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk

By GEORGE W. PIPE

THIS YEAR the capital of West Suffolk is commemorating the 1,100th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Edmund, the brave young East Anglian King, whose shrine ensured for all time wealth and strength for his monastery and ultimately for St. Edmundsbury, or Bury St. Edmunds as we now know it.

Until 1914 Suffolk was contained in the Dioceses of Ely and Norwich, but at the formation of the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese, St. James', Bury, was chosen as the mother church for the new

diocese.

From its inception plans were envisaged to enlarge and beautify the church to meet the needs of the new diocese, but it was not until 1954 that approval for a major appeal was granted by the Bishop. Like all appeals, their story is full of incident, sometimes rejoicing, sometimes disappointment at lack of response. But faith has prevailed and stimulated by many people—creatures great and small—and spearheaded by Provost Waddington, former vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, a beautiful work now stands before us. Already its services and its plans show that this is not to be just a monument, but sensitive and understanding to the call of the present and the future.

The Suffolk Guild was privileged to be allotted five seats at the consecration service of the Quire and Crossing on September 29, including places for the master and his wife. And what a glittering and moving occasion this service was, yet portraying a very simple and humble expression of grati-

tude. The Cathedral bells were rung before and after the service with, let it be said, four of our ringing clergy taking part.

The Campanile of the Cathedral is universally known as the Norman Tower and was built at the time of Abbot Anselm (c. 1119-1148). It was in fact the cemetery gate leading direct to the west front of the great Abbey itself, and is one of the most remarkable structures of this period extant in Britain. It is complete except for the removal of the richly-carved tympanum in 1798, which apparently interfered with the passage of hay and straw carts!

passage of hay and straw carts!

Eighty-six feet high and 36 feet square, its walls are six feet thick and faced with Barnack stone. In this massive tower hangs an interesting ring of ten bells (tenor 30 cwt.). Interesting, not only because they were all cast in the year 1785 (an uncommon event for ten in those days), but that they represent probably the best work of that reputable founder, Thomas Osborn, of

Downham Market.

In the writer's opinion the quality of these bells is marred by acoustics, their extreme falseness and the need for rehanging and retuning. Nevertheless, the tower and belfry are well worth a visit and the peal boards tell of famous names long since gone—the Moores, the Chinerys and Percy O. Laffin.

Obviously it is the fervent wish of the Suffolk Guild, now that the Cathedral has been so successfully restored, extended and beautified, that in the course of time the work will be completed by a worthy renovation of the ring of ten.

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Organised by Mr. Frank Reynolds, general secretary, and Mrs. Celia D'Aeth, the Lancashire Association held a very successful dinner dance at the Royal Hotel. Southport, last Saturday. A full report will be given next week.



[Photo: Weston Mercury.

"This is what you are going to eat!"—The Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. E. B. Henderson) reads the menu to various officers and guests at the 80th anniversary dinner of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Weston-super-Mare and reported in a recent issue of the R.W.

L.-r.: Rev. R. N. Longridge (president, Salisbury Guild), Mr. J. H. Gilbert (general secretary, Bath and Wells Association), Mr. W. F. Scudamore (master, Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mrs. Scudamore, Mrs. J. H. Gilbert, the Bishop, Miss M. Legg, Mrs. Warren and Rev. H. F. Warren, (master, Bath and Wells Association).

Worcestershire Association Proprieties Observed But Informality Adds Pleasure and Enjoyment

The 33rd Annual Dinner of the Worcestershire and District Change Ringing Association, which was held at Trinity House Ballroom, Worcester, on October 24, was well supported, 172 being present, one fewer than last year. Although the proprieties of the occasion were strictly observed, there was a relaxed atmosphere throughout the proceedings and an informality which added to the pleasure and enjoyment of those attending.

The dinner was advertised at 6.15 for 6.30 and right on time the Dean of Worcester (Very Rev. D. E. W. Kemp), who presided, invited the association chaplain (Rev. H. L. Davies) to say Grace, and an excellent meal was well served by a team of young ladies whose average age could not have been more than 14 years. The tables, dotted over the ballroom, each accommodated eight persons, the top table being the exception, where were seated the master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright), the Dean, the chaplain and Mrs. Davies, Mr. Glynne Hastings (hon. secretary Three Counties Show) and Mrs. Hastings, Mr. George Cousins (hon. general secretary Hereford Guild) and Mrs. Cousins, Mr. Morley P. Tobin (master, Northern Branch) and Mrs. Tobin, Mr. David Beacham (general secretary) and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Editor, Ringing World).

At the outset the Dean, who is president of the association, welcomed the company and introduced the guests. Following the meal and the loyal toast, Mr. George Cousins gave the toast to the association. He first explained the doubtful blessings of the stretches of roads being constructed between Hereford and Worcester and added that at their own dinner (the Hereford's) the previous Saturday, the Worcester secretary had proposed the toast to the Hereford Association, and this was now a reciprocal toast to their association.

The speaker then proceeded to delve into his memory of days gone by, his own experiences with ringing in the two counties of the Three Counties Show during last summer when the Expo Belfry was on show, and of the interest taken in the bellringing display. Mr. Cousins also expressed appreciation to non-ringing wives who patiently waited whilst their spouses were away on ringing activities. He concluded by repeating what the Bishop of Hereford had said the previous week—the importance of training young people correctly and encouraging them in bellringing. It was gratifying to see so many youngsters present that evening.

CORNISHMAN RESPONDS

Mr. Morley P. Tobin (master, Northern Branch), who left his beloved county of Cornwall four years ago to take up an appointment in Worcester (where not only has he learned change ringing but also married a charming lady from Wolverhampton), responded in a happy and jocular vein, which was well received. He then proceeded to toast The Ringing World and its Editor. He made reference to the improved quality of the journal and said his first complaint in four years must be made that evening. He had received through the post the day before a copy of The Ringing World which had two of one section, but one other section was missing. However, he realised he was in possession of a valuable copy and invited the company (in spite of this) to toast The Ringing World and its Editor, which was cheerfully done.

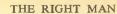
LIFEBLOOD OF THE EXERCISE

Replying, Mr. Denyer thanked Mr. Tobin for the happy way he had proposed the toast, and the assembled company for the



Mr. W. B. Cartwright, master of the association, with the Very Rev. Dr. M. Kemp (Dean of Worcester), the president. (R.W. photo.)

warmth of its reception. He told of the friendship he had had for over 40 years with one of the Worcestershire Association members present that evening, Mr. Reginald Chance, who had been stationed in Aldershot in 1930. He spoke of the problems facing The Ringing World Committee, who had to face the rising costs of production and increased postal rates during 1971. Quoting a recent comment by the Salisbury Guild president that The Ringing World was the handmaid of the Exercise, Mr. Denyer said he felt it was more than that; it was the very lifeblood of it, for if anyone stopped to think what it would be like without a bellringing paper it would be realised that guilds and associations would become very parochial. Peal and quarter peal ringing would not be reported or even heard about. However, he believed that ringers everywhere would continue to support the journal and asked those present to play their part for the benefit of the Exercise in general and The Ringing World in particular.



The master of the association proposed the toast to the president and went to considerable lengths to explain the reasons for the Dean's quiet reserve at the previous dinner and of his animation on this, his second appearance as their president at this annual function. "He is really enjoying himself tonight," said Mr. Cartwright, "and we know he is the right man in the right place, as far as our association is concerned."

In his reply the Dean amused the company with the problems he faced whilst being in charge of the Diocese since the Bishop had left and until the arrival of a successor. It meant he had to write letters to himself (for the record) to ensure that the acting head of the Diocese was aware of what the Dean had been doing and to assure the acting head of the Diocese that the Dean was carrying out his duties correctly.

He concluded by thanking the bellringers for their services, and although he had not rung a bell since the last dinner his daughter had now taken up the art and would represent him (the Dean) in the tower.

The entertainment which followed was lively and enjoyable and included change ringing on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Drew, Mrs. J. Thomas and Mr. G. C. Bagley, whilst tunes delighted the company as played by Eric Styler, Roger Hunt and Michael Leek, of Feckenham. Mr. John Emms, a local resident, who is a powerful

The Chaplain of the Worcestershire Association (Rev. H. L. Davies).

(R.W. photo.)



baritone, also entertained with popular selections whilst accompanying himself on the piano.

At the close the Dean expressed thanks to the organising committee, and the general secretary in particular, for their work, and also to those who had entertained the company. He felt that it had been a happy occasion and an enjoyable evening, a statement with which all present concurred.



Mr. Reg Chance, Mr. and Mrs. George Cousins, with Mr. David Beacham, the association's general secretary, standing behind,

(R.W. photo.)

Bath and Wells Association.

COMPETITION AWARDS

On September 5 the Ilchester Branch held its quarterly meeting at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, when there was an exceptionally good attendance dur-ing the afternoon and evening. The vicar (Rev. F. W. Thomas) conducted the guild service, with Mr. Ken Russell as organist, and in his address the vicar spoke of the importance of the work of church bell-ringers. He also extended a warm welcome to all present. The good-going 17 cwt. six (one of the most popular rings in "Ilchester") was put to good use under the direction of Mr. Gordon Rendell, branch ringing master.

At the business meeting following, held in the church, new members were elected as follows: Mrs. Margaret J. Shaw (Somerton) and Mr. Raymond H. Baker (West ton) and Mr. Raymond H. Baker (West Coker). Certificates were presented to Messrs. Colin J. Baker (Montacute), David C. J. Marshall (Long Sutton), Roger Sharland (Harding-on-Mandeville), Misses Wendy H. Leach, Sandra D. Parker, Janet Bradford, Ruth A. Palmer, Hilary M. Thorne, Mrs. Sheila A. Timbrell, Messrs. Les H. J. Leach and Brian C. Whitlock (Tintinhull), Nigel R. Grinter, Paul W. Grinter, Kevin J. Beale, Frederick A. Cole, Miss Mary J. Wilburn, Mrs. Audrey Cole and Mrs. V. Constance Rice (South Petherton).

The company estood in silence to honour the memory of the late Mr. Francis (Long Sutton).

TROPHIES PRESENTED

The highlights of the meeting were the presentations of the striking competition trophy to the 1970 winners (St. John the Baptist, Yeovil) and the findings of the judges, Messrs. Ray Arscott and Arthur Read (Taunton Branch) on the tidy tower contest. The judges had an exceedingly difficult job, including the climbing of over



775 tower steps! They finally awarded Petherton, with St. Mary, Stoke-sub-Hamdon second, and SS. Peter and Paul, Odcombe, third. Both these trophies were donated by the branch hon. secretary, Mrs. M. M. Legget, and will be competed for from time to time.

The Ilchester Branch would like to place on record their grateful thanks to the Rev. P. W. Thomas, Mr. Bussell, Messrs. Warr, Pester and Venn (Stoke-sub-Hamdon tower officials) and Messrs. Arscott and Read for their kindness and co-operation.

On September 10 there was an informal

gathering in the ringing chamber of South Petherton tower when the tidy tower trophy was on show. The vicar (Rev. J. H. Jelly) read the "Belfry Office" and thanked Mrs. M. M. Legget for having donated the trophy which his tower had won. He spoke of the tremendous amount of hard work carried out by all the ringers under the able towermastership of Mr. Reg Beale, and thanked one and all for the very great effort they had made. Mrs. Legget was presented with a bouquet by Mr. Bert Pearce, and in the accompanying photograph Mr. Reg Beale is seen receiving the trophy from the hon, secretary.

CARILLONS

From The Daily Sketch, March 11, 1920. CARILLONS FOR ENGLAND

By Professor Albert Vesetti.
Of the real art of bellringing, the exquisite effect of the keyboard carillon, which is so overwhelming in its sheer beauty to

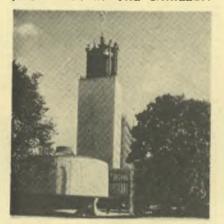
the visitor to Holland or Belgium, we in England know little or nothing.

An excellent idea, which might be fol-lowed by many other towns, was the recent decision of Loughborough to erect as a War Memorial a tower in which will be installed a fine keyboard carillon.

If other towns emulated Loughborough's example, what delightful effects we might enjoy musically, especially where carillons could be placed on the outskirts of Plains and Valleys, for the magic of the sound is greatly intensified in such situations.

So I would plead for the liberal distribution of carillons throughout England, as wonderful oral reminders of great deeds during the War. Such bells would unquestionably set up a higher standard of bell music, and we should no longer be content with the kind too often to be found nowadays, calling us so dismally to worship at Matins and Evensong, that it is small wonder the attendance at the Churches of all denominations is not what it might be.

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A LEAD TO FOLLOW
The Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringing Association have sent (via the diocesan office) the following circular to all incumbents, and we suggest this might be copied by other associations.

To all incumbents:

The Bishop and Archdeacons draw your attention to the circular which follows and commend it for your earnest consideration.
THEFT OF CHURCH BELLS

Church bells, being made of bronze, have re-Church bells, being made of bronze, have re-cently begun to attract the attention of scrap-metal thleves and there has been a marked in-crease, nationally, in the number of thefts of bells. Two reported instances of this occurred at Droitwich a year or two ago. This associa-tion believes that the attention of all parishes in the diocese should be drawn to the risk before any more occur.

Generally, churches possess either one or two small bells or a full ring of six, or more, larger bells. The risk is probably greatest where the bells are comparatively small and easily removed, or where the church is isolated. The risk may be less where there is a full ring and a band of ringers to ring them. But where there are no regular ringers, the risk is increased.

The association strongly urges all those in charge to check the security of their bells, access to which should always be under lock and key. Where there is a band of ringers the captain should be consulted as to security. Keys should never be "hidden" in the church in obvious places.

It should further be noted that although the value of the metal may be recovered through insurance, many of these bells, especially those in churches having only one or two bells, are often very ancient and of archaeological importance and are therefore irreplaceable.

Credit is the cash value of good will. Irish Bell News.

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Editorial

FALSE COMPOSITIONS

For years The Ringing World has published compositions for peals and quarter peals sent in by conductors and others, and these have all been printed in good faith. Occasionally someone has informed the Exercise that a particular composition is false, but we suspect that many we have printed are passed over, or recorded for the future and not used.

Mr. Derek Sibson, master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, has recently obtained access to a computer and is kindly having all compositions sent to us for publication proved before we print them.

It is a disturbing fact that of the first twelve checked four were false. What, then, of the many hundreds which have been published in The Ringing World over the years? Are we going to find that some of the less frequently used of the compositions are false and that peal records have to be amended? It is a frightening thought, but one that should be faced for the sake of correctness and the reputation of the conductor and his band.

It is well known of course that a few peals have been (and are, unfortunately) "fiddled" and a percentage, small though it may be, are not "true." A conductor who publishes a peal, knowing it to be below standard, or "fiddled," has only himself to blame if he has others of his efforts queried, for it is the one doubtful peal that is always remembered, not the 99 good ones.

We therefore recommend budding conductors firstly to ensure that the composition to be used is proved correct, and secondly to set a high standard of peal ringing and keep to it (and this also applies to quarter peals).



Belfry Gossip

Sending a report and some news items from Islington, Ontario, Canada, Mr. W. H. Jackson suspects that The Ringing World is received and read in Toronto before many readers in England see it, for the journal arrives first post on a Friday.

Have you run out of little quotations for odd corners? asks a reader. No, we have quite a few, but the odd corners do not always present themselves and we have to be careful that the quote is suitable to the reading matter on the page.

First peal congratulations to Jean Daughty, J. R. Ward, Michael Haighton, Alfred Symonds (14), Christine Hudson (14), Brian Sayers (14), Michael Mann.

Personal Records: Clifford Skidmore (700 peals), Peter Butler (25), Peter Bellamy-Knights (100), William Birmingham, jun. (50), Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (200).

New Methods this week include: Horam Little Surprise Major at Waldron, Sussex.

The young ringers at Syston, Leics, were determined to ring a quarter on their own. After failing in the morning they made another attempt and were successful before Evensong. Their age group is 16 and under.

Mr. John Euston informs us that the peal of Stedman Caters he called at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on September 11 was a composition by G. T. Daltry, given to him by the late Mr. William Shepherd. The figures, he says, are almost identical with those of J. Carter, G. Lindoff, C. Charge and Sir Arthur Heywood.

St. James', Clerkenwell, is now a "bright spot" in London ringing, with young people participating on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Mr. Euston writes: "The Martyr Church, not far from Holborn, was under Joe Hawkins and was the best ringing church, pre-war, in London."

Ringing suddenly seems to have become very popular in the Bloxham (Oxon) area, and the numbers have increased over the past two years to 20 in the band. Two quarter peals have been rung, the first (Bob Minor) on August 15, and the second (Bob Triples) on October 18. The first was a "first" of some description for the entire band (including the conductor!) (Well done.—Ed.)

Visitors to the Hillingdon joint meeting next week will have the opportunity of hearing the skilful handbell ringers led by John Mayne during the social evening. They hope to ring some 16-in and/or Spliced Maximus. Among other items will be the cricket match and Ron Russ talking about Australia (illustrated).

THE QUEEN OF BELLS

Mr. G. Amor, of St. Paul's, Bedford, was recently in Moscow and photographed the great bell named "Tsar Kolokol," situated in the grounds of the Kremlin. He supplies the following details: Cast in 1733-35, height 19 feet, two feet thick, weight 200 tons, broken portion 11 tons in weight.

"I feel I've really arrived," said the vicar of Croydon when visitors informed him that they had seen his photograph in a recent issue of The Ringing World.

The Rev. the Hon. N. Morrison, vicar of Randwick, Glos, rings his first peal. It will be remembered that he cycled from Lands End to John o' Groats to raise money for the treble bell when the ring was augmented from four to six.

At Manchester Cathedral a quarter peal was rung by teachers, pupils and students from Manchester, commemorating the 1870 Education Act. (One of the ringers suggested the footnote be "Commemorating the survival of education despite the efforts of a succession of education ministers!")

Now that the Irish banks have returned to normal working Peter W. Brown has returned to Dublin, having spent the months in which the banks were closed working at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

The enthusiastic young band at Selworthy, Somerset, have scored a quarter in four Doubles methods. All taught from scratch by a member of the well-known Arscott family—Frederick C.—the team is making good progress and enjoying the pleasures of change ringing.

"Wedding week-end," October 3-4, was at Edmonton, when two ringers were married on the Saturday, and the tower captain on the Sunday afternoon. On both occasions a quarter peal was rung.

George Massey tells us: "It may be of interest to know that the peals of Minor at Wanstrow and Whatley, Somerset, were the fastest peals on the bells by a substantial amount—14 minutes at Wanstrow and six minutes at Whatley. They were both excellent peals. The peal at Timsbury was also the fastest of Minor on the bells by 11 minutes, but there has been a peal of Doubles in 2hr. 32min., a minute under our time."

Sending a Ringing World subscription for 12 months, a reader added: "Thank goodness I now owe nobody nowt—only what they would be glad of."

A report sent in this week started: "The secretary does not usually bother to send an account of a branch meeting (other than the A.G.M.) as it would often waste precious Ringing World space and make boring reading." (We must be the judge of that—carry on sending in everything, please—although much may be cut down—Ed.)

though much may be cut down.—Ed.)

Quite a lot of hard work has been put in at Portbury, at Easton-in-Gordano and in Abbots Leigh, Somerset, by Helen Kirkpatrick, and on September 25 a quarter at Portbury was an 18th birthday compliment to Helen.

On October 3, Coddington, Notts, bell-ringers rang the first local peal on the bells, which was a sponsored peal to raise money for the organ fund. It had a personal connection, as one of the ringers is organist! A very good peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung, which was checked throughout by Colin Reed and Fred Hooper (of Newark). Over £70 was raised and the ringers have every reason to be proud of this and their efforts in the belfry.

We are informed by Mr. A. T. Wingate, captain of the Hereford Cathedral band, that the ring of bells in the Cathedral is in good order and that regular ringing takes place. A few very minor adjustments have been made, but there has never been any serious defect in the bells.

Letters

STRIKING COMPETITIONS

Dear Sir,—Whilst agreeing with the bulk of Mr. M. L. Mann's letter (Ringing World, page 814), concerning striking competitions and his argument against awarding points for the complexity of the method rung, I feel that if the practice of allowing bands to include ringers who are not members of the tower was discontinued it would mean the discouragement of those towers we most want to encourage. i.e., those who are below strength or with less skilled ringers. The fact that Mr. Mann's tower can produce a good team consisting of their own members is certainly meritorious, but rather than worry about scrupulously fair assessment of capabilities, shouldn't he be more interested in encouraging those not so fortunate to make the effort to reach higher standards?

In our (Central) Branch competition, to choose two teams to go forward to the Lincoln Guild striking competition final several of us helped to "make up" bands who could not otherwise have entered. We felt that the encouragement so given was of great value to the bands concerned and we hope that it will spur them on to train new ringers so that next year they will not need any help.

I would like to add that, in fact, the team who won (at a six-bell tower) had ten of its members taking part. Maybe this, if publicised, would have helped in making a "fair assessment."—Yours faithfully,

PETER A. SHARP.

Fiskerton, Lincoln.

THE BRIDES OF ENDERBY

Although there appears to be no record of The Brides of Enderby having been rung as a method, and it is probable that they (or it) are a progression similar to queens or tittums, there are still one or two pos-

Sibilities that could be explored.

Enderby Surprise Major (H. and M. Collection 3617), perhaps is out, as it was first rung to a peal at Enderby, Leicester-shire, in 1964, and may have been christened for the occasion. Perhaps H., the band who rang it or even M. could

Mr. Harold Chant, in his Index of Minor Methods, gives the notation of Enderby Delight (Ringing World, April 23, 1965, page 278) and refers to A. Gill's notebook. Can Mr. Chant tell us anything about Mr. Gill or the origin of his method?

In May of last year the Lincolnshire lads rang Bag Enderby Doubles in a peal at Barrowby. It is to be hoped the Brides did not finish up in a railway left luggage office! Will the Lincolnshire band give information?

In any case, where is this Enderby? Did it not have a Mayor? Bartholomew's Gazeteer gives Enderby, parish Lincolnshire, see Bag Enderby and Wood Enderby, also Enderby St. Michael's see Mayis Enderby (who may have been one of the derby (who may have been one of the Brides!). These are all so far inland that a tide that affected them would damage a considerable area of Lincolnshire. Anderby is nearer the coast, but none of them seems to have been big enough to have had Mayor.

Mr. Dove does not mention Enderby, Lincolnshire, but of course they could have rung the method in the next town. I have never read the poem.—Yours faithfully,

Manchester.

ARTHUR WHITING.

COMPOSITION FALSE

Dear Sir,-It has been drawn to my attention that the quarter peal rung at Trumpington, Cambridge, on July 18, consisted of a composition that was false. I would, therefore, withdraw this quarter peal from the columns of The Ringing World (page 617). I extend my sincere apologies to those persons who took part. My thanks to Dr. Sibson for telling me what was wrong with it.-Yours faithfully

MARTIN R. KITSON.

Trumpington, Cambs.

BRISTOL ALLIANCE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,-As conductor of the recent peal of Bristol Alliance Maximus, I should like to point out that it is not strictly an extension of Bristol Alliance Major under the present rules, because the pivot bell is different. I have submitted it, however, in the hope that the Methods and Records Committees will regard it as a test case and remove this rather unnecessary constraint on extension. Should they not see fit to do so, then I shall willingly rename the method.

Regarding the method itself, Bristol enthusiasts may well feel rewarded by giving it a trial. Not only does it have the de-sirable extending-lead properties without the artificial padding that so many other Maximus versions have, but also the music and blue-line work that so characterise Bristol.-Yours faithfully,

Hollywood, Birmingham. R. W. PIPE.

ST. OSWALD'S, DURHAM
Dear Sir, — Whilst the object of Mr. Bayles's letter (Ringing World, page 794) is not clear, and as I am implicated to a certain extent, I feel some reply is necessary:

Some years ago I called to check the note of the tenor at St. Oswald's, and I formed the opinion that these bells were not unsafe, and I told the previous vicar so. When I was invited to a "try-out" I gladly accepted. Indeed I put in some voluntary labour in helping to make them ringableand I stand by my statement that there is no reason why these bells should not be rung.

It is a well-known fact that architects in general have only slight knowledge of ringing matters and it is safer when in doubt to say that bells must not be rung. In my opinion it gives the impression that they know a lot, when in fact they know nothing, and one wonders how many rings up and down the country are silent for just this reason.

As to the two authorities from whom the vicar has taken advice, I see by "Crock-ford" that one is a Hebrew scholar, and I have a suspicion that the other is not even a ringer. I may be wrong but I once saw a voluminous report which appeared to be a thesis by a student who had seen a ring of bells for the first time but who had little idea of ringing.

So far as the ringing of St. Oswald's bells is concerned there are no grounds for Mr. Bayles's suggestion that anything has gone on "behind the scenes." On his own showing, however, Mr. Bayles has been particu-larly active behind the scenes in stopping ringing here to the detriment of the church

and, ultimately, his own association.

Mr. Bayles's letter does indeed make quite clear what is the present position at St. Oswald's, Durham, but the quarter peal has proved beyond all doubt that the bells are quite ringable.-Yours faithfully,

R. H. DOVE.

ABOVE SEA LEVEL

Dear Sir,-I was interested to read (R.W., page 834) that the bells of Queensbury, between Bradford and Halifax, are the highest

hung in England.

On June 22, 1962, a team from the Plymouth area rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at the Church of St. Michael-de-Rupe, Brent Tor, on Dartmoor. We thought that we had rung the "highest" peal, information in the church stating that it was built in 1190 and was 1,190 feet above sea level. A photo of the tower and church was published in The Ringing World

of July 6, 1962.
On July 20, 1970, a letter was published from Brian Woodruffe stating that the highest was at Chelmorton, in the Peak District (1,225 feet). He also stated that Brent Tor was 1,075 feet above sea level.

While staying for a few days at Brewood, Staffs, shortly after that, during a conversation in the local following ringing, the Brent Tor peal was mentioned. One of the local ringers said he was married at Chelmorton, and a peal attempt was fixed for the next day. Only four ringers arrived and we could not find another so could not attempt the peal. We rang the front and back four to some call changes

W. G. LAVERS. Plymouth.

ORGANISER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Sir,-One sentence from Michael Uphill's reply (R.W., page 834) to Mrs. Glen Clayton's letter (page 774) seeking information as to the identity of a visiting band of peal ringers calls for particular comment. It is "The tour organiser (Rev. Michael Hart) has sent a separate letter to the vicar expressing regret that Mr. Clayton had acted without consulting him (the vicar)."

Now in some way this implies that Mrs. Clayton's original letter to The Ringing World was in bad taste and should never have been sent. I cannot see it that way. To me, it would have been more appropriate for the tour organiser to have sent a letter expressing regret that his band had broken a stay and failed to readjust the ropes after ringing their peal. A donation towards the cost of replacing the stay would not have been inappropriate.

The broken stay could easily have led to a serious accident. Who would have been to blame? I am surprised that the band did not make sure that the tower captain or vicar was informed of this mishap before any further ringing took place. A note pinned to the belfry door was certainly not adequate. This called for a personal visit to either the vicar or the tower captain (Mrs. Glen Clayton).

It is also worrying to me (as a tower captain myself) that a visiting band should come and ring a peal without the tower captain knowing who they were.

Whenever arranging a peal in a strange tower I have always considered it my duty

1. Make sure that both the vicar and tower captain are aware of the visit. (This can easily be done by addressing the application to the vicar, but sending it with an explanatory note to the tower captain for him to pass on to the vicar-s.a.e. enclosed.)

2. Make sure that the ringing room is left as it is found (ropes readjusted to their original lengths, windows closed, boxes put back, chimes off, etc.).

3. Repair any damage done (resplice any rope broken during the peal attempt)

or offer to pay for damage which cannot be repaired on the spot.—Yours faithfully, Preston. CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.

Harrogate.

Quarter Peals

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Addington, Surrey. - Sept. 27, 1320 Bob Doubles: Gwen Wallace (first quarter) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, A. Hobbs 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, I. Wiltshire (cond.) 5.

Aldridge, Staffs.—Oct. 1, 1260 Double Oxford Minor: Sharon McGonigle 1, J. L. Humphreys 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, J. P. Burton 5, R. Riley (cond.) 6.

Apsley End, Herts. - Oct. 4, 1260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): R. E. Sheppard 1, P. Picton (first quarter) 2, C. V. Mills 3, A. V. Good 4, F. M. Byrne (cond.) 5, K. Sheppard 6.

Bucklebury, Berks.-Oct. 11, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. S. G. Brown 1, Miss A. Talbot 2, A. W. Davis 3, Mrs. P. Lewington 4, S. C. W Brown 5, R. Crook 6, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 7, Miss H. Lillywhite 8.

Bulkington, Warks .- Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Daykin (first quarter) 1, Joy Pluckrose 2, G. Pluckrose 3, R. Thorpe 4, G. Higgs 5, G. Pratt 6, B. Liggins 7, R. Liggins 8.

Chalford, Glos.—Oct. 10, 1260 Doubles (four methods): Rev. R. Morrison 1, J. Clarke 2, R. Cornock 3, Sara Cornock 4, Sue Williams (cond.) 5, P. Birt (first quarter) 6. For harvest home at Valley Inn. Chalford.

East Grinstead, Sussex. - Oct. 4, 1264 Bob Major: D. F. Hoad 1, Rose Davis (first inside) 2, J. D. Weaver 3, Evelyn M. Hicks 4, Judy A. N. Weekes 5, C. Bainham 6, M. P. Howard 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8.

Frampton Cotterell, Glos. - Sept. 20, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: D. G. Wedlake (first quarter) 1, H. Taysom 2, Sheila A. Drew 3, J. H. Taylor 4, D. Powell 5, R. H. Driver 6.

Great Holland, Essex. - Oct. 4, 1320 Bob Doubles: Miss A. Isgar (first quarter) 1, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 2, S. Leech 3, R. J. Isgar 4, J. Walters 5, G. H. Isgar 6.

Ilton, Som.-Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Whitcombe 1, R. Welch 2, M. Whitcombe 3, S. Welch (cond.) 4, R. Burns 5, R. Spiller 6.

Langdon Hills, Essex. - Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: W. White (first Minor) 1, Eleanor Clemo 2, S. J. Clarke 3, Janice Manterfield 4, S. D. Stott 5, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 6. Also 1320 St. Simon Doubles: Eleanor Clemo 1, Janice Manterfield 2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3, S. J. Clarke 4, S. J. Day 5. First in method by local band.

Mansfield, Notts. - Oct. 4, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. Adcock 1, J. Adcock 2, A. Brown 3, F. Adcock 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, C. Randle 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, J. Robinson Also silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Robinson.

Marston, Oxford. - Oct. 4, 1272 Minimus: Teresa Bourke (first quarter attempt) 1, R. Jones 2, H. Page (first Minimus) 3, A. Gammon 4, R.

Washington (first quarter) cover.

Nettleham, Lincs.—Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Minor:
Mrs. M. Parker 1, D. Booth 2, Miss R. Wilson 3, Miss R. Redden (first inside of Bob Minor) 4, Booth 5, J. Millhouse (cond.) 6.

Newbold - on - Avon, Warks. - Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Pamela Clarke 1, Anne Rigby 2, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh 6.

Newton Valence, Hants. - Oct. 4, 1272 Bob Minimus: G. Cane 1, A. Gill 2, D. Cooper 3, M. Cass (cond.) 4. First in method 1 and 2,

Odcombe, Som. - Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Dean (first quarter) 1, R. Guppy 2, R. C. Beale (cond.) 3, H. W. Pearce 4, D. J. Pollard 5, R. Chedzoy 6.

Patshull, Staffs. — Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): S. W. Illidge 1, N. A. Bramall 2, S. G. Bowley 3, M. G. Williamson 4, K. A. Russell (cond.) 5, B. Gwilliam 6.

Pattingham, Staffs. — Oct. 8, 1290 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Miss P. A. Bolland (first quarter) 1, S. G. Bowley 2, K. A. Russell 3, P. R. Johnson 4, M. G. Williamson (cond.) 5, S. W.

Presnett, Staffs .- Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles (three methods): A. Williams 1, T. Morris 2, F. C. Jukes 3, J. H. Dudley 4, E. T. Pilsbury (cond.) 5, W. Williams 6.

St. Albans, Herts (St. Peter) .- Sept. 27, 1296 Little Bob Royal: G. W. Debenham 1, Rosemary Howard (first inside) 2, Joyce Clarke 3, Elizabeth Forster 4, R. A. Sheasby (first Royal) 5, Frances Dodds 6, R. W. Darvill 7, T. C. Holland 8, K. J. Darvill (cond.) 9, H. V. Frost 10.

St. Audries, Som.-Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Arnold 1, Dr. Winifred N. Kingsbury 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, T. Webber 4, C. Wyatt 5.

Selborne, Hants. - Sept. 27, 1260 April Day Bob Doubles: Mary Sutcliffe 1, G. Cane 2, Gill 3, D. Cooper 4, M. Cass (cond.) 5. First in method for all. Also for Holy Baptism service.

Selworthy, Som .- Oct. 10, 1260 Doubles (All Saints, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob): A. Davis 1, A. J. Chubb 2, T. Kingdon 3, F. C. Arscott 4, D. Owen 5, L. Needs 6. First in four methods for 1, 3, 5 and 6.

Shipton Moyne, Glos.-Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. A. G. Watts 1, A. B. Rogerson 2, S. E. Mitchener 3, H. E. Blacker 4, L. K.

Grey (cond.) 5, R. W. Woodward 6.
Stevenage, Herts.—Oct. 11, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: W. Munson 1, W. Brown 2, W. Lawrence 3, M. Pickup 4, P. Rumley 5, S. Gullick 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Kirkpatrick 8. First in the method for all.

Thorley, Herts.—Oct. 11, 1272 Oxford T.B. Minor: D. Hutley 1, K. Westwood 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, T. Camp 4, A. Richardson 5, R. Prime

HARVEST IN WADDESDON DEANERY Shabbington, Bucks. — Sept. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: R. T. Corker 1, Julie Tyler 2, C. W. J. East 3, Hazel Baker 4, G. J. Tyler 5, A. D.

Tyler (cond.) 6. Waddesdon, Bucks.--Sept. 28, 1260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Mavis Clarke 1, Julie Tyler 2, G. J. Tyler 3, A. D. Tyler 4, R. T. Carker (cond.) 5, S. H. Young 6.

Wotton Underwood, Bucks.-Sept. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. G. Ingram 1, Julie Tyler R. T. Corker 3, G. J. Tyler 4, A. D. Tyler (cond.) 5, S. H. Young 6. Ludgershall, Bucks.—Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles

(600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): L. Burnell 1, Anna K. Ingram 2, M. G. Ingram 3, C. W. J.

East 4, E. G. Jones (cond.) 5.

Brill, Bucks.— Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles: B. de Burgh Siddeley 1, Anna K. Ingram 2, M. Smith 3, M. G. Ingram 4, C. W. East (cond.) 5, L. Busby 6.

Long Crendon, Bucks. - Oct. 12, 1260 Bob Minor: Mavis Clarke 1, Julie Tyler 2, G. J. Tyler 3, M. G. Ingram 4, R. T. Corker 5, A. D. Tyler (cond.) 6.

Wiggenhall, Norfolk. — Oct. 1, 1260 Minor (Cambridge S., Plain Bob): P. Gagen 1, W. 1260 Minor Cousins 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, R. Newson 4, D. Gagen 5, C. Cousins 6.

Wymondham, Norfolk. - Oct. 4, 1264 Major: Lynda Coorer (first Major) 1, Adrial Walton 2, I. Lowther 3, F. C. J. Arnold 4, J. Dowe 5, H. Tooke (cond.) 6, T. E. Spight 7, G. D. Elvin 8

Addington, Surrey.-Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Kathryn Bone (first inside) Hobbs 3, Penny Cocks 4, Louise Powell (cond.) 5, I. Wiltshire 6. For family service.

Aldbourne, Wilts .- Oct. 14, 1260 Bob Doubles (1, 3 leading): T. R. Jones 1, G. A. Newman 2, A. Hooper 3, Peta M. Lloyd (first Inside) 4, T. A. Palmer 5, D. Herring 6, A. G. Keen (cond.) S. Hale 8.

Aldenham, Herts.—Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: Jennifer Wiggs (first quarter) 1, R. J. Moore 2, E. Ashby 3, A. Wootton 4, R. Adcock 5, J. R. Southey (cond.) 6. For the dedication and opening of the new church hall.

Aldridge, Staffs.-Sept. 27, 1296 Cambridge Minor: Daphne Appleby 1, Sharon McGonigle (first Surprise) 2, N. White 3, J. P. Burton 4, R. Riley 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. For Matins.

Ashford, Kent. — Oct. 10, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Brenda Davis 1, Margaret Jones 2, P. Richardson 3, F. G. Huckstepp 4, C. Hillis 5, N. Davis 6, B. Cox 7, R. Swift (cond.) 8, D. Manger 9, J. Clark 10. First Grandslre Caters 2, 3. First Caters on the bells.

Aston Clinton, Bucks. - Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. I. F. White 1, Mrs. H. C. Younger 2, C. Younger 3, T. H. O. Lewis 4, A. J. White 5, R. Woodruff (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival. Aughton, Lancs (St. Michael) .- Oct. 7, 1440 Plain Bob Minor: Sarah Peirce (first quarter) 1, R. Larkey 2, M. Nichols 3, Miss A. Parr (first quarter) 4. A. Draper 5. Mrs. C. D'Aeth (cond.)

Battersea, London.-Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: Carole A. Fosbury 1, Margaret A. Robinson 2,

M. J. Herbert 3, D. R. Tipler 4, R. J. Cooles 5, R. J. Collis (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Bowdon, Cheshire. — Sept. 20, 1296 Bob Major: Pauline Tallis 1, Felicity Ashworth 2, Kirsty Fisher 3, P. Dyson 4, Catherine M. Kay 5, P. Boucher 6, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 7, S. N. Harrop (cond.) 8. On St. Matthew's Eve.

Benhall, Suffolk .- Oct. 5, 1260 P.B. Minor: J Peters 1, R. Peters (first Minor inside) 2, M. 3, M. Peters 4, T. Hughes 5, A. Knights (first Minor as cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 3 and 4.

Bishop's Stortford, Herts. — Sept. 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P. Warboys 1, K. Westwood 2, D. Hutley (first Triples inside) 3, L. Luck 4, A. Richardson 5, T. Camp 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, R. Prime 8. For Festival of St. Michael and All Angels. Also Oct. 1, 1280 Bob Major: A. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, W. Hunt 3, P. Glazebrook 4, R. Walker 5, A. Richardson 6, R. Prime 7, Luck (cond.) 8. For music festival.

Brampton, Cumb.—Sept. 16, 1260 Bob Minor: Rev. B. Redgers 1, Miss S. H. Bennett 2, Miss R. M. Bennett 3, P. Bell 4, J. Ling 5, Rev. L. Pizzey (cond.) 6.

Brighton, Sussex (St. Peter) .- Oct. 18, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Margaret Chappell 1, A. W. Bond 2, P. Came 3, T. G. Williams 4, B. J. Read 5, D. R. Cox (cond.) 6. For St. Luke's Day Evensong.

Brixham, Devon. — Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Wills 1, J. L. Bell 2, A. G. Thomps 1260 Grandsire son (first inside) 3, R. E. Bell 4, R. F. Shepperd

(cond.) 5, T. B. Davies 6. Chipping Barnet, Herts. -- Aug. 23, Doubles (three methods): D. Bailey 1, Jill Gordon 2, Marjorie Paternoster 3, Penny Coomber 4, P. Cuckson (cond.) 5, E. Paternoster 6. First of three Doubles by all except conductor. Sept. 6, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. Ely 1, Penny Coomber 2, Jill Gordon 3, D. Willcocks 4, R. Adcock 5, P. Cuckson (cond.) 6. First Kent T.B. for 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Cholsey, Berks.-Sept. 18, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Jane Wells 1, Mary Wells 2, B. Wheeler 3, H. Wells 4, T. Petts 5, J. Hodgson 6, M. 3, H. Wells 4, T. Petts 5, J. Hodgson 6, M. Bishop 7, R. B. Blond (cond.) 8. First Cambridge Major 1, 3 and 6.

Corse, Glos. - Oct. 11, 1320 Warkworth S. Minor: Bernard H. Taylor (cond.) 1, Malcolm P. Taylor (first in method) 2, Helen R. Taylor 3, Clare R. Taylor 4, Hilda C. Taylor 5, Eric J. Taylor 6. For Evensong.

Croydon, Surrey. - Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Staples 1, Mrs. O. Collins 2, R. Davies 3, N. Humphreys 4, I. M. Parry 6, K. Taber (cond.) 7, P. Humphreys 8. For Evensong. First quarter for 1 and 4.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Whitchurch, Devon.-May 29, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Pullan 1, J. F. Steere 2, D. G. M. Pearce 3, J. P. Sims 4, E. Mudge (cond.) 5, R. Bond 6. For the induction of Rev. Harry Kennan as vicar.

Stoke Damerel, Plymouth, Devon. -1296 Cambridge S. Minor: D. G. M. Pearce 1, P. L. Bill (cond.) 2, A. W. Myers 3, J. F. Steere 4, S. G. Peirce 5, N. Mallett 6. For induction of Rev. Rex Luckraft, recently rector of Stoke Damerel, as Vicar of St. Matthias, Torbay.
Whitchurch, Devon. — Sept. 27, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Pullan 1, G.

Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Pullan 1, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 2, Mlss C. Tebbot 3, J. F. Steere 4, D. G. M. Pearce 5, R. Bond 6. For Harvest Festival.

Stoke Damerel, Plymouth, Devon.-Sept. 27, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. C. Mitchelmore 1, D. G. M. Pearce (cond.) 2, Miss C. Tebbot 3, S. G. Peirce 4, G. E. Mudge 5, J. F. Steere 6. For Harvest Festival.

Plympton St. Maurice, Plymouth, Devon.— 1260 Bob Major: R. A. Southwood 1, J. F. Steere 2, S. G. Peirce 3, Miss C. Tebbot 4, D. G. M. Pearce 5, A. N. Frost 6, G. E. Mudge 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8.

Downham, Essex.—Oct. 10, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: P. W. Hill (first quarter) 1, G. H. Walker 2, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 3, M. Wareing 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, Barbara Shaw 6.

Edmonton, Middx. — Oct. 3, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Hart 1, Mrs. R. Fardon 2, G. Hart 3, Miss T. Newcombe 4, H. Howson 5, R. A. Fardon (cond.) 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, C. Neal 8. A wedding compliment following the wedding of Beryl Platt and David Dorrington, both of the local band.

Edwinstowe, Notts.—Oct. 12, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: R. Hardy 1, Mrs. F. Adcock 2, C. Randle 3, J. Robinson 4, F. Adcock 5, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 6. By invitation of the vicar on the eve of St. Edwin's Day by Mansfield Parish Church ringers.

Elmore, Glos. — Oct. 10, 1320 Ipswich S. Minor: Malcolm P. Taylor 1, Helen R. Taylor 2, Clare R. Taylor 3, Hilda C. Taylor 4, Bernard H. Taylor 5, Eric J. Taylor (cond.) 6. First in the method for all.

Enfield, Middx. — Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Holton 1, J. Duggan 2, R. Wood 3, P. Twigg 4, H. Howson (cond.) 5, R. Luxon 6. For the wedding this day of Mr. R. Wood (tower captain) and Miss W. Horan. Also Oct. 11, 1260 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss A. Castle (first of Minor) 1, N. Holton 2, J. Duggan 3, R. Luxon 4, H. Howson 5, P. Twigg (cond.) 6.

Exeter, Devon (Cathedral). — Oct. 18, 1259 Grandsire Caters: M. Ann Medley 1, J. Weaver 2, Brenda H. Sheppard 3, C. R. Field (first on ten) 4, J. C. Sheppard 5, G. H. Baldam 6, M. J. Medley 7, P. H. D. Jones 8, F. D. Mack (cond.) 9, J. N. Longridge 10. For St. Luke's Day Evensong.

Frome, Som.—Oct. 14, 1260 Stedman Triples: P. J. W. Hardwick 1, A. G. Payne 2, D. J. Withers 3, E. E. Bray 4, M. J. Winterbourne 5, G. W. Massey 6, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. In thanksgiving for the life of Percy Bray, a ringer at St. John's since 1915, died October 8 (funeral this day).

Gedney, Lincs.—Oct. 5, 1260 Minor (Cambridge S., Plain Bob): G. A. Flatters 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, P. H. Reynolds 3, G. H. Campling 4, A. E. Flatters 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6. For the birthday of Hovenden House, the local Cheshire Home.

Greasley, Notts. — Oct. 11, 1259 Grandsire Triples: S. Bestwick (first Triples) 1, P. Mary Beach 2, Barbara Hooks 3, D. Coulson 4, P. R. Bestwick (first Triples) 5, T. M. Ford (first inside) 6, D. J. Beach (cond.) 7, G. G. Knighton 8. For Evensong and an "au revoir" to Helen Simpson.

Great Haseley, Oxon.—Sept. 29, 1260 Doubles (three methods): I. M. M. O'Reilly 1, Christine Baker 2, E. Putt 3, C. Smith 4, C. W. J. East 5, J. Aspley (first quarter) 6. Conducted by 2 and

Grosmont, Mon. — Oct. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. Parry (first quarter) 1, R. Hatcher (cond.) 2, J. James 3, I. Donald 4, J. Clayton 5, L. Price 6. 21st birthday compliment to Michael Howard.

Groton, Mass., U.S.A. — Oct. 11, 1344 Bob Major: W. A. Theobald 1, Alma L. Harward (first on eight) 2, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 3, Marjorie B. Batchelor 4, D. M. Sawyer 5, J. Owen 6, D. R. Ingram 7, F. E. Roberts 8. A wedding compliment to Ruth Gay and Malcolm Shepherd, of Maldon, Essex.

Haddiscoe, Norfolk.—Oct. 18, 1260 Doubles (four methods): T. F. Crawford 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, F. C. Gunton 3, J. W. Forder 4, W. S. Girling (cond.) 5.

Hailsham, Sussex. — Oct. 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Harris (first quarter) 1, G. Titherly 2, C. G. Spreadbury 3, Miss V. Titherly 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, Miss A. Sessford 6, G. Beeney 7, G. Stoakley (first quarter) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to G. Titherly.

Hanley Castle, Worcs.—Oct. 14, 1440 Hanley Castle Delight Minor: F. Lawrence 1, M. Hawkes 2, Valerie Willard 3, B. Spiers 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. First in the method. HANLEY CASTLE DELIGHT MINOR

—36—16—12—1236—14—56 I.e. 16 165243 Harlow Common, Essex.—Sept. 26, 1264 Bob Major: Elizabeth Hoad (first quarter) 1, J. Collins 2, Janice Flight 3, F. Whitby 4, C. Moore 5, R. Hayden 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. For the induction of the Rev. K. Francis as vicar.

Havant, Hants.— Oct. 6, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Milford (first Triples) 1, Mrs. J. Smith 2, H. Milford 3, D. Jones 4, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, E. Treagus 6, M. Marshall 7, F. Ensor 8. For Confirmation service (on St. Faith's Day).

Hayes, Kent. — Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Frankland 1, Jean Morley 2, J. Smith 3, M. Oakshett 4, C. Mundy 5, M. O'Callaghan (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

Hughenden, Bucks. — Sept. 13, 1344 Bob Major: I. Cole (first on eight) 1, R. Biggs 2, Miss J. Loten 3, P. Wilkinson (first on eight) 4, R. Blaby 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, D. Cornwall (cond.) 8. Also Oct. 4, 1440 London S. Major: E. H. Langley 1, R. Blaby 2, R. Biggs 3, D. A. Cornwall 4, R. H. Newton 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 8.

Hutton, Essex.—Oct. 11, 1260 Doubles (eight callings of All Saints): J. Wallett 1, A. Brumwell 2, C. Hill 3, W. Hill 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5. For Evensong, as a farewell to Miss A. Brumwell, shortly emigrating to Canada.

Huyton, Lancs. — Sept. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Saavedra 1, A. Maddox 2, A. Walsh 3, J. Dunbavin 4, N. P. A. Goulding 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For Confirmation and St. Michael's Day. Also Oct. 3, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: I. Hawley 1, Frances Latham 2, D. Ellison 3, N. Goulding 4, J. Dunbavin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival gift day.

ipswich, Suffolk (St. Margaret). — Oct. 11, 1264 Bob Major: Margot Blythe 1, Jane Peacock 2, W. K. Whittell 3, J. Winram 4, A. J. Munnings 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6, R. W. Steward 7, J. R. Munnings 8. For Evensong; also a farewell to the vicar, Rev. A. H. Marks, upon retirement.

Keele, Staffs. — Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: Angela V. M. Futcher 1, M. J. Robinson 2, Margaret Jones (first inside) 3, Janet Lawson 4, P. W. Gay 5, M. R. Worthington (cond.) 6. For morning service.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. — May 31, 1260 Bob Doubles: Lesley A. Hawes 1, L. J. Whitear 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, C. E. Bulleid 4. Anthea S. Bruce (cond.) 5, J. Knipe 6. Also Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Katharine Salvage 1, Anthea S. Bruce 2, C. E. Bulleid 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, B. J. Stone 6. For Holy Communion.

Kingweston, Som.—1260 Doubles (660 Grand-

Kingweston, Som.—1260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Bob Doubles): A. Callow 1, Mrs. P Mayell 2, Miss S. Mayell 3, L. England 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5.

Leicester (All Saints).—Oct. 8, 1320 Stedman Doubles: Ann J. Bramley (first quarter) 1, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 2, Monica M. Jelley 3, P. A. Mason 4, J. W. Bramley 5, M. Green 6. Little Hempstone, Devon. — Oct. 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Edden 1, Rev. P. Dowling 2, R. F. Shepperd 3, Rev. P. Angold 4, G. J. L. Read (cond.) 5.

London, W.C. (St. Clement Danes').—Oct. 11, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Dr. Sybil Aldridge 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Mrs. Jean Kelly 3, Deborah Bishop 4, Anne Horsford 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. S. Bishop 7, P. R. Butler 8, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 9, A. H. Fulwell 10.
Longparish, Hants.—Oct. 6, 1260 Bob

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Crocker (cond.) 7.

Lutton, Lines. — Oct. 6, 1320 Minor (six methods): G. A. Flatters 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling 3, R. I. West 4, A. E. Flatters 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6.

G. H. Campling 3, N. I. West 4, A. E. Flatters 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6.

Malmesbury, Wilts.—Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Player 1, E. A. Bear (first quarter) 2, P. A. G. Watts 3, P. W. Holroyd 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, J. E. Billings 6, For Matins; also 21st birthday compliment to 3.

Manchester (Cathedral).—Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: Oneta M. Wilson 1, Margaret Manby 2, Kirsty Fisher 3, P. Sidwell 4, P. Boucher 5, S. N. Harrop (cond.) 6. By teachers, pupils and students from Manchester, commemorating the 1870 Education Act.

Melbourne, Australia (St. Paul's Cathedral).— Sept. 2, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Barbara Beeson 1, R. Turner 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, M. Scowen 4, A. Fisher 5, H. Rossell (cond.) 6.

Scowen 4, A. Fisher 5, H. Rossell (cond.) 6.
Northwich, Cheshire. — Oct. 14, 1280 Bob
Major: D. A. Carter 1, Miss P. Hough 2, J.
Scott 3, P. Wilkinson 4, J. R. Jervis 5, P. G.
Walters 6, A. C. P. Pugh 7, S. W. Bracegirdle
(cond.) 8. First on eight 1, 2, 5 and 6. Halfmuffled in memoriam Harry W. Howard, branch
ringing master.

Old Portsmouth, Hants. — Oct. 4, 1260 St. Simon's Doubles (eight callings): Jean M. Berriman 1-2, R. W. Willans (cond.) 3-4, B. J. Fry 5-6. First in method by all. Silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Willans.

Olveston, Glos. — Oct. 12, 1280 Bob Major: G. Jackson 1, P. Coward 2, J. A. Bennett 3, R. Williams 4, S. Poole 5, G. T. Collins 6, E. G. Mould 7, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 8. First on eight 2, 4 and 6. 70th birthday compliment to S. Poole.

Overseale, Derbys.—Oct. 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: N. Cotton 1, Mrs. C. Mould 2, G. H. Peers, jun. 3, Miss S. Parsons 4, N. W. Attaway 5, E. G. Mould (cond.) 6, P. W. Grice 7, H. Shaw 8. A wedding compliment to Miss D. Morris and Mr. J. Collett (brother of 2nd ringer), married this day at Swadlincote.

Plympton St. Maurice, Devon.—Oct. 12, 1264 Bob Major: R. A. Southwood 1, J. F. Steere 2, S. G. Peirce 3, Miss C. D. Telbot 4, D. G. M. Pearce 5, A. Frost 6, G. E. Mudge 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8.



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JOYCE : Whitchurch

J. B. JOYCE & CO., Station Road, Whitchurch, Salop Phone 2817 Putney, London (St. Mary).—Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Shepard (first on eight and first away from cover) 1, M. J. Bangham 2, Zoe R. McMillan (first inside) 3, Elizabeth Bangham 4, C. F. Mew 5, C. R. Harris 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, R. L. Jones 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

Redhill, Surrey.—Aug. 30, 1260 Bob Minor: Julie Dallison (first quarter) 1, G. Charlton 2, Mary Dallison 3, Marion Dallison 4, G. 5, K. Dallison (cond.) 6, D. D. Atfield cover. For the centenary of the birth of William Pye

Rougham, Suffolk.—Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: D. Left (first quarter) 1, M. D. Rose (first inside) 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, D. Tamberlin 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Salisbury, Wilts (St. Martin) .- Oct. 15, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mary Lambert (first Stedman) Noodruffe (cond.) 4, N. O. Skelton 5, A. T. Collins 6, F. E. Collins 7, R. Brown 8. To welcome Rev. and Mrs. A. Talbot-Ponsonby to St.

Martin's, Salisbury.
Sampford Brett, Som. — Oct. 17, 1440 Bob Minor: M. Krajniewski 1, Mrs. J. M. Hopwood 2, G. G. Davis 3, F. C. Fackrell 4, D. K. Lane 5, G. Brown (first as cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 6.

Cannington local band.

Solihull, Warks. - Oct. 11, 1295 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Christine Hewitt 2, Verona C. Naylor 3, T. J. Warner 4, V. Green 5, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 6, E. J. Cole 7, E. T. Lloyd 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

Sopley, Hants.—Sept. 28, 1320 Doubles (40 methods): B. F. Peachey 1, Faith Riley (25th quarter) 2, Flora M. Stocker 3, B. J. Fry 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, A. A. Nunn 6.

Southport, Lancs (Emmanuel).-Sept. 13, 1260 Stedman Triples: M. E. Snape 1, Catherine Guy (first quarter) 2, Lynn Brownlow (first in method) 3, Elizabeth Guy 4, J. Elliott 5, A. R. Guy 6, R. Kenrick (cond.) 7, Celia D'Aeth 8.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol. - Oct. 11, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Hilary Muirhead (cond.) 1, Joan Gray 2, Mary Crofts (first Stedman) 3, P. Nor-cross (first Stedman) 4, J. Collard 5, P. Gray 6.

Stratford-on-Avon, Warks. — Sept. 27, 1260 Stedman Triples: A. Borland 1, C. J. Pickford 2, M. Reed 3, R. C. Chapman 4, C. R. Steed 5, J. L. Findon (cond.) 6, F. C. Lyne 7, D. Bates 8 First in the method for 1, 2 and 3.

Sutton-on-Trent, Notts. - Oct. 14, 1260 Bob Minor: Grace Burchnall (cond.) 1, Rosemary Wilson 2, Katharine Burchnall 3, Eleanor Hall 4, Hawcroft 5, A. Wilson 6. In honour of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Hawcroft, mother of the ringer of 5th, with best wishes from all the band.

Swindon, Wilts (Christ Church). — Oct. 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Wilton (first quartr) 1, Ann Wilson (first inside) 2, Rosalynd A. Oliver 3, Pauline Wilton 4, R. Everall 5, E Sutton (cond.) 6, W. W. T. Daniells 7, B

Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset. - Oct. 10, 1296 Kent T.B. Minimus: Betty A. Christopher (first of Minimus) 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, R. G. W Robertson (cond.) 3, P. R. Keough (first of Minimus) 4. First of Minimus in the method by all. For the wedding of Miss R. J. Broomfield to Mr

C. D. Browning.

Thakeham, Sussex.—Sept. 26, 1260 Bob Minor: Marion Skinner 1, C. B. Skinner 2, Brenda I. Cox 3, M. Hutcheson (first Minor) 4, T. D. W. Banner 5, R. M. Cox (cond.) 6.

Tilney All Saints, Norfolk. - Oct. 10, 1260 Minor (720 Double Court, 540 Single Oxford): W. W. Cousins 1, R. Newson 2, J. Fox 3, C

W. W. Cousins 1, H. Newson 2, J. Fox 3, C. Cousins 4, N. V. Harding 5, T. Price (cond.) 6. Tytherington, Glos. — Oct. 2, 1320 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): G. Jackson 1, Mrs. E. Chapman 2, Miss P. Sturdy 3, G. T. Collins 4, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 5, S. Poole 6.

Upham, Hants.—Sept. 21, 1260 Doubles (40 m/v): B. J. Fry 1, R. Le Marechal 2, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 3, J. P. Collis 4, R. Green 5.

Uppingham, Rutland. - Oct. 18, 1264 Bob Major: Patsy M. Barnes 1, Belinda M. Gilbert 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, J. A. Ellis (first Major inside) 4, J. C. Hudson 5, R. J. Chantler 6, L. Atton 7, C. J. Groome (cond.) 8. For the visit of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

Waltham-on-the-Wolds, Leics.-Oct. 10, 1260 Bob Doubles: Katherine M. Cooke 1, H. Bonshor (cond.) 2, K. Anne Cooke 3, P. Simmons 4, C Cooper 5, J. Smith 6.

Wendover, Bucks .- Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Tickner 1, Elizabeth Needham 2, Patricia Ramage 3, A. Wenden 4, J. Cooke (cond.) 5, R. Gerhardi 6. For the wedding of Brian Newman to Christine Wilkins.

Weston Turville, Bucks. — Sept. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Walton 1, Mrs. I. F. White 2, A. J. White 3, T. H. O. Lewis 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5. For flower festival.

West Tarring, Sussex. - Aug. 31, 1260 Bob Minor: H. D. Butler 1, Ann Daughtry 2, Jean Daughtry 3, Caroline L. Jones 4, D. Ockenden (first Minor inside) 5, R. M. Cox (cond.) 6 Also Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: D. A. Smith 1, H. C. Weaver 2, C. J. Champion 3, H. D. Butler 4, Caroline L. Jones 5, R. M. Cox (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Elizabeth Grigg 1, D. A. Smith 2, N. P. Spencer 3, H. D. Butler 4, R. M. Cox (cond.) 5, C. Weaver 6.

Whaplode, Lincs.—Oct. 12, 1260 Minor (three methods): P. G. Butler 1, Mrs. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, P. Charlesworth 4, R. I. West 5,

G. H. Campling (cond.) 6.

Whittlesford, Cambs. — Oct. 11, 1260 Bob
Doubles: J. York Moore 1, Elizabeth Bird 2, L. York Moore 3, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 4, R. Currell 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. For Evensong; also a birthday compliment to treble ringer.

Wigan, Lancs. - Oct. 14, 1280 Spliced S Major (Cambridge, Yorkshire): Mrs. C. D'Aeth 1, Susan Cowan 2, R. Palmer 3, G. Sparling 4, J. Richardson 5, M. E. Snape 6, D. Bennett 7, Crossthwaite (cond.) 8.

Wymondham, Norfolk.-Sept. 12, 1259 Grandsire Caters: W. S. Girling 1, Anne Cossey 2, Mrs. P. W. Cave 3, N. P. J. Cossey 4, R. Rogers 5, P. W. Cave 6, D. R. McLean 7, P. Kindred J. B. Pickup (cond.) 9, A. E. Crowe 10. For Wymondham Abbey flower festival.

Yorktown, Surrey. - Oct. 7, 1320 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Celia Perry 1, Meriel Coldman 2, G. E. Coldman 3, W. J. H. (cond.) 4, M. J. Church 5, I. R. Perry 6, F. P. Brunt 7, W. R. Hillary 8. To mark the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the bells (Oct.

Winchester, Hants.—Oct. 3, 1272 Bob Minimus: T. R. Jones (cond.) 1-2, P. D. Naylor 3-4. First Minimus and on handbells 3-4 (rung in coach between Winchester and Marlborough).

Wootton, Northants.-Oct. 4, 1260 Doubles (5 methods): J. P. Sale 1, S. J. Bayliss 2, S. J. Griffiths 3, C. G. Chiplin 4, J. C. Parker (cond.) To mark the 75th anniversary of the rededication of the bells (October 1)

FOR BATH AND WELLS 80th ANNIVERSARY Sampford Arundel, Som. — March 13, 1260 Doubles (four methods): F. Pike 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, R. Cross 3, Rev. M. Odlum 4, A. W Knight 5, Miss F. M. Gadd 6.

Halse, Som.—April 3, 1260 P.B. Minor: F. Pike 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Miss F. Gadd 3, T. Hancock 4, A. W. Knight 5, R. Cross 6. Kingston, Som.—April 6, 1260 Doubles: R.

Cross 1, A. H. Reed 2, Miss F. Gadd 3, A. W. Knight 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, T. Hancock 6. Combe Florey, Som.—April 10, 1260 Doubles: Hancock 1, F. Pike 2, R. Cross 3, A. W.

Knight 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, J. Berry 6

Ash Priors, Som.—April 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Berry 1, C. Hancock 2, Miss F. Gadd 3, T. Hancock 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. Cross

Sampford Arundel, Som. — May 2, 1260 Doubles: C. Hancock 1, K. E. Beale (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. A. Durbin 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. Cross 5, J. Berry 6.

Enmore, Som.-May 8, 1260 Doubles: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Miss F. Gadd 2, G. Nabb 3, A. Knight 4, R. Cross 5, F. Mills 6.

THREE IN A DAY (Saptember 1)

Worfield, Salop.—1260 Bob Minor: S. G. Pick, A. Glover 2, K. Russell 3, J. Burton 4, R. Riley 5, P. Johnson (cond.) 6.

Stockton, Salop.—1296 Cambridge S. Minor: K. Russell 1, R. Riley 2, P. Johnson 3, J. Burton S. G. Pick (cond.) 5, A. Glover 6.

Tong, Salop.—1260 Doubles (four methods): A. Glover 1, S. G. Pick 2, K. Russell 3, P. Johnson 4, R. Riley (cond.) 5.

Wymondham, Norfolk.—Sept. 13, 1296 Grandsire Caters: P. Adcock 1, Mrs. P. Adcock 2, W. Cousins 3, N. V. Harding (cond.) 4, O. Needham 5, C. Cousins 6, B. Gogles 7, L. Houghton 8, W. Barrett 9, R. Harrop 10. For flower festival.

Yardley, Birmingham.—Sept. 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Enid Lawson 1, A. Cox 2, C. Wyld 3. L. Haines 4, D. Franklin 5, R. Abbott 6, J. Belshaw (cond.) 7, S. Royal 8.

Yatton, Som .- Oct. 2, 1250 Ipswich S. Major: P. J. Dye 1, Margaret James 2, Diana Bridle 3, P. J. England (cond.) 4, E. T. Lee 5, J. Brain 6, S. Brown 7, P. Bridle 8.

MINIMUS VARIATIONS

At Lincoln (St. Mary-le-Wigford) on September 8, 1970, 1272 Minimus. Single Court, Swanpool Court, Dunholme Court and Ermine Court: G. Webster 1, Vivienne West 2, Susan Faull 3, A. W. Froggatt (cond.) 4. For Patronal Festival and believed to be the first quarter in last three variations.

Place Notation of New Variations Swanpool Court:

34.14.12.14-14.34.14 34.14-14-14.34.14. 34.14-14.12.14.34.14

Dunholme Court:

34.14—14—14—14 34.14—14—14.34.14 —14—14—14.34.14

Ermine Court: 34.14.12.14-14-14

34.14-14-14.34.14 -14-14.12.14.34.14

The names chosen are taken from place names within the City of Lincoln and are all associated with town and county. place named Swanpool Court lies within the parish of St. Mary-le-Wigford.

RANG AT FIVE TOWERS

A day out organised by Miss Margaret Lewis on Bank Holiday Monday was enjoyed by all taking part. Towers visited were All Saints', Kingston on Thames (10), St. Olave's, Hart Street, in the City, St. Mary's, Lewisham, St. John's, Deptford, and finally St. Alfege's, Greenwich. Lunch was taken at The Gun, Blackwell, where handbells were rung, and in the evening a Chinese restaurant was visited, where the use of chopsticks by some of the party caused great amusement. Altogether it was a happy and successful day. M. A. R.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

TIMSBURY, Som, St. Mary the Virgin. Tues., Aug. 18, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (12 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Ronald G. Beck

2 George W. Massey
*3 Michael J. Winterbourne

Francisco J. Williams J. Williams J. Williams J. Chivers
Peter J. W. Hardwick
David G. Massey (Conductor)

*First of Surprise.

WANSTROW, Som, St. Mary the Virgin.

Fri., Aug. 28, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (10 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (York, Durham, Cambridge, London, Wells, Beverley and Surfleet).

1 George W. Massey
2 Ronald G. Beck
3 Peter J. W. Hardwick
4 Adrian P. Beck
5 Edward J. Chivers

6 David G. Massey (Conductor)

FROME, Som., St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Sept. 5, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (31 cwt.)
5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Norman Smith.
*1 Michael J. Winterbourne

2 Judith E. Beck
3 Julian E. Newman
4 Adrian P. Beck
5 Peter J. W. Hardwick

6 Robert E. Beck 7 George W. Massey (Conductor) 8 David G. Massey

*First on 8. First in method. First of Surprise Major inside. In thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Preb. A. F. Judd D.D., sometime vicar of Wilton, Taunton, of Christ Church, Bath, and rector of Beckington. Lecturer at St. John's, Frome, 1957-69, died August 21, 1970.

WHATLEY, Som, St. George.

Tues., Sept. 15, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (12 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Ipswich, Primrose, York, Beverley, Wells, Cambridge and London).

Raymond E. J. Baker

2 Ronald G. Beck
3 Edward J. Chivers
4 Adrian P. Beck
5 Peter J. W. Hardwick
6 David G. Massey (Conductor) Wedding anniversary compliment to George and Hilda Massey, of Frome, parents of the conductor).

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

TOTTERNHOE, Beds, St. Giles.

Mon., Oct. 12, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (10 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR methods: 1280 London and Rutland, 1120 Bristol, 480 Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method)
Composed by Stephen Ivin.

1 Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

2 David R. Saunderson 3 Anthony H. Smith 4 Edgar T. Skipsey

5 Robert L. Piron 6 John W. Sinfield 7 Alfred E. Rushton

8 C. Michael Orme

Peals-

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

DAVENHAM, Cheshire, St. Wilfrid. Thur., Oct. 8, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 A. Gordon Lawrence 2 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

3 Victor Neal 4 Ashley C. P. Pugh 5 Paul Maddock

6 Christopher J. Jones Half-muffled in memoriam Harry Howard, ringer at this church for 48 years and local captain.

WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon., Oct. 12, 1970, 2hr. 17min. 6 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
*2 Michael Haighton

3 Frederick S. Sutton 4 Geoffrey A. Edwards

5 A. Doreen Edwards

6 John R. Scott
*First peal. Fully muffled in memoriam
Harry W. Howard, of Davenham, Cheshire,
who rang 44 peals on these bells. The conductor has circled the tower 10 times and conducted a peal from each bell five times.

WALKDEN, Lancs, St. Paul.

Sat., Oct, 17, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (19 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Ronald F. Andrew

2 Peter Dyson

*3 Elizabeth A. Hibbert

4 Brian Schofield

5 Paul Reading 6 Brian S. B. Kear

7 Peter Broadbent

8 Michael Foulds (Conductor)

*First of Major.

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire, St. Helen.

Thur., Oct. 8, 1970, 3hr. (151 cwt.)

5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by F. Dench. 1 Rev. Canon C. E. Wigg

2 Rev. L. R. Pizzey
3 Rev. P. T. Robbins
*4 Rev. D. H. Sansum

*5 Rev. J. B. T. Homfray

6 Rev. F. Ross
†7 Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith
8 Rev. R. Keeley (Conductor)
*First in method. †200th peal. First in method as conductor. First clerical peal of

BUXTON, Derbys, St. Peter, Fairfield.
Fri., Oct. 9, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.)
5056 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR
Composed by F. H. Dexter.
1 Rev. P. T. Robbins

Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith

*3 Rev. D. H. Sansum
*4 Rev. J. B. T. Homfray
5 Rev. L. R. Pizzey
6 Rev. F. Ross
7 Rev. Canon C. E. Wig.

Rev. Canon C. E. Wigg

8 Rev. R. Keeley (Conductor)

*First in method. First in method for guild.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

GREASLEY, Notts, St. Mary.

at., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (13½ cwt.) 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Shirley Barton. Sat..

Rev. Fred Ross

2 David W. Parkin

3 Denis R. Carlisle

4 Robert Chambers 5 John F. Murfin

6 Geoffrey Paul 7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor) 8 David W. Friend

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MORPETH, Northumb, Watch Tower. Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (10½ cwt.)

5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. Craven. Nicholas J. Webber

2 Francis Mulvey 3 Roger N. Scholes

4 David Martin

5 Stephen C. Wells

6 Phillip Rogers

7 Christopher J. Sharp 8 Eric N. Harrison (Conductor)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CRIMPLESHAM, Norfolk, St. Mary. Sat., Sept., 12, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*1 Alfred Symonds (14) *2 Christine Hudson (14)

*3 Brian Sayers (14)

*4 Michael Mann 5 Ernest H. Mastin (Conductor)

*First attempt. In memoriam Ernest C. Cousins (died September 12, 1969).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

THORINGTON, Essex, St. Mary Mag. Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Stamford, Durham, Rossendale, York, London, Norwich and Cambridge).

1 Eileen S. Button

Arthur G. Button

3 Rachel J. R. Orman 4 George N. Orman

5 Alan R. Andrews (Conductor) 6 Edward E. Davey

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD BANSTEAD, Surrey, All Saints.

at., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (21½ cwt.)
5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Roger Baldwin.
1 Harold N. Pitstow
2 Beryl R. Simpson
3 Alan D. Flood

4 Bernard F. L. Groves
5 Stanley G. Ponting
6 W. John Couperthwaite
7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)

8 Peter J. Munday

*125th of Surprise and 100th of S. Major.

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

RUARDEAN, Glos, St. John the Baptist. Sun., Oct. 11, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part, 2nd observation.)

A. Leslie Barry Ralph T. Hazell

Patrick H. Allen David E. L. Pobjoy

5 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor) 6 Leonard C. Edwards 7 Peter C. Gould

8 Harold G. Meek To mark the 859th anniversary of the founding of the church.

ARCHDEACONRY of HALIFAX GUILD

HEPTONSTALL, Yorks, St. Thomas.

at., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (184 cwt.) 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by J. Thorpe.

Jack Fisher

Gillian Davison W. George Turner

Arthur Rogers Andrew R. Naylor

6 Dennis Greenwood 7 Albert W. Bond (Conductor)

8 J. Richard Senior

To mark the 100th meeting of the guild since its formation. The oldest and youngest ringers took part.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION ST. ALBANS, Herts, Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (23 cwt.) 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by J. Hadley Hunter.

1 Helen Dodds

2 Robert E. Hardy
3 Kenneth J. Darvill (Conductor)
4 Michael D. Frost
5 Katharine S. Hardy
6 Martyn L. J. Jordan
7 Geoffrey Dodds
8 Harold V. Frost
9 Anthony P. Costor

9 Anthony R. Carter 10 J. Alan Ainsworth 11 Frank C. Price 12 Andrew W. R. Wilby

Wedding compliment to Gerald Penney (ringing master) and Janet Pearson, both Cathedral ringers, married this day.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., Oct. 16, 1970, 3hr. (15 cwt.) 5184 LUNDUM SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Margaret E. Oram

*2 D. Paul Smith (Conductor) *3 Jane Reynolds

*4 Frederick J. Cullum *5 Herbert E. Audsley

6 Ian H. Oram *7 Peter S. Muchlinski

8 Christopher T. Osenton

*First in method.

CUDHAM, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (101 cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

1 Doris E. Colgate

Tony Lewis *3 Jane Reynolds

4 Margaret E. Oram

†5 Ian H. Oram †6 David C. Brookes §7 D. Roy Bould 8 Michael H. O'Callaghan

9 D. Paul Smith

10 Stanley Jenner (Conductor) *First of Royal. †Has circled the tower. ‡First of Surprise Royal. §First of Yorkshire Royal.

WALDRON, Sussex, All Saints.

Sun., Oct. 11, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12 cwt.) 5040 HORAM LITTLE S. MAJOR Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Sheila M. Dobbie

John R. Pratchett Edward F. P. Bryant

4 D. Roy Bould 5 David Featherstone

6 David C. Brookes 7 Walter H. Dobbie

8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor) First peal in the method. A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Eames of Polegate.

HORAM LITTLE SURPRISE MAJOR -38-14-56-38-14-56. F. b, k.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

WALKDEN, Lancs, St. Paul.

Sun., Oct. 11, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (18 cwt.) 5056 ALDERNEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. Knights.

Ian Smith

*2 Peter Bellamy-Knights

3 James Cunliffe

†4 William Birmingham jun.

5 Richard H. Johnston
6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
7 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)

8 John Ashcroft

*100th peal. †50th peal. First in method for all and for the association.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CROXTON KERRIAL, Leics, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 51min. $(9\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5040 DOUBLES (1440 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 1440 Grandsire, 2160 Plain Bob).

1 P. Simmons

2 H. T. Bonshor

*3 A. French †4 J. R. Ward 5 O. Homewood (Conductor)

*First inside. †First peal. For Flower and Harvest Festival.

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LEICESTER, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (8\frac{3}{4} cwt.)
5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by John M. Jelley.

John Harrold

Arthur E. Rowley Monica M. Jelley

4 David F. Moore 5 K. Paul Gilliver

6 John W. Bramley 7 Alan E. Hartley 8 John M. Jelley (Conductor)

A compliment to Malcolm and Janet Wade on the birth of a daughter.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs, All Saints.

Wed., Oct. 7, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (19 cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. W. Parker.

John Walden Susan E. Smith Harold Gibson

4 Walter Tomlinson 5 John Freeman (Conductor)

6 A. Robin Heppenstall
7 Geoffrey R. Parker
8 Peter A. Sharp

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs, St. Andrew.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (73 cwt.)
5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by Maurice Onions.
1 Susan E. Smith

Harold Barsley

3 Roger D. Bailey (Conductor)

5 George H. Campling 5 Denis R. Woods 6 Robin R. Churchill *7 Michael J. Belcher

8 Roy Stephenson *First of Major.

LUTTON, Lines, St. Nicholas.

Sun., Oct. 11, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (43 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (2 2160's and 1 extent.)

1 George R. G. Butler
2 Robin R. Churchill
3 Roger D. Bailey (Conductor)
4 Denis R. Woods
5 George H. Campling *6 Michael J. Belcher

*First of Surprise.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

LLANDAFF, Mon, Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

tt., Oct. 10, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (20 cwt.) 5040 CLIFTON SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by C. J. Sedgley.
James A. Clatworthy

Michael J. Lakin Susan Jackson

4 Philip M. J. Gray

5 Peter J. England 6 Paul A. Williams 7 David J. Llewellyn 8 Denis A. Chapman

9 D. John Hunt (Conductor)

10 Peter S. Bennett.

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NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A. National Episcopal Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (C.C.C. Nos. 24, 27; 3 transpositions of No. 6; and 2 diary extents).

*1 Cecily Rock *2 Kit Matthew

*3 Penny Moriarty

4 William A. Theobald
5 Richard S. Dirksen
6 Simon Humphrey (Conductor)
*First on tower bells. To welcome Bill
Theobald to the U.S.A., and in recognition
of the quatercentenary of the Whitechapel Foundry.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PAKEFIELD, Lowestoft, Suffolk, All Saints and St. Margaret.

Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (9 cwt.) 5088 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Gordon D. Elvin

1 Gordon D. Elvin
2 David Cubitt,
*3 Adrial Walton
4 Carole A. H. Patey
5 Thomas E. Spight
6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
7 Henry Tooke
8 H. William Barrett
*First touch in the method.

THETFORD, Norfolk, St. Peter.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (18 cwt.) 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Frank C. W. Knight.

1 Frank C. J. Arnold

2 Edwin R. Goate (Conductor)

3 Charles R. Catchpole

4 Anthony H. Roberts

5 Albert G. Harrison

6 Frank Sutton

7 Norman Watson

7 Norman Watson 8 Harry B. Fuller

Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Roberts.

YAXHAM, Norfolk, St. Peter.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 Cambridge Surprise and 6 Plain Bob).

1 John R. Smith (Conductor) 2 Stephen T. Smith

Susan B. Baker 4 Robert G. Walker 5 John Illingworth 6 Martin Cubitt

A wedding compliment to John Gogle and Wendy Mayes.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Cockroft Society)

NETTLEBED, Oxon, St. Bartholomew. Mon., Oct. 5, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (7 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Kent and Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Double Court, St. Clements,

Double Oxford and Plain Bob).

1 Mary Wells 2 John C. Baldwin

3 Timothy G. Pett 4 Harry E. Wells

5 Robert B. Blond *6 Peter R. Butler (Conductor) *25th peal. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mary and Harry Wells.

BRIGHTWELL, Berks, St. Agatha.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.) 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. 1 Harold W. Dunsden

1 Harold W. Dunsden
2 Timothy G. Pett
*3 Andrew R. D. Cope
4 Harry E. Wells
5 Peter L. Furness
6 Michael W. Bishop
7 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
8 A Petrick Cannon

8 A. Patrick Cannon

*First of D.N.C.B. A wedding compliment to Sue Heyworth and Laurence Haines.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks, St. Michael and All Angels.

at., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (15 cwt.) 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Sat., Oct. 10,

1 Derek Francis *2 Sydney M. Bailey

3 Roland Biggs 4 David A. Cornwall *5 Robert H. Newton 6 Arthur Newton

7 Percy Newton

8 J. Alan Ainsworth (Conductor)
*25th together. A wedding compliment to Beryl Smith (local ringer) and Kevin Lang.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

EASTON NESTON, Northants, St. Mary. Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (10 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Barry E. Saunders Bridget Paul

William J. Chester
Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
Christopher C. Stokes
Raymond A. Vickers

6 Raymond A. 7 Alan A. Paul 8 James Linnell

Half-muffled in memoriam the Hon. Flora Lawson, wife of Comdr. A. D. A. Lawson, of Passenham Manor, who died September 22, 1970.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northants, St. Lawrence.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Buxton, Plain Bob).

*1 Barry R. Care (Conductor)
2 Selwyn J. Griffiths
3 Steven J. Bayliss

4 Christopher G. Chiplin

5 Raymond Henman

6 Eric Billings *Circled the tower.

MOULTON, Northants, SS. Peter & Paul. Tues., Oct. 13, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (16 cwt.) 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

*1 Stephen J. Bayliss

†2 Selwyn J. Griffiths

‡3 Alan J. Marks

4 Frie Billing 4 Eric Billings

15 Barry R. Care 16 Brian R. Danby

†7 Stephen B. Bell 8 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor) *First on 8. †First on 8 inside. ‡First in method.

Wollaston, Northants.—June 20, Cambridge Surprise Minor: Christopher G. Chiplin 1, Barry R. Care 2, Alan J. Marks 3, Edward C. Buckby 4, Eric Billings 5, Richard J. Cowley (Cond.) 6; 2hr. 58min.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

SHIRLEY, Warwicks, St. James the Great. Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (64 cwt.) 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)

2 Muriel Reav

3 Elizabeth Stevens
4 John S. Croft
5 Jack L. Millhouse
6 Richard C. Stevens
7 Norman J. Goodman

8 George E. Fearn

BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (31 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Roderick W. Pipe

2 Muriel Reay 3 Richard J. Tibbetts

4 John S. Croft
5 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
6 Terry R. Hampton
7 Arthur V. Pearson
8 Maurice F. Edwards

9 Norman J. Goodman 10 George E. Fearn

BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral Church of St. Philip.,

Thur., Oct. 1, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (31 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Composed by Peter Border. Roderick W. Pipe

2 Muriel Reay
3 Richard J. Tibbetts
4 Stephen W. Barton
5 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
*6 John S. Croft

7 Jack L. Millhouse 8 Arthur V. Pearson 9 Norman J. Goodman 10 George E. Fearn 11 Wilfred Williams

12 Peter Border

*First on 12.

SOLIHULL, Warwicks, St. Alphege. Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 3hr. 31min. (211 cwt.)

5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. 1 George E. Fearn

2 Muriel Reay

3 Edgar C. Shepherd4 Claudia A. Critchley

G. William Critchley
Arthur V. Pearson
John S. Mason
Terry R. Hampton

Norman J. Goodman 10 Clifford, A. Barron

11 Peter Border

12 Wilfred Williams (Conductor)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THAKEHAM, Sussex, St. Mary. Sat., Aug. 15, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (91 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Charles B. Skinner 2 Colin A. J. Chappell

2 Colli A. J. Chappen *3 Jean Daughtry 4 Henry D. Butler 5 Henry C. Weaver 6 Roy M. Cox (Conductor) *First attempt.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHWELL, Notts, Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 3hr. (251 cwt.) **5055 STEDMAN CATERS** Composed by Robert E. J. Dennis

*1 H. Geoffrey Wells †2 Elizabeth J. Dawson 3 Susan M. O'Neill 4 David Stainsby

5 William L. Exton 6 Peter L. R. Hayward 7 John R. Leeming

†8 George A. Dawson 9 Richard A. G. Inglis (Conductor) ‡10 Anthony E. Clayton

*First of Stedman. †First of Stedman Caters. ‡First on ten. A welcome to the new Bishop and president (Rt. Rev. John Denis Wakeling), 7th Lord Bishop of Southwell, at the conclusion of the service of enthronement in this Cathedral Church.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

MAPLEDURHAM, Oxon, St. Margaret. Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (8 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (1 Cambridge S., 1 Oxford
T.B., 2 Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).
1 Geoffrey K. Dodd
2 Peter L. Furness
3 Philip G. Taylor
4 Robert J. Crocker
*5 Albert H. Green
†6 A. Patrick Cappage (Conductor)

†6 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor) *First of Major in four methods. †950th tower for a peal and 725th different tenor "turned in."

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

LEIGH, Wores, St. Edburga.

Wed., Aug. 26, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (17½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*1 C. Edwin Brookes

2 Royston Grosvenor
†3 Thomas W. Lewis
4 Geoffrey R. Drew
5 Leslie F. Smith
6 John Clements (Conductor)

†Has completed the *First of Minor. A wedding compliment to Stephen Moreton-Jackson and Miss O'Brien, married at Crediton, Devon.

KINGSWINFORD, Staffs, St. Mary.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (10½ cwt.) 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor) 2 Stephen W. Barton

3 Clifford Skidmore

4 John S. Croft
5 Richard J. Tibbetts
6 Maurice F. Edwards
7 Gerald C. Hemming
*8 George E. Fearn

*200th of London Surprise Major.

NORTON, Worcs, St. Egwin.

Wed., Sept. 30, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (14 cwt.) 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 Richard J. Tibbetts

2 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

2 Jack L. Millhouse (C 3 Clifford Skidmore 4 John S. Croft 5 Stephen W. Barton 6 Terry R. Hampton 7 Gerald C. Hemming 8 George E. Fearn

NETHERTON, Worcs, St. Andrew.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (13 cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by Simon Humphrey. 1 Richard J. Tibbetts

2 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
*3 Clifford Skidmore

†4 John S. Croft

5 Maurice F. Edwards 6 Stephen W. Barton

7 George E. Fearn 8 Gerald C. Hemming

*700th peal. †First of Lincolnshire S. Major.

SALFORD PRIORS, Warks, St. Matthew.

Tues., Sept. 29, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (151 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Norman Smith. Richard J. Tibbetts

2 B. Gillian Pipe

3 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor) *4 John S. Croft

5 Terry R. Hampton 6 Stephen W. Barton 7 Gerald C. Hemming 8 George E. Fearn

*First of Rutland S. Major.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcs, St. Michael and All Angels.

Wed., Sept. 30, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (9 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
2 Richard J. Tibbetts

Clifford Skidmore

5 Jenn S. Croft 5 Terry R. Hampton 6 George E. Fearn 7 Stephen W. Barton 8 Gerald C. Hemming

They are not dead, our dear Departed, Nor have they journeyed far-Just slipped inside Love's Loveliest Room And left the door ajar.

OLDSWINFORD, Worcs, St. Mary.

Fri., Oct. 2, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (12½ cwt.) 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor) Clifford Skidmore

2 CHITOTO SKIDMOTE
*3 Arthur V. Pearson
4 John S. Croft
5 Terry R. Hampton
6 Richard J. Tibbetts
7 Maurice F. Edwards
8 George E. Fearn

*700th of Surprise.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs, St. Peter.

Thur., Oct. 8, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (104 cwt.) 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by J. Hunt.

*1 Leonard Mills

2 Shirley M. Drew 3 William J. Newman

4 Mrs. J. Thomas
5 Joseph D. Johnson (Conductor)
6 Geoffrey R. Drew
7 Christopher Hims

8 Joseph E. Newman

of Double Norwich. Southern Branch quarterly peal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMESBY, Middlesbrough, Yorks, St. Cuthbert.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (18 cwt.)

5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Charles Roberts.

Fred Hodgson

2 Tom M. Cox 3 Felicity Ashford

*4 Jack Roach *5 Ernest Pannell

6 Michael D. Staniforth

Bert Sutton

8 Alan Leggett (Conductor)

*First in method. †Has circled the tower.



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NON-ASSOCIATION

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (103 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(B. D. Price's 8-part.)
James W. R. Quinney

Mrs. L. G. Goodman

3 Ian J. Quinney
4 Alec W. Ivings
5 George C. Goodman

6 Raymond W. Balls

Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

8 Bevan Willgress

To mark the retirement of George Goodman, Eastern Telecoms Regional Director, G.P.O.

Handbells

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersev Road. Wed., Oct. 7, 1970, 2hr. 8min. (12 in F.) SPLICED PLAIN methods: 1728 Double Bob, 1152 Rev. Bob, 1104 Plain Bob, 336 Little Bob, 288 Wellington L.C., 216 each of Gainsborough L.B. and Crayford L.C., with 341 changes of method).

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten.

1-2 Martyn Hawkes

3-4 Valerie Willard 5-6 Hugh N. Evans 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts, 13 Tudor Road.

Wed., Sept. 23, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (15 in C.) 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Composed by R. B. Smith. 1-2 Katherine S. Hardy *3-4 Joyce M. Clarke

5-6 Robert E. Hardy *7-8 Elizabeth Forster

9-10 Keith J. Walpole 11-12 Kenneth J. Darvill (Conductor)

*First of Treble Bob Maximus.

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive. Mon., Oct. 12, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (15 in C.)

5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 version.) Arranged by Roger Baldwin.

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

5-6 Roger Baldwin 7-8 Julia A. Fellows

9-10 Martyn L. J. Jordan

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road. Tues., Oct. 6, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (15 in C.)

5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS 1-2 Rupert A. Clarke

3-4 David F. Moore 5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor) 7-8 Alfred Ballard

9-10 Robert B. Smith *11-12 John W. Bramley

*First of Surprise Maximus in hand. compliment to Malcolm and Janet Wade on the birth of a daughter earlier in the

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

WINTERTON, Lincs, Wicken, Westwinds Estate.

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 1hr. 51min. (13. 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (3 callings). (13.)

1-2 C. Aubrey Harrison 3-4 John G. Hall (Conductor)

5-6 Roger Hippisley

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

MANCHESTER, Room 3-1 Tower, Owens Park, Fallowfield.

Thur., Oct. 8, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (18 in G.)

5264 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.
1-2 S. Nicholas Harrop
3-4 Hamish M. McNaughton
5-6 William M. Taylor
7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

125th peal for the guild. First in the tower. Engagement compliment to Hamish Mc-Naughton and Susan Brown.

MANCHESTER, Room 87, Harley Victoria Methodist College.

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (15 in C.)

5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.
*1-2 Christopher L. D. Munday
*3-4 William M. Taylor

† 5 6 Hamish M. McNaughton ‡7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

*First of T.B. Major in hand. T.B. in hand. ‡25th together. †First of First of T.B. Major in hand by the guild.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WARFIELD, Berkshire, The Willows. Sun., Sept. 20, 1970, 1hr. 56min. (27 in A.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

1-2 Christopher I. Rowson

3-4 N. David Lane 5-6 Frank C. Price (Conductor)

7-8 Susanne Sargeant

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT, Yorkshire, 33 Kingsway Close. Wed., Sept. 30, 1970, 1hr. 33min. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (18 methods: Havercroft, Barnsley, Felkirk, South Kirkby; Kent; Charlwood, Neasden, Wragby, St. Albans; Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise; Capel, Sandal; Kingston, London Scholars: Oxford) Scholars; Oxford).

1-2 Margaret White 3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

OSSETT Yorkshire, 33 Kingsway Close. Wed., Oct. 7, 1970, 1hr. 33min. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (22 methods: Havercroft, Barnsley, Felkirk, South Kirkby; Kent; Charlwood, Neasden, Wragby, St. Albans; Newdigate, Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV; Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise; Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars; Oxford).

1-2 Margaret White

3-4 Patricia North
5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

Herts County Association.

NUMBERS LOW

The Eastern District had a very successful meeting at Widford and Hunsdon on September 12 although numbers were rather

Ringing commenced at Widford at 3 p.m. and the local band had the opportunity to take part in change ringing and

gain valuable experience.

The service was conducted by the Rev. S. Kirkpatrick, who mentioned that during his 40 years in the ministry it was the first time he had conducted a ringers' service and he felt very privileged to do so.

Tea was laid on in the church hall, followed by the meeting, at which Mr. E. Newnham took the chair. There was very little to discuss but many new members were elected from Hunsdon (which less than two years ago had a silent tower!). Ringing member, E. B. Lucas; probationary mem-mers, M. Mott, D. Robini, E. T. Whitbourn, R. Whitbourn, S. Whitbourn, E. Hartley (all of Hunsdon) and P. Wood (All Saints', Hertford

Ringing continued at Hunsdon until 8.30

HOW IT CAME ABOUT

When in 1952 it was decided to form a band to ring the bells at Coddington, Notts, ringers from Newark and Balderton had a very difficult task teaching bell handling on the tricky 7 cwt. five. The bells were rung to call changes intermittently until 1963, when they had become so difficult as to be practicably unringable. An inspection by Taylors of Loughborough showed them to be unsafe and it was decided to have them rehung. The ringers set about the task of rehung. raising the necessary money and were backed by the vicar (Rev. Peter Wright) and the P.C.C.

In 1965 the bells were rehung in a steel frame and a treble added, which was donated by the Barron Bell Trust. A start was then made on method ringing, help coming once more from Newark and Balderton. In December, 1966, five of the local band rang a quarter of Grandsire Doubles under the expert guidance of the conductor. Colin Read (Relderton) conductor, Colin Reed (Balderton).

The band had the usual ups and downs

with ringers leaving and new ones arriving to be taught. It was not until November, 1969, that they scored the first local quarter, Plain Bob Doubles, conducted by Derick Kirton. Doubles were now being rung regularly for Evensong, the Friday night practice attracting ringers from a wide area. A local peal now seemed a possibility and when it was learned that the organ was in need of repair it was decided to attempt a sponsored peal in aid of an organ restora-tion fund (the organist being a member of the band). The date was fixed for October 3 and Grandsire Doubles chosen as the method. Colin Reed and Fred Hooper were "roped in" as umpires.

Interest ran high in the village and during the attempt people could be seen standing and listening, whilst some even sat in church. The attempt was successful, the peal being rung in 2 hours and 30 minutes, and was conducted by Derek Tysoe. The band are all regular Sunday service ringers and were all taught to handle at Coddington, two on the old five and one being an original recruit from 1952

The peal ringers would like to thank the rest of the band (for helping to obtain sponsors), the umpires, the vicar for his en-thusiastic support, and, of course, the many sponsors, whose generous support enabled approximately £75 to be raised. D. E. K.

The Ringing Career of James Robert Haworth

By W. T. COOK, Librarian to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

AMONG THE MANY interesting manuscript documents in the possession of the Ancient Society of College Youths are two books in which James Robert Haworth, who was born on April 21, 1821, and died on December 24, 1910, aged 89, inserted details of his ringing career. The first, measuring 5in. x 7½in. x 1½in., has written as its title page "Change Ringing on Church Bells in Various Methods, by James Robert Haworth, Member of the 'College Youths Society' and 'St. James's Society of Change Ringers,' London. 1850." In fact it includes details up to his last peal in 1894. The second book, somewhat smaller (ruled as an account book), is entitled: "Paragraphs, Testimonials &c., in connection with J. R. Haworth, when Instructor of the Dundee Ringers, and at other places. July 14th to Oct. 14th, 1873. London. 1873."

From these two books it is possible to build up an unusually complete picture of the life, particularly the ringing career, of one of the best-known of the London ringers of the last century—one of whom, in his obituary notice in The Bell News of January 7, 1911, it was said "For nearly seventy years Mr. Haworth has been one of the most prominent personages of the Exercise". He was master of the College Youths in 1851/52.

The larger of the two books just mentioned contains details of all Haworth's peals, and a good deal of other matters besides, particularly accounts of ringing excursions and the openings of new rings of bells. The first 40 pages or so are taken up with a miscellany of newspaper cuttings, mostly illustrations of, or articles concerning, church towers and bells, but also including cuttings relating to Haworth himself, which will be mentioned in their proper place. There are also a number of loose cuttings and manuscripts, the first of which (in order of time) consists of three small sheets of paper pinned together, from which we learn about Haworth's early career.

APPRENTICED TO A PRINTER

In April, 1836, when he was 15 years old, Haworth was apprenticed to a London printer, Mr. White. Howarth noted on October 26, 1840, "Mr. White gaves James Robert Haworth his Indentures on the 17th October, 1840. He willingly gave them—at least he said so—and also that he was very glad he had the opportunity. . . . I have now got two and a half years to serve, which makes me seven years." Later he noted, "Mr. White kindly did everything he could when I was out of my time.—J. R. H. 1843."

The books do not show where Haworth was born, where he lived at that time, or with whom he worked. A testimonial dated 1860, written by "a Master Printer, in whose office J. R. Haworth was employed for some time," has 335 Strand, W.C. as address, and shows that Haworth was a compositor by trade. He is described there as "a steady, reliable and accomplished workman." In 1873 he was living in Exmouth Street, Clerkenwell.

However, from the evidence of the sheets of paper before mentioned and other early entries in the book, we can conjecture that Haworth started work with Richard Loftin, Printer, of 1 Crown Place, Temple Bar, who was a ringer, and that through him he learned to ring, perhaps at St. Margaret's,

Westminster, joining the St. James's Society in 1837 or 1838, and the College Youths on August 13, 1839. The grounds for these conjectures are as follows:

(1) The first item on the sheets of paper relates to an attempt for a "lapped" handbell peal at the Cock and Bottle, Bedfordbury (a street just behind St. Martin's Lane). It reads "Westminster Society, Cock and Bottle, Bedfordbury. On Sunday, December 31, 1837, six members of the above society sat down to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, consisting of 6070 changes; and, after ringing very near four hours, one of the party missed giving away, only having to ring about a course." The band consisted of Charles Goozee, John Fairbairn, Richard Loftin, J. R. Haworth, Robert Williams and George Stockham. Goozee was the conductor, and Fairbairn "was the person who missed giving away."

PROMINENT RINGERS

Several of these men were prominent ringers of the time. Charles Goozee, of Cripplegate, was master of the St. James's Society in 1938–39; he was at that time a member of the Cumberlands, but joined the College Youths in 1852, and called several peals for them, some of which he composed. John Fairbairn, of Clerkenwell. was the current master of the St. James's Society and had joined the College Youths in 1835, and George Stockham, a handbell founder and steeplekeeper at St. Clement Danes', joined the College Youths in 1838 and was one of the leading peal ringers of that time.

(2) Enclosed in the book is an elaborately printed record showing that the same band met together again at the Cock and Bottle on Sunday, January 6, 1839, and rang a peal of Stedman Cinques, 5014 changes, "which was completed in a masterly style, in 3 hours and 9 minutes." The band was placed in the same order as before, but this time it referred to itself as "A Friendly Society." This sheet bears the name of R. Loftin as printer.

(3) The entry of Haworth's name in the College Youths' name book shows Westminster as the tower to which he belonged. Elsewhere in Haworth's book we learn that he joined the St. Clement Danes' band in 1838, and rang at Westminster Abbey for the Coronation in 1839.

The other item on the separate steets of paper is of sufficient interest to be quoted in full. It introduces us to two other famous ringers of that time—Squire Proctor, of Benington, Herts, and William Lobb, who was also a member of the St. James's Society, and master in 1939-40. He was a Cumberland at that time but, like Goozee, he went over to the College Youths in 1852.

"J. R. Haworth was at Bromley, in Kent, on Sunday (July 1st, 1839). Stayed there all night with Mr. Lobb, and came home on Monday evening. We went for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but got out, having rung about two hours.

"On Wednesday (10th July, 1839) I and Mr. Lobb went to Benington, Hertfordshire. We passed through Tottenham, Edmonton—and I did not forget Johnny Gilpin—Waltham Cross and Hoddesdon, stopped at Captain (Naval) Proctor's for luncheon; until we came to Ware; we bore off then a little to the right, and proceeded to Benington, which is about eight miles from Ware. It was Squire Proctor to whom we went. We came home the Monday evening following."

The main body of the book being described is taken up with Haworth's peals, of which he rang 176. He got a friend of his, Joseph Robinson (also a College Youth), to write the first 38 of them in his book for him (at the time when Haworth was master of the College Youths), and at the back of the book Robinson copied a long extract from Stedman's Campanalogia (1677). At a later late (1857) Robinson brought the book up to date with another nine peals. Thereafter Haworth wrote in the peals for himself or stuck in printed accounts of them. Many of these peals are of interest, not least for the additional information about them in the book.

Haworth's first peal was rung at Holy Trinity, Southwark, on Monday, October 1, 1839—a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by William Lobb. His third peal, also Grandsire Triples, was rung at St. Mary's, Ealing, on May 2, 1841, conducted by that leading ringer of the time, Thomas Tolladay, "being the only peal rung there for upwards of thirty years." Some of the Ealing men were in the band, and they had two men on the tenor, although I believe it weighed less than a ton. Nearly all the peals in which Haworth took part after this were rung by the St. James's Society or the College Youths.

FIRST PEAL WITH COLLEGE YOUTHS

The first peal Haworth rang with the College Youths was one of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on December 30, 1841, at St. James', Bermondsey. This peal is of considerable interest in the history of the College Youths. The society at that time was, for various reasons, at a low ebb. New members were few (Haworth was one of only six who joined the society in 1839), and this peal was only the 13th rung by the society in ten years. Richard Mills, who was master from 1837 to 1840, had, however, determined to do something about this situation, which did in fact gradually improve from that time on, and among other things he offered a set of silver medals to the members who should ring the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major and Royal. The Major was rung at Holy Trinity, Newington, in 1840, and the medals duly presented. The same band, plus Haworth and Augustus A. Frost, rang the Royal as above mentioned, and Haworth and Frost duly received their medals. Haworth's medal is now in the possession of the College Youths.

The peal in which Haworth took part on Saturday, January 14, 1843—Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Wandsworth, rung by a College Youths' band, conducted by Thomas Tolladay—has an interesting founde to it, giving an example of how a new ring of bells was opened in those days.

"This was the opening peal; after which the ringers dined at the Rose and Crown, where they had good accommodation. About seven o'clock in the evening they again ascended the tower, and rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples to oblige Mr. Foster (the sexton), and Mr. Mills, after which they rang a course of Oxford Treble Bob and about five courses of Stedman Triples. They then returned to the Rose and Crown and spent the evening in a convivial and amicable manner till about 11 o'clock, when they (about 13) started to town in an omnibus, and arrived at the Elephant and Castle about 12."

(To be continued)

It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do.

—J. K. Jerome.

IN THEIR HOME TOWER

On October 3 the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association held their October practice meeting in their "home tower," the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Ilchester. Ringing during the evening on the 11 cwt. five was under the direction of Mr. Gordon Rendell, the branch ringing master. The branch is grateful to the Rev. A. Martin and Mr. R. Merritt (tower master) for their courtesy and kindness in granting permission for the meeting.

Derby Association.

A VISIT TO SHREWSBURY

The eighth annual outing of the Derby Association (Chesterfield District) took place on September 12, when some 40 members and friends visited Shrewsbury.

The ten bells of St. Mary's were rung to some well-struck changes, and after a substantial lunch all felt well fitted to tackle the heavy 12 of St. Chad's with its 39 cwt. tenor. A well-struck plain course or Little Bob Maximus was enjoyed, providing us with the very welcome though infrequent opportunity of ringing 12 bells. The next tower of the day contained the light and pleasant six at Meol Brace.

On the return journey a call was made at Alrewas for the final ring of the day on the eight bells of All Saints'. Towers represented on the outing were Chesterfield, Dronfield. North Wingfield, Old Brampton and Old

Whittington.

Our thanks to the clergy and tower capins of the host towers. District ringing tains of the host towers. master Derek Peers (Dronfield) did a grand job, ensuring a wide variety of methods and seeing that everyone had a ring. Our thanks, too, to Malcolm and Marjorie Phipps for the excellent arrangements and turning up trumps yet again by finding first-class eating houses!

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Members from all regions met at North-ampton on September 26 for the autumn meeting. Apologies were received from 22 members, and included in this number were Mr. C. F. Shanks (regional master, Eastern, South) and Mr. S. G. Martin (Joint Committee B.R.S.A.).

The programme and the success of the meeting was due entirely to Mr. S. Foskett, regional master, London Midland. Arrangements were made to have lunch and tea at the B.R.S.A. Club, Far Cotton. As buses were few and far between it meant, for many, walking. However, all turned up for both meals.

The ringing programme included a visit to St. Edmund's, St. Giles', Holy Sepulchre, St. Peter's and All Saints'. Those who arrived on Friday evening visited Earls Barton.

At the business meeting the rules for the ringing competition were accepted, with one exception—the time allowed members who were participating in the competition to notify their regional masters. This, however, was left in the hands of the separate regions. The master, Western Region, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, was already making arrangements at Worcester for 1971.

The inscription for the silver cup, suggested by the B.R.S.A., was agreed unani-mously. Six new members were elected (two Western, 1 Southern, 1 London Midland, and two Eastern).

Mr. S. Foskett suggested visiting the Scottish Region and Ireland in the near future. A proposal to put this matter on the

agenda for 1971 was agreed. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. A. Bassett and was seconded by Mr. W. J. Thomas. An enjoyable week-end concluded with a successful quarter peal at All Saints' Church.

Swansea and Brecon Guild. CORDIAL INVITATION

The Northern Section of the Guild held very successful meeting recently at St. David's, Llanfaes.

Attendance was slightly down on previous meetings, nevertheless there were ringers representing the following towers: Brecon, Glasbury, Swansea, Cardiff and Llanfaes.

Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and continued till about 7 o'clock, only interrupted by a break for an excellent tea provided by

the ladies of the parish.

Courses of Bob Doubles, Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung and it was decided to hold another meeting on January 9 at St. Mary's, Brecon. Ringers from any other guild who may be in the area at that time are most cordially invited to come along.

ORGANISED FOR THEM

On Saturday, September 12, a small party of ringers from Braintree, Essex, and their friends made use of a route opened for the Croydon Ringing Festival. Towers visited included St. Giles, Cripplegate; Southwark Cathedral; St. Giles', Camberwell; Beckenham; St. John's, Croydon, and St. Mary's, Beddington. Lunch was made available by the Croydon ringers. Some of the party attended and greatly enjoyed the Festival service, while others made use of Croydon's excellent shopping facilities or visited Chartwell.

Solid and liquid refreshments were taken on the way home and handbells used. spite the weather we had an enjoyable day. for which we are largely indebted to the enthusiasm of the Croydon ringers. Our main regret was that for various reasons the party was more depleted than we had hoped, so that full advantage of the interesting rings provided could not be taken.

C. H. G.

Bath and Wells Association.

STILL RECEIVING CRITICISM

Visitors from the Axbridge, Bridgwater and Bristol City Branches joined the Chew Branch for their quarterly meeting at Long Ashton, Somerset, on September 20, the clappers having come back just in time. The new form of service was a little more successful than before, although still re-ceiving criticism, whilst the rector, who is no great lover of bells, preached somewhat resignedly on the theme "If you must make a noise, you must," which, of course, we did.

Tea was served in the Red Cross Hall to about 40 members and friends, and Mrs. Yeo and Mrs. Gilbert were warmly thanked for their efforts. Mr. Brain acted as chairman at the business meeting which fol-lowed. Mrs. E. Dye and Miss J. Gallop (Yatton) were elected members, and Mr. M. W. Coleman (Adderbury) a non-resident life

member.

Recommendations of the sub-committee set up to report on a suitable memorial to the late chairman, Mr. H. W. Knight, were read and discussed at length. A fund is to be opened to enable branch towers and friends to contribute towards a permanent memorial to be placed in his home tower at Wrington.

Mr. Horseman reminded members of an association striking competition at Compton Bishop on October 24, and the secretary gave notice that the branch A.G.M. at Yatton would be held on December 12, ?

week later than usual.

Post-meeting ringing was extended to cater for latecomers, and the warmth of the September evening gave the party who adjourned to the Angel to discuss the ringing scene the added pleasure of sitting outside under the sky to enjoy their noggins. J. B.

FUN AND GAMES

What was to have been a leisurely afternoon tour of three towers turned out to be anything but that for Ronald S. Barclay and some of his friends. He writes:

"At the first tower, Stokesley, Yorkshire, we wasted a quarter of an hour trying to find the key, and the vicar asked us to lock the church door during ringing as there was a fair visiting the village. Leaving a note on the door for one latecomer, we ascended to the ringing chamber and closed the trap-

"At the end of the touch came the surprise; when we tried to lift the trapdoor it had stuck fast. A glance round showed that the window would not open and that the only way down was through another trapdoor (and there was no ladder), which involved a drop on to a concrete floor. A banging downstairs, however, told us that the latecomer had arrived but could not get in because of the locked door. One of the ringers had the intelligence to go up-stairs and throw the key out of the louvres

"All this made the afternoon quite interesting, but changed the leisurely tour into a mad dash to try to get to the other

towers on time.

"The previous day we lost both a peal and a quarter at Whitby."

NORTH HANTS RINGING TOUR

The seventh tour of the kind involving 10- and 12-bell rings was held on October 3, when ringers from Hampshire travelled to Kent.

Disappointment was met at Shipham when, expecting to ring for 11 a.m. service, they heard the bells ringing. The local band were attempting a quarter peal for a 10.15 a.m. service, a lack of communication between the vicar and local ringers apparently being the cause. However, all were made most welcome at Tonbridge, although arriving without prior notice. Borden bells (8) were found interesting before lunch, after which we made the long journey to St. Nicholas, Wade (a fine six), followed by the heavy five at Minster-in-Thanet. The ringing at St. Lawrence-in-Thanet was cut short because of a baptism, but all enjoyed the ten bells. There was a tea break before ringing on the eight at St. Peter's-in-Thanet, where the vicar (a ringer)

met us and joined in the ringing.

Service ringing on the light Mears eight at Birchington followed (our non-ringers judging these the best of the day) before out final tower, Quex Park, a big attraction for ringers and non-ringers alike, with its setting in a field. Here we aspired to Little Bob Maximus—the first of Maximus for half the band. Our final stop was near Dorking for liquid refreshments. G. D.

PRINTER'S ERROR

Mr. S. H. Ellis, of Limerick, sends us the cutting from a provincial newspaper, Guardian, published at Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. Mr. J. E. Cole, who was at one time a ringer at Limerick Cathedral, spotted the printer's error and sent the paper to Mr. Ellis.

"BELL-WRINGERS 'VISIT

Among visitors to Killaloe last week were 40 bellringers from across Channel. During their three-day visit from Monday to Wed-nesday they visited the local Cathedral and St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. They appeared to be deeply interested in ancient castles and were very impressed by Bunratty

Castle, especially in its mediæval decor."

The party referred to was led by David

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ENGAGEMENT

BACKHURST-REAY.-The engagement is announced between Roland Charles, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Backhurst of Badshot Lea, and Marilyn Anne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Reay of Ash, Surrey. 9972

PERSONAL

Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.-Ephesians 4: 31.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PENNEY.—Gerald and Janet now live at 43, Liverpool Road, St. Albans, Herts. All ringing friends welcome.

SMITH .- Peter, Gwen and Alun have at last moved to 13, Parc y Llan, Henllan, Denbigh.

SULLIVAN.—Edna, Barry, Stephen and Philip now live at 7, Manor Park Way, Lepton, Hud-dersfield. Correspondents to Yorkshire Association, Western Branch Secretary, please note.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Liverpool Branch.-Correspondence should now be sent to Mr. D. C. H. Simpson, the new Branch Secretary, 1, Meadow Lane, Liverpool, L12 5EA. Tele-

phone 051-226 2669. 103
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Due to the Association Dinner being held on November 7 the Practice Meeting of the above Division has been CANCELLED.— Jean Osbon, Hon. Div. Sec.

EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES
HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Combined Practice, Weston-under-Pen-yard (6), Nov. 7, 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—J. J. 9985

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Northern District.—Evening meeting, Sat., Nov. Norton (8), 5.30-8.30 p.m.

LADIES' GUILD.-Western tice at Frampton Cotterell, Glos. (6). Nov. 10, 7 p.m., Joining with the local ringers in their practice. All welcome.—B. J. 9991

LINCOLN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.— Evening meeting, Thornton Curtis, Sat., Nov. Six bells available 6-9 p.m.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- S. & W. District.—Surprise Royal practice at Hillingdon, Mon., Nov. 9, 8-9.30; evening practice at Mary's, Staines, Friday, Nov. 27, 7.45-9.15. -C. H. 9987 R.

DIOCESAN NORWICH ASSOCIATION.— Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Acle on Sat., Nov. 7. Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m.—N. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Banbury and District Branch.-Practice meeting at Bloxham, Oxon, Fri., Nov. 6, 7.30 p.m. — B. J. Davis, Hon, Sec. 9952

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. -- Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting at Clanfield (8), Fri., Nov. 6.—E. R. Venn, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD,-S.W. District,-Surprise Major Practice, Lavenham, Wed., Nov. 11, 7.15-8.45 p.m. Special Method, Pudsey. 9982

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Nov. 7, Whitnash. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15 Henley Road, Leamington Spa (Tel.: Leamington 26089).-H. A. M.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.
—Monthly meeting, Sutton, Sat., Nov. 7. Bells
(6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after tea until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Single Court, Hexham Surprise. 9950

Wheatley (Wheatley 8304) 9911

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. -- Biggleswade Dis.-Meeting Nov. 14. Great Barford (5) 3-4.45 p.m. Tea and short meeting in church at Blunham (6) at 5 p.m. followed by ringing during evening .- A. H. Smith, Dis. Sec. 9996

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting Sat., Nov. 14. Bells available: Clay Cross (6) 3-4 p.m.; North Wingfield (8) 4-5 p.m. and after meeting. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Davis, 48, Cartmel Crescent, Dunston Estate, Chesterfield. Tel. Chesterfield 51175.— Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Peak District.-Meeting, Hathersage, Sat., Nov. 14. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring your own food.—T. Wylie.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD .--Meeting, East Grinstead, Sat., Nov. 14. Ringing: Hammerwood, 3-4.15; East Grinstead, 4.15-5. Tea in the tower room 5 p.m. (please bring own food—cups of tea provided). Service 6 p.m., followed by business and further ringing until 8.30. Tickets (30s. each) for the annual dinner on January 9 will be available at this meeting or from E. J. Ladd, 4 William Street, Tunbridge

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Cambridge District) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North Western District).—Joint meeting, Nov. 14, at Ickleton, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, short business meeting for Cambridge District members. Evening ringing also at lckleton. 9900

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - South Eastern District.-Meeting, Burnham-on-Crouch, Sat., Nov. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome. - R. J. H. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Chertsey District.-Nomination meeting, East Molesey, on Sat., Nov. 14. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Matravers, 47a Walton Road, East Molesey, Surrey, by Wed., Nov. 11, please.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Western District.—Flamstead (6), Nov. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Sheppard, 19, Great Heart, Hemel Hempstead,

HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING (Middlesex, Oxford and Ladies' Guilds, London County Association). Nov. 14. Ringing at St. John's, Hillingdon (10) 3-4.30 and after tea; St. Mary's, Hayes (near Uxbridge Road) (8) 2.30-4. Service at St. John's 4.30. Tea in St. John's Hall. Social evening in the hall from 8 .- C. H. Rogers, Middlesex District Secretary, 25, Windsor Drive, 9975 Ashford, Middlesex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Maidstone District.—By Meeting, Barming, Sat., Nov. 14.
Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Gunner, 472, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. --Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton on Sat., Nov. 14. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service Nov. 14. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service
4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business
meeting. Names for tea please to W. Mansley,
286, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, no
later than Wed., Nov. 11. Special Methods:
Rutland S. Major, Plain Bob Major.—D. G.
Lawson, Branch Sec. 9957

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting on Sat., Nov., 14 at Hamer (6), in the afternoon from 3 p.m., and Healey (6) in the evening from 6.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. Cheetham. 9981

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.-Wigan Branch. -Meeting, Sat., Nov. 14, at Upholland (6), 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Evening 3-5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Evening ringing at Wigan All Saints (10) 6.15-8.30 p.m. Special method Erin Caters. All welcome.-C. D'Aeth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Liverpool Branch.— Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Rain-hill, on Nov. 14. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Lathom, Home Farm, Chapel Lane, Rainhill, Lancs, before Nov. 11.—D. C. H. S. 102 LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston Dis-

trict.—The November monthly meeting will be held at Sileby on Sat., Nov. 14. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Hunting, The Vicarage, Sileby, Leicestershire.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD,-Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Gosberton, on Sat., Nov. 14. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. J. Porter, 12 Exeter Drive, Spalding (Tel.: Spalding 4462), by Wed., Nov. 11.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch. Evening Meeting at Fulbeck on Saturday, Nov. Bells (6) from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome. -G. R. P. 9970

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Quarterly ringing meeting, St. Illtyd, Llantwit Major, Sat., Nov. 14. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and very short business meeting. All ringers and friends welcome.—Iolo Davies, Branch Hon. Sec., The Grammar School, Cowbridge, CF7 7YX.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern —Monthly practice Sat., Nov. 14, 2.30 p.m. Saxthorpe. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Heydon Rectory. Heydon bells 5.30-8 p.m. Names for tea by Wed., Nov. 11, to Rev. P. Kelly, Reepham Rectory NOR 69X.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Norwich Diocesan Association.—
Southern Branch.—Annual General Meeting, Sat.,
Nov. 14, at East Harling. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. F. C. Arnold, 6, The Turnpike, Bunwell, Norwich, by previous Wednesday.—F. C. Arnold, Branch Sec. 9980

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Daventry Branch.—Meeting at Flore (6) on Sat., Nov. 14. Names for tea to Mr. R. Fonge, The Avenue, Flore, Northampton, by Wednesday previous.—I. Webb.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD .-- N. Notts District.—The November meeting will be at Tuxford on Nov. 14 unless a notice appears in next week's "R.W." to change the venue (I have found it impossible to contact the Vicar to remind him.) Names for tea to the District Secretary by Wed. 11.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. - Bingham District.—Meeting, Gedling (6), Nov. 14. Bells 3.0. Tea 4.30. Service 6.30. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Notts. 9937

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Arundel (8), Sat., Nov. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Sat., Nov. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. following by business meeting. Even-ing ringing until 8.30. Please notify for tea P. M. Wills, 75, Annandele Avenue, Bognor Regis.

SUFFOLK GUILD .- North East District .- Annual District Meeting at Beccles on Nov. 14.
Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names
for tea by Wed., Nov. 11, to Mr. R. W. Bickers,
6, Ballygate Street, Beccles, Suffolk. Worlingham (5) also available 7-8 p.m.-T. I. J. B. 9999

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. Nomination meeting, Nutfield, Nov. 14. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. Clark, 16, Bayfield Road, Horley.—K. G. Game, Dist. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- Southern District.-Meeting Sat., Nov., 21, at North Ockendon (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea early please to Mrs. Livermore, Castle Cottages, Ockendon Road, North Ockendon, Upminster. Further ringing after tea and meeting. 9948

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD .-Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Easton, Kingsworthy and Owslebury, Nov. 21. Kingsworthy 2.45-3.45, Easton 2.30-4.15. Service, tea, business meeting. Owslebury 7.-9 p.m. Names for tea to I. M. McCallion, 4, Hursley Court, Hiltingbury Road, Chandlers Ford, Hants, SO5 1NN.—I. M. M. 9964

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LATE NOTICES

DEATHS

ARTIS.—Suddenly, on Oct. 25, Percy Claude, of 130 Knowsley Road, Norwich, aged 94 years.

HINCHLIFFE.—Suddenly, on Oct. 18, Arthur Hinchliffe, of Crag-Lea, 8 Levens Way, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancs.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SO-CIETY. — Meeting, Hedon (8), Sat., Nov. 14. Belle 3.30-5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing.—R. W. S. 116

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Ilkeston District. - 10-bell practice, Duffield, Fri., Nov. 13, 7.30-9 p.m.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.-Surprise practice at Ashtead, Tues., Nov. 10, 19.45-21.15 hours. Methods: Bristol, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire.-J. A. L.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., Nov. 14, Herting-fordbury (6), 3-4.30 p.m. Business meeting, St. Andrew (8), Hertford, 6, followed by ringing to 8.30 p.m. Regret own arrangements for tea.—3. E. James, Hon. Dis. Sec. 111

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION .--- Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be at St. Alphege, Whitstable (in High Street), on Sat., Nov. 14. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Even-ing ringing at All Saints, Whitstable, after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Bennett, meeting. Names for tea to little (Tel. Whitstable 12 Warwick Road, Whitstable (Tel. Whitstable 4631). All names by previous Wednesday. No 113 name, no tea.-J. B. K.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting will be at St. Mary and All Saints (8), Whalley, on Sat., Nov. 7. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Business meeting follows cups of tea at 5 p.m. Evening ringing continues to 8 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Maurice Hill, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD .- West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting, Brigg, Sat., Nov. 21. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous (Important). Special methods: Annable's London and Double Bob.-Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough (Tel.: 26231.

PARISH CHURCH, CIRENCESTER. - The monthly ringing practice for Sat., Nov. 7, is CANCELLED for this month. 109

SILSOE, BEDS.—The weekly practice has now been resumed: Mondays, 7.30 p.m. — T. Harris.

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Wedding.

MARTIN-MASON

The wedding took place at St. Peter's, Southampton, of Miss Muriel Jean Mason, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mason, of Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, and Mr. Alan Howard Martin, of Chandler's Ford, Hants.

Despite her former ringing association. the bride chose a bell-less wedding in order to be married by the Rev. G. E. Beechey, who is chaplain to the Girls' Friendly Society Hostel, where she has been resident for three years. He is also vicar of St. Peter's, which has no bells.

The bride wore guipure lace, nylon and embroidered chiffon with a flowing tulle veil. Her bouquet of cream orchids, freesias and rosebuds was later placed on the altar at St. Peter's.

The bridal attendants were Miss Helen Carrick and Miss Joyce Martin, who wore apricot silk flecked piquet, and had geishagirl coiffures tied with apricot ribbons, whilst the chief bridesmaid, Miss Suzanne Saunders, had green piquet and a single flower head ornament. The dresses were long with puffed sleeves and mandarin necks, and the bouquets posies of white and apricot car-nations and rosebuds. Master Andrew Arnold, the bride's infant nephew, wore a blue suit with bell-bottom trousers and cummerbund, bow-tie and a blue and red jacket.

The bridegroom's mother wore an oatmeal fitted coat over a matching dress and a hat in rose-pink pleated silk, and the bride's mother wore a suit in French navy blue trevira with gold buttons and tabs and pink and beige accessories.

After the normal bridal walk down the aisle following their nuptials, the pair perpetuated a lovely custom observed at St. Peter's. They re-entered the nave after signing the register and made a full circuit of the church, via the south aisle, chancel and north aisle, round the central font. to the west door. This is known at the church as the bride's "lap of honour."

The bride and her sister were formerly ringers at All Saints', Coton, and later at

churches in and around Southampton.

There was a reception at the Royal Hotel, Southampton, before the newlyweds left for Weymouth en route for a tour of Devon. They will live near Romsey, Hants.

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In a peal of Bob Major at St. Michael's, Southampton (tenor 16½ cwt.), which took 3 hours and 13 minutes, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead rang his first of Major, and Ronald Burford his first peal. Charles H. Kippin conducted.

Ronald C. Noon and Frank H. Hicks rang their first of Superlative at Bexley, Kent, whilst at Banstead, Surrey, Reginald F. Layton and Margaret E. Pitstow rang their first peal (Grandsire Triples), conducted by Harold N. Pitstow.

A Peterborough Guild meeting (Wellingborough Branch) was held at Earl's Barton, when 90 ringers were present. A collection for the bell restoration fund produced £1 18s. 6d.

Mr. H. E. Audsley was elected ringing master at the Lewisham District meeting of the Kent County Association.

"Let us dwell today upon the Fragrant Memory of the Past Masters of the College Youths of 100, 200 and 300 years ago . . . -E. Alexander Young.-Advt.

50 YEARS AGO

November 5, 1920 Under the heading "A Dangerous Practice." the Editor detailed the troubles which could result from wedging a wooden bell frame again tower walls to prevent move-ment. It was not a job for a local black-smith or carpenter to tighten and strengthen frames but for a qualified bellfounder.

Albert Harman, Alfred H. Winch and George Marriner took part in a peal at Ashtead, conducted by Arthur Dean.

Six members of Manchester City Police Force took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Birch, Manchester, five of them ringing their first peal.

Miss Evelyn Steel (Bedford) was elected a life member of the Chester Guild before a peal at West Kirby.

J. P. Fidler rang his first peal inside (7 Minor methods) at Norbury (Cheshire).

Ten members of St. Mary's Society, Reading, spent an enjoyable two days' excursion to Bristol, where they stayed at the Swan Hotel.

The death was announced of Mr. John Smith, of Tipton, Staffs. He was the first secretary of the Worcestershire Association (1885-1904).

In his 96th year, Mr. George Symonds, of Ipswich, conducted a peal of Bob Major at Grundisburgh on Tuesday last week. It was the 50th anniversary peal of Mr. Cecil Pipe's first peal, which Mr. Symonds also conducted, the compositions being the same on each occasion. (What ≘a man!)

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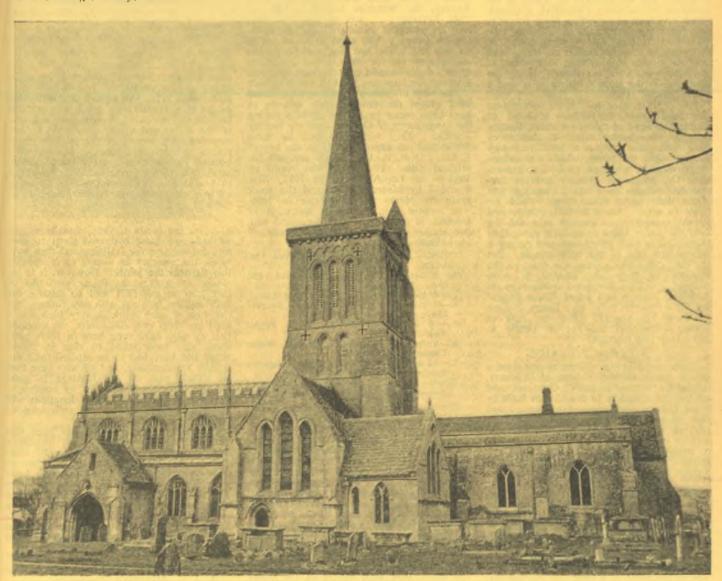
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"Stand still great Queen, amidst your loving

and listen to the bells of Bishop's Cannings -George Ferebe.

THE PLACE

IF THE ARCHÆOLOGIST, R. J. C. Atkinson, is correct, somewhere about 1500 B.C. teams of sweating men dragging huge sarsen stones from the neighbourhood of Avebury on their way to Stonehenge would have struggled down the lane from what is now the main Marlborough-Devizes road and through this beautiful village.

Thousands pass along the high road but few drop down the short lane to have a closer look at the ancient church with the tall spire they have seen peeping above the trees which form an avenue towards it. It is a large and lovely church for a small population (although the area of the parish is very great and was once much greater), a church the architecture of which is reminiscent of Salisbury Cathedral, a church which has been the meeting place for wor-ship for many generations of Wiltshire yeomen, farm workers and weavers during its 800 years, a church familiar to many—not least to Service men billeted in Devizes, at Yatesbury and Compton Bassett during the last war—as the church with a spire and a "little steeple" also.

This "little steeple" is a prominent characteristic of the church and is, of course, the head of the tower stairs, leading out into the steeple "ditch" at the top of the tower. The spire is at least a century younger than the tower, which was originally covered by a shingle roof. For generations the people of Devizes and the sur-rounding villages have teased Cannings folk about their squat little steeple which reby the teasing, the Cannings men did the only thing they knew to make it grow; they carried up a load of manure and placed it around the foot of the little steeple. But the only thing which grew was grass on the manure, so they are reputed to have dragged a calf up the spiral staircase to eat it down. One is still asked "Hast dunged thy little steeple yet?" or "Beant it time to dung 'un again?" But the folk of Bishop's Cannings are not so simple as some may like to think!

A CLAIM TO FAME

There stood in the village at one time a manor house of the Bishops of Salisbury, hence the name "Bishop's" Cannings, and among the treasures in the church built by those bishops there now stands an ancient and unique "carrel" or meditation desk, part of which is of pre-Reformation date, and an organ originally donated in 1809 by a parishioner, William Bailey, who was navigator with Captain Cook on his second voyage around the world.

The church contains much to interest the student of architecture and history but per-haps one of the parish's most treasured historical memories is that one of its vicars, the Rev. George Ferebe, vicar from 1593 to 1623, entertained Anne, Queen of James I, when on her return from Bath 11th June, 1613, she passed over the Wansdyke in his parish. He is said to have "dressed him-self in the habit of a bard and clothed certain of his parishioners, whom he had taught to play and sing in parts, in shepherd's weeds" and entertained the Queen with songs and music which he had com-posed for the occasion. The Queen "not only graciously received and approved but also bounteously rewarded" the singers and players.

A few years later George Ferebe entertained James I himself "with bucolics of his own making and composing, of four parts, which were sung by his parishioners who wore frocks and whippes like carters after this entertainment he entertained his Majesty with a football match of his own parishioners." But of special interest to readers of this journal is the ring of eight bells, said to be the oldest complete ring to be hung all at one time in a parish church in England.

"GAUDEMUS GAUDENTIBUS"

An inventory of Edward VI in 1553 states "Bysshopps Cannings iiij bells and a sanctus bell." We may guess what happened to these bells at the Reformation and that they suffered the same fate as the church plate. However, during the incumbency of this same George Ferebe, John Aubrey, the Wiltshire historian, tells us "Mr. Ferraby . . . was an ingenious man and an excellent musician." While entertaining James I "the eight bells (of which he was the cause) did ring and the organ was played on for state. The Parish in those dayes would have challenged all England for musique, football and ringing."

The bells of Bishop's Cannings are dated 1602 except the tenor, which appears to have been recast by Purdue in 1626 during the incumbency of George Ferebe's brother Thomas. They were also cast by John Wallis and are approximately in the key of E flat. Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 6 are still the original bells. The treble was recast by Taylors of Loughborough in 1912, Nos 4 and 7 by Mears in 1840 and the tenor The sanctus bell, by James Burrough of Devizes, is dated 1738 and decorated with five scallop shells. Details of the bells are as follows:

Treble. - 5 cwt. (25¾*). Hope Well I.W 1607.

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-12 cwt. (41"). As No. 4 and Gaudemus Gaudentibus Dolemus Dolentibus.

Tenor.-16 cwt. 2 lb. (462"). Honour the Kinge. Thomas Ferebe 1626.

There are records of 23 peals having been rung between 1890 and 1964.
"THE APPARATUS"

Ringing was originally from the ground floor level as holes for the bell ropes and marks where the ropes have rubbed the stonework of the ceiling of the crossing clearly show. In 1829, when the church was reseated, "a ringing loft was constructed and the steps in the tower leading to the belfry repaired. In A.D. 1840 the stocks of the bells, eight in number, and the rest of the apparatus for ringing being much out of order, it became necessary to engage some competent person or persons to repair and render them fit for the purpose for which they were placed in the tower. Accordingly Messrs. Mears of Whitechapel were employed and by them one bell was recast and the whole ring, at the expense of much time and money, was rehung." The oak frame is said by experts to be

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over 200 years old and does not appear to have been strengthened by tie-bolts and plates until 1912. As a piece of engineering design it is remarkable, for it sits without fastening of any kind upon the main beams of the tower and moves very little in any direction, irrespective of the relative direction of rotation of the bells. Furthermore. because the eight bells are a tight squeeze in the belfry, the frame members have had to be cut away to allow the bells to swing so that clearance and timber strength are reduced to a minimum.

ALAS worked very loose and only short touches may be rung on the full ring and then only when the weather is damp, as it appears this tightens the joints! However, it is intended to replace the frame with one of cast iron in mid-1971 and to rehang the bells on new bearings with new fittings, but

the cost of such work is very high for a small parish of only 600 adults. So we hope that all who have rung here in years past, those who have asked to ring in recent times and have had to be refused until the repairs are complete, and all who care that we should pass on our heritage in good working order, will help us by sending a donation to the vicar, which donations will be most gratefully received and acknowledged.

Needless to say we have not been idle ourselves and the ringers (who include a large number of youngsters) with their friends, raised £350 recently by a sponsored walk—which only goes to show how keen we are to get our bells in full working order again—a ring reputed not only to be the oldest eight hung at one time in a parish church in England, but the finest-toned ring in Wiltshire—or perhaps you don't agree? By the by, has anyone any good ideas for using the old bell frame?

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EVENTS RECALLED AT LANCASHIRE ANNUAL DINNER

Well before the last war the then editor/proprietor of The Ringing World (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) attended the dinner-dance arranged annually by the Lancashire Association. The meal cost 3s. 6d, a head—and petrol was 1s. 01d. per gallon. This was the last occasion that an editor of the R.W. attended this function, until October 31 this year when, by invitation of the organising committee, the present editor (Mr. C. W. Denyer) joined the association members at their dinner and was the guest speaker.

Last year many misfortunes, partly caused by illness, partly hotel management upsets, rather spoiled the arrangements, but this year all went very smoothly and a near record of 140-150 attended. The Royal Hotel, Southport, with its magnificent ballroom and excellent accommodation made a fine setting, the menu was well chosen and the meal expertly served by a competent staff. From the outset a happy spirit of comradeship pervaded, and light music played in the background helped. Follow-

Some of the problems and happenings an editor had to deal with were also given by the speaker to the amusement of the company and he appealed to Lancashire (and other) Association members to support The Ringing World, which played such an important part in communications throughout ringing circles. Mr. Denyer concluded by thanking the association for its financial contribution to Ringing World funds and asked the company to drink a toast to the Lancashire Association.



A happy photograph taken by the R.W. at the dinner. L.-r.: Canon A. Hodgson, Mr. Frank Revnolds. Mrs. Revnolds, Mr. Denis Jones, Mrs. Celia D'Aeth and Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite.

ing the loyal toast, proposed by the association chairman (Canon A. Hodgson), the guests and visitors were introduced by him.

A FOREIGN COUNTRY

Mr. Denyer greeted the company and said how delighted he was to be present. He thanked them for their hospitality in inviting him to their dinner, spoke of his association with Mr. Goldsmith and of his own ringing activities in the '30's, when any area north of Bedford was considered a foreign country. Even in those days the Lancashire Association had a fine reputation in ringing circles, and this reputation still existed now. The excellent foundations laid nearly 100 years ago by such men as Mr. Wray, Mr. James Mason and Canon Elsee and implemented over the years by succeeding officers had made the association what it was today.

If those worthy founders returned today to see the results of their foresight, said Mr. Denyer, they would be proud of what had been accomplished. It was for the present officers to carry on the good work and so assure continued success in the future.

BELL RESTORATIONS

The importance of building up the Bell Restoration Fund was also impressed on the gathering, for there would come a time when the offer of a cheque for £200 from this fund might result in bells being rung again which otherwise might be lost to the Exercise.

Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite (hon. ringing secretary), replying, produced the menu when Mr. Goldsmith attended before the war, and proceeded in a happy and well-chosen speech to amuse, to instruct and to delight his audience with many aspects of ringing, particularly those affecting The Ringing World.

A SINGLE GRAND-SIRE

"I am in the grand-sire class now," he said. "Grand-sire, single, at present, and as such allowed to dip into the past." The ringing press was very important to the Exercise and a great debt of gratitude was owed to John Goldsmith, who had supplied at his own cost The Ringing World, which was (then) never a financial success. Those ringers who had made it possible for the Central Council to acquire the paper when Mr. Goldsmith died also had done a great job. The Lancashire Association was well aware of the importance of The Ringing World to the Exercise, he said.

Mr. Crossthwaite then expressed thanks to the Editor for making the long journey from Farnham, and to Mr. Peter Sherwood, of Ash, Surrey, for acting as chauffeur to Mr. Denyer. Thanks were also extended by the speaker to Mrs. D'Aeth for her work of organisation, and special appreciation to Graham Austin, who was afloat on R.M.M.V. "Aureol" and had had the attractive menu cards printed on board and sent for the dinner.

HIGH SPIRITS

The pattern for the evening was set by the chairman, who told one or two very

amusing stories, and high spirits and fun resulted

The dancing which followed was started by Mrs. D'Aeth and Mr. Denyer, and the M.C. (Mr. James Sumner) kept the proceedings flowing and there was never a dull moment. Handbells were rung to tunes by a team from Ashton-under-Lyne, assisted (under duress) by Neil Bennett, and these were much enjoyed. A draw for a bottle of wine in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund realised £7 12s. 6d.

It was midnight when the revellers departed to their several homes, and in the words of one of the members: "One of the best I've ever attended; I'm coming next year for certain!"

LANCASHIRE LUMINARY

After ringing for a wedding at Prestwich Parish Church, Manchester, on Saturday, October 31, 14-years-old John Manning was knocked from his cycle by a car and injured-fortunately not seriously. His friends and fellow ringers wish him a speedy recovery and many more hours of safe cycling in the future.

High winds and heavy squalls did not deter those who attended the annual dinnerdance, but, driving home after midnight, the general secretary (Mr. Frank Reynolds) and his wife and friends had the fan belt of their car break. Having pulled into a lay-by they were (fortunately) followed by another ringer, also driving home, and who had a spare fan belt with him in his car. Fortunate indeed.

Standing on two boxes and handling her rope extremely well was 13-years-old Susan Valentine, of St. Mary's, Prestwich, Lancs, when four visiting ringers entered the rather cramped hower recently. However, she did not miss a blow and ignored the interruption, but then Susan is a Girl Guide and looked very smart in the uniform. She later went down to take part in the church parade service.

Enthusiasm was displayed by Peter Chambers of Newport (Mon), who bought a "roving" ticket on the railway to get to Southport for a ring at Christ Church on the day of the dinner. Unfortunately there were only four ringers present 15 minutes before Peter's train was due to leave, so the bells were rung up four at a time to let him have his ring.

Celebrating her 21st birthday recently Miss Jane Reynolds, of Whitefield, Manchester, came home from college on November 1 and found many ringing friends waiting to greet her and to join in a celebration party arranged by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reynolds. There was also a very fine cake made and attractively decorated by Mrs. Cyril Crossthwaite (who also made a cake for Mr. Reynolds' 50th birthday earlier in the year and reported in our columns).

"The Editor of The Ringing World wants to meet as many of you as possible, but for heaven's sake be careful what you say, be-cause it will appear in print next week!" So said Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite at the close of his speech.

"Ee lad, its real grand to meet t'editor again. Rang with Jack Goldsmith years agorn. Y'ill get a reet Lanc'shire welcome f'sure at dinner. Ringing World? Nay, hav'n't took it for years, and shan't start agin now, but good luck in your work, boy."

Who will wear the trousers? "Oh no, she doesn't ring—and I'm not sure I want her to learn. After all, when we're married I may not always want her around while I'm ringing with the lads!"

CLERICAL LONDON

It is not easy to find clergymen capable of ringing London Major, and even more difficult to assemble eight such clerics in one place at one and the same time. The president of the Guild of Clerical Ringers (Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith) had long had this as an objective, and his plans came to fruition on October 7. A party of eight gathered in Derbyshire, one staying with Fred Ross at Marlpool and the rest at Darley Rectory.

It was said that some had even been studying the blue-line as they sped up the M1; whether or not, when the first attempt to ring London was made at the local practice on Wednesday evening, little happened to inspire confidence for the future. Three towers, allowing three bites at the cherry, had been arranged for peal attempts on Thursday and Friday, the iJea being that persistence might make up for lack of practice in ringing the method. The first was Darley Dale (the president's own tower) on Thursday morning. It will be appreciated that when Roger Keeley called "That's all" at 12.45, and the first clerical peal of London had been achieved at the first attempt, satisfaction was mingled with surprise! By a happy coincidence this proved to be the president's 200th peal.

In a sense all that followed was anticlimax. An attempt for a peal of Plain Bob at Ashover on the Thursday evening failed when a call was missed early on, but too late to allow a second start. This gave the opportunity to practise Superlative and then relax in the president's club. On the Friday morning a decent peal of Superlative was rung at Fairfield, Buxton, the first in the method for the guild and the first by clergymen for 58 years.

We are all most grateful to Mrs. Smith, who bore the main brunt of the hospitality, and to Mrs. Ross, for entertaining us so kindly and comfortably, to the president for his excellent arrangements and to Roger Keeley for his cool and competent conducting.

P. T. R.

Durham University IN WORCESTERSHIRE

Following the success of the weekend in May, past and present members met on October 16 at the general secretary's home in Bromsgrove, and next morning rang a peal on the superb eight at Hanbury, in the second half of which it was felt that the society had reached its highest standard for some years. The peal was particularly satisfying as it was composed by Colin Monson, who rang the 6th.

The afternoon saw us touring some of the good rings in the area: Dodderhill, which many thought to be one of the finest rings they had ever rung; Pershore, where fear of the drop on all sides of the open, suspended "cage" prevented us from giving of our best, and Feckenham, where we produced a well-struck course of Bristol that we never realised we could do.

On Sunday the local band kindly allowed us to virtually take over Bromsgrove Parish Church, where the somewhat difficult ten proved themselves well worth the effort to produce good striking.

As always, the weekend was as much a social event as a ringing one and, thanks to Colin and Jan, whose home at some stages was turned into a cookhouse-cumdormitory for upwards of 14 people, a thoroughly good time was had by all. The next meeting of the kind was fixed for February at Leeds.

P. R.

WEST COUNTRY NEWS ITEMS

Twelve teams competed for the Kingsford-Lethbridge shield at South Tawton recently, when the winners were Lydford, with Chagford second and Burrington in third place. Mrs. Kingsford - Lethbridge presented the shield after a service in S. Tawton Church. The home team, having won the shield last year, were not eligible to compete.

At Bow, near Crediton, the Bow shield competition attracted 14 teams, the judges being Mr. R. Elliot (Bridford), Mr. C. Thorne (Colebrooke) and Mr. C. Way (Chawleigh). The results were: Seniors—1 Down St. Mary, 2 Kenn, 3 S. Tawton; juniors—1 Alphington B, 2 Yarnscombe, 3 Tawstock. A party held afterwards was organised by Lynette Wills and Shirley Gregory.

Cadbury Deanery (Devon) ringing festival was held at Washford Pyne this year, when 11 teams competed for a shield and a cup (presented as a runners-up award). Rev. John Scott (Newton St. Cyres) conducted the service, the judges being Messrs. A. C. Thorne (Colebrook) and B. Wood (S. Tawton). The winners of the shield were Down St. Mary, with Cheriton Fitzpaine as runners-up.

The Western Morning News recently gave a very good illustration of Supt. A. P. Wheeler with a team of Newton Abbot policemen which he has trained as bell-ringers. The photo showed the Vicar of Woolborough with nine gentlemen in shirt sleeves plus bellropes, being shown changes by Supt. Wheeler. They hope to be sufficiently advanced to ring the bells at the dedication of the recast bells at Drewsteignton this month.

Believed to be the only woman captain of a team of bellringers in Devon, Mrs. Jacqueline Hobbs, of Uffculme, was recently photographed with other ringers from her tower, and an article about her election and leadership appeared in The Western Times and Gazette.

Llandaff and Monmouth Association SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT

A most enjoyable and successful meeting of the Llandaff Branch was held at Porthekerry, in glorious weather, on September 12, with an attendance of some 35. Of these the home tower accounted for nine, while Llanbleddian and Whitchurch produced six each. Other branch towers represented were Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff (St. John's). Bridgend, Cadoxton (Neath) and Llantwit Major.

Ringing on the pleasant light six (newly overhauled) ranged from rounds to Surprise and at the service the preacher was Archdeacon J. F. Williams, himself a ringer.

A generous tea was provided in the church hall of neighbouring Rhoose by ladies of the congregation. Mr. Nevil James (branch master) reported the success of the first year of the scheme for inviting outlying towers to ring for evensong at the Cathedral on the first Saturday of the month, Nine towers had taken part and any others wishing to join in should please inform him.

Many thanks to all concerned at Porthkerry for the efficient arrangements and for the pleasing welcome afforded. I.D.

Obituary

ARTHUR HINCHLIFFE

The death occurred suddenly on October 18 of Mr. Arthur Hinchliffe, of 8 Levens Way, Silverdale, Carnforth, Lancs. He learned to ring at Stainland, Halifax, when he was a teenager and later rang at Huddersfield Parish Church. Last year, whilst on a world tour, he called at and rang in Melbourne Cathedral, where he was made very welcome.

He moved to Silverdale seven years ago and joined the local band at St. John's, visiting many of the towers in the area. He had been ringing for a memorial service at the Parish Church and died on his way home afterwards.

The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to his widow.

MR. H. W. HOWARD

The Northwich Branch of the Chester Guild has suffered a grievous loss with the death of Harry Howard, for he was the pillar of the branch. His ringing skill and the friendliness he radiated made his tower (Davenham) the centre of change ringing in the area, and it is unthinkable to be without him.

He was taken ill in the tower of St. Giles', Wrexham, during a branch outing on September 19 and taken to hospital there. He seemed to be making good progress but died suddenly on September 30. He was buried at Davenham on October 8, and the bells he loved so well were rung half-muffled.

Harry was taught to ring in 1924, when he was 16, by the late Albert Booth, and it became his lifelong hobby. He had rung 525 peals, was chairman of the branch for 15 years and ringing master during the current year. Neverless he found time to play the trombone and euphonium in a brass band, to train the Great Budworth handbell ringers, to grow excellent vegetables and to work the most extraordinary hours for a firm of wholesale newsagents.

The Northwich Branch is very small and our loss is irreparable, for Harry was a friend of all and was such an extraordinarily nice chap.

We offer our sympathy to Mrs. Howard and her family.

MR. LESLIE JAMES

Mr. Leslie James, aged 70 years, passed away in St. Woolis Hospital, Newport, Mon, on October 12. He started ringing in 1921 and has been very regular in attendance. His interest and duty were towards his church (St. Basil's, Bassaleg, Monmouth) as churchwarden and tower captain, positions which he held for a number of years, and latterly as tower secretary.

He was strict on practice nights and many a learner can thank him for starting them on a ringing career. He was a member of Llandaff and Monmouth Association. He had not rung any peals but his first quarter was in 1928 and his last was at Machen in

June for the Summer Festival.

The bells rang out half-muf

The bells rang out half-muffled at Bassaleg after the funeral service on October 16, and a quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung by his old ringing friends at Machen and Bassaleg.

V. J.

They are not dead, our dear Departed,
Nor have they journeyed far—
Just slipped inside Love's Loveliest Room
And left the door ajar.

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Editorial

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL PUBLICATION

From time to time we receive complaints from ringers taking part in peals and quarter peals that the report has not appeared in The Ringing World, which the conductor (or correspondent) sent in "weeks ago"—or "has submitted on two occasions and it has never been published!" Sometimes we are informed that a donation from the band was also enclosed and this has not been shown in "Gratefully Acknowledged."

Now we do not say we are infallible or that mistakes cannot occur in our office. But we do not accept that we hold up publication of these reports "for weeks." Our system during the past ten months has been for EVERY peal and quarter peal received from first post on the Wednesday up to the second post on the following Tuesday to be edited and given to the printers for type-setting. These then all appear in the following Friday week's issue. Sometimes there are varying numbers of both items, hence the differing numbers of columns in each issue of The Ringing World.

We did have a backlog in September/ October for three weeks owing to tour reports but this has been cleared. The only other reasons for delay are: (i) when details sent are not complete and have to be returned to the sender; (ii) when the copy is badly supplied or not written in the style of The Ringing World and has to be written by us; or (iii) if peal cards are ordered from Mr. T. White and only one copy sent.

On the money question, this is a delicate matter. All moneys received are handled by Mr. Lucas, our accountant, and the "Gratefully Acknowledged" list compiled from his accounts. If the acknowledgement does not appear within 14 days of sending, it is advisable to contact us with the relevant details. Peals and quarter peals not appearing within three weeks should also be queried, but only after checking with the person who promised to send the report to us. Often it is found that the letter was not sent. A few, we believe, are lost in the post, in which case cheques and postal order numbers should be available for G.P.O. inquiries.

The main reason for delay in publication we believe is usually the fault of the conductor/correspondent! The delay in publication is not (generally) in our office.

SOFTLY, SOFTLY

We have had several letters and phone calls to tell us that the central-towered church in the TV production of "Softly Softly" is Rochester Cathedral.

OUR CALENDAR

Since printing the advertisement in our peal pages, such has been the demand for the Calendar that we have SOLD OUT of the first printing. We have put another order in and we ask those who have not received their Calendar to be patient, and it will be despatched in due course.

Others who have not yet sent for the Calendar (6s. plus 6d. post and packing per copy) should put their order in immediately.

Mr. Frederick Bird, of Bishop's Stortford, writes regarding the peal rung in 1920 for the 100th anniversary of the ten bells, and says he is the only survivor of the peal. It was Grandsire Caters (5111 changes) conducted by H. J. Tucker. Mr. Bird has been ringing for 63 years at St. Michael's.

Charlie Copp, of North Muskham, is now in Hawtonville Hospital and would welcome visits or letters from his friends. Address: Collis Ward, Hawtonville Hospital, Newark, Notts.

Warsop are to be congratulated on winning the 1970 Oswy Street Contest, held at Sturton-le-Steeple on October 17. Four teams entered: the test piece was 720 changes. Results: Warsop 91 faults, Roughtown 120, East Retford 146, Derby (St. Peter's) 182. The judge was Mr. H. Chant. The cup and certificates were presented by Rev. J. L. Howitt, vice-chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

When Mr. and Mrs. G. Bowman celebrated their silver wedding a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at Chiseldon, Wilts, and this was followed by a celebration attended by relatives and friends, including many bellringers.

A Hurstpierpoint band went to Brighton and rang a quarter of Grandsire Caters at their first attempt. It was on St. Luke's Day and was an engagement compliment to Peter D. Hepburn and Ainslie M. Reeve.

First peal congratulations to Rev. Hon. Neill Morrison, Carol Parkhurst, James T. Gynn, Brian Butler, Diana R. Bromley, Janet M. Barnard, Gordon Adams, Therese Orriss, Henry J. Miller.

First-time Conductors: Ray Lockwood and Trevor Hughes.

Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, writes regarding the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus by all at St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, mentioned in our "25 Years Ago" column. He tells us a similar peal of Maximus was rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (being the first) on November 30, 1929, conducted by Charles J. Sedgley.

Members of the Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association honoured two of their senior members recently with a quarter at Northleach, for their birthdays. Mr. J. W. Sly, who is believed to be the oldest member of the Association, was 90 on October 1, and Mr. W. Clayton was 71 on September 30.

For the ordination of the Rev. Dennis Beasley, curate at Exhall, Warwicks, a quarter of Bob Doubles was rung on September 29.

New Methods include Usk S. Major, Machen S. Major, Foxhall S. Major, Glasgow Little S. Major.

According to The Daily Telegraph the 140ft. tower of Tenterden, Kent, Parish Church, needs £6,000 to restore it and to rehang the bells. Because of falling masonry the west door has been fenced off and ringing stopped. A legend says that stones for the tower were taken from the sea wall and as a result the water overwhelmed the wall and the Goodwin Sands were formed. (The sands, of course, were there before the tower was built.)

Personal Records: Brian Whiting (25 peals), Roy Le Marechal (25), Nigel Thomson (75), Ernest Willcox (100), Keith W. Brown (100).

The monthly magazine "Cycle Touring" for September had a reference on one of its pages about the bells of Inveraray, their combined weight and height of the tower, etc. The bells, it said, have a superb tone.

Mr. James Burton, of Hartlepool, Durham, found an interesting article printed in a trade journal, "V-belt," about the Whitechapel Bellfoundry, which he photocopied and sent to us. Entitled "The Bells of Whitechapel," it was illustrated by old and modern pictures and gave an excellent write-up on the history, the traditions and the present-day workings of the Foundry.

and modern pictures and gave an excellent write-up on the history, the traditions and the present-day workings of the Foundry.

Good work is being done at Bloxham, Oxon. In a quarter of Bob Minor on August 15 there were five first quarters and one first as conductor. On October 18 a quarter of Bob Triples was successfully assailed, with two first quarters and two firsts of Triples. Ringing in the latter was Miss Pamela Warren, of Merrow, Guildford, who will be remembered by ringers at Melbourne, Victoria.

In 1953 the church at Frocester, Glos,

In 1953 the church at Frocester, Glos, was demolished, and its six bells hung in the church of the neighbouring village of Eastington. Until then there had been only two peals rung on them—in 1914 and 1918. The peal on October 21 was the first on the bells in their new home—and the first since

To commemorate the birthday of Mr. Lionel Jones, the popular tower captain of Usk, Monmouthshire, Mr. Donald Clift arranged a peal in a musical new method to which the band gave an appropriate name.

CHURCH ARTS AND MUSIC

In the series of services, Church Arts and Music, a ringers' service was held in St. Mary's, Dover, on October 18, at Evensong. Tower bells were rung before the service by the local band with some visiting ringers and the lesson was read by the local captain (Mr. G. F. Gray). In place of an anthem a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the chancel steps. The talk by the vicar (Rev. E. Roberts) on bells and their place in the church and secular life was preceded with hymn tunes rung on handbells, and a further selection at the conclusion. During the singing of the ringers' hymn a collection was taken by members of the local band.

All were invited to the parish hall for coffee and an exhibition of bell ringing in various forms. The display had a section of local interest, photos and Press cuttings of the ringers and friends. There were displays dealing with handbells and their music, method work for tower bells, information on casting and belfry maintenance; also a large collection of general interest books and features included The Ringing World, and a table showing the link between local towers and the Kent County Association. Handbell ringing provided a pleasant background for all to look at the exhibits and to talk with the ringers.

I confess freely to you, I could never look long upon a monkey, without very mortifying reflections.

-Congreve.

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ST. BOTOLPH-WITHOUT-ALDGATE

Dear Sir,-For many years the bells of this famous church were in a near-derelict condition. Some five or six years ago funds became unexpectedly available and the rector (Rev. Derek Harbord) indicated that if the bells could be rung at least two Sundays a month before the 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist he would have them rehung for ringing rather than have them hung dead or left as they were.

The sixth was recast and the eight bells were hung in a new metal frame considerably lower in the very tall red-brick tower capped by a heavy stone-dressed spire. There is still a great deal of tower movement and experienced ringers are needed to ring the

bells well.

After the work to the bells was completed but before they were rededicated there was a disastrous fire in the church as the result of suspected arson, and the rededication was delayed until considerable rebuilding, refurbishing and decoration of

the church had been completed.

I am frequently asked by various bands of ringers to obtain permission for outing parties to visit the church on Saturdays, but usually I have to refuse, as the church is securely locked from Friday evening until Sunday morning and the church staff take a well-deserved day off on Saturdays. Welldeserved, because the church is a wellknown centre for social work for down-and-outs, and the full-time staff are sup-ported by voluntary workers of many different faiths—and none. The church also has outstanding relationships with the large local Jewish community and is supported by the Alderman of the Aldgate Ward, Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, and other prominent city business men.

LUNCH HOUR SERVICES

The church is made available for lunchhour services, both Church of England and other denominations. There is a very fine organ and Mr. Harold Dexter, the distinguished organist, arranges recitals and other outstanding musical events each Tuesday lunch-time. Older ringers will know of Mr. Dexter as the son of the late Frederick H. Dexter, of Leicester, the famous ringer and composer.

I realise the disappointment to ringers who are denied the opportunity of outing visits, but obviously, living at a distance. I cannot as a rule arrange to be in London on Saturdays. Having had one serious fire. the rector is understandably strict about security and requires me to attend per-

sonally when the verger is not on duty.

I thought your readers might be interested in these few notes about the church. but the main purpose of this letter is to issue, through the courtesy of your columns, a very cordial invitation to bands of ringers to undertake the Sunday ringing on a Sunday of their choice. The Cumberland Youths have for several years taken a band on the second Sunday of each month, and I usually take a band on the first Sunday. I shall be very pleased to hear from any of your readers who would care to ring with us on these occasions, but more particu-larly would be glad of bands to ring on other Sundays, either on a single occasion or to a regular pattern.

STINCHCOMBE BELLS

Dear Sir,-The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association is pleased to inform you that a successful conclusion to the over Stinchcombe bells has controversy been reached.

As a result of discussion between our association and Stinchcombe P.C.C., under the chairmanship of the Ven. Walter T. Wardle (Archdeacon of Gloucester), the Chancellor of the Diocese of Gloucester issued the following Order by Consent:-

"Having heard all parties in open Court on the 19th day of November, 1969, and having considered further representations made by the parties IT IS HEREBY OR-DERED that an amended petition for a Faculty be granted in the following terms:—

To rehang the bells in Stinchcombe Church in the Diocese of Gloucester for manual ringing plus electrical chiming and to recast the cracked tenor bell as a treble making a lighter ring; also the present third to be recast half a note

A Faculty in these terms was Granted on October 9, 1970. The work is being entrusted to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and members of the association are re-moving the old frame. It is hoped that the work will be completed within 12 months.

The association officers wish to thank all those who generously supported our Special Appeal Fund which has now topped £400, of which approximately £150 has been donated from outside the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

The entire fund will be given to Stinchcombe P.C.C.'s Bell Fund on the satisfactory completion of the work. All administrative costs are being borne by the Gloucester and Bristol Association.-Yours faith-

> CHARLES ROUSE, Hon. Secretary.

Churchdown, Gloucester.

I sometimes think it is regarded as almost heretical that ringers should consider attending a church service, but St. Botolph's has a struggling congregation of some 30 or 40 people, preponderantly immigrants, who are greatly encouraged by any addition to their numbers. The rector is very per-plexed that all Sunday ringers appear to have fulfilled their weekly duty to attend divine service before going to St. Botolph's to ring, or apparently intend to do so after-I fight a losing battle in trying to convince him that at least some ringers do attend church services, if only occasionally!

A nice itinerary for a Sunday visit might perhaps be: Ring at St. Botolph's 9.30 a.m. -10.30 a.m. Attend the service and join the congregation for coffee afterwards at the back of the church. Have a drink at The Bell near St. Paul's when the pubs open at 12. Lunch at Lyons Corner House. Charing Cross. Hear the afternoon ringing at St. Paul's or apply to Teddy Barnett for permission to do the afternoon service ringing at St. Clement Danes'. See the sights of London and ring for Evensong at a church on the way home.

A last word-any affluent readers who have old clothes for giving away could send them along to St. Botolph's for the downand-outs.

I hope I shall now be inundated with requests for dates for Sunday ringing! — Yours faithfully, P. A. CORBY

10 The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent.

EXECUTIONS AT NEWGATE

Dear Sir,—Indeed the inventor of the guillotine (Ringing World, page 822) was not the first to be executed on it; nor was Mr. Marwood, Public Executioner at Newgate from 1874, the first to try the efficiency of the "long drop" system of hanging!

I use this to ask if any older ringers can

exactly what the procedure was with bell-tolling for executions at Newgate. posite the site stands the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the condition of whose ten bells is a reproach to the custodians of this fine building. The church authorities claim that the 311 cwt. tenor was used as the execution bell; others claim the 9th; whilst in the church is a handbell and a card with a lugubrious rhyme, traditionally shouted outside the condemned cell (with appropriate handbell noises) ending:

"And when St. Sepulchre's bell in the morning tolls,

The Lord have mercy upon your souls."

Yet at Madame Tussaud's is a bell of quite fair size, from Whitechapel, saying:

"Ye people all who hear me ring, Be faithful to your God and King."

It is claimed that this was in fact the bell used to announce public (and, after 1868, private) executions. On the demolition of the prison it was acquired by the Tussaud authorities and is now hung outside the Chamber of Horrors.

Are the St. Sepulchre's authorities cor-Are the St. Sepurine's authorities correct in claiming that it was "St. Sepulchre's bell in the morning"? If so, which bell? And what was the function of the Newgate bell?—Yours faithfully,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

King's College, London.

DESIGN WANTED

Dear Sir,-Through The Ringing World someone may be able to help make a good decision on a suitable design for a ringing

gallery at Kingsbury, Warwickshire.

We now have a glorious new ring of eight (Ringing World, June 27, 1969).

A new clock is to be installed any time now and our next job is to make the base of the tower a choir vestry and ringing gallery above.

If any member of a tower thinks that their design of panelling, and glazing above with means of ventilation, to be the ideal for a simple Gothic arch, I would be pleased if they would let me know.

Local counties I would be prepared to travel, but further away a photograph or sketch would be much appreciated.—Yours faithfully,

G. H. LANE.

7 West Avenue, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham 33.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER

Dear Sir, - There is one slight error in your article on St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (R.W., page 850). It says the brothers G. and W. Pye were in the first peal of Superlative Maximus. This is not so; it was rung by an entire band of local Sunday service ringers. The brothers Pye did, however, come a few months later with C. T. Coles and C. W. Roberts and rang one.—Yours faithfully.

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich, Suffolk.

Quarter Peals

Aldridge, Staffs.—Oct. 11, 1260 Doubles (4 m/v): C. Jennings 1, J. P. Burton 2, N. R. White 3, Daphne Appleby 4, R. Riley (cond.) 5, Cynthia Humphreys 6. For Evensong. Also Oct. 18, 1440 Bob Minor: N. R. White 1, Gwyneth Dorrall (first Minor) 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, Daphne Appleby 4, R. Riley (cond.) 5, J. P. Burton 6. For Evensong.

Askerswell, Corset.—Oct. 19, 1260 Minor (7 methods): Valerie Calvert 1, D. B. Ellery 2, Helen A. Haines 3, I. Calvert 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, R. Haines 6. 100th quarter together 2 and 5.

Bampton, Oxon. — Oct. 13, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Harrison 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, T. J. Hester 3, P. Pearce 4, J. Collett 5, P. J. Heritage 6, E. R. Venn (cond.) 7, E. D. Patching 8. With best wishes to Reg Rouse, in hospital for most of the year.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leics.—Oct. 25, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: H. W. Drury (first quarter) 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. Wilmore 5, A. North 6. For Evensong.

Bassaleg, Mon. — Oct. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Bale 1, V. Jones 2, I. Davies (cond.) 3, F. Reade 4, G. Hughes 5, A. Knight 6. Half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. L. James (ex tower captain and secretary).

Bath, Som. (SS. Michael with Paul). — Oct. 20, 1280 Rutland S. Major: A. Adams 1, Mrs. R. J. Ball 2, Mrs. G, Orledge 3, J. A. G. Ball 4, D. J. Orledge 5, P. J. W. Hardwick 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, D. C. Hawkins 8. First in method 4, 7 and 8.

Benefield, Northants. — Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: J. M. Tyler (cond.) 1, H. Goakes 2, J. R. Charlton 3, D. J. W. Gadd 4, W. J. Riley 5, P. P. Murduck 6. For the induction and institution of the rector (Rev. W. G. D. Watts).

Bloxham, Oxon.—Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Triples: Victoria Llewellyn 1, Hilary Bolton 2, J. Peglar 3, M. Llewellyn 4, Pam Warren 5, C. Richards 6, A. J. Griffin 7, R. A. Horley 8. First quarter 1 and 4. First of Triples inside 2 and 3.

Blythburgh, Suffolk.—Sept. 26, 1440 Doubles (three methods): R. Peters 1, Katharine M. Thorley 2, C. J. Gibson 3, E. G. Pearce 4, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 5, A. H. Archer 6.

Bradpole, Dorset.—Oct. 20, 1260 Bob Triples: Helen A. Haines 1, I. Calvert 2, Valerie Calvert (first in method) 3, I. L. Andrews 4, D. B. Ellery 5, R. Haines 6, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8.

Braintree, Essex.—Sept. 14, 1280 Spliced S. Major (7 methods): C. J. Barker 1, Josephine A. Brown 2, Jennifer M. Syder 3, A. R. Syder 4, R. J. Lindsell 5, K. W. Brown 6, J. L. Towler 7, P. G. Brown (cond.) 8.

Bray - on - Thames, Berks. — Sept. 23, 1260
Grandsire Triples: Janice Dieppe 1, G. Gibbs 2,
Lynne Cox 3, Kathleen Horne 4, D. Young 5,
Doreen Young (cond.) 6, D. Livsey 7, J. Norsworthy 8. For the installation of Rev. H. Cutler
as chaplain of Jesus Hospital, Bray. Also Sept.
27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering):
Marcia Dieppe 1, J. Dieppe 2, Janice Dieppe 3,
Wenda Fowles 4, D. Fowles 5, C. Burridge 6,
R. Rance 7, J. Norsworthy 8. For the dedication of the new organ by the Bishop of Reading.

Brighton, Sussex (St. Nicolas'). — Oct. 18, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Maureen E. Kirkcaldy 1, K. Mary Lambert 2, J. N. Lambert 3, D. Kirkcaldy 4, J. Kirkcaldy 5, H. W. Brown 6, S. W. Brown 7, P. D. Hepburn 8, J. R. Norris (first Caters as cond.) 9, A. M. Humphrey 10. First of Caters 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Brinklow, Warks. — Oct. 25, 1260 Doubles: Patsy Howes 1, Phillipa Garrard 2, S. Missen, sen. 3, B. Elliott 4, D. W. Mountford (cond.) 5, Olga Howes 6. For Education Sunday; also a birthday compliment to treble.

Burton Hastings, Warks.— Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. Jane A. Evans (first quarter) 1, Cynthia M. Wells 2, W. Noon 3, R. A. Gilliver 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5. For harvest gift service.

Bunney, Notts.—July 17, 1260 Bob Minor: H. Evans 1, P. E. Barber 2, A. Simpson 3, J. R. A. Yates 4, R. J. Stretton (cond.) 5, R. A. Metcalfe 6. Also Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles and Rev. Canterbury: H. Evans 1, P. E. Barber 2, A. Simpson 3, J. R. A. Yates 4, R. A. Metcalfe (cond.) 5, L. Gealy (first quarter) 6. For the dedication of the new altar cloth made by Mrs. D. Simpson (ringer); also a farewell compliment to T. H. Kirkman, who has left for Cambridge.

Caerleon, Mon. — Oct. 1, 1500 Grandsire Doubles: Stephanie Rollings 1, R. E. G. Wilkinson 2, Mary E. Owen 3, J. Hankin 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, E. Jane Williams 6. For Harvest Festival.

Caversham, Berks. — Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: J. S. J. Beaumont 1, Miss A. Osborne 2, J. Milford 3, H. E. Mitchell 4, D. J. Beaumont 5, R. T. Harris 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Burles (Barrow), grandfather of 1 and 5.

Charlwood, Surrey. — Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Wickens (first Minor) 1, Mrs. M. Dallison 2, Mary Dallison 3, G. A. West 4, D. D. Atfield 5, K. Dallison (cond.) 6. For the occasion of the enthronement of the Bishop of Kingston.

Chelsfield, Kent. — Sept. 13, 1440 St. Clements Minor: Mary Salmon 1, Jane Seaman 2, Felicity Mussell 3, Mrs. A. Blatcher 4, A. C. Chandler 5, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Ringers' Sunday.

Chesterfield, Derbys. — Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Royal: P. Roper 1, Marjorie Phipps 2, D. Cooper 3, T. Wylie 4, M. P. Phipps 5, P. Flavell (first on ten inside) 6, A. Else 7, H. Wagstaff 8, J. D. Arkwell (first on ten as cond.) 9, D. Hird 10. For Harvest Festival; also a farewell compliment to David Hird, of the local company, leaving for Leeds.

Chiseldon, Wilts.—Oct. 24, 1260 Doubles (4 methods): W. A. Farmer 1, A. G. Keen (cond.) 2, Margaret Bowman 3, F. G. Cook 4, Ann Toomer 5, C. Barnes 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Bowman.

Colchester, Essex (St. Peter).—Oct. 4, 1344 London S. Major: W. J. Brunt 1, Doreen Fairhead (first in method) 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. W. Fairhead 4, A. R. Andrews 5, E. E. Davey 6, N. Avis 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival. Also Oct. 18, 1260 Stedman Triples: Doreen Fairhead 1, Yvonne Towler 2, H. J. Millatt 3, W. J. Brunt (first in method) 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, N. Avis 6, J. Towler (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. On St. Luke's Day.

Easton, Hants.—Aug. 14, 1440 Bob Minor: Jennifer L. Quaife 1, Mary Sutcliffe 2, B. J. Fry 3, R. Le Marechal 4, J. P. Colliss 5, R. B. Walton (cond.) 6.

Edgbaston, Warks (St. Bartholomew).—Oct. 18, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: D. Rankin 1, Miss G. James 2, P. W. Dickinson 3, J. S. Hopwood 4, T. H. O. Lewis 5, J. R. White (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Mr. S. E. James.

Exhall, Warks. — Sept. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Rogers 1, D. Norman 2, D. Harrison (cond.) 3, H. Curtis 4, G. S. Hall 5, G. Barnett 6. For the visit of Rev. G. Wilkins; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Harrison.

Dallington, Northants. — Oct. 18, 1260 Doubles (three methods): K. M. Chown 1, J. C. Parker 2, J. P. Sale 3, C. G. Chiplin (cond.) 4, S. J. Bayliss 5, D. Dean (first quarter) 6. For Evensong on the anniversary of the dedication.

Finchingfield, Essex. — Oct., 14, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Green 1-2, R. Threadgold 3-4, F. Roper (cond.) 5-6. First in hand for all.

Fontmell Magna, Dorset. — Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Jeanes 1, A. Woods 2, E. Chant 3, R. Jeanes 4, W. Shute (cond.) 5, A. Martin 6. Wedding compliment to Ineke Latour and Peter Cannell, married this day.

Goring, Oxon.—Oct. 4, 1260 Stedman Triples: Carol Tull 1, N. Tull 2, W. Irving 3, M. Tull 4, I. Judd 5, A. Beaumont 6, S. Franklin (first as cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Patronal Festival. Also Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Josephine Irving (first quarter) 1, Carol Tull 2, S. Franklin 3, N. Tull 4, M. Tull 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Harvest Festival.

Great Wymondley, Herts. — Oct. 11, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Judy Forgan (first quarter) 1, L. R. Runnacles 2, D. Perkins 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6.

Guisborough, Yorks. — Oct. 17, 1260 Bob Minor: Fiona Crosby (first quarter) 1, Lynnette Banwell 2, L. Franks 3, J. Bramley 4, R. Harris (first inside) 5, P. Wishart (cond.) 6.

Harefield, Middx.—Oct. 21, 1440 Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Savory 1, Mrs. R. A. Gage 2, R. K. Russ 3, J. Walters 4, R. A. Gage 5, F. Corke (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Miss C. Johnson, vergeress nearly 40 years and member of the Church for 76 years.

Hartlebury, Worcs.—Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Feather (12, first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, Pamela Craven 3, G. Bowen 4, A. W. Glazzard 5, L. F. Smith 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, W. Turner 8. Farewell compliment to Rev. Don Martyn and Mrs. Martyn, returning to Pretoria, S.A., after a six months' tour of duty at Hartlebury.

Higham, Suffolk.—Oct. 17, 1260 Bob Minor: S. D. Pettman 1, J. A. Mayle 2, W. A. Perry 3, J. P. Loveless 4, M. J. Howes 5, R. A. Knight (cond.) 6.

Hintlesham, Suffolk. — Oct. 17, 1260 Minor (720 St. Clements, 540 Plain): R. A. Knight 1, W. A. Perry 2, J. A. Mayle 3, J. P. Loveless 4, S. D. Pettman 5, M. J. Howes (cond.) 6.

Honiton, Devon.—Oct. 17, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. Travers 1, C. Turner 2, K. Clarke 3, F. Stamp 4, P. Davies 5, T. Travers (first in method) 6, J. King (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8. Also Oct. 18, 1200 Grandsire Doubles: I. Nex (first attempt) 1, D. Travers 2, L. Stevens 3, W. Sparkes 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6. For Evensong.

Kessingland, Suffolk. — Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: P. Harrold 1, Mrs. D. Harrold (first quarter) 2, T. J. Brock 3, D. J. Harrold 4, F. R. Wade 5, M. J. Parker (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. — Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles: Judy Williamson (first attempt) 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Katharine Salvage 4, B. J. Stone (cond.) 5, I. J. Whitear 6. For United Nations Sunday and Parish Communion.

Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.—Oct. 12, 1800 Minor (three methods): J. F. Underwood 1, G. E. Feirn (cond.) 2, E. Dallingwater 3, R. H. Hall 4, W. Cox 5, J. Hall 6. Sponsored ring in aid of church funds.

Leicester (St. John the Divine). — Oct. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: F. Watson 1, Carol I. V. Brown 2, S. Harrison 3, M. G. Wood 4, M. P. Brown (first of Minor) 5, J. Harrold (cond., first of Minor) 6. On the eve of Trafalgar Day.

Leyland, Lancs.—Oct. 18, 1272 Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: J. Nelson 1, G. Mee 2, D. Lawson 3, D. Marsden 4, J. Sumner 5, J. Nixon (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. H. France.

Llandaff, Glam (Cathedral). — Oct. 4, 1287 Grandsire Triples: Susan Redmond (first on 8) 1, Anne Cooke 2, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 3, D. Cormell 4, N. A. James 5, D. J. Llewellyn 6, N. W. H. Simon 7, A. Giblett (first on 8) 8. Also Oct. 11, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Anne Cooke 1, Susan Thomas 2, D. G. Clift 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, N. A. James (first in method) 5, E. N. Thomas 6, J. Clatworthy 7, D. J. Llewellyn 8. Also Oct. 18, 1260 Stedman Triples: N. W. H. Simon 1, Anne Cooke 2, F. W. Corney 3, S. Fenwick 4, N. A. James 5, D. J. Llewellyn 6, J. Clatworthy (cond.) 7, J. G. James 8. All for Parish Evensong.

Manchester (Cathedral). — Oct. 18, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, W. Birmingham, Jun. 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 'ffirst Caters) 5, P. Boucher (first Caters) 6, R. F. Eccles 7, A. Ward (cond.) 8, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 9, D. G. Manby 10. By the Cathedral "service band" for the Cripples Help Society annual service.

Market Drayton, Salop.—Oct. 11, 1264 Bob Major: Brenda Bowler 1, Wendy Tyler 2, T. White 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 7, S. Hughes 8. Birthday compliment to Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, who was 99 on September 22.

Market Overton, Rutland .- 1260 Doubles (3 methods): Mrs. J. R. Ward (first in 3 methods) 1, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 2, A. French 3, J. L. Day 4, J. R. Ward 5. First quarter together for 1 and 5 since their wedding.

1260 Bob Merstham, Surrey. - Sept. 19, Minor (7, 8 cover): Anne Hills 1, A. Frith (first inside) 2, F. Leeks 3, G. Olliver 4, T. Bird (cond.) 5, A. Wood 6, H. Starmer 7, A. Millson 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alec Cheasley. (Alec has been captain for many years.)

Nailsea, Som .- Oct. 20, 1260 Doubles (three methods): T. Harden (first quarter) 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, R. Boultbee 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Jointly conducted by 2 and 5.

Northampton (St. Edmund) .- Oct. 11, 1260 Doubles (nine methods): K. M. Chown 1, S. J. Bayliss 2, S. J. Griffiths 3, J. C. Parker 4, C. G. Chiplin (first as cond.) 5. For Evensong.

Old Whittington, Derbys. - Sept. 22, Killamarsh T.B. Minor: J. Leary 1, A. Else 2, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 3, D. Hird 4, Marjorie Phipps 5, J. D. Arkwell 6. First in method for A wedding compliment to the rector's son.

Oxford (St. Aldate) .- Oct. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sue Unsworth 1, J. Strange 2, B. Benstead 3, R. Benstead 4, R. H. Allsworth (cond.) 5, A. Ivings 6. To mark the appointment of Rev. De Berry as a canon of Christ Church, Oxford; also 800th anniversary of the death of Thomas à Becket.

Palgrave, Suffolk.—Oct. 2, 1260 Minor (S. Oxford, Plain): A. F. Ballam 1, B. E. Whiting 2, R. Rose 3, Sally E. V. Potter 4, M. J. Rose 5. R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6.

Papanui, New Zealand .- Oct. 17, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hawker (first quarter) 1, Jillian Richardson 2, Mary Spence 3, R. Williams 4, R. Stevens (first as cond.) 5, P. Seward 6.

Petersfield, Hants.—Oct. 24, 1264 Bob Major: Maureen Tipper (first Major) 1, Mary White 2, Mary Sutcliffe 3, K. Sansom 4, R. Tipper 5, K. Tipper 6, R. Corke 7, E. Salmons (cond.) 8.

Pilton, Som.—1260 Doubles (six methods): C. R. Field 1, Susan Stott (first as cond.) 2, S. Lewis 3, J. S. Walton 4, H. Hooper 5, J. Trimm 6.

Polesworth, Warks. - Oct. 11, 1440 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp 4, R. Knight 5, D. Hiorns (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also Oct. 18, 1260 Doubles (six methods): S. Allsopp 1, R. Knight 2, M. Quimby 3, D. Hiorns 4, M. Allsopp (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion.

Portbury, Som .- Oct. 17, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: I. Ramsey 1, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan (first quarter) 2, Helen Kirkpatrick 3, R. W. Willans (cond.) 4, B. H. Goodliffe 5, I. Crichton 6. Birthday compliment for lan Crichton.

Portsea, Hants.—June 27, 1280 Bob Major: R. Green 1, L. Duguid 2, Christine M. Webb 3, J. Fry 4, Jennifer L. Quaife 5, R. Le Marechal 6, J. P. Colliss 7, R. B. Walton (cond.) 8.

Putney, S.W.-Oct. 18, 1260 Stedman Triples: Sybil Aldridge 1, Rosemary J. Enawdon 2, Elizabeth Bangham 3, A. R. Millidge 4, C. F. Mew 5, M. J. Bangham 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, J. T. Shepard 8. For St. Luke's Day Evensona.

Rayne, Essex .- Oct. 4, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Rosalind Campbell 1, Mrs. M. Moore 2, H. Moore 3, J. Green 4, J. Connell 5, R. Threadgold (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. Also Oct. 11, 1320 Spliced Minor (4 methods): M. Hunter 1, J. Connell 2, J. Green 3, S. Sudbury 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, C. Gillingham 6. For Evensong. Also Oct. 18, 1260 Doubles (three methods): R. Threadgold (cond.) 1, J. Connell 2, Rosalind Campbell 3, C. Gillingham 4, J. Green 5, R. Campbell 6. For Evensong.

Redhill, Surrey.—Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss F. Illman 1, D. D. Atfield 2, Mary Dallison 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, G. Charlton 5, K. Dallison (cond.) 6, H. Comber cover. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

Reigate, Surrey. - Oct. 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Knipe 1, Miranda Hughes (first inside) 2, Joan Hanning 3, Angela Hughes 4, W. E. Dunn 5, A. T. Shelton 6, K. G. Game (cond.) W. E. Inwood 8. Birthday compliment to Miranda Hughes.

Rotherham (Eastwood), Yorks — Cct. 24, 1264 Bob Major: Margaret Whitehurst (first of Major) 1, R. A. Fry (first Major) 2, A. Dunn-Birch 3, D. Hunton 4, P. Carbutt 5, R. Fletcher 6, M. King 7, P. J. Simmonds (cond.) 8. For the 60th anniversary of the hanging of the bells.

St. Albans, Herts (Cathedral).-Oct. 18, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. L. Penney 1, Miss H. Dodds 2, G. Penney 3, Mrs. C. M. Carter 4. W. Little 5, R. E. Ewer 6, A. R. Carter (cond.) P. McCarthy (first quarter) 8. Christening compliment to Ann Melinda Hardy.

St. Mary Bourne, Hants. — Oct. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. King 1, Jane Tarrant 2, B. Oaks 3, T. Tarrant 4, J. Wimlett (cond.) 5, Rich 6. For the institution of Rev. W. B. Spadet.

Sampford Arundel, Som.-Oct. 8, 1440 Bob Minor: Pamela Bellamy 1, W. Stevens 2, R. E. Colman (first Minor inside) 3, Rev. M. J. Odium 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, C. G. Barnes 6.

Sapcote, Leics.—Oct. 15, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: T. J. Wykes 1, Alison Butterfield 2, D. M. Brown 3, N. W. Harvey 4, L. Watkins 5, K. Gilliver (cond.) 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brown (parents of 3rd ringer).

Selby, Yorks. — Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss L. Joyce (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. Sinden

2. C. Brown 3, Miss E. Foster 4, A. Sinden 5, Sinden (cond.) 6. For Evensong

Selling, Kent.—Oct. 24, 1260 Doubles (two methods): Dr. H. S. W. Seward 1, C. Beeching 2, P. Hills 3, P. S. Philpott 4, J. B. Keeler (cond.) 5, W. Epps 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. Epps and Mr. F. Trowell, local

Shabbington, Bucks.—Oct. 20, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. J. Tyler 1, R. T. Corker 2, Hazel Baker 3, Mavis Clarke 4, A. D. Tyler (cond.) 5. First inside in the method 3 and 4.

Shincliffe, Co. Durham .- Oct. 11, 1320 Bob Doubles: Olga Jopling 1, J. Close 2, Angela Croft 3, I. Croft 4, M. E. Johnson (cond.) 5, T. Jopling 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4, 6. By Sunday service band for Harvest Festival. First quarter on the bells. Also Oct. 25, 1320 Bob Doubles: Jamet Jopling (first quarter) 1, 1. Croft 2, Angela Croft 3, Rosalind Rogerson 4, M. E. Johnson (cond.) b, T. Jopling 6. For Evensong. Stamfor Lincs (St. Martin).—Oct. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Mitchell 1, A. Waller 2,

E. Tyers 3, E. Cox 4, F. M. Mitchell (first as cond.) 5, J. H. Bluff 6. For morning service.

Staplehurst, Kent .-- Aug. 23, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Crawley 1, Miss B. Tomlin 2, Miss J. Gilder 3, H. Baker 4, Miss F. Tomlin 5, H. Deacon 6, D. Manger (cond.) 7, R. Mitchell 8. With best wishes to ringer of 4 on his 87th hirthday

Stoke-by-Navland, Suffolk, - Sept. 26. Grandsire Triples: Sally E. V. Potter 1, Amanda M. Richmond 2, B. Redges 3, B. E. Whiting 4, R. H. Rogers 5, R. Southgate 6, H. W. Eggle-stone (cond.) 7, M. J. Rose 8. First Grandsire Triples 1, 2 and 4.

Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx.-Sept. 27, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: P. Cranham 1, D. Brock (cond.) 2, S. Bull 3, A. L. Hampton 4, R. Bettley-Cooke 5, V. L. P. Davis 6. For Evensong. A compliment to the vicar (Rev. J. L. James) on 25th anniversary of his ordination. Swindon, Wilts (Christ Church). — Oct. 18,

1259 Grandsire Caters: W. W. T. Daniells 1, Lesley Biadon 2, Ann Wilson (first Caters) 3, Bladon 4, Pauline Wilton 5, M. Sutton 6, P Minchin 7, P. Spackman 8, E. Surron (cond.) 9, L. Cobb 10. On Hospital Sunday, marking the unveiling of a plaque dedicated to the late G. Roworth.

Swithland, Leics.-Sept. 26, 1260 Bob Minor: Susan Spurgeon 1, Mary Roast 2, E. W. Roast 3, T. R. Roast 4, T. Spurgeon 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6.

Syston, Leics.-Oct. 18, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Patricia J. Sikes 1, Isabel E. Tomlinson 2, J. A. Howard 3, Elaine Smith 4, J. Anne Rickaby (cond.) 5.

Wantage, Berks.-Sept. 20, 1264 Bob Major: H. White 1, Eunice Davies (first quarter) 2, Gwyneth James 3, Shirley Goble (first Major) 4, P. G. Davies 5, H. Bishop 6, J. C. Baldwin 7, J. R. White (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Godfrey (first quarter) 1, Shirley Goble (first in method) White 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, I. P. Stoter 5, P. G. Davies 6, A. R. Wood 7, J. K. Pain 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving service of Berkshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs.

Warnham, Sussex. - Oct. 17, 1260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Watts (first in method) 1, G. Francis 2, T. Banner 3, Miss S. Hailes 4, H. Wood 5, G. Rix 6, D. D. Smith (cond.) 7, M. I. Davey 8.

Watlington, Oxon. — Oct. 24, 1260 Bob Triples: Mavis Clarke 1, Julie Tyler 2, Anna K. Ingram 3, Gillian N. Hazell 4, C. W. J. East 5, R. G. Hazell 6, A. D. Tyler (cond.) 7, G. J.

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CHURCHII L, Som, St. John the Baptist. Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (14 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (14 methods: 3 Stedman, New Grandsire, New, Antelope, New Huntspill, Grandsire, Antelope, Union, Rev. Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin).

1 John Chaplin *2 Bryan Mills 3 John Coombs

4 Stanley Lewis 5 John S. Walton (Conductor) 6 William Warren

*First in 14 methods inside. Wedding compliment to Pam Dodd and Christopher Avery, both ringers at this church, married this day.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WILMSLOW, Cheshire, St. Bartholomew. Wed., July 22, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (14 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (10 methods: Norwich S.; London S.; Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston T.B.; Kent T.B; Cam-

bridge S.; Oxford T.B.; Plain Bob).

1 Susan Davis

2 C. Kenneth Lewis

3 Stuart Coutts

5 Michael Platt
5 Timothy Wylie
6 Denis Mottershead (Conductor) Half-muffled in memoriam Canon E. D. Reeman (rector 1945-68).

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire, St. Alkmund.

Thur., Oct. 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (17½ cwt.) 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by G. Freebrey.

1 Timothy Wylie 2 Joseph C. Woolley 3 George L. Roobottom 4 Brian A. Tomlinson

Jack Chadwick

Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)

Clive Thrower 8 Robert Chambers

9 Rev. Fred Ross 10 Denis R. Carlisle

ALTON, Staffs, St. Peter.

Thur., Oct. 15, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (221 cwt.) Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

1 Timothy Wylie

2 Robert M. Chambers

3 Brian A. Tomlinson

4 Rev. Frederick Ross
5 David W. Parkin
6 Denis R. Carlisle
7 Gordon A. Halls
8 Geoffrey Paul (Conductor)

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

HANBURY, Worcs, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (12½ cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Colin Monson.

1 Nicholas J. Webber (St. John's)

*2 Joanna M. Mount (St. Aidan's)

3 Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey)

†4 Jean M. Berriman (St. Hild's)
5 Philip Rogers (Van Mildert)

6 Colin C. Monson (Grey)
7 Peter H. Gardner (St. Cuthbert's)
8 Stephen C. Wells (Grey, Conductor)
*First of Surprise. †First of Surprise in-

Peals

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Herts, St. Michael.

Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (17 cwt.) CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

1 Donald F. Murfet

2 Susan Rothera3 Allen Twyman

4 Geoffrey Pearson
5 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)

David E. Rothera 7 Richard H. Youdale 8 Alan M. Barber 9 Philip J. Rothera 10 John G. Gipson

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT BADDOW, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (14½ cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)

Susan Rothera

Josephine A. Brown

5 Richard J. Harrison
6 David E. Rothera
7 Peter G. Brown
9 Philip J. Peters

8 Philip J. Rothera

TERLING, Essex, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (10½ cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Philip J. Rothera Josephine A. Brown Susan J. Rothera $\overline{3}$

4 David E. Rothera
5 Joe E. G. Roast
6 James L. Towler
7 Peter G. Brown (Conductor)
*8 Keith W. Brown

*100th peal.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

RANDWICK, Glos, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (26 120's, 8 240's.)

Frank Garland Martin Kaye

3 Leslie Barry (Conductor)
*4 Richard Ashbey
5 Trevor Pritchard

th Rev. Hon. Neill Morrison

*First of Doubles. †First peal.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BROMYARD, Hereford, St. Peter.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (14 cwt.) 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Composed by J. J. Parker Alfred W. Glazzard E. Marion Key

William Turner

4 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)

5 Gerald Bowen

6 Leslie F. Smith 7 John E. Whittall 8 John Hicks

EARDISLAND, Herefordshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (123 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Alison M. Turney 2 Joyce J. Barton

3 Frederick R. Harris
4 Lawrence T. Mainwaring
5 John F. I. Turney
6 Robert A. Hatcher

7 Leslie Evans 8 Stephen W. Barton (Conductor) In memoriam John D. Rock. some time ringer at this tower, died October 21, 1969.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Herts, St. Stephen.

Wed., Oct. 21, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents.)

*1 Carol Parkhurst †2 Dawn Owen

†3 Rosemary Urban †4 Steven D. Chandler

5 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

6 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
*First peal. †First of London.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 3hr. 29min. (32 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland; 640 Bristol; 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire; with 142 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

*1 Rosemary Ellis 2 D. Paul Smith

3 Alexander Waddington
4 Peter S. Muchlinski
5 Geoffrey H. Pullin
6 Colin J. E. Wyld
7 Simon A. B. Wigg (Conductor)

8 Martin L. Howe *First of Major.

WYE, SS. Gregory and Martin.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (20½ cwt.) 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR 1 C. T. Hillis

*2 Anne Berry

3 Judith Brooks 4 G. Pullin

5 R. Bagshaw
6 P. C. Sinden
7 S. A. B. Wigg
8 P. J. Bagshaw (Conductor)
*First of Bob Major. 21st birthday compliment to Miss Judith Brooks.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER, Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

Mon., Oct. 12, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (10 cwt.) 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

*1 George W. Smith
2 Martin J. Kirk
†3 Robert M. Kilby
4 W. Arthur Riddington

5 Herrick B. Bowley

Martin Green

7 William J. Root 8 Robert B. Smith (Conductor) *First on 8. †First of Surprise.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

LIVERPOOL, Lancs, Cathedral Church of Christ.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 4hr. 6min. (82 cwt.) **5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Neil Donovan

*2 Nigel Thomson

3 Elizabeth Stevens
4 Geoffrey C. Sparling
5 Martin E. Snape
6 Raymond J. Talbot
7 Jeremy P. Richardson

8 Norman Summerhayes

9 Dennis R. Jones ‡10 Richard C. Stevens 11 Clifford A. Barron ‡12 Ernest F. Willcox Peter J. Brown

*75th peal. †First on 12 and first of Stedman. ‡100th peal.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ULCEBY, Lines, St. Nicholas.

Wed., Oct. 7, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St. Clements).

1 Colin Applewhite 2 Jack Bray

3 Ronald Chafer William Bains

John H. Parker

6 Michael W. Crowder (Conductor)

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

USK, Monmouthshire, St. Mary.

Fri., Oct. 9, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (15 cwt.) **5024 USK SURPRISE MAJOR** Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 Donald G. Clift

David J. Llewellyn Michael R. Meadows

4 Tudor P. Edwards 5 Paul A. Williams 6 Nicholas W. H. Simon

James Clatworthy 8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

First peal in the method. Birthday compliment to Lionel Jones.

USK SURPRISE MAJOR -58-14.58-58.1236-14-58.14-34. h.l. 18. l.e. mx. f.c.e. b.

MACHEN, Monmouthshire, St. Michael.

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (12 cwt.)

5120 MACHEN SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Ivor Newell Tudor P. Edwards Anthony J. Cox

4 James Clatworthy 5 J. Michael Lakin

6 Peter C. Randall
7 Paul A. Williams
8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

First peal in the method.

MACHEN SURPRISE MAJOR -56-14-56-36-14-38-1456-h.l. 58. l.e. mx. c.p.s.

BRIDGEND, Glam, St. Illtyd.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Buerton's 12-part.)

*1 Susan C. Redmond †2 William T. Petty ‡3 Richard J. Hall 4 Frederick J. Bailey

5 Paul W. Thomas (Conductor)

6 Raymond J. Mayle
†7 Thomas T. Yeomans
8 William H. Harford
*First of Triples. †75th together. ‡First on eight.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints.

Mon., Oct. 19, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (16 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by John R. Ketteringham.

William Birmingham

2 David A. Town
3 John R. Ketteringham (Conductor)
4 Olive L. Rogers
5 David C. Brown
6 Alan D. Flood
7 Keith J. Welpels

7 Keith J. Walpole

8 Andrew G. Craddock 9 J. Alan Ainsworth

10 Harold W. Rogers

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

WESTMINSTER, London, St. Margaret.

Fri., Sept. 11, 1970, 3hr. (26 cwt.) 5034 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by G. T. Daltry.

William Rawlings

2 Michael Wycherley 3 Dennis Ellisden 4 Peter Mackie

5 H. Michael Williamson 6 John Euston (Conductor)

Stephen Darvill Nigel Thomson 8

9 Jeremy Pratt 10 Edward Peett

To commemorate sailing of the "May-flower" with the Pilgrim Fathers to New England, September, 1620.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., Oct. 13, 1970, 2hr. 41min. $(6\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Nolan Golden.

G. Ronald Edwards Richard Clifton

3 David Massey

Arthur E. Rowley *5 B. Stedman Payne

*6 Alec Jones

*7 Roger Kendrick

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in method. First in method as conductor.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH, Norfolk, St. Peter Mancroft. Sun., Oct. 18, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (38 cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Arranged by R. A. G. Inglis.

1 Martin Cubitt David Cubitt

3 Janet House

*4 Carole A. H. Patey
5 Peter Adcock

*6 Gordon K. Terriss George Sayer

8 Richard J. W. Housden *9 James B. Morley

10 Martin L. Howe 11 David E. House (Conductor)

12 H. William Barrett

*First of Stedman Cinques. Rung as part of the Norwich Triennial Festival of Music and the Arts.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk, St. Mary. Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (14 cwt.)

5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

Janet House

Adrial Walton

*3 Robert G. Walker 4 Martin L. Howe *5 Gordon K. Terriss 6 David Cubitt

7 Richard J. W. Housden 8 David E. House (Conductor)

*First of Cambridge Major.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

EASTON NESTON, Northants, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (10 cwt.) 5056 KIRKLINGTON S. MAJOR Composed by E. W. Tipler.

*1 Bridget Paul

2 Graham C. Paul (Conductor) 3 Raymond A. Vickers 4 William J. Chester

5 Christopher C. Stokes 6 Barry E. Saunders 7 Roger W. Smith

*8 Alan A. Paul

First in the method by all *25th together. and for the guild.

ROTHWELL, Northants, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (21 cwt.)
5184 FOXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Chris Forster.
1 Christopher N. Stephenson

2 Sally K. Diamond 3 Edward C. Buckby 4 Alan J. Marks 5 Peter J. Blight *4

6 Eric Billings

7 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor) 8 Barry R. Care *25th peal. First peal in the method.

FOXHALL SURPRISE MAJOR -38 - 14 - 1258 - 16 - 34 - 3458 - 16.34.7.Group B.

A judicious silence is better than truth spoken without charity.

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JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral of St. Philip. Thur., Oct. 15, 1970, 3hr. 34 min. (31 cwt.) 5280 GLASGOW LITTLE S. MAXIMUS Arranged by R. W. Pipe.

Muriel Reay

2 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor) 3 Norman J. Goodman 4 J. Edward Cawser

5 Richard J. Tibbetts Vernon Green

7 Stephen W. Barton 8 Terry R. Hampton 9 Kenneth J. Hesketh 10 George E. Fearn 11 Michael J. Fellows

12 Peter Border First peal in the method.

GLASGOW LITTLE S. MAXIMUS 36-56.14.5T-5T.36-14-3T.16-16.38. (h.l.) g.

BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral of St. Philip. Thur., Oct. 22, 1970, 3hr. 29min. (31 cwt.) 5280 GLASGOW LITTLE S. MAXIMUS Composed by P. Border.

Muriel Reay Roderick W. Pipe

Norman J. Goodman

*4 Enid Lawson

*5 Charles A. S. Webb 6 Michael J. Fellows 7 Stephen W. Barton

8 Terry R. Hampton *9 James W. Belshaw

10 George E. Fearn *11 John A, Anderson 12 Peter Border (Conductor) *First in method.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.
Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (42 cwt.)
5088 BARFORD SURPRISE MAXIMUS Arranged by R. W. Pipe.
Maurice F. Edwards
Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)

Norman J. Goodman 4 Stephen W. Barton 5 Kenneth J. Hesketh

6 Terry R. Hampton 7 David J. Purnell 8 Michael J. Fellows J. Alan Ainsworth

10 Clifford A. Barron 11 John A. Anderson

12 Peter Border

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

BUCKFASTLEIGH, Devon, Benedictine Abbey Church of St. Mary.
Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 47min. (41½ cwt.)
5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by R. E. J. Dennis. Katharine J. Maundrell

*2 Mary E. Elmes 3 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)

4 D. Roy Bould 5 Graham W. Elmes †6 Ross G. W. Robertson

7 John L. Anderson 8 Edward G. Mould 9 John N. Longridge 10 Brian J. Woodruffe 11 Ronald N. Marlow

Timothy F. Collins *100th peal on a 2nd. †First on 12.

TROWBRIDGE, Wilts, St. James.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (24½ cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by John Carter.

1 Charles F. Andrews 2 Edgar C. Shepherd

3 David G. Massey 4 George W. Massey *5 Peter J. Hardwick

6 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor) †7 Norman G. N. Knee

†8 Raymond E. J. Baker 9 Eric J. Hitchins

10 Laurence E. Hitchins
11 Frederick S. Slatford
12 Charles P. Quartley
First on 12. †First of Stedman Cinques and completes the method from Doubles to Cinques. First of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LILLESHALL, Shropshire, St. Michael and All Angels

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (9 cwt.) 5340 MINOR (1 Cambridge, 2 Oxford T.B., 1 Oxford Bob, 1 Plain Bob). 1 E. Marion Key

2 Gerald Bowen *3 Leslie F. Smith

4 C. Kenneth Lewis

5 Christopher J. Jones
6 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)
*First in five methods. To mark the closing celebrations of the church's 1,300th anniversary, the start of which was marked by a peal of June 27.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

KINGSTON-UPON-SOAR, Notts, St. Winifred.

Sun., Oct. 18, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge; Norwich; Kent T.B.; Oxford T.B.; St. Clements, Buxton and Childwall; Oxford Bob, Nicholaston and Rotherslade; Plain Bob).

Susan M. O'Neill

Elizabeth J. Dawson

3 Robert Preston 4 Peter J. Hawcock

5 David G. Adams

6 George A. Dawson (Conductor) welcome to Richard Poppleston, the first child of Anthea and Michael Poppleston, of Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne, born September 18, 1970.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

FULBECK, Lines, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (12 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).

Elaine M. Rolfe Frederick G. Hooper

*3 Susan M. Heath

Stephen J. F. Mitchell Frederick Derry (Conductor)

6 Derick E. Kirton

*First inside.

GEDLING, Notts, All Hallows.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3½ Plain Bob, 1 Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob, and half extent St. Clements).

1 George A. Dawson (Conductor)

2 Elizabeth J. Dawson Susan M. O'Neill

4 Philip Wild 5 John R. Rigby 6 Robert Preston

A compliment to Viola E. Collins and Anthony E. Foulser on their forthcoming marriage.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (14 cwt.) 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by John Carter. Melvyn A. Rose (Conductor)

*2 Joan Carter 3 Derek Stainsby

4 Brian J. Bull 5 John F. Underwood

6 Andrew L. B. King 7 David Stainsby

8 Peter L. R. Hayward

*First on eight inside. First as conductor on eight. To mark the enthronement of Denis Wakeling as Bishop of Southwell.

SUFFOLK GUILD

POLSTEAD, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (9 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents.)

1 Neil V. Avis 2 John A. Mayle 3 Jack H. Brett

4 Peter Mayle

5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

6 Walter A. Perry

HALESWORTH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (18 cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven. 1 Walter W. Miller 2 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

3 Muriel R. Page 4 Leslie G. Brett

5 Ernest G. Pearce 6 Cecil W. Pipe

7 Adrian Knights 8 J. Barry Pickup

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (8 methods: Single Oxford, Beverley, Dtuble Oxford, St. Clements, Cambridge, Oxford, Kent and Plain).

Ernest G. Pearce 2 Katharine M. Thorley

3 Frank B. Lufkin 4 Leslie G. Brett

5 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

6 J. Barry Pickup

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GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (8 cwt.) 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (14 methods: 576 Bristol, 384 each Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cray and Cornwall; 132 changes of method). Composed by Norman Smith.

Leslie G. Brett

2 J. Martin Thorley3 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

4 J. Barry Pickup

5 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
6 Cecil W. Pipe
7 Michael J. Howes
8 George W. Pipe

Most Surprise Major methods yet rung to a peal for the guild. Most Surprise Major methods to a peal except for the ringers of 3 and 4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

ASHTEAD, Surrey, St. Giles.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (13 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (17 methods: 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith. Andrew C. D. Mayes

Nigel Thomson

3 Christopher P. Starbuck

4 Alan D. Flood

5 Norman Summerhayes

6 A. Keith P. Poole 7 Jeremy R. Pratt (Conductor) 8 Robert E. J. Dennis

BEDDINGTON, Surrey, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. (18½ cwt.) **5067 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by James E. Groves.

Joyce A. Parsons

2 Gillian R. Parsons

3 John Chilcott (Conductor)

4 Michael V. Chilcott 5 Alan D. Flood 6 Frank E. Darby

7 David E. Parsons 8 John W. Stephenson 9 Noel J. Diserens

10 Philip A. F. Chalk

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

PAUL, Cornwall, St. Paul-de-Leon.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 R. Diane Carter

2 John J. George 3 Geoffrey W. Taysom 4 Anthony J. Davidson

Malcolm Bowers (Conductor)

6 W. Reginald Curtis *First of Minor. For the Feast of St. Polde-Leon.

LAUNCESTON, Cornwall, St. Thomas the Apostle.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (104 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (32 Grandsire, 8 Plain Bob, 2 April Day.)

1 Harry Stacey

Alan Carveth (Conductor)

*3 Trevor Hillman

4 Anthony Locke

5 Anthony J. Davidson †6 James T. Gynn

*First inside and on six. †First peal.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

EASTINGTON, Glos, St. Michael and All Angels.

Wed., Oct. 21, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (12½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise and 3 Plain Bob).

Katherine J. Maundrell

2 Richard Gray

John Pladdys (Conductor)

4 Michael J. Platt
5 Anthony J. Cox
6 Peter C. Randall
First peal of the bells for 52 years and first in the present tower.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

PORTSMOUTH, Hants, Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (25½ cwt.)

5075 ERIN CATERS

Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter.

1 Graham W. Elmes

*2 Mary E. Elmes

*3 Andrew C. D. Mayes

*4 Nigel Thomson

5 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor) *6 Edward W. Colley *7 David E. Rothera

8 George E. Evenden 9 Timothy F. Collins *10 Jeremy R. Pratt

*First of Erin Caters.

AMPORT, Hants, St. Mary.

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 2hr. 38min. $(8\frac{3}{4} \text{ cwt.})$ 5040 MINOR (28 methods: Olney, Walsingham, Lammas and Amport Alliance, Plain and Burstwick Little Bob; Single Oxford, Wight and Nicolaston Bob, Double Oxford. Andover and Winchester College Bob; Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; Burslem, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise; St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Rosehill, Hanney and Radley College Bob; Plain, Double, Fulbeck and Rev. Canterbury Bob; Plain and Rev. Canterbury Bob; Lan M. McCallion.

1 Ian M. McCallion

2 Barry J. Fry
3 Roy Le Marechal
4 John P. Colliss
5 Derek C. Jackson (Conductor)

6 Richard Green

Most Minor methods for the guild on tower bells. Alliance method No. 142: 34,16,—,16, 34,—,34,56. 2nds Amport Alliance.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (21½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (21 extents Grandsire and Plain Bob (alternating).

*1 Diana R. Bromley †2 Joy F. Butler ‡3 Nigel D. Shepherd

4 Colin J. Butler (Conductor)

+5 Maurice J. Butler (Conductor)

*6 Brian V. Butler
*First peal. †First of Doubles. ‡First on a working bell.

EASTON, Hants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Wed., Oct. 21, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (63 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (3 Cambridge, 2 Surfleet, Beverley).

*1 Roy Le Marechal

2 Barry J. Fry 3 John P. Colliss 4 Richard Green

5 R. Brian Walton
6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
*25th peal. To commemorate the 165th

anniversary of Trafalgar Day.

HIGHCLERE, Hants, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11 cwt.) 5120 KINGSCLERE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

*1 Robert J. Crocker
2 Reginald W. Rex
3 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
*4 Brian W. Hall
*5 Michael Hatchett

*6 D. Kay Adkins
7 Geoffrey K. Dodd
*8 Geoffrey R. Drew
*First in method. For the centenary of the church.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

HARTLEBURY, Worcs, St. James the Great.

Tues., Oct. 13, 1970, 2hr. (17 cwt.) **5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

(Heywood's variation.)

Gerald Bowen 2 E. Marion Key

*3 Lucy A. Key 4 Leslie F. Smith 5 Howard Howell

6 Alfred W. Glazzard
7 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)

8 William Turner

*First of Stedman. A welcome home to Rev. W. S. Davies after six months' duty in South Africa.

WORCESTER, All Saints.

Wed., Oct. 21, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (11 methods: Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Cambridge S., Plain Bob, Kent T.B.).

1 Shirley M. Drew
2 David Franklin

3 Patricia A. Jenkins

4 Christopher Hims

5 Hugh Evans 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

GREAT HAMPTON, Worcs, St. Andrew. Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (12 cwt.) 5152 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

*1 Arthur C. Berry 2 John E. Whittall 3 Valerie Willard

5 Valerie Willard
4 Roger H. Hunt
5 David G. Franklin
6 Gerald C. Hemming
7 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)
8 Michael J. Uphill

*Has circled the tower.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EARLSHEATON, Yorks, St. Peter.

Sun., Oct. 4, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (13 cwt.)

5040 ST. NICHOLAS BOB TRIPLES Arranged by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

Gail Cater

2 Patricia North

3 Margaret White 4 Delwyn B. Tidball 5 Robert Cater

6 David S. Lockwood 7 Ian North (Conductor)

8 Douglas Barker First in the method by all. The last peal on the bells.

When there is nothing more to be said there is always a fool who will say it.

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle. Mon., Oct. 5, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (111 cwt.) 5184 YPKES SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Jenner.

1 Ronald R. Warford 2 Margaret Warford

3 A. Pattie Clapham 4 Gillean R. Cleaver

5 Graham J. Jones 6 Peter H. Gardner 7 John Robinson

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) First in method by all and for the associa-

BRIGHOUSE, Yorks, St. Martin.

Sun., Oct. 11, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (123 cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Gail Cater *2 Robert Cater
3 Patricia North
4 Ian G. Campbell
5 Ian North

6 Michael Maughan

*7 Trevor Tarbatt

8 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

*First of Bristol. A compliment to Alan Clifton and Karen L. Wood, married the previous day.

ILKLEY, Yorks, All Saints.

Mon., Oct. 12, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (184 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Super-lative, Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 Margaret Warford Pattie Clapham

3 Gillean R. Cleaver 4 Graham J. Jones 5 Peter H. Gardner 6 John Robinson

7 Ronald R. Warford 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) A wedding compliment to Robert Henry Jordan and Frances Mary Dove, married at St. Andrew's, Starbeck, Harrogate, the previous Saturday.

WAKEFIELD, Yorks, All Saints' Cathedral. Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (35½ cwt.) 5008 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

(3576 Plain, 1432 Little) Arranged by Wilfrid F. Moreton. 1 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

2 Gail Cater

3 Robert Cater 4 Maris C. Stephenson 5 Patricia North

6 Ian North

*7 George E. Hancock

*8 Stephen R. Munday
9 Giles C. Galley
10 Frederick A. Munday

*11 Trevor Tarbatt
12 Ronald Ducker *First of Maximus.

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle. Mon., Oct. 19, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (111 cwt.)

5152 XERXES SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. A. Reeves.

David Hird

2 Barrie C. Dove (Conductor) 3 Margaret Warford

Peter H. Gardner

5 Graham J. Jones 6 Michael G. Dodson

Ronald R. Warford 8 John Robinson

First in the method by all and for the association.

ROTHWELL, Yorks, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. (15½ cwt.) 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by S. Humphrey.

A. Pattie Clapham Margaret Warford

3 Suzanne Snack Gillean R. Cleaver 5 Robin Brown

6 John Robinson 7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) 8 Ronald R. Warford

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire, 52 Wellington Road.

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 2hr. 7min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-2 Mrs. C. K. Lewis 3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

5-6 J. Anthony Beaumont

MARPLE, Cheshire, 43 Leigh Avenue. Thur., Oct. 15, 1970, 2hr. 1min. (15 in C.) 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR Composed by John Reeves.

2 Alan McFall

3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor) 5-6 J. David Atkinson

7-8 Alan F. Scholfield To welcome Jennifer Hilary Atkinson, born October 8, 1970.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., Oct. 19, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (19 in F.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (5 methods: 1008 each of Ealing, Londinium, Newgate, York and Yorkshire. with 94 changes of method).
Composed by John R. Mayne.

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor) 5-6 Roger Baldwin

7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan 9-10 Julia A. Fellows

*11-12 James A. D. Woolford *First of Surprise on handbells.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GLENFIELD, Leics, 22 Groby Road.

Tues., Oct. 13, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (15 in C.) 5096 YORK SURPRISE FOURTEEN 1-2 Rupert A.Clarke 3-4 David F. Moore 5-6 Peter J. Staniforth

7-8 Alfred Ballard

9-10 John M. Jelley 11-12 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

13-14 John W. Bramley
First peal of Surprise to be rung on more than 12 bells. A compliment to Pam and David Atkinson on the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Hilary.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, in the belfry of St. Michael-on-

the-Mount.

Thur., Oct. 22, 1970, 1hr. 53min. (15 in C.) 1-2 Katherine J. Maundrell

5-6 John Pladdys (Conductor)

3-4 Peter C. Randall

SUFFOLK GUILD PEAL WEEK

The object of our Peal Week is to move around to as many of the lesser known towers in the diocese as possible and also to encourage potential first-pealers and "first as conductor."

The 1970 Week produced 21 peals in 20 different towers in a variety of Doubles, Minor and Major methods. Four people scored their first peal (well done!), whilst of the 13 different conductors two managed their first.

Perhaps in 1971 we shall be able to clear Canon Felstead's list of ringable towers in Suffolk, which has yet to record a 5,000 on them.

Our thanks to the incumbents for their G. W. P. co-operation.

Three peals were printed in R.W. page

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE SUFFOLK GUILD

CAVENDISH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Sept. 26, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (5 methods: 1 Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clements, 3

Plain Bob).

1 Neville F. Whittell

2 Alan G. Feaver

3 Jennifer M. Whittell (Conductor) 4 John R. Mayle

5 Peter Mayle

6 Walter A. Perry

BRAMFORD, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin. Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford,

St. Clements and Plain Bob).

Jennifer M. Whittell (Conductor)

*2 Peter W. Archer 3 Roger L. K. Whittell 4 Neville F. Whittell 5 James P. F. W. Hollins 6 Roy W. Lockwood

*First of seven methods inside.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary. Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (16 cwt.)

5056 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

1 J. Barry Pickup 2 Stephen D. Pettman 3 Muriel R. Page

4 Leslie G. Brett

5 Michael J. Howes 6 Cecil W. Pipe 7 Ernest G. Pearce

8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

HENLEY, Suffolk, St. Peter.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clements and Plain Bob). *1 Janet M. Barnard

2 Margaret Egglestone †3 Leslie P. Brain

4 Laurence J. Parry †5 Roy C. Groom

6 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor) *First peal. †First in seven methods. By the local band.

ROUGHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (153 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (6 methods: 1 Double Oxford, St. Clements. Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge S., 2 Plain Bob).

1 Arthur F. Ballam

2 David Tamberlain 3 Christopher R. Nunn

4 Brian R. Coley
5 Brian E. Whiting 6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor) BENHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Tues., Sept. 29, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (720 Plain, 4320 Grandsire).

*1 Roland C. Peck 2 Michael Baldry

Michael J. Peters 4 Roger P. Peters

5 Trevor Hughes (Conductor)

6 A. Harry Archer

*First in more than one method. First as conductor. First by the new Sunday service band and first attempt. A wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor and Hilary, also a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

FRAMLINGHAM, Suffolk, St. Michael. Wed., Sept. 30, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (16½ cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1 Leslie G. Brett Muriel R. Page

3 Cecil W. Pipe 4 J. Martin Thorley 5 Walter W. Miller 6 Ernest G. Pearce

Michael J. Howes

8 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)

HIGHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Wed., Sept. 30, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Court, Cambridge, St. Clements, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 Walter A. Perry 2 John A. Mayle 3 Peter Mayle

4 Jack H. Brett 5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor) 6 Neil V. Avis

ACTON, Suffolk, All Saints.

Thur., Oct. 1, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (81 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (24 extents Grandsire, 6 St.

Simon, St. Martin and Plain Bob). *1 Gordon Adams

2 Samuel J. Twitchett 3 Donald L. Mills

4 John P. Loveless 5 E. Frank Gilbert (Conductor)

*First peal.

HORRINGER, Suffolk, St. Leonard.

Thur., Oct. 1, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (9 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*1 Theresa R. Orriss 2 Amanda R. Richmond

3 Arthur F. Ballam 4 Sally E. V. Potter 5 Brian E. Whiting

6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor) *First attempt.

EXNING, Suffolk, St. Martin. Fri., Oct. 2, 1970, 3hr. (14 cwt.)

5040 DOUBLES (2 methods: 20 extents Grandsire, 22 Plain Bob).

*1 Henry J. Miller

Georgina C. M. Carter Mervyn G. Brown

Charles F. Sargeant

5 Roger J. Palmer (Conductor)

*First peal.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert. Fri., Oct. 2, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED MINOR (14 methods: Hereward, Single Oxford; Ipswich, Cambridge; Thelwall, Childwall, Beverley, Surfleet; Oxford, Kent; Double Oxford, St. Clements; Double, Plain).

1 Margaret E. Egglestone 2 Katharine M. Thorley

3 Howard W. Egglestone 4 George W. Pipe

5 Leslie G. Brett

6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

BUNGAY, Suffolk, St. Mary. Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (164 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 methods: 2 Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

F. Joan Muxlow

2 Amanda M. Richmond 3 Sally E. V. Potter 4 Arthur F. Ballam 5 Brian E. Whiting

6 Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)

CAVENDISH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge Surprise, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and 3 720's Plain Bob).

1 John A. Mayle 2 Dorothy M. Durrant

3 Walter A. Perry 4 Peter Mayle

*5 Norman M. Watson

6 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor)

*First in five methods.

KERSEY, Suffolk, St. Mary. Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (London S., Beverley S., Surfleet S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 Donald L. Mills 2 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)

3 Rev. Brian Redgers 4 George W. Pipe

5 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

6 John W. Blythe

LEISTON, Suffolk, St. Margaret. Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (20½ cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

2 Katharine M. Thorley 3 Frank B. Lufkin

4 J. Barry Pickup 5 Bernard W. Fairhead

6 Leslie G. Brett 7 Ernest G. Pearce

8 Adrian Knights

To commemorate the first peal of Surprise Major rung by the Bailey brothers in this tower, September, 1920.

NEWMARKET, Suffolk, St. Mary. Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (21 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Ipswich S., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clements and Plain Bob).

*1 Brian E. Whiting 2 Georgina C. M. Carter Alan M, Barber (Conductor)

Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey 5 Maurice J. Rose 6 Howard W. Egglestone

*25th peal.

STOKE ASH, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, (6½ cwt.)

5049 DOUBLES (7 extents Grandsire, St. Simon and St. Martin and 21 Plain Bob).

Rev. Brian Redgers

2 Kelvin Dakin

3 David J. H. Barber 4 Peter W. Archer 5 Roy W. Lockwood (Conductor)

First as conductor.

NON-ASSOCIATION

TOTTENHAM, London, N, St. Ann, Stamford Hill.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by John Pritchard. *1 William A. Theobald †2 Richard C. Offen

3 Arthur F. Lewry 4 William A. Hughes 5 Henry G. Weedon 6 Ernest J. Rowe 7 Ronald G. Brown

*8 Trevor N. J. Bailey (Conductor)

*50th together. †First on eight. By members of the staff of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry during its quatercentenary year.

West Wickham, Kent. — Oct. 18, 1320 Bob Minor: J. Fry 1, Jackie Allen 2, A. S. Richards 3, K. Gamm (first inside) 4, S. H. Gay 5, M. A. Gay (cond.) 6.
Wollaton, Notts.—Oct. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: Gillian M. Collard 1, Jane M. Burrows 2, Lydia Richards 3, J. D. Scott 4, A. J. Boulton 5, P. E. Jones (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new headmaster of Nottingham High School (Dr. D. headmaster of Nottingham High School (Dr. D. Witcombe) by the school society of ringers.

Wraxall, Som.—Oct. 20, 1274 Bob Triples A. Parry 1, I. Newell 2, Helen Kirkpatrick 3, J. Evered 4, B. H. Goodliffe (first B. Triples inside) 5, R. Perry 6, R. W. Willans (comp. and cond.) 7, N. Bull 6. First Bob Triples 2, 3, 4 and 8.

HUDSON'S NEW LIGHT

(R.W., September 28, 1945)

"March 24, 1843. On Tuesday the Shef-field St. Peter's Company of Change Ringers ascended the steeple and rang 5600 of Hudson's New Light on Treble Bob Major in the time of 3 hours and 46 minutes, being the first in that method ever rung by any company of campanologists. The band was stationed as follows: Wm. Hudson (sen) 1, Thomas Whaley 2, Isaac Lomas 3, Geo. Hudson 4, John Lomas (jun:) 5, Thomas Crossland 6, James Firth 7, Wm. Hudson 6 (jun.) tenor. In the above method of ringing treble bob the plain course contains 800 changes, and the peal was rung with only bobs. Composed and conducted by Mr. Wm. Hudson (sen.), who has received great praise for his work."

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SUFFOLK AND NORFOLK VETERANS

The seventh annual get-together of the veterans took place this year on October 7 at Debenham (Where better, they said!) And what a delight to see them all again, listen to their ringing and the yarning afterwards. A good-looking crowd, too, for only 1,206 years at over 80 apiece!

The ground-floor ring of excellent bells sounded well over the pretty village, and to quote the 19th century peal boards, Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung "in masterly style." At one stage we had Ernie Ambrose (92) and George Symonds (95) ringing together, and the stories those lads know would fill The Ringing World.

Back row (l. to r.): Bert Chilvers (Cotton, Bert Gog!e (Norwich, Leslie Ludbrook (Kelsale, 77), Leonard Last (Hoxne, 74). Middle row (l. to r.): Ernest Whiting (Pulham, 84), Gilbert Goodship (Grundisburgh, 82), Willough-by (Sonny) Maulden (Framlingham, 79). James Bennett (Grundisburgh, 83). Wal Ruffles (Ashfield, Gordon Haggar Walter (St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, 80). Seated (l. to r.): George Finch (Marlesford, 80), Ernest Ambrose (Long Melford, 92), Percy May (Ipswich, 75), George Symonds St. Mary-le-Tower, 95) and Harry Hall (Fram-lingham, 80).

Anglia TV filmed them in "Look East." ("Ah!" said Ernie Whiting, "providing we don't go West.")

Tea was enjoyed at The Angel and good wishes sent to Charles Sedgley, Ted Jenkins and Lester Gray. Another memorable afternoon, and God bless 'em.

G. W. P.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.

ST. MARGARET'S ON TOP

The annual striking competition was held on October 3 at Countesthorpe, following a meeting of the Leicester District. Six bands took part and St. Margaret's, Leicester, were adjudged the winners.

The competition was judged by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beamish, Mr. Len Trevor, of Chilvers Coton, and Mr. Frank Reynolds,

general secretary, Lancashire Association. In his remarks, Mr. Beamish commented on the very high standard of ringing in general, and said that the ringing had been very good. Faults had been difficult to discern in the performances of the higher placed bands, and had occurred mainly in leading. Mr. Beamish then announced the results: St. Margaret's, Leicester (18\frac{1}{2}\) faults), Earl Shilton (20), Sapcote (40), Countesthorpe (50), All Saints', Leicester (99), and Thurnby, who, unfortunately, broke down, but until then had been ringing extremely well.

Mr. Beamish said that it had been a great pleasure to adjudicate and Mrs. Beamish then presented the shield to Mr. John Jelley, captain of St. Margaret's band, and congratulated the band.

The guild secretary writes: "I would like to thank the bands for taking part in the competition, and on behalf of the guild to congratulate the ringers on the very high standard. I hope these six bands have set an example for others in the guild (and there are many capable) to come next year and make an even greater competition. It provides an opportunity not only for each band to try to show itself better than the next, but to demonstrate the level of enthusiasm and high standard of ringing that exists in the guild today.

I would also like to tender the very sincere thanks of the Leicester Guild to the judges, who gave their time and travelled a long way to help us.

R. D. H.

Handbells

RANDWICK FESTIVAL, 1970

"Randwick" deserted its usual setting this year for an equally delightful one, namely, the Severn Vale Secondary School, Quedgeley, Glos, This year's organiser, Mr. Richard Page, and his helpers must be considered very fortunate to have managed this change of venue so well and for having picked a fine day, so that tea could be taken outside if one so wished.

It was nice to see so many youngsters taking part, all performing quite admirably, with little help from hard-working tutors. The young band from Bredon (under J. Pullin), Whitminster School (D. Berry), Stone with Woodford (R. W. Hayes) with their wonderful "lapping," Longford School (B. James) with their very nice bells, and the 1st Castlefields Girl Guides (W. Gibbard) all came into this category.

The band of experts from Charnwood (J. Bowley) come next to mind. What can one say of such ringing?—except "More, please." The operators of the very large bells were a joy to watch; the timing was excellent and their whole performance fully justified the hours of practice which must have been put in. Their "Palais Glide" still rings in the memory!

The Black Country Ringers (Miss M. Tromans) come next. Real expertise here: good top bells, not too heavy harmony with beautiful timing. Weston-super-Mare must also be mentioned. Their "Gavotte" and "Caller Herrin" were well worth hearing. The Bisley Ringers (Mrs. C. E. Abbey) were pléasant to listen to but would have been better without the tape-recorded piano, which did not add a thing to their performance. Mr. Page's own band from Hard-

wicke showed good harmonies

Having picked out those who impressed
and apologising for not having mentioned
every band and leader by name, we now
give a few remarks about the ringing in
general. Firstly, some of the timing left a

lot to be desired. Timing is very important. It is all too easy not to keep the currect number of beats for the notes at the end of the lines but to rush on with the next line. Many tunes were spoiled this way. Again, when there is a "quick bit" to ring. ring it quickly: don't slow up-everybody is singing it in their mind with you, so keep the correct beat going. When you are harmonising, strike your "tune" note and harmonies together, otherwise the piece becomes ragged and unrecognisable. Do not over-harmonise as this also makes the music hard to recognise if it becomes "every-note-a-heavy-chord." The tune is often swallowed up in the blast of lower bells. All these examples were evident at Quedgeley, and listening to it on tape seems to have made them sound worse. This is intended only as constructive criticism.

Finally, thanks everyone for a good afternoon and evening's entertainment, which was a very agreeable landmark in our lives. A word of praise to a very pleasant announcer. Mr. Frank Barnett, who bore patiently with all our shortcomings, such as not being ready when he called on us, and who made us all feel so welcome. Then there are the people who laid on the teasmuch hard work was put in here.

THE BANDS

Berrow Church Handbell Ringers—Mrs. Wadley. Bredon — youngsters and old boys — J. Pullin. Whitminster School—Duncan Berry. St. George, Williton — R. F. Arscott. Maisemore Handbell Ringers—Rev. P. McConnell. Stonewith-Woodford Handbell Ringers — R. D. W. Hayes. St. John's Handbell Ringers—D. J. Gray. "Rich's Ringers" — Richard Page, Hardwicke. Charnwood Handbell Ringers—J. Bowley. W. Gibbard and his handbell ringers and the 1st Castlefields Girl Guides—W. Gibbard. The Joybells—L. Mills. Burnham (Bucks) Parish Church—C. T. Blundell. Warminster Handbell Ringers—N. G. Knee. Bisley Handbell Ringers—C. E. Abbey. Longford School Handbell Ringers—B. James. Black Country Ringers—Miss M. Tromans,

JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH By W. T. COOK

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Haworth also took part with the College Youths in the first peal on the bells at Marlow, Bucks, on Whit Monday, June 14, 1843—again Grandsire Triples. Of this peal and the one they rang next day at Wooburn, Haworth writes: "On Whit Sunday, June 13th, 1843, eight Members of the College Youths Society went to Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and rang a good peal of Grandsire Triples on the Monday following,

being the first peal on the bells.
"On the Tuesday following, seven Members of the above Society and one of the St. James's Society rang a peal of Grand-St. James's Society rang a pear of Changer Triples at Wooburn, about 5 miles from Marlow; it was a St. James's peal. The church is about five hundred years old, and it was said that the peal was the first rung on the bells. After ringing the peal and having refreshments at the Bell Inn, we set off for Maidenhead, and passed through Cookham, where we stopped and rang an 120 on the bells of that church. We arrived at Maidenhead at about half-past eight on Tuesday night and got into the train for London, where we arrived about ten o'clock."

Next month, Haworth had another interesting outing, this time into Kent.

"On Sunday, July 31st, 1843, some members of the Society of College Youths started for Leeds in Kent, and went as far as the Maidstone Road Station by the Brighton Railway, which is 46 miles from London. From that place it is eleven miles to Maidstone, and we had to walk six miles before we could get any conveyance. We got to Maidstone and there met with Mr. Pooley, the host who was to provide us with necessaries at Leeds—with a van, which took us to our destination. There we had a good dinner, which made amends for our fatigues. and soon after we ascended the tower to try that peal which brought us to Leeds, which was Kent Treble Ten In We rung 4,000 and got into trouble and were obliged to set our bells. We came down; after a certain time we retired to bed.

"Three of us, Tolladay, Stockham and Haworth, were to go to London to be at St. Martin's, on account of the Queen going to open the National Gallery at 12 o'clock on Monday. We had to be up at 5, to get to Headcorn at 7, which we did with quick walking; at Headcorn we got into the train and was soon on our road to London, which was 56 miles distant. We arrived there between ten and eleven and set off immediately for St. Martin's, where we arrived in time for ringing." From Sunday rived in time for ringing." From Sunday morning at 10, Tolladay, Stockham and Haworth had travelled 102 miles by Railway,

and walked 26 miles.

GRANDSIRE, STEDMAN AND KENT

In those days almost the only methods ever rung to peals were Grandsire, Stedman and Kent (which had recently superseded Oxford), and Haworth's peals were nearly all in these three methods, so I propose only to comment on the peals in which he took part which were of particular interest. One James's Society on January 3, 1844. at St. Clement Danes', Grandsire Triples, in memory of Thomas Tolladay, who had been such a mainstay of the St. James's Society, the Junior College Youths and, later, the Ancient Society of College Youths. Another was a visit to Hythe, Kent, on Monday, July 28, 1845, at the invitation of Mr. John Friend, a notable ringer of that town. The College Youths rang 5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by Friend from the

tenor, with Haworth on the sixth, and, according to the College Youths' peal book, "The Peal was heard by several of the oldest and best Composers and Ringers in the above County who pronounced it to be the most superior performance they ever

heard on 8 bells."
On January 27, 1846, the College Youths rang the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in London, at St. Saviour's, Southwark. Haworth rang the seventh to this peal, which took 4 hours and 21 minutes. He also rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques on the same bell in December, 1849. On August 19, 1850, he went with a band of College Youths to Windsor. Before ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church they rang a touch of Grandsire on the eight in the Julius Cæsar tower

At this time there was rivalry among the leading twelve-bell companies in England to obtain the record length of Stedman Cinques. The Birmingham men had rung 7,392 changes in 1848, and on Monday, January 6, 1851, this was beaten by a peal of 7,524 changes rung by the College Youths at Cripplegate in 5 hours and 24 Haworth rang the seventh in this peal, which was composed and conducted by John Cox. Next year, on Monday, April 5, 1852, Haworth took part in another long peal, 7,127 Grandsire Caters, rung by the St. James's Society at St. Clement Danes'. In this peal Haworth rang the ninth.

NEW BELLS OPENED

On May 24, 1855, Haworth went with a band of College Youths to open the new bells at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, where they "rang various touches during the day. Ringing during the day conducted by Mr. Haworth." Earlier that year, on February 24, Haworth called his first peal (which was his 44th)—Grandsire Major at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. In 1857 Haworth was on a visit to Lancashire-perhaps staying with his relations who lived in those parts. He called a peal of Grandsire
Triples at St. Chad's, Rochdale, on July 11.
Meanwhile the Painswick band had
gained the Stedman Cinques record with

a peal of 8,448 changes, which the College Youths attempted to beat on Easter Monday, April 5, 1858. They went for a peal of 8,551 changes at St. Saviour's, Southwark (Haworth was, as usual, on the seventh), "but after ringing 6 hours 10 minutes, the person bringing the candles caused the party to get out. Nearly 8,000 was rung.

In that same year, between May 23 and October, Haworth travelled extensively in England, Scotland and Ireland—for what purpose is not clear, though he seems to have been on holiday. Attached to the front cover of the book is a sheet of paper showing "J. R. Haworth's travels by walking, steamboat and railway, in England, Scotland and Ireland." Briefly, he went from London to Leith by steamboat, stopping at Newcastle on the way, walked from Edinburgh to Glasgow, went across to Londonderry by boat, then set off on a walking tour to Belfast, Dublin, Cork and back to Dublin-a total of 528 miles. From Dublin he returned to Liverpool by boat, and eventually, after visiting several places in Lancashire, returned by rail to London.

The next peal of interest (No. 53 in

Haworth's book) is described in a newspaper cutting as follows: "On Saturday the 17th December, 1859, six members of the St. Clement Danes Harmonic Society of Change-Ringers rang at Mr. Houghton's, the Punch Bowl, Carey Street, a fine peal of Grandsire Cinques, consisting of 5,037 changes, in three hours and twenty-five minutes." This peal was called by Haworth, who was ringing 1-2.

On Saturday, April 27, 1861, the College Youths succeeded in scoring the record peal of 8,580 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill. James Dwight, in his well-known song about the peal, said:

"Robert Haworth rang the seventh, And well he played his part:

He has rung so many peals you'd think He knew them all by heart.'

In fact this was Haworth's 58th peal. Two years later, December 19, 1863, the College Youths rang a peal of Stedman Caters on the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow, the tenor of which weighed 53 cwt.. This was the first peal on the bells for 23 years, and, according to a newspaper cutting, "will reflect great honour upon the performers, considering the great weight of metal and the beautiful striking from beginning to In this peal Haworth rang the fifth.

ST. STEPHEN'S, CARLISLE

In 1865 Haworth took part in another opening of a new ring of bells—this time at St. Stephen's, Carlisle. Of this visit, St. Stephen's, Carlisle. Of this visit, Haworth wrote: "On Tuesday morning, May 30, 1865, eight members of the College Youths went by the North-Western railway to Carlisle, Cumberland, to open a peal of bells in the tower of St. Stephen's Church, built at the sole cost of Miss Burdett Coutts, who kindly paid their expenses. They rang Holt's Long Course Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, on Wednesday morn-ing, in 2 hours 58 minutes, and returned to London on Thursday morning, highly pleased with the journey. They also rang a course of Grandsire Cinques on the handbells, in the presence of Miss Burdett Coutts at the County Hotel, who afterwards liberally ordered refreshments for them." The peal was claimed as the first in the County of Cumberland.

On December 27 of that year the same band rang the same peal on the newly-restored bells of St. Mary's, Whitechapel. This band—Shury, Haley, Jameson, Cooter, Ferris, Haworth, Wood and Dwight—met a third time for opening a new ring of bells in the following year.

"College Youths at Leith, Edinburgh, Scotland. On Friday evening, Dec. 7th, 1866, at 9.15, from the Great Northern Railway, King's Cross, eight members of the above Society started to open a new peal of eight bells at St. James's Church, Leith. They travelled all night and arrived at Edinburgh at 8.30 in the morning—400 miles—the longest distance from London that a peal of bells has been opened by London The railway fare was £26 They returned on the Sunday evening following, having travelled 800 miles. ringers were received by Mr. Jackson, the clergyman, at the Parsonage, in a kind manner; and after refreshment several touches and firing were performed on the bells, much to the gratification of an attentive audience. In the afternoon the handbells were rung in Mr. Jackson's house before some of the principal ladies and gentlemen of the neighbourhood."

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R.A.F. BELLRINGERS .- It is proposed to hold a meeting at Odiham in January, 1971, for the purpose of forming the R.A.F. Association of Bellringers. Interested person to contact: J. D. Sankey, 72 Sqdn., R.A.F. Odiham, Basingstoke,

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilkeston District. - 10-bell practice, Duffield, Fri., Nov. 13, 7.30-9 p.m. 118

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Surprise practice, St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., Mon., Nov. 16, 6-8 p.m. All welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Practice meeting, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (8), Wed., Nov. 18, 7.30-9 p.m. See also display advert.—A. L. Pearson.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SO-CIETY. — Meeting, Hedon (8), Sat., Nov. 14.
Bells 3.30–5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by more ringing.-R. W. S.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.-Monthly ringing meeting Sat., Bells available: Clay Cross (6) 3-4 p.m.; North Wingfield (8) 4-5 p.m. and after meeting. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Davis, 48, Cartmel Crescent, Dunston Names for tea, please, Estate, Chesterfield, Tel. Chesterfield 51175 .-Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 9994
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trict.—Meeting, Hathersage, Sat., Nov. 14. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring your own food.—T. Wylie. 9983 9983

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD .-Meeting, East Grinstead, Sat., Nov. 14. Ringing: Hammerwood, 3-4.15; East Grinstead, 4.15-5. Tea in the tower room 5 p.m. (please bring own food-cups of tea provided). Service 6 p.m., followed by business and further ringing until 8.30. Tickets (30s. each) for the annual dinner on January 9 will be available at this meeting or from E. J. Ladd, 4 William Street, Tunbridge 9947

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Cambridge District) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (North Western District).-Joint meeting, Nov. 14, at Ickleton, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea. short business meeting for Cambridge District members. Evening ringing also at lckleton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - South Eastern District.-Meeting, Burnham-on-Crouch, Sat., Nov. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome. - R. J. H., Die Sec 9916

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Chertsey District.-Nomination meeting, East Molesey, on Sat., Nov. 14. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Matravers, 47a Walton Road, East Molesey, Surrey, please.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Western District.—Flamstead (6), Nov. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Sheppard, 19, Great Heart, Hemel Hempstead,

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be at St. Alphege, Whitstable (in High Street), on Sat., Nov. 14. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing at All Saints, Whitstable, after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Bennett, 12 Warwick Road, Whitstable (Tel. Whitstable 4631). No name, no tea.-J. B. K.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. -- Furness and ake District Branch.-Meeting, Sat., Nov. 14, Ambleside. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Please note change of tower. Please make own arrangements for tea.—T. F. Metcalfe. 127

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Arundel (8), Sat., Nov. 14. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. following by business meeting. Even-ing ringing until 8.30. Please notify for tea M. Wills, 75, Annandale Avenue, Bognor

SUFFOLK GUILD .- North East District .- Annual District Meeting at Beccles on Nov. 14.
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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. - Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Curry Rivel, on Sat., Nov. 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential.—R. J. Dean. 124

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Nov. 21, Newbold-on-Avon (6), 2.30—3.30 p.m. Dunchurch (6), 3.30—4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. More ringing after tea at Dunchurch. Names for tea to Mr. P. Barnwell, Holly Bank, Cawston Lane, Dunchurch, by Nov. 19 (important).-D. W. M.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.-Meeting, Eynesbury, on Sat., Nov. 21. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.-Dyer, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- Southern District .-Meeting Sat., Nov., 21, at North Ockendon (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea early please to Mrs. Livermore, Castle Cottages, Ockendon Road, North Ockendon, Upminster.

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Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., Nov. 21, North Mymms, 3-4 p.m. Service 4.30 at Barnet, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Barnet. Names for tea to Mr. E. Paternoster, 8 Russell Court, Station Road, New Barnet, Herts. -F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A.G.M., Sat., Nov. 21, at St. Mary's, Marlborough. Ringing 2.30–7.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Lee, 4 Poulton Crescent, Marlborough, by Tues., Nov.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY .-Meeting at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Sat., Nov. 21. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. to 4.25 p.m. and after tea. Committee meet in nave at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Nov. 18 latest please, to Mrs. J. Jones, 81, The Crescent, Tettenhall Wood, Wolverhampton. Tel. Wolverhampton 753549.—C. M. S., Gen. Sec. 9763

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Obituary.

ALAN R. BRIDGES
It was with deep regret that Alan's friends learned of his death on Tuesday, October 27. He had not enjoyed good health for a number of years, but he rarely allowed illness to keep him from the belfry for more than a few weeks at a time before reappearing at practices and meetings and in the occasional peal. Alan had held office at district level in the Suffolk Guild and was report editor for the last two years. Our heartfelt sympathy is ex-tended to his wife and daughters at this time.

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MASTER WEDS

The master of the St. Albans Cathedral Society of Change Ringers, Mr. Gerald Penney, and one of the members, Miss Janet Lesley Pearson, were married on October 10 at St. Albans Cathedral. During the service, which was conducted by the Sub-Dean (Canon P. J. Pasterfield), a touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung in

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length dress of embroidered satin with a lace train and a short headdress edged with matching lace. carried a bouquet of orchids, white and yellow roses, lilies of the valley and stephanotis. She was attended by Miss Diane Richards, Miss Lesley Ewer and Miss Caroline Pearson, whilst Gerald had Mr.

Eric Edmondson as best man.
Gerald and Janet are the fourth couple (and the 11th and 12th members of the society) to be married in the past few years.

After the reception, the couple left in a highly decorated car for a honeymoon in Jersey, stopping for a short while to hear the start of the successful peal of Stedman Cinques at the Abbey rung by friends and members of the society.



PRESENTATION

At a recent joint meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Guild and the Lincoln Branch of the Ladies' Guild, Mrs. Gray, vice-president of the latter, presented Mrs. Richardson with an Astro lamp and a brooch, as a token of regard and appreciation of her 43 years' service as hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild (Lincolnshire

Mrs. Richardson, obviously very moved, expressed appreciation of the gifts and said she had enjoyed working for the branch.

25 YEARS AGO Taken from The Ringing World for

November 9, 1945

The late Mr. Joseph W. Parker, whose death had recently been announced, was written of in the leader as "the most distinguished member of that small number of men who have added lustre to the story of

At Berkeley, Glos, seven of the ten ringers rang their first peal (Grandsire Caters), which Arthur Prince conducted from the treble.

Walter F. Judge, ringing the 3rd at Ban-bury, scored his 300th peal, and Richard A. Post his 125th and his first as conductor of Royal. . *

The first peal on Vancouver Island (Grandsire Triples) was rung by D. Boniface, Miss M. Izard, F. Weatherby, A. King, E. W. Izard, A. B. Lomas, E. F. Salmons and E. Lake. Mr. Salmons conducted and it was the first peal for 1, 2 and tenor.

Among the letters to the editor were those from T. Groombridge, jun., of Notts, on the question of Minor with a cover; from H. L. Martin (Cambridge) on the question of first peals in a method by a ringer who "drums behind"; and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna) about riding his cycle up Cleeve Hill in the Cotswolds.

The Yorkshire Association officers rang a peal at Ilkley on November 3 to com-memorate the 70th anniversary of its foundation, and each member had rung 100 or more peals for the association.

50 YEARS AGO

November 12, 1920

**. . when surrounded by comparatively young and virile societies it (the College Youths) maintains its place in the forefront of ringing organisations."—Leader

The Gofton family rang the first peal of London on handbells by four brothers.

A previous peal, the first of London, was rung by G. R. Pye, William Pye, E. Pye and W. Keeble.

At Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, Lancs, the bells were rededicated in the church porch before being raised to the bell cham-The restoration followed a fire the previous year.

Miss Hilda Mills was elected hon secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, and Miss A. Fisher, Miss M. Nye and Miss Avenall elected to the committee.

Arthur T. Morris tapped and conducted 5056 Bob Major on October 29, and again a week later, there being witnesses on each occasion.

A peal of Stedman Triples at Oswestry was for the birthday of E. V. Rodenhurst, and, at Stokesay, Daniel T. Matkin conducted Grandsire Doubles, his first as conductor on tower bells.

There was an attendance of 230 at the 333rd anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths held in London last Saturday. The oldest member present, Mr. George Symonds, joined the society in 1898—72 years ago!

908 — The Ringing World November 13, COMPOSITIONS

5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR By CHRISTOPHER FORSTER

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Conducted by Keith Walpole.

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5184: In one part, instead of the singles and all in between, just call a bob.

P=Portsmouth; W=Winchester.

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St. Botolph, Northfleet, Kent

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By BARBARA I. WILKINSON

(With acknowledgments to the Rev. S. H. Cooke's A History of Northfleet and its Parish Church.)

THE PARISH CHURCH of St. Botolph, Northfleet, in Kent, stands surrounded chalk pits and overlooking the river, in the middle of the cement and paper industry of the Thames estuary. It may be easier to locate the town, known as Norfluet in the Domesday Book, if one mentions neighbouring Gravesend, and the town and docks

of Tilbury across the river.

Parts of the Saxon church at Northfleet remain, as do two pillars of the Norman period, but the main structure was built between 1350 and 1370. Northfleet was a rich living, the Archbishop of Canterbury being Lord of the Manor, and some of the 14th century Popes made attempts to obtain it for their favourites. For two centuries the English Crown and the Popes were rivals for Northfleet's riches, and the high-ranking ecclesiastics who were appointed to the living are evidence of its importance. One, Peter de Lacy, who was rector from 1356 to 1375, was secretary to the Black Prince, and, in 1370, Keeper of the Privy Seal. His full-length brass in the chancel is well known to brass-rubbers. The battle for Northfleet was finally won by the Crown, for by 1538 the Archbishop of Canterbury was Thomas Cranmer, and the King was Henry VIII. Henry's views on the riches of the Church, and his consequent confiscation of what he could lay his hands on, are well known, and Cranmer presumably felt it more politic to give some of his possessions away in the hope of keeping the rest. In 1538 he therefore granted to the King his manors of Otford, Bexley, Northfleet, Maidstone and Knole. Since that time the living has remained a vicarage in the cift of the Crown in the gift of the Crown.

Dating from the 14th century, the church contains an old wooden parish chest, which may well be the "chest bound with iron" bequeathed by William Lye to the church 1391. Across the chancel from the Peter de Lacy brass are those of William Lye, and Sir William Rikhill and his wife Katherine, all now, sadly, only half-figures. Also dating from this period is the oak rood screen, thought to be the oldest screen of this date in situ in Kent. On the east side of the screen, above the chancel steps, are carved small heads of our Lord and the Apostles, cherub faces, oak and vine leaves and a church mouse. The Puritans took exception to the carvings of our Lord and the Apostles, and the details of the faces have been chiselled away.

Northfleet suffered towards the end of the 18th century, as did many churches, from absentee vicars. The church was neglected, and by the mid-1800's substantial restoration was necessary. Although the Victorians left their mark, Northfleet did not suffer too much from their zeal, and the stained glass especially is an example of some of their better work. In the present century successive vicars and church councils have dealt with the ravages of damp, which is a continuous problem. And there have been two attacks of death watch beetle and woodworm in the space of 25 years. Recently the churchyard was laid out local great authority the as an open ent; and 1965 space—a improvement; and saw the completion, in the churchyard, of a new building containing vestries, and a hall with kitchen facilities, and connected

to the church through what used to be an old priest's door. This has fulfilled a long-felt need within the parish.

THE TOWER AND BELLS

In 1180 the Normans built a massive squat tower, resting on the two large pillars still to be seen at the west end of the church. It fell in 1628 and was left in ruin for nearly a century. Then its north side was converted into a staircase leading to the bells, and the present tower built in 1717 inside the old one, a good deal of the old materials being used. Although 68 feet high, it is too small in proportion to the large church, but presumably the chief object was to house the bells. The present oak frame is almost certainly the "new" one of 1717/8, but there would have been bells before this date, and there are earlier references to them. One is in the will of Edward Horden in 1538, who left "to viii men that shall ring at my burial ii s viii d"; and in 1532 John Branston left 40s. for the making of a bell for this church.

On a sheet of oilcloth kept in the tower it is recorded that for the 16 years from 1902 to 1918 there was no ringing because of the unsafe condition of the bells and frame. In a letter of 1904, Mears and Stainbank reported that "... The framework is wedged to the tower walls in all directions, and two girders have been fitted underneath to strengthen it. The joints are weak, but by fitting iron angle plates to them would make the frame serviceable for many years longer." But not until 1918 was the frame strengthened and the then six bells put into temporary ringing order. Between 1918 and 1920 nine 720's of Bob Minor were rung, including one half-muffled after the 1919 War Memorial service, and another, also half-muffled, during the service in Northfleet Cemetery at the unveiling of the War Memorial stone in March, 1920.

The oilcloth further records that in 1920 the old six bells were quarter turned, fitted with new headstocks and bearings, frame strengthened, and two new trebles added to make a ring of eight. This work was done by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who fixed a peculiar type of crown-staple over the old cast-in staples securing the bells to their girder headstocks. These have proved inefficient and the clappers are now loose. In the 50 years (since 1920) Northfleet's anticlockwise bells have been rung continuously, apart from the war years, and 113 full peals recorded. In 1923 a peal of Northfleet Little Bob was rung for the first and only We have recently been trying to find full details of this method, so far with no success, in order that it may be rung again.

RESTORATION

A chance opportunity this year of having the tower inspected by one of the foun-dries resulted in a surprising report. report. Ringers throughout Kent were firmly convinced nothing would be found wrong at Northfleet because of the careful maintenance of the fittings over many years. We were all surprised when told that there were many fittings in need of replacement, and that the gudgeons and bearings are badly worn and could result in the fall of a bell at any time. We were perhaps not so surprised to hear that the old oak frame now seems to have reached the end of its life. It rocks backwards and forwards, and also dips up and down to some extent, but it has served Northfleet's bells since 1718

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and survived two known attacks of woodworm, so we cannot begrudge it honourable retirement.

To many of the inhabitants of Northfleet it is unthinkable that the bells should be silenced, and because of this the Church Council launched an appeal in August, on the 50th anniversary of the 1920 restoration, for £4,500. This will allow all necessary replacement of fittings and the installation of a new cast iron frame. It will also allow for the recasting of the eight bells and the addition of two new trebles. We naturally hope that all the proposed restoration work may be completed, but if not, as much as possible will be done. Any donations for this work will be most gratefully acknowledged by the hon. treasurer of the Northfleet Bell Restoration Fund, Mr. F. E. Martin, 4 Dover Road, Northfleet, Kent.

WEIGHTS AND INSCRIPTIONS

Treble. - Alfred Bowell. Founder. 1920. Presented by the people of Northfleet in memory of the men of this parish who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1918. Rev. J. P. E. Bulteel, M.A. Vicar. George Snelling, C. W. Smith, Churchwardens. (5 cwt. F.)

2nd.-Alfred Bowell. Founder. Ipswich 1920. Presented by the people of Northfleet in commemoration of the Declaration of Peace 1919. Rev. J. P. E. Bulteel, M.A. Vicar. George Snelling, C. W. Smith, Churchwardens. (5½ cwt. E.)

3rd.-Lester and Pack of London fecit 1758. (6 cwt. D.)

4th.-1817 T. Mears of London fecit. (61) cwt. C.)

5th. -- Lester & Pack fecit 1757. (8 cwt. B flat.)

6th,-1817 T. Mears of London fecit. H. Pitcher, R. Snowden, Churchwardens. (9 cwt. A.) 7th.-Thos. Lester & Thos. Pack of London

made these six bells 1758. (11½ cwt. G.)
Tenor.—G. Mears & Co. Founders Londor
1864. Frederick Southgate Vicar. George T Founders London Richmond, William Spencer, Churchwardens. (16½ cwt. F.)

What is true wisdom? To know how to alter one's mind when occasion demands.-

Terence.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY'S 333rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER

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So stated Mr. A. R. Kench, master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on November 7th, when he was proposing the toast to The Church, the occasion being the 333rd Anniversary Dinner of the Society, held at Walbrook Restaurant, E.C.4.

The master continued: "The society has changed over the years; the 20th century has imposed a rapidly changing environment of communications, of general level of education and in the variety of interests and warm reception of it. He endorsed the four points made. He had not been a ringer himself, although he had been as-sociated with bells for 40 years. Because of the condition of the tower where he first served, the bells were only chimed, separate hammers being attached to ropes over pul-leys. Although it was many years since he had ever thought about those early days, he could still remember the sequence of numbers. The Dean proceeded to quote line



The master (Mr. A. R. Kench), photographed with (centre) the secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) and Prebendary G. B. Timms (Holborn).

[R.W. photo.

people pursue, and a higher general level of awareness of a much wider spectrum of We believe the society has kept pace pretty well and has survived as a flourishing institution in an age when many institutions are crumbling."

The speaker then detailed the ways in which the society had countered the outside challenges to its survival and instanced a parallel development in London and of the difficulties experienced in getting bands of ringers to the City at short notice. He then spoke of the relationship with the Church, and interpreted the situation today in four ways:

1. We ask the Church to appreciate the art form of change ringing as having a value in itself, to be worth preserving.

2. We recognise the debt we owe to the Church in helping to preserve and foster it, and wish to express our gratitude.

3. We as a society dedicate the best services of our art to the purposes of the Church as far as we are reasonably able.

4. We offer ourselves as a responsible and flourishing institution in the City of London, dedicated to a high standard of ringing, and committed to a responsible attitude towards the use of the bells.

Mr. Kench enlarged upon each point

made and then invited the company to rise and drink the toast, to which was coupled the name of the Very Rev. M. G. Sullivan (Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral).

NOT A RINGER

Replying, the Dean thanked the master for the admirable way he had proposed the toast and the company for the generous

Seated at the top table: Mr. A. R. Kench (master), the Very Rev. M. G. Sullivan (Dean of St. Paul's), Mr. J. Freeman (president, Cenof St. Paul's), Mr. J. Freeman (president, Central Council), the Revs. Canon N. C. S. Motley (Cornhill), Preb. G. B. Timms (Holborn), B. Watson (St. Lawrence Jewry), R. Simpson (Westminster Abbey), J. McCulloch (St. Maryle-Bow), Dr. D. E. Sibson (master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Air Commodore J. S. Masson, (trouvers), Masson, C. A. Price. S. Mason (treasurer), Messrs. J. G. A. Prior (hon. secretary), D. E. Rothera (senior steward), A. R. Patterson (junior steward), W. T. Cook (librarian), A. N. Stubbs (immediate past master), P. A. Corby, F. W. Perrens, A. J. Frost, P. A. F. Chalk, W. R. Winterton, W. A. Hughes, S. Richards.

The Dean of St. Paul's (Very Rev. M. G. Sullivan) chatting with Mr. P. A. Corby (a past master of the society).

after line of changes and tunes to the amusement and appreciation of his audience. He quipped "In America they would give me a Ph.D. for that."

The mathematical precision of the ringers' changes were ever a source of admiration to him, the Dean continued, and he thanked them all for their important contribution made. There were two ways, he thought, that would impress sinners: (1) for the organist to ignore the music and make use of all the organ pipes (and there were one or two organists around who did just that) and (2) to let bellringers loose to ring whenever they wanted to! (Laughter.)

VALUE OF THE RINGING WORLD

In similar vein the speaker held his audience with easy and lively expressions, his New Zealand accent assisting greatly in every way. He told several amusing stories and also spoke of the communicable value of The Ringing World. It expressed the real vitality of the Exercise and was read all over the world. One of his friends who is a ringer in Christ Church, New Zealand, had a triumphant tour of England and found exercise approach to a provide the control of the control of the service of the control of the cont found amazing generosity and hospitality because of The Ringing World. It was an encouragement and would help to ensure continuation of its publication.

Concluding, the Dean again expressed thanks to all for the warmth of the toast and for the work the bellringers did for the

Rising amidst applause to propose the toast to the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. John Freeman, president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, proceeded to generate peals of laughter with an apparently endless fund of after-dinner stories. His gift of being able to turn a chance remark into an amusing incident is well known and appreciated by those who have been priviled to hear him. those who have been privileged to hear him speak on other occasions.

Having entertained his audience, Mr. Freeman then spoke of the pomp and ceremonies practised by the Ancient Society over the generations of its existence and of the continual looking back to the past. "But this is the space age," he said. "We are continually reminded of the happenings of the past are continually this present age and that space is the lost this present age, and that space is the last frontier. Even in ringing circles this has happened, for voices were raised in 1969 about the Central Council, and these suggested that the constitution should be more dynamic to meet the demands of the space age. This had been discussed at Ilkley this year and the Council are endeavouring to be more in touch with the requirements of

(Continued overleaf.)



COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER—Contd. ringers and their everyday needs." Many associations, too, had taken action in this matter, and amidst all this the Ancient Society pursued its leisurely way, holding monthly meetings and practices, its annual dinner and summer festival. The three courses of Stedman Cinques were rung at St. Paul's every Sunday morning and after-noon and the bells were rung at Westminster Abbey.

Some might ask, said Mr. Freeman, what useful purpose did this society serve in this day and age. He invited his hearers to contemplate the future—the master of the society 200 years hence. The picture might be of everyone housed in large buildings with every facility in it, furniture designed scientifically, with meals in tabloid form, somewhat different from the meal enjoyed that evening. Altogether it appeared by present day standards to be a pretty drab existence. Everything would be functional and highly efficient but lacking in some of the things that made life worth living.

THE BLUE LINE

Mr. Freeman spoke of compositions recently appearing in The Ringing World and marked "computer proved," and of the differing ways of ringing handbells. He was one who, whilst he rang, was mentally following the blue line, but the modern method was by place notations, which no doubt was easier and very efficient. He (the speaker) questioned, however, the pleasure from this method compared with meandering leisurely along the blue line of the old

Maybe the computer had taken over in some cases, but it would be advisable before letting it take over completely to calculate carefully the future on a backcloth of the past which had contributed so much to our enjoyment. If this was done there would be a balance which would mean that the society had carried out its function in life. Mr. Freeman said that if the College Youths' master of 200 years hence looked back he would find that Anthony Kench was a capable master and that Jim Prior was an excellent and efficient secretary. It was a great privilege and pleasure to propose the toast to the Ancient Society. (To be continued.)

Obituary

PERCY CLAUDE ARTIS

Percy Artis was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association for 76 years. though few living today can claim to have rung with him.

Elected a member in 1894, he rang his first peal on December 1 that same year at Fressingfield. This was one of Oxford Treble Bob Major, conducted by Alfred W. Brighton. His 20th and last was also of Oxford at St. Michael-at-Coslany, Norwich, on March 7, 1922, conducted by George H. Cross.

Mr. Artis was attached to the St. Michael-at-Coslany company during this period and was also admitted a member of the St. Peter Mancroft Ringers' Benefit Society in 1899. He remained a member until the breaking up of the society in 1923. Shortly after this, Mr. Artis ceased to take an active part in ringing.

Throughout his long life of 94 years Mr. Artis was fortunate in enjoying excellent physical and mental health. He died suddenly on Sunday, October 25, near his home in Norwich, on the way to catch a bus to visit relatives. His wife predeceased him by 51 years.

N.G.



Southwell Guild FIVE FOR THE POT

History was made in Ordsall Parish Church, Retford, on October 14. In the beautiful setting of the previous Sunday's harvest decorations, and by kind permission of the rector (Rev. W. A. Williams), bands of ringers from five local churches met to compete against each other-not for a silver cup but for a silver pot—a teapot!

It all began when, at the last annual general meeting of the Southwell Guild each district was asked to produce something new to mark next year's silver jubilee (the 25th anniversary of the guild).

The North Notts District, centred at Retford, the home for the "Crawford" cup diocesan competition and the more open and national "Oswy Street" cup competition, was at a loss to know what more it could do. However, as these two compe-titions were for the experienced bands of ringers, with their polished performances of the more complicated methods of change-ringing, it was felt that something ought to be done to enable the not-soexperienced, the novice and the ordinary Sunday service bellringers to take part. It was decided to have a striking competition, which could consist of simple rounds, callchanges, or a simple method on five or six bells and lasting for ten minutes.

The ladies on the district's tea committee, having the silver jubilee in mind and knowing how expensive silver cups are these days, offered to present a silver teapot, and they tramped around antique shops, eventually returning with a fine Victorian specimen which would grace any duchess's tea table. Until a title for the competition can be found it has earned the nickname of the "Teapot Trophy".

It was decided that this year would be a "trial run," but as it turned out it was definitely considered "the real thing" by the ringers on the day appointed. The Ordsall tower was prepared by Mr. Bob Bloomfield, a local ringer.

The adjudicators were Mr. John A. Coates (district chairman) and Mr. David Jack (captain, East Drayton), who spoke of the high standard achieved. They hoped that more bands would enter next year.

The trophy was presented by the guild's vice-chairman and district chaplain, Rev. J. Leslie Howitt.

The bands were (in the order of ringing) West Retford (captain, Miss Margaret Womack), who rang rounds and callchanges and had 59 faults; Wheatley (captain, Arthur Turber)—this band, more ambitious, rang Plain Hunt on five and Grandsire Doubles (93 faults).

The winners of the competition, Laxton (captain, David R. Chambers) rang rounds and call-changes (38 faults).

There were only five ringers from Everton, under the captaincy of Alan Wilson, sen., and they rang rounds and call-changes (55 faults).

Finally, the band from Sturton (captain, Harry Poyner) had the most novice ringers and rang rounds and call-changes (76 faults).

All the ringers worked well together and a very happy atmosphere pervaded. It is understood that the jubilant winners intend to follow arcient traditions of celebrating by filling the pot to overflowing (would you believe, with Double — beer?). No doubt the losers reinforced their resolve to win next year over glasses of other Doubles! All, that is, except the minors, who had to be content with tea.

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Editorial

MR. BOTTOMLEY RESIGNING

The news given to the Standing Committee on October 24 that the secretary of the Central Council (Mr. Vernon Bottomley), for business reasons, will not continue in that office after the 1971 Council meeting will be received with regret. He has spent a tremendous amount of time, and given of his knowledge and experience to the work of the Council and conscientiously discharged the onerous duties connected with the office, always ably and cheerfully supported by his wife, Jeanne, The thanks of the Exercise are due to both Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley.

The Committee have now the task of finding a suitable successor—no easy matter, for men of experience and with the necessary time available are few and far between. We wish them every success. in their search for this "superman".

Central Council

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETS

The Standing Committee had another meeting on Saturday, October 24, when the most important topic of discussion was the procedural report presented to the Council last May. It was reconsidered in detail and account was taken of the opinions of the speakers at Ilkley. An example is the drafting of a new object, No. 1—"To promote and foster the ringing of Church Bells for Divine Service." which will be embodied in the supplementary report which will be published eventually.

It was considered that the Council has a good case for seeking official recognition as a Charity and appropriate action will be

It was thought that there was a case for merging two or all of the Analysis. Methods and Records Committees because of an overlap of functions and an opportunity has been made for each of these committees to comment before any recommendation is made.

It was also decided to ask all committees to submit 1970 reports a month earlier than the date required by rule in order that they may be published in The Ringing World in advance of the Council meeting. It may thus be possible to arrange for discussion of controversial items at the informal meeting which is likely to become established as regular procedure.

The conveners of the three sub-committees responsible for the production of the 1969 constitution report and the principal officers of the Council have been instructed to prepare a supplementary report and to draft the motions for the consequent amendments to the rules, and these will be considered at the next Standing Committee meeting in March.

The secretary asked, with regret, that arrangements should be made to replace him at the 1971 Council meeting. He had unforeseeably been overtaken by a great volume of extra professional work and the strain was having physical effects. This state of affairs involved both the Council and the secretary in a risk which neither ought to take. A small sub-committee was formed which was instructed to submit a short list of possible successors to the

On ITV's "Opportunity Knocks" on Monday, November 9, three attractive young lady handbell ringers from Linley, near Bath, gave an excellent performance. Each ringing four bells, they rang confidently, and one particular piece, "My Grandfather's Clock," was exceptionally good.

The quarter peal at North Stoneham, recorded on page 857, was rung in 1969. It was not printed at the time and for obvious reasons it was felt that it should be published, as it was one of the last which Tom and Margaret Francis took part in. Both, it will be recalled, were killed in a car crash last March.

Deborah Eyles and her family are off to Canberra, Australia, and a peal was arranged and rung with the good wishes of the band and her fellow ringers at Allesley, Coventry. It also enabled Deborah to ring her first peal. [We all hope she will find a tower not too far away from her new home.—Ed.]

The ladies of Nottingham University Society decided to ring a quarter peal without their male counterparts, who were sceptical about the success of the attempt. The gentlemen had to climb down, however, when the excellent ringing brought the quarter round successfully.

quarter round successfully.

Under "Wedding Week-end" (page 873) we apparently got the wrong tower captain married! Miss G. E. Newcombe is captain at Edmonton, but it was Mr. R. Wood, captain at Enfield, for whom the quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung when he was married on October 4.

First peal congratulations to J. L. Thorogood, Deborah Eyles, Angela C. Parr, Clive C. Atkins, Frances Craig, Stuart W. Hale, Anne M. Ford (11).

New conductors this week include: Derick E. Kirton, Timothy R. Jones, P. Donald Naylor, Celia F. H. D'Aeth, John E. Harrold.

Personal Records: John M. Jelley (800 peals), Maris C. Stephenson (75), Patricia North (200), Gerald C. Hemming (400), D. John Hunt (700), Roger Kendrick (100), Roger Cadamy (50), Katharine J. Maundrell (150), Philip Mehew (800), David G. Kealey (25).

New Method, rung at Spalding, Lincs: Versailles Surprise Major.

Taking part in the North Notts District "Teanot Trophy" (reported elsewhere) were Ian Boothby, aged 13. of W. Retford, and Frank Pigott. aged 78, of Everton. All the teams showed signs of nerves before the start but soon settled down once the bells were ringing. The whole competition was very creditably run.

Standing Committee so that a nomination could be made at the 1971 Council meeting. Whilst it is right that the Standing Committee should consider Mr. Bottom-lev's successor it is, of course, open to all members of the Council to nominate someone for the post in accordance with the present rules if they so wish.

The Committee accepted, on behalf of the Council, an invitation made jointly and severally by the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths to hold the 1972 meeting in London. Both bodies were acting in concert with the other London societies. Warsop Augmentation. — Those ringers who rang at Warsop Parish Church, Notts, recently after the dedication of the two new trebles, could be very well satisfied with the augmentation. It is a job well done, and Messrs. Taylors of Loughborough are to be congratulated, together with the efforts of the Warsop band, writes E. A. W.

At the end of the peal at St. Michaelon-the-Mount, Cornwall, the band found themselves bolted in the tower—possibly the work of one of the local agitators. Standing on the top of the tower calling for assistance was the last thing envisaged by members of the party when they started the

Dedicated to the memory of that well-known ringer and composer A. J. Pitman was a quarter peal rung recently by the Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Guild. The occasion was the wedding of Miss Judith Pitman, granddaughter of A. J., who married Mr. Robert Pooley.

Look, two Marilyns going, Marilyns gone. Northchurch (Herts) tower achieved two quarter peals in two consecutive weeks and lost two ringing "Marilyns" through marriage. Almost a touch of Spliced Doubles.

The sixth edition of Ropesight (1910) and a copy of Snowdon's Grandsire bound in leather as one volume is in the possession of Mr. E. R. Warner, of Horsell, Surrey, their condition being almost perfect, he tells

It is now over 700 years since the Archbishop of Canterbury has been celebrant at a service in St. Mary's Church, Swansea. On October 27 Dr. Ramsey, who is chairman of the British Council of Churches, celebrated at the 7.30 a.m. H.C. and the bells were rung both before and after the service by J. Williams, G. Seldon, M. Jones, D. Adams, Elizabeth Way, Ann McFenton, Justine Antoine, Angela Thomas and Margaret Fox.

According to a national newspaper St. Mary's bells (Reading) ruined a trap set for immigrant smugglers by the police. A tape recorder placed suitably for a conversation was rendered unusable because the bells ringing drowned the conversation.

When was the last peal of the Killamarsh variation of Kent and Oxford rung in a handbell peal? asks John Owen, of Ontario. Canada. His handbell team found it the most demanding, he tells us.

Bellringing gives Bank people relaxation and a chance to meet their customers informally. This was the caption to an illustration in a House magazine in September, which showed Mr. John Thomas, Miss Margaret Snyder and Mrs. Elizabeth Beardsley with Mr. Walter Nichols (ringing master) and Mr. Geoffrev Cooper studying a bell set up in the belfry of St. Mary's, Nottingham.

The Rev. J. D. Cox, whose death was recently announced, will be sadly missed by Cornish ringers, especially in the Penzance area. A ringer himself, he always welcomed visiting ringers to his church and was a loyal supporter of his own tower. A quarter peal was rung (at the request of the cantain of Madron tower) by ringers from Madron and other local towers before a memorial service held at Madron Parish Church and attended by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Mr. Cox leaves a widow and son, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. F. M. B.

Letters

FROM THE ORGANISER

Dear Sir,-It is regrettable indeed that so much correspondence concerning the recent peal at Samlesbury, Lancashire, has appeared in the columns of The Ringing World. The more so, because the correspondence so far has not stated accurately the facts of the matter.

Mr. Uphill's reply (R.W., page 834) to Mrs. Glen Clayton's letter (R.W., page 774) was accurate as far as it went, and in the tour committee's opinion Mrs. Clayton's letter was indeed sent in bad taste. (Incidentally, we apologise for getting Mrs. Clayton's sex wrong, but there was nothing in the signature to indicate that "Glen Clayton" was a woman.) Would it not have been more sensible for her to have written to me personally to complain before she saw fit to air, the matter publicly? At least I should then have had an opportunity of answering her complaints at first hand. If Mrs. Clayton did not know to whom to write should she not have consulted her vicar, who did know? Further, the vicar of Samlesbury had (a) granted permission quite happily for the peal, even at short notice, for which I apologised at the time; (b) informed me that he would make all the necessary arrangements for our visit, locally, and (c) assured me that there was no need for me to contact any local ringer as he would deal with the matter personally.

On arrival at the tower on September 5, the band was met by the verger of the church, who let them into the tower. After one hour and ten minutes had been spent in splicing worn ropes and in adjusting the heights of the ropes, the peal was begun. The touring band is alleged to have broken a stay. Although I was not present, I am assured by Mr. Uphill that the said stay was already severely cracked and damaged, if not broken, and that it literally fell from the headstock when the bell was raised. Mr. Crossthwaite in his letter (R.W., page 874) states that "the broken stay could easily have led to a serious accident." presumably to one of the local ringers. I agree, but the accident might well have happened to a member of the tour party. There was no notice on the rope of the bell concerned, or anywhere in the belfry or ringing chamber which could have warned visitors of the severely damaged stay. Mr. Crossthwaite further takes me to task as tour organiser. He says: "... it would have been more appropriate for the tour organiser to have sent a letter expressing regret that his band had broken a stay and failed to readjust the ropes after ringing their peal. A donation towards the cost of replacing the stay would not have been inappropriate."

In my letter to the vicar of Samlesbury
I did all those things which Mr. Crossthwaite claims I should have done, including an offer of meeting the costs of replacing the broken stay, for which we were not solely responsible, and an apology for any inadvertent discourtesies on behalf of the touring band. These facts have not been made known to your correspondents, and two months after the event of my writing to the vicar of Samlesbury I have not received any kind of acknowledgment of my letter either from the vicar or from Mrs. Clayton. It is a pity we have not heard anything from the Samlesbury authorities themselves on this matter, apart from the original letter from Mrs. Clayton. -Yours faithfully,

Accrington, Lancs. M. S. HART (Rev.). UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCES

Dear Sir,—I entirely agree in principle with the code of conduct set out by Cyril Crossthwaite in his letter (R.W., page 874), but I find it surprising that he appears to have assumed that none of the action he mentions was taken on this occasion—surprising because the band contained a past master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, the master of the Manchester University Guild, the ringing master of Putney, a former ringing master of Kingston upon Thames, a district secretary of the Surrey Association and the Central Council Publications correspondent. Does Mr. Crossthwaite seriously believe that ringers who have been entrusted with such offices should need his advice on how to behave?

I hope that Michael Hart's letter will clear the matter up and that I would not be unwarrantably optimistic in believing that readers will appreciate this incident to be the result of an unfortunate accumulation of circumstances - something from which we all from time to time suffer. - Yours raithfully.

London, S.W.

MICHAEL UPHILL.

BELL THEFTS

Dear Sir,—A certain amount of publicity has been given in recent issues of The Ringing World to the theft of bells from churches, together with suggestions from various sources as to how this sort of thing can be prevented. There seems to be no mention, however, of handbells being

Those ringers who travel the country visiting towers will know how easy it would be to acquire a set of handbells by stealing them. One visits a tower and there they are—all in a box or on hooks, asking to be taken and looked after. I can name two towers within 20 miles of my home where I could walk in at any time of the day and help myself. One of these consists of a set of eight with a tenor size 22 in C. Can we ringers really afford to let such valuable articles lie around rotting?

I would like to make a few suggestions about handbells in towers and I hope that what I have to say will be of value to those responsible for looking after towers with a set of handbells.

1. In all cases, handbells should have a box specially made for them. In some towers one finds a cupboard, and this is quite adequate, provided the bells are under lock and key.

Where there is a ground floor ring it is inviting trouble to leave handbells in They should be locked away in a vestry somewhere where the visitor to the church will not see them. If temptation is removed a prospective thief will find his ideas thwarted!

3. Make sure that handbells (together with everything else of value in the belfry, including tower bells) are adequately covered by insurance. In the event of a theft, an insurance cover will be the key to replacement

What I have said may seem fussy to some. It may not seem so silly when one thinks that a set of 12 handbells with a tenor size 18 in G (about the usual size for peal ringing purposes) costs over £100. To buy these new in this country one must add 32.4% purchase tax, making the replacement value something in the region of £135.

Food for thought, perhaps? - Yours faithfully, Priorslee, Salop. R. C. STEVENS.

ST. OSWALD'S, DURHAM

Dear Sir,-I am obliged to Mr. R. H. Dove (letter, page 874) for revealing something of the part he has played "behind the scenes" in the matter of St. Oswald's, Durham.

Continuing the policy that I have adopted so far I have sent copies of his letter to the vicar and the architect and invited their comments. If any are received I trust that you, sir, will be kind enough to publish them.

I am bound to say that I fail to see the relevance of the Rev. J. W. Rogerson's scholarship in Hebrew in this matter. I would have thought that his experience as a ringer and his curacy at St. Oswald's, Durham, were more to the point. Whether Mr. Zvegintzov is still ringing I do not know as he is no longer resident in this area.—Yours faithfully,
DENIS A. BAYLES,

Hon. General Secretary,
D. and N. Diocesan Association.
Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

TENS AND UNITS

Dear Sir,-I was very interested to read of a striking competition held at Bathford and the small number of faults found, in comparison with a striking competition held at Wickwar, when the faults were counted in hundreds instead of tens and units.

Can it be our neighbours are better strikers (ringers), or was the difference found in the method of judging?—Yours faithfully,

H. HEATH.

Chippenham, Wilts.

SAWSTON PEAL

Dear Sir, - Re the Sawston peal, the Histon band rang two peals with all local ringers in 1966, both of Minor. The first was at Histon on April 23, and the second at Harston on May 21. Both were for the Ely Association and both by ringers all living then in Histon—Yours faithfully,
HENRY C. FOSTER.

Histon, Cambs.

LEGACY FOR BELLS

Dear Sir,-Re Wickwar, Gloucestershire, (page 852).

It is stated that the restoration of Wickwar bells has been made possible by a legacy left by a former Wickwar ringer.

As one who knew the late Arthur Handoll (the donor of the money used at Wickwar) for a number of years, I feel that more should have been made of him and, at the very least, his name given.

Arthur learned to ring at Wickwar and was a member of the choir there from an early age. He taught a number of others, including the late W. Dyer, who was tower captain at Cheltenham for many years.

By trade a cooper, he left his home village in 1927 and from then until his death in 1950 rang at, and was in the choir of St. Mary's, Cheltenham. He is buried in Cheltenham Cemetery.

The money was given by him, I under-

stand, some time before his death so that the bells he loved might be augmented to an octave, but this was not done for some unknown reason, and has now been used to restore the six.

There was a ring of six at Wickwar many years before 1908, indeed the Gloucester and Bristol Association held a meeting there in 1894, when Arthur Handoll became a member, remaining a member until his death, a total of 56 years.—Your faithfully, CHARLES ROUSE.

Churchdown, Glos.

Bedfordshire Association YOUNG MEMBERS PRESENT

The anti-clockwise six at All Saints', Cople, were rung by Biggleswade District band during the afternoon of the October meeting and the ringing master (Mr. C. D. Mann) was pleased to welcome many of the younger members of the district.

Tea had been prepared in Willington Village Hall by Mr. and Mrs. D. Wooding and helpers. Mr. S. H. Ashton was in the chair for the business meeting and welcomed Mr. P. Inskip (Bromham) one of the oldest members of the association and a ringer since 1905. Four non-resident mem-

bers were elected.

Mr. A. S. Smith commented further on the district weekly practices and final details are to be circulated to members. Mr. M. Major announced details for the association striking competition and social evening to

be held at Henlow.

Mr. R. V. Webb was ringing master for the evening's ringing at St. Lawrence, Willington (6), when other members and visitors were welcomed. M. L. M.

NORTHANTS OUTING

Ted Rochester gave us six of the best:-

And it poured most of the day.

Eaton Socon (13 cwt.) has a bright ring and its tower was in the temporary charge of a young ringer, who joined in the ringing. A notice states that the inscription on the destroyed 4th bell is to be found in the church—but where?

St. Neots (8, 19 cwt.). Inevitably one key fails to arrive during an outing and this was it. Handbell ringing filled the gap. This was sad, because the deep and tuneful bells are a joy to ring. The band has won the district and county striking champion-To strangers, ships, as two shields declare. the tenor sets very critically.

Irthlingborough (8, 10 cwt.). The bells are very clear, but not too noisy from the inside. The small, warm ringing chamber has many well-kept peal boards, one showing the first peal of Superlative, in 1897, with A. Tyler conducting. In this tower the vicar welcomed us.

Felmersham local ladies provided us with a marvellous lunch in the village hall, for which we were very grateful. The bells (8, 20 cwt.) are very satisfying to handle. The sitter-out can try to fathom the early surviving paintings round the lower wall of the chamber.

Bromham-in-the-Park bells (8, 22 cwt.) are a pleasant though slightly harsh ring. Our coach left us to cross the cattle-grid to walk the quarter mile or so to the church.

Luton (10, 25 cwt.) provided the day's treat and also the steepest spiral stairs of the day. Here we rang Caters and Royal in plain methods. Grand-sire with some of the locals in the band was very good. Bob Royal on our own was, sadly, unspectacular. Our newest recruit rang call changes with a blissful smile on her face.

In a great day's outing with fine rings throughout we had our funny moment. Tenor-loving Ted took his rope and looked round. "Don't waste time! Come on," he called. "Pull off then, Ted," called another. "What d'you mean . . ." and Ted looked at "What d'you mean . . ." and Ted looked at his rope with a dawning horror before throwing it from him. "I don't want t'old treble," he complained. Never mind Ted. You did us well. Thanks.

What is a friend? A single soul dwelling in two bodies.—Aristotle.



ST. MARY'S JUNIOR CHURCH HANDBELL RINGERS, BEAMINSTER, DORSET

These five young ladies ring ten handbells every third Sunday in the month-rounds and queens before Junior Church. In a talent contest earlier in the year they tied for first place against 16 other entrants, such as singing groups with guitars, comedians, dancers and solo instruments. The rise and fall on the ten guitars, comedians, dancers and solo instruments. The rise and fall on the ten bells was the thing which the audience of about 300 really liked. Two of the band have now started double-handed change-ringing for their Girl Guide's badge.

TEAMWORK

(A tonic on an old theme.)

Every reader will readily agree that ringing is a matter of teamwork. Our unique art is dependent upon the co-operation of small bands of men, women and youngsters from every walk of life to produce effort of mind and body in the touch or peal.

Unfortunately, for many, that is where

the teamwork ends. Teamwork off the rope in some towers is non-existent and the chores of office are loaded on one or two members year after year, sometimes decade

after decade.

Being "lumbered" is sometimes seen as a one-man job of some importance—a "boss-man" who likes it all his own way. Some tower captains revel in this sort of environment, some are quite good at without being bossy and others make difficulties for their band and anyone else concerned in the ringing of their bells.

There are many exceptions and many situations where one man can work or manage a tower to the best effect but in many ringing societies today a change and a sharing of responsibilities could be made for the better- for the tower and for the

A situation found in some places is where the tower captain, a senior ringer, has held the post long enough, in his opinion, but cannot get anyone else to take over-or feels that the willing one would not be able to hold the band together. So, for the sake of the ringing, he keeps on years after the job has become a burden to him and eventually the band become, like their leader. stale and apathetic.

Joint responsibility in a case like this would surely prove more successful (and in many more instances where one man is taken for granted).

A band should be in existence to ring as a team and to work as a team in order to maintain membership. Surprisingly little effort is necessary collectively to produce a balanced responsibility, where a great deal of effort is more often than not required to do the jobs in the tower single handed. To achieve this a few members of the band need to have some responsibility, but only

for a comparatively short term. each with one year of office, should be sufficient and the duties distributed as

Tower secretary/treasurer. To deal with the correspondence in connection with tower affairs and in charge of the tower funds. To see that all services and special occasions have the necessary ringers and to arrange outside help when required. represent the band at branch committee

Steeplekeeper. To be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the bells and ropes together with the cleanliness of the ringing room. To open the tower on time or delegate another member when this is not possible.

Ringing matter or conductor. To arrange to ringing on practice night, for services. peals, etc. (Calling touches and quarter peals should be shared by all capable members.)

All three officers should have a key to the ringing chamber and be jointly responsible to the clergy for the safety and be-haviour of the band. For those who are really keen, each office could be held in turn but not at the expense of keeping out any ringer who would be willing to do his or her share. An annual general meeting should be held and if special events are forthcoming a committee should be formed to deal with them (i.e. outings, instruction for new members, rehanging fund, etc.).

A keen, co-operative band well balanced and well organised among themselves will find a harmony reflected in their ringing, and there is nothing like good ringing for

a feeling of well-being.

It is often said that peal ringers (the prolific ones) keep the Exercise alive. Many ringers argue that it is the Sunday service ringers, the backbone of the Exercise, without whom ringing would be dead. Are we not all dependent upon each other? If we work together as a team on and off the ropes, in and out of the tower, each carrying some small responsibility, we shall all keep the Exercise alive-and we can have it healthily alive!

"HEADSTOCK "

Quarter Peals

FOR THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE

FOR THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD Cardigan. — Aug. 27, 1260 Doubles (five methods): D. J. Morgan 1, A. F. Walters 2, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 3, P. C. Rogers 4, D. H. Walters 5, G. A. Cane 6. Also Aug. 27, 1260 Doubles (two methods): Sally Griffiths 1, Mrs. Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, D. J. Morgan 4, D. H. Walters 5, B. Griffiths 6. St. David's, Pembs. — Sept. 26, 1260 Grandsize Doubles: J. Davies (first guarter): 1 Heather

sire Doubles: J. Davies (first quarter) 1, Heather Morris 2, D. H. Davies (cond.) 3, Stephanie Martin 4, V. W. H. Martin 5, P. G. Martin 6. Also a compliment to the conductor, leaving for

Pembroke. - Sept. 27, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): P. R. Lindley (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. Betty Rogers 2, J. Prytherch 3, P. C. Rogers 4, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 5, A. Lingard 6.

Burry Port, Carms.—Oct. 3, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Griffiths 1, S. P. Rogers 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, D. J. Morgan 4, W. P. E. Sage 5.

Llanelli, Carms. — Oct. 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Morgan 1, S. V. Rees (first of Triples) 2, N. C. Rogers 3, Mrs. Betty Rogers 4, A. F. Walters 5, P. C. Rogers 6, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 7, W. P. E. Sage (first Triples) 8.

St. Florence, Pembs.—Oct. 26, 1260 Doubles (two methods): C. Pattison 1, P. C. Rogers 2, M. E. Lewis 3, A. Lingard 4, S. P. Rogers (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Thomas (first quarter) 6.

Ash-by-Wrotham, Kent.-Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Davies (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Rolph (first Minor) 2, Mrs. G. S. Mills 3, C. D. Lucas R. Shepherd 5, G. S. Mills (cond.) 6. For Matins; also a farewell to Rev. Barry Compton. Atcham, Salop. — Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire

Atcham, Salop. — Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Smith 1, K. Brice 2, Patricia C. Stocken 3, W. Lloyd 4, E. F. Willcox (cond.) 5, J. Crum 6. For animal festival service.

Banwell, Som.—Oct. 17, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: J. Targett 1, Judy E. Beck 2, J. Tarrant 3, Clare Higbey 4, R. G. Beck 5, R. E. Beck 6, A. P. Beck 7, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 8. In memoriam Walter Ernest Day, ringer at the church since 1925, interred on this day.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leics. — Nov. 1, 1260 All Saints Doubles: B. S. Payne (cond.) 1, Cherrill L. Everard 2, M. D. Barsby 3, P. G. Chambers R. Wilmore 5, A. North 6. For Evensong on the centenary of rededication of local tower.

Beckenham, Kent.—Oct. 31, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: S. H. Gay 1, Chris Northeast (first inside) 2, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 3, S. A. Nicholls 4, M. A. Gay 5, C. Mundy 6. For All

Saints' Day.

Benson, Oxon. — Oct. 3, 1260 Grandsire
Triples: C. Woodward 1, A. Howes 2, J. Godman 3, F. Godden 4, B. Gray 5, M. Journeaux C. Holloway (cond.) 7, V. Fox 8. On the 100th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

Berry Pomeroy, Devon.-Sept. 24, 1260 Bob Minor: A. S. Carter 1, A. G. Thompson (first inside) 2, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 3, P. Dowling 4, W. S. Wayman 5, G. J. L. Read 6.
Beverley, Yorks (St. Mary). — July 8, 1260
Minor (Plain Bob, Little Bob): A. Treble 1,
Wendy Atkinson 2, J. Brook 3, P. Church 4,

J. Atkinson 5, J. Chaddock (cond.) 6. Also 22, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Helen Goode 1, Wendy Atkinson 2, I. G. Campbell 3, A. Treble 4, J. Brook 5, J. Atkinson 6, R. D. Gibson 7, J. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Also Sept. 23, 1344 Yorkshire S. Major: G. Try 1, Wendy Atkinson 2, Maxine Johnson 3, A. Treble 4, J. Atkinson 5, P. Church 6, J. Brook 7, J. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Also Sept. 23, 1344 Yorkshire S. P. Church 6, J. Brook 7, J. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Also Sept. 24, 134 Yorkshire S. P. Church 6, J. Brook 7, J. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Also Sept. 25, 134 Yorkshire S. P. Church 6, J. Brook 7, J. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Also Sept. 23, 1344 Yorkshire S. Major: dock (cond.) 8.

Bloxham, Oxon.-Aug. 15, 1260 Bob Minor (tenor cover): M. Huntriss 1, Alison Mander 2, J. Pegler (first inside) 3, Hilary Bolton 4, W. Cheney 5, A. Griffin (first as cond.) 6, R. Horley 8. First quarter 1, 2, 4, 5, 8. A wedding compliment to Ruth Page and Anthony Northen. Also Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Triples: Victoria Llewellyn (first quarter) 1, Hilary Bolton (first Triples) 2, J. Peglar (first inside of Triples) 3, M. Llewellyn (first quarter) 4, Pamela Warren 5, C. Richards 6, A. Griffin (cond.) 7, B. Horley

(first Triples) 8.

Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks. - Nov. 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: Kathleen Horne 1, Lynn Cox 2, Doreen Young 3, D. Livsley 4, D. Young 5, G. Lister 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, G. Gibbs For the Patronal Festival.

Bradfield, Berks. — Oct. 24, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mrs. R. A. Beauchamp 1, D. Everett 2, F. Brooks 3, G. Keal 4, J. Butler (cond.) 5, M. Wise 6.

Brent Knoll, Som.—Oct. 27, 1340 Grandsire

Doubles: Miss J. Boley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. Berry 2, K. Brooks (cond.) 3, S. Ward 4, A. Jones 5, J. Brooks 6. A farewell to Rev. S. M. Collier upon his retirement.

Brighton, Sussex (St. Peter).-Nov. 1, 1313 Double Norwich C.B. Caters: R. I. Vaughan 1, Susan E. M. Read 2, Caroline Mackie 3, P. Came 4, P. D. Hepburn 5, B. J. Read (compand cond.) 6, T. G. Williams 7, R. Birch 8, D. R. Cox 9, A. W. Bond 10. First by all. For Evensona.

Cambridge (The Church of Our Lady and the Stedman English Martyrs). - Oct. 25, 1296 Triples: J. W. R. Quinney 1, H. F. Muncey 2, A. T. Winter 3, C. Muncey 4, D. Barton 5, B. R. M. Johnson 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, A

Twyman 8.

Cardiff, Glam (St. John the Baptist) .-29, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Jones (first Minor) 1, Yeomans 2, Susan Redmond (first inside) 3, W. Harford 4, R. Harpole (first Minor) 5, Thomas (first Minor as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Linda Evans.

Chalgrove, Oxon.—Nov. 1, 1260 Doubles: T. Hurst 1, C. Woodward 2, L. Cooper 3, B. Gray, 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, A. Nixey 6. For the

visit of the Bishop of Dorchester.

Chepstow, Mon. — Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. N. Williams 1, J. D. Owen 2, Mrs. D. J. King 3, L. Cooke 4, R. W. Owen 5, Capt. C. Graves 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. Hoskins 8. By the local band for the wedding of Hilary Sims to David Maggs.

Croft, Leics. — Oct. 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Edmands 1, J. Evans (cond.) 2, G. R. Harrison 3, R. Bacon 4, F. Watson 5, W. C. Killer 6. For the silver wedding anniversary of

Mr. and Mrs. K. Simmons.

Dorchester, Oxon.-Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Dyke 1, C. Woodward 2, A. Cope 3, J. Godman 4, B. Gray 5, A. Howes 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, D. Exon 8. For morning service on the day of thanksgiving for the restoration of the Abbey.

Edgmond, Salop.—Oct. 24, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: E. F. Willcox 1, Patricia Stocken 2, Jennifer Beech 3, R. H. Newton 4, F. Beech 5, P. J. Evans (cond.) 6. For the wedding of George William Brown and Elizabeth Susan

Elveden, Suffolk.-Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Potter 1, M. Rose 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, A. Ballam 5, J. Paul 6, H. Fuller (cond.) 7, C. Nunn 8. For Harvest Festival. Also Sept. 29, 1264 Bob Major: D. Boast 1, T. Boast 2, R. Rose 3, W. Paul 4, L. Nice 5, N. Watson 6, J. Paul 7, H. Fuller (cond.) 8. Silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Cross.

Enderby, Leics. — Oct. 17, 1482 Grandsire Triples: A. Mann 1-2, Heather Mann 3-4, A. Cattel (cond.) 5-6, B. Brown (first in hand)

Epping, Essex.-Sept. 20, 1264 Bob Major: W. Aley (cond.) 1, C. Moore 2, Janice Flight 3, E. Willett 4, J. Aley 5, E. Elliott 6, R. Walker 7, E. Rochester 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong and to welcome Rev. Timothy Russ as curate.

Gedling, Notts.—Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Doubles: Susan Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, S. Ripon 3, P. R. Wild 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5, Susan M. O'Neill 6. Also Nov. 1, 1320 All Saints Doubles: Susan Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, Susan M. O'Neill 3, P. R. Wild 4, J. R. Rigby (cond.) 5. For All Saints' Day.

Gestingthorpe, Essex .- Sept. 23, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Rosalind M. Campbell 1, Elizabeth J. Campbell 2, F. W. J. Roper 3, J. Green 4, R. Threadgold 5, G. J. Jones (cond.)

Glaston, Rutland.--Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: Cynthia E. Barnett (50th quarter) 1, S. P. Smith (first attempt) 2, J. A. Ellia 3, L. Atton 4, R. J. Chantler 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

Godshill, I.O.W .- Sept. 30, 1260 Doubles (2 methods): Kim Evans 1, L. Bailey 2, T. East 3, A. Evans 4, A. Russell 5, I. Russell 6. Conducted by 2, 3, 4 and 5. Farewell to A. Evans. Also Oct. 10, 1260 Grandsire: Susan Eames 1, Evans 2, A. Russell (cond.) 3, C. Frye 4, N. Miller 5, I. Russell 6. Birthday compliment

Greasley, Notts.-Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: Barbara Hooks 1, S. Bestwick (first Minor) 2, P. Mary Beach 3, P. R. Bestwick (first Minor) 4, D. Coulson 5, D. J. Beach (cond.) 6, G. G. Knighton cover. For Evensong; also a birthday compliment to 2 and 4.

Great Bromley, Essex. — Oct. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Mary Halsall 1, Wendy Campbell 2, D. Wendon 3, I. Campbell 4, I. Pleasance 5, D. Culham (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to 5.

Great Gaddesden, Herts .- Oct. 9, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: G. A. Reading 1, Jane Richards 2, G. H. Austin 3, R. E. Sheppard (cond.) 4, F. M. Byrne 5, K. Sheppard 6. For Harvest Festival.

Great Hormead, Herts.—Oct. 24, 1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Bird 1, A. A. Kellock 2, Pat Hurworth 3, S. C. Hopkins 4, R. I. West 5, M.

R. Kitson 6.
Great Rollright, Oxon. — Oct. 24, 1260
Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): W. J. Dixon 1, 1260 P. R. Coveney 2, T. W. Timms 3, A. W. Lloyd 4, T. J. Hester (cond.) 5, F. Tucker 6. To mark the wedding of Miss Judith Pitman and Mr. Robert Pooley, and as a tribute to the bride's grandfather, the late A. J. Pitman.
Greinton, Som.—Oct. 24, 1260 Doubles (six

methods): Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, C. Gratton 3, R. Parker 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5. Mrs. L. Parker 6. A 32nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Sparks.

Grendon, Warks. — Oct. 31, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. E. Currin (first quarter) 1, T. G. Henney 2, S. Allsopp 3, A. Allsopp 4, M. Allsopp (cond.) 5, K. Davis 6. For the Festival of All Saints and for the restoration of the tower pinnacles.

Hallaton, Leics.-Oct. 31, 1440 Bob Minor: J. A. Ellis 1, Diane Spencer (first Minor) 2. Cynthia E. Barnett 3, R. J. Chantler 4, L. Atton 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. On the occasion of the Snowdon dinner at Barnsley.

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Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middx.— Oct. 25, 1260
Grandsire Triples: R. Bailey (first quarter) 1,
Christine Ottaway 2, Lorna E. Bedford 3, G.
Corpe (first quarter inside) 4, C. W. Simpson
5, C. W. Ottaway 6, A. C. Martin (first as
cond.) 7, J. Woolley 8. To mark the 25th
anniversary of U.N.O.
Harrow Weeld, Middx.—Oct. 22, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Elsie K. Hart 1, R. A. Fardon

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Hawkhurst, Kent.-Oct. 25, 1440 Bob Minor (1 leading, tenor covering): Virginia Watson 1, W. Gorringe 2, Jackie Collins 3, A. H. Kemp 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, P. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters (cond.) 7, E. West 8.

Hersham, Surrey.-Oct. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: June Hartt (first quarter) 1, Pam Bird 2, Stella Wood (first inside) 3, Dawn Colcombe 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5, H. Colcombe 6. For evening service.

Hessle, E. Yorks. - Oct. 10, 1440 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): J. C. Hope 1, G. Horton 2, A. Hessey 3, M. C. Stephenson 4. R. R. Horton (cond.) 5, R. Ducker 6. A compliment to Ven. D. G. Snelgrove on being appointed Archdeacon of the East Riding.

Histon, Cambs. - Oct. 25, 1260 Grandslre Triples: J. Hawes 1, Margaret Rumsey 2, Janet Hall 3, W. Muncey 4, C. Muncey 5, H. Foster 6, J. Quinney (cond.) 7, R. English 8. First of Grandsire 1, 2, 3, 8. For evening service, and to mark Confirmation the same morning by the Bishop of Ely of Margaret Rumsey, Caroline White and Mary Balfour, all of the local band. Idle, Bradford, Yorks.—Oct. 15, 1320 Bob

Doubles: Catherine Simms 1, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 2, D. Mayhew 3, S. Roberts 4, J. D. Barrow 5, P. Serotsky 6. First Doubles for all. An 80th birthday compliment to F. S. Wilkinson, of the local company.

Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.-July 19, 1260 Bob Minor: A. Dines 1, D. Wheeler 2, Sarah Dines 3, S. Pardoe 4, A. Craddock 5, G. White (cond.) 6. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Doubles: Judith Pagett (first quarter) 1, G. White 2, A. Dempster (cond.) 3, A. Dines 4, R. Yeates 5, Presland 6. By local bands for Evensong.

Kensington, W. (St. Mary Abbots). - 1260 Kent and Bob Minor: H. Bennett 1, Miss A. Castle 2, J. Humphrey 3, N. Booth 4, D. Woodward 5, D. Town (cond.) 6, A. Taylor cover.

Kentisbeare, Devon.-Sept. 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Titley (first quarter) 1, C. Webber 2, K. Thorne 3, A. Kingscote 4, G. Walford (cond.) 5, A. Pike (first quarter) 6.

King's Lynn, Norfolk (St. Margaret).-Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: O. A. Needham 1, W. Carston 2, R. Newson 3, C. Tovell 4, L. W. Houghton Harrop (cond.) 6, G. Allum cover. For morning service.

Lanchester, Durham.-Nov. 25, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: D. E. B. Reed 1, H. P. Thompson 2, R. Whaley 3, R. Young 4, A. C. Walker (cond.) 5, Isabel Appleton 6. For Even-

song. Also Nov. 1, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Carol Thompson 1, A. C. Walker 2, R. Whaley 3, R. Young 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, D. E. B. Reed 6. For Patronal Festival. Lane End, Bucks .- Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Minor:

Miss S. Smith (first in Minor method) 1, Smith 2, W. Avery 3, C. Hagger 4, C. Meakes T. Wright (cond.) 6.

Langdon Hills, Essex .- Oct. 25, 1272 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Eleanor Clemo 1, Cheryl Pretlove 2, K. I. Lucas 3, Janice Manterfield 4, S. J. Clarke 5, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 6. First in

method for all, and by a local band.

Launceston, Cornwall.—Oct. 11, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Callow 1, W. C. Boucher
(cond.) 2, T. Hillman 3, D. Garvie 4, A. Sandy Hicks 6. For Harvest Festival; also wedding compliment to the daughter of treble

Leytonstone, E. — Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Willmington 1, J. Beldom (first inside) 2, R. Hall 3, W. Theobald (cond.) 4, M. Balkwill 5, R. Brown 6, M. Wareing 7, R. Poole 8. For Evensong.

Little Aston, Staffs. - Oct. 25, Doubles: C. Simpson (first quarter, aged 11) 1, M. W. Fairey 2, Anthea C. Fairey (first cond.) 3, C. Duckett 4, J. Paxton 5, R. Duckett For Evensong.

London, W.C. (St. Clement Danes'). - Oct. 25, 1260 Stedman Triples: Leslie Tibbets 1, M. Wareing 2, Jillian Turcan 3, G. Walker 4, J. Murfitt 5, C. Wright 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, Barbara Shaw 8. For Evensong.

Loughborough, Leics. - Oct. 25, 1440 Cambridge S. Royal: P. R. Staples 1, D. G. Massey 2, D. J. Smith 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4, D. G. Farrar 5, C. J. Mobbs 6, R. M. Wilson 7, G. W. Massey 8, R. I. Kendrick 9, R. H. Cook (cond.) 10. First of S. Royal for 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7. For choral Evensong.

Merriott, Som. — Oct. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Turner 1, H. Turner 2, Mrs. M. A. Medley 3, M. J. Medley 4, A. W. D. Robinson (cond.) 5, A. Best 6. Half-muffled in memoriam E. Crosse, former treasurer of the P.C.C.

Midsomer Norton, Som.-Oct. 21, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Joanna Elford (first inside) Jacqueline Maggs 2, E. Wadman 3, D. MacKay (cond.) 4, G. Griffin 5, F. Savage 6.

Munford, Norfolk. — Sept. 26, 1260 Minor (Kent, Pl. Bob): D. Boast 1, Helen Maltman 2, F. Sutton 3, C. Catchpole 4, J. Boast 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6.

Northbourne, Kent. - Oct. 18, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: P. C. Sinden 1, R. J. Elliott 2, P. S. Philpott 3, J. B. Keeler 4, D. J. Carr (cond.) 5, M. A. New 6. First quarter on the

bells since restoration of the floor. Northchurch, Herts. -- Oct. 17, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss S. M. Morris (first quarter) G. Lancey 2, A. R. Ashby 3, M. A. Gilbey 4, W. J. Preston 5, J. Lawson 6. For the wedding of Marilyn Warner and Roy Roberts. Also Oct. 24, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss S. M. Morris 1, A.

R. Ashby 2, Mrs. E. H. Beck 3, A. G. Lancey 4, J. Preston 5, S. Talbot-Ponsonby (first as For the wedding of Marilyn Perry and Tony Jacomb.

cond.) 6.

Nether Heyford, Northants. - Oct. 18, 1260 Doubles (seven methods): C. Ansty 1, W. Collins 2, E. Garrett 3, B. Danby 4, M. Chown (cond.) 5, S. Tasker 6. For Harvest Festival suno Eucharist.

Northleach, Glos. — Oct. 2, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. T. Sly 1, Mrs. W. A. Godwin 2, Miss E. M. Bliss 3, P. W. Bartlett 4, R. E. W. Wenban 5, P. A. Bartlett 6, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 7, T. W. Chambers 8. A birthday compliment Mr. J. W. Sly (90) and Mr. W. Clayton (71)

Ockley, Surrey. — Oct. 11, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): G. Francis 1, B. Pink 2, I. Davey 3, A. V. Hodge 4, N. Carter (cond.) 5, T. Latham For Harvest Festival 6.

Overseale, Derbys .- Oct. 26, 1260 Doubles (six meth./var.): G. F. Bailey 1, J. W. Cotton 2, N. W. Cotton (cond.) 3, A. Haynes 4, P. Grice 5, H. Shaw 6.

Pattingham, Staffs. — Oct. 15, 1352 Jacob E. S. Butler (first Major) 1, Miss C. Major: E. S. Slater 2, D. Walton 3, Miss J. Henderson 4, P. Day 5, R. Hodister 6, P. Davies (cond.) 7, D. Bates 8.

Pirhright, Surrey,-Oct. 29, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Hudson 1, Miss J. M. Collins 2, A. D. Elsmore 3, J. A. Collier 4, Collins (cond.) 5, B. Underwood 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. J. Hudson.

Plymouth, Devon (St. Andrew). - Oct. 1259 Grandsire Caters: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, A. M. Frost 2, S. G. Peirce 3, Miss C. D. Tebbot J. F. Steere 5, D. G. M. Pearce 6, M. Y Myers 7, G. E. Mudge 8, A. W. Myers 9, G. York 10. First on ten 2, 4, 5, 6. A compliment to John C. Mitchlemore and Judith Hughes on their recent marriage

Queniborough, Leics. — Oct. 31, 1440 Bob Minor: Cherrill L. Everard 1, Hazel J. Nichols 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. A farewell to Canon Cole as vicar.

Royston, Yorks.-Oct. 16, 1320 Doubles (480 Plain, 840 Grandsire): Susan Sykes (first quar-, Sheila Spreadbury 2, M. Roselyn Corby Carbutt 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, A. Dunn-Birch 6.

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Salford, Lancs,-Oct. 25, 1970 Spliced Cambridge Surprise and Little Bob Major (by C. L. D. Munday): Rosemary K. Gates 1, S. N. Harrop 2, Margaret L. Ellwood 3, Elizabeth M. Tingle 4, Taylor 5, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 6, M. C. W. Sherwood 7, C. L. D. Munday (cond.) 8. For Evensong. First date touch by all. Believed to be the first Major date touch this year.

Scarborough, Yorks. - Oct. 25, Major: Pamela Rennard (first Major) 1, Mrs. Mary Beach 2, A. Grundy 3, Mrs. Yvonne King (first Major) 4, D. Elwick 5, B. Baxter (first of Major) 6, D. Beach 7, E. P. King (cond.) 8. For Evensong on Education Sunday.

Shapwick, Som .- Oct. 24, 1320 °t. Simon's Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, K. Prima (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Crocker 3, Mrs. L. Parker 4, R. Parker C. Gratton 6. 25th together 3 and 4.

Shrewsbury, Salop (St. Mary). — Oct. 11, 1264 Bob Major: D. Smith 1, Vivien Bennett 2, Ann Williams 3, Patricia Stocken 4, R. H. Newton 5, I. Friend 6, E. F. Willcox 7, N. Holland (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

Sketty, Swansea, Glam.—Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles: Andrea Critchlow 1, Valerie Vincent 2, Susan Jackson (cond.) 3, D. Leech 4, M. Ryan 5, Janet Emms 6. By staff and students of the University College of Swansea to mark the college jubilee.

Southwark, S.E. (Cathedral).-Sept. 20, 1265 Stedman Triples: Olive L. Rogers 1, Richards 2, M. Hatchett 3, W. G. Wilson 4, J. R. Pratt (comp. and cond.) 5, J. W. Smith 6, C. M. Meyer 7, H. W. Rogers 8.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol .-- Oct. 25, 1296 Surprise Minor (576 Cambridge, 720 London): Joan Gray 1, Rosemary Myers 2, Hilary Muirhead 3, P. Norcross (first Surprise) 4, W. Willans 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Stoke Damerel, Devon.-Oct. 26. 1260 Boh Minor: A. Frost 1, Miss C. D. Tebbot 2, D. C. M. Pearce 3, S. G. Peirce 4, J. F. Steere 5, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 6. For the marriage of John C. Mitchlemore (Whitchurch) to Judith Hughes (Stoke Damerel).

Steyning, Sussex. — Aug. 27, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire and Pl. Bob; 1 and 2 leading): Anne Lawrence 1, Heather Craven 2, Penny Booth 3, F. Cruttenden 4, P. J. Watson 5, E. M. Garman 6, R. E. Stillwell (cond.) 7, G. A. Cockman 8. A tribute to Horace Green, ringer at Steyning for over 60 years, buried this day.

Stretton-cum-Wetmoor, Staffs.—Aug. 23, 1260
Bob Doubles: Janet Thompson 1, Shirley
Goodall (first inside) 2, C. Whieldon 3, D. Shrubbs (cond.) 4, B. Goodall 5, C. Clarke Half-muffled for memorial service for Norman J. Painter (churchwarden)

St. Neots, Hunts.—Aug. 23, 1260 Stedman iples: P. Jewell 1, P. S. George 2, D. Hope Triples: P. Jewell 1, 3, P. Mehew 4, J. Segar 5, G. E. Bonham 6, D. R. Saunderson (cond.) 7, T. Groome 8. Wedding compliment to Robert D. Bellamy and Barbara J. E. Hughes. Also Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Hughes (first quarter) 1, J. S. Walker 2. T. W. Griffiths 3. I. P. Sawford 4. P. S. George 5, G. E. Bonham (cond.) 6, For Battle of Britain Sunday.
Thorley, Herts.—Oct. 25, 1272 Kent T.B.: P

Warboys (cond.) 1, R. Walker 2, C. Moore 3, S. Brooks 4, T. Camp 5, E. Rochester 6. morning service.

Trumpington, Cambs. - Oct. 24, Triples: Lynn V. Bedford 1, Pat Hurworth 2, Jean F. West 3, M. R. Kitson 4, S. C. Hopkins 5, R. A. Currell 6, R. I. West (first Triples as cond.) 7, A. A. Kellock 8. First Triples 1, 5. Upper Beeding, Sussex. — March 22, 1260

Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Anne Lawrence (first quarter) 1, Clare McNeil 2, Heather Craven 3, C. Hitchman 4, M. L. Haigh (cond.) 5, C. Rowland 6

Wanstead, Essex.-Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: R. B. May (first quarter) 1, D. G. F. Chalk (first quarter) 2, J. P. Eyre 3, C. M. P. Johnson 4. Chalk 5, P. A. F. Chalk (cond.) 6.

Warborough, Oxon. — Sept. 9, 1260 Bob Minor: C. Woodward 1, M. Journeaux 2, F. Godden 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, A. Howes 6.

Whittlesford, Cambs. - Oct. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Bird 1, Sheila Hinton 2, R. A. Currell 3, B. Page 4, Pat Hurworth (cond.) 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. Also Oct. 30, 1320 Bob Doubles: Pat Hurworth 1, Elizabeth Bird 2, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 3, J. Bates 4, I. G. Hinton 5, Kennedy 6.

Wicken, Northants.-Oct. 10, 1260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Yates 1, A. Haseldine 2, Haseldine 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, W. Yates 5, D. P. B. Miles 6, M. Hooton Taylor 8. Also Oct. 21, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Case 1, B. Eglesfield 2, R. W. Yates 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, G. Shellard 8. Halfmuffled In memoriam George Foddy, over 50 years a local ringer.

Wigston Magna, Leics.--Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anne M. Ashton (first quarter) 1, Nancy Haines 2, T. E. Harrold 3, J. L. Hough (cond.) 4, A. Hough 5, R. J. Carter 6, J. larrold 7, C. H. F. Knight 8. For Patronal Feast

Wollaton, Notts .- Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Minor: Beryl M. Shuttleworth (cond.) 1, Rosamund M. Mackley 2, Stephanie E. Boddy 3, Alison M. Brown 4, Hilary K. Derham 5, Margaret H. By members of N.U.S.C.R. First for Mees 6.

the society by an all-ladies band.
Worplesdon, Surrey. — Oct. 22, 1260 Bob Triples: B. Underwood (first on eight) 1, Miss Levers (first on eight) 2, R. Collins 3, Marilyn Reay 4, R. Backhurst 5, J. A. Collier 6. Marilyn Reay 4, R. Backnurst 9, J. A. Collier 9, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 7, J. Turner 8. An 18th birthday compliment to Marilyn Reay. Also Oct. 24, 1296 Little Bob Major: J. A. Collier 1, Judith M. Collins 2, P. J. Rowe 3, Marilyn Reay 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, R. Collins 6, R. Backhurst 7, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 8. First in the method for all except 6. 25th together for 2 and 8. For Muses and Music Festival,

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

MINEHEAD, Som, St Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (22 cwt.) **5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Donald G. Clift

2 Jacqueline S. King 3 Christopher J. Hughes 4 Arthur H. Reed 5 Raymond F. Arscott

*6 Keith E. Beale
7 Peter C. Randall
8 David J. King

9 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor) 10 Brian J. Wylde

*First of Caters.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SOUTHILL, Beds, All Saints.

Thur., Oct. 22, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).

1 Roy A. Ward

2 David A. Hope

3 Ronald J. Sharp

4 Lewis H. Bywaters

5 Martin Major (Conductor)

5 Martin Major (Conductor)

6 Anthony H. Smith

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

LONG STANTON, Cambs, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.) 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)

*2 N. G. Hughes (Queens)

†3 J. L. Thorogood (Trinity)

4 D. Barton (Selwyn, Conductor)

*5 T. H. Kirkman (Trinity Hall)

6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)

7 A. T. Winter (Christ's)

8 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)

*First of Surprise Major. †First peal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEINTWARDINE, Herefordshire, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (13½ cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by F. N. Golden.

Sidney Hough

2 Eric Roughley
3 Andrew R. Queen
4 F. John Nelson

Timothy Wylie Michael Thomson

7 Geoffrey R. Gardner (Conductor) 8 Dennis Mottershead

HOAR CROSS, Staffs, The Holy Angels.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (28‡ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 William H. Watkin
2 Gordon K. Green
3 Frederick S. Sutton
4 Geoffrey A. Edwards
*5 John R. Scott
6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
*100th tower bell peal of Minor.

ACTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (14 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (15 methods: Cambridge S.,
St. Nicholas, Gower, Heatherslade, Rev.
Canterbury, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and
Plain Bob).
*1 Herbert Sutton

*1 Herbert Sutton

2 David A. Godfrey *3 John R. Scott

*4 Frederick S. Sutton
*5 Geoffrey A. Edwards
6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

*First 15 Minor. In memoriam Mr. J. A Sadler, many years churchwarden at this church.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

BULKINGTON, Warwicks, St. James.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 47min, (12½ cwt.) 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by G. Lewis.

*1 Deborah Eyles

Clare F. Dolphin Hubert G. Summers

4 Percy Stone

5 Geoffrey W. Randall (Conductor) 6 Ian D. Thompson 7 Ernest J. Gower 8 L. Michael Callow

*First peal. Arranged for the treble ringer before leaving for Australia.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

These three peals were rung consecutively during Derby Cathedral Appeal Gift Day.

DERBY, All Saints' Cathedral.
Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (19 cwt.)
5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by A. Knights.

Linda Fleming

Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

3 Martin Major 4 Timothy Wylie 5 Ronald J. Sharp 6 Edgar T. Skipsey

7 Robert L. Piron 8 Kenneth H. Fleming 9 C. Michael Orme

10 David R. Saunderson

DERBY, All Saints' Cathedral.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (19 cwt.) 5031 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by F. Nolan Golden.

1 Derek G. Astridge

Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor) John F. Murfin

4 David Phillipson 5 Harold F. Gibson

Walter Tomlinson

7 Phillip C. Pitchford 8 Peter A. Sharp 9 Geoffrey R. Parker 10 Geoffrey Paul

DERBY, All Saints' Cathedral.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (19 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Gordon A. Halls Joseph C. Woolley

3 Samson Walklate 4 Robert M. Chambers

4 Robert M. Chambers

*5 Iain Wilson
6 Harold Taylor
7 David W. Parkin
†8 Clive A. Thrower (Conductor)
9 Denis R. Carlisle
10 David W. Friend

*First inside. †First of Royal as conductor.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

WHITCHURCH, Devon, St. Andrew.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 methods: 2 Cambridge Surprise, 2 Kent T.B., 3 Plain Bob).

1 Christopher F. Longridge
Alan N. Frost
George E. Mudge
Stephen G. Peirce

5 John L. Anderson 6 John N. Longridge (Conductor)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

OLD WARDEN, Beds, St. Leonard.

Sun., Oct. 4, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(2 2160's and 1 extent.)

1 Timothy W. Griffiths
2 George E. Bonham
*3 Ian P. Sawford
4 Phillip S. George
5 Keith R. Webb
6 Philip Mehew (Conductor)

*First of Surprise.

BALDOCK, Herts, St., Mary the Virgin. Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (26\frac{3}{4} cwt.)
5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.
1 Christine M. Carter

Philip Mehew

Anthony R. Carter 4 Martin Major 5 John W. Blackwood

6 George E. Bonham
7 Graham W. Elmes
8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

STEVENAGE, Herts, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (143 cwt.) 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Nolan Golden.

1 Martin Major 2 Mary E. Elmes

*3 Alan M. Barber
4 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
5 John W. Blackwood
6 Graham W. Elmes
7 George E. Bonham

*8 George E. Thoday *100th together.

ST, NEOTS, Hunts, St. Mary the Virgin. Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (293 cwt.)

5024 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

*1 Philip Mehew

2 Martin Major 3 John W. Blackwood 4 George E. Thoday 5 David R. Saunderson

6 George E. Bonham 7 Graham W. Elmes

8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) *800th peal.

In memoriam Robert Cecil Bonham, father of the ringer of the sixth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RAYNE, Essex, All Saints.

Wed., Oct. 28, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (7 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (5 methods: Ipswich, Cambridge, Kent, St. Clements and Plain Bob).
1 Brian E. Keeble
*2 Ian V. Foster
3 Vyonne A. Toylor

3 Yvonne A. Towler
4 Neil V. Avis
*5 Peter J. Sawyer
6 James L. Towler (Conductor)

*Most methods.

MALDON, Essex, All Saints.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (13 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

1 Peter J. Sawyer 2 Joe E. G. Roast 3 Yvonne A. Towler 4 Philip J. Rothera

5 Peter G. Brown *6 Terry Earle
7 Keith W. Brown
8 James L. Towler (Conductor)

*First of 8-spliced. First of spliced as conductor. Birthday compliment to Richard Farle.

GREAT WAKERING, Essex, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (13 methods: Fulbeck Bob; Cambridge Surprise; St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob; Kent and Oxford T.B.; Single Oxford and Double Bob; Plain Bob).

1 Peter Sloman 2 Peter G. Giles

3 Adrian G. Semken 4 Bernard C. Sadler 5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

6 David Sloman

To celebrate the marriage this day between Brian J. Vaughan and Vivian A. P. Cross, Colchester ringers.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LONGNEY, Glos, St. Lawrence.

Sun., Oct. 11, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (11 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck.

*1 Richard Gray

2 Peter C. Randall (Conductor) 3 Edward G. Mould 4 Bruce Martin

5 Katharine J. Maundrell 6 Anthony J. Cox 7 Michael J. Platt

8 John Pladdys *First on eight and of Surprise.

BUTCOMBE, Som, St. Michael.

Fri., Oct. 16, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (6 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents, 9 methods: London S., Cambridge S., Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and St. Clements, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet S., Plain Bob).

Anthony J. Cox

2 Katharine J. Maundrell

*3 Richard Gray

4 Peter C. Randall (Conductor) 5 David A. Town

6 John Pladdys *Most methods.

HANNINGTON, Wilts, St. John the Baptist. Fri., Oct. 16, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (10 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (4 methods:
(1) Beverley, (2) Surfleet, (3) Cambridge,
(4) York, (5) York, (6) Beverley, Surfleet,
Cambridge, (7) Cambridge.

*1 Allan R. Strickland
†2 P. Donald Naylor
3 Anita D. O'Brien
4 Shirley M. Drew
5 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor)

5 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor) 6 Geoffrey R. Drew

*First of Treble Bob. †First of Surprise Minor.

BRISTOL, St. James.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (284 cwt.)

5081 STEDMAN CATERS
Composed by M. V. Chilcott.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (14 cwt.)

5184 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by H. Poyner.

Elisabeth G. Bowden 2 William Hibbert

3 Patricia E. Hibbert

4 Brian R. White (Conductor)
5 Brynley A. Shackleton
6 Bruce Martin

John W. T. Hibbert 8 Gordon Land

9 Richard J. Bowden 10 Francis A. White

CROMHALL, Glos, St. Andrew.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (12½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents, 9 methods: London S.; Plain Bob; Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet S.; St. Clements and Double Oxford; Kent and Oxford T.B.; Cambridge S.; Plain Bob).

1 John Pladdys 2 Katharine J. Maundrell 3 Richard Gray

4 R. David Baker 5 Peter C. Randall (Conductor) 6 Geoffrey W. Randall

BRISTOL, St. Ambrose.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (11½ cwt.) 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. 1 Richard Gray
2 Peter C. Randall (Conductor)

3 Katharine J. Maundrell 4 R. David Baker

5 Stephen F. Royal 6 Anthony J. Cox 7 Michael J. Platt 8 Geoffrey W. Randall

LONGNEY, Glos, St. Lawrence.

Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11 cwt.) 5184 LONG EATON SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by Anthony J. Cox. Geoffrey W. Randall

2 R. David Baker

*3 Katharine J. Maundrell †4 Stephen F. Royal 5 Anthony J. Cox †6 Peter C. Randall (Conductor) 7 Michael J. Platt

8 John Pladdys

*150th peal. †50th together. First in the method by all.

BLUNSDON, Wilts, St. Leonard.

Tues., Oct. 27, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (5 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 variations of an extent.)

*1 Anthony R. Peake †2 Anne M. Ford (aged 11)

†3 David I. Herring 4 Anita D. O'Brien

5 P. Donald Naylor (Conductor)

§6 Stephen E. Mitchener *300th peal for the association. †First peal. ‡First of Minor. §First away from treble. First as conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Fri., Oct. 9, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (104 cwt.) 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. Smith.

Martin Major

*2 Christine M. Carter
3 Anthony H. Smith
4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

*5 Geoffrey T. Horritt 6 John G. Gipson 7 Anthony R. Carter

8 David R. Saunderson *First in method. Wedding compliment to Gerald Penney and Janet L. Pearson.

ASHTEAD, Surrey, St. Giles.

Composed by H. Poyner.

Janet L. Penney

2 Helen Dodds 3 Christine M. Carter
4 Geoffrey T. Horritt
5 Keith R. Webb
6 Andrew C. D. Mayes
7 Anthony R. Carter (Conductor)

8 Philip Mehew

First in method by all. Wedding compliment to Stuart Armeson and Jennifer M. Indge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AUGHTON, Lancs, St. Michael.

Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (5 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Martin E. Snape
2 Jeremy P. Richardson
3 Dennis R. Jones
*4 Angela C. Parr
5 Alfred J. Draper
6 Celia F. H. D'Aeth (Conductor)

*First peal. First as conductor. With congratulations to Dianne and Henry Hatfield on the birth of a daughter, Megan Rachel. (October 24, 1970.)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)

5088 HEREWARD BOB MAJOR

Composed by Roland Beniston. Arthur E. Rowley 2 Richard Clifton

3 Ronald Hughes 4 David G. Massey *5 Roger Kendrick

6 Alec Jones 7 G. Ronald Edwards

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in method.

ATHERSTONE, Warwicks, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (81 cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by York Green.

Alfred Ballard

2 Eileen J. Goodall
3 Beryl E. Cawser
4 J. Edward Cawser (Conductor)

5 Burley P. Morris *6 Martin J. Kirk 7 Robin A. Gilliver 8 K. Paul Gilliver

*First in the method. In honour of the wedding of Rev. Martin G. Clarke (curate, and captain of the ringers at Atherstone) and Miss Ann Eileen Bridgestock (St. Anne's, Coventry) whilst the peal was being

CROFT, Leics, St. Michael and All Angels. Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (61 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (5 m/v: St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Grandsire, St. Miles).

1 Fred Watson

3 Martin P. Brown
3 Mark G. Wood
4 Carol I. V. Corton
5 John E. Harrold (Conductor)
†6 Clive C. Atkins

*First inside. †First peal. First as conductor.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs. SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (17½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Parker's 12-part (7th observation).

1 Colin Applewhite

*2 Vivienne West *3 Susan A. Faull 4 Ronald Chafer

5 Jack Bray
6 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
7 Geoffrey R. Parker
8 Harold F. Gibson

*First of Triples.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CITY OF LONDON, St. Olave, Hart Street. Mon., Oct. 26, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (111 cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods: 768 London and Rutland, 640
Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142
changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

1 Wendy Wallace

2 Robert E. J. Dennis

3 Jennifer A. Dunning

4 Graham G. Firman

5 A. Keith P. Poole

6 Nigel Thomson (Conductor)

7 Robin R. Churchill 8 Philip Bosworth

*First of Surprise Major inside.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glamorgan, St. John the Baptist.

., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8} cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 Anne Cooke 2 Donald G. Clift

3 Stephen Fenwick
4 David J. Llewellyn
5 Tudor P. Edwards
6 Nicholas W. H. Simon
7 J. Michael N. Lakin

8 James Clatworthy

EBBW VALE, Mon, Christ Church.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (251 cwt.) 5024 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR
Composed by Henry Dains.

Composed by Henry Dains.

1 Tudor P. Edwards (Conductor)

2 Donald G. Clift

3 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden

4 Vivienne M. Rigby

5 Alan J. Griffin

6 James R. Taylor

7 D. John Hunt

8 A Patrick Cannon

8 A. Patrick Cannon

*700th peal.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., Oct. 28, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (6½ cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by G. H. Cross.

1 Richard Clifton
2 David G. Massey
3 Arthur E. Rowley
4 Ronald Hughes

*5 Roger Kendrick

6 Alec Jones

7 G. Ronald Edwards

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor) *100th peal.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

SALFORD, Lancs, Sacred Trinity.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (11½ cwt.) 5056 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Patricia James

2 Rosemary K. Gates
3 Elizabeth M. Tingle
4 Margaret L. Ellwood
5 Ronald S. Barclay

William Birmingham, jun.

7 William M. Taylor 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Conductor) First in the method by all and for the guild. First by the guild on the bells since their restoration. For the Feast of St. Raphael, Archangel.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WYMONDHAM, Norfolk, St. Mary the Virgin and Thomas a Becket.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (26½ cwt.)
5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by Christopher I. Rowson.
1 Philip S. George
2 Christine M. Carter

2 Christine M. Carter
3 David Cubitt
*4 Keith R. Webb
5 David R. Saunderson
†6 Roy V. Webb
7 George E. Bonham
8 Anthony R. Carter
9 George E. Thoday
10 Philip Mehew (Cond.)

10 Philip Mehew (Conductor)

*First touch of Yorkshire Surprise. †First of Yorkshire Royal.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk, St. Mary Magdalen.

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Stephen Ivin.
Thomas E. Spight Sat..

2 Janet House

3 Carole A. H. Patey 4 Richard J. W. Housden

5 David Cubitt 6 James B. Morley 7 Martin Cubitt

8 David E. House (Conductor)

HETHERSETT, Norfolk, St. Remigius.

Tues., Oct. 27, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (10 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Composed by J. J. Parker.

Composed by J. J. Parker.
1 David Cubitt
2 Henry Tooke
3 Adrial Walton
4 Richard J. W. Housden
5 Carole A. H. Patey
6 Thomas E. Spight
7 David E. House (Conductor)
8 Frank C. J. Arnold

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BUCKINGHAM, Bucks, SS. Peter & Paul. Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (27 cwt.)

5056 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

1 Malcolm Hooton

2 Richard W. Yates

3 William A. Yates (Conductor)

4 David P. B. Miles

5 Andrew Haseldine

6 Richard Haseldine

*6 Richard Haseldine †7 Roger Cadamy 8 George E. Green

*First of Surprise Major. †50th peal.

WOBURN, Beds, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970. 3hr. 19min. (24 cwt.) 5058 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by J. H. Fielding.

Albert Daniells

2 Loise A. M. Evans

J. Alan Ainsworth
Brian C. Watson
Anthony K. Fortin
Peter J. Heritage
David C. Brown (Conductor)

8 Barry Eglesfield

First of Surprise Major as conductor.

BINFIELD, Berks, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (93 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Joan A. Rance
2 Graham N. Scott
*3 Violet N. Castle
4 Bernard C. Castle
5 Stanley G. Scott
6 Arthur J. N. Rance (Conductor)
*First Minor in the method. To mark the
60th anniversary of the first peal rung at
the dedication of the recast bells.

KINGSCLERE, Hants, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (16 cwt.) 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. W. Roberts.

1 Philip Murduck
2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
3 Peter Pearce
4 Reginald W. Rex
*5 G. John Collett

*6 Howard E. J. Smith

7 Edgar J. Smith 8 Philip H. Tocock *First in the method.

OXFORD, St. Ebbe.

Tues., Oct. 27, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (43 cwt.) 5088 GAINSBOROUGH S. MAJOR

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Dianne Knight

Dianne Knight
Charles Coles
Alan R. Pink (Conductor)
William Birmingham
Ronald K. Russ
Walter G. Knight
Peter J. Heritage
Edgar J. Smith

A farewell to Dianne and Walter prior to departure for Australia.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MILTON LILBOURNE, Wilts, St. Peter.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (10 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (3 methods: 20 Grandsire, 12 Rev. Canterbury, 10 Plain Bob).

*1 Frances Craig

2 P. Donald Naylor 3 T. Arthur Palmer

3 T. Arthur Palmer
4 Stephen E. Mitchener
5 Timothy R. N. Jones (Conductor)
*6 Stuart W. Hale
*First peal. First as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hale, grandparents of the tenor ringer.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ATCHAM, Shropshire, St. Eata.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob). *1 Bryony P. H. Dorrington 2 Elizabeth Stevens

*3 Kenneth Brice

4 Richard B. Dorrington
5 Neville R. Holland
6 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor) *First of Minor.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

SURFLEET, Lincs, St. Laurence.

Sat., Oct. 24. 1970, 3hr. 14min. (12 cwt.)
5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
By Murray Coleman.
*1 Selwyn J. Griffiths
2 Ronald C. Noon

†3 J. Malcolm Tyler

5 Denby P. Murduck
6 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)
*†7 Sally K. Diamond
*8 Stephen B. Bell

*†9 Christopher N. Stephenson

10 Alan J. Marks 11 Raymond H. Daw *12 Alfred Waller

*First on 12. †First of Grandsire. ‡Has completed Grandsire family.

SPALDING, Lincs, Our Lady and St. Nicholas.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (15 cwt.) 5024 VERSAILLES SURPRISE MAJOR By C. J. Sedgley. 1 Stephen B. Bell

Raymond H. Daw

*3 Denby P. Murduck 4 Alan J. Marks

5 Barry R. Care 6 Murray A. Coleman

J. Malcolm Tyler (Conductor) 8 Eric Billings

*First of Surprise inside. First of Major as conductor. First peal in the method.

VERSAILLES SURPRISE MAJOR -38-14-58-36-14-1238-1456-78. B. b o.

WILBY, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Thur.. Oct. 29, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (8 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (Double Bob; Fulbeck; Single Oxford; Double Oxford, St. Clements; Thelwall, Childwall; Pinehurst, Buxton; Plain Bob).

J. Malcolm Tyler

2 Selwyn J. Griffiths 3 Sally K. Diamond 4 Steven J. Bayliss

5 Eric Billings

6 Barry R. Care (Conductor)

25th as conductor.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts, St. John of Beverley.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (13 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
(W. A. Cave's var. of J. W. Washbrook's.)

Grace Burchnall

2 Katherine Burchnall

2 Katherine Butchhalt
3 Margaret A. Snyder
4 Geoffrey R. Parker
5 William L. Exton
6 James W. Raithby
7 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

8 F. William Midwinter

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mills on the birth of Stephen John, born the previous day.

BALDERTON. Notts, St. Giles.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

*1 Jennifer A. Curtis
2 Paul F. Curtis
3 Mary C. Poyner
4 Paul M. Mounsey
5 Colin W. Reed (Conductor)

6 Beryl N. Reed †7 Derek J. Tysoe 8 Percy Holmes

*First on 8. †50th for the guild.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts, St. Wilfred.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (13 cwt.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Philip R. Wild 2 David W. Flower *3 Nicholas E. Green

4 David J. Smith

5 Anthony E. Clayton 6 Peter L. R. Hayward (Conductor)

*First of Minor.

QUORN, Leics, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (111 cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Norman Smith.
William L. Exton

2 B. Stedman Payne 3 Rupert A. Clarke 4 Roland H. Cook

5 John M. Jelley
6 Arthur E. Rowley
7 Roger I. Kendrick
8 David G. Massey (Conductor)

*25th together.

RAMPTON, Notts, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (91 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(42 extents, 10 callings.)

*†1 Frank Preston *†2 Ernest T. Preston ‡3 John Draycott 4 Harold Denman

5 Derick E. Kirton (Conductor) 6 David L. W. Tomlinson

*First of Doubles. †First in method. ‡First inside. First as conductor.

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NOTTINGHAM, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (35 cwt.) **5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

1 James Hedgcock

Tony Skilton

*3 Ronald K. Russ 4 Gerald Bowen

5 Peter Heritage 6 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor)

John Pladdys Clive M. Smith John A. Howard

10 Graham K. Austin

*First Stedman Caters and completes Doubles to Cinques.

SUFFOLK GUILD

HARTEST, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (9\frac{3}{4} cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Ipswich S., Cambridge S.,
Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B.,
Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).
1 Roy W. Lockwood

2 Margaret E. Egglestone

3 Peter W. Archer 4 David J. H. Barber 5 Maurice J. Rose

6 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey (Conductor) For the Feast of St. Etheldreda.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (161 cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler.

1 David Vincent
2 Dorothy M. Durrant
3 Cecil W. Pipe
4 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

5 Ernest G. Pearce 6 Walter W. Miller Alan G. Feaver 8 Adrian Knights

A compliment to Walter Ruffles (Debenham) on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (21½ cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

Joan Beresford David Redfearn 4 Dennis Knox 5 John R. Mayne

6 Roger Baldwin (Conductor)

Cecil W. Pipe 8 George W. Pipe

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

c., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

(No. 3 version.)

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

1 Cecil W. Pipe

2 Joan Beresford

3 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 4 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

5 J. Barry Pickup 6 Dennis Knox *7 David Redfearn

8 J. Martin Thorley
9 Howard W. Egglestone
10 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

*First of London Royal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants, St. Nicholas.

Wed., Oct. 27, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10½ cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by T. F. Collins.

1 Derek C. Jackson 2 Barry J. Fry

3 John P. Colliss 4 Roy Le Marechal

*6 R. Brian Walton
7 Edward W. Colley
8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*First of Surprise Major.

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WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs, St. Peter. Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 3hr. 29min. (30½ cwt.) 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Reginald H. Newton

2 Morley P. Tobin *3 Clifford Skidmore 4 Michael G. J. Elson

5 Robert Edwards

6 Arthur C. Berry
7 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
8 Gerald C. Hemming

*50th of Bristol S. Major. To welcome the new rector, Rev. John H. Ginever, M.A.

NETHERTON, Worcs, St. Andrew. Mon., Oct. 19, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (13 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Roger H. Hunt 2 Clifford Skidmore 3 Morley P. Tobin 4 Arthur V. Pearson 5 Michael J. Fellows

6 Peter J. Brown A. Brian Ellsmore

8 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor) First of London Surprise Major as conductor and 400th peal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle. Mon., Sept. 7, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11½ cwt.) 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. M., Jelley. Ronald H. Dove 2 Christopher J. Easton

3 Margaret Warford 4 Ronald Crabtree

5 Gerald Parsons

6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)
7 Ronald R. Warford

8 John Robinson

Wedding compliment to David Whitehead and Wendy Morris, married the previous Saturday at Worthing, Sussex.

KIRKTHORPE, Yorks, St. Peter. Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, in 2hr. 40 min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Cambridge, Felkirk, South Kirkby, College Exercise, Norbury, Oxford

and Kent). 1 Pamela A. Lockwood 2 Margaret White

*3 Patricia North
4 Delwyn B. Tidball

5 David S. Lockwood

6 Ian North (Conductor) *200th peal.

(Beverley and District Society) BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James. Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (11 cwt.) 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Robert W. Sherriff

2 Peter Church
*3 Maris C. Stephenson
4 Ian G. Campbell
5 Giles C. Galley

Neville Pailing

7 Michael Maughan (Conductor)

8 Ronald Ducker

*75th peal. 21st birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd.

LEEDS, Yorks, St. Peter.

Mon., Aug. 24, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (17 cwt.) 5056 ZEBEDEE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton. Ronald H. Dove

Christopher J. Easton 3 Ronald Crabtree

Graham J. Jones Michael G. Dodson 6 Robert H. Jordan 7 Peter H. Gardner

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle. Mon., Sept. 28, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (11½ cwt.) 5152 OSPRINGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(29-course block reduced.) Ronald H. Dove

Christopher J. Easton Christopher N. Grandidge

4 Ronald Crabtree 5 John Robinson

6 C. Barrie Dove (conductor) 7 Peter H. Gardner 8 Ronald R. Warford

First in the method by all and for the association

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

AUDLEM, Cheshire, St. James the Great. Thur., Oct. 22, 1970. 1hr. 39min. (18 in G.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1-2 Geoffrey A. Edwards *3-4 John R. Scott

5-6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor) *125th of Minor.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HEREFORD, 3 Venns Lane.

Sun., Oct. 18, 1970, 1hr. 46min. (11 in G.) 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR (seven spliced extents in 2 methods, Oxford

*1-2 Elizabeth Wycherley
†3-4 Norman R. Mattingley
†5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.) *First of spliced and first of Minor in hand. †First of spliced in hand and first of Treble Bob Minor in hand. ‡First of Spliced Minor in hand. For the Second Annual Dinner of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., Oct. 26, 1970, 3hr. Imin. (161 in B.) 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (7 methods: 1200 Fulham, 960 Newgate, 720 each of Leatherhead, Londinium, Yorkshire, 480 each of Leicestershire and York. with 94 changes of method.)

Composed by John R. Mayne. 1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor) 5-6 Roger Baldwin

7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan 9-10 Julia A. Fellows 11-12 Frank C. Price

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road.

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (15 in C.) 5125 GRANDSIRE CINQUES Composed by Robert B. Smith. *1-2 John W. Bramley *3-4 David F. Moore

†5-6 Robert B. Smith (Conductor) 7-8 Alfred Ballard

*9-10 Rupert A. Clarke *†11-12 John M. Jelley *First of Grandsire Cinques on handbells. †200th on 12 bells. ‡800th peal.

GLENFIELD, Leicester, 22 Groby Road.

Tues., Oct. 27, 1970, 3hr. (15 in C.)
5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Arranged by Robert B. Smith.
1-2 Rupert A. Clarke
3-4 Robert B. Smith (Conductor)

5-6 Peter J. Staniforth 7-8 Alfred Ballard

9-10 David F. Moore 11-12 John W. Bramley

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

CLEATHAM, Lincs, Cleatham House Fm. Fri., Oct. 9, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (15 in C.) 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by H. Dains.

1-2 Mrs. J. Bray 3-4 George E. Feirn (Conductor)

5-6 Jack Bray

7-8 Jack L. Millhouse A farewell to Gilian Salling (née Feirn), whose future home will be in Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.

WINTERTON, Lincs, Wicken, Westwinds Estate.

Wed., Oct. 28, 1970, 1hr 49min. (size 13.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (3 callings).

1-2 John G. Hall (Conductor)

3-4 Roger Hippisley 5-6 Richard Hall

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

MANCHESTER, Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 29min. (15 in C.)
5056 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR (2
methods: 4160 Kent. 896 Oxford, with 56
changes of method; Ilkeston variation).
Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.
*†1-2 Margaret L. Ellwood
†3-4 William M. Taylor
†5-6 Christopher L. D. Munday
‡7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
*First of Treble Bob in hand. †First of
Spliced T.B., ‡ First of Spliced T.B. Major
in hand. First of Spliced T.B. Major

in hand. First of Spliced T.B. Major in hand by the guild.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WHITEPARISH, Wilts, The Vicarage.

Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (13½ in E.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Brian Woodruffe.

1-2 A. Terence Collins 3-4 Brian J. Woodruffe (Conductor)

5-6 Rev. Roger Keeley *7-8 Neil O. Skelton *First on handbells.

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JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH By W. T. COOK

(Continued from page 904)

In August, 1969, the British Association were holding their annual meeting in Exeter, and this seemed to Mr. C. A. W. Troyte to be a good opportunity to get a party of College Youths down to Exeter to ring on the newly-restored bells at St. Sidwell's, and to try the ten bells at the Cathedral, which were then in a bad state of repair. Judging from newspaper cuttings in Haworth's book and elsewhere, Troyte's idea was to show the local ringers how superior "scientific change ringing" was to what one correspondent described as "Churchyard Bob and pully-hawling," and to draw the attention of the Cathedral authorities to the state of the bells there. The Executive Committee of the British Association voted £16 towards the expenses of the visit, and accordingly, in Haworth's words, "on Monday, August 16, 1869, ten members of the College Youths started at 9.15 by the Great Western Railstarted at 9.15 by the Great Western Railway to Devonshire, at the invitation of Mr. C. W. Troyte of Huntsham Court, near Tiverton. They were—H. W. Haley, J. Pettit, R. Haworth, G. Ferris, M. Hayes, M. A. Wood, H. Booth, J. Dwight, G. Muskett and W. Cooter. Mr. W. Wood and Mr. C. H. Lee accompanied them. They arrived at Exeter safely and went to the arrived at Exeter safely, and went to the Elmfield Hotel. After refreshment they took the rail to Topsham, to see the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe at Clyst St. George, who received them kindly. After ringing on the

six bells, they had tea on the lawn.
"On Tuesday they went to Tiverton, where they met Mr. Troyte, and rang with him on the bells of the church, which are fine, in the key of D, 24 cwt. Dined at the White Bull Inn, Mr. Wood, and stopped there all night. Visited the Grammar School by the invitation of the Master. On Wednesday met Mr. Troyte at the Cathe-

dral, and rang the bells."

There follows a cutting from The Exeter and Plymouth Gazette, from which, and from other newspaper cuttings, it appears that the "go" of the bells, especially the heavy ones, was so bad that it was almost impossible to ring them to changes. In the words of Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, "It was words of Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, "It was very soon evident to all that no good change-ringing could be effected; however, they did manage a touch of 126 Grandsire Caters, and a short touch of Triples on the first seven, keeping the three tenors at home. Besides the mishap of the

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, 29 Hanley Road. Fri., Oct. 30, 1970, 1hr. 36min. (13 in E.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

(42 extents, 4 callings.)
*1-2 John S. Croft
†3-4 William S. Croft (Conductor) †5-6 James S. Croft

*25th for the guild. †First of Doubles.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

SWINDON VILLAGE, Gloucestershire, 56 Quat Goose Lane.

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 1hr. 43min. (10 in A.) 5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR

1-2 Martyn Hawkes 3-4 Valerie Willard 5-6 Hugh N. Evans (Conductor)

snapping of one of the London ropes (for they brought their own ropes), by-and-bye one of the chime hammers, which had been tied down (as it is always necessary to do), fell and broke the wheel of the fifth bell, which Mr. Sheppard (the foreman of the Cathedral ringers) at once set to work to repair. After the Evening Service, nothing daunted, the party again pulled up the bells, and rang a longish peal of rounds, with the ten, and made good striking; they also rang six score of Grandsire Doubles on the first six." Various suggestions were made as to why the bells went so badly. A letter signed jointly by C. A. W. Troyte and William Bannister ends with the words, "We wish to make no imputations, but have merely to say that if any tricks have been played with the bells, we hope the persons who played them enjoy the disap-pointment of the numerous persons who assembled to hear the ringing of some of the best ringers in England, as much as we regret it." There seems, however, to have been no real foundation for making such a suggestion.

LARGE COMPANY FOLLOWED

The same afternoon, says The Exeter and Plymouth Gazette, "The Youths ascended St. Sidwell's belfry . . . They were followed by a large company of local bellioned by the same than the ringers, who were as greatly gratified as they had been before disappointed. So pleased were the outside crowd, bellringers all nearly, that they freely expressed their delight, said that the bells had never been rung so beautifully in Exeter before, and applauded cordially at the end of each per-formance."

"On the evening of Wednesday," continues Haworth, "there was a handbell meeting at Elmfield Hotel, at which Mr. Troyte, Professor Sylvester and Monsieur

Khanikoff were present.

"On Thursday the party went to hear the athedral bells outside. They were rung Cathedral bells outside. by the local ringers in rounds, and are a remarkably fine ring. Rung at St. Sidwell's in the afternoon, and St. John's in the evening . . . On Thursday evening came by the 10 p.m. train to London, and reached Paddington at 5.10 a.m."

Of the ringing at St. John's, a correspondent to The Exeter Gazette who signed himself "A College Youth" said, "... the distinct and even striking of the bells elicited the continued approbation of the crowded listeners assembled to hear them. . . We hope these examples will stir up young Exeter to study and get into the way of half-pull scientific change ringing—scouting call changes, and all such sorts of ups and downs and rounds and rounds . .

Friday, April 21, 1871, was Haworth's fiftieth birthday. On that day he called a St. James's Society peal of Grandsire Triples at Clerkenwell, this being his eightieth peal. Shortly after that Haworth was one of the party who went to Bournemouth to open the new ring of eight at St. Peter's.

"On Whit Monday, 1871, eight members of the College Youths' Society were invited to open the peal of eight bells at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, where they were handsomely treated by the Rev. S. R. Waddelow and Mr. Arthur. They returned on Wednesday." There follows a long account of the dedication cut from a local newspaper. This took place on the Tuesday. Several touches were rung after the service; "A complete peal of 5,040 changes would occupy three hours and twenty minutes and this could not be attempted without interfering with the services, consequently frequent short peals were given during the day . . . At half-past three

o'clock, the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe delivered a lecture on 'Bells and Bell-Ringing' at a lecture on Bells and Bell-Ringing at the Assembly-rooms . . . when Messrs. Haworth, Pettit, Cooter, Haley, Wood and Muskett of the 'Ancient College Youths' Society,' London, attended, and gave specimens of handbell ringing. . . On Wednesday the 'College Youths' paid a visit to the sanatorium, and delighted the patients with nearly as 'The Blue Bells of with popular tunes, as 'The Blue Bells of Scotland.' 'Auld Lang Syne,' &c., and many touches of changes on the handbells; these were very beautiful, 'Turn again Whittington, Lord Mayor of London' being the favourite.

Haworth's next outing was to Northwold, Norfolk. "On Thursday, January 18, 1872, great rejoicing took place at Northwold, on the occasion of the augmentation of the peal (from 6 to 8), which was satisfactorily accomplished by Messrs. Warner, London. Eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths went by special invitation; and on their way from Lakenheath to Northwold, on Wednesday, were hospitably entertained by the Rev. W. W. Hutt, Rector of Hockwold-cum-Wilton (a peal of six), who rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor with them. At St. Andrew's, Northwold, they rang a peal of 5152 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours 13 minutes. Sixty ringers from the neighbouring villages were present, many of whom rang on the bells, and all sat down to a dinner, which was provided principally through the kindness of Mr. Pooly, Churchwarden, whose hospitality and Mrs. Pooly's kindness the College Youths will ever remember. He is a ringer, and was at the opening of the peal of six and was at the opening of the pear of state of the band at the opening of Northwold in a touch of Grandsire Triples. The College Youths on their way to town on the Friday rang at Wilton church, where they were most kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Hutt."

FIRST PEAL IN IRELAND

Later in the same year, on July 27th, Haworth took part in what was claimed to be the first peal rung in Ireland, on the occasion of the opening of the new bells at Waterford Cathedral. Haworth wrote: "On Thursday, July 25th, 1872, eight mem-bers of the Society of College Youths were invited to Waterford to open a peal of eight bells in the tower of Christ Church Cathe-They started from London on the Thursday morning by the Great Western Railway to Milford Haven, thence by steamer to Waterford; returning the same way on Monday following, calling at Gloucester, and arriving in London on Tuesday night. They were well received by Messrs. Ridgway, Mackesy, Blee, Longmore &c. Below is an account from the 'Waterford Chronicle.'"

This newspaper recorded the inaugural ringing at the end of the dedication service in the following words: "The signal being given, the new bells rang out in joyous strains. The effect of the firing," which is done only on special occasions, was very peculiar, and elicited the admiration of all admirers of bellology. The 'Queen's Changes,' which followed, were musical in the extreme, and delighted many thousands in the city, all of whom spoke in the highest terms of the ringers and the bells. . . . At seven o'clock the ringers and bell com-mittee adjourned to the Protestant Hall to partake of an excellent banquet." The peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung on the following day; it was apparently originally attempted on the Friday after the dedication, and presumably lost.

(To be continued.)

University of London Society.

TOUR OF NORTH WALES

The U.L.S.C.R.'s tour (the first for three years) began on July 25 at St. Mary's, Leintwardine (Herefordshire) and ended on August 2 at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth (Shropshire). In between there was nearly 1,000 miles of travelling, some fine rings of bells, spectacular Welsh mountain scenery and, at times, plenty of rain.

Our first centre was Llandrindod Wells, where most of the party were staying in an hotel, whilst a few more hardy types camped just outside the town. Sunday was spent touring the Welsh/English border country where Audrey Alexander's comprehensive notes on places of interest and scenic routes greatly helped our enjoyment of them. The ringing was organised by the master, Nigel Thomson, and the usual variety of methods was rung.

being a great attraction. A visit to Chester on Saturday provided an opportunity for last-minute shopping and some ringing at St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, the vertical ladder causing some consternation amongst the ladies.

On Sunday we set off early to reach Shrewsbury in time for morning service ringing. We were pleased to join the locals at St. Chad's but due to a misunderstanding only half managed to gain access to St. Mary's Church for a ring on the fine ten.

At Bridgnorth, our last tower of the tour (St. Leonard's), we said our farewells with promises to meet at the society's 25th anniversary dinner in November.

Our thanks to all incumbents and ringers who allowed us to ring, and to Audrey Alexander for her efforts in organising the tour so efficiently.



Members and friends of the society photographed in the churchyard of St. Mary the

Virgin, Pulford, are:— On the wall (left to right); John Seager, Alan Mills, Graham Firmin, Felicity Hamilton, Nigel Thomson, Tim Pett and John

Standing: Ernie Mastin, Mrs. Mastin. Rev. John Greene, Nicholas Greene (hiding

On Monday we trekked northwards via the Elan Valley (the beauty of which was rather spoilt by the weather) and Devil's Bridge to Llangollen, ringing at Machynlleth, Dolgellau and the impressive Church of SS. John and David, Barmouth, en route. The campers were in a field outside Llangollen, the others being comfortably settled in hotels in Llangollen and Glyndyfrdwy,

Tuesday was one of the few fine days, and of a party of nine who set out to climb Snowdon only two made it to the summit. In the afternoon we rang at Portmadoc and then made a trip up to Ddualt on the Ffestiniog Railway.

Gresford bells and Wrexham steeple, two of the "Seven Wonders of Wales," were both visited on Wednesday. Unfortunately the former had to be postponed until later in the day because of a funeral, and the latter proved to be the scene of a lost peal of Yorkshire Royal, which came to grief after two and a half hours.

Travelling westwards on Thursday, we stopped at Llandegai and at Bangor before crossing Telford's Menai Bridge into Anglesey, where we rang at St. Mary's, Beaumaris (Anglesey's only ring of bells).

Friday was spent touring the resorts on the North Coast, the fairground at Rhyl behind Dad!), Meriel Thirst, Charlotte Harris, Tony Smith, Shelagh Melville, Gillian Pett, David Martin, Betty Layton and Gill Laver.

In front: Katy Gorvin, Ann Layton, Rev. Malcolm Melville, Alison Thirst, Keith Poole, Peter Layton, Alan Thirst, Mary Thirst, Nancy Layton, Audrey Alexander and Roy Mills.

PIN DROPS AT PINNER

With the west door of the church open. there was quite an audience - at times 50 people—watching Pinner ringers' performance of a quarter peal recently. Comments of spectators amused the band. Small boy: "Why did that man shout 'Single'?" Father: "I expect it's to tell them to ring faster."
Another — Wife: "That's the second time that man called Bob." Husband: "I should think he's ringing wrong!"

EMPTY AND RAVAGED

A newspaper article on East Horndon. Essex (near Billericay), says that All Saints Church, dating from the 12th century. stands empty and ravaged. Anne Boleyn's heart is believed to be buried in the churchyard.

The four ancient bells have been stolen. the window glass and old tiles smashed by hooligans, the interior blackened by tramps' fires. "But," writes James Wentworth Day, who is striving to save the place, "the diocese of Chelmsford doesn't want to know."

Help is now offered from two American visitors claiming descent from the Tyrells, whose tombs are there-Sir Walter allegedly slew William Rufus.

A MOUNTAIN PEAL

Following the success of the handbell peal on Helvellyn last year, it is not surprising that this year there should be a peal on the highest point in England, the summit of Scawfell Pike, Cumb, 3,210 feet.

It was after a peal attempt at Aspatria on May 23 that Kevin M. Price first mentioned the idea casually. Both David G. Kealev and Colin F. Gates were full of enthusiasm although they had never rung handbells before in their lives. The prospect certainly looked bleak. It meant well over 100 miles of travelling for each practice, owing to the distances between each ringer, but over this very short period all worked frantically, and Colin's wife, Barbara, had the peace of her household disturbed frequently and often until 2 or 3 a.m., quite often followed by a long car journey as she transported the team back home. Douglas T. Sim had been duly chosen as our umpire and the evening before the attempt he informed us that he was a member of the local mountain rescue team! and thus proceeded to try to discourage us by recounting all the loathsome tales of rescues he had been involved

Clothing and equipment were left to the individual and, on September 12, after a short ring at Brathay on the recently renovated bells, we finally set out from Great Langdale, dressed like spectral scarecrows on two legs, ready to begin the climb and armed with numerous copies of Wainwright's "The Southern Fells" and "Fell-wander."

The ascent was very wet and at times we nearly turned back, particularly in Rossett Gill, but we struggled on. The mountain is a great mass of tumbled boulders in the arid waste and consequently the walk is rather rough. Three people were met en route who had heard about the attempt on the radio, although this was not known by the ringers. The summit was finally gained at 8.30 p.m., just before dark, and when the mist occasionally lifted we were able to see the glorious sunset and a view of distant lakes silhouetted on the horizon.

The team then assembled a polythene bivouac over the summit shelter, making the walls windproof and ensuring that as little draught reached us as possible. Provisions were laid down and heaters and stoves were lit. Supper followed, with the traditional ringers' tea being brewed in Kevin's biscuit tin with ten tea bags. After much rearrangement for better comfort, the addition of more clothing, the first peal started at 10.41 p.m. and lasted until 12.49 a.m., this being undoubtedly the best peal. For the next two hours we ate and amused ourselves generally by talking about all the local ringers who had tried to change our minds and who had laughed at the idea. At 3 a.m. we exercised ourselves by running round the summit and back, in order to keep warm. During the second peal, 3.45 to 5.56 a.m., rain and hail poured down. but we were kept dry by the bivouac. The Tilley lamp went out but Douglas managed to keep us ringing by torchlight, much to the relief of David, who was finding the semi-darkness rather conducive to sleep. Douglas checked each extent and patiently umpired, while Colin tried to count up to

The descent started at 7.15 a.m. and Wasdale was reached at 9 a.m., where Barbara was waiting. The views were wonderful in the early morning light, and we returned to Mont Egre, Thornhill, to recuperation and satisfied with a job well done.

K. M. P.

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HATFIELD.-To Dianne (née Bird) and Lyndon (Henry), on Oct. 24, a daughter, Megan Bachel

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COUPERTHWAITE.—John and Judy now live 20 Burnside, Fleet, Hants. Telephone: Fleet 3010

MOORE.—Eileen, John and Nigel now reside at 1 Venables Way, High Legh, Knutsford, Cheshire, Tel.: Lymm 2939. Grappenhall Branch members please note. Friends always welcome. 183

SHEASBY. - The address of Raymon A. is now 25 Morse Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa, Warks.

PERSONAL

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.-Please note that I am no longer in a position to correspond regarding this tower and its ringing matters. Signed, Charles F. Pocock.

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5-8 p.m.-M. Legg. BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Evening meeting, Sat., Nov. 28, Flitwick. Bells from 5 p.m.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—An advanced practice will be held at Farnborough on Mon., Nov. 23, at 7.30 p.m. This practice is for anyone wishing to learn Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich or any of the Surprise methods. - S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Northern District. — Surprise practice, Benington, on Tues., Nov. 24, from 7.30-9 p.m. 178

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Loughborough District. - Evening meeting, Shepshed (8), Fri., Nov. 20, 6.45-9 p.m. All welcome.-M. W.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIA-TION.—Monmouth Branch.—Monthly practice, Usk, Fri., Nov. 27. Bells 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Surprise.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Evening meeting, Lichfield (St. Michael), Sat., Nov. 28. Six bells, 6-8.30 p.m. All welcome. 177

OXEORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Chiltern Branch. — Monthly practice, Cheddington, Sat., Nov. 21, 6.30–8 p.m. All welcome. — A. J.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Wimborne Branch.—Practice, Wareham, Sat., Dec. 5, 6.30 to 8 p.m., followed by dinner at Red Lion. Names, plus £1 each ticket, to Mrs. J. Robert-son, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford, by Fri., Nov. 27.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening practice, Lilleshall (6), Fri., Nov. 27, 7.30–9 p.m.
All ringers welcome.—E. F. W.
SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice

meeting, Stowmarket (8), Sat., Nov. 28, 6-8.30

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AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. kerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Curry Rivel, on Sat., Nov. 21. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential.—R. J. Dean. 124

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. -Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Nov. 21, Newbold-on-Avon (6), 2.30-3.30 p.m. Dunchurch (6), 3.30-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 More ringing after tea at Dunchurch. Names for tea to Mr. P. Barnwell, Holly Bank, Cawston Lane, Dunchurch.-D. W. M.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District. — Meeting, Eynesbury, Sat., Nov. 21. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.— M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.-Meeting Sat., Nov., 21, at North Ockendon (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea early please to Mrs. Livermore, Castle Cottages, Ockendon Road, North Ockendon, Upminster. Further ringing after tea and meeting.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .-Bishop's Stortford District.-Meeting at Albury, Sat., Nov. 21. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. and business meeting 5.15. Evening ringing at Brent Pelham (6), 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Kent, 8 The Bourne, Albury, Much Hadham, Herts. Tel.: 482.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Rossendale Branch.-Meeting, St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Sat., Nov. 21. All welcome from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by evening ringing.

—P. Dyson, Branch Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. -Monmouth Branch.-Meeting on Nov. 21 at Mathern. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - N. and E. District. - Sat., Nov. 21: St. Matthew, Upper Clapton (Warwick Grove). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Ringing at St. John at Hackney 2.45-4.15 p.m. E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Sat., Nov. 21, North Musk-ham. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to P. Raithby, 205 London Road, Balderton, Newark

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Nov. 21, Wivelsfield, 3–5 p.m.; Keymer 6–8 p.m. Enquiries re tea: pleas ring Hurstpierpoint 3735.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD .-Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Easton, Kingsworthy and Owslebury. Nov. 21. Kingsworthy 2.45-3.45, Easton 2.30-4.15. Service, tea, business meeting. Owslebury 7.-9 p.m. Names for tea to I. M. McCallion, 4, Hursley Hiltingbury Road, Chandlers Ford, Hants, SO5 1NN .-- I. M. M. 9964

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. - Grappenhall Branch -- Branch annual general meeting is to be held at Grappenhall on Sat., Nov. 28. ing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for M. Thomson, 48 Windsor Drive,
Warrington (Tel.: Warrington tea to Mr. M. Grappenhall, 61793).—J. M. 184

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech District. — Meeting, Emneth, Nov. 28. Bells 3 Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Everyone welcome.—D. A Feek, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

-Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Sat., Nov. 28, Chippenham. Langley Burrell bells 3-4. Chippenham St. Andrew's bells (8) 3.30-Tea and meeting 4.30. Service in St. Andrew's 6.30. Names for tea to D. Carey, 5 Eastern Avenue, Chippenham, Wilts. St. Paul's bells (8) available after service. 123

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Farnham (8), on Sat., Nov. 28. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss J. M. Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham, by Wednesday, please. — S. J. previous Mitchell, Dis. Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. -District.—Meeting, Desford, Sat., Nov. 28. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Bennett, 27 Manor Road, Desford, Leicester, by Wed. previous. Visitors welcome. No name, no tea.—J. Watkins, Dis.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Western Branch.—Annual general meeting, Sat., Nov. 28, North Elmham. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to A. G. Cross, Park View, Elmham, East Dereham, by Wed., Nov. 25.—D. S. Parry, Branch Sec. 167 SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury

Branch.-Meeting, Codford, Sat., Nov. 28. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Chitterne bells from 6.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24 West Street, Wilton, by Tues., 24th. 173

SALISBURY GUILD.-West Dorset Branch.-Annual meeting, Bridport, Sat., Nov. 28. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea.—J. Davis, Mount Melplash. Bridbort. 169 Davis, Mount Melplash,

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.-Meeting at Cuckney, Sat., Nov. 28. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided only. Warsop available in evening.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—A.G.M. at Cavendish (6), Sat., Nov. 28. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. P. Loveless, Greenhayes, Nayland Road, Bures, Suffolk, by Thurs., Nov. 26. Clare (8) after meeting until 9 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Eastbourne, Nov. St. Saviour's (8), 3-4.30 p.m. Service at All Saints (8) 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Bells available till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Christine Baldock, Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex, by previous Wednesday, please.-Div. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION .-- Leeds and District Branch.—Next meeting, Ossett (10), Sat., Nov. 28, from 3 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. D. Lockwood, 26 Station Road, Ossett, by the previous Wednesday. Special method: Cambridge Royal. (All those wishing to ring this should revise it thoroughly beforehand.)

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting, Honiton Clyst, Sat., Dec. 5. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Retter, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Rette Waldrons, Clyst Honiton, Exeter, by Dec. 2.-R T Perry.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. Quarterly meeting, Old Leake (6), Sat., Dec. 5. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to R. Reynolds (Mrs.), Hon. Sec., 9 Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs, by

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SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD .- Southern District. — Annual meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, at St. Paul's, Sketty. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business will follow. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, 6 Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, SA5 8EL. 188

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.
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p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Mitchell, 107
Kinson Road, Bournemouth 55777.—Gilian W.
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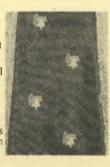
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(Southern Branch) QUARTERLY MEETING Saturday, November 28

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Mr. E. Short, Kathlyn, 310 Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster.

Names not sent by Nov. 24 will not secure tea.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Southern Branch) There will be held a SOCIAL EVENING

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Everyone welcome.

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15,000 ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice of an attempt for 15,000 London Surprise Royal (Beddington version) at the Church of the Holy Cross, Daventry, on Saturday, Decem-

ber 12, 1970, starting at 9 a.m.

The attempt will be made under the auspices of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and the conductor will be Graham C. Paul.—Yours faithfully,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

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Taken from The Ringing World for November 16, 1945

The loss of church bells in certain European countries during the war was the subject of the leading article with the comment that even in England many bells had been destroyed during bombing raids.

Because of catering restrictions and diffisary luncheon, Mr. E. G. Fenn (master) being in the chair, at the Bridge House Hotel. It was on the 88th birthday of Canon G. F. Coleridge, who proposed "The Society." culties, the College Youths held an anniver-

A letter by Sgt. A. P. Cannon spoke of taking part in a peal for the St. David's Diocesan Association, which was quite a satisfactory performance.

The first peal by a band of ladies in the Oxford Guild was rung at St. Ebbe's. The method was Grandsire Triples, and Betty Spice the conductor.

Ernest W. Pye rang his 100th peal at Sible Hedingham, Essex, and at Barnby Don, Yorks, Ronald H. Dove his 200th.

Capt. E. F. M. Samson wrote from Rawalpindi about the bells in India.

50 YEARS AGO

November 19, 1920

"Happily the status of the ringer is be-coming much more widely recognised."— Leading article.

In a peal of Stedman Triples for the Ancient Society of College Youths at Chiswick Henry G. Miles rang the 2nd and Robert Holloway the 4th.

At Long Ashton, Somerset, Percival W. Cave conducted a peal of Stedman Triples, his first as conductor.

Four married couples rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Epsom, Surrey, the first time this had occurred.

The ancient ringers' guild of Stephen's, Bristol, celebrated its 300th anniversary.

The restoration of the bells, with augmentation, was commented on at the 283rd dinner of the College Youths by the Dean of Westminster, who said how glad every-one was that these bells should be heard again.

The Cumberland Association was revived with a meeting at Workington.

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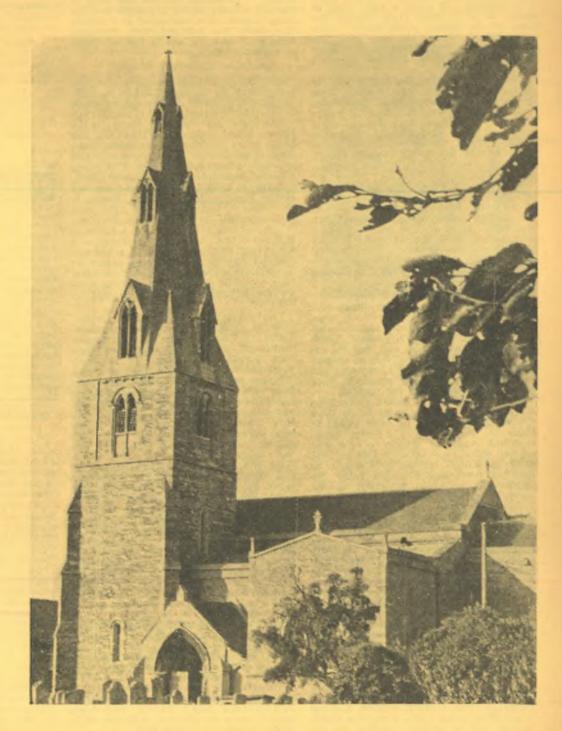
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All Saints, Polebrook, Northants

Cover Picture

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THERE ARE OLD and beautiful churches in all parts of the Eastern Counties, and most are badly in need of repairs of one kind or another. Some are lucky to be positioned and seen by wealthy or interested tourists, whilst others are situated in small country parishes. Such is Pole-

brook in Northamptonshire.

All Saints', Polebrook, illustrated on the cover, has none of the advantages of wealth, nor does it have many visitors. It is sited in a very pretty, but small, stonebuilt village, and compares favourably with the better-known Cotswold beauty spots. It is certainly well worth a visit. Easy of access, it is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Oundle, the home of the famous public school, where many parents come to visit their sons. The other way it is eight miles from Norman Cross on the A.1 (little more than an hour's run from London).

The village is about 300 strong, with 74 people on the church electoral roll. There are two village shops (one of them being the post office) and, of course, a village "pub." Polebrook Hall, in the centre of the village, where Queen Victoria is reputed to have stayed, was extended considerably in the 19th century by the Ferguson family, and is now owned by J. Folliott Vaughan,

Esq., M.P.

This village of "Pochebroc" is mentioned in the Domesday Book, and the Church of All Saints, like many other churches in the diocese, probably has an early Saxon foundation, on which the present building was erected. It is a church that is finely proportioned, and possesses great natural beauty, being built of local stone. The first recorded rector was Robert le Fleming (1250).

ON A NORMAN FOUNDATION

Built mainly on a Norman foundation, its glory is in its 13th century work, when the chancel was lengthened and the west end of the church was largely rebuilt. There are still Norman arcades with capitals, enriched with foliage, and a Norman chancel arch. The pulpit is 17th century, and possesses one of the few remaining hour glass sand timers left in the country.

The east window is beautiful, shaftings and mouldings giving a unity to its three lancets, totally unobserved when looked at from the outside. In a different mood, from the masculine severity of the east window, the chancel screen is 15th century, with the original red and gold still to be seen on the traceried panels below the middle rail, the screen doors still hanging on their original hinges.

Surely the north transept is unique! Imagination can be exercised here: the stone seating, and the somewhat more "developed" arcading running with its nine arches on slender shafting around the north and west walls. The fine window which brightens this lovely transept is a modern one, erected to the memory of a young Lifeguardsman, Victor Ferguson, who fell in 1918. It depicts a knight in shining armour offering his sword at an altar, with the archangels St. Michael and St. Gabriel standing by. The transept is now a memorial chapel, with the names of the Fallen in both the 1914-18 and 1939-45 wars recorded.

The south transept is in a very different mood. Here are placed the mediæval pews, the fronts decorated with stylised copies of 13th century window openings (about three inches high). There is a double piscina and a square opening in the masonry. The font is some 700 years old (although restoration work was done in the 20th century by a local craftsman. The roof in the nave is timber-framed, and contains some mediæval beams, one of which has the Cross Keys, of the Diocese of Peterborough, carved on it.

In the midst of the Eastern counties, celebrated for their beautiful spires, the broach spire of All Saints', Polebrook, is justly famed for its graceful proportions, rising firmly from the square tower. The original central tower collapsed and was rebuilt in its present position and form in the 12th century, and it is thought that the Early English spire was added at a slightly later date. The bell and clock chambers, housed in the spire, are lit and ventilated by gabled openings.

CONTAINS FIVE BELLS

The belfry contains five bells, the first being given by William Tawyer in 1717. The second is named Andrea and was made by Thomas Newcombe of Leicester, 1562-1580, whilst the third, S. Maria, is by Francis Watts of Leicester, 1564-1600. The fourth bears the following inscription: John Hunt, John Groom, Churchwardens. This bell was made by Joseph Eayre of St. Neots 1771." The fifth bell is by the same maker. and has on it the names of John Hunt and Henry Negus, Churchwardens, 1765. It also bears a Latin inscription: "Ego sum vox clamantis," meaning "I am the voice of one that crieth." At one time a Gleaning Bell was rung during harvest at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., and until about 1914-15 a bell was rung on Sunday after morning prayer (at 12 o'clock) informing parishioners that there would be another service in the evening (or it could have been the mid-day Angelus).

The bells hang in a wooden frame, which, to quote from a survey made by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, is "very poorly constructed indeed, and can never have been particularly strong. It is badly weathered and diseased." Because of this it is now only possible to ring three of the bells with safety. It is proposed to lower and rehang the bells in a new C.I. frame complete with new fittings, including new H.W. wheels, with W.I. plates and hollow box section C.I. headstocks. The bells will be turned, retuned and fitted with new

W.I. clappers.
All this, with the ancillary works, will cost some £2,000, of which £1,200 has been raised by the parish of 300 people, but helped generously by the Barron Bell Trust and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. The work is doubly Church Bell Ringers. necessary as the existing wooden frame is wedged against the tower, so endangering the structure, and could also endanger the ancient clock housed in the tower, which was made in the village in 1667 under the direction of the rooter of that time (Dr. direction of the rector of that time (Dr. Wilkins, a famous horologist), founder of the Royal Society, and brother-in-law of Oliver Cromwell.

The clock is worked by weights and pulleys (one of the weights is a chunk of local stone). It is one-handed, chimes the hours, and keeps fairly accurate time. is unique, the only other of its type being in Salisbury Cathedral.

We still need £800 for this work, and if you can help, please send donations to THE POLEBROOK BELL FUND, The Secretary, B. John M. Morgan, Ashdown, Polebrook, Peterborough PE8 5LN.

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Obituary

MR. W. SMITH

Mr. W. Smith died suddenly at Whittlesey on October 26 at the age of 81. He was verger at St. Mary's for over 60 years and his passing ends 110 years of family service, not only for St. Mary's but also Whittlesey. His family served the town as harness makers in business, and as town criers by vocation.

Mr. Smith was a member of St. Mary's ringers for over 50 years. He enjoyed bellringing in every form—he conducted peals, played the carillon and was fond of tunes and changes on handbells. He will be remembered for his willingness to participate in any ringing, though he had a preference for Triples.

J. E.

MUSICAL AND CAMPANOLOGICAL **ENTERTAINMENT**

"Under the auspices of the Hemel Hempstead Mutual Improvement Society, the Royal Holdfast Handbell Ringers gave a musical and campanological entertainment in the Town Hall on Friday evening the 15th inst.

"There were five performers and 130 bells. the largest bell weighing 114 lbs. and the smallest 4 ozs. Mr. F. Mason, President of the Mutual Improvement Society, presided . . . The Campanologists went through their programme with a slight alteration in a manner that gave great satisfaction and enjoyment to the audience. who frequently expressed their delight either of the clever manipulation of the performers or at the sweet music evolved from the bells. Several of the pieces were encored, Village chimes, Mandolinata (as performed on the bells at Antwerp Cathedral), Imitation of Village Bells and Chimes and Fairy Bells appeared to be special favourites with the audience. At the close, the President thanked the com-pany for their attendance."

Sent by Mrs. G. Manship, of Hemel Hempstead, Herts, who found it in an old paper dated February 23, 1884. Durham and Newcastle Association.

ANNUAL MEETING

Ringers of today are often motorists and when they attend a meeting in a town or city centre they need to give attention to "making places" for parking and "dodging" traffic wardens. They need to be as familiar with the yellow lines of the Highway Code as the blue lines of standard methods. Better then to hold the meeting outside a meter zone these days, thought the secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in arranging the A.G.M. this year in Newcastle on October 3.

The business meeting, tea and service were held at St. Stephen's in Low Elswick, just off Scotswood Road of Blaydon Races fame. Although free from parking restrictions, the area is not without its hazards for motorists.

The surroundings of St. Stephen's have undergone considerable changes, with tower blocks replacing the older dwellings. old church remains but alongside it there is a modern vicarage and an attractive modern church hall built, as a plaque re-cords, with the proceeds of compensation for demolition of the previous hall. Its facilities were generously made available by the vicar (Rev. Martin Brion).

HELD THE FORT

The meeting faced a difficulty at the outset, as Roland Park had withdrawn from the presidency without completion of the full year of office. Bill Tyson, immediate past president, held the fort and conducted the election of a new president. Ken Lawson was the only nomination and he was declared elected. Later all the other officers were re-elected with one exception, but individual elections were held as members had expressed dissatisfaction with reelection en bloc. Kenneth Arthur was the one exception, and he retired (as announced last year) and Tom Cooke was elected to succeed him as ringing master. The officers for 1970-71 are: President, Kenneth Lawson; secretary, Denis Bayles; treasurer, Eric Harrison; ringing master, Tom Cooke; editorial secretary, Ken Lawson; auditor, Frank Ainsley; trustees, Kenneth Arthur and Eric Harrison. District officers;—Northern—chairman, S. Hewitt; ringing master, D. Martin; secretary, D. Wheeler. Central-chairman and ringing master, W. Tyson; secretary, N. Johnson. Southern—chairman, K. Lawson; ringing master, T. Cooke; secretary, F. Hodgson.

Sixteen new members were elected-nine from Hurworth, four from Shincliffe and one each from Brancepeth, Fenham and Lanchester. Two clerical members were elected and William Gofton was made a life member. Some years ago his father, R. Alder Gofton, was also a life member. It is not unusual for a son to follow in his father's footsteps, and give over 50 years membership to a ringing society, but for the father still to be alive when his son has done this must surely be rare!

From reports of a committee meeting in September it was seen that the financial position had improved with the increase in subscriptions; the total balances had increased by just over £20 and the general fund was just in credit. This position was regarded as satisfactory, as a comprehensive annual report had been printed for the first time for several years. A new ring of bells had been installed at Shincliffe, and the bells at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, had been rung again after rehanging, but on the debit side the bells of Hexham Abbey have been declared unsafe and ringing there has stopped. Efforts to revive ringing at BlayHereford Guild.

FESTIVE OCCASION

The annual dinner of the Hereford Guild took place at the Royal Oak, Leominster, on October 17, when there was an attendon October 17, when there was an attendance of 87. At the top table the master (Mr. Reg Powell) was supported by the Bishop of Hereford (Rt. Rev. M. Hodson) and Mrs. Hodson, Mr. David Beacham (general secretary, Worcestershire Association), Miss Noele Gordon (TV star of "Crossroads"), Mr. and Mrs. J. Haliwell (Hereford), Mr. G. Cross (secretary, Hereford Guild) and Mrs. Cousins.

After an excellent dinner the speeches were brief and witty. The Church and State was proposed by Mr. J. Haliwell, with response by the Bishop; The Hereford Diocesan Guild, Mr. D. Beacham, response by Miss Valerie Edge (a past master), The Visitors, Mr. Harold Thomas (Bridgnorth), with response by Miss Noele Gordon.

At the conclusion, entertainment was provided by Mr. Les Bonner (magician), Miss Christine Benbow (folk songs). A touch of Bob Major on handbells was rung by Elizabeth Wycherley 1-2, Peter Wycherley 3-4, Norman Mattingley 5-6, Marcus Sherwood 7-8.

A special word of thanks is due to Mr. George Cousins for his work in making the arrangements for this most enjoyable function. Earlier, ringing took place on the ten at Leominster Priory. F. C. A. B.

don, Morpeth and Hurworth were noted, the latter being particularly successful, as testified by the election of new members. The dinner held at Sunderland, the first for a number of years except for special occasions, had also been successful.

Peals totalled 21 (19 tower and 2 in hand) against 47 (46 and 1) the previous year. The leading peal ringers were George Deas and Eric Harrison (15 each) and Michael Maughan the leading conductor (with 9). Ealing Surprise Major was rung for the first time for the association.

RULES TO BE EXAMINED

It was agreed that a small sub-committee should examine the rules and report to the committee in January, when the Christmas party is to be held at Chester-le-Street. The dinner had been arranged for May 1 at the County Hotel, Newcastle, and the annual general meeting in September at Darling-

The service was held in St. Stephen's after tea. The vicar conducted the service and gave a short address. He had the assistance of Peter Rock at the organ, Ann Lawson and Denis Bayles reading lessons, and Messrs. Anderson, Bayles, Johnson and Lawson in ringing handbells. The collection for the bell restoration fund amounted to £3 1s. 2d.

With parking restrictions removed in the evening, members were able to make their way to the Cathedral, where ringing continued.

For dispersal, as for assembly, the association's territory is now served by a splen-did road system linking its principal cen-tres, and recently the Durham Motorway acquired a modern services area. On the way home several ringers tried the restaurant and found themselves attracted to machines bearing the label CHANGE. Such is the degree of automation in this establishment that unless one has the right coins the food and drinks remain visible but unobtainable.

D. A. B.

EARLSHEATON BELLS

When Yorkshire ringers speak of the bells at Earlsheaton, they automatically associate with them the name of Mr. Hemingway Dransfield.

Hemingway is the second oldest member of the Yorkshire Association and reached the age of 90 on November 14. His association with Earlsheaton bells goes back over the whole of his life, for he started to learn to ring them in July, 1897, and continued to do so until a few years ago, when he had to give up, following an illness. His profound interest in the bells and in ringers and ringing in general, however, has not waned; Hemingway reads The Ringing World weekly from cover to cover and claims all ringers as his friends. It is understandable, therefore, that he looked at the weekend of October 3-4 with regret, for the bells were rung for the last time.



Mr. Hemingway Dransfield taking part in the final ringing at Earlsheaton.

St. Peter's Church was built in 1825 on steep ground overlooking Dewsbury and was buttressed by surrounding houses clinging to the hillside. It is reputed that the demolition of these houses in recent slumclearance has allowed the hillside to become unstable and as a result the church is to be demolished.

In the early 1850s a fund was started in Yorkshire to alleviate suffering amongst the survivors of the Holmfirth flood, caused when a reservoir burst its banks. Surplus money from the fund was returned to the parishes which donated it, and in Earlsheaton it became the basis of a collection for a set of bells for the church.

Subsequently eight bells, with a 12 cwt. tenor in F, were installed by Mears and Stainbank and were rung for the first time on Friday, May 27, 1853. They were re-hung by Taylors in 1916. In recent years the interest from a bequest of £500, left in 1941 by a Mr. Haythorne, of Heckmondwike, has helped towards their maintenance.

The early ringers at the church were keen on good striking and contest ringing, and the band soon became famous for its hoarding of the cups and shields awarded as prizes in striking contests by the local ring-ing societies in Yorkshire. They won the cup of the Halifax and District Association 20 times in nearly as many years and the cup of the now disbanded Heavy Woollen District Association innumerable times.

Hemingway relates that when he started to ring, all the learners paid 2d. per lesson for their tuition and were not allowed to

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WILFRED WILLIAMS' "BORDER" TOUR

The 1970 tour looked like being a washout when there was such torrential rain that Wilfred's car was aquaplaning up the M1, while Giles Galley was marking time in a garage in Sheffield after burning out his wiper motor on the MI further north. But we all got to the Prince Rupert in Shrewsbury in the end, and Wilfred doesn't mind a "wet" birthday. We made a promising start the next morning with a peal of London Royal at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, being met by Hector Bennett, Ernest Willcox and other local worthies.

London was again successfully scored on the grand eight at Market Drayton later in the day and duly celebrated in the Corbet Arms in the company of Fred Price, Arthur Pearson and Ernest Drew, who kindly came to meet us.

Back at Shrewsbury the next morning we rang for the service at St. Mary's, and Pat Cannon demonstrated his masterly handling by knocking off his spectacles and breaking them! After lunch one band, augmented by George and Norah Randles, went to Broughton and rang Rutland, while at Wem a certain well-known 12-bell conductor, perhaps reflecting that six peals of Bristol on a recent week in Kent was too much of a good thing, slipped up in our first attempt at the method.

At the Wynnstay, Oswestry (our H.Q. for the rest of the tour), we found that the

EARLSHEATON BELLS—continued.

ring with the band proper until they could prove their competence. They were then paid 6d. per session for ringing on Sundays and had a system of deductions for late attendance—2d. deduction if not within the church gates as the clock struck the appropriate time and 4d. deduction if ten minutes late. If a ringer failed to attend without reasonable excuse then on top of receiving no fee a fine of 2d, was levied.

The keenness of the old bands for contest ringing was so great that relations between the ringers were sometimes strained; one ringer was turned away from the tower for several years after making a slip in a contest.

There are several peal boards in the ringing chamber testifying to past performances, but the chamber is dominated by a large portrait of a late ringer, Jack Garforth, who originally learned to ring at Dewsbury but moved to Earlsheaton following a dispute with the vicar. It was given to the tower on his death and has since kept an eye on the proceedings. Young lady ringers in recent years claim that during peals they have felt a little uneasy at the figure brooding down on them, demanding either good striking or no peal!

The Leeds and District Branch of the Yorkshire Association held an afternoon meeting at the tower on October 3, and upwards of 40 ringers took advantage of the opportunity of having a final ring on the bells. The ringing was concluded by a well-struck course of Kent T.B., which was the special method of the old bands and the method for most of the peals at the tower. Hemingway was present at the gathering and at tea afterwards.

A peal of St. Nicholas' Triples was rung

on the following afternoon by a composite band from Ossett Parish Church and Wakefield Cathedral.

This concluded the ringing life of the bells and they were removed from the tower a week or so later. R.C.



Left to right: Bob Dennis, Wilfred Williams, Tudor Edwards, George Thoday, Raiph Edwards, Pat Cannon, Ken Hesketh, Peter Border, David Rothera, Stan Mason, Kingsley Mason, Giles Galley.

friendly young manager was also a ringer, hailing from Fairford, Glos.

On Monday morning London was rung at Church Stretton, and Spliced London and Cambridge Royal well rung in the afternoon at Coalbrookdale—the tower of the late Bill Saunders.

On Tuesday we ventured into Wales to ring on the delightful new eight at Berriew, where no peals are allowed now. The vicar (and Archdeacon) proudly showed us his Vicarage, built in 1616 by "TK" (Tenor King?). From there we drove over the mountains (with a glimpse of the Welshpool and Llanfair narrow gauge railway en route. complete with steam engine) to Dolgellau. Again no peal, as they are not allowed, but a pleasant ring. In the afternoon came our second failure. After practically three hours of Yorkshire at Barmouth, with two courses to go, we were stopped by the assistant curate. (There had been a breakdown in communications somewhere.)

On Wednesday a visit to two of the Seven Wonders of Wales—Gresford Bells and Wrexham Tower. At Gresford we rang Rutland, which was George Randles' first College Youths peal, with the senior steward and treasurer also in the band. A mid-day funeral necessitated an early start and a brisk pace (3-5). A visit to the lovely church at Malpas meanwhile verified that we could not ring there later in the week. After the band had refreshed itself with pints of "Border" ("the popular beer" from Wrexham) in the Yew Tree at Gresford, George and Norah Randles entertained us to a sumptuous buffet lunch at their home. The fine ten at Wrexham are mainly Rudhall bells and we scored a good peal of Cambridge Royal in the afternoon, before being welcomed at the Seven Stars by George Ledsham, landlord, ringer and friend of Ralph Edwards.

Thursday morning saw 65 minutes of Stedman Triples at High Ercall (cast by Taylor in the 1870s) before we had to stop because of a shift on the front; so again Leslie Barry's one peal attempt of the week was doomed. A local lady who evidently admired our ringing was there with a flask of coffee, which we drank round the font! Six good men and true, who had all rung over two tons to peals, set to work meanwhile on the heavy six at Clive (25 cwt.) and rang the first 7-method peal on the bells, with Kingsley Mason, whose first tour it was, on the tenor. These bells are very loud outside but sound a treat across the valley, and as they were well rung no one seemed to mind. Meanwhile the losers had a ring on the lovely little six at Moreton Corbet (and also a choir practice, with a reverend gentleman at the keys and Ralph Edwards on the blower!). The day was completed with a peal of Cambridge Maximus on the grand Taylor 12 at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

On Friday we rang London at Shifnal, then Arthur Pearson and his wife kindly gave us lunch at Claverley before we moved on to the church, built in local sandstone and overlooking a very pretty village, where we rang Bristol. We enjoyed meeting Fred Bennett and Ernest Drew again.

On Saturday Lincolnshire at Northop (Flint) enabled several to score another county. Meanwhile Wilfred and David and Susan Rothera were sampling the local tennis courts at Oswestry. In the afternoon we rang Roger Baldwin's Bristol on the magnificent eight at Eccleston, cast by Taylor just after the turn of the century-real vintage bells!

Sunday was a memorable day for the scenery. We visited Lake Vyrnwy, the reservoir for Liverpool, built with a massive stone dam by the Victorians, with a backcloth of dark and silent forests. On through the Cambrian mountains and past the new Clywedog Reservoir to Llanidloes, where Alan Ainsworth (another new recruit) called London on the recently-augmented bells in their curious, squat tower.

On Bank Holiday Monday we rang a good peal of London Royal at St. Giles, Newcastle-under-Lyme — the bells sound better outside than in-and met with disaster on the tuneful ten at Crewe, where after two leads of Pudsey Royal the sixth clapper broke. Our four failures were all for different reasons.

We rang 15 peals (some good ones, too, probably because we stuck to methods we all knew well), coupled with a sound knowledge of each other's ringing characteristics, enabling bands to be well placed-an important factor in peal ringing, often underestimated.

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to all, but not least to Wilfred himself, for a memorable tour.

G.C.G. D.E.R.

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FOOTNOTES

There is no bigger bone of contention in the R.W. than what should or should not be included under peals (and quarter peals) as footnotes. The "first peal, first in method," etc., of course, are essential, and there are the recognised additions for weddings, funerals, church festivals, but many bands seem lately to be finding every possible triviality to put under the peal details, many of which have no connection with church or public occasions. A peal rung for the treble ringer's wife's cousin's birthday, or for the 3rd birthday of the conductor's son is, we consider, not worthy of a footnote, and exaggerated and lengthy wording is absolutely unnecessary.

The bells are the property of the church and should first and foremost be rung for its festivals and services. There is an obligation for all peals to be published in the R.W., but this does not extend to footnotes, although sometimes these make in-

teresting reading.

Occasionally items of especial interest and considered of more importance have been extracted from the peal report and used as news items. This has not found favour with the band ringing the peal as the two items are thus divorced. Quite a few of the footnotes rank as advertisements, and where this applies we suggest that the correct amount be enclosed so as to ensure publication of the details with the peal. We are always pleased to include short items of news under the Gossip heading, and if senders of peal and quarter peal reports will put these on a separate sheet every endeavour will be made to include such items.

To those who have not yet received their Ringing World Calendar we apologise for the delay, which is due to pressure of work in the printing machine room. Just as soon as we receive delivery of our reprint order, our staff (of three!) will combine their efforts to get the calendars despatched.

"In July I took a cardigan by mistake from a tower in the Bristol area. If the person who lost it will contact me I will return it," writes Miss M. Legg, Drove Farm, Locking, Weston-super-Mare.

Personal Records: Roland Morant (200 peals), John W. Smith (150), Ronald K. Russ (175), Mary Wells (50), William A. Yates (300), Frank C. Price (450), Christopher Grandidge (25), James Morley (100), Dorothy M. Durrant (50).

A quarter peal of All Saints Doubles was

rung on All Saints Day in All Saints' tower, Ashcott, Somerset, the actual tower in which this method was composed. It was also a married couples' quarter peal and

the conductor's 150th.

What was intended as the first peal of Royal by the Andover District, rung at St. Mary's, Southampton, unfortunately could not be counted as such. The illness of one of the ringers prevented him taking part and a substitute took his place. It is intended to get the first resident peal on another occasion.

Mr. G. H. Ellis, of Limerick, sends a cutting from Irish Independent, which reports that a business man has arranged for Beverley Minster, Yorks, bells to be taped to be used in the small church at Louis-

burgh, Co. Mayo.

The recent competition (run by the Nottingham District) to guess the total weight of Arnold bells was won by Mr. Reginald Wright, of St. Peter's, Nottingham, who was only 6 lbs. from the correct figure of 27 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

First peal congratulations to Norman Tawn and Julian A. Long.

The tenor clapper at Loughton, Essex,

fell out on Remembrance Sunday, but a quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung.

The Ringers' Notebook and Diary, 1971 is now available and the advertisement gives details of where to send. There are several new touches and quarter peals this year and the publishers advise early ap-plication for this "must" among ringers.

Five young ladies (average age 13) took part in a quarter at Blunsdon, Wilts, and raised £11 10s. through sponsors for St.

Leonard's Heating Fund.

Wearing his Southwell Diocesan Guild badge and seen drinking (whisky?) from the cup he had won, Mr. Derick Kirton was pictured recently in the South Notts Advertiser after having become Coddington Conker Champion of 1970. Derick also had a bottle of sherry and half a dozen glasses presented to him by Mrs. Nina Terry, who organises many similar events for the old folk's fund. Derick's brother John is tower captain at Coddington.

Ordering a Ringing World Calendar, a gentleman in Gloucester enclosed a per-sonal donation "to acknowledge the interest I, a non-ringer, get from it, and as thanks for the jokes and aphorisms I have occasionally 'lifted' to print in the parish magazine I edit."

The radio quiz programme "My Word" on November 9 included the question: "What are Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman?" After surmising they might be characters in the radio serial "The Archers" John Wells identified them as terms connected with campanology "which is what happens up campaniles." Frank Muir revealed that he had been a bell-ringer until the age of 14½, when he had his tonsils removed (why did that halt his ringing career?), and informed the audience that Grandsire Doubles, which he had rung, was a smaller version of Grandsire Triples. The questionmaster, Jack Longland, displayed diplomatic caution when he confirmed that these terms represented the "principal methods" of ringing changes, though he stood in fear of correction knowing the complexity of the subject and that "campanologists are incredibly skilful."

"Shattering the post-prandial Sabbath calm" is the description given by a correspondent in sending three quarter peals rung for the joining of three villages into

one parish.

Six young people have, during the past 12 months, been ringing the bells at Poslingford, Suffolk (pop. 142!), and are equally accomplished to ring in a quarter. Having only five bells, the youngsters draw lots to see who takes part in the different quarter peals to be attempted. [With such enthusiasm, maybe an increase in the number of bells will be forthcoming one day soon.-

Jones, 43 Bradbourne Street London, S.W.6, being a keen three-bell ringer, would be very glad to make the acquaintance of the author of the article on Yorkshire three- and four-bell towers published on page 885. He is, with friends, compiling a list of rings of three- and four-bell towers.

As the old farmer/dealer once said: "Honesty is the best policy-mind you, I've managed very well without it up to now."-Plain Bob.

IN 1935

Mr. F. Hodgson, of Darlington, came across the old photograph of a Gloucester tour in September, 1935, when he was perusing some personal papers of the late Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Bangor. He says it would not be often in those days that such an abundance of talent would be gathered together, and we reproduce it here, with the

L. to r.: Stafford Green, John H. Cheeseman, George Williams, Alfred Pye (back row); Frank Bennett, George Martin, Len Stillwell, Gabriel Lindoff, Jim Shepheard, J. C. E. Simpson, A. J. Hughes, E. Jenkins, L. M. G. Morris, W. H. Fussell and H. H. Firth (non-ringer).

It states that the photo was at Shipton-under-Wychwood (Oxon) and a peal of Superlative S. Major was rung.

Letters

LETTERS

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"ROPESIGHT"

Dear Sir. - Whilst agreeing with Mr. Michael Uphill (page 854) that Plain Bob is best for starting learners, I feel he is both over-estimating their understanding and making Grandsire more complicated than it

Learners are only going to know when to dodge if they know in advance that they cut or wait at backstroke, or handstroke in Grandsire. I do not think many learners realise where they are dodging in relation

to the lead-end.

I once had a band of "Minor only ringers at an eight-bell practice. They were told that Grandsire Triples is third's place Bob Minor (with the work "by the treble" the same) and so should dodge one place higher, dodging therefore at handstroke. We rang a fairly respectable course. Once the plain course is familiar the bobs are simple; double-dodge where

Having said the above, I think Mr. Uphill and W. G. W. would agree that as most methods are developed from Plain Bob, Grandsire, like Stedman, is an interesting sideline.—Yours faithfully, East Malling, Kent. STEPHEN GARNER.

PROTECTING OUR BELLS

Dear Sir,-It is common knowledge that the stealing of bells from church towersparticularly those in isolated districts—is on the increase, as bell metal is valuable. answer is surely to leave the bells standing in the "up" position.

Ringers know that this is highly dangerous. But if the rope ends are attached to a hook which can be drawn up and the securing rope padlocked, no visitor or ringer can get the bells "down." Nor can any thief ring the bells down to remove them without rousing the neighbourhood.

A large notice in the ringing chamber stating that the bells are up and that it is highly dangerous to touch them should deter any innocent visitor or unauthorised person from interfering with them.

Those who do so should be informed

that such interference is at their own risk .-

Yours faithfully.

Tewkesbury, Glos. L. J. BIRCH

RECORDS KEPT

Dear Sir.—As I keep a record of quarter peals published in The Ringing World, I find that I did not have a note of the quarter peal rung at Starcliffe, Derbyshire, on April 26, 1966, which Mr. Riley mentions in his letter on page 854.

As 1966 was the first year in which I started keeping these records, I could have missed publication of this quarter, in which case I would like to be corrected. If not, then the claim for the first quarter on the bells on July 25, 1970, still stands, at least

since 1966.

Incidentally, the claim that the quarter rung at Shustoke, Warwickshire, on June 1970, was the first for ten years is incorrect, as I have three recorded in 1966, i.e. June 26, Bob Doubles; September 1, Bob Minor; and one of 9 Doubles. - Yours faithfully.

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL. Portsmouth, Hants.

BELLS AROUND SCARBOROUGH

Dear Sir,-I was most interested to read the article on bells around Scarborough (R.W., page 855) as I am bringing up to date Consitt Boulter's "Church Bells of the East Riding". There are, however, one or two points in need of correction and some things which can be clarified.

At Seamer your correspondent missed the most interesting bell, a small sanctus bell of French origin dated 1548. It is cracked and this has been cut out. Apparently it was used for many years at Seamer Railway Station before its restora-

tion to the church.

Weaverthorpe's three are swing chimed (the tower is Saxon) and are by Edward Seller II, Samuel Smith I and William Oldfield. Helperthorpe's bells are hung for full circle ringing but the sides of the wheels are beginning to come off (why don't bellfounders use brass screws and glue instead of iron nails? Is it built-in obsolescence?). Kirby Grindalyth's three are at the moment unringable due to the work of pigeons: they are buried in droppings up to the waist. The fittings exposed were in good condition and with some work here it may be possible to get these going again. The 2nd and 3rd are interesting 14th century bells by John Potter. York. The frame, etc., is by Taylors, 1876.

Burton Agnes had its bells rehung dead as a chime in 1968. The 2nd and 4th are Henry Oldfield, of Nottingham, dated

1601.

Beeford's bells are now unsafe and I was unable to obtain permission to see them.

I was not surprised to hear that Leven's bells were stiff. When I visited there in 1968 they were prevented from swinging by pieces of wood nailed from the frame to the headstock! The tenor, incidentally, is 6-3-2 in B flat,

There are a few other sets of bells in the area which may be of interest to visi-

tors there:-

Cayton (near Seamer), a Taylor three of 1897 (I have not been there yet so I don't

know their condition).

Hunmanby, a swing-chimed three rehung by Taylors in R.S.J.s. A fourth bell used to be here until 1858, when it was sold to Mears to pay for a new clock. (It was a John Potter bell of c. 1370!)

There are "swing chiming only" twos at Reighton and Bempton (Bempton's bells are again 14th century, by John Potter).

At Bessingby there is a chime of eight tubular bells whilst at Sherburn there are eight hemispherical bells stacked saucer fashion, as well as a normal bell and another cracked one unhung in the tower.

There is a ringable three at Rillington (towards Malton) rehung in a metal frame by Taylors in 1909. These are swingby Taylors in 1909. chimed by the locals.

The A170 road to Pickering from Scarborough has some interesting churches and bells. There are three at Hutton Buscel in a substantial wooden frame. Treble and tenor are Taylors 1902 recasts, whilst the second is an extremely fine bell by John Potter (yet again). The inscription is in his large Gothic capital letters and the bell looks as though it came from the founders only yesterday. The detail in the lettering

is very clear. Five miles further on is Ebberston, three of 5 cwt, in a metal frame with plain bearings and Hastings stays. The next village of Allerston also possesses a ringable three in a 1910 metal frame by Taylors. The tenor of about 7 cwt. is a mediæval one, probably by John Hoton,

ST. MARY'S, BISHOP'S CANNINGS

Dear Sir,—The writer of the interesting account of Bishop's Cannings church and bells (Ringing World, November 13) refers to the fact that the village derives its name from the Bishops of Salisbury having at

one time had a palace there.

I believe, to be strictly correct, that the original owners of the palace (or manor house) were the Bishops of the ancient See of Ramsbury, a small village near the eastern border of the county, but in 909 important enough to be made the seat of a bishopric. The great diocese of Sher-borne was then split and most of Wiltshire and Berkshire were administered from Ramsbury, which endured as a diocese for 160 years. Succeeding bishops, however, found the small revenue to be an embarrassment and in 1075 the Sees of Sherborne and Ramsbury were united in one bishopric and the See was set up in Old Sarum.

Incidentally, All Cannings, a little further along the Vale of Pewsey, is a place even greater antiquity and the Church St. James, Devizes, was once a chapel

All Cannings Church of All Saints. As for the folk of Cannings being simple, all good Wiltshiremen will reply in the words of the old song, "The vlie be on the turmut but there baint no vlies on me."-Yours faithfully,

Thurston, Suffolk. C. W. HANCOCK.

ENDERBY DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Whiting's query about Enderby Delight Minor and Whiting's

A. Gill.

Arthur Gill was a member of the Wathon-Dearne company, a tower which for at least a century and a half maintained a tradition of Minor method ringing culmina-ting in 1927 in ringing 197 720's in 186 dif-ferent methods, 147 of which had not been previously recorded.

Arthur prepared many notebooks which he distributed among his ringing friends, containing many methods which he had

collected and classified.

The method Enderby is one such method. Arthur was no antiquarian and left few explanations as to the derivations of his methods. It may be that he had rung it somewhere at some time or perhaps the method was one of those rung and named

by the Wath-on-Dearne company.
With regard to "The Brides of Enderby" in Jean Ingelow's poem, I made extensive inquiries some years ago and was left in no doubt that the tune was fictitious.

I note that Mr. Whiting has not yet read High Tide. I would suggest that he repairs this omission at the earliest opportunity, as it is one of the most beautiful and moving poems in the English language. -Yours faithfully,

HAROLD CHANT. Wakefield, Yorks.

of York (c. 1450). The four at Middleton (just west of Pickering) are a pleasant ring of bells.

Hackness Church possesses three bells which are clocked (!). The frame is in poor condition.

The clergy, with one or two notable examples, have always been most helpful and displayed great interest in their bells when I have made my enquiries. In many cases it would seem that a few repairs would enable a fair number of rings to be rung properly again. Perhaps the ringers of the area may consider such work. Yours faithfully,

G. A. DAWSON. West Bridgford, Notts.

Quarter Peals

ALL SAINTSTIDE

(November 1)

Ashcott, Som. — 1260 All Saints Doubles:

Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. A. F. K. Prime 2, A.
F. K. Prime (cond.) 3, C. Gratton 4, Mrs. R.

Parker 5, R. Parker 6.

Barkingside, Essex.-1260 Bob Triples: Janet Peck 1, Angela Jackson 2, D. Morton 3, D. Gower 4, Susan Turcan 5, Jillian Turcan 6, D

Ellisdon (cond.) 7, M. Coggins 8.

Caddington, Beds.—1296 Surprise Minor (Norwich, London): Sheila Foster 1, Brenda Redfearn 2, Mary Faircloth 3, J. Faircloth 4, Foster 5, D. Redfearn (cond.) 6.

Cockermouth, Cumb.—1376 Bob Major: Mary Dodd 1, P. Kay (first Major) 2, J. Brownrigg 3, P. Bell (first Major) 4, R. Wetenhall (first Major as cond.) 5, J. Hulley (first Major) 6, H. Byrom

7, C. Gates 8.

Colchester (Shrub End), Essex. — 1260 Bob Doubles: Jennifer Martin (first quarter) 1, A. Gibbons 2, D. Whent 3, D. Martin 4, D. Cobb (cond.) 5, A. Wright 6.

Cranham, Glos. — 1320 Ipswich S. Minor: Bernard Taylor 1, Helen Taylor 2, Malcolm Taylor (first in method) 3, Clare Taylor 4, Hilda

Taylor 5, Eric Taylor (cond.) 6.

Fulham, London (All Saints). - 1273 Grandsire Triples: Jean F. West 1, Gwendoline G. Meyer 2, Deborah Bishop 3, E. J. Adams 4, A. J. Hampton 5, A. S. Bishop 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, A. J. Taylor 8.

Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.-1260 Bob Doubles: W. Hewitt (first Doubles) 1, Jane Smith 2, Angela Barrett (first inside) 3, M. J. Kirk 4, E. J. Sollis (cond.) 5. Also 1260 Bob Doubles: Wendy Young (first quarter) 1, E. J. Sollis (cond.) 2, Angela Barrett 3, N. D. Kirk 4, M.

Kirk (140th quarter) 5.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. — 1320 Doubles/Minor: Katharine Salvage 1, I. J. Whittear 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, C. E. Bulleid 4, C. D. Collin (cond.) 5, B. J. Stone 6. Also for Joint Anglican and Methodist Holy Communion. Also 1266 Bob Minor: Anthea S. Bruce 1, Lesley A. Hawes 3, Ann V. Salvage 4, C. E. Bulleid 5, I. J. Whitear 6, B. J. Stone (cond.) 7, J. Knipe cover.

Nettleham, Lincs.-1260 Bob Minor: Miss P. Frankland 1, Miss R. Redden 2, Miss R. Willson Mrs. M. Parker 4, D. Booth 5, W. Booth

(cond.) 6.

Oxford (St. Martin and All Saints). Yorkshire S. Major: J. Pearce 1, N. Allnatt 2, A. Pink 3, J. R. Chaundy 4, S. Bamforth 5, W. Porter 6, B. White 7, J. Camp (cond.) 8.

St. Albans, Herts (St. Peter). — 1260 Bob Royal: Marion Owen (first quarter) 1, Dawn Owen 2, Elizabeth Forster 3, Rosemary Howard (first P.B. inside) 4, R. A. Sheasby 5, T. C. Holland 6, Joyce M. Clarke (first as cond. on tower bells) 7, Frances Dodds 8, H. V. Frost 9, G. W. Debanham 10.

Silsoe, Beds. — 1272 Bob Minimus: P. Robinson 1, T. P. Harris 2, C. Catlin 3, M.

Mitchell 4, M. D. Hodgson (14, first quarter) 5.
Sutton - on - Trent, Notts. — 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Wilson (first Triples) 1, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 2, Susan Moxon 3, Olive Moxon 4, Eleanor Hall 5, Katharine Burchnall 6, A. Wilson 7, H. Hawcroft 8.

> FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY (November 8)

Braintree, Essex.—1260 Stedman Triples: P. G. Brown 1, M. E. Downs 2, Josephine A. Brown 3, Anne C. Simkins 4, A. R. Syder 5, C. H. Gillingham 6, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 7, K. W. Reed 8. First Stedman 4, 6. Half-muffled.

Bramford, Suffolk.—1260 Minor (London S., Plain Bob): Sandra Cunningham 1, K. Dakin 2, Rev. L. Pizzey 3, A. Munnings 4, R. Whittell (cond.) 5, R. Lockwood 6.

Charlwood, Surrey. - 1260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Wickens 1, Carol Gosling 2, Mary Dallison 3, K. Dallison 4, Marion Dallison (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6. Half-muffled.

Chiseldon, Doubles (five Wilts. — 1260 methods): Violet Ballard 1, Heather Rouse 2, Ann Toomer (cond.) 3, F. G. Cook 4, C. D. Wilkins 5, M. H. Rouse 6. Half-muffled.

Cleckheaton, Yorks .- 1260 Bob Doubles: Margaret Warford 1, Gail Cater 2, R. Cater 3, R. R. Warford (cond.) 4, E. Betts 5, Mrs. Jean Allatt (first quarter) 6.

Enfield, Middx (St. Andrew) .- 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Pask 1, Linda J. West 2, R. R. Wood 3, D. J. Duggan 4, A. S. Baker (cond.) 5, N. Holtan 6. Half-muffled.

Finedon, Northants.—1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Richardson 1, E. J. Chapman 2, A. Marks 3, N. F. Pearson 4, E. C. Buckby 5, R. J. Cowley 6, D. G. Pearson (cond.) 7, K. J. Chapman Half-muffled.

Haslemere, Surrey.—1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Quick 1, F. Bowden 2, B. J. Toms 3, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 4, H. A. May 5, A. Betsworth 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, R. G. Burford 8. Half-

muffled

Hersham, Surrey. - 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Anthony 1, Hazel Pady 2, A. Bailey 3, Pam Bird 4, Dawn Colcombe 5, J. King (cond.)

H. Colcombe 7, J. Bailey 8.

London, W.C. (St. Clement Danes') .-Grandsire Caters: A. Fulwell 1, Mrs. S. Trotter 2, C. A. Hughes 3, Mrs. H. Oatway 4, Mrs. E. M. Read 5, A. M. Stacey 6, R. Cadamy 7, B. Read 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, J. H. Burton

Lutton, Lincs. - 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Ragsdell 1, P. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 3, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 4, G. H. Camp-Half-muffled.

Markfield, Leics. - 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bilson (first quarter) 1, K. Burdett 2, D. Seal (first inside) 3, P. D. Bailey 4, A. R. Jones (cond.) 5, J. Wardle 6. Half-muffled.

Petersfield, Hants.-1260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, Maureen Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, Sally Stacey 4, R. Tipper 5, K. Tipper 6, E. Salmons (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Half-muffled. Slough, Bucks.—1264 Bob Major: L. Stilwell 1, W. Birmingham 2, E. Armstrong 3, S. Hare 4, L. G. Pearson 5, J. C. Birt 6, D. C. Brown

(cond.) 7, J. K. Ward 8. West Wickham, Kent .- Nov. 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret J. Allport (first quarter)

1, Christine Northeast 2, S. H. Gay (first of Doubles as cond., 50th quarter) 3, C. Mundy 4,

M. A. Gay 5, K. Gamm 6. Half-muffled.

Whitchurch, Cardiff.—1260 Grandsire

Doubles: Miss C. Short (first quarter) 1, Miss

S. Redman 2, F. Bailey 3, R. Hall 4, W. H. Hartford (cond.) 5, W. H. Dare 6.

HALF PEAL

Withycombe Raleigh, Devon.-Sept. 17, 2528 Bob Major: Mrs. Mary I. Mack 1, W. T. Perrins 2, F. D. Mack 3, C. L. Barr 4, J. A. Foster 5, G. T. West 6, J. M. Clarke 7, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 8. Wedding compliment to James Clarke and Joan Hayward.

DATE TOUCH

Hellingly, Sussex .- Nov. 4, 1970 Cambridge S. Minor: D. I. Ramsay (first T.B.) 1, Ann Smith 2, G. Beeney 3, T. M. Barlow 4, A. R. Baldock 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6.

FOUR IN A DAY (October 28)

Uffington, Lincs.-1260 Minor (720 St. Cle ments, 540 Plain Bob): P. G. Butler 1, G. A Flatters 2, Mrs. G. Butler 3, H. Barsley 4, G. R. G. Butler 5, G. H. Campling (cond.) 6. Empingham, Rutland. — 1260 Minor (720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. G. Butler 1, G. H. Campling 2, G. A. Flatters 3, G. R. G. Butler 4, H. Barsley 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6. Edith Weston, Rutland. — 1260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): G. A. Flatters 1, G. R. G. G. Butler 3, M. J. Belcher 4, H. Butler 2, Mrs. Barsley 5, G. H. Campling (cond.) 6. 50th together 2 and 6. West Deeping, Lincs. — 1260 Plain Bob Minor: G. R. G. Butler 1, Mrs. G. Butler 2, M. J. Belcher 3, P. G. Butler 4, G. H. Campling (cond.) 5, H. Barsley 6.

Abbot's Leigh, Som. -- Nov. 7, 1440 Bob Minor: Helen Kirkpatrick 1, B. H. Goodliffe 2, S. J. Bateman 3, I. Newell 4, N. H. Coombs 5, R. W. Willans (cond.) 6.

Addington, Surrey.—Nov. 1, 1320 Doubles (3 methods): A. Hobbs 1, Penny Cocks 2, Louise Powell 3, I. Wiltshire 4, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5. For Family Communion.

Algarkirk, Lincs.—Nov. 3, 1260 Minor (four methods): D. Fensom 1, H. Barsley 2, W. B. Dawson 3, G. A. Flatters 4, A. E. Flatters 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6. 25th together 4 and 6.

Alton, Hants. — Nov. 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatherly 1, Maureen Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, D. Hughes 4, E. Futcher 5, R. Tipper (150th quarter) 6, K. Tipper (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. Engagement compliment to Carol Stacey and Ken Waller.

Amersham, Bucks. — Aug. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: S. E. Darmon 1, Louise Evans 2, N. Whitlock (first inside) 3, A. K. Fortin 4, B. O. Spragg 5, D. K. Whitlock (cond.) 6. In memoriam William E. Redrup.

Aylesbeare, Devon. - Sept. 30, 1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Wale (first quarter) 1, J. Carter 2, H. L. Crisp 3, W. Wale 4, D. A. Wills

(cond.) 5, A. Phillips 6.

Banstead, Surrey. — Oct. 4, 1260 Grandsire Triples: N. P. Cheesman 1, M. T. Harris 2, Rosemary Cheesman 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, J. D. Cheesman 5, N. G. T. Steere 6, L. Reece 7, D. A. Young 8. First quarter 2 and 8. For Harvest Festival.

Bicker, Lincs. - Sept. 30, 1320 Doubles: S. Johnson 1, Johnson 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, G. A. Flatters 3, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 4, R. Baines 5, C. 3, M. J. Beilcher (cond.) 4, n. Bailles J, C.
Bradley 6. Also Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles: W. B. Dawson 1, Yvonne Singleton
(first as cond.) 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 3, G. A.
Flatters 4, D. Fensom 5, A. J. Singleton 6.
Also Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, W. B. Dawson 3, G. A. Flatters 4, D. Fensom (first as cond.) 5, A. J. Singleton 6. Also Oct. 26, 1260 P.B. Minor: A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 3, G. A. Flatters 4, H. Barsley 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6. Also Oct. 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. J. Singleton 1; Yvonne Singleton 2, G. A. Flatters 3, H. Barsley 4, D. Fensom 5, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 6, M. J. Belcher 7, A. J. Single-Also Nov. 2, 1320 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain): Mrs. A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, G. A. Flatters 3, D. Fensom 4, H. Barsley 5, J. Belcher (cond.) 6.

Blunsdon, Wilts .-- Nov. 7, 1260 Bob Doubles: Louise Humm (first quarter) 1, Anne Ford 2, P D. Naylor 3, Susan Houghton 4, E. W. Ford (cond.) 5, Sandra Jones (first quarter) 6. For

St. Leonard's Gift Day.

Bradford-on-Tone, Som .-- Oct. 31, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Pamela Bellamy 1, Rev. M. J. Odium 2, R. E. Colman 3, W. Stevens 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, A. W. Knight 6. First Stedman 2 and 3.

Bradpole, Dorset.-Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Hartung 1, J. L. Glyde 2, R. Haines (cond.) 3, I. L. Andrews 4, M. J. Hiller 5, D. B. Ellery 6, Helen A. Haines 7, A. D. Case 8. For Trafalgar Day Evensong and also on United Nations Day. Also Oct. 27, 1296 Cambridge Minor: I. L. Andrews (first T.B.) 1, I. Calvert 2, A. J. Scott 3, D. B. Ellery 4, R. Haines 5, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 6, A. D. Case cover. Birthday compliment to the conductor.

Braintree, Essex.-Oct. 25, 1264 Bob Major: K. Reed 1, A. Semkins (first inside) 2, Josephine Brown 3, Jennifer Millbank 4, C. Gillingham 5, R. Lindsell 6, P. Brown 7, A. Syder (cond.) 8. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

Bramford, Suffolk. - Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Mary Christian 1, Sandra Cunningham (first inside) 2, R. Whittell (cond.) 3, M. Whittell 4, P. Archer 5, S. Christian 6. For Even-song. Also Oct. 18, 1260 Minor (Cambridge S., Plain Bob): Cheryl Lay 1, Rev. L. Pizzey (cond.) 2, P. Archer 3, A. Munnings 4, R. Lockwood 5, J. Hollins 6. For Evensong.

Brathay, Lancs.—Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: Mary W. Whalley 1, N. M. Newby 2, A. Cap-stick 3, E. Pepper 4, J. Whalley 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

Burford, Oxon. — Oct. 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: T. Prince 1, T. Hester 2, J. Coggins 3, M. Collett 4, W. Dixon 5, J. Collett 6, B. Hall (cond.) 7, T. Timms 8. For the 100th birthday of Mrs. R. Midwinter, Burford's oldest inhabi-

Chinnor, Oxon.-Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles: S. Watkiss (first attempt) 1, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 2, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 3, E. Harmsworth 4, F. Keen 5, R. G. Hazell 6. For morning service.

Coddington, Notts.-Nov. 1, 1440 Bob Minor: J. Draycott 1, D. L. W. Tomlinson (first Minor. first inside) 2, Jennifer A. Curtis 3, D. J. Tysoe 4, D. E. Kirton (cond.) 5, P. F. Curtis 6. For All Saints' Day. First Minor by Sunday service

Coleshill, Warks.-Nov. 1, 1260 Doubles (3 methods: 7, 6, 8 covering): L. L. Willis 1, D. L. Hooper 2, Anne E. Deebank 3, R. Knight 4, M. F. Edwards (cond.) 5, E. Connington 6, A. G. Ensor 7, H. Walker 8. For Evensong; elso a 21st birthday compliment to Lynda M. Deebank.

Dickleburgh, Norfolk. — Nov. 1, 1260 Minor (720 Kent, 540 Pl. Bob): D. Boast 1, T. Roast 2, C. Catchpole 3, A. Cook 4, H. Fuller 5, C.

C. Pease (cond.) 6.

Dunholme, Lincs. — Aug. 26, 1260 Minor ambridge, Bob Minor): H. J. Radley 1, Julie (Cambridge, Radley 2, Gillian Radley 3, A. C. A. Hopkins (cond.) 4, D. W. Bee 5, D. Phillipson 6. Halfmuffled in memoriam Leslie Drury.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

Exeter, Devon (St. Mark) .- Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Triples: J. N. Longridge (cond.) 1, Susan M. Howe 2, J. L. Anderson 3, D. J. Atkins 4, M. R. Barker 5, C. F. Longridge 6, J. Hyden 7, R. J. Fox 8. For Harvest Festival. Also Oct. 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. G. Dando 1, J. N Longridge 2, Linda V. Cull 3, D. J. Atkins 4, C. F. Longridge 5, J. Hyden 6, K. A. Hughes (cond.) 7, M. R. Barker 8. Also Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Triples: Maureen P. Gardner 1, C. F. Long-ridge 2, Elizabeth Newbery 3, Margaret S. Powell 4, D. J. Atkins (cond.) 5, J. Hyden 6, K. A. Hughes 7, J. N. Longridge 8.

Talaton, Devon .- Nov. 3, 1272 Bob Minor: Margaret S. Powell 1, Elizabeth Newbery 2, Joan Kingdom 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, K. A. Hughes

(cond.) 5, C. F. Longridge 6.

East Hagbourne, Berks. — Sept. 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Reed 1, W. R. White 2, Mrs. J. Garlick 3, C. J. Garlick 4, L. F. Cox 5, M. Bishop (cond.) 6, J. Napper 7, C. Cor-deroy 8. For Ringers' Sunday.

Eckington, Worcs.-Nov. 1, 1344 Bob Major: Mrs. B. Schofield 1, Mrs. H. Schofield 2, A. F. Halling (first In method) 3, P. Treble 4, A. A. Paton 5, F. A. Munday 6, S. B. Schofield 7, H. B. Schofield (cond.) 8.

Epping, Essex. — Nov. 1, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. Aley 1, R. Hayden 2, D. Langdon 3, C. Moore (first Stedman) 4, R. Walker 5, J. Aley 6, S. Clark (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. For Evensona.

Evercreech, Som .- Oct. 2, 1260 Bob Royal: R. G. Beck 1, G. W. Massey 2, H. J. Sanger 3, C. Higby 4, S. Lucas 5, E. J. Chivers 6, L. Wainwright 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8, R. Beck 9, D. McKay 10. First Royal 5, 7. A compliment to C. Wainwright and Miss N. Nolan on the eve of their wedding.

Far Headingley, W. Yorks. — Oct. 30, 1260 Bob Triples: Alison Child 1, J. C. Allen 2, Dorothy M. Skelton 3, P. R. Kelly 4, R. J. Atkinson 5, R. H. Roberts 6, E. Johnson (cond.) 7, A. I. Johnson 8. First Bob Triples 2, 3, 4, For the induction of Rev. Roger Robinson as

Fleet, Lincs.—Nov. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: G. R. G. Butler 1, Mrs. G. Butler 2, P. G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling 4, R. I. West 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6. In memoriam J. B. Halifax (died November 3, 1969).

Hawkshead, Lancs.—Oct. 13, 1279 Grandsire Doubles: J. Whalley 1, Sheila H. Heaton 2, Mary W. Whalley 3, W. Kenyon 4, Dorothy M. L. Maudsley 5, K. M. Price (cond.) 6. For the induction of the vicar (Rev. N. B. Scott).

Heptonstall, W. Yorks.-Oct. 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rosalind A. Perry (first quarter) 1, R. H. Roberts 2, J. G. Rose 3, Rosamund M.

Brown 4, J. C. Allen 5, D. Hird 6, R. G. Green (cond.) 7, A. M. Glover 8.

Horsell, Surrey. — Oct. 2, 1299 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Rignell 1, E. R. Warner 2, D. R. Winckworth 6. For Harvest Supper. Also Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Rignell 1, E. R. Warner 2, D. Gain 3, D. Mozeley 4, J. Ladd (cond.) 5, R. Winckworth 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. J. Garrett (curate).

Hooe, Sussex.—Nov. 3, 1260 Bob Doubles: D. J. Wooler 1, N. M. Chapman 2, D. I. Ramsay 3, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 4, T. M. Barlow 5, Houghton, Hunts.—Oct. 28, 1260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. P. Longland 1, H. Levens 2, D.

Prescott 3, F. Harwood 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5, D. Longland 6. Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Goodliffe.

Hunslet, W. Yorks.—Oct. 11, 1280 Cambridge Major: J. C. Allen 1, Gillian R. Cleaver 2, A. Pattie Clapham 3, Elizabeth J. Campbell (first Cambridge) 4, G. J. Jones 5, D. Hird 6, J. G. Rose 7, R. G. Green (cond.) 8. Also Oct. 25, 1264 Bob Major: G. J. Jones 1, Elizabeth J. Campbell 2, P. R. Kelly (first inside and of Major) 3, J. C. Allen 4, M. G. Dodson 5, I. G.

Judd 6, D. Hird 7, R. G. Green (cond.) 8.

Hutton, Essex.— Nov. 1, 1260 All Saints
Doubles: J. Wallett 1, C. Hill 2, P. Tyler Maggs

3, W. Hill 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5.

Kingswinford, Staffs.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: R. A. Peakman 1, C. F. Jukes 2, Mrs. M. Eisel (first Triples) 3, N. Whitehouse 4, C. Peakman 5, M. Wright 6, J. C. Eisel (first Grandsire as cond.) 7, F. Preston 8. For Patronal Festival.

Langdon Hills, Essex .--Nov. 1, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Janice Manterfield 1, S. J. Day 2, S. J. Clarke 3, K. I. Lucas 4, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 5, Eleanor Clemo 6. First principle 1, 2, 3, 6.

First principle by a local band.

Leckhampton, Glos.—Oct. 30, 1260 Grandsire Triples: T. Stephens 1, Clare Taylor 2, A. C. Newman 3, H. Read 4, Helen Taylor 5, B. H. Taylor 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, M. P. Taylor For the institution and induction of Canon Eric Brewin.

Leverington, Cambs. — Oct. Minor: G. R. G. Butler 1, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, P. G. Butler 4, P. Charlesworth 5, G. Coleman 6. A fare-

well to P. Charlesworth.

Little Aston, Staffs.— Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. W. Fairey 1, J. Budd 2, Valerie Perrott 3, R. Duckett 4, J. Paxton (first as cond.) 5, C. Duckett 6. First inside 2, 3. For Evensong; also 12th birthday compliment to 2nd.

London, E. (St. Matthew, Bethnal Green) .-Nov. 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Hughes 1, H. G. Weedon 2, J. Phillips 3, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 4, R. C. Offen 5, R. G. Brown 6, J. C. Slater 7, J. Platten 8. In memoriam John Mackenzie (bell tuner, Whitechapel Bell Foundry), died October 30.

Lytchett Matravers, Dorset. — Oct. 31, 1260

Bob Doubles: Pamela Hunt 1, Valma Fry 2, Judith Jack 3, L. H. Pink 4, M. W. C. Lawson (cond.) 5, W. J. Foot 6. First Doubles 1, 3.

Madron, Cornwall.—Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Diane Carter 1, W. R. Curtis 2, G. W. Taysom (cond.) 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, F. M. Bowers 5, W. J. S. Troon 6. Half-muffled in thanksgiving for the life and work of John David Cox, priest, Vicar of Madron 1963 to 1970. Maidstone, Kent. — Nov. 1, 1265 Stedman Triples (Carter's odd Bob): Mrs. T. Culling-worth 1, B. F. Baker 2, G. F. Cantrill 3, L. Head (cond.) 4, G. Pu'ten 5, A. Macfadyen 6, T. Cullingworth 7, F. Thwaites 8. For Evenson

Market Deening, Lincs. - Sept. 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Murduck 1, J. E. Coleman 2, C. Gibbons 3, P. Green 4, R. H. Daw (cond.) 5, S. Cooke 6. For the wedding of Victor (brother of 4th) and Glynis Green, mar-ried earlier this day. Also Sept. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Lee (first quarter) 1, Susan Aveyard P. Green 3, C. Brown (first Minor) 4, C. Gibbons (first Minor) 5, R. H. Daw (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival; also for the birth of a

Nettleham, Lincs. — Oct. 25, 1320 Bob Doubles: A. Nicoll (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Wilson 2, D. Booth (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. M. P. rker 4, W. Booth 5, P. Bell 6. For Evensong.

Penhow, Mon. - Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. N. Williams 1, Jacqueline S. King 2, L. Cooke 3, R. W. Owen 4, D. J. King (cond.) 5, J. Hoskins 6. Before the wedding of

Meryl Edwards and Stuart Price.

Peterborough (St. John).—Sept. 20, 1264 Bob
Major: Mrs. G. Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, Pamela
Blackith 3, J. M. Tyler 4, W. J. Riley 5, D. P.
Murduck 6, J. E. David 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

Piddlehinton, Dorset.- Nov. 4, 1320 Doubles (59 m/v): P. Cull 1, Mary E. Elmes (most m/v) 2, I. Calvert 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, G. W.

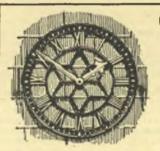
Elmes 5.

Polesworth, Warks.—Oct. 25, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, S. Allsopp 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Family Communion. Also Oct. 25, 1260 Doubles (four methods): S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, M. Quimby 4, D. Hiorns 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensona.

Quadring, Lines.-Oct. 20, 1260 Doubles (2 methods): J. Cook 1, W. B. Dawson 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 3, G. A. Flatters 4, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 5, S. Johnson 6. Also Oct. 23, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cook 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 3, G. A. Flatters 4, W. B. Dawson 5, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 6. Also Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. J. Also Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton (cond.) 2, M. J Belcher 3, G. A. Flatters 4, D. Fensom 5, A. J. Singleton 6. Also Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Belcher (cond.) 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 3, G. A. Flatters 4.

D. Fensom 5, A. J. Singleton 6.
Saxmundham, Suffolk.—Oct. 31, 1260 Bob
Doubles: R. Peck 1, M. A. Baldry 2, T. Hughes
(cond.) 3, M. J. Peters 4, R. P. Peters 5, A. H. Archer 6. Half-muffled as a token of respect

to Alan R. Bridges. Silsoe, Beds .- Oct. 28, 1260 Doubles (seven m/v): P. L. Robinson (first quarter, aged 13) 1, Harris 2, P. A. Keene 3, T. (cond.) 4, C. Catlin 5, J. M. Randall 6.



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Shepton Beauchamp, Som. — Nov. 4, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: R. J. Dean 1, J. Kingsnorth 2, Miss S. A. Mayell 3, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 4, G. Baldam 5, F. J. White 6, M. Medley 7, Mayell (first Kent Major as cond.) 8. First Kent Major 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

Sherborne, Dorset (Abbey). — Oct. 31, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. V. Young 1, Susan Stott 2, Brenda H. Sheppard 3, G. H. Baldam (cond.) 4, M. J. Medley 5, C. R. Field (first G.T.) 6, K. E. Beale 7, J. C. Sheppard 8.

Silloth, Cumb.—Oct. 24, 1296 Bob Major:
A. Capstick 1, Mary Dodd 2, J. H. McTear 3,
D. T. Sim 4, N. M. Newby, jun. 5, D. G. Kealey
6, C. F. Gates 7, K. M. Price (cond.) 8. First quarter on the bells, and to mark the centenary of the local church.

Solihull, Warks. — Nov. 1 1259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, G. E. Fearn 2, Christine Hewitt 3, Verona C. Naylor 4, V. Green 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, E. T. Lloyd 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

South Perrott, Dorset.—Oct. 28, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): Valerie Calvert 1. Helen A. Haines 2, R. Haines 3, I. Calvert 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, D. C. Ellery 6. Variation numbers 291 to

298 inclusive, believed rung for the first time. Staunton, Glos. — Oct. 31, 1320 Surprise Minor (720 Norfolk, 600 Warkworth): Malcolm

Minor (720 Norfolk, 600 Warkworth): Malcolm Taylor 1, Helen Taylor 2, Hilda Taylor (first in method) 3, Clare Taylor 4, Erlc Taylor 5, Bernard Taylor (cond.) 6. Swineshead, Lincs. — Oct. 27, 1320 Spliced Minor (4 methods): Yvonne Singleton 1, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 2, H. Barsley 3, G. A. Flatters A. E. Flatters 5, P. H. Reynolds 6, W. B.

Dawson cover. Thornbury, Glos.—Oct. 19, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S. Poole 1, D. A. Chapman 2, G. T.

Triples: S. Poole 1, D. A. Chapman 2, G. T. Collins 3, G. Jackson (first Grandsire inside) 4, H. Taysom 5, E. G. Mould (cond.) 6, P. J. Bird 7, W. C. Exell 8. Ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. Poole.

Titchfield, Hants.—Nov. 1, 1440 Surfleet S. Minor: N. George 1, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, C. G. Bryant 5, H. L. Hatfield 6. First in method by all. A welcome to Means Backel Hatfield deuphor of welcome to Megan Rachel Hatfield, daughter of Dianne and Lyndon (born October 24, 1970).

Twyford, Leics.—Nov. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles: A. French 1, Karen French 2, Mrs. M. Stimson 3, Mrs. D. A. Day 4, J. L. Day 5, H. T. Bonshor

(cond.) 6

Walkington, Yorks.—Sept. 23, 1440 Double Court: G. Drew 1, Joan Gray 2, Maris Stephenson 3, P. Carey 4, R. Carey 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. First of method 2, 4, 5. Also Oct. 4, 720 Kent T.B. Minor and 540 Bob Minor: Joan Gray (first as cond.) 1, Shirley Waddingham 2, Shirley Wight 3, P. Carey 4, R. Carey 5, N. W. Castle 6, For Harvest Fastivel. First 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Harvest Festival. First in two methods by 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Willingham-by-Stow, Lincs. — Oct. 24, 1320 Minor (three methods): Mrs. E. Gray 1, E. Dallingwater 2, J. F. Underwood 3, C. H. Baker 4, H. W. Cox 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. Wedding compliment to Mary Bingham and David

Hutchingson.

Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincs .- Oct. 18, 1296 S. Minor: Daphne Cox 1, Mrs. A. G. Payne 2, B. Cox 3, H. Barsley 4, M. J. Belcher 5, A. G. Payne (cond.) 6. For the christening of Rachel

Lucy Love.

Lucy Love.
Withycombe Raleigh, Devon.—Sept. 13, 1260
Grandsire Triples: D. A. Wills 1, Linda V. Cull
2, C. L. Barr 3, G. T. West 4, J. M. Clarke 5,
H. L. Crlsp 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E.
Knight 8. For Evensong. Also Oct. 4, 1260
Bob Triples: Mrs. Mary Mack 1, C. L. Barr 2,
F. W. Williams 3, D. A. Wills 4, H. L. Crisp 5,
F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, G. T. West 7, A. E.
Knight 8. For Harvest Festival. Also Oct. 25,
1260 Bob Triples: G. T. West 1, Mrs. Mary
Mack 2, K. T. Clarke (first in method) 3, J. M.
Clarke 4, F. W. Williams 5, F. D. Mack 6, C.
L. Barr (first in method as cond.) 7, A. E. Knight
8. For Evensong. For Evensong.

Wymondham, Norfolk.-Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Hoyal: H. W. Barrett 1, C. Curson 2, I. B. Low-ther (first on ten) 3, T. E. Spight 4, Adrial Walton 5, J. Dowe 6, C. H. Moore (first on ten) 7, G. D. Elvin 8, F. C. J. Arnold 9, H. Tooke (cond.) 10. 70th birthday compliment to P. W. J. Fryer and for the christening of Mr. Fryer's grandson (Peter Richard Fryer).

Peals

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE **YOUTHS**

CITY OF LONDON, St. Lawrence Jewry. 31, 1970, 3hr, 3min. (25 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London, Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Superlative, 142 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith.

William H. Theobald Kenneth J. Hesketh

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Fri., Nov. 6, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (11 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
(Dexter's No. 2 Variation.)

1 Alan M. Barber
2 Donald F. Murfet
3 Brian D. Threlfall
4 John G. Gipson
5 Frank E. Haynes
6 Philip J. Rothera
7 Kenneth J. Hesketh (Conductor)
8 Dennis E. Pepper

SOUTHGATE, Middlesex, Christ Church. Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (243 cwt.)
5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Arranged by Richard A. G. Inglis.
1 A. Keith P. Poole

Martin Cubitt

Andrew J. Corby William T. Cook Christopher H. Rogers

Gwilym Salmon

7 Philip A. Corby
8 S. Clarke Walters
9 David E. House (Conductor)
10 Trevor N. J. Bailey

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD GREAT DUNMOW, Essex, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (21 cwt.) 5058 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by D. Barton (Selwyn). 1 L. G. Smith (Sidney Sussex)

J. L. Humphries (Jesus)

3 N. J. H. Small (Sidney Sussex)
4 J. L. Thorogood (Trinity
5 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)
6 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus) T. H. Kirkman (Trinity Hall)

8 R. L. Underwood (Cond., P'house) compliment to J. W. Ridgman (president) on his election to a Fellowship of University College.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (23 cwt.) 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Composed by J. Carter.
1 C. M. P. Johnson (St. John's)
2 B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)

3 M. Susan Jackson (Girton)

4 Hilary Muirhead (Newnham)
5 F. E. Haynes (Cond., St. Catharine's)

A. T. Winter
D. Barton (Selwyn) T. Winter (Christ's)

9 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)
10 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)
11 R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)
12 A. F. Scholfield (Clare)

A birthday compliment to Major J. H. R. Freeborn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, St. Thomas.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (141 cwt.) 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Ian M. Holland.

1 William H. Dowse *2 Derek F. Yates *†3 Roland W. Morant

*4 Frank R. Morton

5 Ian M. Holland 6 Basil Jones

Raymond J. Ballard (Conductor) 8 Roy Worrall

*First in the method. †200th peal. First in method as conductor.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMOR-LAND ASSOCIATION

ARLECDON, Cumberland, St. Michael.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (141 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES & MAJOR

Arranged by Kevin M. Price.

Vera C. Bell

2 Mary Dodd 3 Alan Capstick 4 Douglas T. Sim

*5 David Bell 6 H. H. Furminger

7 David G. Kealey
8 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
*First on eight. First Major and Triples
by all and for association. Silver wedding
compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Furminger.

COCKERMOUTH, Cumberland, All Saints.

Sun., Oct. 25, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (12½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Arranged by Benjamin Annable.

1 Mary Dodd
*2 Roger W. D. Wetenhall
3 Alan Capstick
*4 Harry Byrom

5 Douglas T. Sim
6 David G. Kealey
7 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

†8 James Hully

*First Bob Triples. †First on eight. A farewell to the vicar (Ven. E. A. Pugh), recently consecrated Bishop of Penrith.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT WALTHAM, Essex, SS. Mary and Lawrence.

t., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (22½ cwt.) 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)

Josephine A. Brown 3 Yvonne A. Towler 4 Edward P. Duffield 5 Richard J. Harrison

6 Keith W. Brown

7 Terry Earle 8 James L. Towler

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (5\frac{3}{4} cwt.)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, York,
Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and
Cambridge).

*1 Judy Harrison

2 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor) †3 Peter Sawyer 4 Richard J. Harrison

5 Yvonne A. Towler

‡6 James L. Towler

*First of Treble Bob. †First of 7-Surprise.

‡300th for the association.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS (Exeter Colleges Guild)

EXETER, Devon, St. Petrock.
Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (6 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
1 Christopher F. Longridge

Margaret S. Powell
John N. Longridge (Conductor)
David J. Atkins

John Hyden 6 Kevin A. Hughes

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION ST. ALBANS, Herts, St. Peter.

., Oct. 24, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (23 cwt.) 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Joyce M. Clarke Gerald Penney (Conductor)

3 Elizabeth Forster 4 Frances Dodds Julian D. Duggan Terence C. Holland 7 Eric Edmondson 8 John E. Ewer 9 George W. Debenham 10 Harold V. Frost

For the wedding of Kenneth J. Darvill (past master of the St. Peter's Society) and Angela M. Wilton at Buckfastleigh, Devon, earlier this day.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

DEPTFORD, London, S.E., St. John.
Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (14 cwt.)
5000 SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB
MAJOR (2936 Little Bob, 2064 Plain Bob,
177 changes of method).
Composed by John Pladdys.

1 James Hedgcock *2 Valerie J. Howard *3 David A. Town *4 Peter F. Town

*4 Peter F. Tov *5 Tony Skilton

6 Trevor A. Cross
7 John A. Howard
8 John Pladdys (Conductor)
*First in these two methods spliced.

CITY OF LONDON, St. Vedast,

Foster Lane. 7, 1970, 3hr. 4min. $(16\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (10½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B.,
Cambridge, Plain Bob).

1 James Hedgcock

2 Katherine J. Maundrell 3 Tony Skilton

4 Anthony J. Cox 5 Peter C. Randall 6 John Pladdys (Conductor)

CITY OF LONDON, St. Lawrence, Jewry. Sun., Nov. 8, 1970, 3hr. 35min. (25 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John Pladdys. Katherine J. Maundrell

Tony Skilton

3 Jennifer A. Dunning
4 Anthony J. Cox
*5 John W. Smith
6 Geoffrey W. Randall
7 Peter C. Randall

8 John Pladdys (Conductor) *150th peal. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

SALFORD, Lancs, Sacred Trinity.

Wed., Oct. 21, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Margaret I. E. Manby

William Birmingham, jun. Ronald Barclay

4 Peter Dyson 5 Paul Boucher

6 S. Nicholas Harrop 7 Roland F. Eccles

8 Peter Bellamy-Knights (Conductor) Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrop.

RIBCHESTER, Lancs, St. Wilfrid.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (12 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (3 St. Clements, 4 Plain Bob).
1 Susan E. Hill
2 Philip S. Woods
3 Ian Smith
4 Geoff J. Howarth
5 Bryan D. Hill
6 John, T. Parsons (Conductor)
Half-muffled in memory of the late Rev.
J. S. Barnes-Wallis, 19 years rector.

ADLINGTON, Lancs, St. Paul.

Sat., Oct., 31, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (13½ cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1 Joseph Thornley

Pauline Tallis William Birmingham, jun. 4 Peter Bellamy-Knights

5 William Birmingham, sen. 6 Dennis H. McCormick

7 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor) 8 Michael D. Fishwick

*First in the method.

SOUTHPORT, Lancs, Emmanuel.

., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Kenneth Edwards

2 A. Robin Guy
3 Denis R. Jones
4 Jeremy P. Richardson
*5 David J. Bennett
6 Martin E. Snape

7 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor) 8 John H. Fielden *First in method. On the occasion of the Annual Dinner.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

GUISELEY, Yorks (W. Riding) St. Oswald. Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (17 cwt.) Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 58min, (17 cwt.)
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4)
methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 Cambridge
and Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, with 69
changes of method and all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1 Elizabeth J. Campbell
2 A Pattic Claphor

A. Pattie Clapham Gillian R. Cleaver

4 Jonathan G. Rose
5 Michael G. Dodson
6 Graham J. Jones
*7 Roger G. Green (Conductor)
*8 Alan M. Glover

*First of Spliced.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

STONEY STANTON, Leics, St. Michael. Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (14cwt.) 5152 STANTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by B. L. Burrows.

Neil Harvey

Christopher M. Sturgess

Brian L. Burrows (Conductor) Burley P. Morris

Martin Green

Robin A. Gilliver John Vernon 8 K. Paul Gilliver

First in the method by all.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, All Saints.

Sun., Nov. 1, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (30½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Arranged by J. R. White.

*1 Philip R. Staples
*2 Shelagh Dennis
†3 Hilary F. Watson-Walker
*4 David J. Smith
†5 Clive J. Mobbs

Anthony E. Clayton Richard M. Wilson

8 Stephen B. Bell 9 Stephen F. Royal (Conductor) 10 Roland H. Cook

*First on ten. Patronal Festival. †First of Royal. For the

BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (31 cwt.) 5088 LONDINIUM S. MAXIMUS

Composed by Peter Border.
Sheila M. Anthony
Beryl E. Cawser
Norman J. Goodman
J. Edward Cawser
W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
Barry E. Saunders

A. James Poynor

Rupert A. Clarke Alan A. Paul 10 Graham C. Paul 11 Richard E. Price

12 Robert B. Smith

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Frì., July 31, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (6½ cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Charles Middleton
1 G. Ronald Edwards
2 Ronald D. Hughes

Arthur E. Rowley

Clive J. Mobbs Robert B. Smith

*6 Peter D. Bailey
7 Alec R. Jones
8 Derek P. Jones (Conductor)
*First of Surprise Major.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SCOLE, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

at., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (4 cwt.) 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR (One 2160 and four extents.)

Tom R. Roast

Geoffrey H. Pullin
Carole A. H. Patev
James B. Morley (Conductor)

5 Andrew Kett 6 Richard J. W. Housden

First in the method by all.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

MEASHAM, Leics, St. Lawrence. Wed., Sept. 9, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (9½ cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

B. Stedman Payne

Arthur E. Rowley Ronald D. Hughes

Frank Chambers

5 John K. Smith
6 Alec R. Jones
7 Roger N. Scholes
8 Derek P. Jones (Conductor)
Rung to open the Flower Festival.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SLOUGH, Bucks, St. Mary.

Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 6min. $(17\frac{3}{4} \text{ cwt.})$ 5040 EWERBY SURPRISE ROYAL

Helen M. Diserens

2 David C. Brown 3 Alan R. Pink (Conductor) 4 Michael Hatchett

* Robert H. Newton
* Ronald K. Russ
7 Stephen J. Bedford
8 Peter J. Heritage
9 Norman V. Harding

10 Frank Reed *175th peal. First in the method by all and for the guild. For the Feast of All Saints.

DRAYTON, Berks, St. Peter.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (9½ cwt.)

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

1 Harry E. Wells

*2 Mary Wells

3 Reginald W. Rex
4 Harry Lawrence

4 Harry Lawrenson 5 Robert B. Blond 6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

7 Peter R. Butler 8 John C. Baldwin *50th peal. In memory of Alan R. Bridges, of Isswich, Suffolk, who died on October 27, 1970.

BLETCHLEY, Bucks, St. Mary.

Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (15 cwt.) CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

1 Albert E. Daniels

2 Richard W. Yates

3 Terry G. Page

4 Stephen Ivin (Conductor) Malcolm G. Hooten

6 Raymond A. Vickers
†7 William A. Yates
8 Roger Cadamy

*First in the method. †300th peal.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION WORTHEN, Shropshire, All Saints.

Sun., Nov. 1, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (7 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Richard C. Stevens

2 Elizabeth Stevens
3 Lorna E. Bedford
4 Jennifer M. Beech
*5 Leonard Colley
6 Frank Beech (Conductor)
*First inside. For Patronal Festival.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON, St. Giles.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (25 cwt.) 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

(Circuit L/V.)

1 Frederick Vickers

2 Shirley E. Ruddlesden

Raymond A. Vickers

4 Barry E. Saunders

4 Barry E. Saunders
5 Rupert A. Clarke
6 Christopher C. Stokes
7 Stanley M. Ruddlesden
8 Barrie Hendry (Conductor)

Alan A. Paul 10 Graham C. Paul

STAVERTON, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10\frac{3}{4} cwt.) **5040 MINOR** (2 Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob; 1 Kent T.B., Cambridge and St. Clements).

1 Philip Edgson 2 Iris R. D. Webb *3 Julian G. Edgson

4 Michael R. Bennett *5 Michael D. Fiander

6 Aubrey G. Eveleigh (Conductor) *First in five methods. First in five Minor methods as conductor. Wedding compliment to Julian G. Edgson and Christine Lawrence.

WEEKLEY, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (8 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Barry R. Care (Conductor) *2 Selwyn J. Griffiths

3 Christopher Stephenson *4 Steven J. Bayliss

*5 Christopher G. Chiplin
6 Richard J. Cowley
*First in the method. The conductor has circled the tower.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

HOAR CROSS, Staffs, The Holy Angels.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (28 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (4 methods: Cambridge Sur-prise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. 4 Plain Bob). 1 Elizabeth Stevens 2 Reginald H. Newton

3 Ian Friend 4 Frank Beech

5 Ernest F. Willcox 6 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)

SUFFOLK GUILD

BREDFIELD, Suffolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (114 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Court. Double Oxford. Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., St. Clements. Kent T.B., Plain Bob).

Leslie G. Brett

2 Katharine M. Thorley
3 Cecil W. Pipe
4 Ernest G. Pearce
5 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)

6 J. Martin Thorley

HOLLESLEY, Suffolk, All Saints.

Sun., Nov. 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (17 cwt.)
5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1 Muriel R. Page
2 Katharine M. Thorley

Leslie G. Brett

4 Dorothy M. Durrant 5 Ernest G. Pearce 6 Alan G. Feaver

Adrian Knights

8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

In memoriam Alan R. Bridges.

BARKING, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (11 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Jennifer M. Whittell

Margery Tawn Neville F. Whittell

†4 Norman Tawn
5 Alan R. Andrews (Conductor)
6 Edward E. Davey

*First of Minor. †First peal. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (83 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

Roger Peters 3 Katharine M. Thorley

4 C. Jack Gibson 5 Winston S. Girling 6 A. Harry Archer

Half-muffled in remembrance of the Fallen.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

LONDON, N., Stamford Hill, St. Anne. Sat., Nov. 7. 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8 cwt.)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by Simon Humphrey.
A. Stephen Taylor

2 Dorothea Robotham

5 Brian C. Watson
6 David A. Town
7 Peter H. Mackie

8 Keith J. Walpole

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WESTBOURNE. Sussex, St. John the Baptist.

Thur., Oct. 29, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (104 cwt.)
5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by Henry Dains.

*1 Eileen Jayne

*2 William E. J. Cope *3 E. Winifred Keys

*4 Christopher Renyard

*5 Ernest Treagus
*6 Philip Stevens
*7 Neil R. Vollar
8 John H. Hunt (Conductor)

*First in method. First in method as conductor. To mark the 200th anniversary of erection of church spire.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral of St. Philip. Thur., Nov. 5, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (314 cwt.)
5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Composed by W. E. Critchley.
1 Richard J. Tibbetts

2 Gillian Pipe 3 J. Edward Cawser

3 J. Edward Cawser
4 Vernon Green
5 Stephen W. Barton
6 Terry R. Hampton
7 Norman J. Goodman
8 Kenneth J. Hesketh
9 George E. Fearn
10 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

STRATTON, Cornwall, St. Andrew.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (22 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR 1 Ronald N. Marlow
2 Kenneth S. B. Croft
3 Mary E. Elmes

4 D. Roy Bould

5 Melvyn J. Hiller
6 Graham W. Elmes
7 Timothy F. Collins
8 Frederick E. Collins (Conductor)

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall, St. Anta and All Saints.

Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Sat., Oct. 31, Parker's 12-part (2nd obs.).

*1 J. Hilary Dash

2 Canon A. S. Roberts (Conductor)
3 Marion L. Lidgey
4 Robert Peel Pearce
5 F. Malcolm Bowers

6 Anthony Locke
7 Anthony J. Davidson
8 W. Reginald Curtis.

*First on eight. On the eve of the Patronal Festival and as a compliment to Harry Miles on the occasion of the 71st anniversary of his first peal.

MAKER, Cornwall, SS. Julian and Mary. Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (16 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, Cambridge, Beverley, Kent, Oxford, St. Clements, Plain

Bob). 1 George E. Mudge

*2 F. Malcolm Bowers
3 Claudia A. Critchley
4 G. William Critchley
5 Anthony J. Davidson

6 Alan Carveth (Conductor). *First in seven methods.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, St. Michael-on-the-Mount-Without.

Wed., Nov. 4, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (141 cwt.) Wed., Nov. 4, 1970, 2nr. Johnn. (147 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (7 methods: Single Oxford,
Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B.,
Kent T.B., Cambridge, Plain Bob).
1 Philippa M. Tubbs
2 Katherine J. Maundrell
3 Anthony J. Cox

3 Anthony J. Cox

4 Ivor Newell
5 Peter C. Randall
6 John Pladdys (Conductor)

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, St. Michael the Archangel.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (16½ cwt.) 5040 ST. MICHAEL SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by William Pye.

1 Colin J. Butler 2 Richard Green 3 Derek C. Jackson 4 Edward W. Colley

5 John S. Croft

7 George E. Evenden
8 Maurice J. Butler
9 David J. Forder

10 R. Roger Savory (Conductor)

First peal in the method. For the conclusion of the ninth centenary celebrations of the founding of this church. Also a farewell to Canon Felstead, vicar for 25 years.

ST. MICHAEL SURPRISE ROYAL -30-14-1250-1236-1270-1238-14 -50-18-90. l.h. 15 B. f.c.h.: b, d.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (21 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by H. Tucker.

Composed by H. Tucker.

*1 Christopher Pack
†2 Michael J. Goss

*3 Lynette Holbrook
†4 Peter Watts
†5 Philip G. Taylor
†6 Peter L. Furniss
7 Bradley Murduck
†8 Robert J. Crocker
9 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
10 Philip G. Murduck

*First on ten. †First of Royal. 21st birth-day compliment to Bradley Murduck.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

DAVENTRY, Northants, The Holy Cross.

., Oct. 25, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (183 cwt.) 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE S. ROYAL (Traditional.)

1 Graham C. Paul
2 Morley P. Tobin
3 Barry E. Saunders
4 Michael G. J. Elson
5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

6 Raymond A. Vickers

*7 Reginald H. Newton

*8 Peter J. Brown 9 Alan A. Paul 10 Gerald C. Hemming

*First of Surprise Royal.

WORCESTER, The Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 59min. (49½ cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Composed by David E. Parsons. Brian Bladon
G. William Critchley (Conductor)

3 Peter Beresford Claudia A. Critchley

6 Robert C. Kippin
7 Thomas J. Lock
8 Rodney B. Meadows

D. John Hunt 10 Michael P. Moreton

11 Dennis Beresford *12 Frank C. Price

*450th peal.

HANBURY, Worcs, St. Mary.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (124 cwt.)
5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Alan M. Jones 2 Morley P. Tobin *3 A. Brian Ellsmore

5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)
5 Peter J. Brown
6 Michael G. J. Elson

7 Robert Edwards 8 Gerald C. Hemming

*First of Bristol.

BRIERLEY HIL!, Staffs, St. Michael.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1972, 2hr. 51min. (141 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 736 Superlative, 704 London and Rutland, 608 Cambridge, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, and 544 Yorkshire, 120 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by N. J. Diserens.

1 Morley P. Tobin

2 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor)

3 Clifford Skidmore

2 Michael J. Fellows (Col 3 Clifford Skidmore 4 Michael G. J. Elson 5 David W. Friend 6 Peter J. Brown 7 Robert Edwards

8 Gerald C. Hemming

COSELEY, Staffs, Christ Church.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (11½ cwt.) 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1120 London, 1088 Superlative; 1024 Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey; with 107 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

A. Brian Elismore 2 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor) 3 Clifford Skidmore

5 Chilord Skidmore
4 Morley P. Tobin
5 Peter J. Brown
6 Gerald C. Hemming
7 Robert Edwards
8 David W. Friend

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds, W. Yorks, St. Matthew.

Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (7 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 Cambridge Surprise, 3 Kent Treble Bob, 3 Plain Bob).

*1 Julian A. Long
†2 Christopher N. Grandidge
‡3 Robert J. Atkinson

4 Graham S. Miller

5 Ronald J. Snack (Conductor)
§6 Suzanne J. Snack

*First peal. †25th peal. ‡Most methods. §50th tower bell peal for the association. For the induction of the Rev. R. B. Wilson to St. John's. Bilton, Harrogate.

LEEDS, Yorks, St. Peter. Mon., Oct. 26, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (42½ cwt.) 5040 DISEWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by S. Armeson.

David Hird

2 Margaret Warford 3 A. Pattie Clapham

4 Gillian R. Cleaver 5 Graham J. Jones 6 Peter H. Gardner 7 Philip J. Crossthwaite 8 John Robinson

9 Ronald R. Warford 10 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

First in the method by all and for the

association.

PONTEFRACT, Yorks, All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12½ cwt.) 5056 KIRKLINGTON S. MAJOR Composed by A. J. Pitman. 1 Christopher H. Grandidge

Roger G. Green

3 Rosamund M. Brown 4 Michael G. Dodson 5 Peter H. Gardner

6 John J. Durham 7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

8 John Robinson

*Has now rung the alphabet twice to peals. First in the method by all and for the association.

DUFFIELD, Derbys, St. Alkmund. Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (17\frac{1}{4} cwt.) 5000 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Iris Lemare Ian North Patricia North

*4 Margaret White
*5 John F. I. Turney
6 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)
7 J. Henry Fielden
9 Poer A Serial

8 Roger A. Smith 9 Steven W. Barton 10 Richard E. Price

*First of Surprise Royal.

LEEDS, Yorks, St. Peter.

n., Nov. 2, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (171 cwt.)

5184 EASINGWOLD S. MAJOR Mon.. Composed by C. Forster.

1 Roger G. Green *2 Margaret Warford *3 Alan M. Glover *4 Graham J. Jones

*5 John Robinson

†6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) *7 Peter H. Gardner

*8 Ronald R. Warford *First in the method. First in the method on the bells and for the association. A birthday compliment to E. C. Gareth Higgs.

andbells

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD CAMBRIDGE, F19, Selwyn College. Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (14 in D.) 5055 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by R. E. J. Dennis.

*5-6 D. Barton (Selwyn)
7-8 R. A. G. Inglis (Cond., Selwyn)
9-10 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)
Witness: J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn). *First handbell peal. First Stedman in hand by all except conductor. First Sted-man in hand as conductor.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Farnham District)

FARNHAM, Surrey, 8 Beavers Road.
Thur., Nov. 5, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (12 in F.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by E. M. Atkins.
1-2 Alan D. Elsmore

3-4 Rowan S. Bradley

5-6 W. John Couperthwaite (Cond.) *7-8 Michael J. Church

*First on handbells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FRINDSBURY, Kent, 12 Hever House. Wed., Nov. 4, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (15 in C.)
5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Arranged by Christopher T. Osenton.
1-2 Trevor A. Cross (Conductor)
3-4 Peter S. Muchlinski

5-6 Christopher T. Osenton

7-8 Frank J. Matthews 9-10 Edward J. Beer 11-12 Stuart Sandford First on 12 as conductor.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, Bettyfold.

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 1hr. 42min. (14 in D.) 5040 MINOR (9 methods: Amersham Alliance and Little Bob; Single Court; Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob; Single Oxford and Plain; Double Oxford; Real Reverse; London).

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, Bettyfold.

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 1hr. 41min. (14 in D.) 5040 DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, Bettyfold.

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 1hr. 33min. (14 in D.) 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB MINOR

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, Bettyfold.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 1hr. 40min (14 in D.) 5040 LONDÓN BOB MINOR

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, Bettyfold.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 1hr. 32min. (14 in D.) 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR 1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada, Tokerston, Canada, 50 Ravensbourne Crescent.

Wed., Oct. 28, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (15 in C.)

5088 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR
(2 methods: 208 Kent, 2880 Oxford, with changes of method; Killamarsh var.)
Composed by C. Severn.

1-2 David R. Ingram 3-4 Derek M. Sawyer

5-6 William H. Jackson 7-8 John Owen (Conductor)

First in this variation by the band and in North America. A wedding compliment to Ruth Shepherd (nee Gay), founder member of this handbell band, and to mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal by Mr. R. C. Ingram, father of David R. Ingram.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH, Norfolk, 60 Earlham Green

Lane.

Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (16 in B.) 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by Nolan Golden.

1-2 Martin Cubitt

3-4 Richard J. W. Housden *5-6 James B. Morley (Conductor) 7-8 H. William Barrett

*100th peal.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, in the belfry of St. Michael-onthe-Mount Without.

Thur., Oct. 29, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (12 in F.) (Traditional composition.)

Arranged by W. Willans. 1-2 Katherine J. Maundrell

*3-4 Anthony J. Cox *5-6 Peter C. Randall 7-8 John Pladdys (Conductor) *First of Major on handbells.

BRISTOL, in the belfry of St. Michael-on-the-Mount Without.

Mon., Nov. 2, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (12 in F.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

(Palindromic two-course block.)
1-2 Katherine J. Maundrell
3-4 Anthony J. Cox
5-6 Peter C. Randall
7-8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

SWINDON VILLAGE, Gloucestershire, 56 Quat Goose Lane.

Tues., Nov. 10, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (11 in G.) 5008 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (9 methods: 1664 Plain Bob, 1376 Double Bob, 1056 Reverse Bob, 240 Little Bob, 192 Crayford L.C., 144 Gainsborough, 144 Wellington L.C., 96 St. Clements, 96 Crayford College, with 290 changes of method).

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ages ranged from 6 to 81 years. They had two babies (in prams) and two toddlers (in pushchairs).

By the time the 5-mile check point was reached five of the more elderly walkers had retired but the other stalwarts (plus the infants) completed the whole course and were home by 5.45 p.m. The route

[Photo: South Croydon Advertiser.

took them from All Saints, through Carshalton, Carshalton Beeches, Woodmansterne, Banstead, Sutton High Street and home to the church again. All the participants expressed great enjoyment of the afternoon's "outing", and the expected grand sum of £115 in sponsor money to be collected was most gratifying.

SPONSORED WALK

While male ringers and friends toiled in the tower of All Saints. Benhilton, the lady ringers and friends of the church undertook a 10-mile sponsored walk on Saturday, September 26. Twenty-five "girls" set out from the church at 2 p.m. and their

COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER (from page 912)
Those present included: J. Anderson, J. E. Andrews, J. Arris, P. D. Bailey, T. N. J. Bailey, R. F. Baker, Dr. J. C. Baldwin, A. L. Barry, M. G. Bartlett, E. Bates, K. E. Beale, A. W. Beard, S. B. Bell, D. Beresford, P. J. Bird, G. W. Blackwood, J. H. Bluff, G. E. Bonham, D. R. Bould, P. Border, W. C. Boucher, R. J. Bowden, J. Brain, B. W. Brighty, D. C. Brown, K. W. Brown, R. E. Burbery, Rev. D. Burnett, R. L. Byrne, I. Calvert, J. E. Camp, A. P. Cannon, A. R. Carter, C. J. Castell, G. W. Cecil, J. E. Chilcott, M. V. Chilcott, C. T. Clarke, R. Clarke, D. G. Clift, J. Coates, D. E. Cobb, W. H. Coles, C. D. Collin, T. F. Collins, C. K. Cooper, F. Cooke, A. J. Corby, R. G. Cousins, J. H. Crampion, J. S. Croft, K. S. B. Croft, M. Cubitt, F. E. Darby, G. Davies, J. W. Davies, A. V.

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Camera shy? Nol just enjoying the comment that the hair style was "way out" compared with the conventional cut of his drinking companions.

[R.W. photo.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER

(Continued from page 911)

As is customary at this annual function the reply by the secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) gave details of happenings during the past year, and included the attendance that evening, 230, a slight drop on last year.

Members were present from 30 counties: Devon and Cornwall, Yorkshire and Lancashire, from Wales and many other places.

Special mention was made of George

Symonds (96), a member since 1898, who was also present. A few days before he had conducted a peal of Plain Bob Major. (Applause.)

Other long-serving members present were Albert Turner (1908), Bill Rawlings (1914)

and Bill Hibbert (1916).

Among the apologies were those from Harry Miles (1922) and Henry Hodgetts (1901), and a letter would be sent to these stalwarts conveying the good wishes of the assembly.

The company stood in memory of members who had died during the past year: Titus Barlow (1942), Cyril J. Hibbert (1935), Clarence H. Dobbie (1911), Herbert W. Knight (1942), Victor Griffin (1963), Frederick C. Maynard (1905), William Shepherd (1900), Charles C. Glass (1909).

Since the last dinner 55 new members had joined and 49 peals had been rung: 2 of Triples, 19 Major, 5 Caters, 6 Royal, 3 Cinques and 14 Maximus.

SPECIAL PEALS

On May 2 a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Cripplegate as a compliment to the master, who was married to Miss Gail Buxton at St. Nicholas', Brighton, that

On June 13 at Claybrooke, Leics, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by members resident in Leicestershire, whilst on June 20 a peal of Stedman Cinques at Croydon Parish Church was part of the celebrations to mark the centenary of the rededication of the church following its rebuilding after a fire which had destroyed it.

Two peals were rung on July 11 at the same time-Bristol Maximus at St. Maryle-Bow and Cambridge Maximus at St. Michael's, Cornhill, to celebrate the Festival

of the City of London.

This year is the 400th anniversary of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and to mark the occasion a peal of Cambridge Major was rung by the society at St. Lawrence Jewry on September 26.

COUNTRY MEETINGS

On May 30 another highly successful country meeting was held in the West of England—with ringing at Bath Abbey and at five towers in Bristol, and arrangements for next year's meeting were already in hand: June 5, in Norwich and Ipswich. Country meetings are a highlight of the society's year and, as social occasions, are second in importance only to the annual dinner, said the speaker, who stated that normal Tuesday practices had been held throughout the year at the usual City of London towers and at Southwark Cathedral, with a number of special practices also on Tuesday evenings.

At a recent business meeting it was de-

cided that, because of ever-increasing expenses, steepleage and the life membership fee would have to go up. As from Decimalisation Day (February 15, 1971) steepleage would be 1s. (5p.) with the life membership fee 30s. (£1.50).

Mentioning the events of especial interest, the secretary spoke of the television programme on December 31, 1969, when the master and several members took part in Thames Studios, which was transmitted on January 1. The Whitechapel Foundry "Expo" tower and bells were erected in the studio and the master and George Symonds were interviewed—George proving to be more than a match for the young man who interviewed him. This must have been the first time that members shared a studio with elephants, added the speaker amid laughter.

SUITABLE REFRESHMENT

On Shrove Tuesday the society honoured the memory of the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards. Mr. Edwards was a member of the society for many years (he joined in 1897) and in his will he left a sum of money to the society and expressed a wish that on Shrove Tuesday each year ringing should take place at one of the City of London churches and afterwards the ringers should take "suitable refreshment." He was a good member and a fairly frequent visitor to London so he well knew the form which the suitable refreshment would take. On Shrove Tuesday this year there were two practices and "In Memoriam" touches were rung at Cripplegate and at Aldgate.

For the City of London Festival the organisers had asked for ringing to take place at City churches on weekday evenings and this was carried out as a combined operation by the society and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths-one more example of the good relationship which exists between the two societies.

At the Central Council meeting this year a proposal was made that the Council should consider the possibility of holding the 1972 meeting in London, and this aroused a good deal of interest in London ringing circles, for the Council had not met in London for over 20 years. An ad hoc joint committee of members of the Cumberlands and of the College Youths was set up to discover ways and means. The committee made it its business to contact all the London societies and the county associations bordering on London, and it was pleasant to be able to say that all agreed to a joint invitation going to the Council from the two old societies. The invitation had been sent and London ringers looked forward to an announcement that the Council would be going to London in

The junior steward (Mr. A. R. Patterson)



Mr. John Freeman (president, C.C.), who proposed the toast to the society, with Mr. A. N. Stubbs (immediate past master).

proposed the toast to the guests, whom, he said, he did not know, but then proceeded to list them! He made particular reference to the "master of another society" (Mr. D. E. Sibson was sitting next to the speaker) on more than one occasion; references which were of a jocular nature, but which were accepted in good part. Mr. Patterson, in mentioning several important dignitaries, added that their positions could not have been achieved without at some time acquiring an incidental immunity to flattery. He did not wish to waste any more time, however, and invited the company to rise

and drink the health of all the guests.

Replying, the Rev. R. Simpson, who is

Precentor of Westminster Abbey and Priestin-Ordinary to H.M. the Queen, first acknowledged the comments of the proposer for his kind and charitable remarks ("but I wrote this before I heard him speak," he added amidst laughter), and continued, "We in turn want to thank the Ancient Society of College Youths for inviting us to such an excellent dinner and congratulate this youthful body on its attainment of 333 years. "Some men have glory thrust upon them," he continued, "for I am the Superintendent of the Belfry of Westminster Abbey—an office which I am very proud to

THE ABBEY BELLS

"I have worked at the greatest Cathedral (Blackburn)—now I am privileged to work at the greatest Abbey—known to all who love our country. I have been reminded that the Abbey has an unworthy ring for such a great place. I am no expert—what I can tell you is that the Whitechapel Foundry, who have been associated with Westminster Abbey for exactly 400 years this year, will have the opportunity of putting things right in the not too distant future. More I am not allowed to say.

"I am well aware that young men and women are interested in the ancient art of campanology for all sorts of reasons, but one purpose is supreme. You may irritate the man who wants to go to sleep—you may give joy to the old person in a sick room, but when you ring before Sunday services you are preaching to far more than the vicar can ever hope to see in his congregation—the bells proclaim that Christ is the King and the Lord of all life.

So: ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be."

The master then spoke briefly, thanking all who had helped organise the event, and once more expressed pleasure at the attendance of so goodly a company, and especially the guests. He mentioned the master of 300 years ago, Thomas Denton, who joined the society in 1655; there was no record, he said of the master of 1770, it was not an active period, there being only one peal rung; the master for 1870 was Thomas Richards, when there were many peals rung and the foremost ringers of the Exercise were ringing with the society.

"This toast is the long tradition, 333 years, of the society," he added. "We have been warned this evening about relying too much on tradition. We must take what is worth pursuing and what is worth preserving and yet to be aware of the needs of today for the world of today," said the master, and asked the company to drink, in silence, the toast to the masters of 300, 200 and 100

vears ago.

The formalities completed, the pleasures of the evening continued in what is now unique in ringing circles—an all-male company enjoying discussion, debate and story telling to the full, and no doubt making plans for future conquests in the field of

JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH By W. T. COOK

(Continued from page 923.)

Haworth did not have to travel so far next time he took part in an opening of a new ring of bells, as this was at St. Stephens's, Hampstead, on December 26, 1872. A College Youths' band opened the ten bells with various touches. As the notice of the dedication said, "Selections from the most approved methods of change ringing on nine and ten bells will be rung Youths (founded 1637), under the general direction of the Rev. W. Wigram, M.A., Vicar of Brent with Furneaux Pelham. Herts. To commence at Twelve o'clock.'

It was about this time that Haworth was engaged as official instructor to the bands Waltham Abbey and Wanstead, Essex. It was quite a common practice in those days for a band to engage a ringer to instruct them, who would be paid for his services; and it was perhaps in 1872 that Haworth—as far as I can judge from his records-started to take on such appointments. Apparently he eventually left printing to become a full-time "professional" ringer; at least, so I surmise, though there is no absolute evidence for this. pointment with the Waltham Abbey ringers lasted at least seven years. Presumably his duties there and at Wanstead involved attending regularly on practice nights only; later on, as will be seen, he took full-time appointments for definite periods, such as three months, and at the expiration of his contract he would leave that particular tower. Haworth was not the only one engaged in such business, as the diaries of William Fussell, which formed the subject of a series of articles in The Ringing World some years ago, show.

TESTIMONIAL

A testimonial from the Waltham Abbey ringers, dated July, 1873, reads as follows: "Mr. J. R. Haworth of the Society of College Youths, London, has met us for some time, and assisted us in the practice of Change Ringing, and we are pleased with his assistance, and glad to meet him on all There is a similar testimonial occasions." from the Wanstead ringers.

Next year, in 1873, the College Youths were again in Scotland for the opening of the new ring of bells in Dundee Old Steeple. Haworth writes: "Eight members of the College Youths were invited to open a peal of eight bells in the Old Steeple of St. Mary's, Dundee; and they started by the Great Northern Railway, through York, Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Stirling, Perth, to Dundee. They left London at 8.30 on Monday evening. May 19th, 1873, and arrived at 10 on Tuesday morning. They had a capital reception by many gentlemen of the town-Mr. Jamieson, Mr. Leng and others-and after the peal on Wednesday sat down to a first-class dinner, presided over by Mr. Jamieson and Mr. Yeoman (Clerk of the works). They also rang at St. Paul's, another peal of eight (which had been cast and hung in 1872). Haworth, Cooter. Muskett and Ferris went across the River Tay to see the ruins of St. Andrew's Abbey and University. They returned from Dundee on Friday morning at 7.55 by the North Western Railway through Cumberland and Westmorland, passing Gretna Green and Carlisle, arriving at Euston Square at 8.30 p.m."

The peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung on the Wednesday, May 21, immediately after the opening ceremony, and was claimed as the first peal in Scotland. Besides the ringers already mentioned, the band included V. Tanner, W. Jones, M. A. Wood (who called the peal) and W. Greenleaf.

In the newspaper account of the opening of the bells occurs this sentence: "We hope that a proposal to employ an instructor from London to instruct ringers for both St. Paul's and the Steeple peal will be carried out . . . The inhabitants of Dundee as yet know little or nothing of changeringing." The proposal was carried out, and Haworth was engaged for three months -July 14th to October 14, 1873.

It is this period and his subsequent engagements as instructor that form the subject matter of the second of Haworth's books. The "Dundee" book begins with books. press cuttings relating to the opening of the Old Steeple bells, and information about the other bells in the town. The arrangement of the other items, mainly press cut-tings, is somewhat haphazard. It includes the testimonials from Waltham Abbey and Wanstead, already referred to, together with one previously mentioned from a firm of printers for whom Haworth was working in 1860.

ARRIVAL IN DUNDEE

On Haworth's arrival in Dundee, says The Dundee Advertiser, "A meeting of the intending ringers was held in the Old Steeple at seven o'clock last night, when two classes of learners were formed one for each peal (i.e. St. Paul's and Old Steeple). It was arranged that the Old Steeple ringers shall practice, so long as the Instructor is here, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday: and the St. Paul's ringers every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at seven o'clock in the evenings. Until the ringers obtain some proficiency the bells will be rung silently." The combined bands soon numbered nearly twenty members, who, on the 22nd September, formed themselves into the "Dundee Society of Bell-ringers." The rules were drawn up by Haworth, he having first obtained quite a collection of specimens of ringers' rules, which are still preserved among the College Youths' papers.

Progress seems to have been quite good. After a month the bells were being rung open—which provoked a letter of com-plaint to the newspaper—and just before Haworth's departure it was published in the paper that "Mr. Haworth, their instructor, having completed his engagement in Dundee, it is the intention of the members of the Dundee Society of Bellringers to ring complimentary peals on the bells of the Old Steeple and St. Paul's this evening, between six and seven o'clock, as a mark of respect to him before his return to London. After this the ringers will only practise one night in the week on each peal." At the meeting on 22nd September, Haworth was presented with a gold medal, bearing an appropriate inscription.

On his departure, Haworth also received the following unsolicited testimonial: is to certify that Mr. J. R. Haworth, a member of the College Youths' Society, has during the last three months acted as instructor of the local ringers of the two new peals of bells in the Old Steeple, and in the tower of St. Paul's Church, Dundee; that he has been most attentive, diligent and judicious in the discharge of his duties; that the ringers have made highly satisfactory progress under his instruction.

James Cox, Provost. Thos. Nicholson, on behalf of the Vestry of St. Paul's. John Long, on behalf of the donors of the Old it is Steeple bells." This testimonial was reproduced in Church Bells, October 25, 1873, heart.

which seems to indicate that Haworth was anxious to find another similar appoint-

The next appointment of which there is any record, however, was not until November, 1875. In the meanwhile, Haworth had taken part in the openings of another four new rings of bells, and had rung his hundredth peal, Grandsire Triples, at Bethnal Green, on February 21, 1874. The first of these openings was the augmented ring at St. Andrew's, Plymouth.

TEN COLLEGE YOUTHS
"On Saturday, June 13, 1874," wrote
Haworth, "ten members of the College Society, who were invited by the Youths' Devonshire Guild of Ringers, went from London by the Great Western Railway to open the bells of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, which had been augmented from eight to ten by the addition of two trebles." There follows a cutting from The Plymouth Western Morning News of Tuesday, June 16, from which we learn that this visit coincided with the inaugural meeting of the Guild of Developed the Could of Developed to the Could of the Could the Guild of Devonshire Ringers. After the service on the Monday morning the College Youths' band rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal. This was followed by lunch and the inaugural meeting, then the College Youths rang some more touches in the afternoon. In the evening there was a concert.

Haworth goes on: "On Tuesday the College Youths were invited to Plympton St. Mary, where they met Colonel Trelawny, the Rev. Mr. Kelly (a College Youth and a ringer), Mr. Woolcombe and Miss Trelawny, and rang several touches on the bells, with which they were much pleased. Under the porch of this church a circumstance occurred which had not been performed perhaps at any time or place before -a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung. in which Miss Trelawny took five-six, and rang them without a mistake, before thirty or forty persons. She appeared to be about eighteen or twenty years of age. . . Mr. Kelly invited the College Youths to his church, Plympton St. Maurice, about a mile from Plympton St. Mary, where they rang on the peal of six. They were kindly entertained by him at luncheon and dinner. and returned to Plymouth in the evening.

(To be continued)

Truro Guild. PUNCTUALITY DESIRED

The Penzance Branch held their Autumn Festival at St. Keverne on October 10, when some 60 ringers attended. The service was conducted by the vicar (Canon O. F. Peskett), after which a buffet tea was provided by the ladies.

There followed a business meeting, at which tower secretaries were asked to be punctual in replying to notices of festivals. to facilitate easier tea arrangements, and members were reminded of the new system of paying subscriptions, which comes into

force next year. Thanks were extended by the chairman (Mr. Alan Carveth) for the warm welcome

received at St. Keverne. Ringing also took place at St. Anthony

and Mawgan. The next meeting was provisionally ar-M.C. ranged for Penzance in April, 1970.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—District practice, Maldon, Mon., Nov. 30, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. H., Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Monthly 8-bell practice, Tues., Dec. 1, 7.30-9 p.m. (special method, D.N.C.B.M.) at Wotton-under-Edge. All welcome

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Combined practice meeting at Lugwardine (8), Sat., Nov. 28, 6-8.30 p.m. All welcome.—E. G. Pannell.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Evening meeting, Aylestone, Dec. 5. Bells 6–8.30 p.m. Everyone very welcome.—

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIA-TION.—Monmouth Branch.—Monthly practice, Usk, Fri., Nov. 27. Bells 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Surprise.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. - Southern Branch.—Evening meeting, Ancaster (5), Sat., Dec. 5, 6–9 p.m. All welcome. Special method, Ancaster Bob.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 217

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. and W. District.—Evening practices: St. Mary, Staines, Fri., Nov. 27, 7.45 – 9.15; Chiswick, Wed., Dec. 9, 7.30–9 p.m.—C. H. R. 225

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD .- Evening meeting, Lichfield (St. Michael), Sat., Nov. 28. bells, 6-8.30 p.m. All welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Banbury and District Branch.—Practice at Tadmarton, Oxford, Tues., Dec. 1, 7.30.-B. J. Davis.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Stowmarket (8), Sat., Nov. 28, 6-8.30

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—Beginners' practice, Higham (6), Sat., Dec. 5, 2.30 p.m. onwards. Rounds, call - changes and plain-

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO CESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—District practice, All Saints, Catherington, Tues., Dec. 7.30-9 p.m. Methods: Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor,

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Fyide Branch. -Meeting, Sat., Nov. 28, Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dean Street, Blackpool. Bells (6) 3

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—Branch annual general meeting is to be held at Grappenhall on Sat., Nov. 28. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 tea to Mr. M. Thomson, 48 Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, Warrington (Tel.: Warrington 61793).—J. M. p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech District. — Meeting, Emneth, Nov. 28. Bells 3 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Everyone welcome.—D. A.

Feek, Dis. Sec. 181
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Nomination meeting, Farnham (8), on Sat., Nov. 28. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Notifications for tea to Miss J. M. Collins, Sands Cottage, Leigh Lane, Farnham, please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 186
NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—

Western Branch.—Annual general meeting, Sat., Nov. 28, North Elmham. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to A. G. Cross, Esq., Park View, Elmham, East Dereham. — D. S. Parry, Branch Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting at Cuckney, Sat., Nov. 28. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided only. Warsop

available in evening. 192
SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—A.G.M. at Cavendish (6), Sat., Nov. 28. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. P. Loveless, Greenhayes, Nayland Road, Bures, Suffolk. Clare (8) after meeting until 9 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. -- Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Eastbourne, Nov. 28. St. Saviour's (8), 3-4.30 p.m. Service at All Saints (8) 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Bells available till 8 p.m. Names for tea to Christine Baldock, Linden Cottage. Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex, by previous Wednesday, please.-Div. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—lichester Branch.—A.G.M., St. John's, Yeovil (40 cwt., 10), Dec. 5, 3-9 p.m. Names for teas to T. J. 109 Middle Street, Yeovil.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, at Bromham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Preacher, Rev. R. F. Law. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Fowler,

50 Molivers Lane, Bromham. 221
COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry. — Monthly meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, Honiley. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing after tea if required. Also Rowington bells (6) 6.15–7.15 p.m. only. Names for tea to me, please .-Mackenzie, Gorse Farm, Bearley, Stratford-on-Avon. Tel.: Snitterfield 296.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Monthly meeting, Cleator Moor (8), Sat., Dec. 5. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All requiring tea 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All requiring tea must inform G. Tembey, Holmlea, Woodend, Egremont. Note change of venue (spire damaged at Cockermouth).—D. T. Sim, Sec. 214 DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

Northern District.—Afternoon ringing meeting, St. Michael's, Newburn, Sat., Dec. 5, 2.30 p.m.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Ely District. -Meeting at Burwell, Sat., Dec. 5. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing during evening until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Kent T.B. and Double Norwich. 236

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Bristol Branch.—Annual general meeting on Sat., Dec. 5. Ringing 3-4.15 and service at St. James (10). Tea 5 p.m. in St. Thomas-à-Becket Church Hall (behind Robinson Building near Bristol Bridge), followed by business meeting. Further ringing afterwards at Christ Church (10). Names for tea to M. J. Hobbs, 16 Charnwood Road, Whitchurch, Bristol (Tel. 83-4874), by Dec. 1. No name = hungry stomachl 213

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
—Gloucester Branch.—A.G.M., Gloucester, Sat.,
Dec. 5. (Cathedral 2.30 p.m., St. Mary-de-Crypt after meeting.) Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to 139 Dean's Way, Gloucester,

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, Aldenham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Cups of tea and biscuits provided. Business meeting. Further ringing from 6 until 7 p.m. Names to J. R. Southey, Ashmere, Harper Lane, near Radlett.—A. C. D. Mayes, Dis. Sec. 23

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Rochester District.—By-meeting, Wouldham (6), Sat., Dec. 5. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. M. Perkins, The Rectory, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent (Tel.: Medway 61371) .-D. P. L.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. —A.G.M., Sat., Dec. 5, St. Wilfrid, Standish, 3 p.m. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and evening ringing. Special method: Oxford Bob Triples. All very welcome.—C. D'Aeth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. Quarterly meeting, Old Leake (6), Sat., Dec. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Names for tea to R. Reynolds (Mrs.), Hon. Sec., 9 Abbey Crescent, Swineshead, Boston, Lincs,

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD and THE SOCIETY
OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. --- Joint meeting, Dec. 5, St. Clement Danes', 2.30-3.30; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.15-4.30. Service at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminser, 5 p.m., conducted by Rev. Dr. Maurice Barnett, followed by tea. Evening ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster. All names for tea, please, to John Euston, 28 Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .ern Branch.-Annual meeting, Pakefield, Dec. 5 Lells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea/ business meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. P. Kindred, 91 Pakefield Street, Pakefield, Lowestoft, by previous Wed .- N. C.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION .- A.G.M. at Newcastle on Sat., Dec. 5. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. T. L. Walley, 49 High Street, Wolstanton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, not later than Wed., Dec. 2.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .-- Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Yelvertoft, Sat., Dec. 5. Names for tea to P. A. Turner, 26 Greenhill Road, Long Buckby, near Rugby, by Tuesday previous.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Edmund's, Northampton, on Sat., Dec. 5. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. Henman, 1 Church Lane, Brafield (Tel. Cogenhoe 748), by Tuesday

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. -- Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting at Rowde (6), Sat., Dec. 5. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please forward names for tea to Mrs. Wheeler, The Institute Cottage, Rowde, near

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY .- Monthly meeting, Goole, Sat., Dec. 5. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Please provide own food-cups of tea only available.-L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.-Monthly meeting, Arnold, Sat., 5. Ringing at Arnold 3 p.m., tollowed by toll 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing at Daybrook. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Foskett, 6 Charles Street, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6LE, by Wed., Dec. 2. 230 Ringing at Arnold 3 p.m., followed by tea

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern Division) and EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Joint meeting and carol service, Sat., Dec. 5, Lower Beeding (8). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Carol service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Wadey, 31 Church Close, Lower Beeding, Sussex (Telephone: 0403-76 345), by previous Thursday.-Jean Osbon, Div. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD .- Southern District. — Annual meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, at St. Paul's, Sketty. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business will follow. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, 6 Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, SA5 8EL. 188

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

- Christchurch and Southampton District. ---Quarterly meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, Bournemouth towers. St. John's bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. John's Hall 5. St. Peter's bells 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Mitchell, 107 Kinson Road, Bournemouth 55777.—Gillan W. Davis, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIA-TION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual general meeting, Dulverton (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Bells 3 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS AS-SOCIATION. — Meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), Dec. 12, 2.30-8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, without fail, to Mr. B. A. Sollis, Pendene, Had-don Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, by Wed. previous. Subscriptions due.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- S.W. District .- Meeting, Sat., Dec. 12, Leytonstone. Ringing 7.30-Advance notice of A.G.M. at Waltham Abbey on January 12.

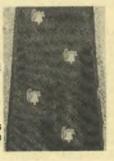
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SUFFOLK GUILD. — South East District.— A.D.M., Sat., Dec. 12, St. Mary's, Woodbridge (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bookings for tea. please, to Mr. A. S. Woodard, The Flat, 42 Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1AL, no later than Thurs., Dec. 10. Members, this is YOUR MEETING. ALL welcome.—W. L., Dis. 220

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(Southern Branch) QUARTERLY MEETING

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Mr. E. Short, Kathlyn, 310 Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. - Cirencester Branch. — Annual meeting, Sat., ec. 5, Bibury (6). Ringing 3-4.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 and service 6 at Bibury. Cirencester (12) Parish Church, ringing from 7 p.m. Notify Sec., Cotswold Cottage, Silver Street, South Cerney,

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Annual general meeting, Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — Annual general meeting, Wotton-under-Edge (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to G. Minors, 1 Hesterville Villas, Purton, Berkeley, Glos, or Tel. Falfield 277, by Thurs., Dec. 10. No names.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—St. Wilfrid's.
—From Fri., Dec. 4, 1970, there will be no practice on the first Friday of each month. Visitors welcome at all other times. Normal practice, Friday, 6–9 p.m. 241 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn

Branch.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, Padi-ham. Tower open at 14.30 hours. Cups of tea at 17.00 hours, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing after meeting. — Maurice Hill, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Stanch.—Quarterly meeting, Buckingham (8), Sat., Dec. 5. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Please let me have names for tea by Tuesday previous.—B. R. Eglesfield (Hon. Sec.), 7 York Road, Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks.

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—

Monthly meeting, Sat., Dec. 5, Clowne (6), 3-5 p.m., and Cresswell (8), 7-8.30 p.m. Meeting d tea arrangements later.—R. Fletcher. 243
SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.

 Nomination meeting, Merton, Dec. 5. Bells
 (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Merton. Names for tea to Mr. G. Hawkes, 21 Cecil Road,

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting, Kildwick (8), Sat., Dec. 12.
Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Law, Rose Cottage, Farnhill, Keighley, by Dec. 7 .- A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec.

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November 23, 1945

A letter from a "Gunner" in Norway told of some of the bells hung in the church in Narvik in the Arctic Circle.

At Worsley, Lancs, a peal of Oxford T.B. Royal was conducted by Joseph Ridyard, the other nine ringing their first in the method.

Nolan Golden and Henry Tooke took part in a peal of St. Clements Bob Major at Hethersett, Norfolk, it being their 100th together. Nolan Golden was the composer and conductor. . .

Bob Minor was rung at Thames Ditton, the conductor being Frank E. Hawthorne, his first in that capacity.

Information required. Can any reader give authentic highest and lowest average age of a successful peal band?—Advt.

Mr. Thomas Langdon was injured by one of the bells at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and taken to hospital. The details were not disclosed, but it was "a considerable time before he was released."

One hundred and fifty ringers from all parts of Leicestershire assembled in St. George's Hall to consider the recommendation of the provisional committee regarding the forming of the new guild. Mr. J. P. Fidler presided and Mr. H. J. Poole was elected first president.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for

November 26, 1920 concern of ringers for the future of The Ringing World and expressions of a desire that the Exercise should rally to the support of the journal as the only link between the ringers of the kingdom.—

Thomas Wallis and Sidney Holt rang their first peal on ten (Grandsire Caters) at Worcester, and Joseph Ridyard conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples at Worsley, Lancs, for Armistice Day.

Three cover bells (4, 6, 8) were used in a peal of Doubles at Ludlow, Salop, which Daniel Matkin conducted.

Edgar C. Shepherd and William B. Cartwright rang their first peal at Harborne, Staffs, conducted by George Pigott.

Because of the unsafe state of the tower the ringing at Christ Church, Southport, had been suspended. (Gossip paragraph.)

Mr. George R. Marden was senior steward of the College Youths.

Mr. W. A. Cave wrote suggesting "... my brother ringers ... the conductor of my brother ringers . . . the conductor of a peal shall collect from each of the ringers the sum of twopence and to forward it with the details of the peal to the Editor of The Ringing World. This would help solve the financial difficulties."

For the funeral service of the Unknown Warrior at Westminster Abbey the bells were rung at stated periods half-muffled.

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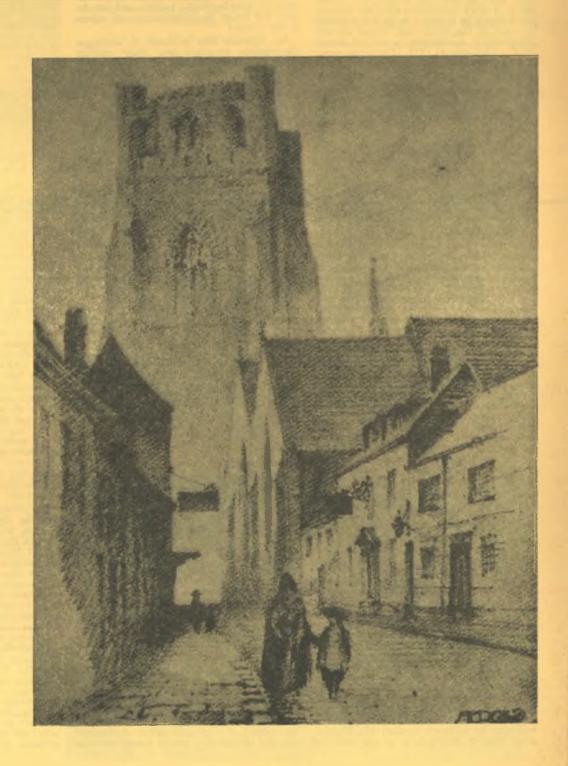
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George P. Elphick

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It is perhaps fortunate that even those accredited as the foremost experts in any field are liable to be proved wrong. Had this not been so, and the late Mr. Amherst Tyssen, who produced "The Church Bells of Sussex" in 1864, had been credited with infallibility, there is every likelihood that we should not be presented with "Sussex Bells and Belfries" in 1970. For it was due to a small inaccuracy that Mr. Elphick was aroused to curiosity as to the complete accuracy of the work and "found himself committed to a complete survey of Sussex bells". That was in 1935. Thirty-five years later we are provided with the fruits of that commitment.

It could well be that Mr. Elphick's work will revolutionise the study of bells and belfries in the second half of the 20th century. A large number of our county books deal mainly with inscriptions and with the chronological data about bell-founders, with which many will be familiar. We now have a work which is not only the most exhaustive treatise on the bells and bellfounders of any one county that has yet appeared, but also in itself an objective study of the evolution of the bell frame and the development of bell fittings.

It is Mr. Elphick's good fortune to possess in his Lewes home two of the oldest bells found in this country, and he is therefore well equipped to treat the subject of founding from Roman times until today. It is impossible to say much of bells of, say, pre-1200, as few large bells of this date exist. However, we must be indebted to Mr. Elphick for both writing and illustrating from such material as he has been able to gather from the work of Theophilus, "De Variis Artibus", III, which can be no later than 1050, and from that of Walter de Odyngton, of Evesham, c. 1250. Readers must be left to form their conclusions by reading the work as it stands in our new book, and they will agree with Mr. Elphick that, beyond these sources, together with another anonymous writer also of c. 1250 and, of course, the famous "Bellfounders Window" at York, very little material has been committed to paper (or other media) from the 13th to the 19th centuries by English founders.

Where then does one turn to obtain the information? It is to the bells themselves, bearing in mind the early sources mentioned above. Mr. Elphick's work is a masterpiece of cold fact and scientific deduction; by means of diagrams and trapezoids he shows how the shape of the soundbow, the head mould and the lip of the bell evolved in relation to the demand for correct tuning of the bell, both as regards its strike note and its overtones; how the canons were formed in shapes which reflected their usefulness and also as an attribute of beauty in a bell. As Mr. Elphick leads us into the 14th and 15th centuries he shows how the shape of the so-called "inscription ring" moulding on a bell with no other markings can help to date the bell. The techniques of casting are obviously reflected in the bells themselves, and by process of comparison and careful deduction we are shown how the date of a bell may be adduced; further, Mr. Elphick gives graphic descriptions of the tools of

the bellfounder, his moulds, his furnace, the precautions he took; indeed one has only to shut one's eyes and one is in the 13th century foundry imagining the casting actually happening.

Mr. Elphick deals with the subject of tuning in a way which will appeal to all lovers of Sussex. Despite what has been said in this journal, the name of Canon Simpson, who lies buried in Fittleworth, Sussex, will ever be remembered and honoured in connection with the development of true-harmonic tuning, and yet he does not forget the contributions of others to the subject.

Mr. Elphick then proceeds to catalogue the various founders and their existing bells. Mr. Elphick has left no stone unturned in his efforts to uncover all relative information from the earliest documented Sussex founder, "Aedric, who cast the bells" (of Battle Abbey) in the 11th century, through the earliest named bell—the single one at Albourne, by Adam le Potter, possibly as early as 1282, through the 14th and 15th centuries and so to the 19th century with "little men" sprouting, some (like Naylor Vickers and Co.) like bad pennies, others such as T. C. Lewis, the great and gifted organ-builder, whose perfectionism in church bell founding eventually forced him out of business. There is an interesting discussion of the various foreign bells to be found in Sussex, the earliest (and most famous) at Duncton, dating from 1369 (it is the third oldest dated bell in England), and the way in which Mr. Elphick examines its history is indicative of the care he extends to each and every founder. Mr. Elphick's book is superbly illustrated with plates of his own plaster-casts of inscriptions, founders' marks and ornament, to which we are unused. Here, for the first time perhaps, are recorded a vast array of both local and national founders' stamps, which resemble their counterparts on the bells to a tee. Take a little pleasure from Plate LIII, the splendid Royal Arms on Arundel tenor; or look at the founders themselves—a stern John Warner, paragon of 19th century businessmanship, or Thomas Mears, junior, very much reflecting the ebullience of the century in which he was born.

Mr. Elphick does not leave untouched the subject of towers and the development of ringing; but it is not until these have been exhausted that with simplicity (despite the terrifying-looking graphs) and detail Mr. Elphick launches into the subject of the dating of frames and the evolution of fittings

With regard to the actual form of bell frames, Mr. Elphick gives us a plan of 26 different standard trusses, using 19 different variations to show how trusses can be varied by the position of the head of the end frame relative to the head of the side truss, and so forth. Careful study of Mr. Elphick's work (he is a carpenter by trade) will make it abundantly clear just what he is writing about. And so to the subject of dating. The reviewer is doubtful if the words "Carbon - 14", "Dendrochronology, or Tree - Ring Analysis", "Cambium Layers", "Summer growth" and many others have appeared in books on bells before.

There is a most careful introduction to the subject of dating by dendrochronology and the comparative use of timber samples



MR. GEORGE ELPHICK, whose book on Sussex Bells and Belfries is reviewed in this issue.

of which the earliest was felled in the late 12th century and dates the period A.D. 1143-897 and the latest was still unseasoned in a builder's yard in 1949.

In studying the frame, however, we are not to forget the mechanical evolution of both framework and fittings, the layout of the former and the design of the latter. The drawings are of a high standard, and once again dendrochronology can (to rather a more cautious degree) be employed with fittings. The evolution of the wheel is the evolution of ringing, the development of the clapper is the good striker's guide to the difficulties the founders of yesterday faced, and the careful maintenance of bell fittings has ample precedent in the past.

The contents of Sussex belfries are admirably catalogued by Mr. Elphick. The matter of whether to include the weights, in the writer's opinion, a subject of which only the author can be the arbiter. It is perhaps sad that no bells are illustrated in toto (excepting the notable frontispiece), but the plates and line drawings are half the glory of the book and the criticism can hardly be justified.

The writer believes this is the best book that has appeared on Church Bells. The Tyssens, the Stahlschmidts, the Norths, the Ravens, the H. B. W.s of the past; the long line of Sussex bellfounders and those who have supplied bells to Sussex; the countless ringers who have enjoyed the bells of this most lovely county—all will join in acknow-ledgement of Mr. Elphick's work, whether it be because he brings their pioneering to the 20th century with 20th century methods; whether it be for the care he devotes to appraising their products or examining their workmanship; whether it be for the interest he kindles in this most fascinating subject of bells. We, who hope to follow in his footsteps, can have no better guide. And the ringers of Sussex can add their tribute by carrying out one of Mr. Elphick's closing observations: "To continue the use of their art so that men may be reminded that bells are a witness to the world of the existence of the Church." Yorkshire Association.

Snowdon Dinner, 1970

"Honour the past and look to the future," was the message which Canon J. C. K. Brumpton gave to the Yorkshire Association and its members at their 38th Annual Commemoration Dinner to the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers, proposing the principal toast of the evening.

The Dinner, held in the New Arcadian Hall, Barnsley, was well attended, with 162 members and guests sitting down to enjoy a very good meal served in a manner typical of South Yorkshire folk. The meal over, the president (Mr. Vernon Bottomley) proposed the Loyal Toast and commented that it was the first occasion the Dinner had been held in Barnsley and it was a very enjoyable and memorable occasion. He also announced the winners of the association's striking contest (the final of which had been held at Dewsbury earlier that day), as Kirk Ella, with Wakefield runners-up.

The evening's entertainment included a selection of tunes played by the Hunshelf Handbell Ringers under the leadership of Mr. Michael King, and included a number of their own arrangements.

PRINCIPAL TOAST

The president introduced the first guest speaker, Canon J. C. K. Brumpton, rector of Barnsley and president of the Barnsley and District Society, who proposed the toast of "The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association."

Canon Brumpton said that when in-

Canon Brumpton said that when invited to speak he felt he ought to decline as he thought it required someone with a greater practical knowledge of bellringing. He was afraid he might appear rather like a vegetarian at a gathering of pork butchers. However, he had accepted for three reasons:—

Firstly, to welcome the association on behalf of the Diocese of Wakefield, the Deanery of Barnsley and the Barnsley and District Society. He) acknowledged the work done by ringing societies and knew of the work done by the Barnsley Society. Having read the Yorkshire Association's Report he was filled with admiration for those involved in the art of ringing

those involved in the art of ringing.

Secondly, said Canon Brumpton, "I decided it would do me good to meet and to mix with real bellringers and so get to know them better; and thirdly, as a 'tinkler of bells,' regretfully I reveal to you that my past is littered with four broken bell ropes and one stay. At least I have had a go and have tried to clang the bell in some parishes to let people know that the parish church is still there—which, after all in the whole supresses of ringing."

after all, is the whole purpose of ringing."

Canon Brumpton recalled the importance of the church and bells in village life, and added that these must have been very familiar to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and his contemporaries almost a century ago. He commented on the credit side of Yorkshire ringing, which seemed to be in a very healthy state—especially in days when recruitment is very difficult. This healthy state was due to the undoubted enthusiasm of the members in fostering the association's work. Praise should also be accorded to the president and the officers for their unfailing efforts in the continuance of an act which is very much a part of our English heritage.

The Report included one item which stood out: the rule setting the bellringer as a Church worker alongside the chorister, the organist and even the clergy, and this ideal must have been extremely close to the heart of Jasper Snowdon. It is very easy for a tower to become remote from the rest of the church and even the life of the village or parish. Ringers must try to divorce themselves from the intricacies of the art and consider the purpose of ringing—the glorification and praise of God. They must not forget Christ's teaching on service—accepting service from others is just as important today as rendering service, and, whilst ringing, they must remember their aims and the nature of the service they are performing.

PART OF OUR HERITAGE

"We recall," said Canon Brumpton, "the memory of those who so faithfully persevered to keep ringing in Yorkshire going and to bring it to its present healthy state. England's bolls have rung out during all conditions and crises, and they are part of our heritage. So, here in the present, we honour the past and look to the future," and with these words the assembled company rose and raised their glasses toasting Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association.

The traditional acceptance of this toast, a plain course of Grandsire Caters, was rung on handbells, five members of the Southern Branch (all holding office in the Association) taking part, and the handbells used were those which belonged to Dan Smith, who until his death in 1962 was for many years vice-president of the Southern District and of the Barnsley Society. (The bells had not been used since his funeral.) The ringers were: W. Eric Critchley 1-2, Harold Chant 3-4, Wilfrid F. Moreton 5-6, John L. Gilbert 7-8, A. Colin Banton 9-10. The toast to the visitors was ably (and briefly) proposed by Mr. Harold Chant (chairman, Southern Branch), who in addition to Canon and Mrs. Brumpton men-

The toast to the visitors was ably (and briefly) proposed by Mr. Harold Chant (chairman, Southern Branch), who in addition to Canon and Mrs. Brumpton, mentioned especially Mr. Tom White, for 23 years editor of The Ringing World. Although not a visitor, Mr. John F. Moxon (Sandal) was greeted; at the age of 91 he is still very active and has the distinction of being the oldest member of both the Yorkshire Association and the Barnsley Society.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Tom White said he regarded it as an honour to be invited to the Snowdon Dinner and, on

behalf of the guests, to say "Thank you" to the officers and members of the Yorkshire Association for their warm hospitality and entertainment. The Hunshelf Handbell Ringers, he said, deserved a special word of praise. There were times when items, other than change ringing associated with handbells, were discouraged in The Ringing World, and he had been asked to refrain from publishing such items. He had not heeded this and was glad, for today the art of change ringing was on too firm a pedestal to be disturbed by the dulcet tones from tune-ringing on handbells.

A FAMOUS BOOK
The Yorkshire Association and the societies embodied in the county have remained true to the tenets of Jasper Snowdon. Just over 90 years ago Snowdon gave to the Exercise the famous book Ropesight, which had been reprinted, and future generations could read Snowdon's words in an unabridged form. There had been a concentration on initial training, said Mr. White, and he mentioned the work of Wilfrid Moreton and Norman Chaddock in producing The Tutor's Handbook. In view of the tremendous developments in change ringing he considered the stability of the Exercise depended not on new fields of mathematical excursions into the unknown, but upon men and women with the knowledge and personality to train bands in the rudiments of change ringing and complete mastery of the bell. To meet this everconstant need, publications like the Tutor's Handbook need to be produced, concluded Mr. White. He wished the association well in the future.

The Hunshelf Handbell Ringers then gave a number of items, and the president concluded the formal proceedings by thanking all present for their attendance, and also those who had helped with the arrangements. He singled out Chris Moxon and Colin Banton, who had borne the responsibility of the major part of the organisation.

The remainder of the evening was spent renewing old acquaintances and in making new friendships, and all agreed it was a most happy and memorable occasion.

Supporting the president on the top table at dinner were Mrs. Bottomley, Canon J. C. K. and Mrs. Brumpton, Mr. Tom White, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton and Mr. A. Moreton, Mr. and Mrs. H. Chant and Miss S. Chant, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, Rev. G. C. Galley, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moxon.



The Hunshelf Handbell Ringers, who entertained the company.

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The B.B.C.'s record, "Church Bells," advertised in this issue, is well worth consideration, and when played before a company of ringers will give pleasure as well as a topic for conversation, as will the tape recording "Sound of the Carillon" (Ringing World, page 926) at 21s. (plus p. & p.), produced by Newcastle on Tyne Civic Centre.

The many publications advertised offer a wide range to suit all pockets: Kingsmead Bookshop, Bath, Somerset, have several ringers' books, among the most recent being the facsimile of a first edition of Stedman's Tintinnalogia (1668), which at 42s

will grace any bookshelf.

Phillimore of Chichester have now published Sussex Bells and Belfries by George Elphick (reviewed in this week's issue). Beautifully produced and well illustrated it is a book every ringer would wish to possess, and although costing £5 10s. the limited edition is worth every penny.

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Other worthy publications include the Snowdon Series (Christopher Groome), The Ringers' Handbook (Mrs. E. S. Powell), and Instruction and Diagram Book (Lancashire Association) from Frank Payends

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Bale is a very limited handmade effort and
quite a novelty in its production, whilst
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There are no doubt many other items—records and books—of which we have no immediate knowledge but would sell if advertised, we are sure!

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Hertfordshire County Association SPARSE GATHERING

There was a sparse gathering at Baldock for the Northern District quarterly meeting on October 3. Ringing took place before the rector (Rev. K. G. Martin) conducted an interesting and unusual service, no organist being available.

Tea was taken in St. Mary's Hall and the president of the association (Mr. A. R. Agg) took the chair for the business meeting. Future meetings were discussed and it was decided that in December they would be moved from the first to the second Saturday to enable members to attend the St. Albans District dinner. One new member was elected—Robert Ellis (Baldock).

Further ringing took place, under the direction of the ringing master, Ian Panton,

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The record sleeve carries descriptions of each of the churches selected and a short historical note on its bells. It is, in our opinion, a good record and well worth the 28s. 9d. which it costs, although to the discriminating ringer no doubt the imperfections here and there will be noticeable; to the average ringer, however, a possession of which he can boast to ringers and non-ringers alike.

Saffolk Guild RINGING RESTRICTED

The A.G.M. of the N.W. District was held at Horringer on October 10 and, as has been experienced before, attendance was poor and this resulted in both afternoon and evening ringing being restricted. At the meeting the small amount of business was soon dealt with, officers being returned as previously. Quarterly meetings were arranged for the coming year and ringing resumed with learners having a good chance to practise

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Obituary

FRANK AFFORD

Although Frank Afford had not rung for many years he is still remembered by older ringers for his good work in the past. He started ringing during the 1914-18 war when Winwick bells were restored, and continued until about 1929. Frank died on October 28 last in Peterborough Hospital, leaving a widow. His favourite method had always been Grandsire Doubles, and a quarter peal was rung at Winwick, halfmuffled, on the evening after the funeral. Two of the band taking part, Mr. R. J. Yeomans and Mr. H. Goakes, had rung with him in the past. G. M.

THOMAS ISOM

It is with deep sadness that I report the loss by death of Tom Isom, of Groby, Leics, at the age of 58. Tom was not well known in the sense of being a ringer of peals or advanced methods but he nevertheless took a great interest in the guild and its operations. He very much enjoyed coming to meetings, which he attended regularly when his health permitted. Above all Tom was, as the vicar (Rev. Peter Blackman) stated at the funeral, a faithful servant of his church.

Tom taught very many young learners to ring and had been a member of the guild for 22 years.

His health had been indifferent for a number of years, but he always recovered sufficiently to come back into the picture once more. However, the last 12 months or so proved too much for him, and he was "called home" on November 7.

Tom's passing leaves a deep gap in the Groby band but his memory will be with us for a long time. All who knew him will remember his example of a generous and gentle-hearted fellow. To his widow, Jessie, and son, John, goes the sincere sympathy of the Leicester Guild.

R. D. H.

TINTINNALOGIA—or THE ART OF RINGING

To a printer the lithographic reproductions of the 136 pages of this well-known book attributed to Fabian Stedman, who was a printer himself (in 1668), is a very worthy effort. The clarity of the wording and figures is very good indeed, the quality of the paper is suitable, although the cleancut edges all round rather spoil the effect of "age" (this, of course, is for economy reasons) which the rest of the book proclaims. When it is realised that the considerable amount of hand type-setting involved in those days required a still more considerable amount of hand type and wood cutting, the quality of the production in 1668 is well displayed in the reproduction in 1970.

Apart from the pleasure of owning such a reproduction, the interest and instructive value of the work alone is immeasurable, and, as Mr. Frederick Sharpe writes in his introduction to this edition: "The great majority of ringers will wish to include this important and historic work on thein bookshelves."

The first edition of Tintinnalogia rapidly sold out and a second edition was published in 1671. We believe that the first reproduction edition in 1970 will also rapidly sell out, and advise our readers to make sure of their copy by ordering now from: Kingsmead Reprints, Rosewell House, Kingsmead Square, Bath (price 42s.).

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Editorial

A SILENT HERITAGE?

A disturbing but nevertheless substantially true article by Rex Butler in The Church Times of November 20 suggested that because of lack of recruits "the time is departing when in towns and villages sons followed fathers in the towers, and families of bellringers of several generations were built up; because today a large proportion of village youth leave their native places for the towns; there are so many more competitive attractions, and many would prefer an evening in front of the television to climbing the tower steps."

Giving several reminiscences of his youth spent in Bristol and also of happenings in Buckinghamshire, the writer speaks of the bells playing a lesser part in celebration of public and historic occasions and of the festivals of the Church, mentioning the Pancake Bell and the Pudding Bell, and hopes the time will never arrive when Tennyson's lines are mere extracts:

"The time draws near the birth of Christ; The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist."

An interview with Mr. R. V. Johnson (master of the Sussex Association), however, encouraged the writer to hope that the church bells were not becoming silent, as had been suggested, and we agree with the final paragraph:

"While the situation at present is not entirely discouraging, there would appear to be need for increased effort to ensure that the voices of the Church are still to be heard in town and country village in years ahead."

It is our duty as ringers to look ahead and to ensure that sufficient recruits are forthcoming and, once obtained, to make the art interesting and appealing to them.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

Sending us a well-produced and attractive silver jubilee booklet, incorporating the annual report of St. David's Guild, the ringing master (Mr. Arthur F. Walters) also sends a number of quarter peals accomplished for the anniversary. It is a small guild, only having 14 ringable towers, but the enthusiasm and drive is equal to any larger association.

In the quarters, 25 ringers took part and it took over two months to ring them for, being spread over a wide area (Pembroke, Carmarthen and Cardiganshire), getting ringers together was a mammoth task.

The list of officers, including 17 clerical vice-presidents, is very impressive. There is a foreword from the Bishop (president) and a message from the master (Mr. P. C. Rogers), a letter from the secretary (John Prytherch) and a short history of the Guild. The cost of the report has been offset (only partially, no doubt) by many advertisements from butchers and bakers, etc., and the whole effort shows great enterprise and initiative. We congratulate the guild on its excellent effort and its anniversary.

We shall not be missing an issue of The Ringing World this year (as was done in 1969). Our Christmas number will appear on December 18 and the following issue on December 22. Advertisers and association secretaries please note—all copy must be with us by December 11 for December 22 issue, and by December 18 for January 1 issue.

Christmas Cards are expensive to buy and cost 4d. to send through the post. We are reserving space in our columns for you to send your Greetings (5s. for 30 words minimum) during the week December 18 and 25. Copy (with remittance) must be in our hands by first post Thursday, December 10. Don't delay, send NOW!

Personal Records: P. Roy Collins (125 peals), Ernest Preston (50), and one new conductor, Richard H. Hall.

Susan Guy is the second member of St. Mary's, Northiam, Sussex, to join H.M. Forces this year. Geoffrey Juden is serving with the Royal Military Police. Sue (with four months' service) is now playing an E flat bass with the band of the Women's Royal Army Corps at Guildford and took part in this year's Lord Mayor's Show.

"May the blue bird of happiness let fly in the foliage of your favourite forsythia!"—This inspiring and encouraging message together with a colourful bird decoration (of doubtful origin) was depicted on the sheet of notepaper sent to the Editor containing notice of a Lancashire Association meeting. (Quite delightful.)

Are there any survivors of the old Wednesday afternoon band of the James George era, asks Mr. T. C. Belton, of Birstall. His father, who has been in hospital for several months, was one of them during the 1930's.

With the best wishes of the whole company the ringer of the 3rd in the York Minster quarter peal on November 8, Douglas Clegg (recently retired) left York the following week for a visit to Australia.

The gratitude of the local band at Bredgar, Kent, is extended to Walter Dobbie and his wife who have helped them and came over to join in the first attempt at a quarter recently.

The quarter peal rung at Bures was rung by the local band as a thanksgiving for the life and kindnesses of Mrs. St. Osyth M. E. Wood, O.B.E. In 1950 Dr. Thomas Wood acted as guarantor for two trebles; the contract had just been signed when a sudden heart attack proved fatal. Within a matter of days Mrs. Wood sent word that she would act for her husband, this gesture proving a great relief to the fund organiser, as only just over £100 was in hand at that time. It was later decided that the bells should be a memorial to Dr. Thomas and subscriptions came from many of his friends. Thus on the satisfactory completion of the work the bellfounders were paid.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on handbells rung at Maidenhead on November 6 completed the Cambridge family "in hand" for Jennifer Dunning, Christopher Rowson and Keith Walpole.

Mr. Percy Gardner, of Wraxall, Som, rang his first peal—Bob Major—at Bristol Cathedral on October 30 at what he believes to be his eighth or ninth attempt. On one previous occasion 5040 changes were rung at Chewton Mendip, but they discovered 3 and 4 to be over at the end!

Llandaff Cathedral.—To add to peals of Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal achieved in recent years, the Cathedral Guild, membership of which requires regular ringing on Sundays, has now rung Stedman Caters this being completed with very few mistakes on November 20. The next goal is a peal of Surprise Royal, which it is hoped to ring early in the New Year.

First peal congratulations to Percy Gardner, William Arnold, Susan J. Lee, David K. Gough.

New methods this week include Clyde Little Surprise Maximus and Gwent Surprise Major.

Mr. Derek J. Carr, commenting on the fact that St. Botolph-without-Aldgate is in the charge of someone living 20 miles away, suggests that a local band be trained to solve the regular ringing problem.

"Sorry about this, the baby's been at it!" said a footnote on a peal report form which arrived minus the corners!

By calling a peal of Cambridge Royal at Minehead on November 14, Robert Dennis has rung peals on all six tens in Somerset this year. Has this ever been achieved in one year before?

The "Teapot Trophy" winning band from Laxton, Notts, reported last week, are left to right: John Chambers, Thelma Staples, David Chambers (captain), Joseph Chambers, Rev. J. L. Howitt, Bryan Burkitt, Janet Sayer.

Over a period of seven years five attempts have been made by Mr. Anthony Davidson, general secretary of the Truro Guild, for a peal of Cambridge Royal and he has at last succeeded. There are few opportunities at present for Surprise Royal ringing in Cornwall, but no doubt in time this will improve.

David and Beryl Dorrington thank the Middlesex Association for ringing a quarter of Stedman for their wedding on October 3 It was much appreciated and made the day all the more happy.

The neal of Plain and Little Bob at Deptford on October 31 was the 650th by Trevor A. Cross.

Sheffield Cathedral honoured the completion of the major work to the tower and hells by a quarter of Bob Maximus on November 15. Coupled with this first quarter on the new hells were congratulations to Mr. H. O. Chaddock on his 65th hirthday (November 14) and his retirement from full-time employment. Apart from the bells there is a new frame and fittings, the addition of a flat sixth and the renovation of the ringing room.

Warning to visiting ringers with cars and cycles. Vandals are still spraying anything in sight parked outside St. Mary's Church, Finchley, with paint stripper. The police are watching the area and St. Mary's band are helping them during practice hours and on Sundays.

After two attemnts at Norton Subcourse failed, it was third time lucky when the quarter at Pakefield came round. Fred Harrold's young band (age 11-16) hope to ring several more quarters and then attempt a peal.

That man only is truly brave, who fears nothing so much as committing a mean action, and undauntedly fulfils his duty, whatever be the dangers that impede his way

letters

EXECUTIONS AT NEWGATE

Dear Sir,-In answer to Mr. D. L. Cawley's inquiry regarding the above, a bequest of £50 was made in 1605 by Robert Dowe, a Merchant Taylor buried in St. Botolph's, Aldgate, "for ringing the greatest bell in St. Sepulchre's Church on the day the condemned prisoners are executed" and "for other services for ever concerning such condemned prisoners. The bell commenced to toll when the procession left Newgate Gaol and outside the church a nosegay was presented to the criminal. The latter favour was last be-The latter favour was last bestowed in 1774.

There is believed to have been a tunnel connecting the church crypt with the gaol through which it is thought that condemned prisoners were brought to receive the Last Sacrament, and this was the way that, in accordance with Dowe's further bequest, the sexton went on the eve of execution to the outside of the cell to give "twelve solemn towles with double strokes with a handbell and deliver with a loud and audible voice" the exhortation referred to by Mr. Cawley. This took place at midnight.

The "great bell" mentioned in Dowe's bequest was almost certainly the one known as "Baynard's Castle," which after many vicissitudes was sold for scrap in 1713. Which bell was used at executions after that date I am unable to say.

A very detailed account of the bells of St. Sepulchre's by Mr. Charles Brown (churchwarden) appeared in your issues of September 4 and 11, 1964, which would be of interest to Mr. Cawley if he is not already acquainted with it.—Yours faith-

C. W. HANCOCK. Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

Dear Sir,-Regarding Mr. Cawley's inquiry (page 894). About 70 years ago I went to ring at St. Sepulchre's. The steeplekeeper was a man named Daniel Lovett, who also held several ancient offices in the parish, including that of parish beadle.

While we were waiting outside and looking across at Newgate, then in the process of demolition, it was remarked, "There goes a bit of Old London," and Dan replied, "Yes, and there goes some of my income. I used to get ten shillings for tolling the ninth every time there was an execution"!

The handbell Mr. Cawley mentions was originally in Dan's possession and was given by him to the church for preserva-This was reported in the ringing and national Press at the time.—Yours faithfully, E. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent

LEGAL ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir.—As the "instigator" of the en-quiry re a legal ringing association, I should like to point out that I am no longer actively connected with the profes-

If Mr. Boucher or Mr. Beale care to continue with its formation I shall be pleased to send them my file, consisting of roughly a score of answers to my original letter.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN D. GREY.

Bede College, Durham City.

TO BE DEPLORED

Dear Sir - The article by Mr. George F. Roome on the installation of a chiming apparatus in silent towers (Ringing World, page 855) is one that should be deplored. It encourages only those who want to do things the easy way, and is an admission of defeat. Such installations are poor substitutes for ringing, and I class them little above "canned" bells.

Speaking in terms of cost, our churches are a national pride, inherited from our forefathers, and it is up to us to see that they are properly maintained in our time for future generations. Built to the Glory of God, nothing but the best should be put into our work, be it ringing, singing, or whatever form of church work we may undertake. If we encourage the installation of come cheap contraption, such as a chiming apparatus, we would be better to leave things alone. To put forward such suggestions would (with possibly soze exceptions) create a few more "unringscles."

Mr. Roome referred to the chiming of Peterborough Cathedral bells; and what a miserable effort-completely out of step with such a magnificent building where a high standard of worship is maintained. Since the formation of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (in 1924) starting with its first master (the late Fred Wilford) everyone holding that office has approached the Dean and Chapter in the hopes of getting something done. Apart from the late Dean Page, who really did show interest in getting the ring restored and brought back to ten, successive Deans couldn't care less. Recent correspondence in The Ringing World reveals that the position has not improved.

Now, turning to Mr. Roome's "sad case" regarding the silent ring of ten at St. Giles', Northampton, I am inclined to think that the age-old story of petty dif-ferences and disagreement, unfortunately common amongst Northampton ringers over the last 40 years, still exists. Can one really say that something is not radically wrong when, in the congregation of St. Giles' there are at times sufficient ringers and yet the bells are silent? Is it not time that the ringers got together to Is it not eliminate this deplorable situation?

During my term of office as master of the Peterborough Guild I appealed to those whom it concerned to forget their differ-Glory of God," to which a reply "Northampton Rings to His Glory" appeared in a subsequent issue of The Ringing World. Had this been so, I would have been most happy to withdraw what I said, but unfortunately with the exception of Kingsthorpe and Weston Favell this was not the case.

Unfortunately there always have been silent towers, and always will be; and any contribution ringers (and, indeed, associations) can do should be done, but unless we have local support, which is not always forthcoming, we shall not get very far.

Yours faithfully,

B. P. MORRIS.

Sapcote, Leics.

13440 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I would like to give notice of an attempt to ring 13440 Rutland Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Barnes, S.W.13., on Saturday, January 23, 1971. The attempt will start at 10 a.m. and the band will consist of members of the Ancient Society of College Youths to which the peal, if successful, will be credited. Yours faithfully, TIMOTHY G. PETT.

Didcot, Berks.

ST. OSWALD'S, DURHAM

Dear Sir,-Following the action that I took and described in my recent letter, I received this (appended) reply from have Mr. M. Hayton, architect to St. Oswald. Yours faithfully,
DENIS A. BAYLES,

Hon Secretary

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Assn.

"Dear Mr. Bayles,- I acknowledge re-ceipt of your letter of 8th November and have read the correspondence which was enclosed. What the vicar and P.C.C. of the church do in the light of advice they take is a matter for their decision only. only comment further because Mr. Armitage and Mr. Dove between them have created an entirely erroneous impression of the situation at this church. Also, I do not consider that the ability to ring bells is in itself a qualification for making opinions on the structural condition of a bell frame or its tower. The ringing of a quarter peal in the face of other advice was foolhardy and proved nothing.

Mr. Serge Zvegintzov has a great terest and considerable knowledge of bells and bellringing and his most carefully considered report was based on several inspections. The Rev. J. W. Rogerson as curate of the church and as a ringer was most enthusiastic that the ring was put into full order. As an architect member of the parish I was only too glad to consult with them and also to go into some detail with a national firm of bell founders to prepare a report and recommendation for the vicar. It seems to me that all the correct elements for making a proper decision were brought together on this occasion and I believe that they would all still endorse the opinion then given.

Mr. Dove's statement regarding architects will not, I am sure, be taken seriously by bellringers generally. My own experience is that they enjoy the mutual consultation which has kept so many bells ringing that would otherwise have been silenced by the collapse of frames and ancient towers. All towers were not built for bells, and the masonry of many of them is in an increasingly precarious state. It is therefore inevitable that where funds are not available for adequate restoration, responsible opinions, disappointing to all of us who love the sound of full circle ringino. must be firmly given—Yours sincerely, M. Hayton."

From Melvyn Hiller, of Bothenhampton, Bridport, Dorset: - Eight variations rung in the quarter at South Perrott believed without names. Mr. C. K. Lewis tells me that according to his records there are no names to them. Would readers make their observations if in fact they already have names. All using a Plain Bob bob and Plain Hunt for an extreme.

No.	Plain Course	Name of Var.
291	St. Simon	Bullamoor
292	St. Osmund	Wishford
293	St. Martin	St. Kea
294	Eynesbury	Wilton
295	St. Nicholas	Adlington
296	St. Remigius	South Perrott
297	Winchendon	Bothenhampton
298	Huntley	Northallerton

Prudence is that virtue by which we discern what is proper to be done, under the various circumstances of time and place. -Milton.

Quarter Peals

FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY (Sunday, November 8) HALF PEAL

Sutton-cum-Lound, Notts.—2520 Singles: T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe 3. First half peal 1 and 3. Half-muffled.

Addington, Surrey .- 1320 York S. Minor: A. Hobbs 1, Penny Cocks 2, Louise Powell 3, I. Wiltshire 4, Wendy Wallace 5, E. G. H. Godfrey

(cond.) 6. For Family Communion.

Aldenham, Herts.—1260 Stedman Triples: Ashby 1. Kathleen Baldwin 2, D. Carpenter 3, R. Adcock (first Stedman) 4, A. Wootton 5, R. Baldwin 6, J. R. Southey (cond.) 7, A. R. Mann Half-muffled.

Balderton, Notts. - 1260 Bob Minor: 1, Beryl N. Reed 2, R. M. Lane (first 3, K. C. Vernon 4, D. H. Pritchett 5,

Minor) 3, K. C. Vernon 4, D. H. Pritchett 5, C. W. Reed (cond.) 6, L. A. Joynes (cover) 7. Bournemouth, Hants (St. Peter).—1260 Grandsire Doubles: Penny Eldridge 1, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 2, Mrs. Joan Pike 3, R. A. Hutchings 4, A. C. Conway (cond.) 5, E. J. Booth 6. Half-muffled.

Bridgend, Glam.—1260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Gibbins 1, H. Preece 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, G. A. Evans 4, H. D. Bryant 5, S. Coleman 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, B. V. Thurman 8. Half-muffled.

Burbage, Derbys.—1290 Cambridge S. Minor: J. Bagshaw 1, Margaret Findlow 2, M. Stanway 3, P. Skinner 4, A. G. Kirk 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

Burstow, Surrey .- 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): A. Booer 1, L. Penfold 2, P. Booer 3, Lynn Wilson 4, P. Lane (first as cond.) Bryant 6. First attempt 1 and 6. Half-muffled

Caldecott, Rutland.—1320 Doubles (11 m/v): Atton 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, Most methods/variations 2 and 4.

Cardiff, Glam (St. John).—1260 Grandsire

Triples: P. Thomas (cond.) 1, F. Bailey 2, Susan Redmond (first Triples inside) 3, R. Hall 4, R Harpole (first on eight) 5, W. Harford 6, T Yeomans 7, P. Roberts (first quarter) 8. Half-

Colchester (Shrub End), Essex. - 1260 St. Simon and St. Martin: D. Martin 1, A. Gibbons 2, C. Baker (first in methods) 3, A. Wright 4. D. Cobb (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. First Spliced Doubles for all. Half-muffled.

Easthampstead, Berks. — 1440 Bob Major: Joan E. Scott 1, Susan E. Rance 2, C. W. Bailey 3, Joan A. Rance 4, G. N. Scott 5, E. Thomas 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, S. G. Scott (cond.) 8. Half-muffled.

Egremont, Cumb. — 1440 Bob Minor: R. W. D. Wetenhall 1, Mrs. M. Dodd 2, D. Sim 3, H. Wilson 4, D. Kealey 5, C. F. Gates (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

Elmdon, Essex .- 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Bob): W. Pye 1, D. Lilley 2, E. Flitton 3, R. Griggs 4, E. Pye 5, G. Lilley (cond.) 6.

Gedling, Notts.—1320 Doubles (4 methods): Susan Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, P. R. Wild 3, Susan M. O'Neill 4, J. R. Rigby 5. Conducted

Hayes, Middx. - 1260 Bob Doubles: Dawn Worthington (first quarter) 1, R. G. Chappells 2, Diane M. Pickett 3, C. J. Venn 4, D. G. Pickett (cond.) 5, P. S. Venn 6. Half-muffled. First quarter by a local band on the new bells.

Henlow, Beds.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Down 1, L. H. Bywaters 2, M. Major (cond.) 3, P. R. Jewell 4, R. J. Fuller 5, D. A. Hope 6. Half-muffled.

Kessingland, Suffolk .-- 1260 Bob Doubles: P J. Harrold 1, T. J. Brock 2, Mrs. D. P. J. Harrold 3, D. P. J. Harrold 4, M. J. Parker (cond.) 5, K. R. Took 6.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.—1264 Bob Major: Katharine Salvage 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Color Major: Katharine Salva

Lesley A. Hawes 3, C. E. Bulleid 4, I. J. Whitear 5, Anthea S. Bruce 6, B. J. Stone 7, B. G. North (cond.) 8. After meeting short for Royal. Also 1287 Grandsire Triples: C Half-muffled. Half-muffled. Also 1287 Grandstre Triples: C. E. Bulleid 1, Ann V. Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, G. Eves (first G. Triples) 4, B. J. Stone 5, I. J. Whitear 6, C. D. Collin (cond.) 7, J. Knipe 8. Half-muffled. Lane End, Bucks.—1260 Bob Doubles: Miss S. Smith 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, T. Wright 4, C. Meakes (cond.) 5, C. Hagger 6. Half-

Lavenham, Suffolk. - 1280 Double Norwich: W. Jarvis 1, A. J. Haynes 2, W. W. Cousins 3, E. A. Cracknell 4, R. Newson 5, L. W. Houghton 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8.

Leytonstone, E .- 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Willmington 1, R. Pascoe 2, Elizabeth Dunlop (first inside) 3, G. Walker (cond.) 4, P. Sippett 5, M. Balkwill 6, M. Wareing 7, R. Poole 8. Half-muffled.

Long Sutton, Som.—1260 Bob Doubles: T. Shire 1, H. E. G. Jeans 2, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 3, G. W. Rendell, jun. 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, A. Hill 6. Half-muffled.

Loughton, Essex. - 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 1, Miss S. Strang (first quarter) 2, A. Barham 3, J. A. Beldom 4, F. W. Tomlin 5, Miss S. Bree (first quarter) 6. Half-

Minster-in-Sheppey, Kent. — 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Drury 1, Susan Goodwin 2, D. P. Leworthy 3, Mira V. Ford (cond.) 4, Joan Exeter 5, D. Little 6.

Newcastle under Lyme, Staffs (St. Giles). 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sharon Moore 1, Patricia Mills 2, R. S. Anderson 3, D. Midgley 4, G. A. Moore (cond.) 5, T. L. Walley 6, C. S. Ryles 7, R. Mitchell 8. Half-muffled.

Ottershaw, Surrey .- Plain Bob Minor: Marylin A. Reay 1, R. L. Pashley 2, R. C. Packhurst 3, J. M. Warinton 4, J. P. Ladd 5, P. V. W. Feast 6. Also in memoriam Rev. G. Hiam (vicar, 1938-1960)

Portsea, Hants.-1260 Grandsire Triples: J H. Hunt (cond.) 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Mrs. C. Rolph 3, L. D. Duguid 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. F. Burbidge 6, J. F. A. Rolph 7, C. Harris 8. Half-muffled.

Portsmouth, Hants (Cathedral). - 1296 Bob Caters: Edna Jones 1, A. A. J. Buswell (cond.) 2, Christine A. Morton (first Bob Caters) 3, Ruth Horwood 4, R. Rowsby 5, M. E. Cass 6, Jean Berriman 7, K. Warner 8, C. Bryant 9, A. E. Hoodless 10. First Caters 3, 4, 5. Half-muffled.

Sittingbourne, Kent. - 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Barbara Green (first quarter) 1, Wendy Austin 2, G. Naylor (cond.) 3, F. Dadson 4, B. Jemmett 5, J. Clark 6. Half-muffled.

Smarden, Kent. - 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, H. Deacon 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Cliffon 4, J. Hemsley 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6 Half-muffled.

Sproiborough, Yorks.—1260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Mayman 1, E. Short 2, C. Toyne (cond.) 3, Joyce Laidlaw 4, Laura Heath 5, N. Cowell 6, Susan Laidlaw 7, Irena Royston 8. Half-muffled.

Standlake, Oxon.-1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Back (first quarter) 1, V. Clifton 2, Miss M. Raymont (first inside) 3, G. Elms 4, M. Turner (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Barratt 6. Half-muffled.

Staines, Middx (St. Peter).-1260 Doubles (5 methods): Susan Hopkin 1, M. S. Loveday (cond.) 2, R. H. G. Collins 3, M. S. Pike 4, D. J. Norman 5, Lorna E. M. Viggers (first quarter) Half-muffled.

Stapleford, Cambs.—1260 Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Bird 1, Lynn V. Bedford 2, J. Bates 3, M. R. Kitson 4, R. I. West (cond., 50th quarter) 5, A. Kellock 6. A.

Stevenage, Herts. — 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Munson 1, W. Brown 2, W. Lawrence 3, D. Taplin 4, M. Pickup 5, L. Cooper 6, (cond.) 7, R. Kirkpatrick 8. Half-muffled.

Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx .- 1260 Bob Minor: Lorna Brock 1, C. H. Rogers 2, A. G. Tyers (cond.) 3, M. B. Tyers 4, D. Brock 5, R. Bettley-Cooke 6. Half-muffled.

Titchfield, Hants.—1440 Cambridge S. Minor: Mrs. B. M. Hunt 1, Miss S. E. Smith 2, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 3, N. George 4, C. G. Bryant 5, Dickins 6. Half-muffled.

Twerton, Som .- 1260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 8 covering): Miss C. McKenzie 1, Miss Goundry Whittaker (first quarter) 2, Miss N. (first inside) 3, R. Coles (cond.) 4, C. Barrable 5, Miss E. Norris (first quarter) 6, C. Stillman 7. P. McKenzie 8.

Uppingham, Rutland. - 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: C. E. Taylor 1, J. A. Ellis 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, W. A. Taylor (first Minor inside) 4, L. Atton C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. Also in memoriam R. W Gossage (Withcote), who died earlier in the day.

Wareham, Dorset, - 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Hill (first Triples) 1, Betty A. Christopher 2, Frances J. N. Brown 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, M. J. Dew 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, P. R. Keough (first Triples as cond.) 7, V. J. Baker 8. Half-muffled.

Wentworth, Yorks. - 1320 Doubles (seven methods): R. J. Grundy 1, R. R. Nalliah 2, M. King 3, L. Hallows 4, D. Hunton (cond.) 5, K. Wigfield 6

Westham, Surrey.-1260 Bob Doubles: Miss

westnam, Surrey.—1260 Bob Doubles: Miss V. Murray 1, D. Wooler 2, Ann Smith 3, A. Baldock (cond.) 4, I. Smith 5, I. Clark 6. West Quantoxhead, Som.—1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Arnold 1, Mrs. J. Hopwood 2, Dr. W. N. Kingsbury 3, L. Lyddon 4, C. Wyatt (cond.) 5. Muffled.

Whatton-in-the-Vale, Notts. -- 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Exton 1, W. L. Exton (cond.) 2, Pamela C. Clarke 3, B. M. Buswell 4, T. G. Goodwin 5, F. R. Barber 6, J. D. Clarke 7, T. Greasley 8. First Triples 1 and 6. First Triples inside for 3. Half-muffled.

Wheatley, Oxon. — 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss

T. J. Riggs 1, Miss H. E. McGowan 2, C. Smith 3, K. Harris 4, I. M. M. O'Reilly 5, P. Glenny (first quarter) 6. Conducted by 3 and 5. First by a local band. Half-muffled.

by a local band. Hall-mulled.
Whitchurch, Devon. — 1260 Doubles (four methods): D. G. M. Pearce 1, S. G. Peirce 2, Christine D. Tebbot 3, J. F. Steere 4, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 5, A. G. Pullan 6. Half-muffled.

(Minster). — 1259 Grandsire Caters Beryl Hartley 1, Mollie Toy 2, D. Clegg 3, Felicity Ashford 4, M. D. Staniforth 5, A. W. A. Leggett 6, H. Walker 7, B. Sutton (cond.) 8. A. Hartley 9, O. P. Claxton 10. HALF PEAL

Blackmoor, Hants.—Sept. 19, 2520 Doubles (four methods): R. Gill 1, Miss M. Sutcliffe (cond.) 2, A. Gill 3, D. Cooper 4, M. Cass (cond.) 5, G. Cane 6. Longest length 1, 3, 4, 6. For Patronal Festival, and best wishes to C. J. Butler, leaving for a parish at Wellingborough, Northants.

Aldermaston, Berks. — Sept. 25, 1264 Bob Major: P. Corderoy 1, C. Corderoy 2, H. Duns-3, Janet Livingston 4, J. J. Hill 5, D. Livingston 6, M. Till (first Major) 7, W. (cond.) 8. Also Oct. 2, 1260 St. Clements Minor: P. Corderoy 1, R. Tibbies 2, J. J. Hill 3, D. Livingston 4, M. Till 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. First in method 3, 4, 5. Also Oct. 8, 1260 St. Clements Minor: M. Till 1, J. J. Hill 2, Janet Livingston 3, D. Livingston 4, R. Tibbles 5, W. Butler (cond.) 6. Also Oct. 20, 1260 Bob Minor on handbells: D. Livingston 1-2, W. Butler (cond.) 3-4, J. J. Hill 5-6. First on handbells 1-2 and 5-6. Also Oct. 29, 1260 Stedman Doubles: D. Livingston 1, P. Corderoy 2, J. J. Hill 3, M. Till 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5 First in method 1, 3 and 4.

Babworth, Notts .- Oct. 28, 1260 Bob Minor: P. N. Mounsey 1, D. W. Jack 2, Diana Mounsey (first inside) 3, H. Denman 4, H. Poyner (cond.) Christine M. N. Wright 6.

Barrow-on-Soar, Leics.—Nov. 15, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: R. Wilmore 1, M. D. Barsby 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, P. G. Chambers 4, R. I. Kendrick 5, D. G. Massey 6. To welcome the Lord Bishop of Leicester for evening service.

Barstable School Society.—Oct. 20, 1295 Bob aters: P. A. Cammiade 1-2, G. Mason 3-4, Caters: A. G. Gibbs 5-6, G. I. Lucas (cond., first on ten in hand) 7-8, K. T. Bradley 9-10. First on ten for all except conductor. First on ten for Society.

Bathampton, Som.-Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. T. Feasey 1, Mrs. P. A. Weeks 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 4, K. G. Weeks 5, P. D. Powell 6. Silver wedding compliment to Rev. G. C. C. Spencer (vicar) and Mrs. Spencer; also for visit of Bishop of Bath and Wells.

Beaconsfield, Bucks. - Sept. 20, 1264 Bob Major: H. Wingrove 1, Gwendolyn Reeves 2, Sue Lee 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, Kathleen Fletcher 5, R. W. Powell 6, R. Lee 7, D. Wood (cond.) 8. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday.

Bishopstoke, Hants. -Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Richards (first quarter) 1, R. Le Marechal (cand.) 2, J. P. Colliss 3, Linda Cull 4, I. M. McCallion 5, A. P. Smith 6, K. Waldron (first Triples inside) 7, S. Dando 8. A silver wedding compliment to Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Rose.

Blackburn, Lancs (Cathedral) .-- Oct. 11, 1330 Grandsire Triples: Susan Hill 1, J. Skeats 2, F. Longworth 3, G. Howarth 4, P. Woods 5, G. Wignall 6, B. Hill (cond.) 7, M. Hill 8. For the christening of Simon Anthony Hill.

Blackmoor, Hants. - Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Cane 1, Miss M. Sutcliffe 2, A. Gill 3, Rev. C. J. Butler (first Minor) 4, D. Cooper 5, M. Cass (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also a farewell compliment to the vicar.

Brading, I.O.W. - Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): Ann Duff (first away from cover) 1, Vivienne Ball 2, A. A. Russell 3, T. F. East (cond.) 4, I. Russell (first inside) 5, E. Duff 6, S. Duff 8. For Evensong; also a

b, E. Duff 6, S. Duff 8. For Evensong; also a welcome to Simon Philip, son of Joyce and Stephen Duff (born October 18).

Bradley, Staffs. — Nov. 4, 1280 Bob Major: Hilary Powell 1, Hilda Taylor 2, S. G. Pick (100th quarter) 3, P. G. Holden 4, Janet Blake 5, F. J. Keddie 6, J. F. I. Turney 7, D. J.

Bates (cond.) 8.

Bratton, Wilts.— Nov. 12, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Slatford (first quarter) 1, F. Slatford (cond.) 2, Miss W. Skinner 3, B. Lawrence (first quarter) 4, A. Bartlett 5, M. Smith 6.

Bray-on-Thames, Berks,-Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Minor (treble leading, tenor covering): C. Burridge 1, Marcia Dieppe 2, Janice Dieppe 3, Dieppe 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. Blewitt 6, D. Fowles 7, J. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong on All Saints' Day.

Bredon's Norton, Worcs.-Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Stallwood 1, H. Plumb 2, K. Pratt 3, Halling 4, F. Wood 5, J. Attwood 6. For

Harvest Festival. _ Bredgar, Kent.—Nov. 9, 1320 Bob Doubles: Rosemary Edmed (first attempt) 1, Mrs. Sheila Dobbie (first in method) 2, Joan Lynas (first inside) 3?, Rev. S. M. Evans (first in method) 4, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 5, T. Ingram (first attempt) 6.

Brighton, Sussex (St. Peter) .- Oct. 31, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: A. Bond 1, E. Rapley 2, R. Johnson 3, P. Wills 4, P. Stevens 5, A. Baldock

6, D. Smith (cond.) 7, G. Francis 8.

Bures, Suffolk.-Nov. 9, 1264 Bob Major: A J. Loveless (first quarter, aged 11) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, R. A. Knight 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, J. P. Loveless 5, S. T. Hume 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. A tribute for the life and work of Mrs. St. Osyth M. E. Wood, O.B.E.

Butcombe, Som,-Oct. 22, 1272 London S. Minor: J. Trimm 1, Susan Stott 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, B. Mills (first in method) 4, J. Sheppard

(cond.) 5. A. Perry 6.

Catherington, Hants. - Nov. 4, 1296 Cam bridge S. Minor: M. Cass 1, Jennifer Quaife 2, Christine Morton (first Cambridge Minor) 3, B J. Fry 4, A. J. Buswell 5, R. B. Walton (cond.)

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Cavendish, Suffolk.— Oct. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: Christine Hayes (first quarter, 12) 1, S. Twitchett 2, O. Ballard 3, G. Bloomfield 4, W. Perry 5, F. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

Chedworth, Glos.—Nov. 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Smith 1, H. Andrews 2, Elizabeth Pearse 3, R. Allington 4, J. Pearse (cond.) 5, Child Christian Cond.

H. Smith 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. For 90th birthday of Fred Tucker.

Copt Oak, Leics.—Nov. 15, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: H. Marcon 1, K. Burdett 2, P. D. Bailey 3, R. Martin 4, R. D. Hughes 5, A. R. Jones (cond.) 6. Half-muffled as a last tribute respect to Lawrence Brown, local churchwarden and ringer.

Chiddingfold, Surrey.-Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Larcombe (first Triples) 1. J. F. Payne 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, R. Cooper J. Payne 5, T. J. Weller 6, M. D. Fuller 7, J. Marshall 8. For Evensong.

Coppull, Lancs. — Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: L. Briers 1, A. H. Oakes 2, E. Cook 3, D. Borland 4, H. Grounds 5, W. O. Farrimond (cond.) 6. To mark Rev. J. Whittaker's 25 years as Vicar of Coppull Old Parish.

Croydon, Surrey (St. John). - Nov. 8, 1259 Grandsire Caters: N. Humphreys 1, E. Razzell 2, G. Newman 3, R. Davies 4, I. M. Parry 5, N. Brown 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, A. J. Brown 8, K. Taber (cond.) 9, P. Humphreys 10. For Evensong: also 21st birthday compliment to A Brown.

Derby (Cathedral) .- Oct. 30, 1260 Bob Minor G. Halls 1, D. Clowes (first quarter) 2, R. Chambers 3, I. Wilson 4, R. Saxton (first as

cond.) 5, A. Harker 6.

Diss, Norfolk.-Sept. 20, 1260 Bob Triples: Pauline A. Hopkinson 1, Kathleen Tebble (first Triples inside) 2, T. G. Boast 3, A. E. Cook 4, F. Sutton 5, O. P. Claxton 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, P. D. Taylor 8. For Patronal Festival; also a farewell to Owen Claxton, leaving for

THREE CHURCHES: NOW ONE PARISH (November 1)

Easton-in-Gordano, Som. - 1260 Doubles (3 variants): I. Ramsey 1, I. Newell 2, Helen Kirk-patrick 3, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan 4, R. W

patrick 3, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan 4, H. W. Willans (cond.) 5, B. H. Goodliffe 6.
Portbury, Som. — 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: I. Ramsey 1, Helen Kirkpatrick (25th this year) 2, R. W. Willans (cond.) 3, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan 4, I. Newell 5, R. Haskins 6.

Clapton-in-Gordano, Som .- 1260 Bob Minor: Goodliffe 1, C. Knight 2, I. Newell 3, R. Willans 4, Helen Kirkpatrick 5, B. H. Goodliffe

Euston, Suffolk.-Nov. 14, 1260 Bob Doubles Middleditch 1, W. M. Ivings 2, D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. Half-muffled after the funeral of Charles Alfred Euston, 10th Duke of Grafton, patron of the parish.

Evercreech, Som. — Nov. 6, 1440 London S. Royal (No. 3): V. Savage 1, A. P. Beck 2, Heather A. Kippin 3, E. Naylor 4, H. J. Sanger 5, D. MacKay 6, R. G. Beck 7, R. E. E. J. Chivers 9, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 10.

Farmborough, Som.-Oct. 30, 1272 Fyfield S Minor: Janet Parker 1, R. Perry 2, M. J. Horse man 3, E. T. Lee 4, P. J. England (cond.) 5, J. Brain 6. First by all. 100th together 4 and 6

Frampton, Lincs.—Nov. 7, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss J. Coleman 1, Mrs. G. Burrell 2, Mrs. A. Singleton 3, G. Flatters 4, G. Burrell 5, H. Barsley (cond.) 6. For the birth of Amanda Louise Burrell.

Groby, Leics. — Nov. 10, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Paimla 1, P. Forgham 2, S. Wright 3, T. Gardner 4, Rev. P. Bleckman (cond.) 5, G. Spurr (first attempt) 6. Muffled in memoriam

Tom Isom, died November 6.

Horsham, Sussex. — Nov. 8, 1260 Stedman Triples: E. F. Fosberry 1, B. A. Rose 2, T. G. Fox 3, E. R. Rapley 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, M. R. Reed 6, J. A. Smith (first as cond.) 7, L. H. Bourne 8. By the local band as a wedding compliment to Charles and Rosemary Struthers.

Hugglescote, Leics. — Oct. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Forgham 1, R. Graves 2, A. R. Pepper 3, W. Goadby 4, H. Moult (cond.) 5, J. Tovell 6. For the 91st anniversary of the

dedication of the local church.

Huyton, Lancs. — Nov. 11, 1260 Grandsire

Doubles: Imelda H. Paton (first quarter) 1, D. Elison 2, A. Walsh 3, J. Dunbavin 4, R. Latham 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. On the 52nd anniversary of the conductor's entry into the tower

Hanley Swan, Worcs.-Oct. 28, 1440 Hanley Swan Delight Minor: F. Lawrence 1, Valerie Willard 2, B. Spiers 3, M. Hawkes 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Clements 6. First in the method.

HANLEY SWAN DELIGHT --36-16-12-1236-34-36 I.e. 6ths 146532

Ipswich, Suffolk (St. Clement) .- Nov. 1, 1260 Crandsire Doubles: J. Wightman 1, D. Buxton 2, P. W. Archer 3, B. Forsyth 4, F. A. J. Steward (cond.) 5, D. G. Salter 6. Half-muffled as a tribute to the late Alan Bridges.

Isleworth, Middx. - Oct. 25, 1299 Stedman Caters: C. T. Richards 1, June Creak 2, Olive Rogers 3, M. Stacey 4, K. Rider 5, F. D. Bishop 6, M. Hatchett 7, W. G. Wilson 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. Felton 10. For the service of thanksgiving for the rebuilt church, attended by H.R.H. Princess Alexandra.

Kempsey, Worcs. - Nov. 11, 720 Kempsey Delight Minor: F. Lawrence 1, Valerie Willard 2 Spiers 3, J. Clements 4, D. Price (cond.) 5 M. Hawkes 6. First in the method.

KEMPSEY DELIGHT -36-16-12-1236-14-16 I.e. 6ths 134625

Kineton, Warks. — Nov. 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Kibblewhite 1, Mrs. Laura Kibblewhite 2, F. Cook 3, J. Green 4, R. J. Edden (cond.) 5, D. Cook 6. The conductor first rang with the Kineton band on November 5, 1914

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. — Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Royal: J. Knipe 1, Katharine Salvage 1260 Bob Royal: J. Knipe I, Kullering 2, Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4, C. E Bulleid 5, G. Eves 6, I. J. Whitear 7, P. V. Feast 8, C. D. Collin 9, B. J. Stone (cond.) 10.

First Royal 5, 6, 7, 8. For Evensong.

Leytonstone, E. — Nov. 1, 1280 Rutland S.

Major: W. Theobald (cfond.) 1, Leslie Tibbit. 2, C. Willmington 3, G. Walker 4, J. Murfitt 5, M. Wareing 6, P. Chalk 7, J. Slater 8. First in method 4 and 6. For baptism service.

Locking, Som.—Oct. 31, 1260 Doubles (five methods): G. Prescott 1, J. Lambard 2, June Legg 3, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 4, P. Kelby 5,

Legg 3, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 4, P. Kelby 5, H. Button 6. A wedding compliment to G. Wakley and E. Bradbury.
London, E.C. (St. Giles, Cripplegate).—Nov. 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. Barry (cond.) 1, J. Phillips 2, W. Hughes 3, R. Offen 4, D. Jewell 5, M. Faulkes 6, T. N. J. Bailey 7, R. Brown 8 Brown 8.

Longparish, Hants.-Oct. 30, 1320 Doubles (4 methods): Mrs. B. Dobson 1, M. Goss 2, P. Grover 3, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 4, P. Murduck 5. F. Tonge 6. A wedding compliment to Charles Russell and Alice McDowall (rector's daughter), married at Winchester Cathedral this day

Lymm, Cheshire.—Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Minor: C. Fleming (first quarter) 1, H. S. Glover 2, Mrs. K. Mather 3, D. W. Kirkpatrick 4, J. Moore (cond.) 5, R. F. Harris 6. For Evensong; also a welcome to the new rector (Rev. A. J. Birch). Marple, Cheshire. - Oct. 30, 1260 Bob Minor:

Andrew 1-2, A. Whiting 3-4, P. Broadbent

(first as cond.) 5-6.

Micheldever, Hants. - Nov. 11, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: R. H. Green (cond.) 1, B. J. Fry 2. Hilary L. Widgery (first in method) 3. D. C. Jackson 4, J. P. Colliss 5, R. Le Marechal

Birthday compliment to ringer of 5.
Middleton, Lancs.—Nov. 2, 1260 Bob Minor:
Mitchell 1, J. Duffield 2, Mrs. L. K. Miller Burton (first quarter) 4, J. W. Rideout 5, Miller (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to

Mrs. L. K. Miller and Miss E. Rathmill.
Middleton Stoney, Oxon. — Nov. 2, 1260
Doubles (3 methods): K. J. Smith (first quarter)
1, W. H. Haynes 2, A. V. D. Mead 3, C. W. J. James 6. East 4, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 5, G. R. A farewell to the rector (Rev. J. W. Larter) and congratulations to lan and Tessa Mackenzie on the birth of a daughter (Catherine Ruth).

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Minster-in-Sheppey, Kent.—Oct. 4, 1260 Bob Doubles: Wendy Poppleton 1, Glynis Poppleton 2, Susan Goodwin 3, Joan Exeter 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. Little 6. For O.A.P.'s Harvest Festival. Also Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles: Jane Whitham 1, Susan Goodwin 2, Ann Bryant 3, Mira V. Ford 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, D. Little 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. R. Shiner (verger's wife). Also Nov. 6, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Wendy Poppleton 1, Susan Rayner 2, Susan Goodwin 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5, M. Woolnough 6. For Confirmation Ly the Bishop of Dover. Also Nov. 8, 1320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Dawn Goodwin 1, R. Staples 2, Mira V. Ford 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, D. P. Leworthy (cond.) 5. Caroline Embleton 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Percy Miles (sidesman).

Nazeing, Essex.—Nov. 1, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Miss S. Jaikins 1, Miss B. Peacock 2, B. Burton (cond.) 3, C. Sams 4, R. G. Seymour 5, A. Peacock 6. First in three methods 1, 2, 5 and 6. For Patronal Festival.

Northchurch, Herts.—Nov. 8, 1260 Bob Minor: Susan Morris 1, A. Lancey 2, A. R. Ashby 3, S. Talbot-Ponson'v 4, W. Preston 5, M. A. Gilbey (cond.) 6. For Evensong; also an 18th birthday compliment to Andrew Lancey.

Offwell, Davon. — Nov. 7, 1260 Stedman Doubles: K. T. Clarke 1, C. J. Turner 2, P. C. Davis 3, E. W. Rowe 4, C. C. Turner (cond.) 5, W. A. Sparks 6. For the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. Clarke—a grandson for treble ringer. Also to celebrate 50 years of ringing for ringer of 3; a birthday compliment to wife of ringer

Oxford (St. Cross). — Sept. 13, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss M. Raymont 1, R. J. Crocker 2, A. W. Kay 3, R. H. Jones 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5, C. R. Miles 6. Also Nov. 8, 1320 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: S. R. Smith 1, A. W. Kay 2, J. R. Checkley (first Doubles) 3, M. R. Petchey 4, S. I. Bamforth (cond.) 5. I. W. Davies 6: A welcome to Rev. Alan Durstan. Oxford (St. Thomas). — Oct. 18, 1260 Bob

Oxford (St. Thomas). — Oct. 18, 1°60 Bob Minor: Jenny Unsworth 1, Ann Lambert 2, M. Petchey 3, Linda Merrill 4, J Checkley 5, C. J. E. Wyld (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to C. J. E. Wyld. Also Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles: N. Weston 1, Sue Unsworth 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, R. Wilsher 4, R. A. Yeates (cond.) 5, I. W Davies 6. By O.U.S.C.R. Also Oct. 11, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: S. I. Bamforth (cond.) 1, Margaret A. Thow 2, Ann Gardner 3, S. R. Smith 4, E. Martin 5, R. H. Abhott 6

Pakefield, Suffolk. — Nov. 7, 1260 Bob Doubles: G. I. Newsome 1, Lynn M. Fuller 2, Christine P. Gorrod 3, P. J. Harrold 4, P. J. Gorrod (cond.) 5, J. I. White 6. First Doubles 1, 2, 6. Average age of band 13 years 5 months.

Polesworth, Warks.—Nov. 1, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): J. Myatt 1, M. Quimby 2, S. Allsopp 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns (cond.) 5, T. Oxford 6. For Evensong.

Portsmouth, Hants (Cathedral). — Nov. 12, 1360 Bob Major: C. D. Coley (first on eight) 1, Jean Berriman 2. Christine Morton 3, Jennifer Quaiffe 4, G. Love 5, M. E. Cass 6, A. A. J. Buswell 7, R. B. Walton (cond.) 8.

Poslingford, Suffolk.—Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Rawlinson (first quarter) 1, S. Twitchett 2, P. Mayle 3, F. Gilbert (cond.) 4, W. Perry 5.

Preston Plucknett, Som.—Nov. 8, 1260 Bob Doubles: Rachael Chant 1, M. Shaw 2, D. Hammonds (first as cond.) 3, E. J. Hart 4, Marion Martin 5, W. Shaw 6. To welcome Rev. Andrew Hughes (priest-in-charge).

Prestwich, Manchester. — Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Triples: V. Eckersall 1, F. Reynolds (cond.) 2, Jane Reynolds 3, Margaret Manby 4, A. E. Reeves 5, P. Reeves 6, D. P. Smith 7, A. Ward 8. 21st birthday compliment to Jane Reynolds. Redmarley D'Abitot. Glos. — Nov. 10, 1260 Bob and Grandsire Doubles: E. Prout 1, L. C. Prosser 2, L. J. Smith 3, R S. Chew 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, D. Jones 6. Half-muffled following the funeral of E. Arnall, cne-time ringer at Redmarley.

Rayne, Essex.—Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Minor: J. Connell 1, R. Threadgold 2, Miss R. Campbell (first inside) 3, H. Moore 4, S. Sudbury 5, J. Green (first as cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival. Ryde, I.O.W.—Nov. 8, 1260 Grandsire

Ryde, 1.0.W. — Nov. 8, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Vivienne Ball (first Triples) 1, Jill Reed 2 A. Russell 3, C. Frye 4, P. Miller 5, T. F. East (cond.) 6, N. Miller (first Triples) 7, 1. Russell 8. For the induction of Rev. Patrick McGee as Vicar of All Saints.

St. Budeaux, Devon. — Oct. 19, 1440 Bob Minor: D. G. M. Pearce 1, J. F. Steere 2, S. G. Peirce 3, A. N. Frost 4, J. C. Mitchelmore 5, G. E. Mudge (cond.) 6. Also Oct. 19, 1344 Kent T.B. Minor: D. G. M. Pearce (cond.) 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, J. F. Steere 3, S. G. Peirce 4, A. N. Frost 5, G. E. Mudge 6.

Smardan, Kent. — Oct. 29, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. Hemsley 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, D. Manger 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. First birthday compliment to Simon Johnson. 100th quarter together 3 and 6.

South Cadbury, Som.—Nov. 4, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Miles 1, H. F. Creed 2, Mrs. L. Sherrell 3, K. L. Laver 4, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 5, T. Mead 6. Wedding compliment to Jenny Edwards and Kenny Higgins.

Stapleford, Cambs.—Nov. 14, 1260 Doubles (three m/v): A. A. Kellock 1, Lynn V. Bedford 2. Julie Barnes 3, R. I. West (cond.) 4, M. R. Kitson 5, J. Bates 6. Most m/v 2 and 3. For Prince of Wales' birthday.

Tamworth, Staffs.—Oct. 21, 1260 Bob Minor: G. H. Peers, jun. 1, J. F. Mulvey (first quarter) 2, M. Quimby 3, R. G. Pearce 4, Sheila Parsons 5 N. W. Attaway (cond.) 6

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Thorne, Yorks.—Oct. 31, 1280 Bob Major: R.
Dennis (first on eight) 1, J. Thorley 2, Anne P.
Leigh 3, E. J. Padgett 4, H. Wagstaff 5, J. E.
Cook 6, A. W. Jackson 7, F. J. Jackson (cond.)
8. In memoriam John H. Brothwell.

Thorley, Herts.—Nov. 15, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: R. Hayden 1, P. Warboys 2, R. Prime 3, W. Hunt 4, T. Camp 5, L. Luck (cond.) 6. First in method for 2 and 5.

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Tonbridge, Kent. — Nov. 7, 1260 Grandsire
Triples: M. H. O'Callaghan 1, Jacqueline F. Collins (first Grandsire) 2, Jane Reynolds 3, L. T.
Pope 4, E. R. G. West 5, S. G. Waters 6, S.
Jenner (cond.) 7, T. Lewis 8.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.-Aug. 2, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Margaret Chappell (first T.B.) 1, Sally P. Cobb (first Surprise Major) 2, Les. C. Tibbitts 3, M. B. Jefferyes 4, J. E. Murfitt 5, K. A. Hughes 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, I. L. Dear 8. For Evensong. Also Sept. 6, 1260 Stedman Triples: Sally P. Cobb 1, Les. C. Tib-bitts 2, June Whitcher 3, M. C. Austin 4, I. L. Dear 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, J. E. Murfitt 8. For Evensong. Also Sept. 1296 Little Bob Major: Liz C. Duncan 1. June Whitcher 2, G. H. Walker (100th quarter and first Little Bob) 3, I. L. Dear 4, D. E. Cobb N. Duncan 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, Jefferyes 8. For Matins. Also Oct 1296 Little Bob Major: Jane Chapman 1, Sally Cobb 2, June Whitcher 3, M. C. Austin 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, H. H. N. Duncan 6, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 7, A. J. Slade 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong. Also Oct. 11, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Glynis E. Perry 1, June Whitcher (first Kent, 100th on the bells) 2. Laura M. Grindrod 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, M. C. Austin 6, J. E. Murfitt 7, R. J. Chapman 8. For Matins. Also Nov. 1, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: Les. C. Tibbitts 1, Sally P. Cobb 2. 1260 Grand-June Whitcher 3, Laura M. Grindrod 4, M. C. Austin 5, S. R. Mount 6, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 7, P. D. Austin 8. For Evensong.

Southampton, Hants (St. Mary). — Nov. 1, 1440 Bob Minor: Diana Bromley (first Minor) 1, Joy Butler 2, P. Harrison 3, B. V. Butler (first Minor) 4, C. J. Butler 5, M. J. Butler (cond.) 6. A farewell compliment to Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

Weaverham, Cheshire. — Aug. 8, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. Mary Burgess 1, Pamela Hough 2, D. A. Carter 3, Rosemarie E. Hornby 4, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, T. Smith (first quarter) 6. A farewell to Miss R. E. Hornby, leaving for Manchester.

Wentworth, Yorks.—Nov. 1, 1440 Bob Minor: R. M. Nalliah (first Minor) 1, E. P. King 2, Mrs. Y. King 3, A. King 4, M. King (cond.) 5, D. Hunton 6. For All Saints' Day.

Westham, Sussex.—Aug. 26, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Riggs 1, D. Snoswell (first Grandsire Doubles) 2, A. Baldock (cond.) 3, C. Spreadbury 4, T. Barlow 5, D. Stewart 6. A welcome to Miriam Baldock (born August 13). Also Sept. 30, 1260 Bob Doubles: D. Woodward 1, D. Wooler (first inside) 2, Ann Smith 3, I. Smith 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5. For a musical recital. Also Oct. 28, 1320 Bob Doubles: Jennifer Mason (first quarter) 1, A. Baldock (cond.) 2, N. Chapman 3, D. Ramsay 4, C. Spreadbury (first Pl. Bob) 5, R. Funnell 6. For a musical recital. Also Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Kathleen Kerswell 1, Ann Smith 2, D. R. Fuller 3, A. Baldock (cond.) 4, L. Baldock 5, E. Baldock 6. For the christening of Miriam Baldock, daughter of conductor, and Christine, grand-daughter of Roy Fuller, niece of 1, 5 and 6 and god-daughter of 2.

Whitstable, Kent. — Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Phillips 1, Jill Steed 2, Doreen E. Austin (cond.) 3, Jacqueline Saker 4, Ann Steed 5, C. C. Dilnot 6. For Patronal Festival. Whittlesey, Peterborough.—Oct. 30, 1260 Bob

Whittlesey, Peterborough,—Oct. 30, 1260 Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): Elizabeth Duddington 1, H. Goakes 2, J. Roffe 3, Dorothy Greenwood (first quarter) 4, Mary Masefield (first inside) 5, R. Daw 6, M. Tyler (cond.) 7, J. Edwards 8. Half-muffled in memoriam W. Smith, verger and bellringer.

Winterbourne, Glos.—Nov. 15, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): Miss S. A. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, D. G. Mayell 3, H. Taysom 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, T. Jefferies 6. In memoriam Alfred Mayell (1882–1946), native of Winterbourne and for many years local chorister; also Major F. E. J. Mayell, The Kings Regiment (1911–1970).

Winwick, Hunts. — Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Munsey 1, H. Goakes 2, J. Riley 3, R. W. Yeomans 4, J. E. David (cond.) 5. Half-muffled following the funeral of Frank

Afford, former local ringer.

Witney, Oxon.—Oct. 11, 1280 Cambridge S.
Major: B. Coggins 1, B. W. Hall 2, P. D. Beedie
3, G. J. Collett 4, P. Pearce 5, M. Stracey 6,
T. J. Hester 7, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 8. For
Harvest Festival.

Worcester (St. Swithun).—Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: D. Stephens 1, A. Ager 2, Pat Jenkins 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, R. W. Cole 5, D. G. Franklin 6. For Evensong.

Worplesdon, Surrey. — Oct. 29, 1260 Bob Major: Ţ. G. Fox (cond.) 1, B. A. Rose 2, E. F. Fosberry 3, R. G. Tickner (first Major) 4, M. I. Davey 5, Mrs. J. Rose 6, J. A. Smith 7, M. R. Reed 8. By St. Mary's Society, Horsham, for the Music Festival.

Wymondham, Norfolk.—Sept. 11, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Roper 1, J. Mowle 2, A. G. Harrison 3, W. Saunders 4, N. Watson 5, C. Pease 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, F. C. J. Arnold 8. For Wymondham Abbey flower festival.

York (Minster).—Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Triples: Judith P. McGhie 1, D. E. Potter 2, Susan M. Fitton 3, Helen M. Simpson 4, Lyz Ewan 5, O. P. Claxton 6, D. J. Jones (cond.) 7, J. Blacktop 8. By York Colleges Guild as a farewell to Douglas Clegg, of the Minster Society.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

WINCANTON, Som., SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (15 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Composed by George Astbury.

1 Paul J. Dye 2 John S. Walton

3 David G. Massey *4 Susan M. Stott

†5 Christopher R. Field †6 John C. Sheppard 7 Tom Chapman (Conductor)

8 Geoffrey Hebden

*First on eight. †First of Stedman Triples.

HEMINGTON, Som, The Blessed Virgin Магу.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (163 cwt.) **5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

1 Ronald G. Beck
*2 George W. Massey
3 Michael J. Winterbourne
4 Raymond E. J. Baker

5 Roger I. Kendrick *6 David G. Massey (Conductor)

*100th together.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, Cathedral of Holy and Undivided Trinity.

Fri., Oct. 30, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (21 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by D. John Hunt.

Patrick J. Bird Jennifer M. Taylor

²3 Percy Gardner 4 Keith W. Scudamore

5 James R. Taylor
6 Michael J. Hobbs
†7 F. Cecil Mogford
8 D. John Hunt (Conductor)
*First peal. †Circled the tower.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

ASHDON, Essex, All Saints. Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 47min. $(15\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$

at., Nov. 1, 1910, 2nr. 47min. (13½ cwt.)

5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by N. Smith.

1 L. G. Smith (Sidney Sussex)

2 V. Nutton (Conductor, Selwyn)

3 Margaret L. Ellwood (Hughes Hall)

4 N. J. H. Small (Sidney Sussex)

5 J. L. Thorogood (Trinity)

6 T. H. Kirkman (Trinity Hall)

7 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)

8 D. Barton (Selwyn)

8 D. Barton (Selwyn)

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs, St. Peter. Wed., Oct. 21, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (183 cwt.)

5120 KENT SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Margaret P. Booth

2 Edward Jenkins 3 Basil Jones 4 Neil Bennett

5 Geoffrey R. Gardner 6 Ian M. Holland

7 Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)
8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
First in method by all. To celebrate the marriage of Derek A. Ashton, ringing master at this church, and Wynne Hughes, which took place at St. Stephen's, Astley, Lancs, the previous Saturday.

Peals

PREES, Shropshire, St. Chad.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B., 5 Plain Bob).

1 Gordon K. Green

2 Geoffrey A. Edwards 3 Edward V. Rodenhurst

4 David Allman
5 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
6 John R. Scott

Birthday compliments to E. V. Rodenhurst and W. J. Chester (both October 30).

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

ALLESLEY, Warwicks, All Saints. Thur., Nov. 5, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (12 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Johnson's variation.)

1 Percy Stone 2 Frank W. Perrens (Conductor) 3 Frederick Shallcross

4 Ian D. Thompson 5 Hubert G. Summers 6 Raymond Winter

L. Michael Callow 8 Geoffrey Pratt

On the 60th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

GREAT LONGSTONE, Derbys, St. Giles. Mon., Oct. 5, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (9 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James.
1 Timothy Wylie
2 Susan E. Banton

A. Colin Banton (Conductor)

4 Peter D. Taylor
5 Andrew R. Queen
6 Simon P. D. Burnett

Birthday compliment conductor's mother.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RAYNE, Essex, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (63 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (5 methods: 1 Double Oxford, St. Clements, Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B., 2 Plain Bob).

1 Roy Threadgold *2 John Connell

3 John A. Mayle 4 Peter Mayle

*5 James Green

6 Frank W. J. Roper (Conductor) *Most methods.

HALSTEAD, Essex, St. Andrew.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (151 cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Robert J. Lindsell

3 Alan R. Syder
4 Terry Earle
5 Yvonne A. Towler
6 Keith W. Brown
7 James L. Towler

8 Peter G. Brown (Conductor)

70th birthday compliment to Mr. R. Martin, a Halstead ringer.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CRONDALL, Hants, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (18 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (6 methods: Rev. Canterbury, Stedman, St. Simon, St. Martin,

Grandsire and Plain Bob). *§1 Marilyn Reay 2 Roy Le Marechal

*3 Peter J. Rowe 4 Edward J. Futcher (Conductor)

†5 P. Roy Collins th William Arnold

*Most methods. †125th peal. †12 the church and an engagement compliment to Miss Reay and Mr. R. Backhurst.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C., St. Lawrence Jewry.

Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (25 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Richard H. Youdale Beryl R. Simpson

2 Beryl R. Simpson
3 Andrew W. R. Wilby
4 Nicholas J. Chesson
5 Peter J. Munday
6 John R. Pratchett
7 Michael J. Church (Conductor)

8 Robert B. Smith

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

STANTON LACY, Shropshire, St. Peter. Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (12 cwt.)

5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (15 callings). *1 Desmond F. Ferguson

1 Destroid F. Felguson
1 Valerie M. Edge
2 Laurence T. Mainwaring
4 Robert A. Hatcher
5 Frederick R. Harris (Conductor)
16 Sidney J. Daniels

*First of Stedman and circled the tower. †First of Stedman Doubles. First of Stedman as conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

STANDON, Herts, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (17 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Beverley, Cambridge, St. Clements, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 Rosemary Spicer 2 Leonard Luck

3 Walter Hunt 4 Richard F. Prime 5 John E. Ewer

6 Frederick W. Ellis (Conductor) A birthday compliment to Rosemary Roden.

BENINGTON, Herts, St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton. (Johnson's variation.)

*1 Brian J. Willett †2 Percy C. Warboys 3 Richard F. Prime 4 William S. Deason

Leonard Luck

6 Robin J. Trebilcock
7 Frederick W. Ellis
8 Jack S. Dear (Conductor)
*First of Treble Bob. †First of Surprise.

Who sedulously attends, pointedly asks, calmly speaks, coolly answers, and ceases when he has no more to say, is in possession of some of the best requisites of man.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION EASTCHURCH, Kent, All Saints.

Sun., Nov. 1, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Plain Bob Minor).

1 Peter S. Muchlinski 2 Nicholas J. Chesson

Rhian Bagshaw 4 Peter D. J. Beal 5 Trevor Cross

6 Richard Hayes (Conductor)

For Patronal Festival.

HAILSHAM, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (9½ cwt.) 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1280 Bristol, Superlative; 1248 Cambridge, 1216 London, with 108 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

1 Walter H. Dobbie

*2 Jane Reynolds 3 Tony Lewis 4 David Featherstone

5 Michael H. O'Callaghan 6 Edward F. P. Bryant 7 David C. Brookes

8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor)
*First of spliced inside.

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (32 cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by John Pladdys.

James Hedgcock

2 John A. Howard
3 David A. Town
4 Keith G. Game
5 Tony Skilton

6 Thomas Cullingworth John Pladdys (Conductor)

8 Trevor A. Cross 9 John W. Smith 10 David L. Cawley

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.
Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.)
5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. J. Sedgley.
1 G. Ronald Edwards
2 Richard Clifton

*3 David G. Massey 4 Arthur E. Rowley

5 B. Stedman Payne

to Alec Jones
Roger Kendrick
Roland Beniston (Conductor)
First in method. *50th for guild. †First in method.

KIBWORTH, Leics, St. Wilfred.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (10½ cwt.) 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. 1 E. Guy Slater

2 Arthur E. Rowley *3 Hazel Nichols

4 Martin J. Kirk 5 Harry Bray 6 Frank Chambers 7 John W. Rawson

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)
*First in method inside. First peal after rehanging.

LEIRE, Leics, St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 27min. (7\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 MINOR (3 Kent T.B., 3 Cambridge Surprise, 1 Plain Bob).

1 J. Henry Dove 2 David Šimpson

2 David Shippon
3 Neville W. Paice
4 William Johnson
5 Gerald Johnson
6 Christopher M. Sturgess (Conductor) To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Milne, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Bayliss.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., Nov. 10, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (6½ cwt.) 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by John Carter.

B. Stedman Payne *2 Roger Kendrick 3 Richard Clifton 4 David G. Massey 5 Arthur E. Rowley

6 Ronald Hughes Alec Jones

*8 Kenneth Burdett 9 Roland Beniston (Conductor) 10 G. Ronald Edwards

*First in method.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

MARSHFIELD, Mon. St. Mary the Virgin. Fri., Nov. 6, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (11 cwt.) 5024 GWENT SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 David J. Llewellyn 2 Paul A. Williams

3 J. Michael Lakin 4 Stephen Fenwick 5 James Clatworthy

Nicholas W. H. Simon Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

8 Tudor P. Edwards First peal in the method

> **GWENT SURPRISE MAJOR** -58 -14.58 -- 58.36. -14 - 12.58 -- 12 -- . h.l. 18. l.e. mx. f.c.e. b.

BLAENAVON, Mon, St. Peter.
Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (9 cwt.)
5056 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by Nolan Golden.

*1 Gordon R. E. Wilkinson

*2 Peter N. Chambers

*3 Jeffrey D. Hankin *4 Andrew W. E. Bainham

*5 R. Mark Esbester
6 Michael R. Meadows

7 M. Jack Prior

*8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)
*First of Little Bob. Half muf Half muffled in memory of the Fallen of two world wars.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glam, St. Bridget. Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (11 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(5 240's, 32 extents.)

1 H. Donald Bryant

2 David Bounds 3 William T. Petty (Conductor)
4 Raymond J. Mayle
5 D. Walford Davies
6 Bernard V. Thurman

Birthday compliment to ringer of the 5th. First of Surprise.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD

SALFORD, Lancs, Sacred Trinity.

Sun., Nov. 8, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (113 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, 69 changes of method and all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1 Rosemary K. Gates
2 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights
*3 Elizabeth M. Tingle
4 Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)
†5 William Birmingham, jun.
†6 William M. Taylor

87 S. Nicholas Harron

§7 S. Nicholas Harrop

8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
*First of Spliced Surprise. †First of Spliced
Surprise Major. ‡First of 4-spliced. \$First
of Surprise inside. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HENDON, Middlesex, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (16½ cwt.) 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.
G. William Critchley (Conductor) Eric Edmondson

3 Dorothea M. Robotham 4 Ruth M. Foreman

*5 John Smith 6 Frank Reed 7 Brian S. Watson 8 Thomas J. Lock

*First in the method. A compliment to the Ven. Roy Southwell (vicar) on his appointment as Archdeacon of Northolt.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS Arranged by Norman W. Attaway.

1 G. Ronald Edwards 2 B. Stedman Payne

*3 Clive J. Mobbs †4 Ron D. Hughes *5 Kenneth G. Parker

6 Sheila Parsons
7 Frank Beech
8 Arthur E. Rowley
9 Norman W. Attaway (Conductor)
10 Edward R. Fairbrother
*First on ten. †50th for guild. First of Plain Bob Caters for all and for the guild.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

GARVESTON, Norfolk, St. Margaret.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (10 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1 Henry Tooke 2 Adrial Walton 3 Frank C. J. Arnold

*4 Gordon Elvin 5 Thomas E. Spight

6 Peter Adcock (Conductor)

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks, St. Mary and All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (21 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. Charge.

1 Dorothy R. Fletcher *2 Susan J. Lee

†3 Susan M. Evans 4 Kathleen E. Fletcher

5 Kenneth J. Darvill (Conductor)
6 Richard Lee
7 Roger W. Powell

8 Derek Francis
*First peal. †First of Major. For Patronal Festival.

WATLINGTON, Oxon, St. Leonard.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (24 cwt.) 5024 RUSHDEN SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger D. Bailey.

Michael Hatchett

Alan R. Pink (Conductor) Shirley M. Drew

4 William Birmingham
5 Ronald K. Russ
6 Peter J. Heritage 7 Frank Reed

8 Geoffrey R. Drew

First peal in the method by all and for the guild. For Patronal Festival.

BRADWELL, Bucks, St. Lawrence.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR (7 extents in 24 methods: (1) Carlisle, Chester, Munden; (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich. Norfolk, Bourne and Hull; (3) Rossendale and Stamford; (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham; (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (6) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (7) Westminster and Allendale).

1 Martin Major

*2 Katherine S. Hardy
3 Elizabeth Forster
4 Joyce M. Clarke
*5 David Redfearn

6 John R. Mayne (Conductor) *Most methods.

(Oxford City Branch)

IFFLEY, Oxford, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
1 William A. T. Carter
2 Laurence A. W. Busby
*3 David D. Pullin

4 Roy Goodwin 5 A. James Adams

6 Peter J. Heritage (Conductor)

*First inside. To mark the 800th anniversary of the foundation of this church.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD wild the and the -- PS 1 M H MOULTON, Northants, SS. Peter & Paul.

Tues., Nov. 10, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (16 cwt.) 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

By Stephen Ivin. 1 Jill Danby

2 Brian R. Danby 3 J. Malcolm Tyler

4 Richard J. Danby 5 Richard J. Cowley

6 Eric Billings

7 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor)
8 Barry R. Care
First in method for all except conductor. First in method as conductor. A compliment to Elizabeth Eady and Clifford Tuckley on their forthcoming marriage.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, Cathedral of St. Philip. Thur., Nov. 12, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (31 cwt.) 5000 CLYDE LITTLE S. MAXIMUS Arranged by P. Border.

Muriel Reay

*2 Roderick W. Pipe
3 Norman J. Goodman
4 Richard J. Tibbetts

Vernon Green 6 James Insley

7 Stephen W. Barton Terry R. Hampton

9 Kenneth J. Hesketh 10 George E. Fearn 11 Michael J. Fellows

12 Peter Border (Conductor)
*200th on 12 bells. First in the method.

CLYDE LITTLE SURPRISE MAXIMUS 36—56.14.5T—5T.36—14—3T.16—16.3T.16—16.30 (h.l.). mx.

DAVENTRY, Northants, The Holy Cross.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. (19 cwt.) 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 version.) Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Norman J. Goodman
 Kenneth J. Hesketh
 Richard J. Tibbetts

5 Roderick W. Pipe (Conductor)
6 Terry R. Hampton
7 Maurice F. Edwards
8 Charles A. S. Webb

9 Bryan D. A. Woolley 10 John A. Anderson

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Notts, All Saints. Fri., Oct. 30, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (12½ cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. I. Rowson.

Margaret E. Snyder

*2 Katherine Burchnall *3 Grace Burchnall

†4 William T. Exton 5 R. Brian Mills

*6 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

‡7 Ernest Preston

8 John R. Leeming *50th together, †Circled tower, ‡50th peal. For the Patronal Festival, also a compliment to Canon Keal, 30 years parish priest.

BABWORTH, Notts, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 each Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, 1 Plain Bob).
1 Christine M. N. Wright

2 Beryl N. Reed 3 Paul N. Mounsey

4 Raymond Fanthorpe 5 Colin W. Reed 6 Harry Poyner (Conductor)

To commemorate the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers (1620).

CODDINGTON, Notts, All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (7 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

F. William Midwinter

*2 Jennifer A. Curtis 3 Paul Raithby

4 Percy Holmes
5 Derek J. Tysoe (Conductor)
6 Paul F. Curtis

*First Minor inside. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

SUFFOLK GUILD

EARL SOHAM, Suffolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (11 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (2 2160's and 1 720.)

1 J. Martin Thorley 2 Leslie G. Brett 3 Walter W. Miller 4 Ernet G. Pearce

*5 Adrian Knights

6 J. Barry Pickup (Conductor)
*First of Cambridge Minor.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues., Nov. 10, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (8 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (17 methods: 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lindum, London, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, 256 Bristol, 192 Cornwall, Cassiobury, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 140

changes of method).
Composed by Norman Smith.

1 J. Martin Thorley

2 J. Barry Pickup
3 Dennis Knox
4 Howard W. Egglestone (Conductor)
*5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe

*6 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey
*7 Alan J. Munnings

*8 Leslie G. Brett
*Most Surprise Major methods. Most Surprise Major methods yet rung to a peal for the guild.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk, St. Ethelbert.

Fri., Nov. 13, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (10 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (5 methods: London, Ipswich, Surfley, Beverley, Cambridge).

1 Walter W. Miller 2 Katharine M. Thorley

3 Muriel R. Page 4 Leslie G. Brett 5 J. Barry Pickup

6 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

ELVEDEN, Suffolk, SS. Andrew & Patrick. Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (17 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Middleton's.)

1 Norman Watson 2 Dorothy M. Durrant 3 Muriel R. Page

4 Leslie G. Brett (Conductor)

5 Alan G. Feaver 6 Brian E. Whiting 7 Ernest G. Pearce 8 Maurice J. Rose

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

PORTSMOUTH, Hants, Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 15min. (25½ cwt.) 5184 LITTLE BOB ROYAL Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

*1 Barry J. Fry †2 Jennifer L. Quaife *†3 Ruth E. Halford

†4 Christopher Renyard ‡5 William F. J. Cope *6 H. Lyndon Hatfield

†7 John H. Hunt (Conductor) *8 Clive G. Bryant *9 Alan A. J. Buswell

*†10 R. Brian Walton
*First of Little Bob. †First of Royal. ‡First of Little Bob Royal. A welcome to Megan Rachel, daughter of Dianne and Lyndon Hatfield, born October 24, 1970.

PORTSEA, Hants, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (17 cwt.) 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by A. R. Kench. H. Lyndon Hatfield (Conductor)

Ruth E. Halford R. Brian Walton

4 Winifred E. Keys 5 William F. J. Cope

6 John P. Colliss 7 Edward W. Colley 8 Clive G. Bryant

To welcome Megan Rachel Hatfield, daughter of the conductor (born October 24, 1970).

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

EVESHAM, Worcs, The Bell Tower.

Sun., Nov. 1, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (11 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard. 1 Anthony C. Freeman 2 Arthur C. Berry

3 Christopher Hims 4 Shirley M. Drew *5 Rev. Albert Webb 6 Geoffrey R. Drew 7 Roger H. Hunt

8 Geoffrey J. Hemming (Conductor) *Has now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus in his own tower. For All Saints' Festival.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire, St. Thomas. tt., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (18 cwt.) 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

1 Andrew R. Naylor

*2 Iris M. E. Lemare

†3 Arthur Rogers

*4 Christopher

†4 Christopher D. Walker

5 Alex E. Marsh 6 Alan F. Scholfield

7 A. Robin Heppenstall
8 J. Henry Fielden (Conductor)
*200th of Surprise. †First of London.

SOWERBY, Yorks, St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (16 cwt.) 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 Delwyn Tidball

Iris Lemare *3 Margaret White

4 Patricia North
5 W. Eric Critchley (Conductor)

6 Ian North

7 J. Henry Fielden 8 Richard E. Price

*First of London.

NON-ASSOCIATION

GODSTONE, Surrey, St. Nicholas. Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (12 cwt.) 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by Arthur Knights.

*1 David K. Gough †2 Margaret P. Byrne 3 Raymond J. Talbot (Conductor)

†4 Wendy Wallace

5 Rosemary J. Cotton 6 David Woodward

7 Michael R. Wycherley 8 Jeremy R. Pratt *First peal. †First on eight. By St. James', Clerkenwell, Sunday service band.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WILLASTON, Cheshire, 4 Coppice Road. Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 1hr. 49min. (18 in G.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1-2 Geoffrey A. Edwards 3-4 John R. Scott

5-6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

To mark the 130th anniversary of the casting of these bells by William Dunn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Tues., Nov. 10, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (19 in F.) 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

3-4 John R. Mayne *5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves

7-8 Roger Baldwin 9-10 Julia A. Fellows *11-12 Frank C. Price

*First of York Maximus on handbells.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

WINTERTON, Lines, Wicken.

Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 1hr. 46min. (13.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1-2 Roger Hippisley 3-4 John G. Hall

5-6 Richard H. Hall (Conductor) First as conductor.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

MANCHESTER, Room A24, St. Anselm Hall, Victoria Park.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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3-4 Christopher L. D. Munday 5-6 William M. Taylor *7-8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)

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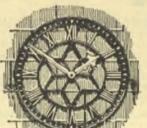
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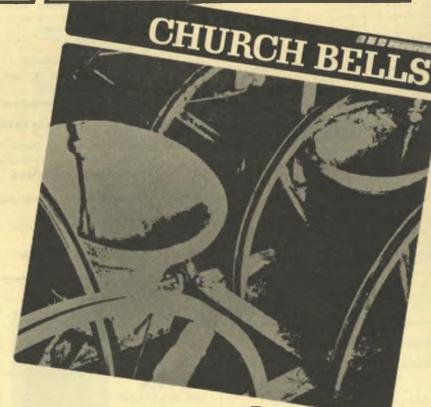
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JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH By W. T. COOK

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The next opening took place at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, when several touches were rung by eight College Youths. On New Year's Eve the bells of St. John's, Deptford, were opened by a band of College Youths, who were afterwards enter-tained to a ringers' supper. On January 7, 1875, Haworth took part in the last peal on the bells at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, before the demolition of the old tower and church, which were to be replaced by a new church. On Wednesday, April 14, 1875, Weybridge bells were opened with a peal of Stedman Triples, and the following day the same band rang a peal of Kent on the bells.

In November of the same year, Haworth took on the job of instructor to the ringers at St. Albans Abbey, a position which he held for over a year. Evidently all went well, and good progress was made. For a time Matthew Wood assisted Haworth, and in the report read at the annual meeting of the St. Albans Society on January 9, 1877, it was stated that "under the able tuition of Mr. Haworth . . and Mr. Wood, noted members of the celebrated band of College Youths, the Society has every reason to be satisfied with the progress it has made, the ringers having on several occasions rung over 500 changes." The accounts showed an amount of £21 12s. 6d. as instructors' expenses.

There are various newspaper cuttings in Haworth's book which relate to his time as instructor to the St. Albans ringers. The first tells that on December 27, 1875, "eight first tells that on December 27, 1875, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths ascended the tower of our fine old Abbey, and rang . . . over 5000 changes of Grandsire Triples in a splendid and masterly style; by a slight accident they did not complete the peal of 5040 changes, which would only have taken a few minutes more." The band included two local ringers, Henry Lewis and Henry Younger.

HONOURED AT DINNER

On July 19, 1876, twelve members of the St. Albans band, with Haworth, went to Benington, Herts, and rang various touches of Grandsire Triples. "They were honoured at dinner," says Church Bells, "by the company of Squire Proctor, his ringers, and other gentlemen, numbering about forty. During the day the Benington band rang Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise, much to the gratification of the young ringers of St. Albans, who have only been In practice a short time, but have. under the able instruction of Mr. J. R. Haworth (who has been presented with a gold scarfpin for his attention), been able to achieve what is mentioned above." Another cutting tells of the visit of the St. Albans band, with Haworth, to Woburn Abbey.

Through the recommendation of the Rev. T. Ellacombe, Haworth was asked by the Hon. Henrietta Kenvon to go to Hanmer, Flintshire, to instruct the ringers. He engaged to go there for a week, from November 29, 1875, and then to go on for a further week to Maloas. Cheshire, where the Hon. and Rev. T. W. Kenyon was rector. Haworth preserved the letters he received from the Hon. Henrietta Kenyon. from which it appears that the ringers of the six bells of Hanmer were at that time "young, and some of them quite inexperienced, though some few of them have learnt more." Travel was not so easy in those days: "I enclose a paper of trains. The first is the best if it is not too early for you, and I think it will be best for you to get a trap at Whitchurch, which will bring you and your box, as there are no flys to be had at Bettisfield, and we could not conveniently send for you."

A paragraph about Haworth's visit later appeared in Church Bells, in which it was stated that "although Mr. Haworth's visit was a short one, there was a great improvement in the striking, the management of the bells, the leads, &c., and the foundation laid for change-ringing . . . Mr. Haworth also visited Malpas . . . it is hoped that the example and advice of the London ringer will incite the young men to advance in the pleasing art of change-ringing . . ."

On the last day of 1875, eight members of the College Youths, with Haworth among them, travelled down to Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire, having "had the honour," says Church Bells, "of being invited to open the ring of eight bells at the village church of St. Stephen, by Henry Parnall, Esq., the restorer of the church and donor of the bells. They rang the old year out, and the new year was ushered in with well-struck change-ringing." On New Year's Day, 1876, the band rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first College Youths' peal in Wales. "On Sunday the College Youths rang at the commencement of the three services, which was highly appreciated. Before leaving Llanstephan they rang the hand-bells at the houses of several of the gentry, all of whom expressed themselves much pleased with the music of

TWO NEW ENGAGEMENTS

The year 1877 brought two new engagements of Haworth as ringing instructorat St. Andrew's, Hertford, and Arlesey, Beds. Haworth preserved some of the correspondence relating to these engagements, but it presents no special interest. On April 24, 1878, Haworth was once again one of the band that opened a new peal of bells-those in the rebuilt church at Privett, Hants, where a band of College Youths "manipulated the bells with great dexterity before and after the consecration according to the Observer and County News. In fact they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. Evidently Haworth had already turned the opportunity afforded by this new ring of bells to good account, for there is a paper in his book which says: "At a full meeting of the Company of Church Bell Ringers, established in the Parish of Privett, Hants, held at the Privett National School on Monday, May 20th, 1878, the Vicar in the chair, the following resolution . . . was carried unanimously, 'that the best thanks of the meeting be afforded to Mr. Haworth for his kindness and attention while engaged in instructing the Ringers."

The next two openings of bells recorded in Haworth's book took place in London. The first was the bells of the now vanished Church of St. John, Wilton Road, Pimlico, which were opened on October 2, 1878. Once again Haworth was appointed official instructor, as correspondence shows. Among the young ringers he taught there were two whose names were to become very well known Francis Edward Dawe and Challis F. Winney. The second was the opening of the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral on November 1, when Haworth rang the sixth in the opening touch. There is a very full and interesting account of this dedication ceremony in The Ringing World of November 2, 1928, and a shorter notice of it in the issue for November 1, 1968;

Haworth's book only contains a short cut-ting from The Daily Chronicle of November 2, and a service paper of the dedication ceremony. Haworth was elected one of the original members of the official St. Paul's band, and remained a member until his death in 1910, when H. Langdon was elected in his place.

ON HIS TRAVELS AGAIN

A few days later, Haworth received a letter which presumably set him off on his travels again. It was from a Mr. Arthur E. Street, of the Architects Office, New Courts of Justice, Strand, who wrote to say: "Lord Eldon has referred my father (G. E. Street, R.A.) to you as an authority on the hanging and ringing of bells. the Cathedral of Christ Church, Dublin. which my father has just been restoring, there is a peal of 13 bells, partly new. These do not give satisfaction, but there is considerable difference of opinion about the cause. . . . My father wishes me to ask you whether you would meet him at Christ Church, Dublin, on Friday in next week (Nov: 8th), so that you might give your opinion." It appears from another letter that Haworth agreed to go, but there is no record in his books of what happened on that occasion.

Meanwhile, Haworth had continued to give instruction at Waltham Abbey, and on February 3, 1879, the Waltham Abbey Society, all of whom were also members of The College Youths, rang a peal of Stedman Triples on their bells, this being the first peal of Stedman by the society, rung at the first attempt. Haworth rang the treble to this peal, he having been elected a member of the local company before starting for the peal; "and on the following evening," it was reported in Church Bells, "being the annual supper, he was presented with a sum of money for his assistance (once a fortnight for seven years) to the Society."

In 1879 or 1880 Haworth was appointed instructor to the ringers at Hitchin, Herts. A band of College Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples there on April 19, 1880, with Haworth on the second. This was the first peal on the bells since 1782, according to The North Herts Journal, or 1796 if The Herts Express is to be believed. After the peal, The Herts Express tells us, "Mr. Proctor's band of ringers from Bennington and the Hitchin ringers performed some change ringing in clever style. In the evening the College Youths and other ringers were entertained at dinner in the Sun Hotel . . . The health . . . was drunk . . . of Mr. Allen, the captain of the Hitchin ringers, through whose exertions so talented a body of ringers had been got together. A capital performance on the handbells was given by some of the College Youths. under the leadership of Mr. Haworth, who, it may be mentioned, has recently been giving instruction to the Hitchin ringers, very much to their improvement. The evening, which was enlivened by several songs and speeches, was very pleasantly spent until the time arrived for the departure of the London ringers, when the company separated.'

(To be continued.)

The happy man, It is not great wealth nor high station which makes a man Many of the most wretched beings on earth have both; but it is a radiant. sunny spirit, which knows how to beat little trials and to enjoy little comforts, and which thus extracts happiness from every incident of life.

MORE MUGS

(An account of the Manchester University

Guild's outing for freshers—Oct. 10, 1970) Leaving Manchester at 8.30 on a dark, foggy morning wasn't much fun, but we had to go early to avoid the traffic. Carefully avoiding other cars driving about Cheshire at that time of day, we arrived at Bowdon 20 minutes too soon. Some members of the party rang handbells round the monument (but nobody was watching!). The locals met us (they turned out to be lithesome lasses who helped us ring Original, even with 4ths place bobs). They were really nice bells and we managed some Surprise Major with the odd half-lead single on them. We flashed across to Rostherne (23 cwt. six) and just about managed to ring some changes. Mobberley has a beautiful church and it was decorated for Harvest Festival. In the ringing gallery the front three bells perform on a stage about 3 feet higher than the back three, but that didn't cause any trouble and the bells sound very pleasant. We found more traffic in Knutsford (of motorway fame), another Harvest Festival and another nice six. These were anti-clockwise, which fooled us, surprisingly. We had to ring at Great Budworth before lunch (a good idea, really), for this ton weight eight goes rather heavily and gave us a good appetite.

By now the weather had turned out very fine, and all set out enthusiastically for the afternoon session. The six at Stretton didn't seem to respond to our handling too well (the tenor having a very independent spirit) so we were pleased to find the eight at Grappenhall in excellent condition, tuneful and capable of more methods than we were. We rushed to Lymm and worked hard on the 30 cwt, eight (extremely sonorous), became very weary, and admired the vertical fluorescent lighting. In no time at all we reached Warburton, another eight, but only 26 cwt. this time. Our strength had failed and the bells weren't so toneful, so we left quite early. There was a long gap before the last tower, so we sampled Cheshire pasties at the local before ringing at Culcheth. A fast-going eight here with a familiar twang in the trebles, and we rang spliced everything. It was too dark and cold to go any further now, so back to Manchester, coffee, and so to bed. Thanks to Nik for arranging, drivers for driving and locals for meeting.
(P.S.—We've still got some freshers!)

WHAT GENERATION GAP?

Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rang a quarter of Bob Minor at St. Mary's Church, Berry Pomeroy, prior to harvest festival service recently. noteworthy, perhaps, except that the band embraced an age range of 71 years! Stan-ley Carter, senior member of the guild's Mid-Devon Branch, pulled a fine treble rope on his 83rd birthday. (Stan came to Devon in 1965 from Hertfordshire.) He has been ringing for over 65 years and is still very active, ringing regularly at Brix-

ham and Dartmouth.

Guy Thompson, also from Brixham, rang his first quarter peal inside one week short of his 13th birthday. Guy, one of the brightest young recruits to the branch for some time, has been a ringer for just two years but started learning change-ringing less than 12 months ago. Since his first quarter peal on February 14 he has comhandled the treble through quarters of Doubles. Minor, Triples, Major and Caters, and on practice nights has been ringing inside for some time. R. F. S. Derby Association

ELEVEN LOCAL TOWERS

The October meeting of the Chesterfield District was held on the 10th at Clowne. when ringing on the light six in a wide variety of methods was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening, jointly conducted by Malcolm Phipps and Derek Peers (district ringing masters). Some 40 members sat down to tea in the Church Hall, prepared and served by the lady members of the local band.

A short business meeting, chaired by John Arkwell, was held, at which Ann Naylor (Clowne) was elected a member and a welcome was extended to visiting ringers from Rotherham. Best wishes were extended to David Hird (Chesterfield) and Joseph Leary (Old Brampton) on their departure to universities, and tributes were paid to the late Mr. John Sykes (Dronfield), founder member of the association.

Local towers represented at the meeting were Barlborough, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Clowne, Dronfield, Eckington, Norton, North Wingfield, Old Brampton, Old Whittington and Staveley.

Thanks were given to Mr. George Hunt and the local ringers for an excellent tea, well-maintained bells and kind hospitality. M. E. B.

Meadows' Marvels WILTSHIRE WEEKEND

On the evening of September 11, Wendy and Les Meadows, the organisers (Churcham), Cecil Cox (Much Marcle), Jack Webb and Anne Butcher (Ross-on-Wye). Ray and Beryl Brewer (Llangarron), David Huddleston and David Andrews (Henbury), Derek Price (Welland) and Geraldine Mitchell (Corse) made their way to Devizes.

Next day, Saturday, a very wet one, began with the ground floor six of Market Lavington. An interesting feature of this church is the square peep-hole from the vicar's vestry to the sanctuary. This village, which is often likened to a miniature town, was followed by yet another ground floor ring at Great Cheverell. At Erlestoke we were met by the vicar and found the bells already up for us. The rain, although still troublesome, had eased enough for us to admire the Early English arch the church possesses. Next came the lovely church of Edington, which dates back to 1361. Before being able to ring on the ten, approach to the tower has to be made across the roof. We were joined at Edington by Jack and Lena Long (Lydney).

Following lunch came the musical six of

Bratton. The steps to the ringing room are very steep indeed, but the lovely clean tower makes the climb worthwhile. At Horningsham, as a result of the storms, we rang in a pool of water which had managed to get into the ringing room. Some of us were very honoured to be shown a most exquisitely embroidered altar frontal, which we understand was made by a member of the Bath family of nearby Longleat. This beautiful piece of work must surely be the church's proudest possession. The recently-rehung bells of Corsley, with such a light, airy ringing room, were a pleasure to ring. The day then closed with the long draught at Keevil.

Sunday morning, the weather hardly any better, saw us at various churches nearby. joining local ringers for ringing for matins. After lunch we made our various ways home, after spending a most enjoyable weekend in Wiltshire, and we thank all who made the tour possible.

Norwich Association THREE FUNCTIONS

About 40 ringers and friends went on the first-ever Eastern Branch outing on September 26. The coach left Beccles at 5.30 a.m. and arrived at the Loughborough Bell Foundry at about 11.15 a.m. Following a very interesting conducted tour of the foundry the ringers were able to try their hand on the very light ring of ten in the Campanile, and then adjourned for lunch. Visiting Queens Park, we ascended the many steps inside the carillon, first to the museum, then the playing room, where we had a demonstration of tune ringing, and finally to the actual bells, from where we had an excellent view of Loughborough. The next call was Loughborough Parish Church, where the ten were available for some very enjoyable ringing. Loughborough for Melton Mowbray and after a very good tea there set off on the long journey home, having had a very enjoyable day, for which we thank Norman Cossey who had made the arrangements.

On October 3 about 25 members attended the Eastern Branch quarterly meeting at Ludham, where the service was conducted by the rector (Rev. F. Smith), who also played the organ. During the meeting thanks were extended to the Rev. Smith, the ladies who had prepared tea, and Canon H. Wake for the use of Catfield bells. Because of the state of the tower. Catfield bells were available for a short time only.

On October 31, 74 ringers and friends sat down at the Star Hotel, Great Yarmouth, for the first dinner to be held in the Eastern Branch. Following an excellent meal, Rev. Peter N. Bond (chairman) made a short farewell speech as he is leaving to take up an appointment at the end of November. The guest of honour (Canon A. G. G. Thurlow) welcomed the youngest ringer in the branch, Miss Kaye Fuller (Pakefield), who is only eight years old. After a short break all were entertained by the Norton Subcourse Handbell Ringers, who rang several well-known tunes and ended with two Christmas carols. The party left soon after 11 p.m., having had a very enjoyable evening, and Norman Cos-sey was again thanked for organising the M.K.

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS AS-SOCIATION. — Meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), Dec. 12, 2.30-8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, without fail, to Mr. B. A. Sollis, Pendene, Haddon Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, by Wed previous. Subscriptions due.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Dec. 12, ringing at Foxton 3-4, then Harston for service at 4.30, tea and further ringing.—J. S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- S.W. District .ing, Sat., Dec. 12, Leytonstone. Ringing 7.30-Advance notice of A.G.M. at Waltham Abbey on January 12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION —Forest Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 12: Minsterworth (6), 3-3.45; Churcham (6), 3-8.30. Service at Churcham. Names for tea to Mrs. Meadows, Lower Barn Cottages, Churcham,

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Western District.—King's Langley (8), Dec. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Barker, 7 Langley Hill Close, King's Lang-

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, - Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 12, Kendal. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—T. F. Metcalfe. 253

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Annual general meeting to be held at St. Thomas Church, St. Helens, on Sat., Dec. 12. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. G. H. Hurst, 107 Peter Street, St. Helens, by Dec. 9. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. All members urged to attend.-D. C. H. S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Branch.-Meeting, Milnrow, on Sat., Dec. 12 Bells (8), 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Light tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. K. Patton, 72 Beechfield Road, Milnrow, Rochdale.— G. Cheetham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — S and W. District.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 12. Ring ing: Feltham (10), 3-4.30; Bedfont (6), 4-5 and after tea; Stanwell (6), 7-8.30. Tea and business in Bedfont Church Hall at 5 p.m.-

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Dereham, Sat., Dec. 12. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. P. Adams, Greenways, The Grove, Dereham, by Dec. 9.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Winkfield (6), Sat., Dec. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to A. L. Pearson, 75 Pinkneys Road, Maidenhead, by Wed., Dec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton (6), Sat., Dec. 12. Names for tea to Mrs. 1. Webb, South View, Staverton, Daventry, Northants, by Thurs. previous.-I. Webb.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Cardigan, Sat., Dec. 12. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. F. Walters, 113 Maesglas, Cardigan. — J. Prytherch, Hon

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.-North Dorset Branch.—A.G.M., Sat., Dec. 12, Sturminster Newton. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss Julius, Stourton Caundle, Sturminster Newton, by Tues., Dec. 8.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — South East District.— A.D.M., Sat., Dec. 12, St. Mary's, Woodbridge (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bookings for tea, please, to Mr. A. S. Woodard, The Flat, 42 Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1AL, no later than Thurs., Dec. 10. Members, this is YOUR MEETING. ALL welcome.—W. L., Dis. Sec 220

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. -- Western Branch.—Meeting, Kildwick (8), Sat., Dec. 12.
Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Law, Rose Cottage, Farnhill, Keighley, Dec. 7.—A. B. Sullivan, Branch Sec. 249
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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Cleveland and N. Yorkshire Branch.— Meeting, Thornaby-on-Tees, Sat., Dec. 12. Names for tea to Mrs. Laura Yates, 47 Stainton Street, North Ormesby, Teesside, TS3 6QD, by Wed., Dec. 9.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 273

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Dec. 19, Derby Cathedral. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. and meeting, after the service, in the Chapter House. Ringing till 8 p.m.—Clive A. Thrower, 51 Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 258

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CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

681 .- Weekley, Northants, August 4: omission, Extent 5 Double Bob, 6 Double Oxford and St. Clements.

- Chew Stoke: quarter of Doubles (not Triples); Bob Triples was at Chew Magna. Compton Dando, July 21: Susan Wills rang 4, and on July 28 conductor P. Blacker (not R. Perry); July 20, P. Blacker rang tenor (not Baker).

676. — Handbell quarter at Faringdon: 1-2 M

Raymont (not A. Hutchins).
797.—Peal, Compton Dando, duplicated p. 858.
820.—Handbell peal, Swindon Village: Spliced Plain Major, include 392 Little Bob.

838.—Clevedon peal footnote: Bells never recast: entirely new (Taylor, 1925) with existing tenor (Bilbie, 1725, 14½ cwt. after tuning).

858. - West Bromwich quarter, All Saints, October 4th (not 6th).

860.—Coddington peal: treble ringer David L. W. Tomlinson.

861. - Southampton handbell peal: conductor, William S. Croft. 900.—Southampton (St. Mary), tenor weight

(front 6) 7½ cwt. 360.—Birmingham Cathedral, Glasgow S. Major,

Thursday, August 13. 900.—Hartlebury peal (Oct. 13): time 2 hrs.

54 mins. 919.—Croft, Leics, peal: 4th ringer, Carol I. V.

Brown (not Corton). 841.—Handbell peal, Macclesfield, Bob Royal,

Sept. 10: Non-Association (not Chester Guild). 856. — Quarter, Burton Hastings: conductor, Robert Bacon, not G. Edmands.

820.-Handbell peal, Cambridge S. Maximus, Sept. 22, duplicated on page 840.

859.-Earl Shilton: Stedman Triples rung Sept. 12, time 2 hrs. 45 mins. 858.—Stratton St. Margaret, Spliced Surprise:

treble, P. Donald Naylor. 840.—Newtown Linford: 5040 Plain Bob Minor,

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LATE NOTICES

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Sat., Deo. 12. Ringing at North Cave 3-4 p.m. Service, St. Luke's Church, Willerby, 4.30,

p.m. Service, St. Luke's Church, Willerby, 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing at Kirk Ella after tea until 8.30. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Johnson, 5 Redland Drive, Kirk Ella. 287 COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry Archdeaconry. — Christmas get-together and social evening, Thurs., Dec. 17. Ringing at Monk's Kirby 7.30. Supper afterwards at the Denbigh Arms, Monk's Kirby (7/6). Skittles, darts, piano, etc. Names essential to D. W. Mountford, 61 Heath Lane, Brinklow, Rugby (Tel.: Pailton 404), by Dec. 10.

notices of motions for the A.G.M., 1971, must reach me by Feb. 1 (Rules VI and IX).—P. W. 291 ESSEX ASSOCIATION. -- Nominations and

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION —Swindon Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mark, Swindon (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Tombs, 31 Little Avenue, Swindon, by previous Wednesday.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Eastern District.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 12, Ware (8), 6.30 p.m.—S. E. James, Hon. Dis. Sec. 284

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Joint Preston/ Bolton Branch meeting, Adlington, Sat., Dec. 12. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea without fail, please, to A. McNutt, 45 Bolton Road, Anderton, by Wed., Dec. 9. Visitors wel-come. Special methods: London S. Major and Hawkhurst Triples.—P. Tallis and D. G. Lawson, Branch Secs.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD .-- Syston District.—The next meeting will be held at Humberstone on Sat., Dec. 12. Ringing from 3 p.m. until 4.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Cox, 54 Abbots Road, Humberstone, Leicester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (Tottenham Court Road tube station), Mon., Dec. 7, 7 p.m.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, Atcham (6), Fri., Dec. 18. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. F. W. 296 SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with Church Stretton Branch of the Hereford Guild at Berrington (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Lloyd, The Flat, Crunk Till, Cross Houses, Salop, by the Wednesday before .-

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.— N. Notts meeting, North Wheatley, Dec. 12. Usual arrangements. Write to the secretary to book tea (address in Diary).

SUFFOLK LADIES' GUILD. - Social on Sat., Dec. 5, at St. Mary's Community Centre, Windermere Road, Stowmarket, at 7 o'clock, to include dancing, games, entertainment, food and

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Kirdford (6) and Billingshurst (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Kirdford bells from 3 p.m. Service at Billingshurst 5.45 p.m. and ringing afterwards to 8.30 p.m. For details of tea please ring Patrick Wills, Bognor Regis 24952

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO-CIATION. — Western Branch. — Branch annual meeting will be held on Sat., Dec. 5, at Uptonmeeting will be held on Sat., Dec. 5, at Upton-on-Severn. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business at Plants Café, High Street. Cost of tea approx. 5s. 6d. Hanley Castle bells (6) from 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, 12 Arrowsmith Avenue, St. Worcester.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.-Nomination meeting at Ashtead, Dec. 12. Ringing 15.30. Service 16.30. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. G. M. Laver, 30 Moat Court, Ashtead, by previous Thursday. -J. A. L. 309

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stroud Branch. — Meeting, Haresfield (6), Hardwicke (6), Dec. 19, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Birt, Lynholme, Rack Hill, Chalford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Caine Branch.-Evening meeting, Bremhill, Sat., Dec.

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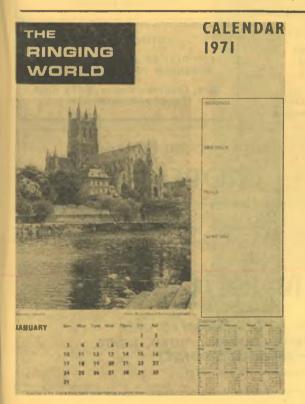
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Lt. T. G. B. Boydell, Lt. W. F. Moreton and Lt. R. C. H. Briggs rang a handbell peal of Bob Minor in Ahmednagar, India, it being the first peal for Lt. Briggs.
Moreton conducted.

Mr. E. C. Shepherd gave a lecture on bellringing to the Solihull Society of Arts.

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Mr. B. T. Jeanes (Bridgwater) gave a questions and answers article on "Perfection."

50 YEARS AGO

December 3, 1920 In a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, his first attempt at a peal was successful for Robert A. Farden, who "is under 17 years of age." Arthur Mason rang the 6th, and George R. Farden the 7th.

Rung on the eve of the 300th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Guild was a peal of Cambridge Royal at St. Stephen's, Bristol.

Continuing his prowess for tapping peals, Arthur T. Morris tapped 5056 Kent T.B. Major in 2hrs. 40mins., whilst at Monkseaton, Northumberland. James E., Thomas T., Joseph A. and R. Alder Gofton (? brothers) rang a handbell peal of London Surprise Major.

An attempt was made to revive the Oxford University Society, which had ceased its activities some time before the war.

A large number of letters had been received by the Editor about charging for the insertion of peals.

A new district of the Ladies' Guild, called the Northampton District, was formed with Miss Cecil Hepburn as hon secretary.

Mr. James George celebrated his 67th birthday by ringing his 100th peal of Sted-man Cinques, and a celebration party followed the event.

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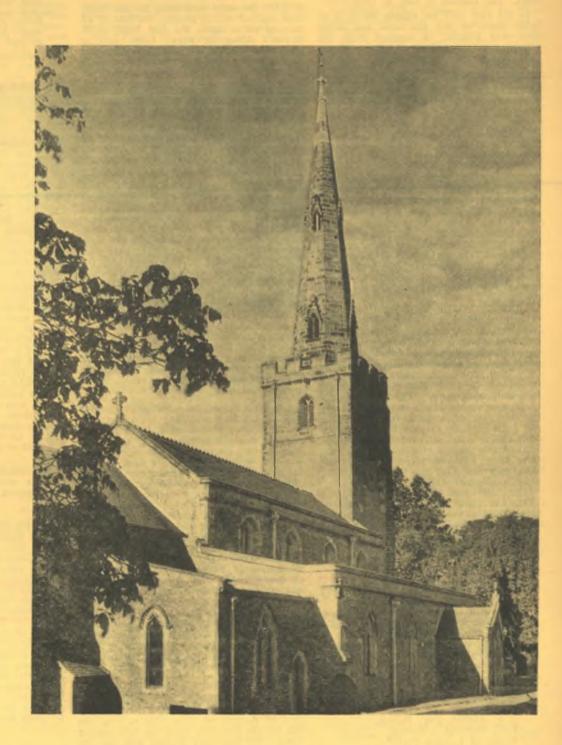
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THE CHURCH, dedicated to All Saints, is in the Early English style of architecture and was erected probably towards the end of the 13th or beginning of the 14th century. It has a square embattled tower, with a handsome light spire, a nave, north aisle and chancel. The spire is an octagonal pyramid, in height 60ft., a side of the octagon at the base being 5ft. 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)in. The tower and steeple are of equal height. The length of the nave is 54ft., its breadth 21\(\frac{1}{2}\)ft. and the aisle 15ft., making a total width of 36½ft. The chancel is 30ft. in length.

In the year 1607 the steeple, which is of hewn stone—as are the nave and north aisle—was pointed, as appears from the following memorandum in the register: "The Steeple of this parishe was poynted in the year of Our Lord God 1607. Jhon Worship beinge then persone and preachere there, and Jhon Tacker and Edward Wryght, Churchwardens." It has also twice been seriously damaged, first in a heavy gale, March 14, 1757, which rendered necessary the rebuilding of 16ft. of the spire and the repair of the rest at a cost of upwards of £40, and second when it was struck by lightning in 1804 or 1805, which shivered off some of the cornice stones, forced out the weather-boards from the northern bell window and damaged the clock.

Before 1611 there were only three bells, but in that year the great bell broke and was recast into two. The catastrophe is duly chronicled on the cover of the register. as follows: "The greate Bell of Sapcot was broke on ye feaste day of St. Michaell 1611, and cast into two bells, on the ninth day of November ye same, and hunge up on the .

This memorandum is in the handwriting of John Worship, the rector, but the blank left for the date of the replacing of the bells has never been filled in. From this circumstance and from the following memorandom at the end of the register it would seem that, for some reason or other, a period of 10 years elapsed before these two bells were hung: "The bells of Sapcoate were newly hunge in a newe frame, the XIth day of Auguste, in the yeare of our Lord 1621, by Edward Jones, a North-amptonshire man; Richard Messenger and amptonsaire man; Kichard Messenger and John Kinde beinge churchwardens at the same time; John Worshipe beinge parson, who dyed the XIth day of January next after." (Signed) THOS. ADAMS.

The bells were newly hung August 1, 1721, and once more in 1809, when the

second bell was recast, having been broken some years before. They are all of a fine, full tone, and when well rung sound very sweetly. On each of them, with the exception of the first, which bears only a date,

is an inscription, viz., on the

1st: (date only) 1611

2nd: B. Perkins, C. W. J. Over, B. H. J.

Briant, Hereford, Fecit, 1809

3rd: Ave Maria Gra. Plena. D'no Tecum. 4th: Thomas Newcombe, of Leicester, made mee, 1611.

The above is an extract from the History of Sapcote, 1853, by the Rev. H. Whitley, M.A., Curate, but is not absolutely correct as the 3rd bell of the four was cast by T.

Mears in 1812. The inscription reads:

"W. Spencer. A. Nurse, Churchwardsns

1812.

I. F. Turner, Esq., Patron.
I. E. Harrington Rector
Mears of London Fecit."

In 1894 a great restoration was embarked upon through the initiative of the Rev. A. G. Lound, Rector. This entailed adding two trebles, and an excellent metal Hframe for six was fitted by Messrs, John Taylor & Co. at the cost of (we believe) £250. These two bells are inscribed:—

1st.—Joseph Garratt and Stephen Holvoak Churchwardens. 1894.

Crest.

2nd.—Alfred George Lound Rector 1894. Taylor's Crest.

In 1951 the bells were hung on ball bearings together with a general overhaul of all moving parts, again the cost being £250, Taylor's doing the work. From time to time since the 1894 restoration there has been talk of adding two trebles to complete the octave. The writer, with a band of ringers capable of ringing Surprise Major, approached the Church Council for permission to raise the necessary money. a new church hall had just been built and £1,000 was still needed to pay for that. The ringers, however, promised to raise the money for the bells entirely from collecting scrap, and the Church Council agreed.

To save money, Messrs. Taylors were approached to see if a do-it-yourself effort, with the founders supplying the parts, could be arranged. This they agreed, which saved approximately £500. With £60 in the bell-ringers' fund, work started in September, 1969, collecting papers, scrap-iron and nonferrous metals. By the end of that year the fund reached £230. We asked the Church Council if we could place the order and they agreed. They also agreed that the Rector write to the Lord Bishop of Leicester, asking him to dedicate the bells on December 12, 1970, and he kindly accepted. It looked as though we would be able to have the two trebles by the end of 1970. The writer's farmyard was turned into a scrap-yard, and we have lost count of how many old motor-cars have been cut up. By the end of April the fund had reached £550 -about half-way.

On Whit Sunday an appropriate quarter peal of 8-Spliced was rung after Evensong by the Sunday service band, being the last ring on the bells before starting work putting the new frame in for the eight, which we had built ourselves. We also decided to have the ringing chamber upstairs. A metal staircase was purchased and fitted to the existing floor 22ft. up the tower. The new belfry was plastered by Mr. Tony Seal, a member of the P.C.C., with about a dozen churchmen and ringers ably mixing and carrying the plaster. For the next three months work proceeded in the tower -literally from top to bottom. Frank K. Measures, of Burbage, very kindly made us a new hopper-type opening window and an ingenious counter-balance trapdoor was fitted at the entrance to the new ringing room. The old six were rearranged in their existing frame to enable the two new treble ropes to come down in the right place in the ringing chamber. The staircase was cased in with chipboard with the help of Mr. Des. Butterfield, who has spent many hours working on the project, and the whole of the frame was cleaned down and painted by Neil Harvey. A new ceiling was fixed in the ringing chamber and by the end of August we were able to ring the six for the first time from the new ringing room. All were very pleased with the improved go of the bells with the shorter draught.

On September 9, 1970, a party of over 20 from Sapcote visited Taylor's Foundry to witness the casting of the new trebles. Approximately three weeks later the writer went to Loughborough with his van and collected the bells, headstocks and all ringing mechanism for them.

The bells were placed at the chancel steps for Harvest Festival services and were of considerable interest to the congregation, the inscriptions being:-

Treble.-Two trebles added to complete the octave through the initiative of the Sapcote Ringers. Michael E. Brown, Head Ringer.

John Taylor & Co. Loughborough.

Second. — Dedicated 12-12-70 by the Lord
Bishop of Leicester. C. W. Scott, B.Sc.,
Rector. A. Chapman, J. Underwood, Churchwardens. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

The following day the bells were hung in the tower by Mr. Denys Harvey and the writer, and that same evening the local ringers had a "try out" ringing Bob Major, Cambridge S. Major and then "fired" them at the wish of the architect, who was then satisfied with the tower and the way the bells were hung in it.

The following evening we had a visit from Mr. Paul Taylor, accompanied by Mr. Harold Marcon, who complimented all on the work done and gave advice on how to improve the acoustics in the tower. The back six were too loud and the trebles being on top were too quiet. This was remedied with another floor being fixed immediately under the bell frame; a chute made from the new trebles right down to the ringing room ceiling (4ft. x 18in.) and this gave every satisfaction.

We then turned our thoughts to a heating and ventilation system in the new ringing room. David Manship (Burbage), an expert in this field, kindly offered to help. Ducts were made and fixed in the ringing chamber and a fan with electric element fitted below to blow hot or cold air at the flick of a switch. At the time of writing part of this job is still in hand, and the ringing room, new staircase and old ringing room have still to be decorated. This, D.V., will be completed for Dedication Day, together with a fitted carpet on the ringing room floor. The total cost of the whole project, including all materials, is approx. £1,150. Of this we have raised £920, leaving £230 to find, and the deadline is Easter,

This whole project would not have been possible without the co-operation and en-couragement of the Rector (Rev. C. W.

RINGERS

Sapcote has always had a regular change ringing Sunday service band. The first peal on the bells was in five minor methods on Wake Saturday, 1896, when three Sapcote ringers rang their first peal. It was not until Easter Monday, 1915, that the second peal was rung, in which Charles W. Brown rang his first peal and who later became head ringer for about 30 years but has now retired to Stourbridge. Until the Second World War only seven peals had been rung. In 1944 two peals were rung, one of which enabled the writer to ring his first peal, and after the bells were rehung in 1951 peal ringing increased. A number of peals were rung by the Sunday service band, the climax of which was Spliced Surprise Minor in 34 methods. To date 69 peals have been rung on the bells.

MICHAEL E. BROWN, Head Ringer.

University of London

SILVER JUBILEE DINNER

Efforts made in the mid-'30's to found a ringing association within the University of London were not successful, and it was another ten years or so and after the second world war before sufficient numbers of interested students were available, and these formed the nucleus of the University of London Society, founded in 1945.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of its founding, members, relatives, friends and specially invited guests attended a dinner at Mecca Restaurant, London E.C.2, on November 28, when Mr. Alan F. Thirst (fifth president) presided over a gathering of 100. Supporting Mr. Thirst were his wife and the Rev. L. E. M. Claxton, Father How, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kench, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. A. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sibson, Mr. D. Barton and Mr. N. Thomson.

The president, Alan F.
Thirst, with Sue Miles
(hon. secretary), Nigel
Thomson (master), Mrs.
Thirst and Denis Layton, photographed by
The Ringing World before the dinner.



Mr. Philip Gray, who had flown home that day, spoke briefly, apologising for having been unable to propose the toast but as it was a special occasion—"Our silver wedding—jubilee, I mean," he corrected himself, amid laughter, and as he was in on the start (as first secretary) he felt very proud that after 25 years the society was still flourishing.

Mr. Dale Barton (master of the Cambridge University Guild), responding, thanked the society for their splendid hospitality, congratulated the members on their jubilee and proceeded in a jocular and bantering manner to quote from the Book of Proverbs and The Ringing World.

Mr. Prior, in proposing the toast of "The Founders," gave details as he remembered them of the mid-'30's attempts to found the society, which were not success-



Following the very excellent meal, the president called on the company to honour the loyal toast, and this was immediately followed by one to the Church, which on this occasion was a formal one only, with no response, to enable others following to speak at greater length on the 25 years that the society has existed.

The visitors were welcomed on the call of Mr. Robert Dennis, who deputised for Mr. Philip Gray (and whose name as proposer was printed on the menu card), who had to fly to Bucharest three days before the dinner and had asked to be relieved of this obligation.

"We have been particularly fortunate during our 25 years' existence," said Mr. Dennis "to receive support from the College Youths, the Cumberlands, the London County Association, and also from the incumbents of the churches where the society rings." He particularly mentioned the Rev. L. E. M. Claxton (St. Olave's, Hart Street) and Father How (St. Vedast's). Other guests welcomed included the master of the College Youths (Mr. A. Kench) and Mrs. Kench, the secretary of the College Youths (Mr. J. Prior), Mr. Alan Patterson (junior steward), Mr. Wilfred Williams, Mr. Jack Euston, Mr. William Theobald and many members from the Cumberlands, including the master (Mr. Derek Sibson) and Mrs. Sibson, Messrs. William and Douglas Hughes (Whitechapel Bell Foundry) and also representatives from Cambridge, Bristol and Southampton Universities.

Members of the society drank the health of their guests and visitors,

ful. The next moves, as far as he knew, were in 1944, when Denis Layton and Philip Gray with one or two others got together with the result that the University of London Society came into being on October 12, 1945. Denis was the first master and Philip the secretary, with James Simpson as president. Giving the company the details of subsequent presidents and masters the speaker said that at the first general meeting there were only five present, but those five had certainly made sure that the foundations of the society were well and truly laid. Two names of pioneers who were not now with them were James Simpson and Geoffrey Carter (auditor), the latter gentleman being remembered for his very delightful character.

The society had proved its value, said Mr. Prior, by enabling ringing to take place in City of London churches where otherwise little or no ringing would be done, and also in providing the two oldest societies with new blood. He felt it was a great honour to propose the toast to the founders of the society and invited all present to join him in drinking to the health of those gentlemen.

25 YEARS OF HISTORY

Rising, amidst applause, to reply, Mr. Denis Layton caused considerable amusement by producing a huge file of papers, from which, he said, Mr. Prior had quoted, and another similar file which he intended to refer to for his speech.

There were, he added, a number of young people present who were not even born when the society was founded—something he felt difficult to believe, as he himself did not feel any older than 25! (Laughter.) The

problems and happenings of the early days the meetings, outings, reunions and dinners during the 25 years of its existence were dealt with by Mr. Layton in a very interesting, if rather lengthy, speech, and would make, we feel sure, with the other data he has in his possession, an informative and historic booklet which each and every member of the society would wish to possess.

Many amusing incidents and a number of

Many amusing incidents and a number of personal reminiscences were told by the speaker and there was at times an atmosphere which brought murmurings of nostalgic pleasure. Although he could have "gone on all night," Mr. Layton closed by thanking, on behalf of those founders present, all the company for honouring the

toast.

Proposing "The Society," Mr. D. Town thanked firstly those ringers who helped in the ringing on Thursdays and then spoke of the welcome always extended to new members and of the friendly spirit prevailing at society functions. Speaking mainly of happenings among the younger members of the society, the laughter and comments of his friends and associates sitting at his table at times completely drowned what he had to say. He concluded by remarking that the work of the committees and members over 25 years had made the society what it was today, and he looked forward with eagerness, anticipation and confidence to the next 25 years.

The master (Mr. Nigel Thomson) replying gave a resume of the activities during the past year and mentioned many events connected with individual members. Interspersed with several stories, he finally thanked the previous speaker for proposing the toast, and said that the society was in a healthy state and, with everybody's support, would continue to be so.

The president, who introduced each speaker, closed the formal proceedings with several notices and informed the company that the bar was open until midnight.

RECORD OF INVERARAY BELLS AND CHIMES

A 7in. L.P. 33\frac{1}{2} r.p.m. record of Inveraray bells and chimes will shortly be available and advertised in this journal. This is the first of two gramophone records to be produced and will be mainly of traditional Scottish and English tunes and hymns chimed on the bells by Mr. Ray Aldington, assistant carilloneur to the Bournville Village Trust. The selection includes, however, about three minutes of Stedman Caters by members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers This is a superb reproduction of bells—acceptable change ringing standards of reproduction. At a cost of 15s. (+1/6 p.p.) it will provide an excellent present to any change ringer, lover of bells, of music, or of tradition—Scottish or English.

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RINGING WORLD FINANCES—THE FACTS

It had to come. The Ringing World Committee on November 14 were forced to accept the inevitable and agree to increase the price of our paper from January next. As indicated in our brief announcement last week, we have had to wait for final details to be fixed up with the printers. In accordance with the policy of telling our readers as much as possible about their paper and our management of it, the Committee asked me to write this article, giving you the facts. The now customary note of our other decisions will appear separately.

It will be recalled that on August 21, 1970 (page 663), we reported requests from Seven Corners Press Ltd. for a substantial increase in the price paid for printing and that, after considering our financial position we had agreed to offer a limited increase per week for the time being and to consider the matter further when details of the expected increased wages and paper prices were available. Until that time the first six months' working in 1970 had shown a small profit in spite of our increased editorial costs, which readers will recall started in October, 1969. The amount which we were then able to offer our printers, and which they accepted in the spirit in which it was offered, was £20 a week on the basic price charged. Simple arithmetic shows that this, apart from extras, was a direct additional call on our income at the rate of £1,040 a The four months' figures (July to October) studied on November 14 showed indeed that by the end of this year or earlier the small profit would be decreased and might even vanish. This despite all our special efforts such as calendars, gift tokens, extra advertisement charges and the quite outstanding efforts of Mr. Denyer in conjunction with the printing staff to make economies in production without reducing too much the quality of the paper.

Many of our readers will know that while we do our best to use up-to-date business methods (we can tell at short notice all through the year how our finances are proceeding—which is more than many business firms can) we do not and cannot run the R.W. as a trading concern. We live on the interest from our investments—they are not paid out to shareholders;

we depend for our subject matter on the written contributions of our readers (or ourselves)—we have no paid reporters; we have no paid board of directors and no directors' expenses; we make full use of, and are grateful for, donations from the very many of our readers who can proudly claim in consequence that the R.W. is "our paper".

But all this means that we cannot at times of need reduce our expenditure except by reducing the size or quality or frequency of issue of the paper. And we do not believe that the Exercise wants a smaller paper, or a poorer paper, or one which appears only monthly. A national newspaper or a trade paper can and often does consist of 50% or more of advertise-ments for which they can charge high rates commensurate with their circulation. The proportion of advertising in the R.W. is very low, is connected with ringing, and most of it has to be paid for in one form or another by you, the reader. We have not found it possible to obtain "national" advertising to any extent in spite of con-stant efforts. Indeed we do not believe that our readers want to pay good money for pages of advertisements unconnected with ringing; and we would not, even if we could, wish our voluntary efforts to be spent in being advertising agents for extraneous products.

NOT UNREASONABLE REQUEST

On November 14 the Committee had to face a not unreasonable request from the printers for a further increase in the basic charge per issue. They gave details of the increased costs—basic rates for printers rose for men and women by 14% and 19% respectively from August 5 last and there will be further increases in August, 1971. And there have been greatly increased charges for paper and ink, with more expected next year.

We have offered to pay an increase of $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the basic price which has been in force since last August and have asked that this price remain firm throughout 1971. Seven Corners Press Ltd. have accepted our offer at least until August, 1971, and the increase will operate from the first issue in 1971

About half of our circulation is posted to subscribers, and they I am sure will have noted that as from Decimalisation Day the Post Office has announced increases in postal charges. 4d. and 5d. letters will from that date cost 6d. and 7d. Many of our subscribers renew in January each year and it is clear therefore that, to be fair to all, any increase in the subscription rates must be applied also from January I. An added complication to be allowed for is decimalisation.

Very regretfully, therefore, it has been decided that the price of the R.W. must be increased to Is. 3d. from the first issue in January and 62 new pence from Decimalisation Day — February 15. This is the minimum increase possible to meet the present increased commitments. Hitherto our postal subscribers have paid £3 a year for one copy. Allowing for 52/3 issues at ts., this has not fully covered the cost of postage, wrappers and labour costs for addressing and packing. Offset against this was the fact that publication costs for newsagents' copies were higher than they are now that we do our own publishing. We now have to ask our postal subscribers to pay the full cost of the service they obtain-not forgetting that when the post is normal they receive their copies earlier than others. The annual subscription rate for one copy by post each week has therefore been raised to £4 4s. from January 1. Other rates pro rata will be shown in the paper. The Committee have, however, authorised the editor to publish additional pages when news warrants it to give readers some additional return for the increased charges.

The Committee have not made these changes lightly or without much thought. And they were greatly helped in their consideration by the presence at the meeting of the Central Council's senior officers and also the R.W. treasurer and the accountant. They are confident that with this explanation the Exercise will understand the dilemma and will appreciate that the paper is so vital these days to the life of the Exercise that it must be continued whatever the cost and whatever the effort. They confidently hope, too, that there will be no drop in circulation such that the overheads will have to be spread over fewer copies and the price increased yet again-this time for no good reason-and that their decision to keep the increase to the barest minimum will be justified.

WILFRID G. WILSON.

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Bath and Wells Association.

Presentation at Yeovil.

May 16, 1970, saw the Ilchester Branch embark on a new venture—a branch striking competition, as reported in The Ringing World of June 12. In the accompanying photograph Mrs. Margaret Legget is seen handing the "Striking Competition"

Trophy" (which she herself donated) to the captain of the victorious Yeovil St. John the Baptist team, who went on to compete in the inter-branch competition on October 24 being placed fifth with 141 faults.

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

The information on the opposite page is of great importance, not only to readers of The Ringing World but to EVERY ringer. The circulation must be maintained and, if possible, improved, for as we have said on many occasions without a weekly paper what would become of the Exercise! It is YOUR responsibility to see that our journal continues, and we ask you to accept the challenge and keep it alive.

We realise that many of our older (fixed income) readers will find it difficult to afford the additional cost and we suggest that guild or association and district or branch officers endeavour to find out if one of these pensioners has had to give up The Ringing World, and to ensure that a copy is made available to him either by sharing one or by purchasing one from benevolent funds.

There are a few subscribers who yearly donate a subscription for this purpose and we invite others who feel they would like to help in this way to send what they can afford to Mr. Lucas, subscription manager, Ringing World Office. c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford, and copies will be despatched regularly to deserving cases.

Jeff and Sandra Claughton, writing from Ndola, Zambia, say:

"We have enjoyed our first three weeks here. We have moved into a flat and hope soon to move into a bungalow. So far we have not seen very much. Ndola is not very inspiring (but the swimming pool is good) but in time we hope to get much further afield. We are sorry that we can't send you all any 'lovely African sunshine,' but the rains started a fortnight ago and we've seen very little of the sun these last two weeks and can expect a mere four hours a day for the next four months. It is, however, a good deal warmer than it is back home."

In hospital at Farnham, Surrey is Mr. Roy Collins, who was operated upon on the evening of Monday, November 30, for the removal of his appendix. Mr. Robin Collis is in the South Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, under observation. He went in on December 2. Mr. Peter Sells is also back in hospital for further treatment following his motor accident. All send their best wishes to these three well-known ringers, and also to others whom we have not heard about.

Mr. David E. Parsons, Egham, Surrey, will be leaving England on January 3 for a three months' course in language training in Berlin. He is on development work in Messrs. Siemens' laboratories.

The Egham bell augmentation appeal is going quite well and we are informed that £710 of the £1,200 required is in hand, helped by an anonymous donation of £360, one from Schröder charity of £50, and £73 from waste paper (including old Ringing Worlds).

The bells at Drewsteignton, Devon, have been retuned and rehung (not recast, as stated in The Ringing World, page 892) and the rededication was on November 17.

Many ringing friends of Mr. Stanley V. Rayfield, of Queenborough (Rochester and District) will be pleased that he is making good progress at his home after his illness.

Don't forget to post your Christmas Greetings now for inclusion in next week's issue.

Because of postal delays due to last week "stoppages," several advertisements and other notices arrived too late for inclusion in our columns.

Personal Records: Mary E. Elmes (200 peals), Christopher N. Scholes (100), Beryl R. Simpson (175) Brian M. Gardner (100), Richard Manton (50), John H. Hunt (250), Peter J. Brown (100), Iris M. E. Lemare (200).

"With a Thirst on one side and a Poole on the other, do you wonder I fell in?"—Comment by Mr. J. Prior at the University of London Society Dinner, speaking of the request for him to propose the toast by Mr. A. Keith Poole and Mr. Alan Thirst.

A quarter of Bob Royal rung at Manchester Cathedral on November 14 for the Girl Guides' Association diamond jubilee service was conducted by Miss Jane Reynolds. Until a few years ago Jane was a member of the Girl Guides Company at St. Mary's, Prestwich, Manchester.

Manchester Cathedral ringers thank the ringers at Manchester Town Hall for the use of the Town Hall bells for a Wednesday evening practice, when the Cathedral weekly practice had to be cancelled at short notice because of another function taking place in the Cathedral.

The different prices for metal tonnage was the subject discussed at one table during the dinner of the University of London, Society, and whilst tin, being melted, evaporated at £1,500 per ton, the cost of lead, which many believe to be a costly metal, is only £120 per ton.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on October 11 and submitted last month to the memory of Edwin Langley Campton (69) who died on October 5, was rung by Anne Vernon 1, F. K. Measures (cond.) 2, J. Veasey 3, Cynthia Wells 4 H. Parker 5, D. Manship 6, J. Watkins 7, B. Tipper 8. The name of the place was not given, neither was there a name and address of sender, so it could not be included in the usual place.

Mr. F. W. Tomlin, of Loughton, Essex tells us that he has had dealings recently with the B.B.C. 1 Television recording team and found it very efficient. The handbells were rung to be included in a programme "Seeing and Believing." The Whittington Handbell Ringers, who performed, have been connected with St. Michael's, Pater noster Row. E.C.4, since 1949, and the church has been restored for the Mission to Seamen. The programme recorded very be used on March 14, 1971.

Walter Judge, ringing master of the Oxford Society until last year, celebrated his 75th birthday on November 16. A peal was attempted by members of the society at his home tower, Kidlington, but was unfortunately unsuccessful. Walter is still very active as tower captain at Kidlington and continues to teach learners there. He finds that the claims of his own tower prevent him from attending ringing at Oxford Cathedral on Sunday mornings, and his presence there is greatly missed.

Mr. Christopher L. D. Munday and Miss Ann Peck, of Manchester University Guild, are now engaged, and a peal of spliced was rung at Salford to congratulate the couple.

To All English Ringers: Greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from the Ringers of Christ Church Cathedral, New Zealand. (The first Christmas card received—the greetings and good wishes are reciprocated.)

First peal congratulations to: Norman A. Johnson, David Morton, Julian Beldom, David J. Palmer, Martin Bluck, Christopher B. Martin-Jones, Gregory J. Webster, Stuart M. Lee, Colin R. Gibbons, Philip N. Green, Margaret Brown, Alan R. Bentley, Judy Weekes, Christopher B. Wacher Mark

R. Hutcheson, Neil Sheard.

A special Sunday is set aside at Chelsfield, Kent, when the bellringers are remembered, and this year, according to the report in a local paper, the ringers rang an immaculate quarter of St. Clements under the expert direction of Mr. John Barnes (secretary of the Cumberland Youths). There is a very strong band of ringers, including many youngsters, some of whom "stand on boxes to reach the sallies." The preacher at the special service was the Rev. John Ellingham, of Groombridge, "popular hon. assistant priest and bellringer at Chelsfield."

Selby, Yorks, ringers have very good reason to be proud of their effort for on November 15, for Evensong, seven of the eight ringers rang a first, and at the first attempt! (Peal attempt shortly?)

Printing 150 copies by hand and 24 pages (plus cover), some in two colours, is quite a feat, but Paul Cattermole and his friend, Colin Cunningham, have done that in producing "The Bells of Bale." The lino cut illustrations and the collating and binding all needed considerable time, and Paul and Colin will appreciate the first edition of Stedman's Tintinnalogia, which was all printed on machinery even more crude than their own Albion press. (Congratulations to these amateur printers!)

A quarter at Wheatley, Oxon, was a triumph for Colin Smith, as all the ringers taking part were taught by him. It is sad, however, that the first quarter by a "homegrown" band should be a finale for Colin, as he has now moved to Headington.

Diamond Wedding quarter at Ashtonunder-Hill near Pershore, Worcs, on November 12 to Mr. Jack Langley, former ringer, and Mrs. Langley.

Sixty-six methods were spliced to a quarter at Damerham, Hants, on November 12. Mr. D. C. Jackson, the conductor, believes this is the greatest number in a quarter.

Earl's Barton, Northants, has just completed its 1,000 years' festival. Closing act in this Saxon tower was a quarter of Plain Bob Major.

Youngest local ringer to call a quarter at Orsett, Essex, is 15-year-old Stephen Wood, who had had three previous attempts. There were three other teenagers in the band and, to improve the average, 81-year-old Harry Smith. "We were all very pleased," writes Miss Joan Hills. "Happy Birthday" was said by Petersfield

"Happy Birthday" was said by Petersfield ringers with a quarter of Triples on November 22. Recipient was Mr. N. H. Bennett,

one of their company who is now 85.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association ringers celebrated 50 years of ringing together by a quarter at Stroud on November 22. They were Leslie Barry, Thomas Witts and Trevor Pritchard.

Letters

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FROM KUWAIT

Dear Sir,—I should like to congratulate C. D. on the most enjoyable article con-

cerning true harmonic tuning.

Although it is a number of years since I took an active interest in ringing, and memory perforce suffers, I suggest he visits Middleton Cheney, near Banbury, and Clay-brooke, Leics. I believe the tenor at Middleton is by Bagley, and I remember being impressed by its sound, although I cannot now say whether it was true or near true harmonic. The Claybrooke tenor is a very good bell, though I believe its founder is unknown. This bell is best heard from inside the tower, and particularly during a well-struck rise and fall. At these times it produces a tremendous sound which is most impressive.

One interesting point not covered by C. D. concerns the differences in sound between light and heavy bells tuned to the true harmonic principle. As these become heavier an additional note four times higher than the strike note becomes audible. On some bells, D, C sharp and below, this is very prominent, although the overall

effect is pleasant.

There is no doubt to my mind that true harmonic tuning is decidedly better than the old style. There, the seventh hum note tended to take the "body" out of the bell in particular the larger examples. ever, true harmonic has one disadvantage that should be carefully considered by church councils and people contemplating restorations. In general it produces a stereotyped bell—good though it may be. The effect of this is that all true harmonic bells of similar note sound the same and "character" is thereby lost through too extensive recastings. In this context I remember being particularly disappointed when the old eight at Southwell Minster were recast into the present twelve, which are very good, though light for the tower, and so very similar to many others of this weight, size and key.—Yours faithfully.

J. B. BENNETT.

Kuwait.

NOT THE FIRST

Dear Sir,—On page 906 of The Ringing World Mr. Pannell gives details of a peal

rung at Hartford, Huntingdon.

I was a member of a band which rang the first peal there in 1930. This was rung for the Ely Association, and the annual report confirms two peals rung at Hartford.

Yours faithfully, ERNEST H. MASTIN. Downham Market, Norfolk.

TWO BELLS STOLEN

Little Lever, near Bolton had eight bells, hung dead (for chiming), with an 8½ cwt. tenor, but there are now only six, as the 7th and 8th have been stolen. Thieves 7th and 8th have been stolen. somehow manhandled the bells and lowered them to the ground, but as the tower has stone louvres, two of the walls face houses and the Vicarage, the other two being over and part of the church, it must have been a tricky job. Mr. J. Thornley, of Farnworth, who sent us the information, said it must have been "a job" by people who knew how to handle heavy loads.

NEWGATE

Dear Sir, In reply to Mr. D. Cawley's letter concerning the tolling of a bell at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, for condemned prisoners at Newgate, the answer appears to be that both a handbell and a tower bell

were rung on such occasions.

In 1605 a certain John Dowe left £50 "for ringing the greatest bell in the church on the day the condemned prisoners are executed and for other services for ever concerning such condemned prisoners."

The "other services" consisted of the ringing of a handbell by the clerk under the window of the condemned prisoner's cell on the night before execution, and repeating a certain admonitory rhyme, and presenting the prisoner with a nosegay on his way to execution next morning.

The above facts are taken from Campanology, dated November 11, 1896, but no mention is made of the bell which is now displayed at Madame Tussaud's. I can only assume that this bell was used, as Mr. Cawley says, to announce public executions, and the St. Sepulchre's handbell used in the manner already described.-Yours faithfully,

D. F. WILLCOCKS. Southgate, N.

NORTHFLEET LITTLE BOB

Dear Sir,-With reference to the request for information on Northfleet Little Bob contained in the article on St. Botolph's, Northfleet, on page 910, I have the following figures for this method:

38.16—34. 12 l.h. 4ths place bob.

It would seem, however, that a 4ths place bob cannot be correct, as this would mean that 5, 6, 7 and 8 would never come to the front. A 6ths place bob would seem to be much more likely.

The basic method has a six-lead course with lead heads of 13428765, 14235678, 12348765, 13425678, 14238765, 12345678.

Unfortunately I have no compositions for this method.

I trust this information will be of interest to your readers, especially to the band of St. Botolph's, Northfleet.—Yours faithfully, J. W. SMITH, S./Sgt., R.A.M.C. B.F.P.O. 29.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Dear Sir,-I was surprised to read (Ringing World, page 911) Mr. A. R. Kench's claim that the Ancient Society of College Youths as an institution "is very nearly as old as the Church of England itself," the implication no doubt being that the Church of England originated from the Reformation period.

On the contrary it might be said that the Church has existed in this country from Roman times, although St. Augustine is generally considered to have founded the Church of England in the year 597, and despite being at that time under the jurisdiction of the Pope it enjoyed considerable independence until the 12th century.

There were certainly changes at the time the Reformation (comparable ones are taking place in the Roman Catholic Church today), but there was no break in legal continuity when the Church of England succeeded in reasserting its ancient independence in the 16th century.

As a matter of interest, if Mr. Kench

ever visits Lincoln Cathedral he will be able to see one of the four remaining contemporary copies of Magna Carta, in which he may read (in Latin, of course) the clause which states that "the Church of England shall be free," and this was written in the year 1215.—Yours faithfully,

Lincoln.

M. L. MANN.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT (on Handbells)

December 31, 1970, at 9.30 a.m.; in the vestry at All Saints' Church, Whiteparish, Salisbury, Wiltshire: 10,000 Spliced Plain Major (six methods).

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Whiteparish, Wilts.

PETTY SQUABBLES

Dear Sir,-One of the worst things that can disrupt a band of ringers is a quarrel amongst its members, and very often the subject of the disagreement is a petty one. I have come across several bands broken up for this reason, and in one case the ringing itself has been seriously affected.

If only the ringers in question would realise that they ring primarily for the church and people, and that their petty differences must be prevented from interfering with the ringing of the bells. If there are not many ringers in an area a quarrel can cause some to go and ring elsewhere, leaving the original band quite unable to maintain a respectable standard of ringing.

Arguments between ringers are unavoidable, human nature being what it is, but when they prevent the bells of a tower from being rung, they are unforgivable; the people in question do not deserve to be known as ringers and church workers. -Yours faithfully,

DISMAYED.

Gloucester.

A GUILD CHURCH

John Euston writes:

"St. Andrew's, Holborn: To correct a misunderstanding, I must point out that Joe Hawkins took charge of St. Andrew's iust after World War I and maintained what I considered the best Sunday service ringing there (in London) until 1940. The morning ringing would commence at 10 a.m. with all visitors welcome! (and there were many). Evening ringing would mean that anyone who was there ready to start sharp at 5.30 p.m. would be in a quarter attempt, and there were often up to six or seven ringers present; noted critics sitting out. Methods were Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman with an odd quarter of Double Norwich or Cambridge. Joe was wholly impartial, although a staunch College Youth."

SPIRE DAMAGED

The gales which raged on November 3 were responsible for considerable damage to All Saints' Church, Cockermouth, Cumberland. A gust of wind estimated at 117 m.p.h. brought the large iron cross, several ornamental summit stones and some blocks of masonry crashing down through the roof Generally, the church the chancel. furniture was not badly damaged, but steeplejacks had to work long hours removing loosened and unsafe masonry from the 180ft. high spire.

Ringing is suspended, for how long is not known, as repair costs will be considerable and there was no insurance to cover this type of damage. An appeal has been launched, Mr. R. W. D. Wetenhall tells us, and the ringers are doing their best to keep together by ringing at other towers.

All ringers will sympathise in the misfortune which has struck Cockermouth, and any financial help will be welcomed and acknowledged by Mr. Wetenhall at Shotton

Lodge, Cockermouth.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

Whittlesford, Cambs. — Nov. 13, 2520 Bob Doubles: J. Bates 1, Elizabeth Bird 2, Pat Hur-worth (cond.) 3, M. R. Kitson 4, 1, G. Hinton 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. First half peal 1, 2, 3, 5,

FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (November 8)

Bentley Common, Essex. — 1260 Bob Minor: Miss L. Doone 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, R. Coughlan 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, F. Southwood 6. Half-muffled.

Bishop's Stortford, Herts. - 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, R. Hayden 2, K. Westwood 3, D. Wallis 4, W. Hunt (cond.) 5, A. Richardson 6, R. Prime 7, A. Westwood (first as cover bell, aged 15) 8. Half-muffled.

Bradpole, Dorset. - 1344 Grandsire Triples: J. Hartung 1, D. B. Ellery 2, Valerie Calvert 3, Andrews 4, R. Haines 5, I. Calvert 6, J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8. Half-muffled.

Burton Hastings, Warks. - 1259 Doubles (7 methods): W. Noon 1, D. Manship 2, B. L. Burrows 3, R. A. Gilliver 4, K. P. Gilliver Burrows 3, R. A. Gill (cond.) 5. Half-muffled.

Cassington, Oxon.—1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): G. Cox 1, W. Butler 2, A. Hicks 3, W. Jones 4, H. Miles 5, A. Franklin 6.

Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.—1260 Bob Minor: Howe 1, B. Edwards 2, P. Ramage 3, M. Penson 4, M. Hawkins 5, A. Butcher (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

East Hoathly, Sussex. - 1309 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: D. Stewart (first away from cover) 1, Jacqueline Neal 2, A. Baldock (cond.) 3, C. Spreadbury (first in two methods) 4, T. Barlow 5, C. Nicholson 6.

Deddington, Oxon.-1260 Bob Minor: O. J. Hemmings 1, W. Minnear 2, W. J. Cowley 3, W. Ivings 4, A. W. Ivings 5, C. C. Clarke

(cond.) 6. Half-muffled. Egham, Surrey. — 1280 Bristol S. Major: Frances A. Garfield 1, D. E. Parsons 2, Catherine A. Elliott 3, Joyce A. Parsons 4, D. H. Stone 5, S. R. Elliott 6, N. Summerhayes 7, A. D. Flood (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 5 and 6. Half-muffled.

Fordham, Cambs .- 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: A Barber 1, S. Mann (first inside) 2, .C. Bell 3, R. Palmer (cond.) 4, C. Sargeant 5, M. Brown 6.

Jesmond, Newcastle - on - Tyne .--- 1260 Bob Minor: D. Wheeler 1, Dorothy Graham 2, Sarah Dines 3, A. Dines 4, M. Houghton (cond.) 5, R. Scholes 6. Half-muffled.

Limpsfield, Surrey. — 1260 Doubles (five methods): S. Keen (first quarter) 1, R. W. Stephens 2, Mary Stephens 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, Susan Oliver (first quarter)

Llandaff, Glam (Cathedral). - 1260 Doubles (three methods): Zoe MacMillan 1, Anne Cooke 2, N. A. James 3, F. W. Corney 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, J. Barton-Plumb 6. Half-

Prittlewell, Essex. - 1260 Stedman Triples: Penny Sloman 1, B. Sadler 2, M. Hallett 3, S. Halliwell 4, P. Giles 5, G. Bacon 6, D. Sloman (cond.) 7, G. Eve 8. Half-muffled.

Ryton, Salop. — 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Illidge 1, N. Bramall 2, K. A. Russell 3, Williamson 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5. Also for 4th ringer's birthday.

Sandy, Beds. — 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. Mander 1, Charlotte Harris 2, Joan Ashton 3, M. Mander 4, D. Goss 5, A. H. Smith (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

Sapcote, Leics. — Nov. 8, 1440 T.B. Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): Lynette Starkey 1, Alison Butterfield 2, D. M. Brown 3, N. W. Harvey 4, L. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) Half-muffled

Sawbridgeworth, Herts.-1264 Bob Major: R Prime 1, G. Goodman 2, K. Westwood 3, C Moore 4, R. Walker 5, A. Richardson 6, W Hunt (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. Half-muffled

Shirley, Warks .- 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. Nash 1, E. T. Lloyd 2, R. E. Tallis 3, R. J. Moore 4, R. J. Weekes 5, D. H. Walters 6, C. D. Baugh (cond.) 7, N. E. Smith 8. Half-muffled.

Yatton, Som .- 1260 Bob Triples: Judith Gallop 1, T. D. Hawkings 2, Susan Moore 3, P. J England (cond.) 4, T. Chapman 5, P. J. Dye 6, S. G. Smith 7, L. Lawrence 8.

Yaxley, Hunts.--1260 Bob Minor: Pamela Blackith 1, J. R. Charlton 2, D. J. W. Gadd 3. E. David 4, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 5, W. J. Riley 6. Half-muffled.

Addington, Surrey. - Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: Dianne Head 1, Sheila Wilthew 2, Louise Powell 3, Penny Cocks 4, 1. Wiltshire (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Family Communion.

Alrewas, Staffs.—Nov. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: E. J. Dolman 1, F. A. Sedgwick 2, Miss M. Boam 3, P. Corfield (first in method) 4, A. P. 5, C. T. Collins (first in method as cond.) 6.

Ashton-under-Hill, Worcs. - Nov. 12, 1260 Bob Minor: D. Cotton 1, R. Perks 2, R. Hick-mott 3, H. Plumb 4, R. Harris 5, K. Pratt 6. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. Jack Langley, local ringer, and Mrs. Langley.

Badby, Northants. — Nov. 15, 1260 Mixed Doubles: Penelope Webb 1, Iris Webb 2, J. Townley 3, S. Webb 4, J. Frodsham (cond.) 5, Box 6. For Evensong.

Barking, Suffolk .- Nov. 4, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, R. E. Lester 2, H. A. Mitson 3, J. J. Prentice 4, St. J. Perry 5, E. A. Cracknell (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Alan R. Bridges.

Barton St. David, Som.-Nov. 21, 1260 Bob Minor: D. G. Mayell 1, R. J. Mears 2, Miss S. Mayell 3, P. R. Board 4, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 5, C. W. Tidewell (first Minor as cond.) 6.

Belton, Rutland.—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: Cynthia E. Barnett 1, L. Atton 2, J. A. Ellis 3, Lynne Green (first quarter) 4, R. J. Chantler 5, J. Groome (cond.) 6.

Binsted, Hants. - 1260 Bob Minor: Karin Hatherly 1, Maureen Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper 5, D. Hughes (cond.) 6.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.-Nov. 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Canon A. S. Roberts 1, E. H. Langley 2, J. Copping 3, R. Perry Copping (first as cond.) 5, D. Copping 6. A welcome back to Cornwall for Mr. E. H. Langley 18 months in Rhodesia.

Chigwell, Essex.—Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Minor: Elizabeth Dunlop 1, G. H. Walker 2, J. Cronquist 3, J. Beldom 4, P. D. Austin 5, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 6. First Minor inside 3, 4. Also Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Doubles: P. W. Hill 1, J. A. Beldom 2, J. Cronquist 3, P. D. Austin 4, D. A. Tovell 5, Marion A. Cass 6, For All Saints' Day,

Claybrooke, Leics.—Nov. 6, 1260 Bob Minor: Jane A. Evans 1, S. Mary Laurence 2, G. F. Millers 3, D. F. Millers 4, W. H. Laurence 5, R. A. Gilliver (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 4, 5. birthday compliment to Mrs. Seal, donor of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th bells.

Chesterfield, Derbys. — Nov. 1, 1296 Little
Bob Royal: Celia Dawson 1, Miss S. Ettles 2,
D. Hird 3, M. P. Phipps 4, F. Cooke 5, R. Hancock 6, P. Rose 7, J. D. Arkwell 8, B. A.
Richards 9, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 10. First on ten 1, 2, 6. For Patronal Festival; also a farewell compliment to the vicar, Ven. T. Ingram-Cleasby) and on the eve of his induction at Morton, Derbyshire.

Codsall, Staffs. — Oct. 11, 1260 Doubles (3

methods): S. W. Illidge 1, A. D. Collins 2, D. Head 3, H. E. Green 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. Smith 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

Compton Dando, Som.—Nov. 15, 1260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Coombs 1, M. Canon 2, P. Devrell 3, F. Mogford 4, A. J. Coombs (cond.) 5, R. Perry 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Ruby Coombs, wife of treble ringer and mother of conductor.

Croft, Leics.-Nov. 16, 1260 Bob Minor: Watson 1, Kathleen Learmont (first quarter) 2, Susan M. Clark (first touch) 3, Carol I. V. Brown 4, M. P. Brown 5, J. E. Harrold (cond.) A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powers, of Croft.

Damerham, Hants.-Nov. 12, 1320 Doubles (66 methods): Flora M. Stocker 1, Faith Riley 2, A. A. Nunn 3, B. J. Fry 4, D. C. Jackson (cond., 150th quarter) 5, B. P. Peachey 6. Believed to be the greatest number of spliced methods to a quarter.

Dulverton, Som.—Nov. 21, 1470 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Tuckett 1, H. V. Young 2, K. Lee 3, A. H. Reed 4, D. R. Clayton 5, H. V. Lloyd 6, K. E. Beale (cond.) 7, R. G. Fisher 8.

Dunkeswell, Devon.—Nov. 10, 1260 Stedman

Doubles: A. Crabb 1, J. Thorn 2, F. Stamp 3, L. Morrell 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Stevens 6. First in method for all except conductor.

Earls Barton, Northants.—Nov. 1, 1264 Bob Major: A. F. Denny 1, S. J. Bayliss 2, R. Henman 3, B. R. Care 4, S. J. Griffiths 5, D. J. Morgan 6, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 7, A. R. Jones 8, For the closing service of the "Festival 1,000", marking the 1,000 years that this Saxon tower has stood.

Fulbeck, Lincs.—Nov. 22, 1260 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: S. J. F. Mitchell 1, Elaine M. Rolfe 2, Susan M. Heath 3, F. Derry 4, D. E. Kirton (cond.) 5, J. Draycott 6. First with Stedman for all. An 89th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Fraser, grandmother of treble ringer and Fulbeck's oldest inhabitant.

Glaston, Rutland .-- Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: R. J. Chantler 1, L. Atton 2, Lesley Green (first attempt) 3, Cynthia E. Barnett 4, J. A. Ellis 5, C. J. Groome (cond.) 6. For family service.
Glastonbury, Som. — Nov. 16, 1272 Gainsborough S. Minor: Susan Willis 1, R. Perry 2,
J. Brain 3, M. J. Horseman 4, E. T. Lee 5, P.

England (cond.) 6. First by all. Great Bentley, Essex. - Sept. 26, 1260 Bob Minor: Margery Tawn 1, Eileen Button 2, Daisy Andrews 3, Rachel Orman 4, G. Button Orman (cond.) 6. Also 1260 Bob Minor: Daisy Andrews 1, Eileen Button 2, N. Tawn Quarter) 3, G. Button 4, Rachel Orman 5, G. Orman (cond.) 6. For flower festival. Also Oct. 23, Bob Minor: Helen Turner (first quarter) 1, Margery Tawn 2, Janet Wright 3, G. Orman 4, N. Tawn (first as cond.) 5, R. Heather (first quarter) 6

Hawkechurch, Devon.-Nov. 11. 1296 Surprise Minor (three methods): R. Haines 1, D. B. Ellery 2, Helen A. Haines 3, I. Calvert 4, G. S. Morris 5, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 6. 50th together and 6.

Heddington, Wilts.-Oct. 28, 1260 Doubles (four methods): P. Hacker 1, D. Bailey (cond.) 2, D. Hacker 3, K. Lewis (first quarter) 4, J. Twinney 5, F. Osmond 6. Birthday compliments

Triples: M. Journeaux 1, C. Woodward 2, A. Howes 3, D. Woodward 4, B. Gray 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6, C. Holloway (cond.) 7, N. I. Allnutt 8. With congratulations for the birth of a son the previous day to Helen, wife of 3rd ringer.

Heene, Sussex. — Oct. 18, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda I. Cox 1, Elizabeth Grigg (first in method inside) 2, C. A. J. Chappell 3, R. P. Wood 4, H. G. Weaver 5, H. D. Butler 6, R. N. Cox (cond.) 7, C. J. Champion 8. For service; also birthday compliment to 2nd ringer.

Honiton, Devon (St. Paul).-Nov. 15, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: I. Nex 1, D. Travers 2, C. Manley 3, L. Stevens 4, W. Webb (cond.) Travers 6. For Evensong. Also Nov. 21, 1344 Grandsire Triples: C. Turner 1, P. Davies 2, C. C. Turner 3, F. Stamp 4, L. Stevens (first in method) 5, E. Rowe 6, W. Webb (cond.) 7, Travers 8. Compliments to Mr. Percy Davies

on 50 years of ringing. 70th together 1 and 3. Hughenden, Bucks.—Nov. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: N. Cornwall 1, I. Cole (first inside) 2, D. A. Cornwall 3, A. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, R. H. Newton (cond.) 6. Huntington, Yorks.—Nov. 14, 1440 Bob Minor: Judith P. McGhie (longest length) 1, D.

E. Potter 2, Susan M. Fitton 3, Helen M. Simpson 4, O. P. Claxton 5, D. J. Jones (cond.) 6.

King's Bromley, Staffs .- Nov. 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Dolman (cond.) 1, F. Boam 2, C. T. Collins 3, A. J. Middleton 4, L. E. Monk 5, E. F. J. Dolman 6. Birthday compliment to 5th ringer; also to mark 45 years' ringing by 4th ringer.

Kingsdon, Som.—Nov. 21, 1260 Doubles (4 methods): Miss S. A. Mayell 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, P. R. Board 3, C. W. Tidewell 4, D. Mayell (cond.) 5, R. J. Mears 6.

Manuden, Essex.-Oct. 24, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): P. Hunt 1, P. Glazebrook 2, P. War-boys 3, K. Westwood 4, W. Hunt (cond.) 5 For the wedding of Isabel Maslen and Peter D Havden.

London, W.C. (St. Clement Danes'). — Nov. 15, 1259 Grandsire Caters: P. Mann 1, C. E. Wright 2, S. Penfold 3, Joan M. Peacock 4, F. G. Richardson 5, D. Blows 6, P. Sippitts 7, C. C. M. Pain 8, J. Stephenson 9, F. V. Gant (cond.) 10. For Matins. First Caters 1 and 7.

Martock, Som. — Nov. 15, 1260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Turner 1, Gordon Rendell 2, J. Taylor 3, Gilbert Rendell 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, T. J. Setter 6, R. J. Fox (cond.) 7, A. Dyer 8. A welcome to the new vicar, Rev. Peter Coney.

Newnham, Northants.—Nov. 7, 1260 Single Oxford: Mrs. M. Foskett 1, Mrs. I. Webb 2, Mrs. J. Danby 3, S. Foskett 4, J. Townley 5, R. Danby (cond.) 6. To mark the retirement of Rev. C. F. Witham. Also Nov. 15, 1260 Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Janet Collins (first quarter) 1, W. Collins 2, S. Webb (cond.) 3, Iris Webb 4, J. Townley 5, P. Box 6. For Evensong.

Norton, Herts.—Nov. 19, 1280 Bob Major: M. Roden 1, A. R. Agg 2, W. L. Gates 3, R. J. E. Roden 4, D. R. Perkins (first Major) 5, P. J. Cranfield 6, B. J. Willett 7, G. T. Horritt (cond.) 8.

Orsett, Essex.—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Doubles: Jenny Harrington (first quarter) 1, Joan Hills 2, H. Smith 3, S. Day 4, S. Wood (first as cond., aged 15) 5, F. Blatch 6.

Patshull, Staffs.—Oct. 17, 1668 Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, D. R. Hawksworth 2, C. Griffiths 3, K. A. Russell 4, P. R. Johnson (cond.) 5, M. G. Williamson 6. Farewell compliment to Rev. and Mrs. P. Boulton; also to Mr. H. Rippon, P.C.C. secretary, upon retirement.

Peterborough (St. John). — Nov. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. W. Gadd 1, H. Goakes 2, Pamela J. Blackith 3, J. M. Tyler (cond.) 4, D. P. Murduck 5, W. J. Riley 6, J. H. Bluff 7, F. T. Boyall 8.

Petersfield, Hants. — Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Triples: W. Harris (first Triples) 1, Maureen Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, Sally Stacey 4, R. Tipper 5, E. Salmons 6, K. Tipper (cond.) 7, R. Cross 8. For Evensong; also an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. N. H. Bassett, a Petersfield ringer.

Pitsford, Northants. — Nov. 1, 1320 Bob Doubles: K. Isaacs 1, A. Boon 2, J. Wright 3, D. Isaacs 4, E. Frost (cond.) 5, W. Harris 6. For Patronal Festival and for start of parish stewardship campaign.

Prittlewell, Essex.—Nov. 18, 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: S. Halliwell (cond.) 1, B. Sadler 2, P. Giles 3, T. Sharp 4, P. Sloman 5, G. Bacon 6, D. Sloman 7, M. Hallett 8. To mark the 100th birthday of Mrs. Maley, a parishioner.

Rickling, Essex. — July 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Kent 1, H. Watts 2, D. R. Hutley 3, D. J. Cheeseman 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5.

Send, Surrey. — Nov. 18, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hill 1, E. Warner 2, D. Gain 3, Miss P. Hill 4, C. Hill (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6. For institution and induction of Rev. E. A. Garrett

Sheffield (Cathedral). — Nov. 15, 1320 Bob Maximus: Mrs. E. D. Kelly 1, J. J. L. Gilbert 2, D. Armstrong 3, S. Scattergood 4, R. S. Long 5, R. Fletcher 6, R. Birch 7, J. Guest 8, D. Holland 9, B. Holland 10, G. K. Chaddock 11, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 12. First Bob Maximus 1, 4, 6. For Evensong and first quarter on new bells and to celebrate the 65th birthday of the conductor and his retirement from full-time employment.

Southampton, Hants.—14 Bladon Road, Nov. 18, 1264 Bob Major: G. M. Soul 1-2, R. Weeks 3-4, S. J. Coleman 5-6, T. F. Collins (cond.) 7-8. Also Students' Union, the University, Nov. 9, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: R. Weeks 1-2, S. J. Coleman 3-4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5-6.

Southwark, S.E. (Cathedral).—Oct. 18, 1323
Stedman Cinques: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, M.
T. Sprackling 2, Olive L. Rogers 3, Deborah
Bishop 4, K. J. Rider 5, A. S. Bishop 6, M.
Hatchett 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9,
J. W. Smith (cond.) 10, H. W. Rogers 11, C.
T. Richards 12. For "Sunday Evenings in
Southwark".

Stansted, Essex.—Nov. 13, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Holman 1, J. R. Holman (first quarter) 2, H. W. Watts 3, A. Dixson 4, D. J. Cheeseman (first as cond.) 5, C. Nash (first quarter) 6. Also 1260 Grandsire Doubles, July 10 and 11, both conducted by A. Richardson.

Steep, Hants.—Nov. 14, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): Karin Hatherly 1, Maureen Tipper (first in five m/v) 2, D. Hughes 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6. Birthday compliment to Susan Leedham, of Liss.

Ston Easton, Som.—Nov. 12, 1440 Pl. Minor (Hereward, Lytham): R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, E. J. Chivers 2, M. J. Horseman 3, J. Brain 4, E. T. Lee 5, P. J. England 6, First quarter on the bells.

Stroud, Glos.—Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Canton 1, L. Barry 2, M. Kay 3, T. Witts (cond.) 4, T. Pritchard 5, R. Cornock 6, R. Ashbury 7, F. Garland 8. To celebrate 50 years' ringing together 2, 4 and 5.

Stutton, Suffolk.—Oct. 24, 1260 Bob Minor: Mary Halsall (first quarter) 1, Janet Wright 2, Eileen Button 3, Rachel Orman 4, G. Button 5, G. Orman (cond.) 6.

Symondsbury, Dorset.—Nov. 16, 1296 Surprise Minor (four methods): Valerie Calvert (first T.B.) 1, Helen A. Haines 2, D. B. Ellery 3, I. Calvert 4, R. Haines 5, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 6. In memoriam Jasper Snowdon (died 1885).

Tollesbury, Essex.—Nov. 7, 1280 Oxford T.B. Major: T. Spurgeon 1, R. W. Leavett 2, A. Sempkin 3, R. J. Harrison 4, Mrs. Y. Towler 5, J. E. G. Roast 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, J. Towler (cond.) 8.

Trumpington, Cambs. — Nov. 14, 1260 Bob Doubles: J. Bates 1, Lynn V. Bedford 2, M. R. Kitson (cond.) 3, R. I. West 4, R. A. Currell 5, A. A. Kellock 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Strickland on the birth of a son.

Warnford, Hants.—1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Minor: Karin Hatherly 1, Maureen Tipper 2, D. Hughes 3, R. Tipper 4, K. Tipper 5, K. Sansom (cond.) 6. First Grandsire Minor for all except third.

Warsop, Notts. — Nov. 1, 1296 Little Bob Major: A. D. Rooke 1, Miss S. Ettles 2, R. Spencer 3, F. Cooke 4, B. Richards 5, R. Hancock 6, H. T. Rooke 7, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 8. First on eight 1, 2, 3, 6. For All Saints. West Hatch, Som.—Nov. 20, 1260 Doubles

West Hatch, Som.—Nov. 20, 1260 Doubles (3 methods, 1 spliced composition): K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, F. C. Morris 2, L. T. Hancock 3, A. W. Knight 4, R. A. C. Cross 5.

West Monkton, Som.—Nov. 13, 1260 Doubles (three methods): F. Pike 1, L. T. Hancock 2, B. T. Holt 3, K. E. Beale (cond.) 4, A. W. Knight 5, R. A. C. Cross 6. Birthday compliment to R. A. C. Cross and to welcome his son (Julian David).

West Tarring, Sussex.—Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Piercy (first quarter) 1, Brenda I. Cox 2, Caroline L. Jones 3, D. Ockenden 4, R. M. Cox (cond.) 5, N. Chard 6. Whitchurch, Cardiff. — Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: W. H. Dare 1, Susan Redham 2, F. Bailey 3, A. Giblett 4, W. H. Harford 5, S. Fenwick (cond.) 6.

Whittlesford, Cambs. — Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Doubles: Sheila Hinton 1, Elizabeth Bird 2, R. A. Currell (cond.) 3, M. R. Kitson 4, Pat Hurworth 5, A. R. Kennedy 6. For Evensong.

Winterbourne, Glos.—Nov. 16, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Thomas 1, Mrs. S. A. Drew 2, J. W. G. Jefferies 3, H. Taysom 4, T. J. Jefferies (first cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. To welcome Rev. E. I. Bailey (inducted this day by the Bishop of Bristol) and Mrs. Bailey.

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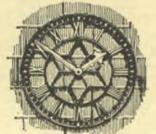
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HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks, All Saints. Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 29min (30 cwt.) **5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Arranged by P. Border. Michael P. Moreton Robert C. Kippin

3 Brian Biadon 4 Andrew N. Stubbs
5 David C. Brown
6 Rodney B. Meadows
7 Ralph G. Edwards
8 James R. Taylor
9 David P. Hilling (Conductor)

10 D. John Hunt 11 Noel J. Diserens 12 John M. Jelley

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

MINEHEAD, Som, SS. Michael and Andrew.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (20 cwt.)

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by R. E. J. Dennis. Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)

*2 Susan J. Rothera †3 Mary E. Elmes 4 Kevin A. Hughes 5 Melvyn J. Hiller

6 Gwilym Salmon 7 Graham W. Elmes 8 David E. Rothera

9 Richard A. G. Inglis 10 Timothy F. Collins *First on ten. †200th peal

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SANDY, Beds, St. Swithin.

Sat., Oct. 3, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (12 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Beverley, Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge).

1 Stephen Ivin 2 Ronald J. Sharp 3 Robert L. Piron

Anthony H. Smith (Conductor) Martin Major

6 Edgar T. Skipsey

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

RICKMANSWORTH, Herts, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (20 cwt.) 5000 STEDMAN CATERS
Composed by D. Barton.
1 W. T. Perrins (Cond., Selwyn)
2 Jennifer Field (Newnham)

3 D. Barton (Selwyn)

4 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)

5 M. J. Pickup (Churchill) 6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn) 7 T. H. Kirkman (Trinity Hall)

8 V. Nutton (Selwyn) 9 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)

10 J. L. Thorogood (Trinity)

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (18 cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by C. Middleton. Christopher J. Jones

Michael Thomson

C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

4 David Hogg Alan J. Brown

6 Sidney Hough
7 Giles B. Thompson
8 Allen Twyman

100th peal in the tower. The ringers of 3 and 5 were in the first peal (June 16, 1937).

BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin. Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (18 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1 John R. Bibby 2 Harold C. Lonyon 3 Alexander J. Martin

John E. Bibby

5 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)
6 Walter Allman
7 Eric J. Gilbert
8 Dents Mottershead

For 20th anniversary of the 21600 Bristol (November 4) in which ringers of 4, 5 and 6 took part. The composition was taken from the peal.

TATTENHALL, Cheshire, St. Alban. Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50 min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 extents each Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and one of Plain Bob).

1 Brian Trueman

2 Michael Foulds 3 Brian S. B. Kear 4 Arthur E. Whiting

4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor) 6 Christopher J. Jones For the centenary of the church.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire, St. Peter. Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (7½ cwt.) 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by A. Craven.

1 Geoffrey R. Gardner

2 Andrew R. Queen

3 David Vincent

4 Michael Foulds

5 Roland H. Cook (Conductor) 6 Timothy Wylie

Denis Mottershead

8 Raymond J. Ballard 74th birthday compliment to Mr. David Vincent.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DUFFIELD, Derbys, St. Alkmund. Thur., Nov. 12, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (17½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by R. Baldwin.

1 Arthur F. Hall
2 Brian A. Tomlinson
3 Susan Davis
*4 Jack V. Chadwick
5 Rev. R. D. St. John Smith

6 Timothy Wylie
7 Gordon A. Halls (Conductor)
8 Denis R. Carlisle
9 Rev. Fred Ross
10 Andrew R. Wilby

*First of Surprise Royal.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

HEAVITREE, Exeter, Devon, St. Michael.
Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (26 cwt.)
5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Adapted from C. Starbuck's.
1 Christopher F. Longridge

2 John L. Anderson 3 Kevin A. Hughes

5 Revill A. Hughes
4 Anthony J. Cox
5 Malcolm S. Turner
6 Peter C. Randall
7 Frank D. Mack
8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WINLATON, Co. Durham, St. Paul. Mon., Nov. 16, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Double Court, Rev. Canterbury, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clements, Plain Bob).

*1 Norman A. Johnson 2 Frances Mulvey

Diana H. M. Bradford

4 Philip Rogers
†5 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)
6 Christopher J. Sharp
*First peal. †100th peal.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

COGGESHALL, Essex, St. Peter ad Vincula.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (191 cwt.) 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

1 Bernard W. Fairhead

*2 Richard A. Knight

†3 Stephan D. Pettman

5 Harry J. Millett 6 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)

7 Adrian G. Semken 8 Michael J. Howes

*First on 8 bells. †First in the method.

NAZEING, Essex, All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (91 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 different extents.)

*1 David Morton

*2 Julian Beldom 3 Susan Turcan

4 Michael Wareing 5 David Gower

6 David Ellisdon (Conductor) *First peal. 25th as conductor.

TERLING, Essex, All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (11 cwt.)
5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Roger Baldwin.
1 James L. Towler

Susan Rothera

3 Josephine A. Brown 4 Richard J. Harrison 5 Keith W. Brown

6 Philip J. Rothera 7 Peter G. Brown 8 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

HIGHWORTH, Wilts, St. Michael.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. (18cwt.) 5184 BELFAST SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Anita D. O'Brien

Noel J. Diserens

3 John R. Leary
4 Bernard F. L. Groves
*5 Maurice A. New
6 Anthony R. Peake
*7 Timothy G. Pett (Conductor)

†8 Brian Bladon

*First in method. †First of Major in method.

BARNWOOD, Glos, St. Lawrence.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (7 Grandsire and Plain Bob, 4 April Day, Kennington, Rev. Can-terbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Northrepps and Rev. St. Bartholomew).

1 Diane I. Pobjoy
2 Sara E. Cornock
3 Susan M. Williams (Conductor)

4 Geoffrey J. Clark
5 David E. L. Pobjoy
*6 David J. Palmer

*First peal. By the Sunday service band.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

GUILDFORD, Surrey, St. Nicolas.

Sun., Nov. 8, 1970, 3hr. 4min. (22 cwt.) 5055 STEDMAN CATERS Arranged by R. E. J. Dennis.

*1 Beryl R. Simpson

2 Keith G. Game

3 A. Patrick Cannon
4 Bernard F. L. Groves
5 Howard E. J. Smith
6 Geoffrey K. Dodd
7 Richard L. Underwood

8 Nigel Thomson

9 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor) 10 Michael J. Church

*First of Stedman Caters.

BANBURY, Oxon, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 14min. (174 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL (5 methods: 1200 Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, 1080 Cambridge, 840 London (No. 3) and 720 Rutland, with 107 changes of method).

Composed by Anthony R. Peake. Christopher I. Rowson

*†2 Beryl R. Simpson ‡3 Alan D. Flood

4 Bernard F. L. Groves †5 Alan D. Elsmore

6 Timothy G. Pett

†7 Stanley G. Ponting ‡8 Peter J. Munday †\$9 Michael J. Church (Conductor) †10 Geoffrey K. Dodd

*175th peal. † First of 5-Spliced Surprise Royal. ‡First of Spliced Surprise Royal. §100th for the Guild. First of 5-Spliced Surprise Royal for the guild.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

GREAT GADDESDEN, Herts, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (10 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich).

*1 Brian M. Barker

Elizabeth M. Byrne C. Valerie Mills

†4 George H. Austin 5 Reginald E. Sheppard (Conductor)

6 Francis M. Byrne. *100th peal. †First of seven Surprise. Half-muffled in memoriam Capt. Thomas Halsey, D.S.O., R.N. (Retd.) and Lady Halsey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NEWCHURCH, Kent, SS. Peter and Paul. Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (10³/₄ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Elizabeth A. Todd 2 Royston J. M. Grosvenor

James Hedgcock 4 Martin L. Haigh 5 Brian G. Butcher

6 Tony Skilton (Conductor)
Birthday compliment to the Archbishop of
Canterbury, the Prince of Wales and the
rector of the Romney Marsh group of parishes.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Tues., June 9, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (6½ cwt.) 5088 FEERING SURPRISE MAJOR

1 G. Ronald Edwards

2 Rupert Clarke 3 Ronald D. Hughes

4 B. Stedman Payne

5 Frank Chambers 6 Alec R. Jones 7 Arthur E. Rowley

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor) First in the method by all the band. [Original copy lost.—Ed.]

BLABY, Leics, All Saints.

Sat., July 25, 1970, 2hr. 25min. (10 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (2 each of 21 meth./var.).

1 John E. Harrold

2 Rupert A. Clarke 3 Roland H. Cook 4 Clive J. Mobbs

5 A. James Poynor (Conductor) Sponsored peal.

[Original copy lost.—Ed.]

AYLESTONE, Leics, St. Andrew. Wed., July 29, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (15\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Dexter's var. of Thurstans'.) G. Harry Bray

Tony R. Natt

*3 Martin Bluck

4 Robin A. Gilliver 5 Andrew S. Hayden 6 Rupert A. Clarke

7 A. James Poynor (Conductor) 8 W. John Kinchin

*First peal. In memoriam Reginald W. Roper, churchwarden since 1959. [Original copy lost.—Ed.]

BELGRAVE, Leics, St. Peter.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 50min., (141 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Dexter's No. 1.)

Martin J. Kirk

2 Roy Stephenson

3 Jack P. Kesterton 4 Ron D. Hughes

5 W. Arthur Riddington 6 William J. Root

Peter J. Staniforth (Conductor) *8 Chris B. Martin-Jones

*First peal. To celebrate the 750th anniversary of the church.

SHARNFORD, Leics, St. Helen.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.) 504) CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

1 Alison Butterfield

2 Valerie Watts 3 Brian L. Burrows (Conductor)

*4 David Manship 5 Burley P. Morris

6 K. Paul Gilliver

*First of Surprise.

WHITWICK, Leics, St. John the Baptist. Mon., Nov. 16, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.)

5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by W. Barton.

Hazel Nichols Arthur E. Rowley

*3 Guy Slater

4 Frank Chambers 5 Ronald Hughes †6 John Hawtin 7 John W. Rawson

8 Roland Beniston (Conductor)

*First in method. †First of Surprise Major. Birthday compliment to the conductor.

MELTON MOWBRAY, Leics, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (25 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by B. Annable.

*1 Walter Clamp 2 Robert Preston

Dorothy Day 4 Vaughan Evans

*5 John Ward *6 Harry Clayton *7 Reginald Looker

Brian Buttery 9 Owen Homewood

*†10 Richard Manton (Conductor)

*First of Royal. †50th peal. A compliment to Rev. G. H. Codrington (vicar) on his appointment as a Canon of Leicester Cathedral.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

DUNHOLME, Lines, St. Chad.

tt., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Gregory J. Webster

Susan A. Faull Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

Vivienne West 5 Geoffrey R. Parker 6 David W. Bee

*First attempt.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

MARKET DEEPING, Lines, St. Guthlac. Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (16 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Stuart M. Lee 2 Susan Aveyard

*3 Colin R. Gibbons
*4 Philip N. Green
5 Denis A. Frith (Conductor)

6 Brian Buttery

*First peal.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

(and the Llandaff Cathedral Guild)

LLANDAFF, Glam, Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

Fri., Nov. 20, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (201 cwt.) 5079 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by Arthur Knights. Donald G. Clift

2 Stephen Fenwick

3 Anne Cooke 4 J. Michael Lakin 5 John W. Bull

James Clatworthy 7 Nevil A. James 8 David S. Bishop

9 Nicholas W. H. Simon (Conductor) 10 Frank W. Corney First of Stedman by Cathedral Guild.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., Nov. 17, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (6½ cwt.) 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin. 1 Joseph W. Cotton

2 Richard Clifton

*3 Arthur E. Rowley *4 David G. Massey *5 Roger Kendrick

*6 Alec Jones

7 G. Ronald Edwards 8 Roland Beniston (Conductor) *First in method. First in method as conductor. A welcome back peal to Mr. J. W. Cotton after an operation.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

APPLETON, Berks, St. Laurence. Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (14½ cwt.) 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Composed by John Reeves.
*1 Suzanne M. Sargeant

*2 Beryl R. Simpson *3 Anne M. Carpenter †4 Christopher I. Rowson

*5 Timothy G. Pett
*6 Maurice A. New
†7 Keith J. Walpole
*8 Michael J. Church

9 Brian J. Woodruffe
10 Robert J. Smith (Conductor)
*First of Oxford Royal. †First of Oxford

Royal on tower bells.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (161 cwt.) 5056 ZEBEDEE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

John Pearce

2 Alan R. Pink (Conductor) 3 Edgar J. Smith 4 Peter Pearce

5 G. John Collett
6 D. Kay Adkins
7 Robert A. Reeves
8 Philip H. Tocock
First in the method by all and for the guild. A diamond wedding compliment to Rev. R. W. Bennett (sometime vicar) and Mrs. Bennett.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

SALFORD, Lancs, Sacred Trinity.

Sun., Nov. 8, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (113 cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (4 methods: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1120 Rutland, 69 changes of method and all the work).
Composed by P. G. K. Davies.
1 Rosemary K. Gates
2 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights
*3 Elizabeth M. Tingle
4 Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)
†5 William Birmingham in

†5 William Birmingham, jun.

to William M. Taylor §7 S. Nicholas Harrop 8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood

*First of Spliced Surprise. †First of Spliced Surprise Major. ‡First of 4-Spliced. §First of Surprise inside. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

BENEFIELD, Northants, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (7\frac{3}{4} cwt.)

5040 MINOR (2 Cambridge Surprise, 1
Kent T.B., 2 St. Clements, 2 Plain Bob).

1 David J. W. Gadd

2 Sally K. Diamond

3 Richard J. Cowley

4 Alan J. Marks

*5 L. Pussell, Charlton

*5 J. Russell Charlton

6 J. Malcolm Tyler (Conductor) *First inside. To welcome Rev. W. G. D. Watts as rector.

BURTON LATIMER, Northants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

(Dexter's No. 1.) 1 Martin J. Kirk 2 Alfred Ballard

*3 J. Malcolm Tyler *4 Barry R. Care †5 Alan J. Marks 6 Peter J. Staniforth

*‡7 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor) 8 Robert B. Smith

*First of Stedman Triples. †First of Stedman. ‡Has completed the family.

GREAT DODDINGTON, Northants, St. Nicholas.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (6\frac{2}{3} cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (10 methods/variations: Stedman, Plain Bob, St. Martin, St. Simon, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Southrepps, Old, Kennington),

1 Lionel Atton

2 J. Alan Ellis 3 Cynthia E. Barnett

4 Christopher J. Groome (Conductor)

*5 Richard J. Chantler
*First of Doubles inside. Wedding compliment to Eric Roberts, of Great Doddington, and Pat Walpole, of Ketton, Rutland.

SUFFOLK GUILD

TUDDENHAM, Suffolk, St. Martin.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (8 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (10 callings).

*1 Margaret Brown
2 Peter W. Archer
3 Mrs. Winifred Lockwood

4 E. James Lockwood

5 Frederick A. J. Steward (Conductor) 6 David Salter

*First peal. A tribute to the late Alan Bridges (died October 27, 1970).

SOBERTON, Hants, St. Peter.

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (13½ cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Timothy F. Collins.

*1 Angela R. Wells

†2 Sheila M. Holland

*3 Alan R. Bentley

*4 Geoffrey M. Soul

5 Phillip A. Butler §6 Peter Henry

Richard Weeks

8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
*First of Surprise. †First inside. ‡First
peal. §First of Yorkshire inside. An engagement compliment to Hazel Henry and Peter Henry.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

GAMSTON, Notts, St. Peter.

at., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

(7 different extents.)

*1 Frank Preston †2 Katherine Burchnall

†3 Grace Burchnall *4 Sidney Carnall †5 Harold Denman

6 Ernest Preston (Conductor)
*First in method. †100th together at this

tower. Half-muffled for Armistice.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CRAWLEY, Sussex, St. John the Baptist. Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (133 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Frederick Howson 2 Sonia Hailes

3 James Lilley 4 M. Iain Davey
*5 Judy Weekes

6 Geoffrey C. Rix 7 Henry C. Weaver 8 Roy M. Cox (Conductor)

*First peal. First of Major as conductor.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, St. John the Baptist on the Wall.

Mon., Nov. 16, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (10 methods: (1) London, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clements, (3) Single Oxford. (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, (5) Kent, (6) Oxford, (7) Plain Bob).

1 Anthony J. Cox 2 Katherine J. Maundrell 3 Ivor Newell

4 Michael J. Platt 5 Peter C. Randall

6 John Pladdys (Conductor)

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, Kent, Waterloo Tower, Quex Park.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (154 cwt.) 5056 BILSBORROW S. MAJOR

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

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I David C. L. Cawley
Jennifer A. Dunning
Robin R. Churchill
Graham G. Firman
A. Keith P. Poole
Roger D. Bailey
Peter G. Holden
Nigel Thomson (Conductor)

First in the method.

LONDON, St. Giles', Cripplegate.

Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 32min. (34 cwt.) 5025 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by R. E. J. Dennis Sat., Nov. 21,

1 Alan F. Thirst
2 Robert E. J. Dennis (Conductor)
3 Anthony H. Smith
4 Martin C. Faulkes

6 James E. Andrews
7 Graham W. Elmes
8 Alan E. Bagworth 9 Andrew J. Corby 10 John Armstrong

11 Philip Mehew
12 Roger W. Powell
To mark the 25th anniversary year of the U.L.S.C.R., also a compliment to Sir Peter Studd, Alderman of the Ward of Cripple-gate Without on his installation as Lord Mayor of London.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

(and the Southampton University Guild) NORTH STONEHAM, Hants, St. Nicholas.

Wed., Nov. 4, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (3³/₄ cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Steven J. Coleman †2 Sheila M. Holland

3 Peter Henry

4 Phillip A. Butler
†5 Alan R. Bentley
6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
*First on tower bells. †First on six and of
Plain Bob. A 21st birthday compliment to
Steven J. Coleman.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hants, St. Nicholas.

Wed., Nov. 11, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (3\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (15 callings).

*1 Steven J. Coleman
†2 Phillip A. Butler
*3 Richard Weeks
‡4 Geoffrey M. Soul
5 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

§6 Christopher B. Wacher *First of Doubles on tower bells and of Stedman. †First of Doubles and of Stedman inside. ‡First on six and of Stedman. §First peal. An engagement compliment to Jeremy D. Cheeseman (past master of the S.U.G.) and Jo Mount.

ALTON, Hants, St. Lawrence.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (184 cwt.) 5056 ALTON SURPRISE MAJOR

(Johnson's variation.)

1 Rex. J. Corke (R.M., Alton & P'field) 2 Jessie M. Kippin (ch'man, W'chester) 3 Kenneth S. B. Croft (Gen. Treasurer) 4 David J. Forder (Gen. Secretary)

*6 John H. Hunt (R.M., Andover)
*6 John H. Hunt (R.M., Portsmouth)
7 Maurice J. Butler (Guild Librarian)
8 R. Roger Savory (Guild Master)
Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

*250th peal. First peal in method. By guild officers to mark the 9th centenary of the founding of this church. (R.M. = Ringing Master.)

> ALTON SURPRISE MAJOR 38—14—58.12.36—12—38—16—78. l.e. 15. f.c.h. b, d, e.

OVERTON, Hants, St. Mary.

Wed., Nov. 18, 1970, 2hr. 26min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. Parker's 12-part (7th observation).

*1 Mark R. Hutcheson †2 Sheila M. Holland

†3 Geoffrey M. Soul

†4 Angela R. Wells
†5 Philip A. Butler
6 Peter Henry
7 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
†8 Alan R. Bentley
*First peal. †First of Triples and of Grandsire. First of Grandsire Triples ac conductor. For Southampton University Comductor. memoration Day.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

EARDISLAND, Herefordshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (13 cwt.) 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. Pigott.

1 Peter J. Brown

2 Clifford Skidmore 3 Morley P. Tobin *4 Reginald H. Newton

5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor) A. Brian Ellsmore

7 Robert Edwards 8 Gerald C. Hemming *First of Bristol inside.

WYCHBOLD, Worcs, St. Mary de Wyche.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (11½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (4 extents Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 16 extents of Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire).

1 C. Edwin Brookes *2 M. Frederick Stallard

3 John Clements

4 Dawn V. A. Petts 5 John E. Whittall (Conductor)

6 Cecil Deakin

*First of Doubles. Western Branch quarterly peal.

NETHERTON, Worcs, St. Andrew.

Mon., Nov. 16, 1970, 2hr. 43min. (13 cwt.) 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

(27-course block reduced.) *1 Margaret A. Swain

*2 Clifford Skidmore *3 Morley P. Tobin 4 John C. Eisel

5 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor) *6 Peter J. Brown

*7 Robert Edwards

*8 Gerald C. Hemming *First in the method.

KINGSWINFORD, Staffs, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (12 cwt.) 5088 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Morley P. Tobin Reginald H. Newton

3 Clifford Skidmore

4 Roger H. Hunt *5 Peter J. Brown

A. Bryan Ellsmore

7 Robert Edwards 8 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor) *First of Superlative and 100th peal.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CRESWELL, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., Aug. 12, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (12 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Plain Bob, St. Clements, Childwall, Oxford, Kent, Cambridge and Surfleet).

Malcolm S. Turner

Marianne Baker

3 Christopher Newton 4 M. Alec Beaumont

5 David Nichols

6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

DORE, Derbys, Christ Church.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10 cwt.) 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (6 methods: 960 Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincoln-shire and 768 Pudsey, Superlative and Rutland, with 143 changes of method). Composed by C. I. Rowson.

David Nichols

2 Iris M. E. Lemare 3 Margaret White

4 Patricia North

5 Ian North

6 M. Alec Beaumont Malcolm S. Turner

8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

RAWMARSH, Yorks, St. Mary.

Sat., Aug. 22, 1970, 3hr. (13 cwt.)

5376 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by G. B. Thompson. Iris M. E. Lemare

Marianne Baker Margaret White Ian North

5 Patricia North

6 M. Alec Beaumont David Nichols

8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, All Saints.

Sun., Sept. 27, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (34 cwt.) 5024 LITTLEPORT LITTLE S. ROYAL Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Margaret White

*2 Iris M. E. Lemare 3 John J. L. Gilbert

4 Patricia North

5 Ian North
6 Neil Donovan
7 M. Alec Beaumont
8 J. Henry Fielden

9 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

10 Richard E. Price

*200th peal and birthday compliment to her.

KIRKTHORPE, Yorks, St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (10½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (10 methods: Kirkthorpe, Cambridge, Felkirk, South Kirkby, College Exercise, Norbury, London Scholars, Kingston, Oxford, Kent).

1 Delwyn B. Tidball

*2 Pamela A. Lockwood
3 Margaret White
4 Patricia North
5 Ian North (Conductor)

5 Ian North (Conductor) 6 David S. Lockwood

*First peal of Minor inside.

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CRESWELL, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (12 cwt.) 5088 ST. CLEMENTS MAJOR Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Jennifer M. Armeson

David Nichols Marie Hatswell

Christopher Newton

5 M. Alec Beaumont 6 Neil Donovan

Malcolm S. Turner

8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

CAMPSALL, Yorks, St. Mary.
Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (113 cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1 Delwyn B. Tidball

Patricia North Margaret White

David Atkins

5 W. Eric Critchley *6 David S. Lockwood

7 Ian North (Conductor) 8 Richard E. Price *First of Surprise Major.

CHAPEL ALLERTON, Leeds, Yorks,

St. Matthew.
n., Nov. 15, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.)
5040 MINOR (2 Kent, 5 Plain Bob).

*1 Neil Sheard

†2 A. Julian Long ‡3 Robert J. Atkinson ‡4 Ruth Richardson

5 Jane P. Lawrence

16 Christopher N. Grandidge (Cond.) *First peal. †First inside. ‡First in two methods. Average age 14 and the youngest band to ring a peal for the association.

Handbells

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.

Thur., Oct. 29, 1970, 2hr. 10min. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

1-2 Eric J. Gilbert

-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

5-6 Gerald Moorhouse

7-8 Peter Broadbent

PRESTBURY, Cheshire, West Pines, Dale Brow.

Thur., Nov. 12, 1970, 2hr. 9min. (15 in C.) 5088 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR (3168 Oxford and 1920 Kent, 30 changes of d. Changes of method at lead-end). Composed by T. B. Worsley.

1-2 Gerald Moorhouse

3-4 C. Kenneth Lewis (Conductor)

*5-6 David J. Atkinson

7-8 John Gander

*100th in hand.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CHELTENHAM, Glos, 48 Willersey Road. Tues., Nov. 17, 1970, 2hr. 11min. (12 in F.) SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR methods: 1632 Double Bob, 1536 Plain Bob, 1056 Reverse Bob, 192 each of Little Bob, Crayford L.C. and St. Clements, 144 each of Gainsborough L.B. and Wellington L.C.,

with 288 changes of method). Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten.

1-2 Martyn Hawkes 3-4 Valerie Willard 5-6 Hugh N. Evans 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

GLENFIELD, Leics, 22 Groby Road. Tues., Nov. 17, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Robert B. Smith. 1-2 Peter J. Staniforth

3-4 Rupert A. Clarke 5-6 Robert B. Smith *7-8 Martin J. Kirk

*First in hand.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL, Belfry of St. Michael on the Mount.

Fri., Nov. 20, 1970, 2hr. 19min. (12 in F.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Arranged by John Pladdys.

2 Katherine J. Maundrell

3-4 Peter C. Randall 5-6 Anthony J. Cox

7-8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH

DIOCESAN GUILD
(and the Southampton University Guild)

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, Room J.86, Glen Eyre Hall, Bassett.

Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 1hr. 39min. (16 in B.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES (4 callings).

*1-2 Richard Weeks

*3-4 Steven J. Coleman †5-6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) *First of Doubles. †First of Doubles in

(and the Southampton University Guild) SOUTHAMPTON. Hants, Room J.86, Glen Eyre Hall, Bassett.

Wed., Oct. 28, 1970, 1hr. 42min. (16 in B.) 5040 DOUBLE BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1-2 Steven J. Coleman3-4 Richard Weeks5-6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor) First in method by all.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, All Saints' Belfry. Fri., Aug. 21, 1970, 2hr. 17min. (15 in C.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

1-2 Margaret White

3-4 M. Alec Beaumont 5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

7-8 Malcolm S. Turner

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, All Saints' Belfry. Sun., Sept. 13, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (15 in C.) 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Amburn Wilson. 1-2 Malcolm S. Turner

3-4 M. Alec Beaumont

5-6 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)7-8 David Nichols

OSSETT, Yorkshire, 33 Kingsway Close. Wed., Nov. 18, 1970, 1hr. 30min. (13 in E.) 5040 MINOR (26 methods: Bolton Abbey, York Minster, Penistone, Royston; Charlwood, Newdigate, Neasden, Old Oxford, Wragby, Willesden, St. Albans, College Bob IV, Kent; Havercroft, Barnsley, Felkirk, South Kirkby; Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercises, Cond. Society, Cond. Soci Norbury, College Exercise; Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars; Oxford).

1-2 Margaret White

3-4 Patricia North

5-6 Ian North (Conductor)

AUTUMN "MINI-OUTING"

On the beautiful autumn afternoon of October 10, 40 cheerful people from the Cathedral and Birch - in - Rusholme left Manchester on the second annual "mini-outing," which was again to Derbyshire. Five towers had been arranged, all light sixes, so that the learners could gain from the trip, and a different ringing master/ mistress was appointed for each tower.

Burbage has a pleasant and easy-going six and Ashford-in-the-Water's are a modern light Taylor six and were a delight to ring.

The lovely church of St. Anne, Baslow, was next, with a mixed but melodious ring, cast by Heathcote and Hedderly. After tea we were in the right mood to appreciate the truly lovely bells of Eyam, the famous "Plague Village". Unfortunately, morning exercise came to grief a few blows from the end and prompted the remark that the ringing master should be left in the village stocks, which are still on view.

Disley was the last tower, but despite the ease of the bells the ringing here was not very inspiring. The Ram's Head provided the lubrication for the vocal chords of the "choir" during the ride back to Manchester.

The trip provided a wonderful end to the outing season; with such lovely weather and fine bells, who could ask for more? Our thanks to Margaret Manby, who arranged the towers, and to the incumbents and ringers for the use of their bells.

D-I-Y PROGRESS

Work on All Saints, Benhilton, Do-it-Yourself Restoration is progressing satisfactorily. The latest major job tackled was raising 3½ tons of concrete 60 feet to its position for the reinforcing beam round the tower. On a Saturday morning at 7 o'clock the first "helpers" arrived to make the final preparations and by 8 o'clock the 12 men, compressor, vibrator, cement mixer, sand, cement, etc., were all as-sembled. It was then "all stations go." Into the mixer were thrown the measured sand, cement and water, well mixed together, emptied into the skip and winched up to the waiting men perched on the scaffolding near the beam position. The cement quickly poured in, the skip lowered and the same process repeated many, many times to fill the large space of the beam.

At 9 o'clock the compressor broke down, causing some panic, but the fault was soon rectified, and on again. The secretary arrived at 10.15 with welcome flasks of tea, quickly drunk, and back to work. At 1 p.m. it was time for the first wedding of the day, so half-an-hour was taken for a hasty lunch. From 1.30 to 2 p.m. work again until the next wedding. There were four weddings that afternoon, with amused newlyweds being photographed to a back-ground of compressor and "helmeted" workers!

By the 3 o'clock wedding all the concreting was finished and it only remained to clear up. The three ladies who came to view the finished job were roped in to dust the church (which was thick with cement dust) and at 5.30 p.m. a thoroughly tired but triumphant band of men wended their way home for tea.

On the Tuesday evening following an anxious inspection was made of the concrete. All was well and showed that a first-class job had been accomplished. Now a repeat of all hands to the task of preparing for the erection of the other half of the concrete collar!

Kent County Association

19 QUARTERS IN A DAY

All the youth and beauty of the Ashford District were out in force to attempt to ring 20 quarter peals on August 31.

There are 23 6-bell towers in the district. of which 19 were available, plus the back six at Appledore. Four bands were organ-ised to ring at five towers each. There were about 25 ringers, and talent and conductors were distributed as evenly as

possible.

The resultant almost embarrassing run of success exceeded all expectations. at High Halden was defeat admitted, but this band succeeded at their other four towers, which had all the heaviest rings (average tenor weight 15 cwt.). At Charing there were two attempts (owing to a broken rope), with a quarter at Great Chart sandwiched in between. Successes were achieved at Newchurch, Burmarsh, Saltwood, Lympne and Newington; Willesborough, Brabourne, Stowting, Aldington and Sellindge; Bethersden, Smarden, Woodchurch and Appledore; and Little Chart, Charing, Pluckley, Hothfield and Great Chart. Many of the Bank Holiday visitors to the churches expressed their interest and appreciation, mainly in variations on "The Miner's Dream of Home" theme. There were ten conductors and conductresses and methods ranged from Surprise Minor to Doubles.

The day's entertainment concluded with social life in the evening at he Duke's Head, Hamstreet, where notes were compared and

success celebrated.

Our thanks for this memorable day are due to the incumbents and local ringers concerned, and to John Hemsley, the chief organiser, for his excellent arrangements. We understand he is already preparing a similar programme for Christmas. C. T. H.

Newchurch. — 1296 Cambridge Minor: Anne Berry 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, P. C. Sinden 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, C. T. Hillis 5, C. J. E. Wyld (cond.) 6.

Burmarsh.-1272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Anne Berry 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, C. Sinden 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, C. T. Hi (cond.) 5, C. J. E. Wyld 6. S. Berry 4, C. T. Hillis

Saltwood.—1260 P.B. Minor: A. P. S. Berry 1, Anne Berry (first in method) 2, L. Mannering 3, P. C. Sinden 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, C. J

Wyld 6.

Lympne. - 1260 St. Clements Minor: Anne Berry 1, C. J. E. Wyld 2, P. C. Sinden 3, L. Mannering 4, C. T. Hillis 5, A. P. S. Berry (first in method) 6. Conducted by 2 and 5.

Newington.-1260 Doubles (three methods): C. T. Hillis 1, Anne Berry 2, Mrs. R. Wratten 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, C. J. E. Wyld 5, P. Sinden 6. 50th quarter together for 2 and 4.

Willesborough.—1260 St. Clements and Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Todd 1, Margaret Jenner 2, P. Richardson 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, R. N.

Bagshaw (cond.) 6.

Brabourne.—1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Margaret Jenner 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, Richardson 4, R. N. Bagshaw (cond.) 5, P

Bagshaw 6.

Stowting .- 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: P. J. Bagshaw (cond.) 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, M. Taylor 3, N. Bagshaw 4, Margaret Jenner 5, P Richardson 6.

Aldington. - 1260 Doubles (three methods): Richardson 1, Margaret Jenner 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, M. Taylor 4, R. N. Bagshaw 5,

P. J. Bagshaw 6.

Sellindge.—1260 Single Oxford and Pl. Bob Minor: Margaret Jenner Minor: Margaret Jenner 1, P. J. Bagshaw (cond.) 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. N. Bagshaw 4,

Richardson 5, M. Taylor 6.

Bethersden.—1260 Pl. Bob Minor: J. Hemsley 1, Judith Brooks 2, Diana Bradford 3, P. Staples R. A. Birch (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6.

Smarden.—1260 Pl. Bob Minor: R. A. Birch 1, Diana Bradford (cond.) 2, Judith Brooks 3, B. Butcher 4, J. Hemsley 5, P. Staples 6.

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION

The Kimpton cup competition was held on September 26 in beautiful autumn weather and once again on the 10 cwt. six of Kimpton Parish Church.

Inaugurated in 1959 by the local band to mark the rededication of the bells after restoration, it had always been hoped that the competition would eventually be organised and run by the Hertford County Association to ensure continuity and encourage support, and this hope was fulfilled when the association agreed to include the event in their calendar and take over completely in 1971. Alterations to the rules were agreed to reduce the test piece to 240 changes and to give bands unable to manage method ringing an opportunity to compete with ten minutes' call-changes. The latter relaxation was not taken up this year as all nine entries successfully completed a touch of 240 changes.

Nearly 70 ringers sat down to tea, served by the local ladies in the Church House, when the vicar (Rev. Robert Meredith) welcomed the company. He then asked the judges to give their comments and results.

Michael Orme, judging this competition for the first time, gave some very constructive comments on the various teams' efforts and concluded by saying that if Sunday service ringing could achieve this level there would be little to worry about.

Pat Cannon then announced the results: St. Albans Cathedral "A" (Cambridge), 53 faults; 2 Wheathampstead (Bob Minor), 56; 3 St. Albans Cathedral "B" (Stedman Doubles), 63; 4 King's Langley, 68; 5 Apsley, 73; 6 Hitchin, 78; 7 Bishop's Stortford, 99; 8 St. Albans Girls' Grammar School, 144; 9 Tewin, 179.

Congratulating the winners, A. P. C. said he had judged the first competition in 1959 and all subsequent events. There had been a steady improvement in the standard of striking, which obviously resulted in better service ringing, which was the object of the competition.

All were pleased to see Walter Ayre and looking so well. Walter had been a judge in 1959 and given much advice and assistance in the early years of the competition cup. Mr. Ayre thanked John Cull (who is moving to the Ipswich area) for all his work in organising the competition since its inception and wished him well in his new locality.

A very enjoyable social evening followed in the village hall, with grateful thanks to the M.C. (Martyn Jordan) and the congenial barman (Reg Shepherd) and his helpers. J. G. C.

Woodchurch.—1260 Doubles (two methods): J. Hemsley 1, Judith Brooks 2, Diana Bradford B. Butcher 4, P. Staples (cond.) 5, R. A. Birch 6.

Appledore. — 1260 Single Oxford: Judith Brooks 1, Diana Bradford 2, J. Hemsley 3, P. Staples 4, B. Butcher 5, R. A. Birch (first in method as conductor) 6.

Little Chart .- 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: R. Offen A. Bourner 2, B. Johnson 3, H. Deacon 4, Marion Kemp 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6. Charing.—1260 Pl. Bob Minor: Marion Kemp

1, A. Bourner 2, H. Deacon 3, R. Offen 4, B. Johnson 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6.

Pluckley.—1260 Single Oxford: R. Lucas 1, Offen 2, A. Bourner 3, Marion Kemp 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

Hothfield .- 1320 Little Bob and P.B. Minor: Marion Kemp 1, A. Bourner 2, R. Offen 3, H. Deacon 4, R. Lucas 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6 Great Chart.-1260 St. Clements and Pl. Minor: A. Bourner 1, Marion Kemp 2, R. Offen 3, H. Deacon 4, R. Lucas 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

Yorkshire Association STRIKING CONTEST

The preliminary heats were rung in the five districts during the summer and autumn, and two teams from each district should have competed in the final at Dewsbury on October 31. Ormesby had to scratch, leaving only Guisborough to tepresent the Cleveland and North Yorkshire The rules provided for the deduction of bonus points related to the methods

Harold Chant was the judge -- with all his experience in this role it seems disrespectful not to refer to him as Lord Chief Justice-and soon after 1 o'clock he had entered a Dormobile parked in the churchyard, accompanied by his daughter. Susan,

who was to mark for him.

It was hard lines for Wragby, a relatively new band, being drawn first in their initial final, but they sounded not overawed and quickly settled down to a good beat, ringing call-changes on the back six. They collected 72 faults-not a bad score with such a critical judge. Wakefield followed, ringing Cambridge Minor in a manner which demonstrated to those following that they would need to be trip-free to have a chance. The ringing was rather stiff and a little on the slow side—63 faults less 9 bonus.

The sole representatives of the north followed and put, up a plucky performance. It could not have been easy for a voung and inexperienced band to ring call-changes following good Surprise Minor, and they emerged with 132 faults.

Thornhill, who followed, were the only band to ring with closed leads, intentionally. They rang Oxford Treble Bob Minor, rather too slowly, had a nasty trip and collected 132 faults, less 6 bonus points.

The only 8-bell ringing of the day followed - Bob Triples, rung by Calverley. They got away to a shaky start, but after the damage was done they settled into a reasonably good beat—120 faults, less 3 bonus.

Bradford rang Cambridge Minor and spoilt it mainly with some weak leading and a trip and had obviously not beaten Wakefield-81 faults, less 9 bonus.

Cambridge was also the method chosen by Kirk Ella, who rang to a very good rhythm, only marred by the tenor treading on other bells when he was in seconds place. Nevertheless, faults only totalled 47, and with 9 bonus points they were, it transpired, the winners.

Market Weighton had the unenviable task of following them, and the nervous-ness of some of the young ringers was apparent from the shaky start in Plain Bob. They recovered and the last course was a

beauty-84 faults, less 3.

Leeds Parish rang Cambridge Minor without, as it appeared to the listeners, the confidence necessary to have come any where near the obvious leaders, and had

102 faults, 9 bonus.

Most of those who had taken part, and others besides, adjourned to the Parish Room for tea and, more important, to hear the judge. He was introduced, only because courtesy required an introduction. by the association's president, and gave his verdict in his inimitable way. Afterwards thanks were expressed to those who had helped to make the day a success, and particularly to Bob Cater, whose careful planning had enabled the whole event to be concluded without a hitch.

People generally have more fluency in condemning than approving; they hate with more ardour than they love.—Bovée.

CROOME TROPHY COMPETITION

October 3 was the date for the Gloucester and Bristol Association's third ringing competition and we were again favoured with good weather. During the morning a number of ringers availed themselves of the opportunity to ring in various towers in the Wotton-under-Edge and Bristol Rural branches before converging on Wickwar, where the competition was held. The six bells have recently been rehung and were, in fact, rededicated just a fortnight before the competition.

Ten teams competed during the course of the afternoon and the judging was in the capable hands of Mr. C. Kippin. Mitcheldean (Forest Branch) were the first to ring and showed a marked improvement on previous years. They were followed by Stonehouse (Stroud Branch), ringing Grand-sire Doubles. Cheltenham Parish Church chose to ring Stedman this year and rang well, but unfortunately Thornbury (Bristol Rural Branch) were unable to sustain the good ringing with which they began. Stone Wotton Branch) were thrilled to be ringing 240 changes for the first time and Bristol Cathedral's Cambridge Surprise Minor was very good indeed. They were followed by Andrew's, Chippenham, Stow-on-the-Wold and Cirencester, all of whom rang Grandsire Doubles. The last team, Barn-wood, had us all wondering whether we were to have a repetition of last year's result, when the last team to ring were the surprise winners. Had they maintained the standard of their opening ringing they may well have beaten all comers.

MEMBERS THANKED

After the ringing evensong was conducted by the rector (Rev. E. Perry) and the address was given by the Ven. Walter T. Wardle, Archdeacon of Gloucester. He began by saying how delighted he was to be able to thank publicly the members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and other ringers all over the country for the magnificent way they had risen to the challenge of Stinchcombe. He was glad to say that he could now put away his massive file on the subject for, due to the persuasiveness of the officers of the Glouces-

ter and Bristol Association, the bells of Stinchcombe would now be rehung for traditional ringing.

He also spoke of the work of Will Croome, in whose memory the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance presented the trophy to the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and said that the wonderful state of the fabric in the churches of the diocese was a permanent memorial to him. It was said that one could tell immediately one entered the Diocese of Gloucester for the influence of Will Croome was so evident.

In conclusion, he reminded ringers of the importance of their faith, suggesting that they ask themselves three questions: "Do I believe?", "What do I believe?" and "Am I awake in my faith?".

Before the declaration of the results Miss E. M. Bliss, association chairman, thanked the Archdeacon for his attendance and Mr. Kippin—the man who had worked hardest that day—for judging the competition. In his appraisal Mr. Kippin first of all commented on the bells, remarking that two in particular had caused embarrassment during the afternoon. He then gave his criticism of each team in turn. Mr. W. F. Scudamore revealed the identity of the teams, the results being as follows: 1st, Bristol Cathedral (94 faults): 2nd, Cheltenham (114); 3rd, Barnwood (137); 4th, Mitcheldean (140): 5th, Thornbury (161); 6th, Cirencester (187); 7th, Stow (227); 8th, Chippenham (233): 9th, Stonehouse (271); 10th, Stone (341).

Canon Wardle presented the Croome Trophy and six miniature bell ropes to Mr. P. J. Bird (Bristol Cathedral) and the ringing master's clapper "for a good attempt" to Mr. C. A. Wratten (Cheltenham Parish Church), the band which on two occasions has only just missed the trophy.

Miss Bliss thanked the ladies for the excellent buffet tea which had been served during the afternoon, the Rev. E. Perry for allowing his bells to be used, and Mr. W. F. Scudamore, ringing master, on whose capable shoulders had fallen all the organisation of the competition.

Middlesex Association

VISIT TO THE CITY

The rector of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate (Rev. E. R. Moore) welcomed the N. and E. District on October 10, conducted the association's form of service and took the chair at the business meeting which followed tea in the Church Hall, a building which is also used by the members of the Fanmakers' Company. He pointed out that Bishopsgate, as a street, was steeped in history and, as its name implies, was one of the main entrances into the old City through the Bishop's Gate, built in 675, the site of which is adjacent to St. Botolph's. The church is unusual inasmuch as its spire is situated at the east end.

New ringing members elected at the business meeting were David Town (Clerkenwell) and R. Greenhill (Edmonton).

Jim Davis and Reuben Sanders — what memories these names bring to the older generation of ringers, and therefore how delightful to find Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Sanders as two of the tea hostesses, still giving their services to help the Association when opportunity occurs. Our best thanks were accorded to them and also to Michael Wycherley, who stepped into the breach at very short notice and accompanied at the organ during the service.

East Grinstead Guild ANNUAL OUTING

The annual outing was held on October 10 and toured the banks of the Thames. The first tower was the six at Ottershaw and the ringers found the bells easy-going but the belfry was so small and with so many waiting it made ringing uncomfortable. The next tower, Walton-on-Thames (8), was followed by lunch, after which Oatlands Park (8) was on the list. At Sunbury-on-Thames (8) the church is disused and due for demolition (we understand the local band still ring on Sundays for services held in a chapel nearby). Tea was taken at East Molesey and the two evening towers (both tens) were at Kingston upon Thames and Beddington. Various methods were tried at each with varying success.

After refreshment the party returned home, and our thanks go to Mr. C. A. Bassett for his organisation and to Ted Baker for driving again. R. J. E.

Ringing, under the direction of the master (Mrs. H. G. Hart), took place before and after tea, principally in the standard methods, and a number of the younger members rang on these bells for the first time.

E. H. K.

WATFORD DISTRICT OUTING

On October 3 members of the Watford District paid a visit to Worcester, passing through familiar and well-loved countryside en route

A coffee stop at Moreton-in-Marsh was welcome on this blowy autumn morning. Friends from Swindon Village, Glos, joined the party at Badsey, where we were met by Mr. Brazier and the tuneful ring of eight was put to very good use.

After lunch the anti-clockwise ring of six at St. Swithun's, Worcester, was rung to a variety of methods. Tucked away almost out of sight behind the busy High Street, the bells in this old city tower sound loud and clear. Mr. Fred Pugh, who had met us there, accompanied us to the Cathedral, where the heavy 12 were approached with some slight trepidation by our company of varying experience, and some words of advice from Mr. Pugh proved most helpful.

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Rounds on 12. Grandsire and Stedman
Caters, a speculative half course of Yorkshire on the back eight and a fair to reasonable lower—then it was time to go. We
were aware that our efforts did not do these
really magnificent bells justice, but it was
a joy to ring them none the less, and we
would here record appreciation to those
concerned. It was a pleasure to meet David
Beacham for a few minutes outside the
Cathedral afterwards.

Over the bridge to St. John's where, in the nicely-carpeted ringing chamber, the pleasant eight seemed particularly easy to ring. Mr. Lewis met us there and we learned from this enthusiastic ringer of his equally enthusiastic young band.

In the gathering dusk, the brightly-lit church of Moreton-in-Marsh, with its harvest festival preparations going on, was very pleasing, as indeed were the bells, and on this delightful octave the last touches of the day were rung.

Our thanks are accorded to Andrew Mayes (district secretary) for arranging such a good outing, also the above-mentioned gentlemen who met us.

R. G. B.

INTO SUSSEX

On a Saturday in September the Bromley (Kent) ringers and friends visited five Sussex churches, and when the party left there was a fine drizzle falling. The first call was Lower Beeding (8), where Michael Hansford successfully conducted his first quarter (Bob Major).

Cowfold (6) was next, where a quarter of Grandsire came to grief, and after a picnic lunch the party headed for Shipley (6), where an attempt was made for Cambridge Minor but was lost ten minutes from the end. The weather improved and those not ringing much enjoyed walking around the peaceful and beautiful countryside. The impressive windmill, preserved as a memorial to Hilaire Belloc, the author and poet, was also visited.

At Steyning (8) the bells were found to be less easy to ring than those previously rung; nevertheless the visit was much enjoyed. A pleasant tea was later enjoyed at a local café.

The last church was Henfield (8). A successful quarter of Stedman Triples was conducted by David Kingston and all found the delightful bells a pleasure to ring. The day finished with a call at the White Hart (where a few changes were rung on handbells) before returning home.

F. H. G.

Bad men excuse their faults, good men will leave them.—Ben Jonson.

JAMES ROBERT HAWORTH By W. T. COOK

(Continued from page 963)

In July, 1880, there took place the consecration of the new church on Lord Eldon's estate at Kingston, Wareham, Eldon's estate at Kingston, Wareham, Dorset. Eight members of the College Youths were invited down, and before and after the service on Saturday, July 24, they rang on the new bells various touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob "under the leadership of Mr. Haworth." In the afternoon they attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but only rang 3,500 changes. They rang for the morning and evening services on the Sunday, and "returned to London by way of Poole, where they rang changes on the eight bells, supposed to be for the first time (new in 1821)."

Haworth's most noteworthy peal in 1881 was the first peal on the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral, Stedman Cinques, to which he rang the fourth. Even to-day a peal on these bells is not to be treated lightly, and in those days it was hailed as "a great feat in change-ringing." In Church Bells it was noted that "All present bore testimony to the fine and regular striking throughout the whole of the ringing. It was the first long peal, first attempt, and rung by the Cathe-

dral ringers."

The year 1882 saw Haworth once again busy with attending openings of new rings of bells. On April 1 eight members of the College Youths opened a ring of eight bells (six old and two new) at Tring, Herts. "The ringing commenced with a quarter real of Stadesar's Trings to Stadesar's Trings and the stadesart's Trings and the stadesart's Trings are stadesart's Trings are stadesart as the stadesart's Trings are stadesart as the stadesart are stad peal of Stedman's Triples, conducted by Mr. Wood, followed at intervals during the day by touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman's Triples, in some of which Squire Proctor, of Bennington, Herts, assisted." On Easter Monday, April 10, Haworth was one of the ringers at the opening of the eight bells (augmented from six) at Baldock, Herts. This time it was Squire Proctor's band who did the official opening ringing.

HOLT'S TEN-PART

In the same year the eight bells at Bletchingley, Surrey, had been rehung, "and to prove the fact that everything is in good order, on Tuesday, the 29th August, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London . . . rang Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 3hrs. 8 mins.; and, in the evening, two long courses of Kent Treble Bob Major (704 changes), and six courses of Stedman's Triples. ringing was conducted by M. A. Wood." (Church Bells.) Haworth rang the third

in this peal.

There was an interesting centenary peal on August 4, 1883, in which Haworth took part. On August 4, 1783, a band of the "Junior" Society of College Youths won a silver cup in a ringing contest at Sonning, Berks (this cup is fully described on page 684 of The Ringing World, September 6. 1968), and it was decided to mark the centenary of this victory by ringing a College Youths' peal at Sonning. So Haworth and four other College Youths (Pettit, Mash, Wood and Greenleaf) went by train to Twyford, from where, according to The Bell News, they "had a most enjoyable walk across country to Sonning," where they met the rest of the band. After ringing the peal—Grandsire Triples—"in splendid style. without let or hindrance. party adjourned to a marquee, where a sumptuous and well-furnished repast was provided by 'mine host.' Mr. Bright, of the Bull." After the meal the silver cup was filled with wine, and appropriate toasts were drunk from it. The other London

members apparently went home that evening, but Haworth stayed for the week-end, possibly as the guest of J. M. Routh. On Sunday they rang at Tilehurst, where "having been hung by an incompetent local," the belief were scarcely ringable therefore Minor could not be attempted. On Monday "several short touches of Grandsire Triples were indulged in" Haworth, who had been rejoined by F. E. Dawe and W. Greenleaf, together with the local ringers, at St. Mary's, Reading.

Later, on January 22, 1884, Haworth presented another silver cup to the College Youths to commemorate the centenary peal. An account from the silversmiths shows that the cup cost £6 15s., and the engraving on it another £1 10s. A cutting from Church Bells describes the scene at the College Youths' meeting room at the King's Head, Southwark, reports the presentation of the cup, and gives the speeches which were made by Haworth and J. M. Routh.

A peal of note in which Haworth took part in 1884 was one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on April 29. It may be remembered that Haworth had taken part in the first peal rung in that method on those bells 38 years previously, and the 1884 peal was the first in that method that had been rung there for 22 years.

A WEEK-END IN KENT

In September of the same year Haworth spent a week-end down in Kent. Sunday, September 21, was the harvest festival at Sittingbourne, and a cutting from Church Bells states that "an especial feature of the occasion was the ringing. Determined to have some really good ringing, a prominent member of the local society invited three members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, under the direction of Mr. J. R. Haworth, to come down and assist." The London party (in fact numbering five in all) arrived on the Saturday evening, and with three local ringers, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells, but lost the peal after 3,200 changes. Together with other local ringers, they rang various touches during the Sunday, both before and after the services. Haworth and two other London men (F. G. Newman and R. French) went to Faversham the next day where a mixed band rang a St. James's Society peal of Grandsire Triples.

On October 7, 1884, Haworth rang his 150th peal, Grandsire Caters, at St. Clement Danes', Strand. His next peal on these bells, also Grandsire Caters, rung on December 1, 1884, must have been a sad occasion for Haworth, for it was rung halfmuffled in memory of George Stockham who had died a fortnight previously. Howarth had known Stockham ever since he (Haworth) had taken up ringing.

Only one of the peals Haworth rang in 1885 is of any special interest-Grandsire Triples at Chichester on July 18, rung by a band of College Youths who had gone down there for the week-end. This was wards the band were "most libe ally entertained" by the local ringers at the Anchor Hotel. "The remainder of the evening." as Church Bells records "were report as Church Bells records, "was spent in a convivial manner, and some excellent songs—Mr. Haworth's 'Learned Man' being well received—and speeches brought the meeting to a close." The Sunday was spent mainly in sight-seeing: and three of the party—Haworth, Mash and Winney stayed overnight and returned to London on Monday via Arundel, where they had a ring with the local band.

The year 1887 was Queen Victoria's Jubilee Year. Haworth took part in three Jubilee peals at St. Lawrence, Jewry; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; and St. Clement Danes', Strand, all of which were rung by the St. James's Society. The peal at St. Lawrence, Jewry, was of especial note, in that it was only the fourth peal on the bells in the 207 years of their existence (the tenor weighed 36 cwt.) and the first since 1762. A newspaper cutting states that "Mr. J. R. Haworth, the caretaker of the bells and head ringer, deserves some credit for their excellent condition." After the peal the ringers were "entertained at supper at the Goose and Gridiron Hotel, St. Paul's Churchvard, by Mr. Churchwarden Bening-

(To be continued.)

Sa'isbury Guild NOTICES OF RESIGNATION

The Devizes Branch held its quarterly meeting and striking competition at Holt on October 3. Ringing during the afternoon was under the direction of ringing master Bob Purnell (Melksham).

Tea, provided by the Bridge Women's Institute, and the meeting, preceded the service, at which the rector (Rev. G. Howlett) welcomed the ringers to Holt. Mr. Eric Walters was at the organ.

At the meeting, chaired by Mr. C. F. Andrews (branch chairman), two new members and two honorary members were elected, and notices of resignation from office were received from G. D. Davis (Bradford-on-Avon), secretary, and N. G. Knee (Warminster), ringing master.

In the striking competition which fol-lowed, run by Bob Purnell, Warminster emerged as winners, with Longbridge

Deverill second.

Full placings were as follows: 1 Warminster, 2 Longbridge Deverill, 3 Christ Church (Bradford-on-Avon), 4 Holy Trinity (Bradford-on-Avon), 5 Holt, 6 Bratton, 7 branch ladies' band, 8 branch under-16 band.

The judges, who were thanked by the chairman, were Mr. Brian Woodruffe, of Whiteparish, and Mr. Neil Shelton, of

Salisbury.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers CERTIFICATE PRESENTED AT SERVICE

The South West Branch held its autumn meeting at Noss Mayo on October 3 and ringing during the day varied between rounds and Cambridge Major, via all the standard methods on six and eight.

The recently-restored octave were rung before the service, which was conducted by the rector (Rev. P. E. Fairbrother). During the service he departed from the branch's normal practice and presented a guild certificate to Anthony Pullan, of Whitchurch. A traditional feature of the service was a course of Grandsire Triples in hand.

After tea in the church hall a business meeting was held, at which Christine Tebbot and Sally Jackman (Whitchurch). Robert Young (Emmanuel, Plymouth) and Nicholas Head (Stoke Damerel, Plymouth) were elected to membership.

In the evening, and thanks to Rev. Fair-brother's further hospitality in his capacity as Vicar of Newton Ferrers (Noss Mayo's "twin village"), ringing continued on the fine ring of six at that church. J. F. S.

Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues .-Bishop Hall.

Notices

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JENNER.—To Ann and Stan, on November 25, a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, sister for Susan.

ENGAGEMENT

MR. and MRS. B. G. KEY, Stanklyn Lane, Kidderminster, are pleased to announce the engagement of their third daughter, Lucy Ann, to William Joseph, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Oakey, of Comhampton Farm, Stourport.

ROGERS—BIDGOOD. — The engagement is announced between Philip, of East Retford, Notts, and Gwen, of Whitchurch, Cardiff, both at present at Durham University.

IN MEMORIAM

TOMLINSON. - In memory of my beloved husband, Norman, who passed away December 16, 1963. Missed more every day by his wife, Phoebe.

PERSONAL

"And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"—Micah vi, 8.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FELSTEAD.—The address of Canon K. W. H. Felstead is now The Master's Lodge, St. Cross, Winchester, Hants. Tel. Winchester 2888.

HICKS.—As from December 10 the address of Evelyn and Frank will be Little Court, 76 Holtye Road, East Grinstead, Sussex. Telephone: East Grinstead 25596.

LEEVES. — Anthony and Karol now live at 3 Jenners Cottages, The Hill, Cranbrook, Kent.

TELEPHONES

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER.—The telephone number of Joyce and Stephen Barton 021-422 9556.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - Nominations and notices of motions for the A.G.M., 1971, must reach me by Feb. 1 (Rules VI and IX).—P. W. 291

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EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry Archdeaconry. — Christmas get - together and social evening, Thurs., Dec. 17. Ringing at Monk's Kirby 7.30. Supper afterwards at the Denbigh Arms, Monk's Kirby (7/6). Skittles, darts, piano, etc. Names essential to D. W. Mountford, 61 Heath Lane, Brinklow, Rugby (Tel.: Pailton 404), by Dec. 10. 280 COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry.—"Christmas get-together," Leam-

Archdeaconry.—"Christmas get-together," Leamington Spa (All Saints), Wed., Dec. 16, 7.30-9 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob Major and Yorkshire S. Major.-H. A. M.

GUILDFORD GUILD,-Leatherhead District,-Surprise practice, West Clandon, Mon., Dec. 14, 19.45-21.15 hours. Methods: Ashtead, Cam-

bridge, Lincolnshire and London.—J. A. L. 312
HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Sat., Dec. 12,
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ern District.-Meeting, Sat., Dec. 12, Ware (8), 6.30 p.m.—S. E. James, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Evening meeting, Atcham (6), Fri., Dec. 18. Ringing 7.30–9
p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. F. W. 296
STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—

Evening practice meeting, Aldridge, Sat., Dec. 19. Bells (6) available 6–8 p.m. (latest). Anyone welcome.-C. M. S., Gen. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD .- S.W. District .- Surprise Minor practice, Hartest, Wed., Dec. 16, 7.30-9

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Western Branch. — Practice meeting, Sat., Dec. 19, at Oxenhope (8), 6-8.30 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob and Cambridge. All welcome.-Maurice Thurmott, ringing master.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY .- Meeting, Sat., Dec. 12, Penistone. Bells from 3 p.m. onwards. Evening ringing to be announced at Tea details later from secretary. the meeting.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. - Chew Branch.—Annual general meeting, Yatton (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Bells available 3 p.m. Service Tea 5 p.m., followed by business.-D. G. Yeo, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.-Meeting, Dec. 12, Stotfold (6), 3-5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at Henlow (6) during evening.—A. H. Smith Dis Sec

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY .- Meeting, Sat., Dec. 12. Ringing at North Cave 3-4 Ing. Sat., Dec. 12. hinging at North Cave 5 -, p.m. Service, St. Luke's Church, Willerby, 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing at Kirk Ella after tea until 8.30. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Johnson, 5 Redland Drive, Kirk Ella.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Chesterfield District.—District A.G.M., Staveley, Dec. 12. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Ringers' service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Paddison, 16 Wateringbury Grove, Staveley, Chesterfield. (10) available 7.30-9 p.m. — M. Phipps, Hon. Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS AS SOCIATION. — Meeting, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8), Dec. 12, 2.30-8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, without fail, to Mr. B. A. Sollis, Pendene, Haddon Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. Subscripdue.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A.G.M., Sat., Dec. 12. Ringing 3-4 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow in hall. Tea and biscuits provided. Bring your own food. Ringing until 8 p.m.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- Cambridge District.—Dec. 12, ringing at Foxton 3-4, then Harston for service at 4.30, tea and further ringing.-J. S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 12, Leytonstone. Ringing 7.30—9. Advance notice of A.G.M. at Waltham Abbey on January 12

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.— Nomination meeting at Ashtead, Dec. 12. Ringing 15.30. Service 16.30. Further ringing after meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. G. M. Laver, 30 Moat Court, Ashtead.—J. A. L. 309

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Western District.—King's Langley (8), Dec. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Barker, 7 Langley Hill Close, King's Langlev.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .and W. District.-Meeting, Sat., Dec. 12. Ringing: Feltham (10), 3-4.30; Bedfont (6), 4-5 and after tea; Stanwell (6), 7-8.30. Tea and business in Bedfont Church Hall at 5 p.m.—

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Winkfield (6), Sat., Dec. 12. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to A. L. Pearson, 75 Pinkneys Road, Maidenhead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. James, Cowley, Dec. 12. Bells available: Iffley 2-4 p.m., Cowley 4-4.30 and after the meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to D. Woodley, 49 Ashhurst Way Rose Hill Oxford

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Afternoon practice, Dec. 12, Roth-Bells (8) 3-5 p.m. All welcome.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting Church Stretton Branch of the Hereford Guild at Berrington (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Ringing Service 4.30, followed by tea. in the evening until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Lloyd, The Flat, Crunk Till, Cross Houses, Salop.—E. F. W. 28
SUFFOLK GUILD. — South East District.—

A.D.M., Sat., Dec. 12, St. Mary's, Woodbridge (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Bookings for tea, please, to Mr. A. S. Woodard, The Flat, 42
Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 1AL.
Members, this is YOUR MEETING. ALL welcome.—W. L., Dis. Sec. 220

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Kirdford (6) and Billingshurst (8), Sat., Dec. 12. Kirdford bells from 3 p.m. Service at Billingshurst 5.45 p.m. and ringing afterwards to 8.30 p.m. For details of tea please ring Patrick Wills, Bognor Regis 24952.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,-Crewe Branch Sandbach, Dec. 19. Bells (8) 3 p.m. 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 16.-W. Kerr, 107 Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Derby District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Dec. 19, Derby Cathedral. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, after the service, in the Chapter House. Ringing till 8 p.m.—Clive A. Thrower, 51 Church Street, Spondon, Derby. 258

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- St. Albans District.-Meeting, Sat., Dec. 19, Harpenden, 3 Tea and meeting 5. Service 6.30. ther ringing till 8.30 p.m. Nominations for 1971 officers may be received at this meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3 Lee Road, Harpenden.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 324 LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley

District.—Meeting, Croft, Sat., Dec. 19. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in school. Names for tea to Mr. F. Watson, 17 Pochin Street, Croft, near Leicester, by Wed. previous. Visitors welcome.—J. Watkins, Dis. Sec. 333

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lough-borough District.—Meeting, Loughborough, Dec. 19. Ringing 2.30–4.30 p.m. at the Parish Church, followed by service. Tea 5 p.m. at Bellfoundry House, followed by ringing at the Foundry. Names for tea to Mrs. R. M. Wilson. 29 Long Street, Belton, Loughborough. All wel-

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After an excellent tea organised by Mr. W. S. Oakley in the Church Hall (which used to be a pub) a noteworthy business new meeting followed. Twenty-four members were elected, 13 being from Sturminster Marshall's new band, and all were welcomed to the guil.d It is hoped that those who came enjoyed themselves may be tempted to come again. and

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A correspondent asks whether the omission from the list of suitable Christmas presents of The Ringing World conveners' book, "Changeringing," is the Editor's way of showing disapproval of the conveners' note about price increases! [The Editor certainly can't be accused of favouritism! The book is available from all booksellers, £3 3s., the publishers being Faber and Faber.]

"QUITE A DAY"

Three peals with a difference, in that they were all rung on the same bells (Derby Cathedral) on the same day, without the bells ceasing, by three different bands of ringers. Rounds were rung during the changeover periods. Why such an event? A final fund-raising effort for Derby Cathedral Appeal, during which the Provost of Derby, Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, sat in the churchyard from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to collect donations. The Cathedral ringers, with the help of ringing friends from Bedford and Lincoln, agreed to ring all day to give the Provost some moral support. Well over £2,000 was raised.

CANON FELSTEAD LEAVES SOUTHAMPTON

The month of October has seen numerous festivities to mark the 9th centenary of the founding of the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Southampton's oldest building. These started with the Patronal Festival (September 29) with the Bishop of Winchester preaching. Other special services have been held during October.

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On October 29 a dinner was held at the Polygon Hotel, Southampton, attended by the Bishops of Winchester and Southampton, the Mayor of Southampton and many of the people who have worked hard to restore the church—over 100 of St. Michael's "family". Both the Bishop of Winchester and the Mayor of Southampton spoke of Canon Felstead's untiring work and devotion in virtually saving St. Michael's from the threat of demolition and bringing it to its beautifully-restored condition today.

The fact that £50,000 has been raised and spent on this restoration over the past 15 years is sufficient indication of the work Canon Felstead has led so well and so lovingly. His article (R.W., page 770) touches briefly on this mammoth task which his natural modesty would prevent him from showing in its true proportions.

The 9th centenary dinner was a fitting culmination of Canon Felstead's work at St. Michael's, for now, with some sadness, he is leaving (after 25 years) to take up a new appointment as Master of St. Cross Hospital. Winchester.

Hospital, Winchester.
From the ringing viewpoint, not least of his efforts at St. Michael's was the augmentation to ten in 1948. The bells have been well and truly used since then, with almost 100 of the total of 125 peals having been rung in this latter period.

It was fitting, therefore, that on Canon Felstead's last Saturday at St. Michael's he took part in a peal of Royal in his tower. A new method was rung which he was pleased to have called St. Michael Surprise Royal. Finally, for his last service, evensong on November 1, many of his ringing friends came to ring him to church, London S. Royal being among the methods rung.

He will be sadly missed at St. Michael's, but Southampton's loss is Winchester's undoubted gain.

R. R. S.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for December 7, 1945

Edward V. Rodenhurst rang the eighth in a peal of Kent Maximus at Shrewsbury, his first of Kent Maximus.

The treble to a peal of Bob Major at Ufford was rung by George W. Pipe, his first peal in which Mrs. C. W. Pipe and Mr. C. W. Pipe (conductor) also took part.

Mrs. A. J. B. Wayman and Mr Raymond F. Smith both rang their first peal of Stedman Triples at Harmston, Lincs, conducted by John A. Freeman.

The reader . . . will see how valuable to everyone is a good "Letter to the Editor." It adds to the interest of the paper; it causes people to think; often it supplies necessary information; and usually it presents a point of view which, though not the editorial one, may be a valuable complement to it.—Leader.

Mr. A. V. Davis was elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the Christchurch Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and Mr. W. E. Cheater was elected ringing master.

At a meeting at Selby, Yorks, it was decided to form a local society to be known as Selby and District Society of Change Ringers. Mr. T. H. Foster was elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

50 YEARS AGO

December 10, 1920

The National Assembly of the Church of England proposed to confer on parochial church councils certain powers which might have affected bellringers, and Canon Baker, of Dunstable, suggested that ringers who wished to express themselves on any clause or suggest any amendment should communicate with him.—Leader.

It was uphill work learning to ring and there were so many other attractions nowadays that it was difficult to keep young fellows in the tower.—From a Hereford Guild report.

Mr. Matthew Ellsmore, of Portsmouth, wanted to know if there were any bells in Sydney, Australia; it was also stated that Mr. Clement Glenn was settling down in France for a while.

Frank Croft, William J. Croft and George Croft (first as conductor) took part in a peal at Great Wymondley, Herts, for the wedding of Mr. R. Croft and Miss Ida Cherry.

William H. George, James F. George, Henry George and James George rang in a peal of Kent Major at Eastwood, Notts conducted by Edward C. Gobey.

And seven of the Bailey brothers rang in a peal of Guildford Surprise Major at Leiston, Suffolk, the eighth ringer being James A. Rumsey. Charles F. Bailey conducted.

Nearly two columns were occupied on readers' views on whether or not peal ringers should pay for inserting peal reports in The Ringing World. Alfred Pulling thought a penny should be the maximum, as with the cost of postage and postal order charge it would make it a dear job in some cases.

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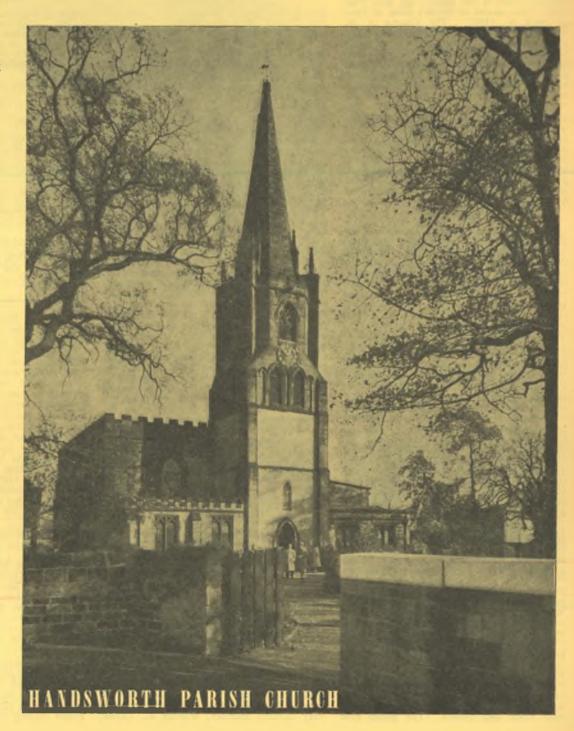
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GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE BELLS

ST. MARY'S CHURCH stands four miles south-east of Sheffield on the A.57 road to Worksop and the East Coast. It occupies a commanding position on the top of a long hill which starts at Woodhouse Mill, and the familiar sound at the church is of the gears of heavy lorries changing upwards almost with a sigh of relief after the long climb.

Handsworth is mentioned in the Domesday Book. It is probable that the church was founded by William, son of Richard de Lovetot, Lord of the Manor, not later than 1181. The record of rectors does, in fact, go back to 1195. The Chapel of St. Katherine was built about 1220. The Fabric Rolls of York report: "1472 Hannesworth Church is ruinous, it is now, however, being rebuilt." The tower was built soon after the church and the tower arch is a fine example of Transitional architecture. A spire was added later and this was "struck down by a ball fire" in 1698. "Handsworth Stump," a small, squat steeple, was then built and pulled down in 1825 to make way for the present spire. Other noteworthy features of the church are: a trefoiled piscina and two trefoiled sedilia; a large blocked up opening visible inside and out which retains its old hinges for a shutter; a blocked Transitional priests' doorway.

THE CROSS KEYS

An interesting building where many ringers have celebrated successful peals and "drowned their sorrows" after failures is the Cross Keys, which fronts on to the main road but actually stands in the church-yard. This building was the old church house and school and was built well before 1600. There is a record of the names of the headmasters from 1600 until 1800, when it ceased to be a school.

According to the inventory of 1552 at the Public Record Office, there have been bells at Handsworth since 1428. The first and third of the old three were recast in 1828 by T. Mears and these were melted down and used to cast the present ring. The second was cast in 1590, still hangs in the tower and is called the "Shrewsbury" bell. It bears the inscription "Jhesus Be Our Spede lower. G.S. 1590 H.O." the initials depicting George, 6th Earl of Shrewsbury, and Henry Oldfield of Nottingham. Although the bells were hung to ring full circle, for many years prior to 1920 they were chimed by hammers operated from a drum-like contraption turned by a handle.

Soon after the end of the Great War, discussions started in the village as to the form a memorial to the Fallen should take, and finally a choice between a new church hall or a ring of bells remained to be decided upon. An accomplished ringer in the village had arrived from Derbyshire a year or two earlier in the person of Fred Watkinson, who had already proved his worth in church activities. He had recently been a great help in forming the first Church Council, was its first secretary and held the post for several years. By giving lectures on bellringing to the Church of England Men's Society and other organisations he stirred up an interest in the art, and when later a vote was taken the bells were chosen to be the memorial together with clock and chimes. The parish now

has a fine community centre (the old rectory converted), a youth centre, a scout hall and a modern rectory as well as its fine ring of bells.

The installation of the new ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in the key of F sharp) was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co, and was one of the very first rings to be hung on ball bearings.

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Four of the bells are inscribed and show the organisations which worked very hard to collect the money to pay for them.

Treble: The Children's Tribute.

3: Handsworth Girls' Club. Grateful Remembrance.

5: The Mothers' Union. Thy will be done.

Tenor: This peal of eight bells was placed in this tower in memory of those men of Handsworth who fell in the Great War 1914-1918.

C.E.M.S.

The bells were dedicated exactly 50 years ago on Saturday, December 18 1920, by Dr. Leonard Hedley Burrows, the first Lord Bishop of Sheffield. The opening touch was rung by a band of ex-Service men. This same band rang the first peal on the bells on April 9, 1921, and stood as follows: A. Hague (conductor) treble, J. E. Lewis Cockey 2, Winifred M. Hague (later Mrs. T. C. Ryder) 3, Sidney Briggs 4, Haydn Thorpe 5, T. Colin Ryder 6, Charles R. Wright 7, Colin Harrison tenor. Mr. Cockey and Mrs. Ryder are the only two of the band surviving.

Fred Watkinson was a master of the art of training ringers and in addition to the local ringers many well-known personalities (Bert and Norman Chaddock, Canon Felstead, Paul Taylor, to name a few) will testify to the help they received from him in their early struggles. He soon trained a full team to ring for service and to such a proficiency that on March 11, 1922, only 15 months after dedication day, the second peal on the bells was rung entirely by the local band. Fred maintained a good team until the ban on ringing in the second World War, but on the resumption when the ban was lifted he was forced to retire due to ill-health and was repliced by the present ringing master, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, who took over when he was demobilised.

EASY-GOING BELLS

Handsworth, with its light and easygoing bells, has always been considered a "ladies" tower and has always had lady ringers. The first notable peal was, in fact, the first peal of Major ever rung by ladies on January 7, 1928, conducted by Molly Davenport (Mrs. E. S. Powell) and including Noel Cawthorne and Eva Hopkins of the local company. Two other allladies peals have since been rung, also a married couples peal. Peals of 36 and 42 Spliced Surprise were records at the time of ringing. Many firsts for the Yorkshire Association have been accomplished. The present company have recently been pleased to record the 200th peal on the bells. Mrs. Dorice Kelly rang her first peal for 13 years and the first with her son David, and it is fairly safe to claim that Handsworth is the first tower in Yorkshire to achieve this total.

A lean period started for the tower in 1962, when seven or eight ringers left almost at the same time, and an original and very faithful member, William H. Taylor,

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died, as did Fred Watkinson. Fred Cardwell, the only original member to have stayed the 50 years, is still going strong. Three more of Fred Watkinson's pre-war pupils, Dorice Kelly, John Gilbert and John Turley, are still regular members. The present band consists of eight promising youngsters, five of whom have rung their first peal during the last two years.

Handsworth is a comfortable place for rectors. There have been only three in the last 90 years. Rev. William A. Baker was rector at the time of dedication. He used to say that the bells would have no ringers 50 years hence, and he would have been delighted to know he was wrong. Canon Heneage succeeded him in 1944, and last year the ringers were pleased to ring a peat to celebrate his silver jubilee as rector.

J. J. L. GILBERT.

DEVON RINGERS' TOUR

On October 24 a number of members of the Devon Guild under the leadership of Mr. A. L. Bennett held a tour in the Crediton district. Accompanying him were the Misses V. Stephens and M. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Myers and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. Mallett and family Mr. D. J. Roberts and daughters and Mr. J. Murray

Towers visited were South Tawton, Iddesleigh, Sheepwash, Bow, Zeal Monachorum, Coldridge and Crediton. The lunch and tea intervals were spent in the Bow area, and all were pleased to meet Mr. John F. Fidler during the afternoon.

A. L. B.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

A Delightful Occasion

The annual dinner-party of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers was held on December 5 at the Red Lion, Wareham, a company of approximately 50 members and visitors sitting down under the branch chairmanship of Dr. C. T. Erown (Wareham).

The excellent meal was well served in the pleasant dining room of this delightful Dorset hotel, the tables being placed informally, apart from the main one, at which were seated Dr. Brown, Rev. Roger Keeley (Salisbury Guild master) and Mrs. Keeley, Mr. Ross Robertson, Mrs. Judith Robertbells were not easy to get, but Bill managed

Mr. Denyer concluded by wishing the branch every success and said he hoped to meet many of them on future occasions. He felt it was part of the Editor's duty to get around and to meet as many ringers and readers as possible, and a better understanding and sympathetic consideration on both sides would result.

Mr. Mitchell, branch ringing master, brought greetings to the gathering from a meeting that afternoon at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, and the chairman then closed the formal part of the pro-

The R.W. photographed these smiling faces at the dinner. L. to r.: Mrs. Roger Keeley, Dr. Christopher T. Brown (chairman), Mrs. Ross Robertson (hon, secretary), Rev. Roger Keeley (guild master) and Mrs. Betty Christopher, Wareham (tower secretary).

son (branch secretary), Mrs. Betty Christopher (Wareham tower secretary) and Mr. C. W. Denyer (Editor, Ringing World).

Following the loyal toast, the chairman extended a warm welcome to all the guests and visitors, mentioning particularly the Guild master and Mrs. Keeley, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins (Ringwood) and The Ringing World Editor. He also greeted, and the company applauded, the six members present from Sturminster Marshall, who were attending for the first time, the whole band having joined the branch at the last quarterly meeting.

Breaking with the tradition of "no speeches," the chairman introduced The Ringing World Editor and invited him to address the gathering, it being the first time that the Editor had attended this annual function.

Mr. Denyer expressed his thanks to the branch for inviting him to their dinner, and particularly thanked Dr. and Mrs. Brown for accommodating him for the night to save the 80 miles journey home. He then spoke on the problems and general production of the ringers' journal and told of the very great importance of keeping the cir-culation up, the necessity for each tower, if not each ringer, to take and share a copy with others, and of the work of the staff at Guildford to ensure regular despatch.

He also mentioned the happy ringing hours he had spent in the 1930's in the Salisbury Guild and of the pleasure of meeting again that evening, after many years, Mr. Bill Shute, who had helped so much in those past years with the enjoy-ment of that ringing. Bill was a great fellow, he added, and always managed to get around on his cycle (and, later, motor-cycle) and to have the bells ready for visitors. Sher-borne Abbey tenor made the greatest moment of those days, said the speaker. The tertainment, from taped handbells (Treble Bob 16) to skittles in the adjoining alley, but many of those attending preferred to converse—in which all ringers seem to excel whenever they meet.

ceedings. There was then a variety of en-

MID-DEVON MEETING

The meeting held by the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on November 7 took the form of a tour, the Teign Valley being the objective. Towers visited were Bridford, Christow, Ashton and Trusham. A service was held at the last church conducted by the Rev. W. S. Pears (rector), the lesson being read by Mr. D. J. Roberts (general secretary of the guild). After tea at a Chudleigh cafe the business meeting was held in the Constitutional Club, with the Rev. D. P. Angold in the chair.

Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting of the branch at Brixham in January, 1971 (subject to the necessary permission) with four towers being available.

Ringing took place at Chudleigh Parish Church in the evening. A. L. B.

N.D.A. STRIKING COMPETITION

The Norwich Diocesan Association was again blessed with a warm, sunny day for the annual striking competition. The choice of Gaywood as the venue proved excellent and the bells were ideal, but perhaps the isolation from the accepted ringing areas was reflected in the attendance-only four teams competing.

The highlight of the afternoon was, without doubt, the presentation of a magnificent rose bowl by former president Mr. Nolan rose bowl by former president Mr. Nolan Golden. This trophy was proudly accepted by Mr. Norman Harding, captain of the winning band from St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. The other teams were placed as follows: 2 Diss, 3 South Norfolk, 4 St. George's, Colegate, Norwich. It should be pointed out that the St. George's band were unlucky to "fire out" after some good ringing. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Frank Lufkin for coming from Essex to judge and comment on the ringing, and also to Mr.

comment on the ringing, and also to Mr.

Tovell for his excellent arrangements. Ringing continued, after tea, at Gaywood, Grimston and Castle Acre.

Oxford Guild.

SERVICE REWARDED

Over 60 people participated in the autumn meeting and service of the South Oxford-shire Branch which was held at Benson on November 7. The service was conducted by the vicar (Rev. A. E. Barton), who thanked all ringers for their work Sunday by Sunday. He pointed out that they were an important part of the life of the Church, and as' such must take up the challenge of the Church to make a witness. The lessons were read by the Rev. C. T. O'Reilly (hon. member) and Canon C. E. Wigg (guild mas-

A buffet tea was provided in the hall by ladies of the parish. Mr. Douglas Exon (branch chairman) welcomed all present, remarking that it was the largest branch meeting he could remember. He then asked Mr. James Godman to perform the pleasant duty of making a presentation to Mr. Frank Absolom, for many years branch ringing master. Mr. Godman recalled Mr. Absolom's efforts in teaching method ringing in the days when many local towers were ringing call changes; he had always been a leader in the branch and was a natural choice for ringing master. Mr. Absolom, who was presented with a cheque, thanked the branch and said how pleasing it was to see so many young ringers present.

Members were introduced to Mr. Bill Butler, the new secretary of the guild, who put forward plans for a guild outing in the future. He also commended the branch

newsletter as a useful form of communication and felt that the Guild as a whole would benefit from some kind of news

Fifteen new members were elected, and in view of the many inexperienced ringers now in the branch it was decided to investigate the possibilities of running an instructional course.

T. J. R., I. O'R.



Mr. Jim Godman with Mr. Frank Absolom (right) to whom a presentation was made during the meeting.

To love all mankind, from the greatest to the lowest (or meanest), a cheerful state of being is required; but in order to see into mankind, into life, and still more into ourselves, suffering is requisite.—Richter.

Oxford Guild

RINGING COURSE

It all started in June of this year, when one branch secretary said to another: "The trouble with branch practices is that there is so little time available and often very few expert ringers to help with the instruction." The conversation continued expressing the desirability of beginners having the opportunity to practise with complete bands of competent ringers.

The result of this conversation occurred on October 31 at Bishop Loveday School in Bodicote village (near Banbury). Students of all ages began to arrive at halfpast nine. They were greeted by a fascinating display of handbells, founders' marks and numerous photographs depicting bells through the ages, bell fittings and other topics of campanological interest.

At 10 o'clock the vicar (Rev. D. Bishop) opened the proceedings with a short address of welcome and prayers for the success of the venture. The first session dealt with a technical and historical introduction to the art of campanology. This extremely interesting subject was in the capable hands of Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who delighted his audience with many slides, interspersed with amusing anecdotes.

TWO GROUPS

The ringers taking part were later divided into two unequal groups. The smaller went to Bodicote Church for a practical session on tied bells, devoted to ringing up and down. This was ably organised by Miss Daphne Pollard. At the same time Mr. Wilfrid Wilson explained how methods were constructed. One of the main difficulties experienced by a tower instructor is the task of explaining change-ringing to new recruits. It was felt that Mr. Wilson's talk did much to present change-ringing as an exercise of logistics. There was more than one comment heard afterwards, declaring that the theory of change-ringing was not as mysterious as had been supposed!

Following almost three hours of theoretical instruction, a welcome break was enjoyed by all. Although lunch had been confined to "own arrangements," coffee, tea and orange were provided by Jean Davis and Pamela Powell. During the break a further opportunity was taken to inspect the exhibition of bells and photographs. Attention was also given to a display of books on bellringing, which had been lent by the library of the Oxford Guild especially for the occasion.

During the afternoon practical sessions were held at Lower Heyford and Rousham. At the former tower Mr. Sharpe gave instruction on elementary ringing, whilst Mr. Wilson coped with an enthusiastic group at the latter and covered the more admethods. Arrangements had been vanced made for a large number of competent ringers to be present at these towers, to provide a sound "backing." For those not ringing, instruction was given on rope splicing at both towers. Unfortunately there were too many ringers at these towers, resulting in some having to wait a considerable time for a ring. A third tower staffed by competent ringers would have eased the pressure.

At 4.30 a stream of cars headed towards the village of Wootton, where tea had been arranged in the village hall, prepared by Jean Davis and Pamela Powell. Exactly 60 persons sat down. The rector (Rev. L. C. Perfect) prayed for all ringers and said Grace. The gathering was privileged to have present the master of the Oxford Guild (Canon C. E. Wigg), who expressed

Kent County Association

A GOODLY NUMBER

The venue for this year's Rochester District annual meeting was Frindsbury, and a goodly number turned up on October 17 to a lively and interesting meeting. The service was taken by the curate, himself aringer (Rev. Roger James), and then everyone adjourned to a nearby hall for a knife-and-fork meal, provided free.

The chairman (Rev. Stanley Evans) welcomed visitors to the district and asked that the good wishes of the meeting be sent to Mr. Stanley Rayfield, who was making slow progress following his recent illness. He also welcomed back two ringers from Stockbury, Messrs. Lacey and Borman, following recovery from accident and illness.

The secretary (Mr. David Leworthy), giving his report at the end of his first year in office, stated that the average attendance at meetings had been 65. In all, 37 peals had been rung: 16 tower (decrease of seven), 21 in hand (increase of 16). Noteworthy performances included seven firsts, Trevor Cross's 600th and Chris Osenton's 300th. There had also been 53 quarter peals, with 18 members ringing firsts, and this augured well for the future of the district, he remarked.

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Membership was 180 adults, 38 juniors and 30 associate, with 50 subscriptions outstanding, and three members had died.

The district newsletter which the secretary produced at the four quarterly meeting had proved popular, the average circulation being 75.

One non-resident life member and three practising members were elected at the meeting. Those present disagreed with a suggestion put forward by a sub-committee that each district should have a committee. It was felt that the few occasions when a committee was required did not warrant one being in permanent existence.

The election of officers for the year were selected, in some cases by ballot: Chairman, Rev. Stanley Evans (Bredgar); secretary, Mr. David Leworthy (Minsteriary, Mr. David Leworthy (Minsteriary, Mr. P. Osenton (Halling) and Committee, Mrs. P. Osenton (Halling) and Trevor Cross (Rochester); ringing masters, Messrs. Chris Osenton (Halling) and Len Crouch (Frindsbury); Ringing World correspondent, Mr. Laurie Mitchell (Newington-next-Sittingbourne). A proposal from the Lewisham District with reference to a peal booking fee was turned down.

Votes of thanks were expressed to all who had made the meeting so successful, and many ringers later crossed the Medway to take the opportunity of ringing on Rochester Cathedral bells.

L. M.

delight at the reception given to the venture. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Ron Thorne (Bodicote), mentioning especially Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Mr. Wilfrid Wilson and Miss Daphne Pollard for their tireless effort and patience. Mr. Thorne concluded by drawing attention to the hard work of Jean Davis and Pamela Powell, who had made all the catering arrangements.

Whilst a small army of volunteers tackled the problem of clearing up, further ringing was enjoyed on the six at Wootton, under the direction of Mr. Cyril Kinch.

Thanks must go to all the instructors, to all the competent ringers who gave up their Saturday afternoon to help provide strong bands at the practical sessions, as well as to the incumbents and ringers of the four towers used.

E. R. V.

LEIGH (detached) ASSOCIATION

The venue for our 31st quarterly meeting was amongst the falling leaves of the Maidstone district, where, on a misty day, ringing was started at the recently rehung John Wilner four at Addington which with the treble recast, tuned, and new frame, went remarkably well. Ash-by-Wrotham was next, where, on approach, the "Whitechapel" sound was heard, Saturday being the local band's practice day. Although having worn bearings and two cracked bells ringing was steady and unfaltered.

With extra members we continued on to the tuneful bells of Boughton-Monchelsea which "thudded with glory"! Chart Sutton was next and then Maidstone, where All Saints' bells proved a delight. After lunch, ringing commenced on the six at St. Michael's, Maidstone—strange to the ear as being the middle six of an eight. The ring of six (Samuel Knight, 1763) at Holling-bourne, being tuned in the minor key, also seemed strange to the ear. The bell engineering is interesting—rolled steel joists being used as headstocks.

The Whitechapel five at Frinsted went very well despite lack of shrouding on some of the wheels. After tea we proceeded to the last tower, at Bicknor. The paraffin lamps were lit, and after some attention we managed to ring the steel four (2 cwt.). which, stayless, sliderless and sallyless were a challenge, to say the least. They were finally a mastered after conventional bell-handling had been thrown to the wind.

Finally a vote of thanks to Mr. Roberts for his kind assistance in arranging the towers, and the South Downs region was chosen for the next meeting.

N. M. S.

FIFTH OUTING

Arranged by Kevin Price, a party of ringers from the Lake District area set out for their fifth annual outing on October 17 to Northumberland and Durham,

The first tower was at Allendale (8, 10 cwt.), where the bells were very pleasant, and then on to Newton Hall (6, 12 cwt.); the bells here are seldom rung.

The third tower was at Wylam-on-Tyne (6, 22 cwt.), and the bells were voted as the best of the day, Cambridge Minor going extremely well.

going extremely well.

After a packed lunch we moved on to the industrial town of Blaydon-on-Tyne (6, 6½ cwt), where the third is lighter than the treble!

The biggest difficulty came next, trying to find Brancepeth. Few tourists arrived on time and some did not arrive at all, so the ringing on these bells (8, 13\frac{3}{4} cwt.) was limited.

The next tower was at Shildon (8, 164 cwt.), where the bells are really magnificent, although the tenor makes rather hard work. All were impressed by the beautiful ringing chamber, and, indeed, by the condition of all the towers visited.

We journeyed on to Hurworth (6, 17½ cwt.) and received favourable comments from the local people listening to our efforts. The final tower was at Grinton, North Yorks (6, 10 cwt.), a nice six, and afterwards all adjourned to an hotel for some traditional refreshments. The return journey via Wensleydale was somewhat misty, but a most enjoyable day had been spent.

Note. — An unusual footnote to any outing, perhaps, but this year all the towers visited were pleasant, well kept and housed good rings.

ANON.

Fortune can take away riches, but not courage.—Seneca.

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Editorial

ABOUT OURSELVES

At the Whitechapel Bell Foundry on November 14 The Ringing World Committee once again achieved a full attendance-very encouraging to the convener when he considers the distances travelled and the many Saturday demands on active ringers. The committee were glad to have with them the president and vice-president of the Central Council (Mr. J. Freeman and Mr. E. A. Barnett), the treasurer (Mr. D Hughes), our accountant (Mr. D. A. Tate) and Mr. Denyer (our editor). The financial situation which was the major item for consideration, has already been reported to our readers.

The question of the reporting of the Central Council meeting, raised in correspondence in The Ringing World, was discussed. It was agreed that the Central Council officers would bear in mind the need for the Editor to be seated at Council meetings where he could see and hear pro-perly and that other aspects should be raised at the next meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council.

It was noted from the Editor's circulation reports that casual sales were being well maintained.

In addition to the normal cash and bank statements and details of investments. special interim reports by the Guildford office and by the accountant were before the meeting, so that, as reported, the committee had every possible facility for making its decisions on costs and charges. The Editor was authorised to negotiate charges for printing additional pages as often as may prove possible, to give readers some additional return for the unavoidable price

The committee considered that the scale of charges for notices, etc., should be in-creased slightly; they do not at present cover their cost. The new rates will be 6s. (30 N.P.) for 30 words; each additional word 1 N.P. Display advertisements: 10s. an inch, single column; £15 a page; £8 10s. half page. Association secretaries should note that three insertions can be made for the price of two-so submit your copy in time to take advantage of this.

The perennial question of peal footnotes was considered and the Editor was given discretion to act as he thought fit. [He has since given his views—see page 933 of November 27.]

The Editor reported on the expected sales of The Ringing World Calendar and the action taken by him in conjunction with the convener (I almost wrote "in spite of") in ordering additional copies was confirmed. Certain improvements would be considered for next year. The early announcement of a scheme for gift tokens had to be abandoned this year, because of the delay caused by the changes in sub-scription rates, but the Editor will be glad to supply details and forms to any readers who ask for them.

Arrangements are now getting firmer for a diamond jubilee celebration on March 27, 1971, the main features of which will be a visit to our founder's grave at Pyrford and a lunch in the Guildford area. A provisional guest list was agreed, there will

be an appropriate souvenir edition of The Ringing World, and the Editor was authorised to incur reasonable expenditure to conclude the arrangements and make appropriate announcements when readv. Readers are asked to book the date.

It was agreed to meet again on March 20, 1971, and a useful meeting concluded with thanks to Mr. Hughes for his neverfailing hospitality.
WILFRID G. WILSON.

First peal congratulations to Vane Whittaker, Christine McKenzie, Philip McKenzie, Fred Bone, David J. Palmer, Martin Brown, Harry J. Smith, Stuart D. Carpenter, Margaret Parker.

Personal Records: Leonard Stilwell (850 peals), Janet House (100), Dorothy M. Durrant (25), Paul W. Thomas (25), Roy W. Rice (100).

New Conductors: Robin Coles, Judith Harris. Christopher Renyard, Gardner.

Graham Nabb was unable to take part in his farewell quarter peal at Huish Episcopi due to illness. His rope was taken by Ron Short, who was also "not very

Spliced Surprise Fourteen in six methods (and on handbells!) has been rung for the first time, composed and conducted by John R. Mayne, at Watford.

The story of the ringing career of Robert Haworth, which has appeared regularly for several weeks, has now been concluded. The Editor and all readers are indebted to Mr. W. E. Cook, librarian of the Ancient Society of College Youths, for providing this interesting account of one of London's great ringers, and one who did so much for the Exercise in those difficult days. We hope Mr. Cook will continue to supply such readable copy for ringers and readers of The Ringing World.

In our "50 Years Ago" (R.W., page 948) the senior steward of the College Youths was G. R. Farden (not Marden). He was the father of Mr. R. A. Farden, of Watford

In our "25 Years Ago" column last week (page 987) the peal at Ufford, in which George W. Pipe rang his first, did not state that George was only ten years of age (neither did the original report). And now he is 25 years older!!

Other interesting items in the same issue were peals of four-Spliced Surprise Major at Oxford with six firsts, and Walter F. Judge's first of Spliced Surprise as conductor, and a week later, also at Oxford, London Surprise Major also conducted by Walter (his first in method as conductor) and in which six of the band rang their first in the method.

There has been a spate lately of peal reports arriving over three months after the event, and as there appears reasonable doubt about where the original copy was lost, we have printed them in the usual In future, however, late submisthe responsibility being that of the conductor. If a peal does not appear within four weeks of submission it should be sent in again and marked "Second submission." sions will be set in the quarter peal layout,

The young band who rang the peal at Chapel Allerton on November 15 are to be congratulated, for the average age was 14 years, and all had a "first" in one way or another.

Many congratulations will be extended to Mr. Leonard W. Carbutt, ringer and tower captain of St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, for 45 years, on the occasion of his golden wedding. In honour of the happy event a quarter peal was rung at Royston on November 2.

Leonard Fox, who has been ringing regularly at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, since 1932 moved to Eastbourne on November 30. His first callings for the Stepney band were Grandsire Doubles in 1935 and Grandsire Triples at first attempt on May 1, 1937, for the Coronation of H.M. King George VI. He took over the tower captaincy from his brother. He greatly missed by all who ring at Stepney, who express the most sincere and best wishes to him and his wife on the move.

One morning during the summer a coach with some Australian visitors aboard stopped outside All Saints' Church, Stamford, and at that moment the bells started This so thrilled some of the party who had never heard bells ringing before that they asked if a tape recording could be made. This has been done and sent to be made. This has been done and sent to Mrs. L. Erbacher of Toowoomba, Queens-land, where it will be heard at some Christmas celebrations. On the tape are the bells, the Battle of Britain service held in All Saints' Church, the bells again, and other items of interest.-J. H. B.

Writing about the picture of the 1935 tour (R.W., page 933), Mr. L. Stilwell says: "Stafford Green took this photo at Prestbury, and it was Mr. Townsend, a visitor from Poole-the first on the left. George Martin was not on this tour, and the man in the front was a local ringer who met us at the church. Of the ringers, only Ted Jenkins, Leslie Morris and myself are left."

We learn that Mr. Ray Collins (Farnham) is now home again and convalescing, and that Mr. Robin Collis is also progressing in South Middlesex Hospital, though he will not be back to duties for at least six weeks.

Mr. C. W. (Jim) Pipe is also in hospital following an operation, although we have no details. All will wish this well-known and popular ringer a speedy and complete

Because of an accumulation of reports of meetings, dinners, outings, etc., there is a delay in publication of many items, for which the Editor apologises. (We need the extra pages!) After the Christmas issues are completed it is intended to summarise some of the earlier reports so as to avoid a continuity of late news.

Mrs. Rebecca White, mother of Mr. Tom White, our previous editor, was 101 last Sunday, and was visited, as she is every week, by her son, in the nursing home at Woking, where she has lived for the past eight years.

The voice of reason is more to be regarded than the bent of any present inclination; since inclination will at length come over to reason though we can never force reason to comply with inclination.-

Addison.

letters

LETTERS

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COMPUTER PROVED

Dear Sir,-I have been mildly disturbed to note the appearance as a footnote to a

number of recent peal compositions of the legend "Computer proved."

Now, while the advent of computers in our art is a development to be welcomed, a word of warning to the uninitiated may be appropriate. As anyone who has had dealings with the beasts will agree, computers are rather like sewers—what you get out of them depends on what you put into them.

There is a temptation which afflicts even the most hardened of experienced pro-grammers to regard the pronouncements of computers with a touching, childlike faith.

The fact that the answer to a problem was produced in the blinking of an eye and printed at staggering speed by an attractively styled grey box is no more proof of its validity than if it had been thought out by five generations of Tibetan monks and inscribed on vellum. A healthy scepticism may help to prevent disillusion and acrimony.—Yours faithfully, P. BOSWORTH.

London, S.W.

Dear Sir, — I should like to protest against the appearance of the words "Computer proved" under my composition of Superlative (R.W., page 888). The proof of this composition was established beyond doubt by traditional methods prior submission to The Ringing World and so the computer can have done no more than check its truth. Computers, although inherently accurate, are programmed by humans and so the possibility of error still arises, and the words "Computer proved" cannot automatically be taken as a sufficient condition to establish the truth of a composition as was implied in your editorial. While I feel that the checking of compositions by computer is obviously a sensible idea, the responsibility for the validity of a composition should remain that of the composer/arranger and its conductor; "Computer proved" transfers it to the computer and its programmer.

I am also rather disturbed by the lack of uniformity in the notation used to signify the groups of false course-heads. Recently there has been an apparently arbi-trary use of upper and lower case letters to denote those groups and unless a universal convention is established soon, publication of f.c.h. group letters will cease to have any meaning, e.g. are f.c.h. groups eD

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43265	54236	or	46253	52463
25364	45326		53426	43562
24635	62354		24356	63245
	34652		63452	36425 ?

There seems to be a case for relettering those groups containing only out-of-course f.c.h.'s (considering only the tenors-together part) as each group consists of two subgroups (in-course and out-of-course), either or both of which can be empty. Thus it

MINIMUS

Dear Sir,-For about 12 months I have been making attempts to analyse 10,792 Minimus extents, all genuinely computer proved and believed to be a complete collection. They consist of 301 group extents in a group having the same place notation, and 53 groups have a fixed hunt

Further classification has been only partially successful and I would welcome any information on Minimus methods/variations/extents currently rung or any knowledge of whether these extents have been found before.

The 53 treble hunt extents could form a very neat quarter peal and if anyone is interested I would be pleased to supply details.—Yours faithfully,

M. J. PICKUP.

29 Julians Road, Stevenage, Herts.

RADLETT DELIGHT MINOR

Dear Sir-The 2,160 block of the above method rung at Radlett, Herts, on May 23, 1970, has subsequently been proved false and the name is therefore withdrawn.—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW W. R. WILBY.

Harpenden, Herts.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Dear Sir,-Your readers will note my change of address amongst the notices.

For the past few months for several good reasons, I fear I have not been able to deal with many requests for information about peals, etc. I apologise to those concerned about this and hope that they will be patient for a little longer until I have settled down in my new sphere of activity and can find the opportunity to answer them.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Winchester, Hants.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

With the annual meeting season approaching. The size of committees. If membership is more than about 16, there is too little scope for individual participation. If it is less than five it will depend too much on strength of personalities. — From J. Henderson: Notes for Managers, No. 9. 1965.

would appear to be illogical to have a different system of notation for those groups with an empty in-course sub-group if the notation for those groups with an empty out-of-course sub-group and those with no empty sub-group is the same.

As there is now a long delay (over 12 months is not uncommon) between submission and publication of compositions in The Ringing World, would it not be possible to introduce a similar system to that employed by the leading science journals; new work is sent to referees, who check its validity and originality and recommend whether it be published. Applied to compositions, competent referees could ensure that no false or unoriginal compositions are published and could also ensure that original and worthwhile composition are published quickly, while arrangements and peals of doubtful merit are held up and only used as space fillers. -Yours faithfully,

TONY COX.

RING ON, SWEET BELLS

Dear Sir,-The following recently appeared in a local paper, following an article from a publican which was printed in the national and local Press, complaining that the bells interfered with the trade on Tuesday evenings. It did not affect the business of another pub next door but one (and nearer to the tower).

The writer of the poem, an 87-years-old parishioner, lives about 200 yards from the tower, and the pigeons mentioned belong

One night I heard the pigeons' yells,

to the publican who complains!

They sail off to ring the bells, Their sound went out, both far and near, And reached a place where they sell beer. Whene'er the landlord drew a pint, The people stood and left the joint. It makes you wonder, stop and think, Whate'ers the matter with the drink.

The local Press had much to say, You'd think they rang them every day, They sound the same if rung or chimed, The pigeon flock don't seem to mind.

One big result, we're on the map, And all the time beer's on the "tap," Midst bells and beer, and crime and pillage,

They call our Thrapston Town a village.

Ring on sweet bells-They bring back a memory of being lifted off my feet by them 75 years ago. "ELOUAC."

OLD RECORDINGS

Dear Sir,-Browsing through a secondhand shop in Soho I was both amazed and delighted to find three rare 78 r.p.m. gramophone records (all in excellent condition) displaying various facets of bells and ringing. The first is presumably an extract from a peal—this being of half-muffled Stedman Cinques from St. Paul's Cathedral on November 11, 1927.

In the writer's opinion the recording is slightly marred by the treble, second and eleventh bells, which "scream out" above the others. This recording might have more qualities of excellence if it had been recorded from the then printers' paradise of Paternoster Row.

The second record is of the superb and sonorous 13 bells of York Minster. I say 13 bells quite deliberately for "Great Peter," the 10-ton hour bell, soars through a "course of plain hunt on eleven" with the glorious tenor bell resting firmly in the 12th place. One small criticism—the ringers of 5 and 9 fail to set their bells and they continue to strike in glorious discord with "Great Peter." (Can any reader supply the date of this recording?)

The third record (also without dating) is the remarkable carillon at Bournville. This takes up 1½ sides of the record and the rest is given to Turles' rather insipid hymn tune to "It came upon a midnight clear. The best feature of this recording is a well-tapped touch of Plain Bob Triples (to my mind the best bell music).

May I add in conclusion that I have not rung for 20 years due to an arthritic condition, but that I still take The Ringing World (a most excellent publication), and I hope that my comments will be of interest to ringers and also indeed to those of the "Chiming World."—Yours faithfully,

ROSEMARY MEADOWS (Mrs.).

Bermondsey, S.E. P.S.—This letter was written for me by a friend.-R. M.

Bristol University.

Obituary

WILLIAM FAY

On November 14 St. Mary's Scarborough, bellringers lost a close friend and former captain when William Fay passed away in his early 60's after having been taken into hospital a week earlier.

William learned to ring at Tadcaster when he was a boy and later moved to Burghwallis, near Doncaster, where he had many

He was elected to the Yorkshire Association in 1934 and rang 26 peals for them. At the time of his death he was a member of the Beverley and District Ringing Society, In 1964, when Mr. B. Sutton left St.

Mary's, William was elected as captain, a post he held until March of this year, when, because of failing health, he had to give up. During his years in office he worked extremely hard to keep things flourishing and introduced many new features into the life of the belfry, including annual belfry meetings, outings, a belfry fund and new offices within the belfry. He was responsible for a complete set of new ropes five years ago and for the redecoration of the belfry. Also during his years of office a handbell team was formed and the handbells overhauled.

In May this year St. Mary's ringers held a social evening, at which the vicar (Rev. J. Keys Fraser) presented William with a tankard to mark his services to the belfry.

In July he revisited Doncaster and we honoured his request that this would be the area for an outing this year. We saw him in the belfry last month (one of his rare visits) but we did not know that he had "trebled down" for the last time.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, daughter and grandchildren.

St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled as a token of affection on the following Wednesday and Thursday evenings. May he rest in peace.

PREB. G. W. SAUNDERS

Preb. George William Saunders was for 34 years vicar of Martock and for 32 years president of the Ilchester and Merston Deaneries of the Bath and Wells Association (now the Ilchester Branch). years ago he retired to Bridport, where he died recently in his 91st year. He was vicar of Martock from 1917 to 1951, after holding livings at Street and Curry Rivel, Somerset. He was appointed Surrogate in 1917, Rural Dean of Martock 1931-46, and Prebendary of Timberscombe 1933. An authority on Church history, architecture and archæology, he was author of a series of articles on the history of All Saints' Church, Martock. These were printed in the local Press and later in booklet form.

The burial service took place on November 16 in the lovely Parish Church of All Saints, Martock, conducted by the Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Rt. Rev. E. B. Henderson) assisted by the Assistant Bishop (the Rt. Rev. D. Wilson) and the vicar (the Rev. Peter Coney).

Before and after the service touches of Grandsire Triples were rung (open, by request) by a representative band of the Ilchester branch composed of Mr. T. J. Setter, vice-chairman (Yeovil), Mr. Gilbert W. Rendell, vice-chairmap (Hardington Mandeville), Mr. Gordon W. Rendell, ringing master (Montacute, Mrs. Margaret Legget, hon. secretary (W. Coker), Mrs. Christine Boyce (Martock and Bournemouth), Mr. Gordon Glyde (South Petherton), Mr. Harold Greenham (Chiselborough) and Mr. Albert Dyer, tower master (Martock).



The young ringers of Handsworth believe in sharing other activities and here they are prior to setting off for a hike into Derbyshire. L. to r.: Stephanie Boyles, Patricia Clarke, David Kelly, Ruth Ackrill, John Hebblethwaite, Judith Gilbert, Ian Bell, Peter Hollis.

A PROBLEM FOR YOUTH

Mrs. Angela Newing, of The Rectory, Tibberton, Gloucestershire, has devised the following problem, which is open to all young ringers under the age of 17.

Entries should be addressed to her as

above, and the first correct solution opened on December 30 will receive a 12/6 book token from Mrs. Newing as a New Year present.

Print your name and address and age on the paper on which your solution is worked

STEALING THE BELL ROPES A Mathematical Puzzle

By ANGELA NEWING

We hear a lot these days about bell thieves, but this is the story of Fred and John, two men who decided that bell ropes were also worth stealing. One night they broke into a church with two bells with the intention of stealing as great a length of rope as possible. The tower had a ground-floor ringing chamber, and the thieves noted that neither rope had its end knotted in the usual fashion and that the tail ends of both were just touching the floor.

There were no rope guides and the upper ends of the ropes disappeared through holes in the ceiling high above. Not being ringers themselves, they thought that the bells were probably immediately above the ceiling and that rather than trying to break into the stairs to the bell chamber, they should be content with the lengths of the rope which they could see. Little did they know that there was exactly the same length

of rope above the ceiling as below it.

They began to think how best to set about their task. A vertical iron ladder way fixed against the south wall of the tower and reached almost to the ceiling. This

wall was exactly six feet from the foot of the furthest rope. Fred, who was quite an athlete, thought that if he were to climb that rope and cut it off near the ceiling he ought then to be able to jump to the second rope, three feet closer to the wall, cut it and then jump for the ladder. While he was thinking this out John was doing a quick estimate of the amount of rope they would get away with. He noticed that the end of the first rope, that is, the one furthest from the south wall, touched that wall at a point exactly six inches from the floor when it was pulled taut. Being something of a mathematician, he was then able to calculate on the back of an envelope the

height of the ceiling.
Fred started to climb the first rope. Unfortunately for him the bell above swung as soon as the rope took his weight, and he was so surprised when he heard it chime that he let go. The bell was well oiled. It continued to swing and chimed twice more after he had let go, whereupon Fred and John decided to beat a hasty retreat. The noise aroused the vicar, who looked out of his window in time to see them making off across the churchyard.

What was the total length of each bell rope?

Work every hour, paid or unpaid; see only that thou work, and thou canst not escape thy reward. Whether thy work be coarse or fine, planting corn or writing epics, so only it be honest work, done to thine own approbation, it shall earn a reward to the senses, as well as to the thought. No matter how often defeated, you are born in victory. The reward of a thing well done is to have done it.-

R. R. Emerson.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEAL

Pattingham, Staffs. — Nov. 14, 2528 Bob Major: S. Illidge 1, G. Griffiths 2, P. R. Johnson 3, C. Griffiths 4, K. A. Russell 5, B. G. Key (cond.) 6, M. G. Williamson 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. To welcome Dawn Alison Williamson and Stuart Bramall, born November 4 and 10 respectively.

DATE TOUCH

Ditcheat, Som.-Nov. 21, 1970 Yorkshire S. Major (1 lead Plain Bob): J. Walton 1, Susan Stott 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, T. Chapman 4, G. Hebden 5, W. Kingcott 6, C. Field 7, J. Sheppard (cond.) 8.

FOUR QUARTERS IN A DAY

Duns Tew, Oxon. — Nov. 21, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Rev. Cant.): C. R. Miles 1, N. E. Booth 2, R. D. Bing 3, L. R. Porter (cond.) 4, R. H. Jones 5.

South Newington, Oxon. — Nov. 21, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): R. D. Bing 1, L. R. Porter 2. N. E. Booth 3, C. R. Miles 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5.

Steeple Aston, Oxon.—Nov. 21, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire): C. R. Miles 1, L. R. Porter (cond.) 2, N. E. Booth 3, R. H. Jones 4,

D. Bing 5.

Wootton, Oxon. — Nov. 21, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): L. R. Porter 1, R. D. Bing 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, C. R. Miles 4, N. E. Booth

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (November 8)

Barcombe, Sussex.—1260 Doubles (5 m/v): J. Osborne 1, R. R. Kennard 2, E. M. Laming Macadam 3, Gillian Laming Macadam 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6. Half-muffled.

Brighton, Sussex (St. Peter).—1260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Mercer 1, A. W. Bond 2, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell 3, D. Woodward 4, R. I. Vaughan (cond.) 5, C. McKay 6.

Darley Dale, Derbys .- 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. Fletcher 1, G. H. Paulson 2, D. Kingham 3, H. E. Taylor (cond.) 4, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith 5, E. Dakin (first inside) 6, P. D. Taylor Paulson 8. Half-muffled.

Hillingdon, Middx.—1295 Grandsire Caters: Ruby Fardon 1, A. R. G. Twinn 2, R. A. Fardon 3, R. K. Russ 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, A. J. Strathdee 6, J. Walters 7, J. Hill 8, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 9, F. Scoones 10.

Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics. — 1260 Bob Doubles: R. Wood (first quarter) 1, G. Brodie 2, T. Iliffe 3, Hazel Nichols 4, G. Slater 5, D.

Savage (first quarter) 6.
Laughton, Sussex. — 1260 Doubles Laughton, methods): Lucy R. Robinson (first quarter) Pauline Kennard (first in more than one method) Gillian Laming Macadam 3, R. R. Kennard (cond., 25th quarter) 4, E. M. Laming Macadam

5, R. Hughes 6. Half-muffled. Leicester (St. Margaret). — 1259 Grandsire Caters: Ann J. Bramley (first on ten) 1, Margaret J. Moore (first on ten) 2, J. M. Jelley (cond.) 3, Monica M. Jelley 4, C. J. Pickford 5, M. Green 6, D. F. Moore 7, P. A. Mason 8, J. W. Bramley 9, R. K. Mason 10. Half-muffled. Limpsfield, Surrey.—1260 Doubles (five

Limpsfield, Surrey. — 1260 Doubles (five methods): S. Keen 1, R. W. Stephens 2, Mary Stephens 3, E. Jarrett 4, E. Nixon (cond.) 5, Susan Oliver 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

North Stoneham, Hants. - 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. B. Wacher (first quarter) 1, Mary Cheesewright 2, G. M. Soul 3, Angela R. Wells 4, A. R. Bentley 5, R. Weeks 6, P. A. Butler (cond.) 7, Anne Thomas 8. Half-muffled. By Southampton University Guild.

Pembroke.-1260 Bob Minor: C. Pattison 1, Prudence Pattison 2, Betty M. Rogers 3, P. C. Rogers 4, A. Lingard 5. S. P. Rogers (cond.) 6,

R. Lindley 7.

Polesworth, Warks. — 1260 Doubles (seven methods): Jane Myatt 1, D. Hiorns 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp (cond.) 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford Half-muffled,

Rayne. Essex. - 1272 Oxford T.B. Rosalind Campbell 1, Elizabeth Campbell 2, G. Jones 3, J. Connell 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, M. Brown 6. First in method for all.

S:. Albans, Herts (Cathedral).-1299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. J. L. Penney 1, Miss H. Dodds 2, Mrs. K. S. Hardy 3, Mrs. C. M. Carter 4, R. F. Ewer 5, G. Dodds 6, A. R. Carter 7, Hardy 8, G. Penney (cond.) 9, W. A. Nichols 10. Half-muffled.

-1320 Bob Doubles: C South Wigston, Leics .-Atkins (first away from tenor behind) 1, Kathleen Leamont 2, Susan Clarke 3, Carol I. V. Brown (cond.) 4, M. P. Brown 5, Linda Watts

(first away from treble) 6.

Sutterton, Lincs.—1280 Bob Major: S. Johnson (first Major) 1, D. Fensom 2, M. J. Belcher 3, W. B. Dawson 4, J. H. Taylor 5, H. Barsley 6, A. E. Flatters 7, R. Stephenson (cond.) 8.

Tenby, Pembs. — 1260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth White 1, Stella Lewis 2, T. Osborne 3, J. P. G. Webb 4, E. Williams 5, W. G. Thomas 6, L. H. Jenkins (cond.) 7, T. Griffiths Also to mark the 25th anniversary of St. David's Guild.

Walsham - le - Willows, Suffolk. — 1260 Bob Doubles: A. Cook 1, J. Boast 2, H. Fuller (cond.) 3, S. Flatman 4, D. Boast 5, A. Driver

Wootton, Oxon.-1260 Bob Doubles: Carole Dewing 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, A. Ryder 3, E. D. Patching 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, D. Morgan Half-muffled.

Aldenham, Herts. - 1264 Bob Major: Carol Sparks (first Major) 1, E. Ashby 2, Heather Mann 3, R. J. Moore 4, A. Wootton 5, R. Adcock 6, J. R. Southey 7, A. R. Mann (cond.)

Aldridge, Staffs .-- Nov. 1, 1260 Bob Doubles: Kate Yardley (first attempt) 1, Cynthia Humph-reys 2, Daphne Appelby 3, R. Riley 4, J. P. Burton (cond.) 5, N. R. White 6.

Alverley, Salop.—Oct. 31, 1260 Doubles (5 m/v): Sylvia Langford 1, Linda Wilkinson 2, Cynthia Humphreys 3, S. G. Pick (cond.) 4, J. P. Burton 5, M. J. Tyas 6. A farewell to tenor ringer, leaving for three years in Australia. 25th together 4 and 5.

Arlesey, Beds .- Nov. 29, 1320 Bob Doubles: Arlesey, Beds.—Nov. 29, 1320 Bob Doubles: E. G. Baines (first quarter) 1, A. S. Smith (cond.) 2, D. G. Carr 3, K. Barnes 4, K. R. Webb 5. A farewell to Rev. G. E. Adams. Barcombe, Sussex.—Nov. 28, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): F. Smith 1, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 2, R. R. Kennard 3, E. M. Laming

Macadam 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne For the induction and institution of Rev. Howard S. Cole as rector. Also Nov. 29, 1260 Doubles (2 m, 1 v): F. Smith 1, A. Turner 2, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam 3, R. R. Kennard (cond.) 4, S. J. Osborne (first in 3 m/v) 5, E. M. Laming Macadam 6. For Advent.

Basildon, Essex .-- Nov. 2, 1260 Bob Doubles: Janice Manterfield (aged 12, first on working pair) 1-2, K. I. Lucas (aged 11, first on inside pair and as cond. in hand) 3-4, Cheryl Pretlove (aged 12, first in hand) 5-6. First length by the Laindon School Society. Also by same band: Nov. 3, 1260 Bob Doubles; Nov. 16, 1330 Doubles (2 methods); Nov. 17, 1260 Doubles (2 methods); Nov. 18, 1260 P.B. Doubles; Nov. 19, 1260 Doubles (5 methods). Also Nov. 8, 1330 Doubles (2 methods): S. J. Clarke 1-2, K. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Janice Manterfield 5-6 First in more than one method in hand 3-4, 5-6 Also 1330 Doubles (3 methods): Janice Manterfield 1-2, K. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, S. J. Clarke 5-6. Most methods in hand by all and by band. Also Nov. 15, 1560 Bob Doubles: S. J. Clarke 1-2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Eleanor Clemo 5-6. Longest in hand by all.

Batheaston, Bath. - Nov. 22, 1264 Double Batheaston, Bath. — Nov. 22, 1264 Double Oxford Major: P. M. Giles 1, D. G. Massey 2, G. J. Hawkins 3, J. E. Newman (comp. and cond.) 4, J. A. E. Ball 5, D. C. Hawkins 6, G. W. Massey 7, P. J. W. Haldwick 8. First in the method by all.

Berry Pomeroy, Devon. — Nov. 15, 1260

Berry Pomeroy, Devon. — Nov. 15, 1260 Mixed Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): Dr. J. G. Gent 1, R. F. Shepperd 2, A. Newman (cond.) 3, R. J. Edden 4, G. J. L. Read 5, B. Tuckett For morning service.

Blythburgh, Suffolk. - Nov. 14, 1260 Bob Minor: K. R. Tompsett 1, Susan Tompsett 2, C. J. Gibson 3, P. Norman 4, J. Seager (cond.) 5, R. D. Bing 6. For the baptism of Camilla F. E. Blois.

Bedford (St. Paul).—Nov. 15, 1440 London Surprise Royal (No. 3): Jill Orme 1, J. Piron (first in method) 2, Kathleen A. Marriott 3, Linda Fleming 4, M. J. Marriott 5, M. C. C. Melville 6, R. L. Piron 7, S. Ivin 8, K. H. Fleming 9, C. M. Orme (cond.) 10. For Evensong by part of the Sunday service band.

Brant Broughton, Lincs.-Nov. 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Yvonne A. Rodgers 1, Elaine M. Rolfe 2, J. Draycott 3, D. E. Kirton 4, F. Derry (cond.) 5, D. L. W. Tomlinson 6. Half-muffled in memoriam T. J. Cundy.

Bridgnorth, Salop .- Oct. 14, 1260 Bob Major: I. Jones 1, G. C. Hemming 2, Margaret Swain 3, M. P. Tobin 4, M. Elson 5, P. Brown 6, R. Newton 7, M. J. Fellows 8. Silent and nonconducted.

Brighton, Sussex (St. Nicolas). — Nov. 29, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Dr. S. Aldridge 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, B. J. Read 3, Susan E. M. Read 4, Mrs. H. Oatway 5, A. M. Stacey 6, T. G. Williams 7, W. F. Oatway 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, A. Fulwell 10. For Evensong.

Broadhempstone, Devon .- Oct. 21, 1260 Bob Minor: Rev. P. Dowling 1, A. S. Carter 2, Rev. P. Angold 3, R. J. Edden 4, R. Newman 5, G. J. L. Read (cond.) 6.

Burghill, Herefords.-Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Boyer 1, H. Johnson 2, W. A. Stokes 3, F. Morris 4, M. V. Powell (cond.) 5, G. Chandler 6. For the service of Family Eucharist; also farewell to Rev. R. J. Coombs on a short service commission in Royal Army Chaplains' Department.

Bushey Heath, Herts. - 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Simpson (first Grandsire) 1, Ellen F. Norris 2, C. W. Simpson 3, Patricia A. Norris 4, L. J. North 5, A. Luxford (50th quarter) 6, T. H. Norris (cond.) 7, I. Norris 8.

Calverhall, Salop.—Nov. 21, 1272 Bob Minimus: G. A. Edwards 1, J. R. Scott 2, A. Doreen Edwards 3, F. R. Morton 4, M. J. Crawley 5.

Cambridge (Church of Our Lady.-Nov. 12, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: Margaret L. Ellwood 1, L. G. Smith 2, D. Barton (cond.) 3, J. L. Thorogood 4, J. R. N. Lebon 5, T. H. Kirkman 6, B. R. M. Johnson 7, W. T. Perrins 8.

Cardigan,-Nov. 7, 1260 Bob Minor: Amaryllis Bell-Richards 1, R. Taylor 2, R. Falder 3, A. Lingard 4, J. Prytherch 5, S. Rogers (cond.) 6. To mark the handing over of the competition shield from Pembroke to Llanbadarn Fawr, these towers having tied in the annual competition last May; three ringers from each tower.

Carlton Colville, Suffolk.-Nov. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles: Linda J. Cox (first quarter) 1, Christine P. Gorrod 2, M. P. Seuneke 3, P. J. Gorrod (circled tower to quarters as cond. this year) 4, B. Gorrod 5.

J. B. Gorrod S.

Chiselborough, Som. — 1320 Kennington
Doubles: V. Holman 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, C.
Gratton 3, R. Parker 4, A. F. K. Prime (cond.) 5. First in method by all.

Church Gresley, Derbys. - April 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Rowley 1, L. Haywood K. Minham (first in method inside) 3, P. W Grice 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. For Patronal Festival gift day.

Colchester, Essex (St. Peter).-Nov. 12, 1344 London S. Major: B. W. Fairhead 1, N. V. Avis 2, Yvonne Towler 3, G. A. Button 4, J. Avis 5, P. Sawyer 6, J. Towler 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method 4, 5, 6. Also Nov. 15, 1296 Minor (Cambridge, London): E. E. Davey 1, E. P. Duffield 2, H. J. Millatt 3, B. W. Fair-head (cond.) 4, B. Vaughan 5, N. Avis 6. For Also Nov. 22, 1280 Colchester S. Evensona. Major: G. A. Button 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, A R. Andrews 3, Yvonne Towler 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, N. Avis 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, J. Towler 8. First in method 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. For Evensong.

Combe, Oxon.-Nov. 10, 1260 Doubles (11 methods): M. J. Harrison 1, Pamela E. Powell 2, P. J. Heritage 3, A. E. Hicks 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, E. D. Patching 6.

Croxton Kerrial, Leics.-Nov. 28, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Lesley A. Shipman (first

attempt, aged 13) 1, Karen French 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, J. L. Day 4, J. R. Ward (cond.) 5, A. French 6. For Framland Society.

Dagenham, Essex.—Nov. 15, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Catherine Barrett 1, Mrs. Renée L. Armstrong 2, Mrs. Valerie Copleston 3, P. Church 4, W. Inch 5, P. J. Bloomfield 6, R. Copleston 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First T.B. 4 and 5.

Downton, Wilts. — Nov. 9, 1344 Breamore Delight Major: J. Mussell 1, Alice Talbot-Ponsonby 2, N. O. Skelton 3, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 4, G. Brewin 5, A. T. Collins 6, Rev. R. Keeley 7, R. N. Marlow 8. First in method.

Drayton, Norfolk. — Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. A. Frost 1, Margaret Bunting 2, Jane Neal 3, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 4, R. G. Walker 5, Patricia Clarke 6. For Evensong. Engagement compliment to Trevor Bailey (who hung the bells) and Patricia Clarke.

Edgbaston, Birmingham.—Nov. 5, 1260 Cambridge S. Minor: Miss L. Wilde 1, J. S. Hopwood 2, P. W. Dickinson 3, B. Dye 4, J. S. White 5, R. J. Parker (cond.) 6, Miss G. James (cover) 7. For Evensong.

Edinburgh (St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral).— Nov. 21, 1250 Stedman Caters: Miss M. Livingston 1, Miss R. Wilkins 2, Miss K. Branson 3, Mrs. L. Martin 4, J. M. Preston 5, R. S. Wilson 6, T. C. Winderam (cond.) 7, M. M. Peterson 8, T. J. Winderam 9, P. Jenkinson 10.

Edinburgh (St. Cuthbert). — Nov. 21, 1280 Cambridge Major: Miss R. Wilkins 1, Mrs. L. Martin 2, Miss K. Branson 3, A. Dempster 4, R. S. Wilson 5, T. C. Winderam 6, M. M. Peterson 7, J. M. Preston (cond.) 8.

Englefield, Berks.—Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: D. G. Winter (first attempt) 1, Sue Taylor 2, R J. Woodward 3, C. J. Peaple 4, J. H. Sunderland 5, J. R. Leary (cond.) 6. By members of the R.U.S.C.R.

Fawley, Hants.—Oct. 18, 1260 Bob Doubles:
L. D. Smith 1, S. C. Milliken (first inside) 2,
Dorothy H. Chamberlain 3, M. G. Wills 4,
Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 5, C. P. Smedley 6.
Also Nov. 1, 1320 All Saints Doubles: S. C.
Milliken 1, C. P. Smedley (first in method) 2,
Elizabeth A. Banks (cond.) 3, J. C. Banks (first in method) 4, L. D. Smith 5, L. V. Smith 6. For
Patronal Festival. Also Nov. 8, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles: S. C. Milliken 1, Elizabeth A. Banks
2, Dorothy H. Chamberlain 3, L. D. Smith 4,
R. R. Savory (cond.) 5, C. P. Smedley 6. Halfmuffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also Nov.
22, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: C. P. Smedley
(first T.B.) 1, Dorothy H. Chamberlain (first in
method) 2, R. R. Savory (cond.) 3, Elizabeth A.
Banks 4, L. D. Smith 5, R. Allinson 6. For
evening service.

Frampton Cotterell, Glos. — Nov. 15, 1260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles: T. J. Jefferies 1, Hilary S. Cane (first quarter) 2, Sheila A. Drew 3, D. Powell 4, H. Taysom (cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. For Confirmation service.

Gedney, Lincs.—Nov. 24, 1272 St. Clements Bob Minor: P. G. Butler 1, G. H. Campling (cond.) 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, G. A. Flatters 4, H. Barsley 5, R. I. West 6. First in method by all. A-birthday compliment to A. P. Campling (conductor's brother).

Glasgow (St. Mary's Cathedral). — Oct. 25, 1299 Stedman Caters: M. M. Peterson 1, T. J. Winderam 2, Miss R. Wilkinson 3, J. Preston 4, R. M. Preston 5, D. M. Graham-Service 6, M. J. Pink (cond.) 7, P. T. Fisher 8, T. C. Winderam 9, A. Dempster 10. For Evensong.

Greasley, Notts.—Nov. 15, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Mary Beach 1, D. Coulson 2, P. R. Bestwick 3, Barbara Hooks 4, D. J. Beach (cond.) 5, G. G. Knighton 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Knighton. Also Nov. 22, 1440 Bob Minor: S. Bestwick 1, P. Mary Beach 2, D. Coulson 3, P. R. Bestwick 4, D. J. Beach 5, Barbara Hooks (first Minor as cond.) 6, C. W. Hodgkinson (cover) 7. For Evensong.

Harrow Weald, Middx.—Nov. 26, 1344 Stedman Triples (from John Carter's Odd-Bob one-part peal): F. W. Goodfellow 1, Elsie K. Hart 2, R. A. Fardon (cond.) 3, H. G. Hart 4, J. G. Nash 5, A. M. Stacey 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, F. Corke 8. To commemorate the centenary of the birth of William Pye, known personally to all the band; also on the 50th anniversary of R. A. Fardon's first peal, which was conducted by William Pye.

Harting, Hants. — Nov. 13, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: V. Walder 1, Mrs. A. Hall 2, K. Tipper 3, A. Reeves 4, R. B. Walton (cond.) 5, R. White (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled after the funeral of Roy Sherington, ringer at Harting for 39 years.

Hayes, Middx. — Nov. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Farr (first Grandsire Triples) 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, Dianne Pickett 3, R. Russ 4, A. Stratton 5, D. Pickett 6, C. J. Venn 7, P. S. Venn 8. For thanksgiving service for the restoration of church and tower; also a welcome to the Bishop of Willesden.

Hillingdon, Middx. — Nov. 15, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: J. Walters 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, Ruby Myllys 3, A. J. Strathdee 4, M. W. Seymour 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, R. K. Russ 7, J. Hill (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also Nov. 22, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: W. H. Coles 1, J. Hill 2, A. R. G. Twinn 3, J. Walters (first Surprise inside) 4, A. J. Strathdee 5, J. M. Britchford 6, R. K. Russ 7, M. J. Palmer (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

Hinckley, Leics.—Nov. 15, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Lynette Starkey 1, Alison Butterfield 2, Eileen Goodall 3, N. Harvey 4, T. Wykes 5, G. N. Goodall (cond.) 6.

Horsell, Surrey. — Nov. 14, 1260 Kent and Pl. Bob Minor: E. R. Warner 1, Miss R. A. Collins (first in two methods) 2, C. K. Hill 3, P. J. Rowe 4, R. Collins 5, E. J. Futcher (cond.) 6. 70th birthday compliment to E. R. Warner.

Hugglescote, Lelcs. — Oct. 27, 1260 Bob Minor: Mrs. S. Forgham 1, R. Graves 2, A. R. Pepper 3, W. Goadby 4, H. Moult (cond.) 5, J. Tovell 6. For the 91st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

Huish Episcopl, Som.—Nov. 25, 1260 Stedman Triples: G. H. Baldam 1, R. D. Short 2, A. H. Reed 3, A. F. Lee 4, B. J. Wylde (cond.) 5, C. T. Clarke 6, A. G. Kent (first in method) 7. E. T. Dibble 8. A farewell to Graham Nabb, moving to Southampton.

Hunslet, Leeds. — Nov. 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gillian R. Cleaver 1, N. A. P. Golding 2, M. G. Dodson 3, A. J. Binstead 4, A. M. Glover (first Stedman) 5, R. G. Green 6, I. G. Judd (first Stedman as cond.) 7, C. A. Ottaway 8. By members of L.U.U.S.C.R.

Ilton, Som. — Nov. 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Welch 1, R. Welch 2, M. Whitcombe 3, S. Welch (cond.) 4, R. Burns 5, R. Spiller 6. A wedding compliment to Elizabeth Wilford and Michael Nowell.

Ipswich, Suffolk (St. Margaret). — Nov. 11, 1264 Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, K. Whittell 2, S. Petman 3, Rev. B. Redgers 4, A. J. Munnings 5, J. L. Girt 6, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 7, J. R. Munnings 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Alan R. Bridges.

Alan R. Bridges.
King's Lynn, Norfolk (St. Margarct). — Nov.
14, 1260 Pl. Bob Royal: G. Allum (first Royal)
1. R. Newson 2, W. W. Cousins 3, W. Curston
4, R. Harrop 5, O. A. Needham 6, C. Tovell 7,
L. W. Houghton 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding
(cond.) 10. For the birthday of H.R.H. the
Prince of Wales. Also Nov. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Curston 1, O. A. Needham 2,
W. W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, D. Gagen 5,
C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, P.
Gagen 8. For Evensong.

Kingswinford, Staffs. — Nov. 22, 1272 Bob Minor: N. Whitehouse 1, Margaret Eisel (first Minor) 3, F. Jukes 4, C. Peakman 5, A. Peakman 6, J. Eisel (cond.) 7, M. Wright (cover) 8. For Confirmation.

Kirby Bellars, Leics.—Nov. 25, 1260 Doubles (5 methods): Karen French 1, H. T. Bonshor 2, J. L. Ward 3, A. French 4, O. Homewood (cond.) 5.

Lambeth, S.E. — Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Fox 1, Jane Danson 2, W. L. B. Leese 3, D. E. Sibson 4, J. B. Williamson 5, W. R. Winterton 6, P. A. F. Chalk (cond.) 7, L. J. Hayek 8. By past and present doctors and nurses of the Middlesex Hospital, as a compilment to W. R. Winterton, who retired from the consultant staff.

Langdon Hills, Essex.—Nov. 22, 1260 Doubles (5 methods): W. F. White 1, Cheryl Pretlove (most methods on tower bells) 2, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 3, K. I. Lucas 4, S. D. Stott 5.

Langleybury, Herts. — 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Jill A. Laud 1, Anne E. Thompson 2, R. B. Bell 3, A. C. D. Mayes 4, D. A. Carpenter 5, R. Baldwin (cond.) 6.

Leicester (St. John).—Oct. 5, 1320 Doubles (9 m/v): Linda Watts 1, Carol I. V. Brown 2, I. Fraser 3, K. H. Mildred 4, J. Harrold (cond.) 5, S. Harrison 6.

Limpsfield Chart, Surrey. — Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Gertrude Bell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Stephens 2, Barbara Minnlon 3, E. Nixon 4, B. Hawkins 5, R. Stephens (cond.) 6. For Festal Evensong.

Little Horsted, Sussex. — Nov. 27, 1260
Doubles (Rev. Cant. and P.B.): Pauline M.
Kennard 1, R. R. Kennard 2, Jennifer M. Baker
(first quarter) 3, Gillian S. M. Laming Macadam
4, E. M. Laming Macadam (cond.) 5, S. J.
Osborne 6.

London, E. (St. Dunstan and All Saints, Stepney).—Nov. 25, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Miss L. Weedon 1, Miss J. Cain 2, H. G. Weedon 3, R. W. Pascoe 4, A. Cuthbert (first inside on ten) 5, M. Waring 6, G. H. Walker 7, R. G. Brown 8, L. J. Fox (cond.) 9, R. A. Poole 10. First on ten 1, 2, 4, 6, 10. A farewell compliment to L. J. Fox (captain).

Loughborough, Leics (Bell Foundry). — Nov. 13, 1280 Rutland S. Major: F. Beech 1, Sheila Parsons 2, A. E. Rowley 3, N. W. Attaway 4, R. D. Hughes 5, E. R. Fairbrother 6, G. R. Edwards 7, B. S. Payne (cond.) 8.

Loughborough, Leics (Parish Church).—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Royal: W. D. Lanyon (first on ten) 1, Jill Wilson (first on ten) 2, E. C. Weaver 3, P. R. Staples 4, W. A. Thow 5, D. J. Smith 6, R. M. Wilson (cond.) 7, D. G. Farrar 8, P. L. R. Hayward 9, S. F. Royal 10. For choral Evenson.

Lowick, Northants. — Nov. 26, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss A. M. George (first quarter) 1, Miss S. K. Diamond 2, C. N. Stephenson 3, P. W. Curtis 4, L. J. Hallifax 5, A. J. Marks (cond.) 6.

Lympne, Kent. — Oct. 25, 1320 Bob Minor: Elizabeth A. Todd 1, M. J. Taylor 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Evensong. Also Nov. 8, 1320 Doubles (3 methods): Lorraine Thomas 1, Elizabeth A. Todd (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Wratten 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, B. G. Butcher 5, M. J. Taylor 6. Half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday. Also Nov. 22, 1404 T.B. Minor (3 methods): A. R. Day 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth A. Todd 3, M. J. Taylor 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, B. G. Butcher 6. For Evensong.

Manchester (Cathedral).—Nov. 14, 1260 Bob Royal: D. P. Smith 1, Miss J. Reynolds (first on ten as cond.) 2, W. Birmingham 3, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 4, Miss I. E. M. Manby 5, P. A. Sldwell (first on ten) 6, P. Dyson 7, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 8, P. Boucher 9, A. Ward 10. For Girl Guides Association diamond jubilee service.

Melbourn, Cambs.—Nov. 25, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: F. Harper (cond.) 1, Jean Sanderson 2, Marion Kemp 3, B. J. Couzens 4, J. G. Gipson 5, D. W. Newman 6. For Frank Harper's birthday.

Merton, Surrey. — Oct. 25, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (ten extents): Moyra Seabright 1, Deborah Bishop 2, A. S. Bishop 3, M. J. Stanley 4. F. M. Seabright (cond.) 5, Perry Hull (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

Mitcheldean, Glos.—Sept. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Somme 1, R. Smith 2, Susan Paton (first in method as cond.) 3, Ann Brain 4, A. A. Paton 5, Mrs. B. Paton 6. For harvest. Also Oct. 7, 1260 Bob Minor: Ann Brain 1, Mrs. B. Paton 2, Susan Paton 3, H. Heard 4, R. F. Davis 5, A. A. Paton (cond.) 6. For Confirmation (five of the Sunday service junior band were confirmed). Also Oct. 25, 1260 Bob Triples: Nicola Jordan 1, Mrs. B. Paton 2, R. Smith 3, Nicola Paton 4, Susan Paton 5, Brain 6, A. A. Paton (first Triples as cond.) 7, F. Davis 8. First in method for all. First Triples 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. By Sunday service band. A retirement compliment to Rev. P. Ainsworth (rector), member of the Sunday service band.

Nailsea, Som.—Nov. 10, 1260 Doubles (three methods): T. Harden 1, L. Derrick 2, D. Willis 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Birthday compliment to Andrew Short.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

TWERTON, Som, St. Michael and All Angels

5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (13 cwt.) 1 Vane Whittaker

†2 Philip McKenzie

Nicola Goundry 4 Robin Coles (Conductor)
5 Christopher Stillman

†6 Christine McKenzie
*First attempt. †First peal. First as conductor. Average age of the band is 15 years.

YATTON, Som, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. (21 cwt.) 5088 DONCASTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Derek Baldwin.

Composed by Derek Baldwin.

Ronald G. Beck

George W. Massey (Conductor)

Roger I. Kendrick

Walter S. Rice

Roy W. Rice

Peter J. W. Hardwick

Peter J. England

Royald G. Messey

8 David G. Massey

First in the method in the county, for the association and by all the band.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Oct. 31, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (61 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Dennis Knox.

Martin Major 2 Linda Fleming

3 Edgar T. Skipsey 4 Ronald J. Sharp

5 Keith H. Fleming C. Michael Orme

7 David R. Saunderson 8 Stephen Ivin (Conductor) Birthday peal for Jill Orme.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BOWDON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Oct. 3, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (18 cwt.)
CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.

Eric Roughley

John Bell 3 Brian Schofield

4 Sidney Hough 5 Peter Watson 6 F. John Nelson

7 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

8 Geoffrey Gardner *First of Surprise inside.

MORETON CORBET, Shropshire, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Norwich S., London S. Kent T.B., London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob).

1 Elizabeth A. Hibbert 2 Andrew R. Queen 3 Sidney Hough

4 Michael Foulds 5 Timothy Wylie

6 Denis Mottershead (Conductor)

In memoriam Harry Howard.

Peals

WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary the Virgin.

Mon., Nov. 16, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (6 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (13 methods: St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Martin, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, Huntley, Grandsire, Rev. St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury and Plain Bob, also 12 variations and two spliced compositions)

positions).

1 Gordon K. Green

2 Frank R. Morton

3 John R. Scott (Conductor)

4 Roland W. Morant

*5 A. Doreen Edwards

6 Nigel P. Breeze *100th for the guild.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD LONDON, E., St. Leonard, Shoreditch.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 20 min. (28 cwt.)

5005 STEDMAN CINQUES

Arranged by D. Barton.

1 D. Barton (Conductor, Selwyn)

2 Margaret L. Ellwood (Hughes Hall)

3 B. R. M. Johnson (Jesus)

4 R. J. Underwood (Paus)

4 R. L. Underwood (Peterhouse)
5 W. T. Cook (Jesus)
6 J. R. N. Lebon (Selwyn)

V. Nutton (Selwyn)

8 D. E. Rothera (Trinity Hall)

9 F. E. Haynes (St. Catharine's)
10 W. T. Perrins (Selwyn)
11 R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)
12 S. C. Walt 's (Pembroke)

*100th for the guild.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMOR-LAND ASSOCIATION

HENSINGHAM, Whitehaven, Cumberland, St. John the Evangelist.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (133 cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES AND MINOR (2880 Minor
—1 Kent and Oxford T.B., 3 Plain Bob;
and 2160 Doubles—6 Plain Bob, 4 Grandsire, 4 240's Grandsire).

*1 James Hully
2 Alan Capatish

Alan Capstick

3 Douglas T. Sim 4 David G. Kealey

†5 Harold Wilson 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*First away from tenor. †First Doubles and Minor. A farewell to Mr. W. Eric Pepper, a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, who recently emigrated to Tas-

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION ILKESTON, Derbys, St. Mary.

Thur., Nov. 19, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (17 cwt.) 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Arthur Hall

2 Robert Chambers
3 Brian Tomlinson
4 Timothy Wylie
5 David W. Parkin
6 Rev. Fred Ross

7 Gordon A. Halls 8 Geoffrey Paul (Conductor)

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

BRIXHAM, Devon, Blessed Virgin Mary. Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (15 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by F. Dench. Vivienne M. Rigby

*2 F. Malcolm Bowers 3 Katherine J. Maundrell *4 Susan A. Moore

5 D. Roy Bould 6 John N. Longridge †7 Anthony J. Davidson 8 Alan Carveth

9 Robert A. Southwood 10 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor) *First of Royal. †First of Surprise Royal

inside.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham, St. Brandon. Wed., Nov. 18, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (13½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2160 Kent T.B. and 4 extents Plain Bob).

*1 Fred Bone (Van Mildert)
2 Diana H. M. Bradford (Trevelyan)

3 Jenny Bell (St. Hild's) 4 Gwen Bidgood (St. Mary's)

5 Philip Rogers (Cond., Van Mildert)
6 Nicholas J. Webber (St. John's)
*First attempt. To mark the engagement of the ringers of the 4th and 5th, secretary and master of the society).

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

PEAL DAY (NOV. 7)

BARNWOOD, Glos, St. Lawrence. Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (10 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (9 methods: 7 Grandsire and Plain Bob, 4 April Day Kennington, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Northrepps & Rev. St. Bartholomew).

1 Diane I. Pobjoy
2 Sara E. Cornock
3 Susan M. Williams (Conductor)
4 Geoffrey J. Clark
5 David E. L. Pobjoy
*6 David J. Palmer

*First peal. By Gloucester Branch of Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association.

BRISTOL, Christ Church with St. Ewen. Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (23 cwt.) 5067 STEDMAN CATERS Composed by James E. Groves.

Hilary Muirhead (Conductor)

Susan A. Moore Elisabeth A. G. Bowden

*4 C. Alan Friskney
5 Michael J. Hobbs
6 Vivienne M. Rigby

Philip M. J. Gray Gordon W. Land

9 James R. Taylor
†10 Dennis A. Powney
*First of Stedman. †First on ten. First of
Stedman as conductor. By the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

CHELTENHAM, Glos, St. Mary.
Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (8½ cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by John Carter.

*1 Valerie Willard 2 Martyn Hawkes 3 Cyril A. Wratten 4 Ivor Goulter

5 Charles T. Burridge 6 Margery A. Wratten †7 Robert Newman

8 William A. Farmer (Conductor) *Completes the circle. †First Major inside. Branch peal for the association peal day.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, Glos, St. Mary the

Virgin.
Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (3 methods: 14 Rev. Canterbury (4 callings), 14 Plain Bob (4 callings) and 14 Grandsire (3 callings).

*1 Martin Brown

2 Eileen M. Godwin 3 E. Mary Bliss

4 Patrick A. Rartlett
5 William A. Godwin (Conductor)
6 Raymond G. Pearson

*First peal. By Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

SOUTH CERNEY, Glos, All Hallows. Sat., Nov. 7 1970, 2hr. 50min. (11 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES (42 extents).

1 Susan Johnson *2 David Dinnell

3 Judith Harris (Conductor)

4 Alan Strickland 5 Michael R. Rose †6 Harry J. Smith

*First inside. †First peal. First as conductor. By the Cirencester Branch.

BRISTOL, SS. Philip and Jacob. Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (20 cwt.)

5056 SONNING SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Philip M. J. Gray

2 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden3 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

Michael J. Hobbs

5 D. John Hunt 6 James R. Taylor Roger Baldwin

8 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

50th peal on the bells. First in the method.

MELKSHAM, Wilts, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (18 cwt.) 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

1 Henry Taysom
2 Paul J. Dye
*3 Keith W. Scudamore
4 Michael J. Platt

6 Bernard G. Mould
7 Dennis A. Chapman
8 Patrick J. Bird (Conductor)

*First in method. First in method as conductor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Herts, St. James the Apostle. Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (12 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Cornelius Charge. *1 Stuart D. Carpenter 2 Anne E. Thompson

3 A. Ronald Ling 4 Clive W. Simpson

5 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin

6 David A. Carpenter 7 Andrew C. D. Mayes

8 Roger Baldwin (Conductor) *First attempt. For Watford District Festival.

> BISHOP HATFIELD, Herts, St. Etheldreda.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (23 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL Composed by H. J. Tucker.

Eric Edmondson

2 Susan E. Farnes 3 Roy K. Williams

*4 Christine M. Carter 5 George H. Austin 6 David Smith

†7 Brian J. W. Foley 8 Stanley Huckle

9 Anthony R. Carter

10 Gerald Penney (Conductor)
*First of Plain Bob Royal. †First on ten. To mark the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

LIMERICK, Cathedral and Parish Church

of St. Mary. Tues., Aug. 25, 1970, 3hr. 13min. (24 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by E. Shuttleworth.

Valerie J. Howard

George Francis Ann Smith

4 Geoffrey C. Rix

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Compliment to the Very Rev. M. J. Talbot, president of the Irish Association.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

MANCHESTER, Lancs, Cathedral and Ancient Parish Church of the Virgin Mary, Cathedral and SS. George and Denys.

t., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 19min. (273 cwt.) 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL Composed by York Green.

Alan Ward

*2 William Birmingham, jun.

†3 I. E. Margaret Manby

4 Peter Watson 15 Paul Boucher

†16 S. Nicholas Harrop 7 Roland F. Eccles

8 Richard H. Johnston

9 D. Paul Smith

*10 Peter Bellamy-Knights (Conductor) ‡First of T.B. Royal. †First of Treble Bob. ‡First on ten. 21st birthday compliment to Jane Reynolds.

LOWER BENTHAM, West Yorkshire, St. John the Baptist.

Sat. Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (19\(\frac{3}{4} \) cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (21 Plain Bob, 13 Grandsire, 4 240's Grandsire).

1 Alan Capstick

2 Richard M. Harker 3 A. William Pallister

*4 Hilary J. Atkinson
5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
*First of Doubles away from tenor. After meeting short for Minor.

FOUR IN A DAY BARBON, Westmorland, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 MINIMUS (70 extents each Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Single Court and Plain Bob).

*1 Douglas T. Sim
2 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)
*3 David G. Kealey

†4 Colin F. Gates.

*First of Minimus. †First Minimus in 3. Fully muffled.

HEVERSHAM, Westmorland, St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (16 cwt.)
 5040 MINOR (3 methods: 2 extents Oxford and Kent T.B. and 2160 Plain Bob).

1 David G. Kealey 2 Amy M. Warnes 3 Douglas T. Sim

4 A. William Pallister

Colin F. Gates

6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

MILNTHORPE, Westmorland, St. Thomas.

Sat. Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (111 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (5 methods: 1 extent Double Oxford, St. Clement's College, Kent T.B., 2 Oxford T.B., Plain Bob).

1 Colin F. Gates 2 Douglas T. Sim

3 Roger W. D. Wetenhall *4 Kenneth J. Foster

5 David G. Kealey 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*First in five methods.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, Westmorland, St. James.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (111 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Robin S. Bridge *2 David G. Kealey

Douglas T. Sim Alan Capstick

5 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) 6 Colin F. Gates

*First Plain Bob Minor.

AUGHTON, Lancs, Christ Church.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (14 cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. W. Roberts.

1 Kenneth Edwards
2 David C. H. Simpson
3 Susan D. Cowan
4 Martin E. Snape
5 Jeremy P. Richardson
6 Geoffrey C. Sparling
7 Dennis R. Jones
6 Cyril Crossthyraita (Cor

8 Cyril Crossthwaite (Conductor)

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RADCLIFFE, Lancs, St. Mary.

Nov. 22, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (15 cwt.) 5120 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

1 Pauline Tallis
2 John P. Partington
3 Christine Broadley
4 Neil T. E. Burnett

Ian Smith

6 John Ashcroft

7 Michael Fishwick 8 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor) First in the method for all and for the association. Birthday compliment to T. W. Smith.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs, St. John.

Wed., Nov. 25, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (12 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by J. Henry Fielden.

*1 Margaret Parker †2 Pauline Tallis

Geoffrey Fothergill Philip S. Woods 5 Ian Smith

James Cunliffe Neil T. E. Burnett

8 John Ashcroft (Conductor)
*First peal. †First in method.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HAWKHURST, Kent, St. Laurence.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (231 cwt.) 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Judith M. Corby 2 Sheila M. Dobbie
3 Edward F. P. Bryant
4 Lawrence T. Pope
5 Walter H. Dobbie

6 S. Geoffrey Waters *7 David C. Brookes 8 Stanley Jenner (Conductor)

*First in the method.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Fri., July 31, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (6½ cwt.) 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

G. Ronald Edwards Ron Hughes

Arthur E. Rowley Clive J. Mobbs

Robert B. Smith *6 Peter D. Bailey

7 Alec R. Jones 8 Derek P. Jones (Conductor) *First of Surprise Major.

LEICESTER, St. John the Divine.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (21 cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Ronald G. Beck
George W. Massey (Conductor)
David F. Moore
Peter J. W. Hardwick
Walter S. Rice
Philip H. D. Jones

7 Peter J. England 8 Roy W. Rice 9 Edward J. Chivers

10 David G. Massey

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (6½ cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Shirley M. Drew Robert B. Smith

2 Robert B. Smith
3 David F. Moore
4 Geoffrey J. Hemming
5 Stephen F. Royal
6 Geoffrey W. Randall
7 Martyn Hawkes
8 Hugh N. Evans

9 Christopher Hims

10 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor)

ANSTEY, Leics, St. Mary.

Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (10½ cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Norman Smith. Edward J. Chivers 2 Ronald G. Beck
3 Roy W. Rice
4 David J. Orledge
5 Peter J. W. Hardwick
6 Walter S. Rice
7 Peter J. England
8 David G. Messay C.

8 David G. Massey (Conductor)

*100th peal. COSBY, Leics, St. Michael and All Angels. Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 24min. (12 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

1 Martin P. Brown

*2 Janice L. Flight

3 Carol I. V Brown

4 George W. Smith

5 Christopher J. Pickford

6 John E. Harrold (Conductor)
*First Minor. First Minor as conductor.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs, St. Peter.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (101 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Composed by J. J. Parker.

1 Ronald Chafer 2 Michael W. Crowder 3 C. Aubrey Harrison

4 Geoffrey Bromfield W. Arthur Crowder 6 John H. Parker

7 Jack Bray (Conductor) 8 Robert T. Harrison

Half-muffled on the eve of Armistice Sunday. The two trebles were a memorial for the 168men who fell in the 1914-18 war.

LINCOLN, Cathedral Church of Blessed Virgin Mary.

., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 24min. (24 cwt.) 5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS

Composed by Peter Border. Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)

2 Geoffrey R. Parker 3 Ian G. Campbell *4 Maris C. Shephenson

†5 Brian Tomlinson †6 Peter Church

Ronald Ducker Denis R. Carlisle

†9 Harold Taylor 10 Geoffrey Paul

11 Rev. Frederick Ross 12 David W. Friend

*First of Surprise Maximus. †First of Maximus. For the Feast of St. Hugh of Lincoln.

WINTERTON, Lines, All Saints.

Fri., Nov. 20, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (9\frac{3}{2} cwt.)
5040 SPLICED MINOR (11 methods: 720
Double Court, Hereward, College/St.
Clements, Wavertree, Childwall, Single Oxford/Single Court, Double Bob/Rev. Bob,
Plain with 99 changes of method).

1 Hilary Hall 2 Ronald Chafer

3 John G. Hall (Conductor)

4 Melvyn A. Rose 5 Richard Hall 6 Roger Hippisley

SUTTERTON, Lincs, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (16 cwt.) 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

*1 Michael J. Belcher †2 Roy Stephenson

3 Philip H. Reynolds Walter Tomlinson Susan E. Smith

6 John Freeman (Conductor) 7 Harold Gibson

8 Peter A. Sharp

*First of Treble Bob. †First of London.

ELSHAM, Lines, All Saints.

Sat. Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (7\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 SPLICED MINOR (14 methods: 720 London Bob/Double Oxford, Lytham/Thelwall, College/St. Clements, Wavertree/Childwall, Single Oxford/Single Court, Double Bob/Rev. Bob, Fulbeck/Canterbury Pl., with 168 changes of method).

Hilary Hall

2 John G. Hall (Conductor) 3 Denis Frith

4 Brian Buttery 5 Melvyn A. Rose 6 Richard Hall

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PENARTH, Glam, St. Augustine of Canterbury.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12½ cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Simon Humphrey.

1 Thomas Yeomans *†2 Nicholas W. H. Simon

†3 Nevil A. James †84 Paul W. Thomas 5 Michael R. Meadows

6 James Clatworthy J. Michael Lakin

†8 David J. Llewellyn (Conductor)

*Has circled the tower. †100th together.

‡First of Yorkshire. §First of Surprise and 25th peal. Birthday compliment to Yvonne Apsitos, a local ringer.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glam, St. Catwg.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (2640 Grandsire 2400 Plain Bob).

Michael Clarke

2 Alwyn R. Lewis (Conductor)3 Edmund J. Morris

4 Raymond J. Mayle *5 Gwyn I. Lewis 6 William T. Petty *200th for the association.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

MEASHAM, Leics, St. Laurence.

Wed., Sept. 9, 1970, 2hr. 34min. (9½ cwt.) 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

B. Stedman Payne

Arthur E. Rowley

Ron Hughes

5 Koll Hughes
5 John K. Chambers
5 John K. Smith
6 Alec R. Jones
7 Roger N. Scholes
8 Derek P. Jones (Conductor)

To open Parish Flower Festival.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Fri., Oct. 9, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (6½ cwt.) 5120 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

1 G. Ronald Edwards *2 Norman W. Attaway

*3 Sheila Parsons 4 Frank Beech *5 Ron Hughes

6 Arthur E. Rowley 7 Edward R. Fairbrother 8 Derek P. Jones (Conductor)

*First in the method.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

LLANDOVERY, Carms, St. Dingat.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8½ cwt.)
5040 DOUBLES (11 methods/variations: 4
extents Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, April
Day, Seighford, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure,
Little Aston and 2 Grandsire).

1 David J. Morgan
2 Arthur F. Walters
3 Simon P. Rogers (Conductor)
4 John Prytherch
5 Philip C. Rogers
6 Andrew Lingard
To mark the 25th anniversary of the guild.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

HALIFAX, W. Yorks, St. John the Baptist. Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (28 cwt.) 5040 BARFORD SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Arranged by Peter Border.

1 Norman J. Goodman 2 Roderick W. Pipe 3 Maurice F. Edwards 4 Richard J. Tibbetts 5 Kenneth J. Hesketh

7 Stephen W. Barton 7 Stephen W. Barton 8 Terry R. Hampton 9 Michael J. Fellows

10 J. Alan Ainsworth 11 John A. Anderson

12 Peter Border (Conductor)

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

WALSALL, Staffs, St. Matthew.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (26 cwt.) 5042 ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS

1 Bruce Martin

J. Edward Cawser
J. Edward Cawser
Beryl E. Cawser
Sheila M. Anthony
Shirley E. Ruddlesden
Stephen Fenwick
Paul A. Williams
Martin Green
Rorry E. Saunder

9 Barry E. Saunders
10 Graham C. Paul (Conductor)
11 Alan A. Paul
12 Geoffrey Paul

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

SWINDERBY, Lincs, All Saints.

Tues., Aug. 4, 1970, 2hr. 32min. (43 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (14 methods: 3 Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Marchington, Newington, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old, Seighford, April Day).

1 Ruth Blackshaw 2 Derick E. Kirton 3 W. Gordon Marsh

4 Maurice W. Harrison (Conductor) 5 F. William Midwinter

In memoriam Mrs. Drury, a faithful parishioner and friend of all ringers, who died earlier this year,, aged 86 years. This was the 11th (and final) peal, one having been rung for each of her previous 10 birthdays.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincs, St. Helen.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 20min. (23 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

(42 extents, 10 callings.)

1 Philip C. Pitchford

2 Elaine M. Rolfe

3 Derick E. Kirton

4 J. Edward Brown

5 Frederick Derry (Conductor) 6 Frederick G. Hooper Half-muffled for Armistice.

CODDINGTON, Notts, All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 21 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7 cwt.) 5040 MINOR ((1) London Scholars, (2) Sandal, (3, 4) Oxford Bob, (5-7) Plain Bob).

1 Diana Mounsey 2 Mary C. Poyner B. Stedman Payne

4 Paul N. Mounsey 5 Harold Denman

6 Harry Poyner (Conductor)

CRESWELL, Derbys, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (12½ cwt.) 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by Stephen H. Wood.

*1 John G. Chambers †2 Thelma E. Staples †3 Bryan Birkett

*4 Sandra Ettles †5 John A. Coates †6 David R. Chambers

Frank Cooke

8 Herbert T. Rooke (Conductor) *First on 8. †First of Little Bob.

SUFFOLK GUILD

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary the Virgin.

Tues., Oct. 27, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (8 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Henry Hubbard. (C.C.C. 49.)
1 Gilbert R. Goodship (82)
2 Stephen D. Pettman
3 George W. Pipe
4 George E. Symonds (95, Conductor)
5 Sylvia R. E. Pipe
6 Cecil W. Pine
7 Michael I. Howes
8 Ernest G. Pearce
Specially arranged for Goodes Symonds

Specially arranged for George Symonds, who conducted C. W. Pipe's first peal 50 years ago at Henley to this composition.

No school is more necessary to children than patience, because either the will must be broken in childhood, or the heart in old age.-Richter.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, Essex, St. Andrew. Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (2 Ipswich, 2 Norwich and 3 Cambridge).

1 Norman M. Watson *2 Dorothy M. Durrant

3 Walter A. Perry 4 John A. Mayle 5 Peter Mayle

6 Alan G. Feaver (Conductor)
*25th peal. First 3 Surprise Minor methods by all.

BUXHALL, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (15½ cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
1 Harold J. Culpin
*2 Brian Wells

Sally E. V. Potter
Christopher R. Nunn
Ronald W. Steward
Maurice J. Rose (Conductor)

•First inside.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (8 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (Beddington version.)

Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

2 Howard W. Egglestone 3 George W. Pipe *4 Janet House 5 Dennis Knox

6 Peter Beresford 7 Martin Cubitt

8 Derek E. Sibson
9 David E. House (Conductor)

10 Dennis Beresford *100th peal.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 27min. (21 cwt.) 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1120 London, 1088 Superlative, 1024 Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell).

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

1 Peter Beresford

*2 George W. Pipe 3 Dennis Knox 4 Martin Cubitt

5 Martin L. Howe 6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)

7 Dennis Beresford 8 David E. House *Has circled the tower.

WOOLPIT, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 42min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., and Plain Bob).

Ronald W. Steward
Amanda M. Richmond
Brian E. Whiting
Maurice J. Rose

5 John L. Girt 6 John W. Blythe (Conductor)

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

RUSPER, Sussex, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sat., Nov. 14. 1970, 2hr. 45min finaguatere.

5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Comnosed by C. H. Hattersley.

1 Timothy D. W. Banner
2 M. Iain Davey

•3 Sonia Hailes

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7 David D. Smith (Conductor)
8 Geoffrey C. Rix
First in method. †First of Surprise Major. ‡First of Surprise and 50th peal.

BALCOMBE, Sussex, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (9 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

- Frank H. Hicks 2 Bronwen J. Davies 3 Ruth E. Halford
- *4 J. Duncan Weaver 5 Patrick M. Wills 6 E. Winifred Keys 7 Philip Stevens
- 8 Christopher Renyard (Conductor)

*First inside. First as conductor.

CHICHESTER, Sussex, Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 7min. (18 cwt.)

5049 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES Composed by J. Parker. (C.C. 13.) 1 Ruth E. Halford

- James Hedgcock Philip Stevens
- Alan R. Baldock Peter Heritage
- Tony Skilton
- 7 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor) 8 Edward R. Venn

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BASINGSTOKE, Hants, All Saints. Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. (113 cwt.)

5056 WARWICKSHIRE S. MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

*1 Leonard Stilwell
2 Michael Hatchett

- Reginald W. Rex Alan R. Pink (Conductor) Ronald K. Russ
- William Birmingham Howard E. J. Smith 8 Philip H. Tocock

*850th peal. First in the method by all except the conductor.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants, St. John the Baptist.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (16 cwt.)

5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Frank Bennett. Edward W. Colley Mary E. Elmes

Raymond E. Finch

5 Rev. Roger Keeley
6 Graham W. Elmes
7 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
8 Frederick E. Collins

First of London S. Major as conductor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, All Saints.

Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 3hr. 33min. (34½ cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Marianne Baker David Nichols

†3 Christopher Newton

†4 Marie Hatswell Martin Green

6 David F. Moore 7 Malcolm S. Turner

J. Henry Fielden 9 Neil Donovan (Conductor)

10 Roland H. Cook

*First of Royal. †First of Royal in method. ‡First of Royal on tower bells.

(Sheffield and District Society) HANDSWORTH, Yorks, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (12 cwt.) 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR Composed by Stephen H. Wood.

1 E. Dorice Kelly

*2 David J. Kelly *3 Ian P. Bell

4 Stephanie Boyles Judith J. Gilbert

John J. L. Gilbert (Conductor)
John E. Turley

All members of the local company.

*First in the method. 200th on the bells.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS **ASSOCIATION**

GRIMLEY, Worcs, St. Bartholomew. Wed., Nov. 11 1970, 2hr. 46 min. (12 cwt.) Wed., Nov. 11 1970, 2nr. 46 min. (12 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (11 methods: Cambridge S.,
Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clements,
Childwall, Buxton, Kent T.B., Plain).
1 Fred C. Pugh
2 Shirley M. Drew
3 Revision of the company of

Paul Cattermole
David G. Franklin

5 Christopher Hims 6 Geoffrey R. Drew (Conductor) A 65th birthday compliment to Fred Pugh.

Handbells

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive.

Mon., Nov. 23, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (19 in F.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE FOURTEEN (6 methods: 1400 of Newgate, 1120 of Fulham, 840 of Leatherhead and 560 each of Leicestershire, York and Yorkshire, with 69 changes of method).

Composed by John R. Mayne.

1-2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 3-4 John R. Mayne (Conductor)

5-6 Roger Baldwin 7-8 Martyn L. J. Jordan

9-10 Julia A. Fellows

11-12 Gerald Penney 13-14 Frank C. Price

First peal of spliced ever rung on more than 12 bells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, Bettyfold.

Thur. Nov. 5, 1970, 1hr. 41min. (14 in D.) 5040 MINOR (9 methods: Harlington Alliance and Crayford Little Court; Plain and St. Clement's College; Yaxley Alliance and Little Bob; Plain Bob; College; Original; Plain and Single Oxford).

1-2 Joseph Whalley3-4 Mary W. Whalley5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

COSBY, Leics, 17 Linley Green. Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (15 in C.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by John M. Jelley. 1-2 Rupert A. Clarke 3-4 Alfred Ballard

5-6 John M. Jelley (Conductor)

7-8 Anthony R. Mann

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

OXFORD, Hertford College.

Sun., Nov. 15, 1970, 2hr. 18min. (15 in C.)

5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by F. A. Holden. *1-2 Colin J. E. Wyld (Hertford) 3-4 Rodney A. Yeates (St. Cross)

5-6 Stuart Bamforth (New)

7-8 Ann Gardner (Cond. St. Hugh's)

*First of Major in hand. First as conductor.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

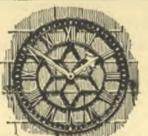
BOURNEMOUTH, Hants, 19 Daws Ave. Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (15 in C.)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1-2 Rosemary Shearing

†3-4 Ivan J. M. Saunders 5-6 Arthur V. Davis (Conductor)

*First of Minor. †First of Minor in hand.



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M.U.G.S. IN SOMERSET

August Bank Holiday was the occasion of the fourth reunion of past members of the Manchester University Guild—the venue, Clevedon, Somerset. Having travelled down on the Friday, the whole party gathered at the first tower, Yatton, next morning. The group was unusual in that there were ten married couples, all of whom were ringers. In the sunshine at Congresbury we were joined by the 11th ringing couple, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chap-

Lunch was taken al fresco in a pub garden before ringing recommenced at Wrington. The usual leisurely programme continued with ringing at Backwell and, Left to right (ignoring children): Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chapman, David Baker, Jean Hallett, Edward Bryant, John Hallett, Pat Bryant, Shirley Pilkington, John Pilkington, Mary Tomlinson, Brian Tomlinson, Meg James, David James, Norma Baker, Margaret Warford, Ron Barclay, Stephen Taylor, Rachel

finally, Clevedon (Meg and David James' home tower). Meg and Jim were hosts later for a well-appreciated convivial

Sunday saw us meandering round Bristol, joining in various Sunday service ringing and in most cases having a look round or over the SS. "Great Britain." The evening found us, minus Chris and Jane Movley, at Chez Jones in Midsomer Norton. The weather had turned cooler for the Monday ringing at Wraxall and Portishead, where a photograph was taken. Lunch was had in a family-style public house, where there seemed to be more children than adults. Loud farewells and thanks were made and we departed on our lengthy journeys home.

This annual event is now very well appreciated by Old Mugs or the Society of Ancient Mugs, as was put in one tower's visitors book. Thanks are therefore definitely in order to Meg and David James, the main organisers, for an excellent week-

TEWIN RINGERS IN BUCKS

The Tewin Young Bellringers Society are very keen on different types of outings, and the captain (Peter Owen) decided this time on an outing on cycles.

On October 24 the machines were loaded into a hired van, which together with two cars conveying the ringers, headed for Buckinghamshire. The first tower, at Wendover, contained a pleasant six which went well. The party cycled through Little Missenden (a delightful village with a fine church and bells) to Penn via narrow lanes and rolling countryside which can only be appreciated on a bicycle or on foot; the bells here are a fine ring. After lunch it was decided to miss Monks Risborough and head for Great Kimble, but the party found themselves travelling into High Wycombe. We were too late for Great Kimble and so pedalled on to Ellesborough, where from the church on a hill a panoramic view car be enjoyed.

The ringing programme ended but there was still the ride back to Wendover, where the bikes were reloaded and all headed for

Thanks go to Peter Owen for arranging a very enjoyable day, and to the incumbents and tower secretaries for allowing us the use of the bells. B. J. W. F.

When men are rightly occupied, their amusement grows out of their work.-

Ruskin.

THE DORSET FESTIVAL

This year was a record for the number of ringers, about 75, attending the annual festival at Blandford Parish Church or October 24, though only four towers entered for the striking competition. The latter held under the bequest of a former citizer of Blandford, Samuel Francis Pond, took place during the afternoon and was won by the tower of Lady St. Mary, Wareham The Wareham ringers were presented with the S. F. Pond trophy by the Mayor of Blandford (Ald. Mrs. G. F. Lane), who also presented certificates to the bands of Holy Trinity, Bradpole (2nd), St. Andrew, Preston (3rd), and St. Nicholas, Durweston

The trophy itself, a plaque in the shape of a bell, made of oak from Wimborne Minster, with a silver inscription and replicas for the names of winning towers, had been designed, in accordance with suggestions made at last year's festival, by Mr. L. J. Lockyer, of Wimborne. This was its first appearance after the bequest of the late S. F. Pond in his will of 1942 for the provision of a "suitable trophy" for competing teams of bellringers from any part of Dorset.

Owing to the repairs being carried out in the church the usual festival service could not be held, though a short service took place in the nave, when the rector (Canon H. G. Goodall) described the work being done, including the finding of the remains



THE TROPHY

of mid-17th century coffins and contents in a vault beneath the original church, burnt down in the great fire of 1731.

The competition was judged by Mr. C. F. Andrews, of Melksham. At tea, provided by members of the Blandford W.I., the Mayor welcomed the ringers. The Town Clerk (Mr. C. K. Lavington), also present, was congratulated on receiving the freedom of the borough after long service in the town clerk's department and as Town Clerk himself for nearly 25 years.

Open ringing followed later, under the direction of Mr. W. C. Shute.

JAMES ROBERT HOWARTH By W. T. COOK

(Continued from page 984)

In July, 1887, Haworth paid visits to High Wycombe, Winchester, Hughenden and Beaconsfield. A sequel to his visit to Hughenden is recorded in a cutting from Church Bells: "At the meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held at headquarters on Tuesday evening, September 13th, 1887, the Master, Mr. G. T. Mc-Laughlin, on behalf of Mr. J. R. Haworth, presented the company with a curiosity in the shape of an oak box. During Mr. Haworth's visits to Hughenden, near High Wycombe . . . he came into contact with an old ringer there named Thomas Hussey, otherwise known as 'Crippled Tom,' who showed him this oak box, and expressed a wish that the above Society should have it, and accordingly Mr. Haworth, on behalf of 'Crippled Tom,' presented the Society with it . . " This box was for many years used by the College Youths as their "pence box" for collecting contributions to the Benevolent Fund.

In December, 1887, Haworth visited the village of Swavesey, Cambs, "to inspect the bells and belfry, and give a few lessons on the art of change-ringing . . . Mr. Haworth also visited St. Ives."

1889—A BIG YEAR

Haworth did not ring any peals in 1888, but 1889 was a big year for him, for on Tuesday, August 13, he completed 50 years' membership of the College Youths. That evening a Jubilee touch of four courses of Stedman Cinques was rung on the bells of St. Saviour's, Southwark, and afterwards as it is recorded in Church Bells, "a numerous gathering of the members took place at the Meeting-house to congratulate Mr. Haworth on his fifty years of member-ship of the Society." In his reply, In his reply, Haworth quoted his certificate of membership as reading, "This is to certify that James Robert Haworth was elected a mem-Paries Robert Haworth was elected a member on the 13th of August, 1839. Mr. Richard Mills, Master; Mr. John Cooper. Hon. Sec.; Messrs. James Durrant and Thomas Britten, Stewards. No. 2006." He also said, "In making enquiries—and I have known all the London ringers for many years—I have never heard anyone say, nor is it recorded in the Society's books, that any College Youth was a member for fifty In that case we may come to the the only person who has arrived at the point of being a Jubilee member of the Ancient Society of College Youths." The 50th anniversary of Haworth's first peal occurred. on October 1, and a special touch of six courses of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Paul's to mark the occasion.

Shortly before his Jubilee, Haworth achieved what had evidently been a long-standing ambition. On July 25, 1889 (St. James's Day), eight members of the St. James's Society, all bearing the Christian name of James, met at St. James's, Clerkenwell, and rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. A footnote to the peal says, "The above peal has been talked about for nearly forty years, and many times nearly rung. Mr. Haworth was in the first attempt and is the only one remaining of the band to be in the successful termination of it."

The last opening of a new ring of bells recorded in Haworth's book took place at Christ Church, Epsom, on July 31, 1890. On that occasion Haworth took part in a peal of Stedman Triples, composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook, rung by members of the Surrey Association.

A cutting from Church Bells dated July, 1890, is of special interest. It refers to a wedding which took place in Westminster Abbey. "A new and charming use of the phonograph was thought of in connection with the Stanley marriage. Colonel Gouraud presented to Mr. Stanley a phonograph as a wedding present. There are only four phonographs in England. Three were in Westminster Abbey during the wedding service. One was placed in the tower, to record the full sound of the wedding bells, which were rung by the Abbey ringers, Messrs. Haworth, Weatherstone, Albone, French, Hopkins and Waghorn, assisted by Mr. Winny while the man with the phonograph was standing among the bells. The second phonograph was placed by the organ . . . The third was placed in the choir. . . . This is the first occasion on which the phonograph has been used to record wedding bells and the music of a marriage service."

AT ST. CLEMENT DANES'

On October 19, 1893, Haworth took part in a peal which marked the bicentenary of the bells at St. Clement Danes', which had been augmented from eight to ten in 1845. In a report of this peal, Church Bells said of Haworth: "Our vigorous old friend is the only one living who has stood in a band for a peal on the old eight bells. It may be added that he rang his first long peal in the tower in 1842, and was elected one of the parochial ringers in 1838, fifty-five years ago, when Mr. G. Stockham was steeple-keeper."

The last peal recorded in Haworth's book was also rung at St. Clement Danes', on July 26, 1894, with Haworth on the treble to Grandsire Caters. This was his 176th peal. His peals can be summarised as

follows.-

Rung with the College Youths St. James's Society 61 Waterloo Society 5 Other Societies 10

Grandsire: Triples 62, Major 3, Caters 26, Cinques 2. Stedman: Triples 13, Caters 20, Cinques

Kent Treble Bob: Major 13, Royal 10, Maximus 6.

Oxford Treble Bob: Major 1, Royal 1. Plain Bob: Major 2

Double Norwich: Major 2.

Conducted: 7.

Two final newspaper cuttings relate to the last year of Haworth's life, 1910. May of that year the Prince of Wales presided over the annual dinner of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Asylum Corporation at the Cecil Hotel. The Daily Mail reported: "The Prince mentioned that among the guests at the dinner was Mr. J. R. Haworth, who was 89 years of age and had worked as a compositor in London. Mr. Haworth had himself founded a pension for the corporation. In addition he was one of the oldest bell-ringers in the country. He had helped to ring the bells in Westminster Abbey at the coronation of Queen Victoria. At every succeeding anniversary of the Queen's Birth Mr. Haworth had rung the bells and also at the coronation of the King. After the Prince had finished his speech Mr. Haworth was presented to him."

The other cutting throws some light on Haworth's activities as a printer and a philanthropist. "Mr. J. R. Haworth stated yesterday that he feels fully rewarded for his long life of self-denial by the attention paid him by the Prince of Wales at the Dinner of the Printers' Pen-

sion Corporation. He is the working compositor who in the course of his eighty years has contributed more than a thousand pounds to charity, probably a unique effort on the part of a workman. . Mr. Haworth has not been engaged on the trade for many years, but he goes on saving money in order that he may devote it to his trade charity. He lives in a single room in the City and managed this year to give 100 guineas to the institution at Wood Green. 'I have no story to tell.' he said. 'I never had much to do with the newspapers and cannot say how times have changed . . . I was only on weekly papers. I was at the start of 'Punch,' but I cannot say that I came in contact with any of its originators and I do not now remember anything about their 'copy.' But there have been great changes, and things must go much faster than when I first took up my 'stick.' My hobbies have always been bell-ringing and Printers' Pensions."

Haworth died on December 24, 1910, and was laid to rest in Highgate Cemetery.

(Concluded)

Leicester Guild.

A GOOD TURN-OUT

The autumn quarterly meeting was held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on October 17. Towers were open at Ibstock, Heather, Measham, Packington and Ashby. We were again blessed with beautiful weather, and there was a very good turn-out at all the towers, at times being packed out.

The vicar of Ashby had unfortunately been called away, therefore no service was held. About 80 people sat down to a delightful tea, which had been laid on in the Parish Room by the Ashby ringers and ladies. After tea Mr. Paul Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to all who had worked to make the meeting a success.

The meeting was opened by Mr. John Bramley (guild president), who extended a cordial welcome to everyone present. The loss by death of two members was announced-Charles Hector Stenhouse (Hoby) and Edwin L. Campton (Burbage). The meeting stood in silence as a tribute to the departed. The names of 20 new resident members were announced, together with 20 new non-resident life members. Two of the new resident members had joined directly as life members; nine certificates of membership were presented.

It was announced that Mr. E. A. Barnett (vice president of the C.C.), Mr. C. W. Denyer (Editor of The Ringing World) and the Rt. Rev. Bishop J. E. L. Mort, the new Canon Residentiary at the Cathedral, were to be invited as guests at the annual dinner next year. It was also announced that the guild striking competition had been a muchenjoyed and useful event this year and six bands had entered, with St. Margaret's, Leicester, as the winning band.

Mr. C. W. Hall drew attention to the fact that two district meetings had been advertised for the day of the quarterly general meeting, and inquired the reason for this. The president replied that the matter had been gone into at a recent committee meeting, and it was felt that these had been due to a genuine oversight. said that district secretaries had been urged to ascertain, when arranging local meetings.

that quarterly meeting days be avoided. Further ringing took place at Ashby under the direction of Mr. K. P. Gilliver, again attended by a large number of ringers.

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MARRIAGE

COLEMAN - IVINGS. - The marriage Michael and Brenda took place at SS. Peter and Paul, Deddington, Oxon, on Dec. 5. New address is 59c New Dover Road, Canterbury, Kent. Tel. No.: Canterbury 65447.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MURFITT—TIBBITTS.—The marriage of John E. Murfitt to Miss Leslie C. Tibbitts will take place on Sat., Dec. 19, at St. Mary, Chigwell, at 1 p.m. All friends welcome at the church.

PERSONAL

'Lay hold upon the hope set before us. Which hope we have as an anchor for the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth unto that within the veil."—Hebrews vi, 18 and

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Luton District.—Evening meeting, Sat., Dec. 26, Caddington. Bells (6) 5-6.30 p.m. 331

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - The next special Bolton Branch practice meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church (8) on Mon., Dec. 21. Tower open for ringing at 7 p.m. Ringing to 9 p.m. Special methods: Cambridge and to 9 p.m. Special methods: Cambridge and Plain Bob. All welcome.—Pauline Tallis, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - S. and W. District.—Evening practice, St. Mary, Staines, Fri., Dec. 18, 7.45-9.15. Surprise Royal practice, Hillingdon, Mon., Jan. 11, 8-9.30.-C. H. R.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chiltern Branch.—Monthly practice, Wendover, Dec. 19, 6.30-8 p.m. All welcome.—A. J. White. 353

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Derby District.—Annual meeting, Sat., Dec. 19, Derby Cathedral. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, after the service, in the Chapter House. Ringing till 8 p.m.—Clive A. Thrower, 51 Church Street, Spondon, Derby.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- St. Albans District.—Meeting, Sat., Dec. 19, Harpenden, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5. Service 6.30. Further ringing till 8.30 p.m. Nominations for 1971 officers may be received at this meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. M. A. Coburn, 3 Lee Road, Harpenden.—F. W. Ellis, Dis. Sec. 324

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Loughborough District.—Meeting, Loughborough, Dec. 19. Ringing 2.30–3.30 p.m. at the parish church, followed by service. Tea 5 p.m. at Bell Foundry House, followed by ringing at Foundry.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Dec. 19, Hurstpierpoint (8). Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Children's party 3.30–5. Social from 6–9 p.m. All ringers and their families welcome, but PLEASE, I MUST have numbers for each section. — M. E. Kirkcaldy, Hon. Div. Sec., 29 Manor Gardens, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, Sussex (Tel.: Hurstpierpoint 3735).

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. Branch.—Annual general meeting, St. Michael with St. Paul, Bath, Sat., January 2. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to Bells Names for tea to Mr. J. Hobbs, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - The next quarterly meeting will be on Sat., Jan. 2, at Stoke St. Michael, Coventry, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea, followed by the business meeting, at 5. Ringing after the meeting at Bulkington, approx. 7 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by Dec. 31, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa. Tel. Harbury 504. 343

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wisbech District.—Annual general meeting, Sat., Jan. 2, Walsoken. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Clarkson School, followed by the business meeting. Agenda includes election of officers, including the posts of president and district secretary, now vacant due to resigna-

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - Tonbridge District.-Quarterly meeting, Brasted (6), Sat., Jan. 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Westerham bells (8) after meeting. Names for teato R. P. Sherlock, 8 Thorn's Meadow, Brasted, Sevenoaks, Kent (Tel. Westerham 3654). 320

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- There will be general meeting at Selby on January 16. General committee meeting in the Hawdon Institute 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Hawdon Institute 5. Tickets for tea are essential and will be sent to those who send a s.a.e., given, to others who have booked, at the Abbey between 3.45 and 4 p.m. on 16th. Names to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15 Portholme Drive, Selby, by Tues., Jan. 12. The business after tea will include voting on the finance proposals. Bells: Darrington (6), 11-12; Sherburn-in-Elmet (8), 12-1; Snaith (8), 1-2; Carlton-juxta-Snaith (6), 1.30-2.30; Hamingbrough (6), 2-3; Escrick (8), 2.30–3.30; Selby (10), 2–4.05 and after the meeting.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 359

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Nancy, John, Ann, Jill and Tony wish all Leicester Guild members and their families a very happy Christmas.

To all ringing friends everywhere, especially Essex, Gloucestershire, Kent, Lincolnshire, Somerset and Wiltshire, a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—H. Heath, Chippenham.

The Rev. Peter N. Bond sends sincere good wishes for a happy and holy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all ringing friends everywhere, especially fellow-Cumberlands.

Greetings to old friends and many new ones in England and Wales who made our visits such a pleasure in 1970, of course, not forgetting the Rambling Ringers.—D. and E. Vincent.

'Tis Christmas once again, The message still the same; Let's one and all be friends, Forget our selfish ends, This blessed Christmastide. Best wishes to you all .- Stanley Bloomfield.

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Merry Christmas to all old friends, wishing all of them continued service ringing, true peals for good reasons, with good health and good companionship in 1971.-Walter Ayre.

Christmas greetings to all my ringing friends in the Coventry and Leicester Dioceses; also to those in Kent and Sussex who welcomed me so warmly in July.-Geoffrey Edmands.

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A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all ringing friends, from Mr. and Mrs. Dafters, Forest Hill, London.

The Fidlers, of Bow, wish all old and new friends the compliments of the season.

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The service, which was beautiful and dignified in the extreme, typified the "downto-earth" and functional nature of the church. The Bishop of Kensington, the vicar and the choir were robed only in cassocks, and children of the local Blue School produced a modern dress mime to the old story of the Good Samaritan. The inclusion of this item enabled all present to witness, during the singing of a hymn, the altar being raised by a lever on to casters and moved away from its central position and the priests reading desks and rails (also on casters) swivelled out from anchorages to make "stage" room for the drama sequence.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION The committee recommended redraft of

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Herbert C. Spencer conducted his first of Surprise, Cambridge Surprise Major, at Brierley Hill, Staffs.

Lewis W. Wiffen rang his 600th peal at Bocking, Essex; Christopher W. Woolley rang the 7th, and Edwin Jennings the

It was announced that one of the Rudhall bells from the ring at St. Dunstan's-inthe-East was to be sent out to Canberra when the cathedral was built.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Standish, Lancs, by a team of Freemasons for the diamond jubilee of the Girls' Friendly Society.

During November 139 peals were rung. 121 on tower bells and 18 on handbells.

Liverpool University Society of Changeringers was formed with Miss B. R. Hollingworth as hon. secretary.

50 YEARS AGO

December 17, 1920

One and a half pages were devoted to Church Councils (Powers) Act, several well-known ringers writing on the subject. They were: A. H. F. Boughey, C. D. P. Davies, H. J. Elsee, J. S. Pritchett, T. L. Papillon, C. W. O. Jenkyn and A. T. King.

"Essex Ringer" wrote about a peal of Grandsire Caters for its centenary and said there was a doubt about its truthfulness. "I think we should all uphold cleanliness in peal ringing, although it is difficult to draw a line or form a standard between a fair peal and a bad one," he added.

A peal of 7136 Double Norwich was rung at Norwich, composed and conducted by George H. Cross, the longest of Norwich since 1837, when 7360 Treble Bob was conducted by Samuel Thurston.

Edwin Barnett junior rang the tenor for Stedman Triples at Croayford in which William J. Wheadon rang his first of Stedman on the treble.

To celebrate the defeat by 192 votes of the proposal to admit women to Cambridge University, three members of the University Guild rang 192 changes of Bob Minor on handbells.

Sutton Treble Bob was rung at Sutton-on-Hull, Yorks. The method was Oxford Treble Bob with Kent places substituted for Oxford at the calls.

A meeting (well attended) of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Sheffield, and much interest was shown in the Masonic War Memorial consisting of the high altar and an exceptionally beautiful reredos, canons' stall and changel floor. canons' stall and chancel floor.

Mr. William Pye kept piling up records—his latest, 150 peals of London S. Major.

COMPOSITIONS

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By JOHN PLADDYS

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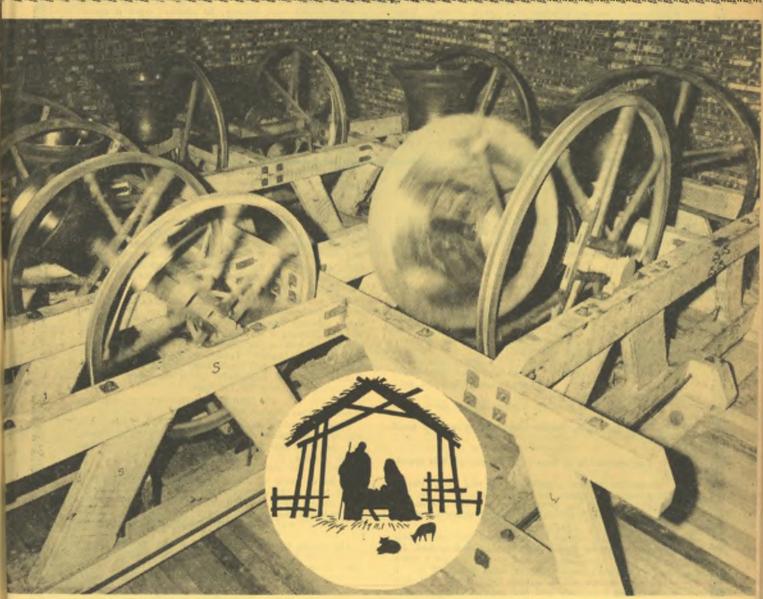
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THE SONG OF THE BELLS

What is that the bells are saying, pealing over field and fold? They are telling us a story; sweetest story ever told . . This is what the bells are saying Loud and clear their message rings. Come, good people, celebrate the birthday of the King of Kings.

Come - for this is Christmas morning: God's own Son to earth was sent - to restore the broken-hearted and redeem the penitent . . . Lift your hearts in adoration. Come unto this holy place—Seek the glory of His presence and the blessing of His

From your worldly cares and worries turn your thoughts and draw apart—Come unto the house of God and praise Him with a happy heart . . . This is what the bells are saying as along the lane they call. Christ is born, our Lord and Saviour. Peace Christ is born, our Letter on earth. Goodwill to all.

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The Chimes . . .

Extracts from Charles Dickens' famous novel in which Toby (Trotty) Veck finds his beloved bells and chimes almost too much for him.

... As he was stooping to sit down, the Chimes rang. "Amen!" said Trotty, pulling off his hat and looking up towards them.

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"Amen to the Bells, father?" cried Meg.
"The agrace my dear," said Trotty, "They broke in like a grace, my dear," said Trotty, taking his seat. "They'd say a good one, I'm sure, if they could. Many's the kind thing they say to me."

"The Bells do, father!" laughed Meg, as she set the basin and a knife and fork before him. "Well!"

"Seem to, my pet," said Trotty, falling to with great vigour. "And where's the difference? If I hear 'em, what does it matter whether they speak or not? Why bless you, my dear," said Toby, pointing at the tower with his fork, and becoming more animated under the influence of dinner, "how often have I heard them bells say, Toby Veck, Toby Veck, keep a good heart, Toby! Toby Veck, Toby Veck, keep a good heart, Toby!' A million times? More!"

"Well, I never!" cried Meg.

She had, though, over and over again. For it was

Toby's constant topic.

"When things is very bad," said Trotty, "very bad indeed, I mean; almost at the worst, then it's Toby Veck, Toby Veck, job coming soon, Toby! Toby Veck, Toby Veck, job coming soon, Toby! That way."
"And it comes at last, father," said Meg with a

touch of sadness in her pleasant voice.

"Always," answered the unconscious Toby. "Never

The Chimes took up the words so suddenly-burst out so loud, and clear, and sonorous—that the Bells seemed to strike him in his chair.

And what was that they said?
"Toby Veck, Toby Veck, waiting for you, Toby!
Toby Veck, Toby Veck, waiting for you, Toby! Come and see us, come and see us, drag him to us, drag him to us. Haunt and hunt him, haunt and hunt him. Break his slumbers, break his slumbers! Toby Veck, Toby Veck, door open wide, Toby, Toby Veck, Toby Veck, door open wide, Toby—" then fiercely back to that impetuous strain again, and ringing in the very

bricks and plaster on the walls.

Toby listened. Fancy, fancy! . . . again, again, and yet a dozen times again. "Haunt and hunt him, haunt and hunt him. Drag him to us, drag him to us!

Deafening the whole town. "Meg," said Trotty softly, tapping at her door. "Do you hear anything?"

"I hear the Bells, father. Surely they're very loud tonight!"

It was impossible to bear it: their energy was dread-

ful.
"If the tower door is really open," said Toby, hastily laying aside his apron, but never thinking of his hat, "what's to hinder me from going up into the steeple and satisfying myself? If it's shut, I don't want any

other satisfaction. That's enough!"

He was pretty certain as he slipped out quietly into the street that he should find it shut and locked, for he knew the door well and had so rarely seen it open, that he couldn't reckon above three times in all. It was a low arched portal, outside the church, in a dark nook behind a column; and had such great iron hinges, and such a monstrous lock, that there was more hinge and lock than door.

But what was his astonishment when, coming bareheaded to the church; and putting his hand into this nook, with a certain misgiving that it might be unexpectedly siezed, and a shivering propensity to draw it back again; he found that the door, which opened outwards, actually stood ajar!

He thought, on the first surprise, of going back; or of getting a light, or a companion; but his courage aided him immediately, and he determined to ascend

"What have I to fear?" said Trotty, "It's a church! Besides the ringers may be there and have forgotten to shut the door.

So he went in; feeling his way as he went, like a blind man; for it was very dark. And very quiet, for the Chimes were silent.

The dust from the street had blown into the recess: and lying there, heaped up, made it so soft and velvetlike to the foot that there was something startling even in that. The narrow stair was so close to the door, too. that he stumbled at the very first, and shutting the door upon himself, by striking it with his foot, and causing it to rebound back heavily, he couldn't open it again!

This was another reason, however, for going on. Trotty groped his way and went on. Up, up, up and round; and up, up, up, higher, higher, higher up!

It was a disagreeable staircase for that groping work: so low and narrow, that his groping hand was always touching something; and it often felt so like a man or ghostly figure standing up erect and making room for him to pass without discovery, that he would rub the smooth wall upward searching for its face, and down-ward searching for its feet, while a chill tingling crept all over him. Twice or thrice, a door or niche broke the monotonous surface, and then it seemed a gap as wide as the whole church; and he felt on the brink of an abyss and going to tumble headlong down; until he found the wall again,

Still up, up, up; and round and round; and up, up, up; higher, higher up.

At length the dull and stiffing atmosphere began to freshen: presently to feel quite windy: presently it blew so strong that he could hardly keep his legs. But he got to an arched window in the tower, breast high, and holding tight, looked down upon the housetops, on the smoking chimneys, on the blur and blotch of lights .

This was the belfry where the ringers came. He had caught hold of one of the frayed ropes which hung down through apertures in the oaken roof. At first he started, thinking it was hair: then trembled at the very thought of waking the deep Bell. The Bells themselves were higher. Higher. Trotty in his fascination or in working out the spell upon him, groped his way. By ladders now, and toilsomely, for it was steep, and not too certain holding for the feet.

Up, up, up; and climb and clamber; up, up, up, higher, higher, higher up!

Until, ascending through the floor, and pausing with his head just raised above its beams, he came among the Bells. It was barely possible to make out their great shapes in the gloom; but there they were. Shadowy, and dark, and dumb.

A heavy sense of dread and loneliness fell instantly upon him as he climbed into this airy nest of stone and metal. His head went round and round. He listened and then raised a wild "Halloa!".

"Halloa!" was mournfully protracted by the echoes!

He might have said more, but the Bells, the old familiar Bells, his own dear, constant, steady friends. the Chimes, began to ring the joyful peals . . . so lustily, so merrily, so happily, so gaily, that he leapt upon his feet, and broke the spell that bound him. . . .

They were ringing! Bless their sturdy hearts, they WERE ringing! Great Bells as they were: melodious. deep-mouthed, noble Bells! Cast in no common metal: made by no common founder: when had they ever chimed like that before!

"I see the Spirit of the Chimes among you!" cried the old man.

HORLEY'S BELLS RING AGAIN

But More Work to be Done

The Church of St. Bartholomew, Horley, Surrey, has a wooden tower and spire built in the 14th century, and in mediæval times had contained bells, another two being added in 1673. In 1839 two trebles made up the octave, and according to a report this "proved too much for the tower and ringing ceased in 1957." Another theory is that a land mine exploding nearby during the last war shook the church foundations and caused the tower to become unsafe.

During the past five or six years funds have been raised and at a cost of £6,000 an independent steel tower inside the old wooden one has been erected on to which the original wooden bell frame has now been bolted in four places, the work of firms in Lingfield and Horley. The Whitechapel Bell Foundry refixed the pulleys, supplied new ropes and overhauled the clappers.

The rededication of the tower and bells was performed by the Archdeacon of Kingston on Thames (Venn P. D. Robb) on December 12 and was witnessed by a large congregation. The vicar (Rev. E. A, Noon) conducted the service, and other clergy were Rev. W. M. Hetling (St. Wilfrid's) and Rev. B. D. Roderick (St. Francis') and lay-readers Messrs. H. C. Luck, G. Middlecote and C. H. Scutter, the latter gentleman reading the lesson. The hymns sung were "Angel Voices," "Christ is made the sure foundation," "Now thank we all our God" and "Ye know that the Lord is gracious."

REDEDICATION

The rededication took place below the gallery in which the ringers stand, in view of the congregation; and following the Blessing rounds were rung by Mrs. F. Illman, Mrs. M. Dallison, Messrs. K. Dallison, H. Coomber, G. Charlton, D. Little, G. West and D. Attfield, members of the Southern District of the Surrey Association, and with the exception of Mr. Little (who is district ringing master) all from St. John's, Redhill.

At the conclusion of the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung and later a quarter peal was attempted but was not successful. There is, it seems, too much movement in the frame which, according



In Days of Old . . .



This photograph, seen in Christ Church (Southport) ringing chamber, was borrowed for a while (for reproduction purposes) so that other ringers may admire the dignity and finesse of a bygone age. Mr. John Mason (sitting) was second president of Lancashire Association (1879), helping to formulate the objects and rules.

CHANGE RINGING

On the 21st of June 1874 the Society of Change Ringers of CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHPORT, ascended the Belfry and Rang on their excellent-toned Bells a true and complete Peal of 720 Changes of SINGLE BOB MINOR.

The Ringers were stationed as follows, viz.:—

Treble: John Mason, Second: John F. Miller, Third: Wm. Overton, Fourth: Geo. Heywood, Fifth: Chas. Heywood, Tenor: Rt. W. Barnes.

The above are the first full set of Southport Ringers who Rang a complete Peal of 720 changes on these Bells. The Peal was ably conducted by Mr. John Mason, then in his 79th year, and the Bells brought round in 24 minutes.

Weight of Tenor, 10 cwt. 8 lbs.

Benjamin S. Clarke D.D. Vicar. William J. Robson Thomas Marshall

to the adviser (Mr. J. H. A. Crocket) is very loose and split on one side. Asked why a new steel frame was not included, he replied that it would have cost another £1,000, and that it was intended to bolt the frame down in several more places and perhaps wedge it in an endeavour to make it more rigid. A rather frightening thumping which occurred periodically during the ringing was also not explained, but further experiments are to be carried out to locate the noise.

ROPES DID NOT HELP

The difficulty experienced in controlling the bells whilst ringing was not helped by the very new ropes. We understand that the bellfounders recommended that the bells be recast into a lighter ring of eight and hung lower in the tower, but that the diocesan advisory board then produced the alternative scheme of the new steel tower, the first time this has been attempted anywhere.

The enthusiasm, generosity and hard work of the people of Horley deserve better results than has been obtained at present. The hon. secretary of the Tower and Bells Appeal Committee (Mr. Scutter) told The Ringing World editor that they had been assured that the bells would now be able to be rung for another 100 years without further attention—a statement which the editor listened to with considerable scepticism.

Oxford Society.

PRESENTATION DINNER

Members and friends numbering 52 met for dinner at the Temple Farm Country Club, Sandford-on-Thames, on October 23 in order to make presentations to William G. E. Collett (president, 1946-67) and to Walter F. Judge (ringing master, 1944-69).

Following an excellent dinner the society's loving cup, which had been given in 1905 by Mr. G. A. Smith (Tunstall) at the time of his election to membership, was circulated and the company were able to take a drink of champagne. While this was taking drink of champagne. While this was taking place the president (Neil I. Allnatt), having proposed the loyal toast, went on with some comments on the history of the society, mentioning the earlier peals rung as far back as 1733, and saying that the peals were the only positive information about the society of those early years. The earliest minute book available commences on May 23, 1878, and follows on from a previous book not now in the possession of the society. It is possible only to hazard a guess as to what happened to the earlier

The minute books available show that the society was very much of a closed shop at this time and the number of members listed during 1877-81 varied between 13 and 16 persons, but by 1920 had increased to 49. Of the more prominent members of the period mentioned were Charles Hounslow (treasurer, 1902–13), W. J. Smith (frequently master between 1880 and 1918) and J. W. Washbrook (master, 1890-3, 1895-6).

From the past to more recent times, the the president directed his comments firstly to Mr. Collett, speaking of his ability as chairman and how he was able to overcome difficult situations. He thanked him for his services to the society and said although he had been president for so many years he had also held all the other offices in the society (including that of auditor), and then presented Mr. Collett with a suitably inscribed silver salver.

To Mr. Judge, the president said he had been an excellent master during a very long period, and he was a man able to bring the best out of all those who rang with him. Extending the best wishes of all those present to Mr. Judge, he then presented him with a pewter tankard, also suitably in-scribed. Both recipients were loudly ap-

Mr. Collett, in reply, spoke of the early members of the society, who were all of the male sex, and suggested that Margaret Reynolds was probably the first lady to be K. Lock, March 4, 1918; Miss S. Davis, August 12, 19(25; Miss M. E. Reynolds, November 14, 1928.) He spoke of the past and present officers with whom he had been associated, referring especially to Vic Bennett, who had been secretary for many years before his death in 1954. Of Walter Judge he said that he was known the country over as an excellent conductor. He thanked the company for the gift and said that he hoped the society would continue to flourish.

Mr. Judge, replying, said he was born into a ringing family at Kidlington and had joined up in 1914, and when he was "demobbed" came to Oxford to work. Married in 1921, he had lived in a small cottage in "Hells Passage," near New College, "one up and one down." He spoke of his many friends in the City and University and elsewhere making particular reference to Harry Miles, John Spice and Dick White.



Closing the proceedings the secretary referred to the excellent meal provided, and then introduced Mr. Harry Lucy (for a number of years the society's recorder) and his wife, remarking on the quality of the work, and said all the society's peal books were available for inspection. The Appleton Handbell Ringers were present for the dinner and entertained the company afterwards. They were thanked for coming along by the secretary.

Those attending were: Mr. N. I. Allnatt (president) and Mrs. Allnatt, Mr. W. G. E. Collett, Mr. W. F. Judge, Mr. J. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. H. Wilkins, Mr. J. R. Chaundy (hon. treasurer), Mr. P. Walker (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. L. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Lucy, D. J. Roaf, P. H. Tocock, Mr. and Mrs. W. C.

Godwin, P. J. Heritage, M. Harrison, Miss Godwin, P. J. Heritage, M. Harrison, Miss J. Shayler, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Porter, E. G. Moore, J. Hartley, M. J. Turner, C. P. Turner, Miss M. R. Cross, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Adams, D. D. Pullin, R. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. C. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. F. Gray, E. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Camp, R. H. Abbott, Miss M. Thor, V. J. White, H. White, F. A. White, B. R. White (ringing master), Miss D. Keen, J. R. Mitty, Miss P. Heaton, R. F. Overington, Miss S. White.

In the photo are:

Back row: J. R. Chaundy (hon. treasurer), P. Walker (hon. secretary), E. G. Moore, B. R. White (ringing master), W. C. Porter, F. A. H. Wilkins.

Front row: W. G. E. Collett, N. I. Allnatt (president), W. F. Judge.



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Editorial

GOODWILL TOWARDS MEN

It is often said that youth is jealous of age, whilst age envies youth. During the Christmas festival these very human frailties recede, each generation endeavouring to radiate a spirit of goodwill and happiness to the other.

The bitterness, hostility and hardshin recently experienced during the "work to rule" of generating electricians have brought youth and age together in a common endeavour to relieve the loneliness, neglect and infirmity which have been spotlighted by this unfortunate (and unnecessary) industrial dispute.

In our own little world of bellringing, the letter in our columns from "Dismayed" (R.W., page 974) expresses the hurt and disappointment felt by some of our fraternity because of what could have been just a clash of personalities, a thoughtless comment, or a purely selfish act by one or two of the band.

We believe bellringers, generally, are not thoughtless or deliberately vindictive. The kindness, tolerance and companionship which are so much in evidence at meetings, social functions and also in individual towers, contradict the suggestion that ringers as a body are often at loggerheads.

To be tolerant where others are concerned, to give a little in our own expressed views and not wittingly or willingly to cause hurt among our fellows is an idealistic endeavour but one which we are perfectly certain will bear fruit when put to the test—and Christmastide is a good time to start practising these better relationships.

And so:

To youth and old age, and to those in between,

We extend our good wishes—and trust you have been

Blessed with good fortune in days just gone by,

And have hopes for a future—both cheerful and high.

John Taylor and Co. have recently completed the rehanging in a new frame for the ten at St. Thomas', Dudley, which included recasting the four front bells. They also have completed the rehanging of the eight at Oswestry and are at work on the rehanging the six bells in a new frame at Upper Arley, Worcs,

First peal congratulations to Kenneth G. Lee (13), Peter W. Dickinson, James Swallow, Andrew Gibbons, Neil Cullum, Nicholas H. W. George, Jean Simpson.

Personal Records.—A. P. Cannon (1,275 peals), Christine Broadlev (50), Elizabeth Stevens (100), Michael O'Callaghan (200), Roland H. Cook (375), Brian Walton (50), Robert J. Crocker (100), John J. Durham (150).

New Methods this week: Wroxton Surprise Major at Bloxham. Oxford: Selhurst Surprise Major at Lambeth.



A newly-formed handbell tane ringing team from the Sunday service band of St. Thomas, South Wigston, Leics, made their debut in entertaining an audience of 115 at the church's annual harvest supper.

With David and Susan Clark, the organisers, aged 16 and 15 respectively, are Paul Atkins (14), Elizabeth Roberts (13) and Lynda Watts (16), believed to be the

youngest team of tune ringers in the area. A great achievement after only a few months' practice.

It is heartening to learn that these enthusiastic youngsters have a target—to raise £50 for charity this Christmas. David, Susan and Lynda were members of a former team which raised £25 for charity last Christmas.—S. H.

The cover picture this week is of Guildford Cathedral bells and was supplied by Whitechapel Bellfoundry.

When Mr. Phil Corby withdrew his nomination as a trustee for the College Youths one of the officers said he hoped Mr. Corby would have joined the officers where he would have been less trouble there than he was at present on the "back benches".

A comment by Mr. Frank Smallwood that one did not become a trustee until senility had set in caused considerable amusement and a suitable comment from Mr. Wilfred Williams (Mr. Smallwood's co-trustee).

co-trustee).

Mr. C. I. Rowson says he is not the composer of the Cassiobury S. Major as it is a composition "inherent in the method" and has probably been composed several times before.

Les'ey A. Shipman, who rang the treble to a quarter at Croxton Kerrial recently, has only been ringing since March and has mastered change-ringing by her own hard work, as there has been no one at any time to stand behind here for instruction numbers

The Leicester University Society is "alive and well", according to Chris J. Pickford, who has recently arrived there. It is hoped to build up the Society to quarter peal and peal standards next term.

At the A.G.M. of the Oxford University Society on December 1, Canon C. E. Wigg was re-elected president and J. E. Camp general secretary. The new resident officers for the coming year are: C. J. E. Wyld (Hertford), master; S. Smith (St. Cath.'s) and Miss L. Merrall (L.M.H.), joint secretaries; and S. I. Bamforth (New College), treasurer.

A welcome to the new vicar at Kirby Muxloe was a peal by the Leicester Guild, and it also enabled Martin Green to ring a peal on the bells on which he learnt to ring—something every ringer would like to

achieve.

The peal of 8-spliced at Pulham Market. Norfolk, on November 28, was arranged as one of the preliminaries to the annual dinner of the Colegate Society and was rung by members and friends of the Society. Chris Kippin, the conductor, was ringing his 500th peal, whilst the brothers Cubitt reached the total of 100 together. Furthermore, it was the 50th together for David Cubitt and Geoff Pullin and Geoff Pullin and David House.

A quarter was rung on September 6 (Bob Doubles) as a farewell to Jane Bryant (conductor), who left for Exeter College. The name of the church where this was rung was not sent but the other ringers were: Dawn Goodwin, Susan Goodwin, Susan Rayner, D. P. Leworthy and M. Woolnough.

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LETTERS

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ST. OSWALD'S, DURHAM

Dear Sir,-One of the aims of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association when it was founded in 1877 was secure proper treatment of the bells themselves, as being valuable property of the Church . . .," so it is strange that the hon. secretary should make strenuous efforts to prevent the ringing of the bells at St. Oswald's, Durham. Perhaps Mr. Bayles considers that the practice of "clocking" as obtains at this church fulfils

The vicar tells me that several parishioners have expressed their pleasure at hearing the bells rung, and Fr. Bevan feels that Mr. Bayles has been over-officious in the matter.

If it is any consolation to the secretary he might like to know that when we first tried out the bells the association was in fact represented, as my old friend Roland Park, at that time master of the associa-tion, came at short notice to help out.

The architect disagrees with my contention that without observing the action of the bells under ringing conditions any opinion as to their safety or otherwise is pure speculation, but since there is neither the intention to permit further ringing here in the present condition nor to aim at rehanging the bells lower in the tower, Mr. Hayton does not feel at all grateful for Mr. Bayles' efforts.

I would have thought that the relevance of the Rev. J. W. Rogerson's specialisation in Hebrew would have been obvious in that it would be unlikely that he would have been equally qualified in the field of engineering the mere incidence of his one-time curacy at this church would in no wise qualify him to give a ruling. For that matter neither does holding the rank of hon. general secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association entitle Mr. Bayles to speak with authority on the matter.

It surprises me that Mr. Svegintzov professes to have been a ringer-after trying to understand his highly technical but obscure report I could more readily have believed that he was a nuclear physicist.

What has been achieved by the quarter peal at St. Oswald's Mr. Bayles leaves for others to judge. What Mr. Bayles' efforts have achieved I do likewise.—Yours faith-

R. H. DOVE.

Ancient Society of College Youths. **ELECTION MEETING**

Youth dominated the annual meeting of the society at its annual election meeting at the Lord Raglan, London, on December 1, for of the 60 or so attending only 11 present were over 50 years of age, the majority being in their 20's. The master (Mr. A. R. Kench) presided, and all the other officers were present. A welcome was extended to several visitors who were introduced by their sponsors, and the secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) also welcomed the Editor of The Ringing World in his official capacity, but who is a member of many years standing.

One new member was elected (Geoffrey Fothergill) and, the other regular business having been dealt with, the election of officers for 1971 took place, resulting as follows: Master, Mr. David E. Rothera; secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior; treasurer, Air Commodore J. S. Mason; senior steward, Mr. A. Patterson; junior steward, Mr. C. H. Rogers; trustees, Mr. J. F. Smallwood and Mr. W. Williams; librarian, Mr. W. E. Cook.

The master, before relinquishing the chair to the new master, thanked the officers and members for their support and said the society was in a healthy state, many new members having been elected during the year. There was, however, still room for more. He then decorated Mr. Rothera with the collar and badge of his office and, in turn, had the I.P.M.'s collar and jewel placed round his neck by Mr. A. Stubbs, who had completed his year in that office.

The newly-elected officers each addressed the meeting and Mr. Smallwood, who was attending for the first time for 12 months, was greeted and thanked for his long service, although he said he had not done "a blessed thing" during the past year.

Generally, the atmosphere of the meeting was lively and cheerful, and the year ahead looks very promising.

GO, DOUBLE NORWICH!

This was the heading to an article in "Albright" magazine published in August, in which a full-page story (with photo) was given about 55-years-old Owen Ballarda B.B.A. Long Melford process operator from Cavendish, Suffolk—a ringer for 32

The story and picture were by Mike West and made very interesting reading. It gave



the non-ringer a real insight into the in-tricacies and problems of the Exercise, explained the changes obtainable on different numbers of bells and some method names were added.

Mr. Ballard evidently had his interviewer tied up once or twice, but generally the resultant story was excellent, and ad-vertised the interest and enthusiasm of ringers as a whole. The picture shows Mr. Ballard in his home tower with other ringers.

HERTFORD-NOT HERTS!

Dear Sir,-From time to time items concerning the Hertford County Association appear in The Ringing World using the abbreviation "Herts" in the association's title. I should like to point out to your correspondents that this is incorrect, "Herts" being, of course, the abbreviation for Hertfordshire. The name of the association was changed from the Hertfordshire Association was changed from the Hertfordshire Association many years ago!—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW W. R. WILBY,
Ringing Master, St. Albans Dis.,

Hertford County Association.

HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING

Fred Goodfellow insists on sending up The Ringing World notice of this annual event in the name of the South and West District secretary, but that's just typical of his modesty. For this is the occasion when the Hillingdon band invites the Middlesex Association (S. and W. District), the Oxford Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch), the London County Association and the Ladies' Guild to spend an afternoon and evening at Hillingdon, and of course it's Fred who arranges everything.

This year's event was on November 14. It was raining cats and dogs all day, but despite this there were nearly 100 people present. In the afternoon there was ringing at Hayes and Hillingdon. Then followed a service in Hillingdon Church, at which the vicar (Preb. F. C. Tyler) preached. Next, a sumptuous tea in the church hall, and then back to the tower again for more ringing. And finally, at 8 o'clock, back to the church hall for the remainder of the evening. And what an enjoyable evening it was!

First, some of the younger members of the Hayes band entertained with tunes and carols on handbells. Next, a tour of Australia with Ron Russ, and a wonderful selection of slides. There were those of particular interest to ringers, such as the work on Adelaide Town Hall bells, the ringers' barbecues, some shots of the Great Adventurers, and of course views of most of the towers with bells; and then others to give us some idea of the country, like the view over Hobart from Mount Wellington, a bush fire in the middle of nowhere, the wild flowers of the south-western corner of Australia, and some gorgeous sunsets. All were shown with a most interesting com-mentary by Ron, and at the appropriate moments he played tape recordings of the hells of Adelaide and Perth Cathedrals.

But this was not all. After refreshments seven well-known ringers sat down in a circle and calmly rang three leads of Kent 14-in. Then one dropped out and "Go Londinium . Yorkshire . Newgate . Bob . Fulham . Bob . Ealing . York . Bob . That's all." Impressive? No.

that's too mild! One can only marvel at the skill required to steer two bells along such intricate paths and retain near perfect striking when one knows how hard it is to do it with one.

Surely it must be time to go home now! But not yet—we haven't played the annual cricket match. So it's duly nlayed—Middle-sex v. Oxford. and it's Bill Birmingham and his team of youngsters from the Oxford Guild who win the famous trophy—one tea cup (badly cracked)!

Now it really is time to go. For a most enjoyable day, thank you, Hillingdon, and particularly you, Fred!

The United Counties Association Cup

THE UNITED COUNTIES ASSO-CIATION was formed in 1885 of towers in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire and Derbyshire.

It had been decided to have two cups to be competed for annually, one for eight bell and the other for six bell ringing. It is the latter that I propose dealing with as, to be quite honest, I have been unable to glean much information about the eight bell cup.

The Association's annual dinner and meeting for 1887 was held at the Wagon and Horses, Gorton, on Saturday, January 22nd, when members attended from Ashton, Castleton, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Dinting, Disley, Glossop, Gorton, Hayfield, Hyde, Leesfield, Manchester, Mottram, Northenden, Saddleworth, Stockport, Whitfield and Worsley. Quite an assembly.

At this meeting the rules for the Cup Competitions were discussed, and were as follows:—

1. That where a competition is held the home ringers to be debarred from ringing in the competition.

2. That all members of the Association be eligible to take part in all competitions after six months' membership.

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3. That when there is a draw for a place of meeting, 8-bell and 6-bell churches be drawn for separately.

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4. That the competition starts at the church that wins the ballot at the next annual meeting.

5. That if the minister objects to the competition taking place at any particular church the meeting shall take place there as usual.

6. That no person be allowed to ring

with more than one company.

7. That the committee ballot for competent judges, whose decision shall be final.

8. That two cups be offered for best ringing, one for six the other for eight.

9. That there cups be won by one company three times before it becomes their own absolute property.

10. That the committee determine the amount of entrance money.

Rule two was objected to on the ground that it would be unfair for members practising in eight-bell steeples to compete for the cup to be given for six-bell ringing, and vice versa, because while members belonging to the first-named steeples had the advantage of practising either on six or eight members belonging to the last-named steeples could only practise on six unless put to considerable inconvenience; therefore some of the members thought it would only be fair to let eight-bell ringers compete for one cup and sixbell ringers for the other. The objection was fairly supported, but was overuled on being put to the vote.

The first six-bell competition took place on Saturday, July 16th, 1887, at

Chapel-en-le-Frith. On this occasion there were two other prizes, the second being six silk pocket-handkerchiefs, with figured bells and ringing mottoes woven in by Mr. E. Matthews, of Macclesfield, given by the Chapel-en-le-Frith ringers; and the third, six silver scarf pins the shape of a bell, by J. Carter, of Birmingham, given by the president of the Association.

Each competing company rang a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in the following order: Saddleworth No. 2 company, Saddleworth No. 1 company, Royal George, Hayfield and Glossop. The competition commenced at quarter-past twelve noon, and concluded in about four-and-a-half hours, which seems rather a long time for five 720s, but no doubt there would be refreshments—no closing hours in those days.

Winners Particularly Good

Throughout the contest the ringing was considered to be very good, and that of the winners particularly good. The awards were made according to the least number of faults, on the same principle that a good General is judged: It is not the one that makes brilliant points that wins, but he that makes the least blunders! Messrs. B. A. Dodson (Birstall, Yorkshire) and S. Wood (Ashton-under-Lyne) were the judges, and no complaint was made with regard to their decisions.

The results were as follows: Saddleworth No. 1, first prize, 160 faults; Royal George, second prize, 173 faults; Glossop, third prize, 183 faults; Saddleworth No. 2, 323 faults; Hayfield, 334 faults (rung out). After an enjoyable dinner at the Bull's Head, the president, Mr. John Holden, presented the prizes, saying that it had been a nice, harmonious and successful contest.

The Royal George company were the Friezland ringers, and appear to have been so called because the patrons of that church also owned the local mills known as the Royal George Mills. (I had thought at first it might have been a local hostelry.)

The second contest took place on Saturday, September 22nd, 1888, at St. Matthew's Church, Hayfield, Derbyshire. On this occasion, although the competitors were at liberty to ring a 720 of any method they chose, they all rang Oxford Treble Bob. The draw for order of ringing took place at the Royal Hotel at 2 o'clock, with the following result: Saddleworth United, Saddleworth (holders), Chapel-en-le

Frith, Royal George, and Mossley. A plain course was allowed each company before commencing. At 2.30 the first company ascended the tower, the others following on without loss of time. A very large number of ringers from various parts attended to listen to the ringing, which was of an excellent character, especially the ringing done by the companies gaining the prizes. Much excitement was manifested at the close, on account of the four prize-winners running so close together, and a large number of people assembled to hear the judges announce their decision from the balcony of the Royal Hotel, which was as follows: 1st prize (the Association Cup and six sterling scarf pins the shape of a bell), Royal George; 2nd prize, Saddleworth United; 3rd prize, Saddleworth; 4th prize, Mossley. The judges were Mr. J. Green Hardy of Huddersfield and Mr. B. Dodson of Birstall, and their decisions gave general satisfaction. The committee of the Association publicly thanked the Vicar of Hayfield for placing the bells of St. Matthew's at their disposal, the Hayfield ringers and their friends for their generous subscriptions and hearty co-operation and also the courteous judges.

Six Bands Competed

The third competition was held on saturday, September 21st, 1889, at Christ Church, Burbage, near Buxton. The first prize was the Association Cup and six drinking cups of Buxton stone; second prize, six felt hats; 3rd prize, six silk pocket handkerchiefs; fourth prize, six Buxton stone scarf pins with a bell in the centre. Six bands competed, Friezland (Royal George), Hayfield, Mossley, Saddleworth, Saddleworth United and Saddleworth Juniors. The judges were Messrs. John Rhodes (Holmfirth) and Allen Womersley (Almondbury) and Mr. William Ashmore acted as umpire, with Mr. John Sidebotham as writer for them. The judges' decision gave general satisfaction when they awarded the prizes as follows: First prize, Saddleworth United; Second, Saddleworth; Third, Hayfield: Fourth, Mossley. A meeting was afterwards held in the large room of the Red Lion Inn, where the president of the association, Mr. John Holden, distributed the prizes to the conductor of each band, the recipients responding on behalf of their respective companies. At this meeting, the members of the Association unanimously elected their President, Mr. Holden, as their representative on the central committee.

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UNITED COUNTIES CUP (continued)

after which votes of thanks were passed to the judges for their just and impartial decision; also the Burbage ringers and friends for the excellent prizes, and the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

The central committee to which Mr. Holden was elected was, I believe, a provisional committee elected to meet to consider, amend and confirm the proposals for the formation of what is now known as the Central Council. But that is another story with which readers will already be familiar.

In 1890, the contest was held at Friezland, and a local paper said: "Judging from the interest which was taken in the bell-ringing contest at Friezland, on Saturday afternoon, campanology has lost none of its hold on the people of Saddleworth, where the manipulation of bells has long since gained for it a reputation which it is pleasing to note is still fully maintained."

Six companies of ringers had entered, and all of them competed, in the following order:—Chapel-en-le-Frith, Saddleworth United, Hyde, Saddleworth, Hayfield and Mossley.

Old and Tried Ringers

The day was very fine and warm, and as a consequence a good number of old and tried ringers from various outside places were in the neighbourhood of the church, and augmented those already assembled from within the district, so that during the whole of the afternoon the usually quiet valley presented an animated appearance.

Great interest was manifested in the proceedings throughout, and in the evening, shortly after the contest was concluded, the judges, Messrs. Joseph Pickering (Kirkburton) and Allen Womersley (Almondbury), gave out their decision at the Farrars Arms to a large crowd that had assembled on the road in front. The results, which were received with loud cheers, were: 1st, Saddleworth, number of faults 262; 2nd, Saddleworth United, number of faults 353; 3rd, Mossley, number of faults 534; 4th, Hyde, number of faults 560; 5th, Chapel-en-le-Frith, number of faults 794, 6th, Hayfield, 301, rung

Directly after the decision had been given a move was made to the clubroom over the public house, which was soon filled, the object being to distribute the prizes. Mr. Pickering, one of the judges, distributed the prizes. The first prize (Saddleworth) consisted of the Association's silver cup and six

travelling bags, value 16s. each. The second prize (Saddleworth United) consisted of six cruet stands, value 8s. 6d. each. The third prize (Mossley) comprised six inkstands, value 6s. 6d. each. The fourth prize (Hyde) was six silk handkerchiefs, value 3s. each.

Appropriate Toasts Given

After the prizes had been distributed appropriate toasts were given by Mr. Pickering and the chairman, which were duly acknowledged. Mr. John Sidebottom (secretary) moved that the best thanks of the Association be given to the Friezland ringers for the manner in which the contest had been conducted throughout, and for the handsome prizes they had given that day. After the proposition had been seconded and heartily carried, Mr. J. F. Dicken replied and said the Friezland ringers had done their best to get the money in to buy the prizes, which had been subscribed for by the parishioners and friends, and the next time they had a contest there he should like to give something better again. The chairman, in conclusion, hoped everyone would strive to promote what they had in view, namely the success of change ringing.

"Bell News" did not report the 1891 meeting which was won by Friezland, as they were then referred to. Unfortunately, a controversy had arisen over the subject of prize ringing contests, because it was alleged that they raised "evil passions" that are happily never found connected with peal ringing. There was however, about the same time, a somewhat robust correspondence being conducted regarding a peal that had been recently rung, or not rung, one letter of which commenced "The letter sent by Mr. ———— is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end."

The final contest, which was won by Friezland, who thereby won the cup for keeps, was at Chapel-en-le-Frith in 1892, the result being: 1 Friezland, 228 faults; 2 Glossop, 333 faults; 3 Saddleworth, 338 faults; 4 Hayfield, 415 faults.

For nearly eighty years the cup remained at Friezland until early this year, when the Friezland ringers, at the suggestion of Mr. Joseph Burgess, their captain, presented it to the Saddleworth Museum, where it can be seen when the Museum is open on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

CHESHIRE DELIGHT

The most important part of every business is to know what ought to be done.—

Columella.

Quarter Peals

HALF PEALS

Melbourne, Australia (St. Paul's Cathedral).— Nov. 29, 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 88 mins.: Gordon Stewart 1, Michael Lawrence 2, Jennifer Murphy 3, Anne Doggett 4, Robin Turner (cond.) 5, Jack Roper 6, Michael Scowen 7, David Heyes 8. In honour of the visit of His Holiness Pope Paul VI to Australia.

Westham, Sussex.—Nov. 22, 2520 Bob Minor (handbells): Ann Smith 1-2, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 3-4, A. R. Baldock 5-6. Longest length

in hand 1-2 and 5-6.

Aldridge, Staffs.—Nov. 22, 1296 Minor (three methods): R. Riley 1, Cynthia Humphreys 2, Daphne Appleby 3, J. P. Burton 4, N. R. White 5, J. L. Humphreys (cond.) 6. For visit of Canon Michael Green to "guest service".

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Ayminster, Devon.—Dec. 2, 1344 Grandsire
Triples: I. Calvert 1, Helen A. Haines 2, H. G.
Keeley 3, D. B. Ellery 4, R. Haines 5, H. G.
Arthur 6, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8.

Keeley 3, D. B. Ellery 4, R. Haines 5, H. G. Arthur 6, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 7, A. D. Case 8. Babbacombe, Devon.—Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G. Martin (first quarter) 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, G. J. Roberts 4, Mavis Hawkins 5, W. Simmonds 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. Murray 8. For Evensong and for 50th anniversary of 6th ringer's first peal. Also Nov. 29, 1256 Little Bob Major: A. J. Garbett 1, R. F. Shepperd 2, Valerie Stephens 3, G. J. Roberts 4, W. Wayman 5, J. L. Read 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, W. Simmonds 8. For Evensong. First in method for all except 8.

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Barnwood, Glos.—Nov. 28, 1260 Grandsire

Doubles: Diane Pobjoy 1, Ann Jones (first inside) 2, N. Amphlett (cond.) 3, D. E. L. Pobjoy

4, G. J. Clark 5, D. Palmer 6. For Christmas fair.

Basildon, Essex.—Nov. 26, 1260 St. Martin and Bob Doubles: Janice Manterfield 1-2, K. I. Lucas (cond.) 3-4, Cheryl Pretlove 5-6. By Laindon School Society. Also Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Doubles: Janice Manterfield 1-2, K. I. Lucas 3-4, G. I. Lucas (cond.) 5-6.

Bath, Som. (SS. Michael with Paul).—Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. C. Ducat 1, Miss F. A. Benford 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, B. Sarll 6, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 7, R. J. B. Way 8. First quarter 1, 8. During Parish Missionary Weekend.

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Brading, I.O.W. — Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): I. Russell 1, Kim
Evans 2, A. Russell (cond.) 3, T. F. East 4, C.
Frye 5, Ann Duff 6, S. Duff 7, E. Duff 8. For
Advent Carol Service.

Braintree, Essex.—Nov. 28, 1280 Bob Major:
A. Wiffen 1, A. Syder 2, Josephine Brown 3,
M. Downs 4, C. Gillingham 5, R. Felton 6, P.
Brown 7, R. Lindsell (cond.) 8. Wedding compliment to Miss Jennifer Margaret Millbank with
Mr. Michael John Hastings.

Brinkworth, Wilts.—Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P. A. G. Watts 1, J. E. Billings 2, P. W. Holroyd 3, E. Edwards 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, F. J. Tuck 6. For Evensong, and half-muffled in memoriam Mr. P. F. Potter (churchwarden).

Broadwas, Worcs.—Dec. 3, 1279 Broadwas Bob Doubles: J. Ranford 1, N. C. R. Cronin 2, Pat Jenkins 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, D. G. Franklin 5, On the eye of St. Clement's Day

Franklin 5. On the eve of St. Clement's Day-Bulwell, Notts.— Nov. 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Naylor (first quarter) 1, Alison Brown 2, Margaret H. Mees 3, Hilary K. Derham 4, Mrs. E. J. Dawson 5, D. G. Adams 6, G. A. Dawson 7, P. E. Jones 8. Conducted by 6 and 7. A welcome to the new vicar (Rev. W. S. Beasley) and his family.

Burmarsh, Kent.—Nov. 26, 1260 Doubles (2 methods): Mrs. R. Wratten 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, B. Watts 5, T. H. Fagg 6. To welcome Andrew Ranald, son of Rev. D. E. Francis (curate in the Romney Marsh group) and Mrs. Francis.

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Butcombe, Som. — Dec. 3, 1272 York and Durham S. Minor: Susan Stott 1, J. Trimm 2.

R. Perry 3, Brenda Sheppard 4, J. Sheppard (cond.) 5, C. Field 6.

Canterbury, Kent (St. Stephen). — Nov. 19. 1260 Bob Minor: Miss M. Wilmshurst (first quarter) 1, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 2, P. S. Philpott 3, M. Coleman 4, J. B. Keeler 5, T. Skilton

Card.ff, Glam (St. John). — Nov. 29, 1263 Grandsire Caters: Susan Redmond (first Caters) 1, F. J. Bailey 2, Anne Cooke 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, R. J. Hall 5, D. Barrington 6, P. W. Thomas 7, W. H. Harford 8, J. Clatworthy 9, T. T. Yeomans 10. A "get well" message to Mr. Jack Pryor, in hospital.

Chinnor, Oxon.—Nov. 8, 1260 Doubles (five methods): G. Judge 1, P. Wilkinson 2, E. Harmsworth 3, F. Keen 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance. Most methods 1, 2, 4. Also Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Doubles: S. Watkiss 1, G. Judge 2, R. G. Hazell 3, F. Keen 4, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, M. Wright 6. For morning service.

Clapton-in-Gordano, Som. — Dec. 5, 1279 Doubles (20 variants): N. J. Newton 1, I. Newell 2, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan 3, B. H. Goodliffe 4, R. W. Willans (cond.) 5, I. Crichton 6. Most variants for all except conductor.

Compton Bishop, Som.—Nov. 26, 1440 York and Durham S. Minor: J. Sheppard (cond.) 1, Susan Stott 2, J. Trimm 3, Brenda Sheppard 4, C. Field 5, A. Perry 6.

Downton, Wilts. — Nov. 23, 1260 Stedman Triples: L. Page 1, Mrs. A. Abrahams 2, Mrs. A. Talbot-Ponsonby 3, H. G. Keeley 4, A. T. Collins 5, N. Skelton 6, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8.

East Coker, Som.—Nov. 27, 1260 Bob Major: T. Sperring 1, T. W. Humphries 2, W. G. Cocks 3, F. C. Mogford 4, R. Hillman 5, R. M Virgin 6, E. C. Williams 7, J. W. Owen (cond.) 8. For bicentenary of the bells.

Edenbridge, Kent.—Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Jean Osenton 1, J. M. Hollyman 2, E. J. Jenner 3, W. E. Matthews 4, Pauline Sutton 5, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 6, J. H. French cover. For Advent Sunday.

Epping Upland, Essex.—Oct. 10, 1260 Bob Doubles: K. Adams 1, Elizabeth A. Dunlop 2, J. Cronquist 3, Marion A. Cass 4, P. D. Austin (first Doubles as cond.) 5, J. A. Beldom 6.

Epping, Essex. — Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E. Willett 1, R. Hayden 2, C. Moore 3, S. Clark 4, R. Walker 5, L. Luck 6, P. Warboys (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8.

Epsom Common, Surrey.—1260 Bob Triples: S. J. Philbrick 1, Sally Forbes-Harper 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, N. R. Herschell 4, J. A. Boocock (first inside) 5, R. E. Fentiman 6, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 7, W. J. Munton 8. First Triples 4, 5. For Evensong; also a compliment to Sylvia Marsh on her engagement to Alan Bailey.

Finchley, London.—Nov. 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C. Fuller (first on eight) 1, M. Carter 2, A. Butler 3, F. Macfarlane (first inside) 4, P. Foote 5, Miss R. Foreman (cond.) 6, B. Watson 7, C. Ward 8. For 200th anniversary for four of the eight bells.

Friskney, Lincs.—Nov. 22, 1320 Minor (two methods): Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 1, E. Pickering 2. Valerie M. Shaw 3, P. H. Reynolds 4, M. J. Belcher (cond.) 5, R. Stephenson 6. For dedication of board commemorating first peal on bells.

Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk. — Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Maile 1, Mrs. D. Moyse 2, A. W. Bird 3, A. Cooper 4, W. B. Duncan 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. For St. Andrew's-tide.

Great Bentley, Essex.—Nov. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sharp 1, M. Tawn 2, D. M. Andrews 3, A. R. Andrews 4, N. Tawn (cond.) 5, R. Heather 6.

Great Thurlow, Suffolk.—1260 Bob Minor: Christine A. Hayes 1, F. Gilbert 2, S. J. Twitchett 3, W. A. Perry 4, P. Mayle 5, J. A. Mayle (cond.) 6.

Halesowen, Worcs.—Oct. 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Pretty 1, C. Cooksey 2, P. J. Brown 3, F. Sluter 4, A. B. Ellsmore 5, A. P. Hackett (first inside) 6, M. L. Lashford (cond.) 7, D. Chiswell 8. To welcome Rev. and Mrs. W. K. Blackburn; also a compliment to F. Sluter on being awarded the "Willetts Prize".

Haverhill, Suffolk.—1260 Kent and Bob Minor: J. A. Mayle (cond.) 1, S. J. Twitchett 2, P. Mayle 3, G. M. Onion 4, A. Wade 5, W. A. Perry 6. First guarter 4 and 5.

Honiley, Warks.—Nov. 15, 1260 Doubles (4 methods): G. Hall 1, Diana Meredith 2, Penny Coomber 3, R. D. Baker 4, S. C. Walters (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

Hornchurch, Essex. — Nov. 30, 1264 Bob Major: T. Mann 1, F. G. Richardson 2, S. Penfold 3, Janet Pullen 4, C. E. Coplestone 5, D. Blows 6, C. C. M. Pain 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

Intwood, Norfolk. — Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Doubles: Margaret Piper 1, Hazel Pady 2, Margaret Jenner 3, P. Beal (cond.) 4, J. Illingworth

Ipswich, Suffolk (St. Clement's).—Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Wightman 1, D. Buxton 2, Miss M. Newby 3, P. W. Archer 4, F. A. J. Steward (cond.) 5, D. G. Salter 6. For St. Andrew's-tide and also gift day.

Kea, Cornwall. — Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, J. Hilary Dash 2, R. S. K. Salisbury 3, R. P. Pearce 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, C. J. Dunstan 6. For Advent

Kelvedon, Essex.—Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss W. M. Elliott 1, F. W. Whiterod 2, R. W. Elliott (first inside) 3, A. Richardson (first quarter) 4, C. W. Burton (cond.) 5, A. Elliott 6. For rededication of St. Mary's.

Netherseale, Derbys.—June 29, 1824 Yorkshire S. Major: N. Attaway 1, Sheila Parsons 2, Ruth Fairbrother 3, E. Fairbrother 4, Jennifer Reed 5, A. E. Rowley 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, F. Beech 8. For Patronal Festival.

Newbold-on-Avon, Warks. — Nov. 20, 1260 Bob Minor: G. Allen (first Minor) 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, W. C. Budd 3, P. M. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 6. Halfmuffled in memoriam Canon C. T. P. Powell, vicar of this parish 1947–1959, rector of Lighthorne, Warks, until his death on Nov. 15.

Northchurch, Herts. — Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: Susan Morris 1, A. Lancey 2, S. Talbot-Ponsonby 3, A. R. Ashby 4, W. Preston 5, M. A. Gilbey (cond.) 6. For Stewardship Sunday.

Norton-sub-Hambdon, Som. — 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, Mrs. L. Parker 2, V. Holman (first inside) 3, A. F. K. Prime (cond.) 4, R. Parker 5, C. Gratton 6.

Oakham, Rutland.—Nov. 29, 1264 Bob Major: Peggy E. Jennings (first on eight) 1, L. Atton 2, Cynthia E. Barnett 3, J. A. Ellis 4, Alison C. L. Read (first on eight) 5, J. C. Hudson 6, R. J. Chantler 7, C. J. Groome (cond.) 8. For memorial service, Rupert Winwood Gossage (1902-70).

Old Woking, Surrey.—Nov. 7, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Smith (first on eight) 1, Jill May 2, Judith Collins 3, E. R. Warner 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, E. J. Futcher 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, D. Munday 8. A compliment to Ernest R. Warner on his 70th birthday. Patshull, Staffs.—Nov. 27, 1260 Doubles (3

Patshull, Staffs.—Nov. 27, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): S. W. Illidge 1, S. G. Bowley 2, M. G. Williamson 3, K. A. Russell 4, P. R. Johnson 5. Conducted by 3, 4 and 5.

Polesworth, Warks.— Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns 5, R. Knight (cond.) 6. For Family Communion. Also Nov. 22, 1440 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp 4, D. Hiorns 5, R. Knight (cond.) 6. For Family Communion. Also Nov. 22, 1260 Doubles (eight methods): S. Allsopp 1, M. Quimby 2, M. Allsopp (cond.) 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, T. Oxford 6. For Even-

Putney, S.W.—Nov. 15, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Sybil Aldridge (first T.B. on eight) 1, Mary C. Knight 2, Elizabeth Bangham (first S. Major inside) 3, C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, C. R. Harris 5, R. J. Collis 6, M. J. Uphill 7, M. J. Bangham 8. For Evensong. Also Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Triples: Marilyn Clark (first on eight) 1, Sybil Aldridge 2, Zoe R. McMillan 3, Catherine A. McLachlan 4, C. F. Mew 5, C. R. Harris 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, L. Freeman 8. For Evensong. First Bob Triples for 2, 3 and 4.

Queenborough, Kent. — Nov. 14, 1260 Bob Doubles: Marjorie Croall 1, Emily B. P. Cheal 2, Marian Cundiff 3, Mira Ford 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, Susan Kimmings 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. S. V. Rayfield, of Queenborough also to ringers of treble, tenor and 5th bells.

also to ringers of treble, tenor and 5th bells. Radlett, Herts.—Nov. 8, 1440 Bob Major: Jean Simpson 1-2, J. R. Southey (cond.) 3-4, C. W. Simpson 5-6, L. J. North 7-8.

Ruddington, Notts.—Nov. 1, 1264 Bob Major: H. Shrimpton 1, R. Metcalf 2, P. Selby 3, A. Newell 4, D. Osbourne 5, S. Adams 6, R. Stretton 7, D. Oliver (cond.) 8. Rushall, Staffs. — Nov. 9, 1260 Bob Minor: Sylvia J. Langford 1, Sharon McGonigle 2, S. G. Pick (cond.) 3, Daphne Appleby 4, R. Riley 5, J. P. Burton 6.

Royston, Yorks.—Nov. 21, 1260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Pl. Bob): Barbara Taylor (first quarter) 1, R. Cater 2, A. Dunn-Birch 3, G. Scourfield 4, P. Carbutt (cond.) 5, P. Charlesworth 6. A golden wedding compliment to Leonard W. Carbutt (tower captain at St. Mary's, Barnsley, for 45 years) and Mrs. Carbutt.

Salisbury, Wilts (St. Thomas). — Nov. 18, 1280 Breamore Delight Major: Mary Lambert 1, N. O. Skelton 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, H. G. Keeley 4, L. A. Page 5, A. T. Collins 6, Rev. R. Keeley 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 5.

Scalby, Yorks.—July 23, 1260 Bob Minor: R. Thompson 1, W. Hudson 2, A. Grundy 3, Pamela Rennard 4, E. King 5, M. J. Pickup (cond.) 6.

Scarborough, Yorks. — July 14, 1260 Bob Minor: Fiona Davis (first quarter) 1, Pamela Rennard (first inside) 2, E. King 3, A. Grundy 4, W. Hudson 5, M. J. Pickup (cond.) 6.

Selby, Yorks. — Nov. 15, 1344 Bob Major: Miss L. Joyce 1, Miss S. Parker 2, Mrs. S. Sinden 3, Miss E. Foster 4, Miss K. Swann 5, A. Sinden (first Bob Major inside) 6, T. H. Foster 7, M. H. Sinden (cond.) 8. First Major 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7. On the back eight for Evensona.

Shabbington, Bucks. — Nov. 23, 1260 Bob Doubles: R. T. Corker 1, Julie Tyler 2, T. J. Wickens (first inside) 3, Hazel Baker 4, Mavis Clarke 5, A. D. Tyler (cond.) 6.

Shirley, Warks.—Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire and Pl. Bob Doubles: T. Glew 1, Susie J. Titchener 2, R. J. Weekes 3, V. H. Nash 4, C. D. Baugh (cond.) 5, G. D. Rushton 6. For Evensong.

Sidmouth, Devon.—Nov. 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W. Webb 1, A. Mingo 2, Marion Baker 3. C. J. Turner (cond.) 4, P. C. Davis 5, E. W. Rowe 6, C. C. Turner 7, P. Selway 8. A complement to Percy C. Davis on completing 50 years as a ringer.

Southleigh, Oxon.—Nov. 29, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: W. F. Judge (cond.) 1, M. Stracey 2, M. J. Turner 3, G. J. Collett 4, J. E. Judge 5, C. P. Turner 6, T. H. Hester 7, P. J. Heritage 8.

Sourh Petherton, Som. — Nov. 15, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Pearce 1, R. Beale (comp.) 2, E. Rice (first inside) 3, T. Marks 4, R. Dean (cond.) 5, R. C. Beale 6, W. E. Turner 7, R. Chedzoy 8. For Evensong, and a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Beale, Taunton.

Southport, Lancs (Emmanuel).—Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. R. Guy 1, Celia D'Aeth (cond.) 2, Lynn Brownlow (first in method) 3, Elizabeth Guy 4, Marion Glover 5, M. E. Snape 6, R. Kenrick 7, B. J. Glover 8. For Confirmation.

South Wigston, Leics.—Sept. 26, 1320 Bob Doubles: F. Watson 1, Kathleen Leamont 2, M. P. Brown 3, Carol I. V. Brown 4, J. Harrold (cond.) 5, C. Atkins 6. A farewell compliment to Rev. M. Wheelwright (curate) and his wife; also a birthday compliment to Adrian Dowers and wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Dowers. Also Oct. 4, 1320 Bob Doubles: Linda Watts (first quarter) 1, Susan Clarke 2, Kathleen Leamont 3, Carol I. V. Brown (cond.) 4, M. P. Brown 5, D. Clarke 6. For Harvest Festival.

Stalbridge, Dorset.—Nov. 7, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss S. Corry 1, W. Shute 2, Miss R. Julius 3, A. E. Woods 4, Rev. R. N. Longridge 5 T. Bleathman (cond.) 6. By officers of the N. Dorset Branch of Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Stanmore, Middx.—1260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Simpson 1, Jill Benbow (first Grandsire) 2, Jill A. Laud 3, M. Miller (first Grandsire) 4, Jane B. Emmett (first quarter) 5, C. K. Hill 6, L. J. North (first Grandsire as cond.) 7, E. J. Leversuch 8.

Tamworth, Staffs.—Nov. 18, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: J. F. Mulvey (first on eight) 1, Lin Cooper 2, M. Quimby 3, Margaret Boam 4, Sheila Parsons 5, K. G. Parker 6, F. D. A. Boam 7, N. W. Attaway (cond.) 8. First Kent T.B. Major 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Taxal, Derbys .- Nov. 6, 1320 Bob Minor: W. Hibbert 1, Frances M. Hibbert 2, Elizabeth Hibbert 3, B. Schofield 4, W. Birmingham, jun., 5, A. Hibbert (first as cond.) 6. On 35th anniversary of conductor's first peal, rung on the same bells.

Theberton, Suffolk. — Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: Susan Tompsett 1, K. R. Tompsett 2, P. Norman 3, T. Hughes 4, J. Seager 5, R. D. Bing (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

Tuddenham St. Martin, Suffolk. - Nov. 18, 1440 Minor (Cambridge, Pl. Bob): Mrs. M. Blythe 1, D. H. P. Buxton 2, G. W. Pipe 3, R. Crooks 4, J. L. Girt 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Frederick John Wade, former church treasurer.

Wes houghton, Lancs. - Nov. 10, 1344 Bob Major: Elizabeth Burnett 1, Margaret Parker 2, Kathleen Higginson 3, Pauline Tallis 4, Lynn Trevor (first quarter inside) 5 A. Greenhalgh 6, Cunliffe 7, G. Fothergill (cond.) and N. Burnett 8

Whixley, Yorks.—Nov. 20, 1260 Doubles (3 methods): P. Town 1, D. Town 2, E. McNally J. Dent 4, E. Hudson (cond.) 5, W. H. Osborne 6.

Wymondham, Norfolk.—Nov. 22, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Dowe 1, H. W. Barrett 2, H. Tooke 3, T. E. Spight 4, L. G. Brett 5, E. G. Pearce 6, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 7, G. D. Elvin 8 For Thanksgiving Sunday.

Kington, Herefords.-Nov. 28, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. C. Chandler 1, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 2, J. W. Hope 3, A. T. Giddings 4, B. D. Giddings 5, W. J. Clayton 6. Golden wedding compliment to Mr. J. C. Ward (churchwarden) and Mrs. Ward.

warden) and Mrs. ward.

King's Lynn, Norfolk (St. Margaret). — Nov.
29, 1256 Bob Major: R. Newson 1, W. W.
Cousins 2, W. Curston 3, W. Houghton 4, C.
Cousins 5, O. A. Needham 6, L. Houghton 7, V. Harding (cond.) 8, G. Allum (cover). For Advent Carol Evensong.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. — Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: Ann V. Salvage 1, Katharine Salvage 2, Lesley A. Hawes 3, C. E. Bulleid 4, Anthea S. Bruce 5, C. D. Collin (cond.) 6, B. J Stone (cover). For Evensong. Also Nov. 29 1260 Bob Royal: Anthea S. Bruce 1, Katharine Ann V. Salvage 3, Lesley A. Hawes 4. C. E. Bulleid 5. C. D. Collin 6, I. J. Whitear 7, B. J. Stone (cond.) 8, P. V. Feast 9, A. J. Brown 10. For Advent Carol Service.

Leeds (St. Peter) .- Nov. 22, 1282 Yorkshire S. Royal: A. M. Glover 1, Gillian R. Cleaver 2, Pattie Clapham 3, Rosamund A. Brown 4, G. Green 5, J. G. Rose 6, M. G. Dodson 7, J. Jones 8, P. J. Crossthwaite 9, C. B. Dove (cond.) 10.

Leeds (9 Dyers' Court).-Dec. 3, 1344 Bob Major: Gillian R. Cleaver 1-2, P. J. Crossthwaite 3-4, M. G. Dodson 5-6, R. G. Green (cond., first Major in hand) 7-8.

Leverington, Cambs. — Nov. 30, 1320 Bot Minor: Mrs. G. Butler 1, G. R. G. Butler 2, P 1320 Bob G. Butler 3, G. H. Campling (cond.) 4, G. Coleman 5, R. I. West 6. For St. Andrew's Day.

London (St. Giles, Cripplegate). - Nov. 28, 1320 Little Bob Maximus: Catherine Bew 1, M. S. Loveday 2, R. I. West 3, B. J. Read 4. Caroline Mackie 5, P. D. Hepburn 6, R. A. Birch 7, T. G. Williams 8, M. J. Bew 9, R. H. Newton 10, D. R. Cox 11, J. C. Baldwin 12. First on 12 for 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9. (By University of Sussex Guild.)

Marldon, Devon.—Nov. 21, 1260 Pl. Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Rev. P. Wooster 1, A. J. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, D. Roberts (cond.) 5, J. Murray 6. First quarter on bells since augmentation to six.

Much Wenlock, Salop.—1260 Bob Doubles: Francine Edwards (first attempt) 1, Corinne Edwards (first attempt) 2, J. E. Fox 3, Valerie Edge 4, C. E. Edwards (cond.) 5, Rev. J. C. Alexander 6. For Evensong.

Oundle, Northants.—Dec. 3, 1260 Bob Minor: W. J. Gill (first quarter) 1, W. L. Ferrar 2, A. Clarke 3, Mrs. A. Clarke 4, R. J. Youngs 5, M. R. Ling (cond.) 6.

Pattingham, S:affs.-Nov. 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Bolland 1, Rosemary Stubbs (first inside) 2, S. Bowley 3, K. A. Russell (cond.) 4, C. Griffiths 5, N. A. Bramall 6. Polesworth, Warks. — Nov. 28, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Allsopp 3, D. Hiorns 4, R. Knight 5, M. Quimby (cond.) Also Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: S. Allsopp 1, A. Allsopp 2, M. Quimby 3, M. Allsopp 4, Knight 5, D. Hiorns (cond.) 6. For Family Communion

Putney, London. -- Nov. 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Catherine A. McLachlan 1, M. J. Uphill 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, Elizabeth Bangham 4, C. R. Harris 5, R. L. Jones 6, M. J. Bangham 7, J. T. Shepard 8. For Evensong.

Puriton, Som. --- Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Miss L. Bawden 1, Miss C. Evans (first inside) 2, Mrs. S. Beck 3, Mrs. J. Broom 4, R. D. Short 5, G. Nabb (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2, 4. By Sunday service band for Evensong. St. Andrew's Day; also in inemoriam Geoffrey Duckham, branch chairman,

Quadring, Lincs.-Nov. 8, 1260 Doubles (two methods): M. J. Beicher (cond.) 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 3, D. Fensom 4, G. A. Flatters 5, S. Johnson 6. Half-muffled on Remembrance Day. Also Nov. 28, 1260 3ob Minor: A. J. Singleton 1, Yvonne Singleton 2, D. Fensom 3, Mrs. A. J. Singleton 4, G. A. Flatters 5, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 6.

Sandon, Essex .- Nov. 29, 1260 Bob Minor: Judy Hairison 1, Marylin Freeman 2, C. M. J. Saltmarsh 3, K. Brown 4, R. J. Harrison 5, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

South Wigston, Leics. - Nov. 29, 1320 Bob Doubles: Jane Atkins (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Leamont 2, Susan Clark 3, Carol I. V. Brown (cond.) 4, M. P. Brown 5, C. Atkins 6. For

Spaxton, Som. — Nov. 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Pike 1, E. J. Ford 2, K. E. Beale (cond.) 3, F. C. Morris 4, A. W. Knight 5, R. A. C. Cross 6.

Stafford. - Oct. 18, 1277 Grandsire Caters: R. Fairbrother 1, Ann Sisley 2, K. Daniels 3, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 4, Jennifer M. Beech 5 Beech 6, R. J. Warrilow 7, A. E. Garbett 8, R. Holland (cond.) 9, J. Evans 10.

Stoke-in-Teignhead, Devon. — Nov. 30, 1260 Stedman Doubles: K. Fursdon 1, W. Simmonds Valerie Stephens (first Stedman Doubles) 3,
 G. J. Roberts 4, D. J. Roberts (cond., 100th quarter) 5, R. Groves (first quarter) 6. For Patronal Festival

Stoneleigh, Warks. — Nov. 15, 1260 Bob Minor: S. C. Walters (cond.) 1, G. Hall .2, Penny Coomber 3, Diana Meredith 4, C. Sweeney R. D. Baker 6. 21st birthday compliment to Penny Coomber

Storrington, Sussex. - Nov. 20, 1260 Bob Doubles: M. B. Taylor 1, B. Davies 2, S. Ritson M. Davies 4, A. J. Taylor (cond.) 5, B. W. Farhall 6. In memoriam Mary Cosham.

Stratton, Cornwall.—Nov. 29, 1260 Stedman Triples: F. Sangwin 1, T. E. Marks 2, Miss B. Boyle 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Stacey 5, T. J. Setter 6, R. J. Fox (cond.) 7, J. A. Sangwin 8. On St. Andrew's Eve; also birthday compliment to Claire Vince.

Sunbury-on-Thames, Middx.-Nov. 29, 1260 Stedman Doubles: B. Holdaway 1, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 2, Marie Boniface 3, D. Brock 4, R Bettley-Cooke 5, V. Davis 6. First Stedman Doubles 1 and 3. For Evensong.

Sutton-cum-Lound, Notts.—Nov. 22, 1260 Singles: T. Blythe 1, B. Birkett (cond.) 2, P. Blythe 3. Also Dec. 1, 1260 Singles: T. Blythe 1, J. A. Coates 2, B. Birkett (cond.) 3. Halfmuffled in memoriam Mrs. Mary Marshall (conductor's aunt).

Swynnerton, Staffs. — Oct. 11, 1260 Bob Minor: W. Watkin 1, Ruth A. E. Fairbrother 2, Hillary F. W-Walker 3, Jennifer M. Beech 4, Beech 5, E. R. Fairbrother (cond.) 6.

Thorley, Herts.—Nov. 29, 1260 St. Clements Minor: L. Luck 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, C. Moore 3, E. Willitt 4, T. Camp 5, R. Walker 6. For morning service.

Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex.—Nov. 22, 1260 Bob Minor: P. Mills 1, E. Button 2, E. E. Davey 3, A. G. Button 4, M. Mills 5, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. E.

Tredington, Glos .- Nov. 29, 1260 Doubles (6 methods): Helen Taylor 1, Malcolm Taylor 2, Bernard Taylor (cond.) 3, Clare Taylor 4, Eric Taylor 5. For Advent Sunday.

Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, Som.-Nov. 30, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: C. Field 1, Susan Stott 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, M. Bartlett 4, R. Perry 5, M. Whiteley 6, A. Perry 7, J. Sheppard (cond.) First of Surprise Major 5, 6 and 7

Westham, Sussex. - Nov. 25, 1260 Bob Doubles: A. R. Baldock (cond.) 1, Ann Smith 2, J. Wooler 3, J. M. Swift 4, I. V. J. Smith 5, W. Tapp 6. For music recital.

Windsor, Berks (St. John the Baptist) .-14, 1260 Stedman Triples: L. Stilwell 1, Margaret Oram 2, Margaret Wenban 3, E. Armstrong 4, A. C. Wenban 5, A. J. Glass 6, I. Oram (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. Also Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, 630 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn 1, Margaret Oram 2, Anne Horsford 3, A. Bird 4, J. Brooks 5, K. Buckingham 6, I. Oram (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. For H.R.H. Prince of Wales' birthday.

Wraxall, Som. - Nov. 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Weeks 1, Jean Berriman 2, J. Evered 3, R. Gale 4, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan (first on eight) 5, T. Dando 6, R. W. Willans (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. A wedding compliment to Jean Parsons and Roger Way. Also Nov. 30, 1260 Bob Triples: J. Evered 1, M. Clark (first Bob Triples) 2, C. H. P. Pipe-Wolferstan (first in method) 3, P. Gardner (first Bob Triples) 4, Newell 5, R. W. Willans 6, B. H. Goodliffe (first Triples as cond.) 7, N. Bull 8.

Peals-

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

WALTHAMSTOW, E, St. Mary.

Nov. 7, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (19 cwt.) **5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR** Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Philip J. Rothera

Kenneth J. Hesketh

3 Nigel Thomson

4 Jeremy R. Pratt

Anthony R. Carter

6 Gerald Penney

7 Andrew W. R. Wilby 8 George E. Thoday (Conductor)

LONDON, E.C., St. Michael, Cornhill. Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 43min. (42 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS (3 methods: 2304 Londinium, 1392 Cambridge and 1344 Yorkshire, with 90 changes of method).

Composed by John H. Fielden.

1 Andrew N. Stubbs 2 Robert E. J. Dennis 3 David E. Rothera

4 Antony R. Kench

5 James E. Andrews

6 Christopher H. Rogers

7 Martin C. Faulkes 8 David P. Hilling (Conductor) 9 Philip J. Rothera

10 Michael P. Moreton

11 Alan R. Patterson

12 Michael V. Chilcott

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

WIVELISCOMBE, Som, St. Andrew. Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 57min. (16½ cwt.) 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by John Reeves.

Arthur H. Reed

2 H. George Sparks *3 Kenneth G. Lee (aged 13)

4 Leslie H. Arscott 5 Adrian F. Arscott 6 Frederick J. Casley

†7 Rodney A. Cross 8 Raymond F. Arscott (Conductor) *First peal. †First of Major. First of Kent by all except treble. For Patronal Festival and birthday greetings to the daughter of 7th.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LUTON, Beds, St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 16min. (25½ cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

1 David A. Hope 2 Christine M. Carter

*3 Martin Major

4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor) 5 Geoffrey Pearson

6 Kenneth J. Hesketh
7 Anthony R. Carter
8 John G. Gipson
9 David R. Saunderson
10 George E. Thoday *100th for the association.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

EDGBASTON, Birmingham, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (104 cwt.)
5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. Middleton.
1 Andrew D. Kingscote
2 Timothy H. O. Lewis
3 Gwynneth M. James
*4 Peter W. Dickinson
5 John F. I. Turney
6 Ross A. Bradley

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7 James R. White (Conductor)

8 John S. Hopwood

*First peal.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire, All Saints.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (13 cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by G. H. Cross.

Sidney Hough Joyce Gardner John Bell

*4 James Swallow 5 Michael Faulds 6 Eric Roughley

7 Geoffrey R. Gardner (Conductor) 8 Alan F. Scholfield

*First peal.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

SHIRLEY, Warwicks, St. James.

Mon., Nov. 23, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (6 cwt.) 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1152 Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 864 Rutland, with 74 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Derek H. Walters

2 Kenneth J. Hesketh

3 Hazel A. Mackenzie

4 R. David Baker

5 Frederick Shallcross (Conductor) 6 Charles P. Quartley 7 John K. Foot

8 Geoffrey W. Randall

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE, St. Andrew the Great.

Fri., Oct. 2, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (103 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

1 Jean Sanderson

2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

*3 Frank Harper

†4 Donahl F. Murfet

5 Geoffrey Pearson 6 Allen Twyman

7 John G. Gipson †8 George E. Thoday

*First in the method. †150th together.

LONGSTANTON, Cambs, All Saints.

Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (7 cwt.) 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by S. Humphrey.

1 Robert A. Currell 2 Jean Sanderson

3 Frank Harper 4 Christine M. Carter 6 Martin R. Kitson
7 George E. Thoday
8 Anthony R. Carter

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael.

Tues., Oct. 20, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (10\frac{3}{4} cwt.)
5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8
methods: 640 Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland,
Superlative, Yorkshire, 608 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, with 120 changes of
method and all the work).
Composed by Noel J. Diserens.

1 Geoffrey Pearson

1 Geoffrey Pearson 2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

3 Susan Rothera 4 Allen Twyman 5 Donald F. Murfet 6 Kenneth J. Hesketh 7 Philip J. Rothera 8 John G. Gipson

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex,

St. Mary the Virgin.

c., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (16 cwt.)

5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR Sat..

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Georgina C. M. Carter

2 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
3 Donald F. Murfet
4 Geoffrey Pearson
5 Inch S. Donald F. 5 Jack S. Dear 6 John G. Gipson 7 David R. Saunderson 8 George E. Thoday

MELBOURN. Cambs, All Saints.
Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (15 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Norwich Surprise, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clements, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob).

1 Frank Harper

2 Georgina C. M. Carter 3 Mervyn G. Brown 4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

5 Martin Major

6 Jack S. Dear compliment to the treble ringer on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS. Mary and Michael. Tues., Nov. 17, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (103 cwt.) 6336 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Pat Hurworth

2 Kenneth J. Hesketh 3 Donald F. Murfet 4 Geoffrey Pearson

5 Allen Twyman

6 Alan M. Barber
7 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
8 John G. Gipson
This composition, the first to contain all the possible 132 roll-ups at backstroke, is now rung for the first time.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary

Magdalene.
Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 3hr. 8min. (21½ cwt.)
5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Stanley Jenner.

Georgina C. M. Carter Alan M. Barber (Conductor)

3 Martin Major 4 Donald F. Murfet 5 David R. Saunderson

6 Jack S. Dear

7 Geoffrey A. Lucas 8 George E. Thoday

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

COLCHESTER, Essex, St. Peter.

Sat., Oct. 31, 1970, 3hr. 10min. (211 cwt.)

5121 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Composed by Alan M. Barber.
1 Jennifer M. Whittell
2 Georgina C. M. Carter

3 Alan M. Barber (Conductor) 4 Donald F. Murfet

5 Geoffrey Pearson 6 Neville F. Whittell 7 Harry J. Millatt 8 George E. Thoday

COLCHESTER, Essex, All Saints,

Shrub End.
Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (44 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

1 Frank B. Lufkin *2 Andrew Gibbons
3 Dennis M. Whent
4 David Cobb
5 John P. Loveless
6 Bernard W. Fairhead (Conductor)

*First peal.

RAYNE, Essex, All Saints. Wed., Nov. 25, 1970, 2hr. 21min. (7 cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (London, Wells, York, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Cam-

bridge). Yvonne A. Towler 2 Alan R. Syder 3 Peter G. Brown 4 Peter Sawyer

5 James L. Towler 6 Terry Earle (Conductor)

WORMINGFORD, Essex, St. Andrew. Wed., Nov. 25, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR ((1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Double Court Bob, (3) Cambridge and lpswich Surprise, (4) St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall and Pinehurst Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob).

1 Jack H. Brett *2 John A. Mayle 3 Neil V. Avis

4 Peter Mayle
5 Frank B. Lufkin (Conductor)
*6 Walter A. Perry

*Most methods to a peal.

MALDON, Essex, All Saints.
Fri., Nov. 27, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (12½ cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10
methods: 576 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire,
448 Bristol, 384 London, Rutland and
Uxbridge, with 13 changes of method).

Composed by Norman Smith

Composed by Norman Smith.

Susan Rothera 2 Josephine A. Brown3 Yvonne A. Towler

5 Fvoline A. Towler
4 Peter G. Brown
5 Joe E. G. Roast (Conductor)
6 Keith W. Brown
7 Philip J. Rothera
9 James J. Towler

8 James L. Towler 50th peal on the bells.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex, St. Mary the

Virgin.
Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (23 cwt.)
5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

George C. Goodman

Jean Sanderson

*3 Richard F. Prime *4 Leonard Luck 5 Marion Kemp *6 D. William Newman 7 Walter Hunt

7 Walter Hunt 8 Barry J. Couzens 9 Alan T. Winter (Conductor)

10 Dale Burton *First Bob Royal. Birthday compliment to Miss M. Kemp.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

BRISTOL, Holy Nativity, Knowle.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (123 cwt.)
5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by George Lewis.
*1 Andrew R. Williams
†2 Keith W. Scudamore

3 Paul Rigby 4 Frank G. Bloomfield 5 Edward G. Mould

†6 Henry Taysom

†7 William F. Scudamore
8 Dennis A. Chapman (Conductor)
*First of Major. †First in the method. Half-muffled in memoriam Edward Feltham (donor of the bells).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

KNEBWORTH, Herts, SS. Mary and

Thomas a Becket.
Thomas a Becket.
Ti., Nov. 13, 1970, 2hr. 44min. (12\frac{2}{3} cwt.)

5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Norman Smith.

1 Anne E. Thompson
2 Joyce M. Clarke
*3 Andrew C. D. Mayes
4 Christine M. Carter
5 Frederick W. Ellis
*6 Geoffrey T. Horritt
7 Jack S. Dear

7 Jack S. Dear

8 Anthony R. Carter (Conductor) *First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EGERTON, Kent, St. James.
Sat., Dec. 5, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (10 cwt.)
5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, St. Clements,
Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob).

1 Peter H. Smith

2 Martin L. Howe 3 Peter S. Muchlinski

4 Roger Sutchall

5 Alexander Waddington *6 A. Patrick Cannon (Conductor) *1,275th peal.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

NEWHEY, Lancs, St. Thomas. Sat., Oct. 17, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (4½ cwt.) 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR (4 methods: 2 London Surprise, Oxford T.B., Cambridge
Surprise and 1 of Kent T.B.)
1 Richard S. Starkie
2 Michael D. Fishwick
3 John P. Partington

4 Derek Butterworth

5 Edward Jenkins

6 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor)

NEWHEY, Lancs, St. Thomas.
Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (4½ cwt.)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (7 methods:
Norwich. Beverley, Surfleet, London, York,
Durham, and Cambridge) Durham and Cambridge).

John P. Partington

2 Christine Broadley
3 Richard S. Starkie
4 Michael D. Fishwick
5 Edward Jenkins

6 Jeffrey Brannan (Conductor)
First in seven Surprise Minor methods by all except treble ringer.

HEYWOOD, Lancs, St. Luke.

Nov. 29, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (213 cwt.) **5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR** Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

John P. Partington

*2 Christine Broadley
3 Geoffrey Fothergill (Conductor)
4 Edward Jenkins

Jeffrey Kershaw Michael D. Fishwick

Jeffrey Brannan 8 Richard S. Starkie

*50th peal and first in the method. A welcome to Rev. A. Shackleton, inducted vicar.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Mon., Nov. 23, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (2½ cwt.) 504J MINOR (4 Single Oxford, 3 Plain Bob).

G. Ronald Edwards 2 Richard M. Wilson

2 Renard M. Wisson
3 H. Mary Barrass
4 Philip R. Staples
5 David J. Smith
6 Stephen B. Bell (Conductor)

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (18 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by P. V. Busby.

1 Valerie M. Shaw 2 Michael J. Belcher (Conductor)

Harold Barsley

Horace Bennet Victor Waite

6 Philip H. Reynolds

Roy Stephenson 8 David Phillipson

*First of Major. First of Major as conductor.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (16 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

(Parker's 12-part.) William T. Petty

William H. Harford

3 Trevor M. Roderick 4 Paul W. Thomas

Edmund Morris Thomas T. Yeomans

Gwyn I. Lewis (Conductor)

8 Raymond J. Mayle

175th peal as conductor. With best wishes to Mr. Jack Pryor for a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD PACKINGTON, Leics, Church of Holy Rood.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (64 cwt.) 5040 TREBLE BOP MINOR (Chester, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Oxford and Kent).

1 Joseph W. Cotton

*2 Sheila Parsons

3 Alec R. Jones 4 Peter D. Bailey

*5 Norman W. Attaway
6 Arthur E. Rowley (Conductor) *First in seven methods.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints. Mon., Nov. 30, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (16 cwt.) 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL (2 methods: 2800 Cambridge, 2240 Yorkshire,

56 changes of method). Middleton's. Arranged by K. J. Walpole.

1 William Birmingham
2 Andrew G. Craddock
3 John R. Ketteringham

Rogers

4 Olive L. Rogers 5 David C. Brown

6 Alan D. Flood 7 Keith J. Walpole (Conductor)

8 Frank Reed

9 J. Alan Ainsworth 10 Harold W. Rogers

Half-muffled in memoriam Squire Croft, aged 81, a ringer who gave of his time and his craftsmanship in this tower for many vears.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

SALFORD, Lancs, Sacred Trinity.
Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (11\frac{3}{4} cwt.)
5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5
methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire, 864 each of Yorkshire and Superlative, with 87 changes of

method and all the work). Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 William M. Taylor

*2 Marcus C. W. Sherwood

*3 Elizabeth M. Tingle †4 Ronald S. Barclay

*5 S. Nicholas Harrop *6 Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)

*7 William Birmingham, jun. *8 Peter G. Bellamy-Knights

*First of 5-spliced. †First of spliced.

SALFORD, Lancs, Sacred Trinity. Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11\(\) cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.
1 Christopher L. D. Munday
2 Ronald S. Barclay
3 Lynda M. Deebank

*4 Anthony A. Bowden

5 Ian Bell

*6 Stephen R. Pocock
†7 Roy E. Taylor
8 Marcus C. W. Sherwood (Cond.)
*First of Major. †First inside. Birthda Birthday compliment to S. Nicholas Harrop.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk.

St. Mary.
Thur., Nov. 26, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (8 cwt.)
5055 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (6 methods: 960 London and Cambridge, 800 Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, 736 Bristol, with 133 changes of method).

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

1 Barbara M. Payne

2 Edward R. Venn

3 Janet House

*4 Richard J. W. Housden
5 Carole A. H. Patey
†6 David Heighton

†7 David Cubitt 8 David E. House (Conductor) *First of Spliced Surprise Major. †First of 6-spliced.

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PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk, St. Mary

Magdalen.
Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (13½ cwt.)
5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (8 methods: 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142

changes of method). Composed by Norman Smith.

- 1 David Cubitt 2 Martin Cubitt 3 David E. House
- 4 Carole A. H. Patey

 *5 Richard J. W. Housden

 6 Geoffrey H. Pullin

 7 Peter S. Muchlinski

 8 Robert C. Kippin (Conductor)

*First of 8-spliced.

NORWICH, St. Peter Mancroft. Sun., Nov. 29, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (37\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by R. E. J. Dennis.

- *I Thomas R. Roast
 2 Carole A. H. Patey
 3 Clifford Bird
 4 David Cubitt

- 5 Janet House
- 7 Richard J. W. Housden 8 Peter S. Muchlinski 9 Martin Cubitt
- 10 Robert C. Kippin
 11 David E. House (Conductor)
- 12 Geoffrey H. Pullin
- *First of Stedman and of Cinques.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BLOXHAM, Oxon, Our Lady of Bloxham. Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 28min. (27 cwt.) 5152 WROXTON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Roger Baldwin.

David Redfearn

- 2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 3 Maurice A. New 4 Alan J. Griffin
- 5 Brian Bladon
- 6 Robert E. Hardy Roger Baldwin
- 8 John R. Mayne (Conductor)
 First peal in the method.

WROXTON SURPRISE MAJOR d-38-4-1256-36.14-14.5.16-16.7.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

EDINGTON, Wilts, St. Mary's Priory.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 21min. (241 cwt.) 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

- Composed by Richard A. G. Inglis.

 1 Edgar C. Shepherd

 2 Gordon W. Land

 3 Charles F. Andrews

 4 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)
- 5 Norman G. N. Knee
- *6 Robert J. Purnell
- †7 Philip Gaisford
- 8 Laurence E. Hitchins 9 Frederick S. Slatford
- 10 Eric J. Hitchins
- *First on ten. †First of Stedman Caters.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SHIFNAL, Shropshire, St. Andrew.

Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. (18\frac{3}{4} cwt.)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES Parker's 12-part (7th obs.).

- *1 Neil Cullum
- †2 Bryony P. H. Dorrington
- ‡3 Elizabeth Stevens 4 Lorna E. Bedford
- 7 Richard C. Stevens (Conductor)
 8 Richard B. Dorrington

†First Triples and of Grandsire. ‡103th peal. To mark the Patronal Festival, also the 200th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, cast in 1770 by Pack and Chapman at Whitechapel, now celebrating its 400th year.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND **YOUTHS**

SHOREDITCH, London, E., St. Leonard. Sat., Sept. 19, 1970, 3hr. 12min. (28½ cwt.)

5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

- Sheila M. Dobbie Joe E. G. Roast
- Tom: Page
- 4 Walter H. Dobbie
- 5 Michael H. D. O'Callaghan
- *6 James M. Hills
- Norman Summerhayes
- 8 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
 9 John R. Pratchett
- 10 Philip Mehew
- *First of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

SHOREDITCH, London, E., St. Leonard. Tues., Sept. 29, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (28½ cwt.)

5040 BANBURY SURPRISE ROYAL

- 1 James M. Hills
- 2 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin
- 3 Joan Beresford
- 4 Christopher P. Starbuck
- 5 Roger Baldwin
- 6 Norman Summerhayes
- 8 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
 9 Frank T. Blagrove
- 10 Stanley Jenner

First in the method by all and for the society.

SHOREDITCH, London, E., St. Leonard. Tues., Nov. 3, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (281 cwt.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Composed by Frank T. Blagrove.

- 1 S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 2 Angela M. Wright
- 3 Joan Beresford
- 4 Sheila M. Dobbie
- 5 Walter H. Dobbie 6 Frank T. Blagrove 7 Roger Baldwin Blagrove
- 8 Norman Summerhayes
- 9 John S. Barnes 10 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor) 11 James A. D. Woolford 12 Stanley Jenner

SHOREDITCH, London, E., St. Leonard. Thur., Nov. 12, 1970, 3hr. 17min. (28½ cwt.) 5040 LONDON DELIGHT ROYAL

- 1 Jane Reynolds
- Margaret E. Oram 3 Joan Beresford
- 4 Sheila M. Dobbie *5 Michael H. D. O'Callaghan 6 Edward F. P. Bryant
- 7 Ian H. Oram
- 8 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
 9 John S. Barnes
 10 Frank T. Blagrove

*200th peal. First in the method by all and for the society.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

RUDDINGTON, Notts, St. Peter.

it., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (9 cwt.) 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by A. R. Kench.

- R. Brian Mills
- 2 William L, Exton *3 Susan M, O'Neill 4 Sheila M, Anthony 5 John R, Leeming
- Brian Buttery
- 7 Dennis A. Frith †8 Roland H. Cook (Conductor) First in the method. †375th peal.

SUFFOLK GUILD

STOWMARKET, Suffolk, SS. Peter and Mary.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 3hr. 9min. (201 cwt.) 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Brian D. Price.

1 W. Keith Whittell

2 Georgina C. M. Carter

3 Jennifer M. Whittell

- *4 John A. Mayle
 *5 Peter Mayle
 6 Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
 7 Neville F. Whittell
 8 George E. Thoday *First of Surprise Major.

1PSWICH, Suffolk, St. Margaret. Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

- Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

 1 David J. H. Barber

 2 Jennifer M. Whittell
- 3 Alan R. Andrews 4 Neville F. Whittell 5 Donald F. Murfet
- Alan M. Barber (Conductor)
- 7 Geoffrey A. Lucas 8 George E. Thoday

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk, SS. Peter & Paul. Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (11 cwt.)

5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

1 Walter W. Miller

2 Muriel R. Page

3 Leslie G. Brett

- 4 Katharine M. Thorley
- 5 Stephen J. Bedford *6 Ernest G. Pearce 7 Adrian Knights
- 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor) *First in method.

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WILBY, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Sun., Nov. 29, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (15 cwt.) Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (9\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Composed by C. Middleton.

1 Walter W. Miller

*2 Alan G. Feaver

*3 Katharine M. Thorley
*4 Dorothy M. Durrant
5 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor)

*6 Adrian Knights 7 Leslie G. Brett 8 J. Barry Pickup

*First in method. An Advent peal.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

LAMBETH, London, S.E., St. Mary.

Sat., Nov. 7, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (17 cwt.) 5088 SELHURST SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Christopher P. Starbuck.

1 Christopher P. Starbuck (Cond.)

2 Jenny Starbuck 3 Peter Church

James M. Hills Stanley G. Ponting

6 Graham A. Duke 7 Derek E. Sibson 8 Tom Page

First peal in the method.

SELHURST SURPRISE MAJOR -56-14-56-38-14-1458-12-58. l.e. 18 1.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CUCKFIELD, Sussex, Holy Trinity.

Thur., Sept. 24, 1970, 2hr. 47cwt. (15 cwt.)
5056 HENBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by Stanley Jenner.
1 Reginald V. Johnson
2 Sheila M. Dobbie
3 Edgar R. Rapley
4 David D. Smith
5 Stanley G. Ponting
6 Derek E. Sibson (Conductor)
7 W. Leslie Weller
8 Brian Bladon

8 Brian Bladon First in the method. (C.C.C. 80C.)

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex, Holy Trinity.

Sat., Oct. 10, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (11) cwt.) 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by G. H. Cross.

Jennie L. Quaife Harold F. Wood *3 Sonia Hailes

4 Terry G. Williams
5 Albert W. Bond
6 Frank H. Hicks
7 E. Winifred Keys (Conductor)

8 R. Brian Walton

*First of Major. Wedding compliment to Gerald Penney and Janet Pearson.

EASTBOURNE, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin.

Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. (15 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.).

*1 Alan R. Baldock (Conductor)
2 Harold G. F. Reynolds
†3 Donald I. Ramsay

14 Jacqueline M. Neal

5 Paul Fox 6 Ian J. Rees 7 Thomas M. Barlow 8 Leslie J. Baldock

*Circled the tower to peals. †First on 8 and of Grandsire. ‡First of Grandsire inside. A farewell to the vicar (Canon W. W. S. March), leaving for Chichester.

SHIPLEY, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin.

1 Christopher Renyard 2 Bronwen J. Davies *3 Michael L. Leclere

*4 Jonathan Franklin 5 Patrick M. Wills

6 Philip Stevens (Conductor)

*First inside.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

SWANSEA, Glamorgan, St. Mary. Sat., Sept. 28, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (21 cwt.) 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by M. S. Bruce.

*2 Peter N. Chambers
†3 R. Mark Esbester
4 Edward G. Mould
5 Dennis A. Chapman
6 Paul A. Williams
7 James Clatworthy
8 Peter S. Perestt (Co.

8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor) *First of Surprise. †First of Yorkshire.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

FAWLEY, Hants, All Saints. Sat., Oct. 24, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (15 methods: Cambridge S., Burslem Delight, Beverley, Surfleet S., Kent T.B., St. Nicholas, Gower, Heatherslade, T.B., St. Nicholas, Gower, Fleathershaus, St. Clements, Buxton, Childwall, Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob, Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury.

1 John S. Croft *2 Anthony P. Smith 3 Richard Green

4 Barry J. Fry
5 Roy Le Marechal
6 John P. Collis (Conductor)
*Most Minor methods to a peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1966.

SOBERTON, Hants, St. Peter. Tues., Nov. 10, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (13½ cwt.) 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

*1 Roy Le Marechal

*3 Barry J. Fry
*4 John P. Colliss
5 Edward W. Colley

*6 Philip Stevens *7 Richard Green

*8 R. Brian Walton *First in the method.

BISHOPSTOKE, Hants, St. Mary. Tues., Nov. 17, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (9\frac{1}{4} cwt.) 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR

Composed by A. Knights.

*1 Edward W. Colley

*1 Edward W. Colley
†2 Barry J. Fry
‡3 Ian M. McCallion
†4 Jennifer L. Quaife
†5 John P. Colliss
†6 Roy Le Marechal
†7 R. Brian Walton
8 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
*50th for the guild. †First in method.

125th as conductor and first in method as conductor. In memoriam Fr. Alan Rowland Macbeth, of the Oxford Mission, who was murdered.

We ought not to judge of men's merits by their qualifications, but by the use they make of them.-Shelley.

EAST TYTHERLEIGH, Hants, St. Peter. Tues., Nov. 24, 1970, 3hr. 3min. (14½ cwt.) 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR

Composed by John H. Fielden.

*1 John P. Colliss
2 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)
3 Jennifer L. Quaife

*4 Barry J. Fry

*5 Roy Le Marechal

6 Richard Green

7 Edward W. Colley

*†8 R. Brian Walton

*First in method. †50th peal.

LONGPARISH, Hants, St. Nicholas. Wed., Nov. 25, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (7 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

1 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor) *2 Michael J. Goss

*3 David Goss

†4 Peter Watts *†5 Robert J. Crocker †6 Frank R. Tonge

*First of Stedman Doubles †First of Stedman. \$100th peal. First of Stedman Doubles as conductor and has conducted Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Ringers of 1 and 5 have circled the tower, and No, 1 has conducted a peal from every bell.

MICHELDEVER, Hants, St. Mary the Virgin.

Fri., Nov. 27, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (8½ cwt.)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR (Wells, London, Wells, London, Papersley, Com. Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Cam. bridge).

1 Edward W. Colley

*†2 Barry J. Fry

*‡3 John P. Colliss

*†‡4 Roy Le Marechal

*5 Richard Green

6 Timothy F. Collins (Conductor)

*First of Surprise. †25th together. ‡25th together.

CHRISTCHURCH, Hants, The Priory Church of the Holy Trinity. Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 3hr. 31min. (27 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Composed by H. Tucker. Alan Flood

1 Alan Flood
2 Reginald W. Rex
3 Ronald C. Christopher
4 Derek C. Jackson
5 Robert J. Crocker
6 Peter L. Furniss
7 Edward W. Colley
8 Ross G. W. Robertson
9 Philip G. Murduck
10 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)
Rung after meeting short for Cinques.

TITCHFIELD, Hants, St. Peter.
Sat., Nov. 28, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (12½ cwt.)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (York, Durham.
Beverley, Surfleet, London, Wells and Cam-

bridge).

*1 Nicholas H. W. George

2 Blanche M. Hunt

3 William F. J. Cope

4 John H. Hunt (Conductor)

5 H. Lyndon Hatfield
6 Gordon' T. Dickins
First peal. First of 7 Surprise Minor methods by all. By members of the local band.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

Measham, Leics, St. Laurence. Monday, June 1, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (tenor 9½ cwt.). 5056 Plain Bob Major. Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Jennifer M. Beech 1, Ruth A. Fairbrother 2, Arthur E. Rowley 3, Barry J. Fry 4, John P. Colliss 5, Frank Beech 6, Edward R. Fairbrother 7, Derek P. Jones (cond.) 8. A 75th birthday compliment to Rev. A. F. Day (vicar) and to mark the 15th anniversary of his induction.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MARSDEN, Yorks, St. Bartholomew. Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (26½ cwt.) 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by C. Barrie D 1 Rosamund M. Brown Barrie Dove. (No. 1.)

Margaret Warford A. Pattie Clapham Michael G. Dodson Robert A. Beresford

John J. Durham Peter H. Gardner 8 John Robinson

9 Ronald R. Warford 10 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) First in the method by all.

COLLINGHAM, Yorks, St. Oswald. Mon., Nov. 16, 1970, 2hr. 22min. (7½ cwt.) 5024 COLMORE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

David Hird

2 Roger G. Green
3 Michael G. Dodson
4 Graham J. Jones E. C. Gareth Higgs

6 Peter H. Gardner
7 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) 8 John Robinson

First in the method by all and for the association.

BRADFORD, Yorks, Cathedral Church of

St. Peter.
Sat., Nov. 21, 1970. 3hr. 24min. (25\frac{3}{4} cwt.)
5040 TAMWORTH SURPRISE ROYAL Composed by C. Barrie Dove. (No. 2.)
1 Rosamund M. Brown

Margaret Warford 3 John Robinson

4 Charles A. S. Webb 5 Peter H. Gardner 6 Philip J. Crossthwaite *7 John J. Durham 8 David J. Purnell

9 Ronald R. Warford

10 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) *150th peal. First in the method by all and for the association.

LEEDS, Yorks, St. Peter. n., Nov. 30, 1970, 3hr. 2min. (17 cwt.) 5056 JONAH SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

David Hird 2 Margaret Warford 3 Graham J. Jones 4 Roger G. Green

Peter H. Gardner C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

Ronald R. Warford John Robinson

First in the method by all and for the association.

Handbells

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN **ASSOCIATION**

CHARLTON KINGS, Glos, 19 Ravensgate Road.

Tues., Nov. 24, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (12 in F.) 5064 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (11 methods: 1536 Plain Bob, 1248 Double Bob, 768 Rev. Bob, 288 Fulbeck, 288 Cleatham, 216
Gainsborough L.B., 192 Little Bob, 192
Crayford L.C., 144 Wellington L.C., 96 St.
Clements, 96 Crayford College, with 294 changes of method).

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten.

*1-2 Martyn Hawkes †3-4 Valerie Willard

5-6 Hugh N. Evans 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor) *First of Major in 11 methods. †100th for the association.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION ST. ALBANS, Herts, 23 Culver Road.

Sun., Nov. 29, 1970, 2hr. 14min. (11 in G.) 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Composed by G. Dodds.

*1-2 Dawn Owen

3-4 Joyce M. Clarke 5-6 Robert E. Hardy (Conductor) 7-8 Katherine S. Hardy

*First handbell peal.

OXHEY, Herts, 22 Hillcroft Crescent.

Tues., Nov. 24, 1970, 1hr. 56min. (11 in G.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1-2 Jean Simpson

3-4 John R. Southey (Conductor) †5-6 Clive W. Simpson *First peal. †First handbell peal. First handbell peal as conductor.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BIRSTALL, Leics, 46 Greengate Lane. Sun., Nov. 22, 1970, 2hr. 16min. (15 in C.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by E. M. Atkins. 1-2 John W. Bramley 3-4 John M. Jelley

5-6 David F. Moore (Conductor)

*7-8 Roland H. Cook *First handbell peal.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. MANCHESTER, Room 3-1, Tower, Owens Park.

Thur., Nov. 12, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (15 in C.)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Composed by M. C. W. Sherwood.
*1-2 Ronald S. Barclay
3-4 Hamish M. McNaughton
5-6 Marcus C. W. Sherwood
7-8 Christopher L. D. Munday (Cond.)

*First of Major in hand.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

COX GREEN, Berks, 80 Lambourne Drive. Fri., Sept. 25, 1970, 1hr. 44min. (13 in E.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR (3 720's, 2 1440's, alternating.) 1–2 Keith J. Walpole

*3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

*5-6 Robert H. Newton

*First of Surprise Minor on handbells.

COX GREEN, Berks, 80 Lambourne Drive. Wed., Oct. 14, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (16 in B.) 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

1-2 Jennifer A. Dunning

3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

5-6 Bernard F. L. Groves 7-8 Noel J. Diserens

9-10 Frank C. Price

First of Yorkshire Royal on handbells by all and for the guild.

LONDON, E.C., Belfry, St. Olave's, Hart Street.

Fri., Oct. 16, 1970, 1hr. 43 min. (14 in F.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(2160, 720, 2160.) 1-2 Robert H. Newton

*3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning 5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor) *First of Surprise Minor on handbells.

COX GREEN, Berks, 80 Lambourne Drive. Fri., Oct. 23, 1970, 2hr. 5min. (11 in G.) 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

1-2 N. David Lane
*3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning
*5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor) *7 8 Robert H. Newton

*First of Oxford T.B. Major on handbells.

COX GREEN, Berks, 80 Lambourne Drive. Wed., Oct. 28, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (16 in B.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

1-2 Bernard F. L. Groves 3-4 Jennifer A. Dunning

5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

7-8 Keith J. Walpole

*9-10 Robert H. Newton
*First of Surprise Royal on handbells.

COX GREEN, Berks, 80 Lambourne Drive. Fri., Oct. 30, 1970, 2hr. 28min. (15 in C.)

5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

*†1-2 Frank C. Price 3-4 Noel J. Diserens

5-6 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

7-8 H. David Lane *9-10 Robert H. Newton

*First of Oxford Royal on handbells. †Completes Oxford Minor to Maximus on handbells.

COX GREEN, Berks, 80 Lambourne Drive.

Sat., Nov. 14, 1970, 2hr. 15min. (13 in E.) 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

(Palindromic, Middleton's.)

2 Jennifer A. Dunning

3-4 Christopher I. Rowson (Conductor)

5-6 Keith J. Walpole 7-8 Robert H. Newton

First of London Major on handbells by all and for the guild.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts, The Old Vicarage.

Sat., Nov. 21, 1970, 1hr. 50min. (15 in C.) 5040 MINOR: (1) College, (2) Double Bob, (3) Oxford Bob, (4-7) Plain Bob. *1-2 Mary C. Poyner *3-4 Paul N. Mounsey

5-6 Harry Poyner (Conductor) *Most methods to a peal in hand.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (Sheffield and District Society)

ROTHERHAM, Yorks, in All Saints' Belfry.

Sat., Nov. 28. 1970, 2hr. 14min, (15 in C.) 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by Amburn Wilson 1-2 Marie Hatswell

3-4 M. Alec Beaumont 5-6 Neil Donovan

7-8 Stuart Armeson (Conductor)

MINOR REPAIRS AT MARCH
The bells of St. Wendreda's Church,
March, Cambs, will be out of action for the next two or three weeks. A bellfounder's biennial inspection revealed that all pulleys needed renewing, and while this is being carried out the ringers are scraping the teak and iron frame, which will be creosoted and painted respectively, and all louvres and spire vents will be rewired. The bells and fittings generally are in good order. Cast in 1802 by Thomas Osborn, the six bells (tenor 15½ cwt.) possess fine tonal qualities. They were last overhauled in 1929 and since then have put in a lot of work at the hands of successive March teams, observed at their tasks by over a hundred angels, part of a galaxy of medieval figures in a ceiling said by experts to be the finest of its kind in the country. The ringers are hoping to raise money to defray expenses in the repair of the bells' fittings.

From "Church News" - - -

BELL RINGERS' SUPPER

Anne Efemey

Christmas and New Year are times of memories, and as just about everything that could be said about them has been, I only offer you a memory from my own store.

Living now in a large, ugly conurbation of industrialisation, I suppose it is only natural that my thoughts should wander back to the six Christmasses I spent in the depths of the English countryside. One in

particular stands out.

In the countryside, even in these days of scientific discovery the country dwellers are ruled largely by the clements, and when the snow began to fall on Christmas night, heavy drifting banks of it, we all knew in the village what it meant. Lying in a valley on the banks of the river Severn, with only one main road out, it wasn't long before our one real contact with civilisation was severed. The local railway line having been removed some years earlier in the interests of progress, the only other hope was through the estate of a local landowner, and this by foot.

We were not considered priority, so the snow ploughs concentrated on the larger villages and left us for the next few days in a gleaming solitary world of white. The thermometer fell rapidly and the big freeze set in. The steep hill into the village turned into a sheet of ice, and post, bread and milk were brought to the top of it and dumped, the braver locals ventured up it with sacking tied round their feet to bring

The question uppermost in people's minds was, would it thaw before New Year's Eve. The great Social Event of the year was held this day, namely the Bellringers' Supper at the local inn. Could the sirioins of beef be got in, or would we have to make do with frozen chickens from the

village shop's deep freeze?

The day dawned cold and bright, but with no hint of a thaw. The hotel's cook could be seen wandering sadly up and down the village street in the hope that the butcher's van would suddenly materialise and frantic phone calls were being made to those bellringers who had deserted to the next village or nearest town, but were "allowed" back

for the great annual event.

By evening things had sorted themselves out in the way that only those who live close to nature know how. The meat had been brought in by foot, and as many guests as possible had been packed into a local farmer's jeep and brought within walking distance of the hotel.

I remember clearly the expressions of triumph on the faces of those gathered round the long table that night. The traditional speeches of welcome, the carol singing and hand bell ringing, and the story-telling by the older generation of the village

in former days.

Later that night as the church clock struck midnight and we were all gathered in the ringing room of the bell tower to ring in the new year-half the village seemed to have crowded into the little room that year-I looked out of the window on to a white world with the little village clustering at the grey icy water's edge, and felt as though I too were a part of the long history of this little place. admiring the determination of these quiet country folk, thinking how few town people would understand their intense desire to continue the traditions handed down over the centuries and hoping that progress would not bring them to a halt.

Obituary

FREDERICK W. SODEN

Fred, as he was known to his many friends, passed peacefully away at his home on September 30 after enduring his illness with much fortitude and faith. Born in Burford in 1912, he was taught to ring by his father (the late Frank Soden) but such was the strength of the local band that he did little ringing until the mid-forties, by which time the war had caused many changes.

Most of his early peals were of Triples, but with the formation of a Surprise band in 1960 he became a competent member, so that the majority of his later peals consisted largely of Surprise Major or Minor. His final total of peals was 120, of which he had conducted several of Grandsire Triples. He moved to Witney in 1966 and at the funeral service on October 2 the congregation included many ringing friends, who heard a moving tribute paid by the Rev. M. Warren.

During the evening a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at the Parish Church and Burford bells were also rung half-muffled on the following Sunday. To his wife, son and daughter is extended our deep sympathy. May he rest in peace. B. J. C.

LOUIS A. WILSON

The death occurred on December 1 at St. Austell, Cornwall, of Mr. Louis A. Wilson in his 95th year. He was a native of Ottery St. Mary but came to Wootton Bassett as a young man and remained there until a few years ago. For practically 70 years he was very active in the ringing life of the area and was secretary of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for a very long time and was a vice-president of the guild. The treble bell at Lyneham was installed in 1949 as a compliment to Mr. Wilson for his work in the branch and he rang the new bell in the first peal on the His wife predeceased him a few years ago and sympathy is expressed to his daughter, with whom he went to live in Cornwall. The funeral was at Ottery St. W. B. K. Mary on December 7.

JACK SMITH

Returning to the team at Christ Church, Friezland, at the end of the 1939-45 war, Jack Smith became the treble ringer, but seldom ventured "inside." It was with a great sense of shock that we were informed of his death, suddenly, on November 19, as he only entered hospital on the 16th for X-rays and observation. He was a member of the College Youths, the Barnsley and District Society and the Halifax Associa-

Before the funeral on November 23 the bells of Christ Church were rung, fully muffled, by members of the Halifax Association, including the president, the secretary and the treasurer, along with Alfred Bennett (Friezland), Dennis Greenwood, Joe Greenwood and Charlie Byrom (Meltham) and W H. (Bert) Nield (Roughtown). Jack's brother-in-law, Charlie Henshaw, and his cousin, Leslie Dawson (Friezland), were among the mourners present.

A memorial service conducted by the Rev. Harold Hutcheon was held at Christ Church on November 29, when the bells were rung fully muffled by the ringers from Rough

town, augmented by Alfred Bennett. A. F.

[Due to a lack of learners, for whom
numerous appeals have been made, without response, it appears that an era of fine ringing, with outstanding striking being a watchword, has come to a close, and Friezland is now a "silent" tower.]

HENRY I. MINGAY

The death occurred on November 26 of Ine death occurred on November 26 of Mr. Henry Isaac Mingay, of Wellington Street, Grimsby, at the age of 80. Born at Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk, he moved to Boston in 1901 and joined St. Nicholas', Skirbeck, choir and bellringers before moving to Grimsby in 1911, where he eventually became secretary of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild a nost he held for 25 the Lincoln Guild, a post he held for 25

Bellringing was his main hobby and he seldom missed a meeting or an opportunity to ring, and enjoyed every moment of it.

CHRISTMAS

For us the Star; but in that Land afar Where our beloved are, they need no Star. For us the night: but in their Country bright.

Our happy Saints in Light have no more

For us the Quest: but our beloved rest Among the Blest, who have attained their Ouest.

For us, for them, the Babe of Bethlehem; Newborn at Bethlehem for us, for them.

The Daily Sketch (and other nationals) of November 28 gave the report of the Precrastinators from America who turned up at Whitechapel Bell Foundry to demonstrate and protest against what they constrate and protest against what they considered an injustice: "That the Liberty Bell cast in 1776 in Whitechapel cracked in 1835 and considered as shoddy workmanship." However, after quite a lot of crossbetween the Americans and Mr. Douglas Hughes, plus a tour of the foundry and a glass (or two) of sherry, the visitors departed. All good, clean fun (although one or two visitors wanted to see "Oh! Calcutta" whilst in London).

There were several disappointed ringers at the Horley (Surrey) rededication of tower and bells on December 12. Terry Williams and David Cox and a peal band (who had been to Crawley) under Michael Church arrived and hoped for a pull, but found there was no general ringing arranged. In view of the difficulties being experienced there at present it is, we think, just as well that no open invitations were extended until better results are obtained

A jinx in evidence where evening ringing is concerned in the N. and E. District meetings of the Middlesex County Association. In recent months a bell has parted from its bearings, a broken rope been experienced, access was not obtainable to the tower on another occasion and the last upset was when the electric light bulb in the ringing chamber decided to end its usefulness at a most inappropriate moment.

The Bridgnorth (Shropshire) College of Further Education has three courses running each week on bellringing and one is an advanced ringing course. The 12 students, under the expert eye of Michael J. Fellows, have progressed from learning to conduct Plain Bob Major to ringing and conducting London, Bristol, Glasgow, etc. So many people apply for these courses that numbers have to be limited. A new series of courses will begin in January and anyone interested may write to the College giving details of their requirements and the College will then send details of suitable courses, writes Morley P. Tobin.

Notices

ENGAGEMENT

VAUGHAN-EVANS.-The engagement is announced between lan Vaughan, of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, and St. Peter's, Brighton, and Ann Evans, of St. Peter's, BIRTH

MEW .- To Chris and Ann, the gift of a son, Nicholas Edward, born on December 9, brother for Andrew.

SILVER WEDDING

BROWN—WORLEY.—At St. Margaret's, Tan-field, Co. Durham, on Dec. 22, 1945, by the late Rev. W. E. Swinney, John Atkinson to late Rev. W. E. Swinney, John Atkinson to Lilian Watson. Present address 69 Harrogate Road, Ripon, Yorkshire.

KERSEY. — Suddenly on Sunday, Dec. 13 Reginald C. Kersey, of 1 Larchwood Close, Had leigh Road, Ipswich, aged 61.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS
BEDFORD. — Mai, Don and 3½ octaves in 26 F have landed at 23 Castle Street, Melbourne, Derby. All ringing friends will be wel-

come any time. 390
CHILCOTT.—The address of John and Eileen
Chilcott is now 8 Bankside Close, Carshalton

HEDGCOCK.—From Dec. 18–31 Jim will be at home, 37 Wilson Street, St. Helens, Lancs. From Jan. 4 at 5 Kingsley Avenue, Daventry, Northants. Phone (school hours only): Daventry

3512.

HOHL. — As from Dec. 15 the address of Kevin, Janet, David and Andrew will be 8 Link Road, Capel St. Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk. All 391

ringing friends welcome.

STRATHDEE.—As from Dec. 22 the address of Andrew and Wendy will be 22 Frays Close, West Drayton, Middx. Telephone: West Drayton

PERSONAL "He came unto his own, and his own re-ceived him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name."

—St. John i, 11 and 12

John i, 11 and 12. MISCELLANEOUS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Secretary is now: Gordon W. Land, 63 Queensdown Gardens, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 3JD. Telephone

UNIVERSITY OF WALES .- A dinner is to be held in Aberystwyth on Sat., Jan. 30. More details and tickets soon. Ringing tours to Aberystwyth. Croeso i bawb a Blwyddyn Newydd Ddal

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS.--Set of 12 (minimum) 16s. Additional cards 3d. each. Separate copy essential.-Write T. W. W., ing World Office, c/o Seven Corners Press, Onslow Street, Guildford, Surrey.

EVENING MEETINGS and PRACTICES

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Susiness meeting at the Lord Raglan, St Martin-le-Grand, E.C., on Dec. 29, 8.15 p.m Martin-le-Grand, E.C., on Dec. 29, 8.15 p.m. Practices: Dec. 29, St. Paul's Cathedral; Jan. 5, St. Mary-le-Bow; Jan. 12, St. Andrew's, Holborn; Jan. 19, Southwark Cathedral—all at 6.30 p.m.—J. G. A. Prior. 387

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION .- lichester Branch.—Practice meeting, SS. Peter and Paul, Odcombe (6, 13 cwt.), 7-9 p.m., on Jan. 2.— 342

M. M. L.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath
Branch.—Annual general meeting, St. Michael
with St. Paul, Bath, Sat., January 2. Bells
(8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to
follow. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21
Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath. 349
COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The rext

quarterly meeting will be on Sat., Jan. 2. at Stoke St. Michael, Coventry, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea, followed by the business meeting, at 5. Ringing after the meeting at Bulkington, approx. 7 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by Dec. 31, please.—H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, near Leamington Spa. Tel. Harbury 504.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. District.—Annual general meeting, Sat., Jan. 2, Walsoken. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Clarkson School, followed by the business meeting. Agenda includes election of officers, including the posts of president and district secretary, now vacant due to resigna-

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Brasted (6), Sat., Jan. 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Westerham bells (8) after meeting. Names for tea P. Sherlock, 8 Thorn's Meadow, Brasted, Sevenoaks, Kent (Tel. Westerham 3654). 320

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. meeting, Mon., Jan. 4, All Saints, Wellington Bells (8) 7.30-9 p.m. All are welcome. 356

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Leeds and District Branch.—Evening meeting, Sat., Jan. 2, at Birstall (8), 6–7.15 p.m.; Thornhill (6), 7.30–8.30 p.m. Supper will be provided in the Saville Arms at Thornhill afterwards. Names must be sent, please, to Mrs. Gail Cater, 12 Longlands Road, Towngate, Ossett, by previous Wednesday.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION .- Bridge water Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgwater (8), Sat., Jan. 2. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to M. J. Stone, 25 Lyndale Avenue, Bridgwater. 358 Lyndale Avenue, Bridgwater.

BEDFORD ASSOCIATION. Bedford District. —Annual meeting, Cardington, Jan. 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Orme, 26 Moorland Way, Bedford. Tel.: 57045. St. Paul, Bedford, after meeting.

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Jan. 2, Hensingham (8). Bells available 2.30. Own arrangements for tea. Further ringing after tea. Please note change of venue!--- D. T. Sim, Sec 369

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. - N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter, Tiverton, Sat., Jan. 2. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea and business after. Names for tea, please, to G. Hollis, 26 The Avenue, Tiverton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.D.M., Hitchin, Sat., Jan. 2. Ringing, Great Wymondley (6), 3–4.15, followed by service at Hitchin, 4.30. Ringing after meeting, Hitchin (8). Names for tea, please, to Mrs. C. A. Agg, 76 Wymondley Road, Hitchin. Tel.: Hitchin 3612.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch. — Meeting, Morecambe, Sat., Jan. 2. Bells available 2.30–5.30 p.m. 386
LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District. — The annual district meeting will be held on Jan. 2 at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the state of the ing in Church Rooms. Names important, please, to Mr. S. Harrison, 73 Hopefield Road, Leicester, LE3 2BL (Leicester 824857), by Wed., Dec Please support this one well. Election of new officers.-Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A.G.M., Woodford, Jan. 2. 15.30. Service 16.30. Tea 17.00. N please, to Mr. V. Headland, 6 Long Row, Wood-

Kettering. Evening ringing.
LISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne
LISBURY Mimborne Minster. SALISBURY Branch.—A.G.M., Jan. 2, Wimborne Minster. Ringing 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting in Church House. Further ringing at Wimborne until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bishop, Denhorn, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne, by Wed., Dec. 30. 346

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY .- 25th nual general meeting, Selby, Sat., Jan. 2. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Miss K. Swann, 61 West Park, Leeds Road, Selby, before Dec. 31.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. ham District.—A.G.M., Sat., Jan. 2. Ringing at St. Mary, Nottingham. 3 p.m. and in the even-St. Mary, Nottingham. 3 p.m. and in the even-ing. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meet-ing. Names for tea to Mrs. B. M. Shuttleworth, 35 Holly Avenue, Breaston, Derby, by Dec. 30.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, St. James, Taunton, Jan. 9. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, 41 George Street, Taunton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual district meeting, Jan. 9: Cambridge Roman Catholic Church, 2.30–3.30; 2.30-3.30; Chesterton, 3.30-4.30. Service 4.30 at Chesterton, followed by tea, annual meeting and further ringing at Chesterton.—J. S. 246
ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Eastern Dis-

trict.—Annual general meeting, Great Baddow, Sat., Jan. 9. Service 4.30, followed by tea and

Sat., Jan. 9. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Danbury available in evening. All welcome.—R. J. Harrison, Dis. Sec. 381

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District.—
A.G.M., Waltham Abbey, Sat., Jan. 9. Ringing 3–4.30 and 7.30–9. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Please do not forget subs d Christmas card money.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey

District.—Annual general meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Sat., Jan. 9. Please note change of tower. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Pashley, 117 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey (Tel. Byfleet 47986). by Wed., Jan. 6.

HEREFORD GUILD. — Bromyard District. —
Annual meeting, Jan. 9, Bromyard, at 5 p.m.
Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to
R. L. Price, 56 New Road, Bromyard, by Jan.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIO-CESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A.G.M. at Andover, Sat., Jan. 9. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.20. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Tarrent, Peglers Tump, Barn-croft, Appleshaw, Andover. Upper Clatford (6) from 2.30-3.50 p.m.

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Christmas Greetings . . .

Season's greetings to old friends of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild from Allen B. Stroud, a non-resident member of the

Guild, now living in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stote and Brian wish all our ringing friends a very merry Christmas and

a very happy New Year.

Christmas greetings and good wishes for the

New Year to all my ringing friends, from Graham K. Austin, on board R.M.M.V. "Aureol". The Henlow band of ringers (Beds) sends Christmas greetings to all its ringing friends far and near.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec.

Hearty creetings to all friends old and new for Christmas and the coming year.—Chas. J. and Mary A. Sedgley, 61 Belvedere Road, Ipswich.

The ringers of St. James', Southbroom, Devizes, send best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends.

Christmas greetings and best wishes to all our ringing friends, and happy and successful ringing for 1971 is the prayer of Frank and Ada Stenson (Crewe).

> THE TUESDAY BAND again send
> CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Taylor.

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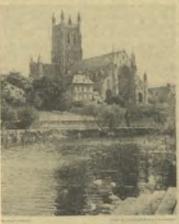
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R.U.S.C.R. OUTING (14-11-70)

One had his clothes taken during the night and had to borrow some before we could set off.

Two had to make an unscheduled return home, which curtailed our ringing abilities.

Three overslept, so we had a hurried start. Four new learners grabbed six new towers. Five were rung at Swerford to Stedman, with thanks to Canon Wigg.

Six were rung at Cuddesdon, Horspath and Wootton.

Seven should have been the final total, but the lights were fused at Cassington.

Eight were rung at Great Tew (by oil lamp) and Hook Norton (the highlight of the

Nine inches of rain (at least) fell during the day.

Ten (+ 8) sat down to a fish and chip supper in Chipping Norton.

Home again are Mr. Roy Collins (Farnham), after his "op", and Mr. C. W. "Jim" Pipe (Grundisburgh), although both are out of active ringing for some weeks. Robin Collis is still in hospital but hopes shortly to be allowed to get up.

Obituary.

ROBERT POOLE

We learn as we go to press that Mr. Bob Poole, ringer and churchwarden of Leytonstone Parish Church, passed peacefully to the other side on December 12 whilst enjoying himself on a recent ringing outing. Bob, who was a widower, is survived by a daughter, who lives in the Scilly Isles. M. U.

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25 YEARS AGO

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That no great success in any belfry is likely in the absence of an able and enthusiastic leader is pretty obvious. One really competent and enthusiastic man, endowed with the necessary tact, could do much.—Leader.

The last meeting of the Leicester District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Leicester, Mr. G. T. N. Walker presiding.

Mr. George Sellers, sen., died at Penzance at the age of 101. He took part in the first peal ever rung in Cornwall. His son, George, jun., played the organ for the funeral.

Dear Sir,—My shop, H.M.S. Duke of York, came back etc., etc.—Letter from A. R. Pink. (We never heard whether he owned or only managed the shop!)

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Wilfrid F. Moreton wrote from Poona, India, about the carillons at Malines, Belgium, and said there was nothing wrong with them six months previously, as he had managed to ring half a course of Bob Minor on them before the official bellringer objected!

A peal of Surprise Minor in 15 methods was rung at Darlington, conducted by Roland Park, it being the most methods yet rung to a peal for the Durham and Newcastle Association.

A peal of Double Norwich at Wymondham, Suffolk, was composed and conducted by Nolan Golden.

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At Epsom, Surrey, Richard S. (F.) B. Speed rang his first peal of Major, conducted by Betty Spice.

John Freeman rang the third at Metheringham to Double Norwich, his first in the method, Edward J. Bragg rung the 4th and John A. Freeman was the conductor.

First, may your ringing bring you joy, And those outside may not annoy. So mind you strike your very best, Then leave the bells to do the rest. When standing in to ring a touch, The method matters not that much As mind, and eyes, and ears, and hands With them are made the best of bands. This Christmas ply your ancient art, Forgetting not, before you start, By bells the message may be given, That angel hosts brought once from heaven.

T. P. HARRIS.

50 YEARS AGO December 24, 1920

It must be apparent to all that with the existing number of pages we are so cramped for room that it is impossible to publish anything like all the news that is sent to us. To make the journal worthy of the Exercise it must be enlarged.—Leader.

I wonder how many ringers realise that The Ringing World is the only link we have and what it would mean to the Exercise if it should cease to exist! I wonder, too, how many ringers would cease to attempt a peal if they knew there would be no journal through which their performances could be recorded.—Mr. W. Kilborn, Leics.

C. W. Woolley, a pupil of Rev. E. Bankes James in a double sense (scholastic and ringing) and son of the rector of Long Stanton, has gained a scholarship open to boys under 14 at Dover College. A few men from Cottonopolis have been peal hunting lately. Since Amos Trippier was elected councillor for Eccles (a place famous for cakes) he determined to uphold its reputation. (From a Manchester report.)

Richard A. Gofton, just before his 17th birthday and after only one practice, rang 1-2 to London Surprise Major, the others being Thomas T. Gofton, Joseph A. Gofton and R. Alder Gofton.

E. Charles Allen, W. Arch Norman, Gilbert Bell, Albert Barcock, R. Charles Allen and Edward P. Duffield (cond.) rang a local peal at Sharnbrook, Beds.

At Burnham, Bucks, a peal of Superlative Surprise was conducted by George Martin, others taking part being George Allder, William Henley, William H. Fussell, Cecil C. Mayne, Jesse Eldridge, Arthur Martin and William Welling.

A tea and social arranged by a few Bristol ringers was a great success. Over 100 attended, one of the biggest gatherings of western ringers and over £13 was handed to the Gloucester and Bristol Association Memorial Fund.

In order to accommodate the reports of the large number of peals that have recently been rung, next week's issue will consist of four extra pages and the price will be 3d. —Advt.

A new treble, making a ring of six, has been added at South Stoke, Oxon, as a memorial to the parishioners who fell in the war.

It was suggested at a Hereford District meeting that funds be raised to recast the tenor at All Saints'.

CLUES

Disturbs the harmony in the ringing chamber (8).

She gets her C.S.E. and provides food (6).

Land mass (9).

Dressed to these is the height of fashion (5).

Its tenor covers Dove (5).

Wearing down (9).

Composer absorbs piano and then absorbs a lot of liquor (7).

Backward American soldier gets into cars (6).

Found to be true by the composer (6).

Relies (7).

Proposals (9).

Next point after this gives one side the advantage (5).

An extravagant sentiment (5).

Complements for Little methods (9).

Often associated with Yorkshire (6).

Circumvented by spades perhaps (8).

Down

Dexterity arising from practice (8).

He received instructions from the Good Samaritan (3, 6).

Formal dress—to go with Sally? (5).

Not many peals are rung in this (4-3).

Getting to a higher position among ringers (7, 2).

A languid state of mind (5).

With wold would produce a Yorkshire eight (6)

Not descriptive of 6 (6).

One from the Pentateuch (9).

Gives up (9).

The Inland Revenue has probably done this to you (8).

Persaining to the back (6).

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Source of hot water (6).

Record (5).

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